

IN NORWICH FIFTY YEARS AGO

Fifty years ago at a meeting of the directors of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad, A. B. Smith was elected president of the road and P. St. M. Andrews was elected superintendent.

During that week the county commissioners called a meeting of the representatives of the several towns in the county to meet in this city for the purpose of laying a tax to liquidate the county tax which was between four and five thousand dollars and also to provide for the county's share of the expense of the erection of the present court house building which was at that time in process of construction.

Extracts from the files of The Bulletin of January, 1871 are as follows: Monday, Jan. 3, 1871.—We do not think that our citizens who have any interest in the sessions of our superior and common pleas court can complain that these two tribunals have been slack at all in trying cases and despatching business.

From the first Monday in September up to the present time one or the other of these tribunals has been in session and a considerable portion of the time both have been in full blast, either here or at New London. The dockets have been sensibly cut down.

Mr. Christopher Starr Brewster, whose death at Versailles, France, is elsewhere noted, was a native of this city and a son of the late Squire Brewster. He left here some forty years since to seek his fortune in foreign realms. He was

educated as a dentist and so distinguished himself in that profession as to gain the patronage of the emperor of Russia, who conferred upon him the order of a knight. The Rev. F. H. Newhall, D. D., now supplying the pulpit of the East Main Street M. E. church, has severed his connection with Wesleyan university, where he has occupied the chair of Professor of Belles Lettres for seven years.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1871.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank held Monday, the following directors were chosen for the ensuing year: L. W. Carroll, S. C. Morgan, Leonard Ballou, Jeremiah Halsey, A. W. Prentice, S. B. Case, J. A. Morgan, C. F. Setchell, John Bacheider. At a subsequent meeting of the directors L. W. Carroll was re-elected president and Lewis A. Hyde cashier.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Norwich Mutual Assurance Co. held yesterday, Gardner Thurston was elected president and John T. Wait, Zebulon R. Robbins and John Grace of New London, directors, to fill vacancies. Henry R. Tracy was elected secretary and treasurer.

and H. W. Dougal, assistant cashier. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Norwich National bank, the following gentlemen were elected directors: Franklin Nichols, Ebenezer Learned, Alfred A. Young, James L. Hubbard, G. M. Buckingham, Augustus Brewster, H. F. S. Foster, J. Lloyd Greene, Lorenzo Blackstone, T. P. Norton, W. G. Johnson, H. H. Osgood, John Mitchell and Charles Barst.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants National bank on Tuesday, the following directors were elected: Henry B. Tracy, C. A. Bill, John Brewster, D. W. Cook, Lewis Hyde, William C. Osgood, William Pritch and E. F. Chapman.

Thursday, Jan. 12, 1871.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad company, held yesterday the following directors were elected: A. F. Smith, John Bayard, William F. Wait, A. F. Dewey, George W. Bell, Charles W. Smith, Benjamin F. Stevens.

At a subsequent meeting of the board of directors officers were elected as follows: A. B. Smith, president; P. St. M. Andrews, superintendent; George L. Perkins, treasurer; Edward T. Clapp, secretary; E. F. Parker, master transportation; George A. Harris, general transportation agent.

in erecting the new court house. Mr. Hall of the horse railroad, has made arrangements in New York for the construction of three cars and the omnibuses for the proposed mail route to Baltic in connection with the horse railroad in Greenfield.

Saturday, Jan. 14, 1871.—The first competitive and written examination of candidates for the vacancies in the board of teachers of the Central School district takes place this morning. This is a step in the right direction. There is some talk of appointing a superintendent of schools for this district. Bartholomew's system of drawing is about to be introduced into the schools of the Central district.

The thirteenth annual reunion of the Hook and Ladder company was held at the company house last evening. The truck and carriage stood before the door and hung with lanterns relieved the gloom of Union street. Within long lines were spread. A few twelve inches thick was cut at Rogers' pond yesterday.

Some of the horse cars have been furnished with cushions, greatly to the satisfaction of this people and travelers wearing short-tailed coats.

"77" FOR COLDS

When we say, "Seventy-seven is for Colds," we mean every kind; from Snuffles; Sniffles; Snivels and Sneezing; to Coughs; Sore Throat; Catarrh; Influenza and Grip.

To get the best results take "Seventy-seven" at the first feeling of a Cold. Doctor's Book on the treatment of "Every living thing"—mailed free. "77" for sale at all Drug and Country Stores.

Humphreys' Homeo. Medicine Co., 156 William Street, New York.

We Are Offering a High-Grade of SOFT COAL AT \$9.00 PER TON Order a Load for a Trial.

