

WESTERLY'S OVERSEER OF POOR Given More Authority by Town Council—Problem of Toilet Accommodations at Watch Hill—One Protest Against Sunday Closing—Company of Tierney Cadets Organized.

After many years of quibbling over the bills contracted by the overseer of the poor, it has finally dawned upon the Westerly town council that the body has no more right to pass upon the bills of that department than they have with matters that pertain to the school department. The overseer of the poor is an elective officer and that official receives an annual appropriation for the charity department, and is required to make report of his stewardship to the town council at the annual financial meeting, not to the town council, the members of which are elected by the people annually, as is the overseer of the poor. All town councils, past and present, have given closer inspection and more criticism to the bills of the overseer of the poor than any others that have been submitted for payment. It seems that the custom has prevailed of the overseer of the poor drawing from his appropriation to meet current expense, he has submitted the bill to the council for examination and it is up to the council to vote that the bills be paid or held up for investigation. At the regular meeting of the town council Monday night there was free discussion of matters wholly within the province of the overseer of the poor. Councilman Maurice W. Thomas suggested that the council was meddling with a matter that did not concern that body. Other councilmen concurred and Councilman William Cully declared that the town council ought not to be bothered every month by the bills of the overseer of the poor, as it took time that could be given to business within the jurisdiction of the council.

The matter of toilet accommodations at Watch Hill has become a serious problem, and Daniel Larkin appeared before the council to see if something could be done for the satisfactory solution of the problem. He said that for many years the toilet houses were located on the Larkin property and it could not be expected that private property could be used for public purposes forever. He said there were a number of other places owned by the Watch Hill fire district, and he believed that concerted effort of the town council, the trolley company and others interested in the public welfare could prevail upon the park commissioners to furnish a suitable location. Councilman Charles E. Thomas, who with Councilman Haswell acted as a committee on behalf of the council, stated that the matter had been taken up with the park commissioners and that the committee was told plainly by the chairman that the commissioners would not have anything to do with the location of public toilets at Watch Hill. Mr. Larkin said the same gentlemen told him that a majority of the commissioners would favor a location on the shore district property in the rear of the fire district house. Councilman Thomas said it was

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Local Laconics. Patrick Shea is making gradual recovery from a severe attack of pneumonia. Miss Lucy G. Mott of New London is the guest of Mrs. Fanny L. Dixon in Westerly. The members of the Colonial club of Westerly have been invited to a social session of the Mistinet club, Stonington, next Wednesday evening.

Paul H. Hillard has accepted an invitation to address the North Stonington grange next month, the subject assigned being Reminiscences of the Civil War. The Prevost Realty company of New Bedford has purchased from William A. Wilcox 15 acres of land in Franklin street formerly owned by the Whipple brothers and more recently by William Oliver of Barre, Vt.

Members of the Westerly town council and the physicians and dentists of the town were invited to the office of the Westerly Light and Power company Monday afternoon to witness a demonstration of the lung motor, which is at the disposal of the public in emergency cases.

Plainfield Mission Band's Entertainment Nets \$13—Preacher from Yale—Elegant Lecture on Louis Venillot.

The Searchlight Mission band made \$13 at their entertainment Friday night. Miss Mamie Sullivan was a Norwich visitor Saturday. Miss Ruth H. Hall and a girl friend from Providence were guests at Edward Hall's over Sunday. Charles H. Barber of Campbell's Mills spent Sunday with relatives here.

Sang New Hymn. At the communion service at the First Congregational church Sunday morning the hymn of four stanzas entitled "Lord's Table," and written by Rev. J. O. Barrows of West Town street, was sung by the choir. Altar Society Meets. The May meeting of the Altar society of Sacred Heart church was held Sunday afternoon. Dues were paid and plans made for the annual meeting. Home from Long Island. Capt. H. N. Jones of Vergason ave-

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