

WESTERLY

The bi-monthly session of the Westery probate court was held Tuesday afternoon at the court house on Broad street, Judge Edward M. Burke presiding. The following matters came before the court and the following dispositions were made:

Estate of Thomas Conway.—The widow petitioned that the real estate be set off to her. It was continued to June 21.

Estate of Alice Blake. Petition of husband that real estate be set off to him. Value of \$3,000 insurance assigned to husband.

Estate of Alfred Drew. First and final account received and ordered recorded.

Estate of Joseph T. Murphy. Petition for the appointment of an administrator. Mrs. Annie J. Murphy appointed administratrix. Bond was fixed at \$3,500 with John H. Murphy as surety. Edward J. Peterson, Sr. was appointed appraiser.

Estate of John B. Johns. Affidavit of no estate received and ordered recorded.

Estate of James R. Johns. First and final account received and ordered recorded.

Estate of George L. Williams. Continued until June 21.

Estate of David T. Kenneth. Inventory of \$27.35 received and ordered recorded.

Estate of Harold C. Rosenberg. Inventory of \$116.36 received and ordered recorded.

The funeral of Erskine Cramb, who died Friday, was held Monday afternoon at his home in Bradford. Rev. F. J. Coker of that village officiated. Burial was in River Bend cemetery, Westery, where committal services were conducted by Franklin Lodge, No. 20, F. and A. M. The bearers were Edgar Howard, James Greenblatt, Harry Kling, Paul F. Eaty, James D. Deeking and Thomas Platt.

Mrs. Ella A. Snyder, 62, wife of William Snyder, died Tuesday morning at her home on 15 Lincoln avenue after a long illness. She was born in Griswold, Conn., and came to reside in Westery about 40 years ago. May 10, 1884, she married William Snyder, who survives her. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Walter Snyder, and a daughter, Mrs. Everett Clarke, both of Westery, three brothers, Amos, Opie and Earl Hamilton, Conn. and a sister, Mrs. Anna G. Gull of Palmertown, Conn., and three grandchildren.

Seaman high register mass for Mrs. George A. Dunham, who died Friday at her home on Stillman avenue, following a long illness, was sung Tuesday morning at St. Michael's church by Rev. John J. Keane. Burial was in River Bend cemetery. Besides her husband, she leaves four daughters, Mrs. Josephine Howard, Mrs. Howard W. Swan, Miss Nellie I. Dunham, all of Westery, and Mrs. R. L. Campbell of Patterson, N. J., a brother, John A. Marr of Westery, two sisters, Miss Nellie Marr of Westery and Mrs. B. J. Donly of Worcester, Mass., and five grandchildren.

Adjutant Edward J. Butler of Merrill Post, No. 14, American Legion, has been sent blanks to be filled out by all applicants for the Citizens' Training camps from the headquarters of the first army corps. The camp for the New England young men between the ages of 18 and 25 will be held at Camp Decatur and all who desire to be appointed to go to the cantonment are to get in touch with the officers of the local Legion post at once and full information will be supplied.

All meeting officers were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Pawcatuck fire district held Monday evening in the town house on Liberty street, and a three mill tax for the ensuing year was levied.

Albert G. Martin called the meeting to order and William A. Hillard read the roll. The minutes of 1920 annual and the special meeting of August 2, 1920, were read, approved and ordered recorded. Chief Morrison read the report of the engineers which was received, accepted and ordered recorded with recommendations to be taken up later.

Clare J. Spencer, treasurer, read his report, showing that the money passing through his hands amounted to \$16,907.18 and an increase of the indebtedness for the year had been \$100.

Charles J. Norris, collector, reported total tax receipts \$3,142.25 and uncollected taxes \$66.04.

Albert R. Stillman reported as trustee of the Peleg S. Barber memorial fund, that the interest on the note had been

collected and paid to the treasurer of the Peleg S. Barber Hosiery company.

Charles J. Norris made a verbal report for the wardens of the district.

Peleg A. Morrison reported for the sidewalk committee that cement walks had been laid on Lester street and West Broad street and recommended that a balance to the credit of the committee be returned to the treasurer of the district. The report was accepted and the committee discharged with thanks.