We Are Selling the Balance of Our HARD COAL AT \$17.00 PER TON No. 2 NUT AND PEA COAL AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES 50 CENTS EXTRA FOR CARRYING IN

THAMES COAL CO. 14 Thames Street Tel. 500 N. B.—We Take Orders From Suburbanites as Well.

Upto Me. Sunday afternoon, Jan. 16, at the M. P. church at the Plains, at 2 o'clock a Victory service is to be held under the auspices of Rev. W. C. T. U. of the town, it being the first anniversary of the 15th constitutional amendment. Rev. Robert Humphrey, also Lillian M. Prink and Miss Sarah Louise Hadley are to speak, and there is to be other helpful and interesting features in the program.

Call and See the Silks, at \$1.49 Women who have seen these Silks are enthusiastic about them. Hundreds of yards of fashionable Silks, in all the wanted colorings—Sale price \$1.49, former value \$2.50 to \$3.50.

THE PORTEOUS & MITCHELL CO.

Draperies and Floor Coverings Reduced Those who visit our Third Floor will be delighted with the many special values in Window Draperies of all kinds, and the opportunity to select from our entire stock of Floor Coverings at Sale Prices.

Our January Clearance Sale

IS A NOTABLE DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT YOUR DOLLAR WILL BUY AT THIS STORE

THE SAVINGS WERE NEVER GREATER — SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF THE STORE — PRICE LOWERINGS OF THE MOST DRASTIC KIND — DEPENDABLE AND WORTHY MERCHANDISE SELLING AT A QUARTER OFF — A THIRD OFF — AND EVEN AT HALF-PRICE.

ATTEND THIS SALE TODAY AND SAVE MONEY!

- Candy Specials 35c Assorted Hard Candies... 20c Special price a pound... 45c Walnut Fruit Coconut Fudge... 25c Special price a pound... 55c Marshmallow Peanuts... 38c Special price a pound... 85c Assorted Chocolates, assorted flavors... 59c Special price a lb.

- Boxed Candy All Chocolates in Holiday Boxes, in half-pound, one-pound and two-pound boxes, Lovell & Covell's, at these special prices: At 35c a box—from 50c At 49c a box—from 75c At 69c a box—from \$1.00 At \$1.10 a box—from \$1.50 At \$1.29 a box—from \$2.00

- Writing Paper Eaton, Crane and Pike's Highland Linen and Crane's Linen Lawn Stationery, in white and colors, bordered or plain, in one, two, or three-quire cabinets, at these prices: At 49c—former price 65c At 69c—were 85c and \$1.00 At 99c—were \$1.25 to \$1.50 At \$1.49—were \$2.00 to \$2.25 At \$1.98—were \$2.50 to \$3.00 At \$2.69—were \$3.50 to \$4.50

- Leather Goods At 62c—Leather Purses, Bill Rolls, Wallets, etc., were 75c. At 69c—Women's Leather Purses, Silk and Velvet Hand Bags, were \$1.25 and \$1.50.

- Hosiery Specials Infants' Cashmerette Hosiery, in white, sizes 5 to 6 1/2, former value 39c—Sale price... 25c One case of Children's Black Ribbed Hosiery, sizes 8 to 10, former value 29c—Sale price 19c One case of Boys' Heavy-weight Ribbed Hosiery, sizes 7 to 11, former price 50c—Sale price... 39c Women's Burson Black Lisle Hosiery, second quality of former 75c value—Sale price 39c Women's Burson Silk Hosiery, in black and cordovan—second quality of former \$3.50 value—Sale price... \$1.15 Women's Wool Sport Hosiery, in brown leather mixtures, former value \$1.50—Sale price... \$1.15

- Winter Underwear Misses' Fleece-lined Vests and Pants, sizes 8 to 12, former value 90c—Sale price 48c 50 dozen Women's Fleece-lined Ribbed Vests and Pants, regular and extra sizes, former value 75c—Sale price... 48c Women's Fleece-lined Ribbed Vests and Pants, sizes 4 to 8, former value \$1.25—Sale price 98c Women's Union Suits, fleece-lined, long sleeves, ankle-length, regular and extra sizes, former value \$2.29 and \$3.50—Sale price... \$1.48

Men's Furnishings At Sale Prices

Men are finding the very things they need at Clearance Sale Prices, in our Men's Store—and are wisely supplying themselves for Spring. We can only mention a few of the many special values.

