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A COMPREHENSIVE DECISION

With the question of police salary increase settled definitely and finally, interest centers in the applicability of the Supreme court's decision to other issues which may be pending or may arise in the future.

The purpose of placing the power of apportionment and taxation in the hands of a special board was to protect the taxpayers from unusual and unnecessary expenditures, not to cripple the different departments by depriving them of the means of paying the ordinary salaries and running expenses of their departments.

It appears from this that the power of virtual veto, which is held by the board of Apportionment, is limited to "unusual and unnecessary expenditures," the only doubtful point being whether or not this board shall be the only and final judge as to what may be considered "unusual and unnecessary" in proposed expenditures.

Under this decision, the board may, in the due exercise of its judgment, declare the projects of a new High School building, of a new sewer system, of wholesale paving, etc., "unusual and unnecessary" and refuse to make appropriations for them.

The decision comes at a time when the relative powers of the boards of Aldermen and Apportionment are under discussion, and it throws a strong light upon them.

Unfortunately it does not settle the question whether the Aldermen can estop the Apportionment board from making an annual appropriation for water under the twenty year contract, unless the latter board should decide, as it seemingly may, that under the Nathaniel Greene charter, the appropriation is "unnecessary."

It is an interesting and instructive decision which may be found to reach other matters than that of police-salary increase.

The experimental parcels post, advocated by the Postmaster General, is evidently to be put in operation. An appropriation for its inauguration appears in the Post Office bill as reported to the Senate.

A New York broker suggests that the unit of Stock Exchange deals be made 10 instead of 100 shares. Undoubtedly, such a change would increase the volume of business, for many men who shrink from the possible loss in a 100 share deal, would not hesitate ventures upon but 10 shares.

It would also eliminate the principal cause of the existence of bucket shops. More important, it would render more difficult any manipulation of prices by the big sharks of the street.

The decision of the War department against any rechartering upon the harbor line question, without the consent of the railroad, simply increases the advisability of a compromise between the two lines—not a bogus compromise like the one recently killed by Mayor veto, but one which would give the road all that it really needs for coal pocket facilities and yet retain for the harbor all that is actually needed for anchorage purposes.

Quite a number of new hat-manufacturing companies have been incorporated since the beginning of the hat-makers' strike, or rather perhaps the lock-out, their evident purpose being to run union shops, with the union label, and their equally evident expectation being to secure the trade practically abandoned by the Hat Makers' association in its fight for the "open shop."

It was apparently a desire to prevent such absorption of its business, which prompted a Boston company to abandon the "open-shop" fight. There would be little surprise if other companies should soon sense the "true inwardness" of the Boston break in the line, and adopt a similar course.

According to a former Prohibition candidate for President, Mr. John G. Wooley of Ohio, the time for dissolution of the Prohibition party has arrived, and he has withdrawn from it. His argument is that, having elevated Prohibition to the dignity of a national issue, the party has lost its reason for continued existence. It is evidently his belief that the Republican party will now adopt the issue, and this belief may be founded upon Mr. Taft's policy of splitting the "Solid South"

which has become the most prominent section in prohibitory activities. Against Mr. Wooley's position there will probably stand those Prohibitionists who hold, with their latest Presidential candidate, that the Republicans have become the "Rum Party."

Whether as the result of widespread criticism, or indifference to the pleas for forgiving mercy, or because of the pressure of Senatorial duties during the last days of the Congressional session, Senator Brandegee has decided not to appear before the Judiciary committee in favor of the "old" and against the "young" candidates for Bridgeport City Court judgeships.

It may be that he considers his telegram practically commencing the withdrawal of the committee's decision, until his exact pleasure could be made known, a sufficient indication of his position and, thus, binding upon the committee. With this possible exception, the Senator's decision not to personally appear, leaves Sheriff Hawley, despite his "Macedonian cry for help," in the lurch. It is ingratitude personified for the Senator to disregard the appeal of one who, in Brandegee's behalf, antagonized his home county and thus imperiled his political future.

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STRATFORD

Tonight's Lecture - At Seaside Ball - Fire Matters - Rummage - A Prayer for Temperance - Clothes for the Poor - Mrs. Hudson.

