

## The Bulletin

Norwich, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1920.

### THE WEATHER

Winds off Atlantic coast; North of Sandy Hook—Fresh variable winds, unsettled weather, probably rain Wednesday. Fairly fresh north-easterly winds, with rain, rain Wednesday.

Pressure is low along the northern border and high, or relatively high, in all other regions. There were rains within the last 24 hours in middle Atlantic states.

The outlook is for unsettled weather and rains Wednesday in the Atlantic states.

No important temperature changes are indicated.

### FORECAST

Southern New England: Unsettled with rain Wednesday; Thursday fair; no change in temperature.

### OBSERVATIONS IN NORWICH

The Bulletin's observations show the following records reported from changes and barometric readings Tuesday:

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|------------------------|-------|
| Ther. Bar.             | 30.35 |
| 7 a. m.                | 30.35 |
| 12 m.                  | 30.40 |
| 4 p. m.                | 30.40 |
| Highest 34, lowest 32. |       |

### COMPARISONS

Predictions for Tuesday: Cloudy and somewhat warmer.

Tuesday's weather: As predicted, northwest wind.

### SUN, MOON AND TIDES

Sun High 11:15 Moon

Rises. Sets. Water. Rises.

(Standard Time)

Day. a. m. p. m. a. m. p. m.

29 6:55 4:20 2:00 8:40

30 6:53 4:19 2:50 10:58

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3 6:53 4:19 5:40 10:58

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5 6:53 4:19 7:20 10:58

Six hours after high water is low water, which is followed by flood tide.

### GREENEVILLE

A surprise party was held at the home of Miss Susan McNeely on Tuesday evening.

## WILL WORK FOR DEEP RIVER CHANNEL

The transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce will make earnest efforts to have the proper development of the Thames river to Norwich considered at Washington, plans of which were made known a few days ago. As these plans now stand, a 200 ft. wide and 20 ft. deep channel is proposed to Albany Point, but beyond that nothing is stated positively except that the same width to Norwich is proposed and that \$25,000 has been asked in the appropriations for this work. The committee is of the opinion that a depth of 20 feet is of more importance to Norwich than a width of 200 feet, and will endeavor to have the river given that depth. To that end the committee immediately hastened itself to secure the co-operation of U. S. Senators Frank B. Brandegee and George P. McLean and Congressman Richard P. Freeman to secure this improvement of the river. The present depth of the channel at Norwich is but 12 feet with a tidal depth of 14 feet, which is not sufficient to carry a modern coal barge or freighter.

The development of water transportation is essential to the progress of the city and it is felt that which can obtain a 20 foot channel it will add immensely to her transportation facilities. If the plans, as made known cannot be changed this year, the committee will exert its efforts for favorable action next year. In the meantime, a careful investigation of water transportation and its development will be made by the committee, and it is anticipated that eventually the river will be made suitably navigable to Norwich.

Notices have been sent out to the membership of the forum meeting on Given Piers, which will be held Friday evening in the Community house. The officials of the Chamber of Commerce believe that this is the most opportune time for a meeting of this kind, for without civic pride a community is not progressive. To make our city one that is truly going forward by the development of those subjects as indicated by the programme of work of the chamber, to arouse the necessary enthusiasm of our people and our children to the fact that Norwich is a city that can and must take its place, in competition with other live cities, if it is to even hold its present status; in a word to have faith in the future of "The Rose of New England" is the consummation of civic pride. It is felt, therefore, that following so closely the end of the campaign of the chamber, its members and friends will welcome the opportunity to hear one who has the ability to speak on the subject and the knowledge gained from experience, of what this subject really means to a community. Dr. George Dugan is in great demand as a speaker on public affairs and present indications point to a full house.

It is said that practically all of the stock has been subscribed on paper and will be issued within a week or 10 days.

The Shore Line Company's former holdings between Chester and New Haven are worth nearly \$5,000,000 according to recent valuation of similar estates it is said. If the manufacturers can secure the property for \$500,000, the cost of travel will, it is estimated, be much less than elsewhere in the state, owing to the small amount of interest, or dividends to be required.

In 1919 the gross revenue of the road was \$232,425, which was nearly \$15,000 more than in 1918. The cost of maintenance of way, equipment, power and salaries is estimated at between \$190,000 and \$200,000 annually, at the present scale of wages, etc., so that if the road secures its old patronage it would more than break even. It is, however, expected that there will be even more revenues for the towns of Guilford and Branford have grown since 1918, and many people are living in these places who commute to New Haven, where they are employed. The basic fare rate is expected to be five cents, with slightly shorter fare zones than when the road was operated before.

The fare rate between Saybrook Junction and New Haven would probably, it is estimated, be between 50 and 70 cents. The latter figure would probably be nearer the one used, and there would be 14 fare zones between Saybrook Junction and New Haven. There would probably be three zones from Chester to Saybrook Junction.

A trolley car was operated over the line last week going from New Haven toward Chester. It did not go to Chester, however, leaving the rails at Deep River and remaining stuck in the said through-out the night. The new company being organized to buy and operate the road will clear the tracks and send a car over the road to determine schedules, fares, etc. In the meantime, an effort is being made to interest townspeople to use the trolley when it is operated. It is planned to operate cars hourly from 5 a. m. to midnight.

Louis I. Levinson of New York, who required rails, ties, overhead wires, etc. from the Shore Line company last spring and has been in consultation with officials from New Haven and other towns served by the defunct trolley line bought the property for \$300,000, according to his reported statement.

Mr. Levinson stated to manufacturers some time ago that he would sell for \$700,000, but more recently he is said to have offered \$500,000. This would give him a 50 per cent. profit on his purchase price.

There is now in formation in New Haven a holding company consisting of business men in New Haven, Branford, Guilford and Deep River. The company proposes to issue bonds, to the extent of \$750,000, buy the road, secure one man to make a permanent and frequent schedule between Chester and New Haven.

There is every possibility that the former holdings of the Shore Line Electric company between Saybrook and New Haven will be acquired by a group of manufacturers and other business men within six weeks according to reports from New Haven, and a regular schedule established beginning about March 1 between New Haven and Saybrook to the end of the line in Deep River.

Two parish group meetings of the Women's Auxiliary to the Presiding Bishop and Council of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Connecticut will be held in the New London Archdeaconry this week. One will be held in New London Friday, and the other in Willimantic today (Wednesday). Suffragan Bishop E. Campion Acheson will deliver addresses at both meetings.

The group meeting to be held in New London will take in all Episcopal parishes in New London county.

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