IN NORWICH FIFTY YEARS AGO

Christmas in 1872 was one that was long remembered, as 12 inches of snow covered the ground and the mercury hovered around 13 degrees below zero. The big storm with stories of doings in the town and city make up much of the news in The Bulletin of that year. A few of the stories are given in part as follows:

Monday, Dec. 23, 1872.—The house of Owen Lynch, situated on the Poquetanuck road, about two miles from the city, was entirely destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon, with all its contents. The fire originated in the upper story probably from the chimney, and the family was unaware that the building was burning until all above the first floor was in flames. They had only time to escape with their lives, and of course could save nothing of the'r property. The loss is estimated at $1,000.

A heavy snow storm commenced about midn ght Saturday and continued until 3 o'clock. It was followed by a sudden fall in the temperature, and the day, though bright and clear was the coldest of the season, the mercury marking from 8 to 12 degrees below zero.

The horse cars were taken off the routes Saturday night the rails being completely imbedded in ice. No cars were running yesterday. There is excellent sleighing in the city and for miles back into the country the roads are in good condition.

There were two accidents on the Northern road yesterday. A freight train crashed into the express at Mansfield, damaging the engine W. W. Billings and smashing and overturning about a dozen cars. Later in the day, near South Coventry, the C. F. Davenport, a new engine, hauling some of the cleared cars, ran off the track. All trains were held up for hours.

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1872.—A rather singular case came before David Young, J. P., yesterday, being a suit to recover money bet during the late canvass from the stakeholder. The parties interested in the bet were John W. Murphy and Daniel Lee. Lee claims he bet ten dollars to a cent that Mr. Greeley had never abused Archbishop Hughes, while Murphy claims that Lee bet ten dollars to a cent that Greeley would not be elected. The stakeholder, Thomas Burke, paid the money to Murphy. Lee thereupon brought suit to recover the money from Murphy. The case was then continued for further evidence.

A new branch railroad is proposed to leave the Hartford and Providence road at Jewett City, thence through Pachaug valley across to Westerly and down to Watch Hill.

The town clock froze up Sunday and has not yet thawed out. This is the second time the weather has caused the clock to go astray.

Work on the new road that is to connect Baltic with Occum has been stopped owing to the recent storms and cold, which have made work impossible.

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1872.—Mr. Vogel of the Vogel & Hughes Organ company of Thamesville was pleasantly surprised last evening when employes of the company gathered at his home and presented to him a gold-headed cane. Mr. Hughes made the presentation on behalf of the workmen, and Mr. Vogel expressed his thanks.

The Norwich Bleaching and Calendering company presented each of their married workmen a turkey yesterday. The conduct of this company is good enough, and will doubtless bear its fruit in making the friendship of the company and its men much greater.

The City of Lawrence stopped yesterday at Allyn's Point, the river being entirely closed above that point. It is doubtful if the boat can get that far up the river today, as the ice is fast working its way downstream.

Local people are interested in the trouble Andover is having with its dogs. Last year the people voted for no tax on canines and now the town is overrun with dogs that are raising havoc with sheep and cattle there. Measures are to be undertaken to do away with the nuisance in the near future.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 1872.—There was no Bulletin on this day in 1872, as it was then the custom to cease publication on the day following Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 27, 1872.—Wednesday was a model Christmas day. The sky was clear and bright, and the air was keen enough to give a peculiar zest to indoor enjoyments, and the sleighing was such as to give even Santa Claus an extra thrill of delight as he sped over the housetops the night before. All stores were closed, and churches and households were decorated with evergreens and flowers. The hearts of the little folks and great folks were made glad with gifts and the festive board bore unusual burdens, and religious services were held in the various local churches.

The weather is more than ever the prevailing topic of conversation. It is in everybodies mouth and the snow is under everybodies feet. These severe cold of Wednesday night moderated wonderfully and in the morning snow began to fall, continuing steadily all day and into the evening. At least 18 inches of snow mantles the earth hereabouts.

As usual there is a suspension of business, detention of trains, and the general clustering about the domestic hearth. Telegrams from New York states that boats due to arrive Wednesday had not reported. The weather after the clear again became severe and the mercury showed about 15 degrees below zero.