The event in town this evening will be the lecture by Mrs. Ward, an English lady, on Shakespeare at Home. Since this town was settled by the English, and is named after Shakespeare's birth place, it is highly appropriate that the proposed lecture should be given here.

The services of Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday at Christ church, with morning prayer at 10:30 and evening prayer at 7:45. On Thursday there will be services at 4 p. m., and on Friday at 7:45. The usual services at the regular hours will be held at the church tomorrow.

This town was brilliantly represented at the Seaside ball on Thursday evening by two of our handsomest and most popular young ladies—Miss Vivian Egan and Miss Marie Egan.

It is thought the old fashioned custom of putting timbers into chimneys is dangerous and if not abandoned may cause the fire underwriters to increase insurance rates. Since the various fire companies in town have at last, after long and strenuous efforts, become organized, the good people should wake up and clean up their back yards, rebuild their wooden chimneys, and do what can be done to prevent combustion, which is another word for fire.

There is great rejoicing among the gay "fire laddies" now that Allen Judson is the new chief, and some time next summer it is proposed to blow off the pent up excitement at a shore dinner. There will be a popping of cork and a cracking of jokes.

It is noticed that Sheriff Stagg has not been seen about town for several days. This is mysterious, and evil does not better lie low.

The foundation of J. A. Doyan's chimney recently took fire. As a dear old lady said it was fortunate the fire did not burst forth in the night or the poor block might have burned to the ground.

The rummage sale of the Neighborhood church on Friday at the town hall was a brilliant success. A large amount of clothing suitable for both men and women, boys and girls was donated, much of it in excellent condition. Parents sent in very good clothing, which their sons and daughters had outgrown. And it was noticed that the big merry widow hats, which are such a nuisance in churches, at lectures and places of amusement, are being discarded as rummage.

The prices at this sale were very moderate and there was a good opportunity for poor people to invest in a wardrobe. One of our men bought a vest for 10 cents which would have cost him two or three dollars in a tailor's shop.

Next Sunday Father O'Connor will give all his people at St. James' church a prayer in the form of a circular, for the spread of temperance. He says the saloon keeper should find fault. We preach fasting—the butchers find fault? The circular says: "A Lenten practice in honor of the sacred thirst and agony of Jesus. Pray for Thy people, we humbly implore. Thee by Thy sacred thirst and agony, from the deadly sin of intemperance, and in Thy mercy defend us from all evils and dangers of intoxicating drink; that 'denying ungodliness and worldly desires, we may live soberly, justly, and godly, in this world, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the glory of the great God and of Thee, our Saviour,' who livest and reignest, world without end."

"Afterwards," Jesus said, "I thirst; and they gave Him to drink wine mingled with myrrh; but He took it not." —S. John and S. Mark. Lent is a time for stirring up your devotion to the Holy Passion of Our Saviour. It calls for the practical devotion of self-denial, of fasting and abstinence. As a mark of this devotion, deny yourself the use of intoxicating drink during the Holy season of Lent.

Do it in union with the Sacred Thirst that Our Saviour suffered on the cross for you. Do it in place of the regular fasting and abstinence from which you may have been excused or dispensed. Your health will suffer no injury by abstinence from intoxicating drink.

Do it in atonement for the many evils that drink brings on our people—the drunkard's misery and sorrow in homes, the neglect of children, the scandals and other deadly sins, and the consequent loss of souls. Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Mary Selton of Philadelphia, Dr. and Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wheeler were among those from this town who attended the ball at the Seaside Club. Fred Hilton has said good-bye to his friends in town and departed for Alberta, Canada.

Miss Emma Allen, while in Portchester, heard the grand opera Tamnhauser, so entitled. Why cannot we have it in this town? Thus far Mrs. Margaret DeLaCour and Miss Ida Hunt and the ladies who have assisted them, have made for the poor children of the town and distributed no less than 157 articles of clothing, almost a dozen each, every Thursday to the Bethany Mission to take away a bundle. This shows how much want and distress there is in the town. It is stated that there is need of more clothing and more help for sewing.