The moderator appointed Alexander Marr and Thomas L. Donohue to act as tellers.

The salaries were voted as follows: Collector, \$100; treasurer, \$50; board of engineers, chief, \$100, and \$25 for each assistant, care of the auto truck \$100; fire police \$25.

Officers were chosen as follows, the tellers casting one ballot for each: Moderator, Albert G. Martin; clerk, William A. Hillard; treasurer, Claude I. Spencer; collector, Charles J. Norris; trustee of the Peleg S. Barber memorial fund, Albert R. Stillman; assessors, E. E. Watrous, William A. Hillard, Frank L. Furness; auditors, Albert R. Stillman, William A. Hillard, fire wardens, Charles J. Norris, Albert G. Martin, Edward W. Taylor; chief engineer, Pierce A. Morrison; first assistant, Francis J. McMahon; second assistant engineer, James Greenblatt; third assistant engineer, Nola Morse.

The recommendations of the board of engineers were taken up and acted upon as follows: It was voted to purchase a lot of new hose, \$450 to the Peleg S. Barber Hosiery Co.; \$250 for the installing of a shower bath in the hose house. A tax of three mills was laid, payable October 1st, 1921, with interest at the rate of 3 per cent. on overdue taxes. The treasurer's and collector's bonds were fixed at \$2000 each. The treasurer was authorized to raise money to meet the needs of the district. An amendment to the by laws of the district was offered to make Section 5, Article V, to read as follows: "Every company which shall be formed in accordance with the foregoing section may appoint their own officers, subject to the approval of the engineers, and make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary, subject likewise to the approval of the engineers." This brought forth remarks from Geo. R. McKenna, Thomas L. Donohue, Albert R. Stillman, James Ryan and Edward A. Sullivan. It was deemed that it would be out of order to act without notice being in the call and the matter was held over for action later.

A petition for the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of Moss street between West Broad and Peleg street was presented. It was explained that the sidewalk was already laid down walks, and that the petitioners wished to help in filling in the unaided portions. A committee was appointed to consider the matter, consisting of John S. Clark and Abram Lewis.

A petition was presented requesting the laying of sidewalks on the west side of Morgan street and signed by a majority of the abutting property owners. It was referred to the same committee.

Mrs. Nellie T. Rose petitioned that consideration be given to the condition of the walk in front of her property on West Broad street. The committee was instructed to investigate this.

Narragansett council, No. 21, K. of C. had a minstrel show and speaker Tuesday evening, in the basement of the church of the Immaculate Conception. About 200 of the members were present and the show staged by members of the council proved a big success. The local Jones pleased the audience especially, and the excellent subjects were heartily applauded. The program follows: Opening chorus, ensemble; end song, I Used to Love You, But It's All Over, Frank Lynch; tenor solo, Down the Trail to Home, Thomas Sullivan; end song, My Mammy, George P. Chapman; tenor solo, That Old Irish Mother of Mine, Richard Lenihan; end song, Ohio, John McCormick; bass solo, The Big Game, Dr. Harold F. Doyle; quartette, Wyoming, Richard Lenihan, Edward J. Butler, Charles St. Onge and Dr. Harold E. Doyle; end song, I'm Missing Mammy's Kisses, George Lamb; tenor solo, There's One Girl, Martin H. Spellman, Jr.; closing chorus, ensemble. Following the performance the members enjoyed a smoker and refreshments were served.

Local Leomics

The second in a series of meetings of the farm bureau and the county agent was held Tuesday evening at the Dunn's

Corner school house, and plans for the season were discussed.

Supt. Ed. Gavitt of Wilcox park reports that he still finds quantities of rubbish dropped over the high street wall, and he promises to deal severely with the offenders if they are caught.

Miss Virginia Prescott gave a rose party to ten little friends at her home on Jay street, Monday afternoon.

Due to conflicting dates, the game scheduled between Westery High and Warwick High for Tuesday had to be postponed.