Only one delivery of mail reached this city yesterday this being in the morning from Worcester.

Saturday, December 28, 1872.—The town meeting yesterday afternoon was largely attended. George Pratt was appointed moderator and P. B. Greene clerk. Gen. Coit offered a resolution rescinding the action of the town in locating the soldiers' monument at Williams park, and offered one to have it located on Union square and John T. Wait and others opposed the motion, and S. T. C. Merwin and others favored it. By a large majority it was voted to uphold a previous vote and the monument goes to Williams' park.

In the matter of selling the alms house and adjoining property and purchasing a farm and erecting a new alms house, Amos W. Prentice, James A. Hovey and William C. Osgood were appointed a committee to investigate the matter and report at a future meeting.

The steamer City of Boston which left New London Wednesday evening reached New York York Friday morning, having anchored for twenty-five hours off Fort Schuyler.

The first annual reception of Uncas Lodge, No. 11 I. O. O. F., takes place at Breed hall next Tuesday evening, January 7th.

Breed hall was crowded last evening to hear Carl Schurz, but Mr. Schurz was marooned in New London and could not reach the city owing to snow blocking all traffic. After trying to get a special train and failing, the entertainment was postponed.

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The Black Point club met recently with Mrs. Leon Rogers of the Point road. There were several invited guests present.

James Metcalf, Sr., and son-in-law, Charles Thompson, spent Tuesday with Mr. Metcalf's sister in New London.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Randall of Pine Grove motored to New York city and spent the holiday with his parents.

Charles Thompson of Pine Grove was at Grassy Hill and Hamburg recently on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hart Hillar have returned from a visit with relatives in Hartford.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lockwood of Stamford spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. Susie Coroley, of Main street.

Mrs. D. L. Gates of Penn avenue is visiting relatives at Paterson, N. J.

The study class of St. John's Episcopal church will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. M. R. Davis of Main street. The regular meeting will be held on Jan. 10th with Mrs. Warren Parks of Main street.

Miss Janet MacIntyre is ill at her home.

V. G. Thomas of New York city spent the holiday with his family at the Carlson home on Penn avenue.

Miss Dorothy Likenschn, who teaches the Black Point school, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Champion of Black Hall spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John P. Clark, of the Fair Haven district.

Mrs. John P. Huntley of the Fair Haven district had as her guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. William Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kelsey and daughter, Miss Alice, of Essex.

Turner Harding was in Essex Tuesday on business.

Edwin H. Bronson of New York city spent the holiday with his mother and sister at the Davis home on Main street.

Mrs. Ira D. S. Ehler is entertaining her sister, Miss Helen Zetterholm, of Wallingford.

Miss Catherine Lewis of Washington, D. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Lewis, of Penn avenue.

Miss Eleanor Underhill has returned to her home on Penn avenue after two weeks' visit in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilson of Norwich spent the holiday with her mother, Mrs. E. W. Russell, of the beach.

Mrs. Lucy Potter of the Methodist parsonage entertained her brother, William Burdick, of Providence, R. I., on the holiday.

Mrs. Mary Knowles of New Haven is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Warren Parks of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Metcalf and daughter, Miss Marjorie have returned to the Grove after spending Christmas at their farm in Oakdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Russell of Penn avenue spent the holiday with relatives at Saybrook Point.

Henry E. Smith and Albert E. Brown of New Haven spent Christmas day at Mr. Smith's cottage in Pine Grove.

Herbert Eldredge of New London spent Sunday with Frankie Stuart of Pine Grove.