MEN'S SHIRTS—Remarkable Values

Men's fine quality Percalé and Madras Shirts, in a splendid range of attractive designs, sizes 13 1/2 to 17 1/2, former value \$2.00—SALE PRICE... 95c Men's Shirts, made of high-grade Japanese woven Madras, Russian Cords and Jersey Cloth, a large variety of designs, sizes 13 1/2 to 17 1/2, former value \$2.50 and \$3.50—SALE PRICE... \$1.59 Men's Shirts, in Silk and Satin Stripes, well made throughout—colors absolutely fast, sizes 13 1/2 to 17, former value \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00—SALE PRICE... \$2.95

Men's Underwear at Reduced Prices

- Men's Fleece-lined Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, ecru and gray, former value \$1.25—Sale price... 89c Men's Jaeger Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers, regular \$1.50 value at... \$1.15 Men's Light Weight Wool Shirts and Drawers, long sleeve shirts, regular \$2.00 value at... \$1.69 Rockwood Woolen Shirts and Drawers, reduced as follows: At \$1.39—Reduced From \$2.00 At \$1.79—Reduced From \$2.50 At \$2.29—Reduced From \$3.25

BOYS' WEAR AT SALE PRICES

- Hats—Caps Boys' Aviation Caps, former value \$1.25 at... 85c Boys' Golf Caps, former value \$1.25 at... 85c Boys' Golf Caps, inside ear bands, regular \$1.95 value at \$1.15 Boys' Plush Hats, with ear protectors, \$1.50 value at... 95c Boys' Plush Hats, with ear protectors, \$2.50 value at... \$1.49 Boys' Blouses Boys' Gray Flannel Blouses, sizes 8 to 16, regular \$1.25 value... 69c Boys' Bell Blouses, light and dark, \$1.25 value at... 95c Boys' Sweaters Boys' Sweaters, sizes 6 to 12, regular \$3.00 value at... \$2.25 Boys' Sweaters, former value \$6.00—Sale price... \$3.95 Boys' Pure Worsted Slip-on Sweaters, \$9.50 value at... \$6.50

WOMEN'S DRESS HATS

Reduced Again A still further reduction in Women's Dress Hats. Our entire stock of Women's Fine Dress Hats, including all our Pattern Hats, reduced now to \$3.95 Former Prices up to \$20.00 A choice of our entire stock of Children's Trimmed Hats, at 98c Former Values up to \$4.98

Muslin Underwear

Our whole stock at startling mark-downs—many beautiful garments at HALF-PRICE. Here are a few sample items: Women's Muslin Skirts, former value \$1.50—Sale price... 69c Women's Muslin Skirts, former values \$2.25 and \$2.50—Sale price 98c Women's Muslin Skirts, former values \$3.00 and \$3.50—Sale price... \$1.49 Women's Muslin Combination Suits, in a wide variety of styles, prettily trimmed with lace, former values \$2.00 and \$2.50—Sale price... \$1.29 Women's Envelope Chemises, former value \$1.50 and \$1.75—Sale price... 89c Women's Envelope Chemises, former values \$2.25 and \$2.50—Sale price... \$1.49 Women's Muslin Gowns, low neck styles, Hamburg trimmed, former value \$1.50—Sale price... 69c Women's Muslin Gowns, a variety of styles, trimmed with lace and embroidery, former value \$1.75 and \$2.00—Sale price... \$1.29 Women's Muslin Drawers, some Hamburg trimmed, others with tucked ruffle, former \$1.00 value—Sale price... 69c Our entire stock of Women's Extra Size Muslin Underwear, reduced in same proportions.

Boys' Suits

- Boys' Washable Play Suits, sizes 2 to 5, regular \$1.50 value at... \$1.15 Boys' Washable Suits, regular \$2.00 value at... \$1.25 Boys' Washable Suits, regular \$3.50 value at... \$2.45 Boys' Junior Norfolk Suits, sizes 3 to 8, regular \$8.50 value at... \$4.45 Boys' Norfolk Suits, dark mixtures, sizes 8 to 15, regular \$15.00 value at... \$10.45 Boys' Norfolk Suits, dark mixtures and navy serge, \$21.50 value at... \$16.45

Boys' Overcoats

- Boys' Winter Overcoats, sizes 3 to 9, regular \$8.50 value at \$4.95 Boys' Winter Overcoats, regular \$16.50 value at... \$10.50 Boys' Overcoats, sizes 10 to 17, regular \$19.50 value at... \$12.50 Boys' Overcoats, sizes 15 to 18, regular \$23.50 value at... \$19.50

For Today We Especially Feature Women's Apparel

Women's Coats, bought at less than cost to manufacture and sold on same basis. AT \$15.00—Coats made to sell at \$35.00 AT \$19.50—Coats made to sell at \$39.50 AT \$25.00—Coats made to sell at \$42.50 AT \$25.00—these are extra special—36-inch Sport Coats with Raccoon and Australian Opossum collars, former value \$39.50. AT \$29.50—Coats made to sell at \$50.00 AT \$45.00—Coats made to sell at \$85.00