Wilfred Ward and family started Tuesday to move to the newly constructed house at the corner of Elm and Cross streets.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Farnsworth of High street left Tuesday for a shing trip through the Adirondacks and northern New York state. They will make the trip by automobile.

Plans are being made by the Shore Line Street Railway company to place one man cars in operation on the Norwich and Westery division some time this month.

The sewerage line on Broad street has passed the corner of Union street and it is expected that that street will be opened for traffic today (Wednesday).

STONINGTON

Monday at about 11.30 p. m. Mrs. Henry Noyes, who was returning home after spending the evening calling, saw smoke coming from the building known as the Potter block, on Water street. Mrs. Noyes ran up and down the street calling her white Fairbrother twins who were in an alarm from Box 4, corner of Church and Water street and started for the fire department. The fire engine company, hook and ladder responded promptly. The fire which it is believed was caused by a match or a lighted cigarette, started in the rear of the Potter block and the Muller building, where rubbish had been piled. The Potter block is a large wooden building, three stories in the center of the Bow. The fire completely destroyed the grocery store of Robert Shackley, and the flames crept into the store of Mr. Bryce who does shoe repair work, but little damage was done to his stock. The post office is located in the corner of the building next to where the Shackley grocery store was and the flames made their way through the wall and ceilings there, but the prompt and efficient work of the firemen prevented further damage there. In the large four story structure owned by Henry A. Muller and occupied by Muller and son furniture store, on the first floor the flames made havoc with the furniture stored there on display; rugs and all new stock just put in, were burned. The whole east end of the building downstairs was burned. The woodwork, floor and plate glass windows were ruined while a large number of windows in the building were damaged by heat and water. Inside the building on the two upper floors where a great quantity of furniture is stored were not harmed. The fixtures and the office were filled with charred wood and damaged by water. The rooms on the second floor of the Potter block were occupied by Mr. Bryce who was awakened. The rooms were badly damaged by water being over the post office. It was slightly damaged. The entire front of the Potter block was burned, the windows smashed, and the Shackley grocery store was totally destroyed. The water store located in the north end, was damaged mostly by water. The building and furniture of Mr. Muller were insured. Mr. Muller sets his loss at between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Mr. Shackley carried a \$2,000 insurance but lost everything. The building was covered by insurance. The fire gained rapid headway and in the manner in which the fire department fought the blaze saved the town from even greater loss. The flames shot high into the air and were seen by people in Westery, sparks were reaching the buildings for two or three blocks lines of hose were played upon the homes nearby. Had there been a strong wind blowing it is thought the whole town would have been wiped out, as the building where the fire started was in the business section and wooden structures surround it on all sides.

Smoke was coming from the charred timbers at 2 a. m. but the firemen made everything safe before they left. A fence was put up around the front of Shackley's so falling glass could not injure the crowds who visited the ruins during the day.

The undertaking rooms of Mr. Muller were damaged by fire and water and it is feared the insurance will only cover a small part of the loss. Corning Ferry has a room on the second floor of the Potter block and this was flooded.

Dean Fairbrother who was hurt when an automobile overturned Friday, is able to be out.

The World Wide Guild of the First

COLUMBIA

Rev. T. Newton Owen, pastor of the Congregational church, has gone to New York for a week's vacation. Rev. Leonard Smith of Mansfield, conducted the services Sunday morning last and preached a vigorous sermon, referring to the civil and religious liberty which the citizens of the United States enjoy above other nations. There was no opportunity for any one to become drowsy during the sermon.

The Woman's Missionary society will hold a meeting at the parsonage this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Early Saturday morning last, the mill, auto truck horses, etc., belonging to Mrs. Robert H. Hall, of East Hampton, were burned, the loss being variously estimated from \$25,000 to \$30,000. No cause for the fire is known.

A dance was held at the town hall Saturday evening, tickets being sold only for an amount sufficient to cover expenses. Seventy-five persons were present.

Charles H. Champlin is superintending repair work on the state roads at Bristol.