FRANKLIN

The Pleasure Hill school held its Christmas exercises Friday afternoon. There was a large attendance of friends and parents of the pupils. Following is the program: Greeting, school; recitation, Christmas Stars, Agnes Yuschalk; recitation, Eddie's Reflections, Eddie Mahoney; recitation, A Dills' Drill, five girls; song, It is Coming, school; recitation, Two Little Orphans, Florence Date and Agnes Yuschalk; recitation, Ding, Dong, Ding, Mariah Robinson; recitation, Christmas Carol Ruth Robinson; Victrola selections; recitation, My Kiddie Kar, Howard Date; recitation, The Mousie's Mistake, Charlotte Duerr; folk dance; song, Away in a Manger, eight pupils; recitation, A Christmas Sign, Florence Date; recitation, Santa Claus, Marion Browning; Victrola selections; recitation, To Santa Claus, Albert Rudolph; recitation, A Dear Little Schemer, Ruth Robinson and Frances Yuschalk; song, Jolly Old St. Nicholas, six pupils; recitation, An Up-to-Date Santa Edna White; solo, Holy Night, Nelson Robinson; recitation, Telephoning to Santa, Nelson and Huntington Robinson; recitation, Signs of Christmas, Harriet Robinson; recitation, My Stocking, Nelson Robinson; dialogue, Lost on Christmas Eve, with characters as follows: An Amateur Detective, Huntington Robinson; A Sailor, Nelson Robinson; Bridget, the maid, Agnes Yuschalk; Mrs. Manley, Ruth Robinson; Mr. Manley, Rowland Browning; their children, Mamie, Florence, Date, Little Dot, Muriel Parker; folk dance.

Miss Hazel Swift was in town recently.

The Cooley Hill school held their Christmas exercises Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Following is the program: Welcoming Bells, Mildred Manning; Jack Frost's Greeting, Wallace Hobbs; Jingle it Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Christmas Week, John Boguski; A Christmas Long Ago, Stephen Sylvestrick; The Chimney Sign, Martha Sweet; quick dialogue, The Christmas Spirit; Christmas on the Way, Effie Hobbs; Coming a Christmas Tree, Arnold Manning; song, Stocking Story, Effie Hobbs; Santa Claus' Cousins, Agnes Ladd; I'd Rather Have, Nathaniel Manning; song, O Come All Ye Faithful, school; The Shepherd's Field, Agnes Ladd; Santa Claus' Lunch, Frances Lamb; Shy Santa Claus, Frances Lamb; song, Santa Claus is Coming, Gladys Ladd; Christmas Shopping, Arnold Lagb; All I Want, Jenny Tarkow; song, Little Town of Bethlehem, chorus; Grandma's Stephen Armstrong; Santa, the Reindeer Dog, seven children; Dolly's Christmas Greeting, Mildred Manning; I Wonder, Mary Manning; I'd Like to Know, Helen Jackowski; song, Festive Time, two girls; A Christmas Box from Aunt June, dialogue; Rather Hard, Wallace Hobbs; Why, Frances Lamb; A Christmas Question, Dominick Italiano; The Turkey's Lament, Anka Armstrong; dialogue, Serenading Santa Claus; song, Silent Night, Holy Night, school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ayer entertained a Christmas party at their home on Sunday. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Fryer and family of Willimantic, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ortman and family of Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Crose of Hartford, Mr. and Mrs. George Miner and family of Franklin, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Race of Franklin, Raymond Valette and Ernest Valette, Mr. and Mrs. Arad Manning and son Eugene of Yantic.

The Ladies' Aid society held its annual Christmas sale at the town hall Dec. 14. Over $100 was netted.

CHESTERFIELD

Mrs. Ernest Filosi and daughter Margaret spent a few days recently with Mrs. J. E. Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bouse, Emily, Joseph and Eleanor Bouse, Lila and Anna Powers of Hartford spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Powers.

Misses Bessie, Rebecca and Jennie Miller and Flora Platt of New York spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mrs. D. Leon Neff of Waterford is visiting Mrs. J. C. Phillips.

The dance given in the Casino was well attended last Thursday evening. Hahney's orchestra furnished music.