Wednesday last Mr. Abraham Van Winkle died at his residence on Clap-

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board Hill. He was in his 80th year. His remains were taken to Paterson, N. J. There will be another Assembly dance on the 23d inst. Mrs. S. E. J. Hudson was recently at Annapolis, Md. She appears to be working her way north with the advance of spring. This winter has been so very mild she did not need to go to Italy.

FAIRFIELD

A Neighborhood Circle—Board of Relief - Ice—The Girard Family—Gasoline or Electricity—Lectures and Balls.

The Chautauque Circle, which holds a session every fortnight, met last evening at a private house. It is confined to the residents of Wakeman place and a few neighbors. The subject last evening was Hugo and Moliere. A regular program is prepared for each evening. That for last night after the roll call was as follows: Each to render one epigram from Moliere; Moliere and his times; selections from one or more of Moliere's plays; Victor Hugo, a character study; readings from his poems; report on Utrecht University; the Human Harvest; search questions.

On Monday, the birthday of Washington, the library will be closed except for an hour or two in the evening. A well attended singing school was held last night at the Congregational church.

After a week or two of illness Talmadge Wakeman of Southport has resumed his attendance upon the Bridgeport High school. The shower in the Wakenam place near the farm of James R. Jennings.

The board of relief was in session yesterday, finishing up the business left undone. As far as known the public is very well satisfied with its work. There appeared to be some rather glaring inequalities in the matter of assessments, which set people to talking, and not a few went to the town hall to have the matter explained. There were reasons for everything on the board of equalization did, and when these were made known the apparent inequalities vanished. No set of men can possibly please everybody in the now and then mistakes will be made, but as all intentions were honest, reasonable explanations sufficed.

Thus far the ice harvest in town is considered to be a failure. A few men have waited for thicker ice before filling their ice houses, and now it looks as if they would be disappointed. Mr. Perry of Southport is said to have secured 1,100 tons, which is the largest amount heard of so far.

Mrs. Wilson Sherwood of Banks North district is all with the grip. It is stated that there is an epidemic of measles among the children of the Banks school.

Mrs. W. E. Nichols and Mrs. S. E. King have gone to Philadelphia for an extended visit. Edward Sandford of New York, has been spending the week end at his summer home. Mrs. R. Fred Dunham of Bridgeport, is visiting Miss Eva Banks.

Mrs. Clarence Bradley is entertaining guests from Danbury. Ernest Southey with a party of friends from the city was at the beach again yesterday indulging in a shooting match with clay pigeons. He made 70 per cent. The shower in the afternoon out the shooting short.

William Taylor of Westport has bought the place formerly owned by John Foster of Aspetuck. Mr. Buttery is now working for Mr. Peters of Mill Plain.

Mrs. Girard, who brought suit against her husband for non-support, has received aid from the town, which she stood of great need. Her boy, who is just above the age limit, has found a place to work in a Bridgeport factory and her elder girl is earning small wages. The whereabouts of Mr. Girard have not been discovered.

There was a musical evening recently at the residence of Isaac Nichols. Henry Tobin, of Greenfield Hill, is having a fine wall built in front of his residence. An old house owned by W. B. Hill has been purchased by Jacob Rush.

It will be difficult to convince the people of this town that a system of lighting by electricity is more economical or convenient or satisfactory, than lighting by electricity. Besides it has been determined to give the town electric lights, and if Southport wants the same it will be very easy to run a cable down to that district. It is intimated that one of our wealthy citizens has agreed to put \$25,000 into the proposed plan for lighting the town with electricity.

Mrs. Herbert Wheeler, Mrs. J. E. Fairfield, and Mrs. Simon Sherwood were the guests a few days since at The Stratfield, at a luncheon given by Mrs. G. B. Bunnell. Isaac Millbank, of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Millbank, on Greenfield Hill.

The Truckmen's ball will take place next Monday evening. And the Home Made Bakery will supply the refreshments. Miss Mary Worstell of New York, did not lecture a few evenings ago at the Postol library, as was stated in one of the Bridgeport papers. She will lecture next Tuesday evening. There are many cases of grip in all parts of the town. The two colored gentlemen who are under indictment for abducting a horse, have not as yet been captured.

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