WOMEN'S SILK DRESSES

'AT LESS THAN COST Choice of our entire stock of Satin, Crepe-de-Chine and Mignonette Dresses, in black, navy and brown— AT HALF PRICES AT \$12.50—Dresses that were \$25.00 AT \$14.75—Dresses that were \$29.50 AT \$17.50—Dresses that were \$35.00 AT \$19.75—Dresses that were \$39.50 AT \$22.50—Dresses that were \$45.00

FURS AT PRE-WAR PRICES

- AT \$9.98—Narobia Muffs, were \$16.50 AT \$15.00—Narobia Muffs, were \$27.50 AT \$17.50—Narobia Scarfs, were \$29.50 AT \$21.00—Narobia Scarfs, were \$35.00 AT \$79.50—One Red Fox Set, was \$135.00 AT \$135.00—One Sealine Coat, was \$225.00 AT \$157.00—One Sealine Coat, was \$250.00 AT \$250.00—One Near Seal Coat, was \$315.00 AT \$250.00—One 36-inch Raccoon Coat, was \$350

Specials From Domestic Department

- 3-4 Bleached Sheetting, medium grade, soft finish, former value 55c—Sale price... 53c One lot of Union Linen Huck Towels, size 20x40, former value \$1.00—Sale price... 49c 20 dozen Jacquard Novelty Turkish Towels, former values \$1.00 to \$1.50—Sale price... 79c 18-inch Absorbent Diaper, in 10-yard pieces, former value \$2.50—Sale price... \$1.25 Balance of our stock of Beacon Bath Robe Patterns, cords and labels to match, former value \$5.98—Sale price... \$4.50 Plaid Beacon Blankets, size 68x90, pink, blue, tan and gray effects, former value \$7.98—Sale price... \$4.95 Part Wool Blankets, white with pink and blue contrasting borders, former value \$12.00—Sale price... \$6.95 Better grade Blankets, part wool, white with pink and blue borders, former value \$13.50—Sale price... \$7.98 Beacon Comfortables, size 72x90, best grade, former value \$12.50—Sale price... \$8.95

Mended Gloves, \$1.29 Another lot for today. These Mended Kid Gloves represent gloves that have been damaged and repaired by the manufacturer. On sale today, at \$1.29 a Pair Values up to \$3.50 a Pair.

Extraordinary Values In Wash Goods

- Staple Apron Gingham, as assorted blue and white checks, formerly as high as 39c—Sale price... 12 1/2c Dress Gingham, assorted stripes and checks, formerly as high as 25c—Sale price... 12 1/2c Standard grade Percale, excellent assortment, former value 45c—Sale price... 17c Excellent assortment of Outing Flannel, good quality, former value 45c—Sale price... 18c Best quality Outing Flannel, former value 59c—Sale price... 29c 36-inch Bleached Domet Flannel, in 5 to 10-yard lengths, former value 59c—Sale price... 25c

Extraordinary Values In Cottons, Etc.

- Unbleached Indian Head Sheetting, 24 inches wide—January sale price a yard... 7 1/2c 36-inch "Lockwood B" Unbleached Sheetting, former value 35c—Sale price a yard... 16c 36-inch Bleached Sheetting, "Fruit of the Loom," "Hill," etc., former value 35c—Sale price... 19c Pillow Cases, size 45x26—January Sale price... 25c Size 11x30 Bleached Seamless Sheets, former value \$2.25—Sale price... \$1.45 Size 11x30 Pequot Sheets, former value \$2.75—Sale price... \$1.95

Handkerchiefs

- At 5c—Women's Plain White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c each, 6 for 25c. At 10c—Boys' White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, former value 15c. At 10c—Men's White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, former value 15c Many other extraordinary values in Handkerchiefs, for Men, Women and Children—slightly mused and soiled, in the Holiday rush.

Hairbow Ribbons

- At 19c—Taffeta Ribbon, all silk moire, 1/2 inches wide, black, white and colors, former value 25c. At 25c—Taffeta Ribbon, all silk moire, 3/4 inches wide, black, white and colors, former value 35c. At 25c—Taffeta Ribbon, all silk moire, 3/4 inches wide, black, white and colors, former value 35c.

SAMPLE BLANKETS—50 pairs of Blankets, a manufacturer's sample line, including Woolnap, Part Wool and All Wool—perfect in every way and no two pairs alike—on sale at One-Third off regular prices