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VALUES TO $35.00	$24.75	VALUES TO $18.75	$13.75
VALUES TO $49.50	$32.75	VALUES TO $35.00	$21.75
VALUES TO $65.00	$43.75	VALUES TO $45.00	$29.75
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CHILDREN'S COATS
CHINCHILLAS—2 to 6 FOR $3.98
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This means any hat in our entire stock, without any reservation. You may choose the one you want, regardless of its former price, and pay us just one-half the price formerly asked.
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DOZEN Men's Negligee Shirts 65c
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$1.50 Men's Night Shirts ALL PERFECT 89c
Generously cut garments, made of warm outing flannel, in neat stripe designs. Collars are regular and come in sizes 16 to 20. This is a value which cannot be matched.
WHILE THEY LAST ONLY 89c

Scarfs, Centers and Pillows TO BE EMBROIDERED 45c
Values up to 98c. Made of Bacilla Weave Cloth. Scarfs are 22 by 50—Centers 34 by 34—Pillows with both top and back 22 by 17. Pretty designs all ready for embroidering.
WHILE THEY LAST ONLY 45c

Some Offerings of Special Interest
For the Saturday Shopper Who Appreciates Genuine Worth.

Rugs and Draperies (THIRD FLOOR)

50 PAIR GOOD MARQUISETTE CURTAINS
Only $1.19 a Pair
Dainty white curtains, hemstitched, with lace edge. Length 2 1-4 yards. Curtains which have been selling for $1.50 a pair.

$2.00 QUAKER NET CURTAINS
Only $1.55 a Pair
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All guaranteed perfect in every way, and advertised by the makers at $16.20 for the 9 by 12 size—
SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY
Only $12.50

SMALL AXMINSTER RUGS
Only $6.89
Some new patterns which have just been received. Size 36 by 63 inches. The regular price is $8.50.

Hosiery for Women and Children (SHANNON BLDG. STORE)

CHILDREN'S RIBBED WOOL HOSE
50c a Pair
A first quality stocking, selling regularly for 75c a pair. Sizes 7½ to 10.

WOMEN'S BLACK SILK HOSE
Only $1.75
All are full-fashioned, and have been selling for $2.00 to $3.00 a pair. These are wonderful bargains.

GIRLS' SILK AND WOOL SOCKS
Only $1.24 a Pair
Assorted colorings in our $1.50 grade. Sizes 7 to 10.

BOYS' ALL-WOOL GOLF SOCKS
Only $1.59 a Pair
The kind which gives long service. Sold ordinarily for $1.75. Assorted colors in sizes 10 to 11½.

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75c OUTING FLANNEL NIGHT DRAWERS
Only 49c
Pink or blue stripe night drawers, in sizes 2 to 6 years.

"SMILING BABY" BATH ROBES
Only 95c
A regular $1.50 robe, in pink or blue eiderdown, with hood attached. Very pretty.

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All sizes from 2 to 12 years. Strong and well made.

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SMALL, LEAN, FRESH Shoulders, lb. . 15c
SUGAR CURED HAMS, lb ..... 29c — Fat and Skin Removed. Whole or Half.
FRESH SHIPMENT VERMONT Turkeys, lb 50c
NATIVE Chickens, lb ... 35c
NATIVE FOWL, lb 33c
PORTERHOUSE Roast Beef, lb.. 35c — Boned and Rolled Not a Rib Roast
SHORT CUT RIB Roast Beef, lb.. 18c
PRIME CHUCK Roast Beef, lb.. 16c

PORK CHOPS Pound 25c
FRESH HAMBURG, 2 lbs 25c
SLICED HAM To Fry, pound 30c
BOILED HAM Pound 49c
DRIED BEEF Pound 48c
Small Link Pork SAUSAGE, lb. 24c
ARMOUR'S and SWIFT'S YOUNG LAMB
SHORT CUT LEGS Pound 32c
MEATY FORES, lb. .. 20c
LAMB STEW, lb. 12c
Sugar Cured Smoked SHOULDERS 4 to 6 lb. average Pound 14c
BEEF LIVER Pound 9c
SUGAR CURED BACON, lb. 25c
VEAL—VEAL
CUTLETS, lb 35c
CHOPS, lb. 28c
SHOULDER CUTS, lb 16c

NATIVE EGGS, Dozen ..... 65c — Guarantee Every Egg Fresh
Sweet Florida ORANGES, Dozen 23c
NEW CROP Mixed Nuts, Pound 23c
Malaga Grapes, lb 20c
Jonathan Apples, doz. . 30c
Campbell's Soups, 3 cans 25c
Fancy Maine CORN, can . . 10c
Octagon Soap, 6 for . . 25c

WANTED — Help for Today, for Meat Counter