Clayton Hunt took his family and others in his auto truck to Willimantic Saturday afternoon to witness the parade of the Fifa, Bugle and Drum corps. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Porter and son, Randall, Mrs. Harriet Robinson and Mrs. Claire Robinson, took an automobile trip Saturday over the Mohawk Trail and visited. Mr. and Mrs. Porter's daughter, Mrs. Carlton P. Davenport at Sherburne Falls, returning Monday.

The Columbia Dramatic club went to Coventry Friday evening and presented the play "No Treasoning." A good sized audience enjoyed the play very much. Supper was served. The club members returned home in time to escape the heavy shower about midnight, and were much pleased with the results of their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carpenter motored to Groton Long Point and spent the week end at the summer home of Mrs. F. Raymond Hunt.

The graduating exercises of all the district schools in Columbia will be held Thursday, June 9th, at 7.45 p. m. in the Congregational church. An interesting programme will be given and graduates will receive diplomas.

Columbia grange met with Andover grange Monday evening by invitation and furnished the programme, thirty-seven members attending. The programme presented by Mrs. Raymond E. Clarke, lecturer of Columbia grange was: "Whisper and I Shall Hear, by the Mandolin club; recitation, To Meet My Pomeroe, Madeline Holmes; song, You Can't Drive My Dreams Away, Beatrice Collins; a one act play, The Assessor; piano solo, 4th Nocturne, Mrs. Clayton Hunt, and a series of tableaux, entitled The Reveries of a Bachelor, in which Homer Iaham was the bachelor and Miss Marie Holmes the bride. After the programme refreshments were served.

One of the ambitions of the average man is to do those he has been done by.

MYSTIC

Although the cool weather and frosts have to some extent injured the strawberry crop, the berries are of fair size and of excellent flavor. The price, however, still remains high as compared to pre-war prices and varies from 35 to 45 cents per box.

The last week in June is to see the beginning of Chautauqua and those who enjoy it so much last year are looking forward to the time with pleasurable anticipation.

Stephen Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Jennings, is ill with pneumonia at his home in Phoenix, Ariz.

Servants at St. Mark's church Sunday morning was conducted by Rev. William F. Williams. Next Sunday morning Rev. J. Eldred Brown will have charge of the service.

While work is not too plentiful hereabout, Mystic is fortunate in having so many of its people employed when there are many on all sides who are out of work. Everyone hopes that the fall will see renewed activity in all lines.

Mrs. Frank Noyes and daughter, Miss Louise, have opened their cottage at South Point for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Denison were visitors in Westery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Panchera have arrived from Italy and are staying temporarily with Mr. Penzler's brother, Angelo Panchera.

Miss Jessie Croucher has returned from a hospital in New London, where she has been a patient.

Miss Martha Jones of Providence spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Norton C. Wheeler.

C. H. Backus was a recent visitor in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wheeler have been visitors in New Haven.

Miss Eleanor Davis is to arrive home this week from Rogers Hall school, Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. William Maxwell has returned to her home in Brooklyn after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Casswell.

Miss Carolyn Pendleton of Stonington has entered the employ of J. W. Lathrop & Co. as stenographer in place of Miss Laura Lamb, who is to have a leave of absence for several months.

FITCHVILLE

The graduating exercises of the schools of the town of Fitchville will be held June 10th, at 7.30 p. m., in Palmer hall, Fitchville.

The Baptist ministers of New London and vicinity met at the Fitchville Baptist church Monday, nearly all the preachers and many of their wives being present. Words of regret from the absent ones were expressed either by letter or through friends. Rev. Chester H. Howe of New London gave a very valuable paper and many had words of commendation and other things to say that made the conference still more valuable. At the noon hour the faithful band of the Woman's Benevolent society of the church and community provided a generous and first quality dinner, which was greatly enjoyed.

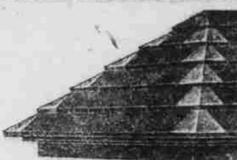
This (Wednesday) afternoon, the Benevolent society is to meet with Mrs. John Beswick.

Bloomfield.—The town of Bloomfield has obtained judgment in the court of common pleas against several property owners for the foreclosure of tax liens on property.

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