

STATE BUSINESS MEN

Discussed Insurance and Telephone Rates, and Postal Clerks.

At the annual meeting of the Connecticut State Business Men's association in New Haven yesterday officers were chosen as follows: President, E. L. Graves of Bridgeport; vice-president, A. Howard Abbe of New Britain; second vice-president, Dexter L. Bishop of Meriden; secretary, F. S. Valentine of Derby; treasurer, F. W. Mills of South Manchester. O. A. Ziglati was chosen a member of the board of directors and G. F. Hughes was appointed to the legislative committee.

During the afternoon session a resolution was introduced by T. W. O'Connor of New Britain, asking that the association go on record as favoring an increase in the pay of postal clerks and that the Connecticut senators and representatives be asked to support the Wilson bill. The resolution was adopted.

The question of the telephone law was brought up again and an animated discussion ensued for and against the repeal of the law, which lasted throughout a great part of the session. The matter was finally disposed of by the adoption of a resolution which referred all matters pertaining to the telephone service to the legislative committee.

A. M. Cooper of Bridgeport presented a report from the committee on insurance. In this the insurance committee reported that it had bills in process of composition whereby there will be created a state insurance board of appeals, to whom any aggrieved policyholder may apply for relief from burdensome rates and conditions. The committee has also a bill prohibiting any fire insurance company that writes insurance amounting to more than 80 per cent of its surplus to policyholders in the confederation district of any city from doing business in this state. A bill was also presented requiring fire insurance companies to hold their insurance reserve as a trust fund for the benefit of its policyholders.

In an editorial Monday the Bridgeport Post said: It is reassuring to note that the local agitation in reference to excessive insurance rates has not abated despite the concessions gained by the committee of the State Business Men's association. It is true that the remarkable zeal and activity displayed by the committee has forced the New England exchange to sit up and take notice, and that in a number of cases the advance in rates scheduled has been cut down considerably. It is also true that in other cases the advance still stands, the tendency of the exchange being to mollify those who are most urgent in calling attention to what is undeniably an imposition on the public. But if we estimate the character of the State Business Men's committee correctly, it will not be content to rest quietly in satisfaction at what has already been accomplished, but will press on and push the reforms advocated to the very limit. That the insurance interests also apprehend renewed attack is shown by the reports that sundry lobbyists are ridding themselves for the fray at Hartford. The people will watch out carefully. The general public is opposed to the desire to advance rates on the part of the insurance companies and it is believed that there should be legislation enacted in this state which shall protect the small property owner as well as the man of large interest. Anything that can be done in that line will have the support of everyone.

CLOCK SHOP EMPLOYEES.

Filled Eagle Hall Last Night at Annual Entertainment.

The aid society of the employees of Waterbury Clock company will have to get a larger place than Eagles' hall to dance in for their next annual. Last night the hall was over thronged. There must have been 2,500 there. About 90 per cent of the employees of the shop were among the dancers and they had a great time. The hall was dressed as it was last year, with simple bunting here and there and the face of a large clock, in action at that, high up in the four sides of the hall.

On account of having a long stage entertainment the exercises of the evening began early, and once the crowd began to pour in the hall was filled in no time. The few monologues and duets on the program were much appreciated, notwithstanding that the performers were well known to the audience. The Hogan brothers were repeatedly encored in their sketch, "The Hotel Man and the Minstrel Man," and the fancy drill by the guards of Noisohog lodge of Odd Fellows was very well executed in varied colored light. The dance program was a hit, each dance being dedicated (in disguise) to each of the foremen. One of the boxes was occupied by Senator Irving H. Chase, treasurer and secretary of the clock company, and a few members of his family and the family of Superintendent Larkin.

It was near 11 o'clock when the stage entertainment was over and dancing began immediately, the grand march being led by Foreman Peter B. Reeves, president of the aid society, and his daughter May. It was early morning before the last of the sixteen dance numbers was rolled off.

THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Of all the sensations in bargains in recent years none can compare with the sale that closes to-morrow at Wenzel's. A sale fraught with value laden bargains, a sale that at every turn is replete with astounding low priced merchandising. Tomorrow night closes this famous trade extravaganza, the pages of Waterbury's business history will ever be illumined with the glories of this sale. By one of the sharers of the glories before the night announces its passing.

Feb. 11—Speedwell hall. 2nd annual carnival and dance given by St. Joseph society.

THE POLICE COURT.

DeLino Paid \$15 and Costs for Annoying Catalina.

Upon the complaint of Catalina Marsica, Italo DeLino was arrested yesterday and his affairs were told in the city court to-day before Judge Burpee. It seems to have been a case of unrequited love. Catalina's story was that some seven months ago she became acquainted with Italo and since then he has been following her and making life miserable for her. Apparently he wished to marry her, but she had no such fancy. In that way things went along until the other evening when he followed her to her mother's store at 479 West Main street. Rafael Stango was in the store and she called him out. Italo is known as "Romeo" and it seems Romeo threatened to kill Catalina right there on the sidewalk unless she would throw him a morsel of mercy. But instead, she called out Stango and then Italo struck Catalina in the face and hit her hat off. He picked it up and ran and a cry went up and all the small boys in the street ran after him, Stango being in the crowd.

Italo's defense was that he never followed the girl, but she happened to be wherever he was. He denied following her from the American Web company's shop on the evening in question or that he even struck her. He said she spit in his face, which is an Italian in a very serious matter. She said that she has done this some three thousand or four thousand times since last summer.

Officer Coleasanto testified that last summer he was called upon a few times to warn the man to keep away from Catalina's abode. Italo did admit that he had been warned off by the girl's mother and brother, but that she herself invited him around to the back door and he went there. He did not want the girl if she did not want him, but he could not help it if she happened to be wherever he was.

Instead of his striking her, it was she who struck him, he said, and then he ran and all the boys and the dogs and cats ran after him. All this was so true that he could put his hand on the Bible, he said, and prove it. He was fined \$15 and costs.

Thomas Leary was charged with intoxication, but as he is suspected of something more serious, the case was held over till to-morrow, morning.

Mary Durham was committed to Brookside for ninety days for intoxication.

Patrick Reilly was fined \$10 and costs for over-indulgence, and a case against Joseph Pukis for non-support of his wife and child was continued.

THE ATWOOD CASE

Judge Cowell Reminded Witness Profanity Was Not Allowed.

The hearing of the suit of Stiles Atwood against Ephriam F. Atwood, his stepfather, for \$1,000 is dragging its slow but laughing lengths along in the district court. Twice yesterday Judge Cowell felt it necessary to remind the plaintiff that he was in the august presence of the law and that profanity is not allowable in such a place. Atwood, the plaintiff, is a most emphatic person and if there is any of the witness box left after the case is through it will be a wonder, for he is forever pounding it with his fists and scratching it with his finger nails in emphasis of his statements.

The greater part of yesterday afternoon and to-day was taken up with the domestic relations existing between the plaintiff and his wife. It seems that he married a Mrs. Rachel Allen and he did not get along with her very well. They then lived on Phoenix avenue and Atwood was employed in Norton's livery stables. He did not get along with the workmen there either and one day he left his job and the town together and has not lived with his wife since. That was about nine years ago. Mrs. Atwood admitted that her first husband was a fine man, but her second, Atwood, was of the lemon variety. She admitted also that had she known him longer she would not have married him.

When Atwood took the stand he was as impetuous as before. He was very fidgety with his spectacles, taking off and putting them on again and at length he made his interrogator, Attorney Russell, very nervous.

"Why don't you keep still with your glasses? What's the matter with you anyway?" he was asked. "Nawthin' the matter, Mr. Russell. I'm only givin' you time to get yer wind," said Atwood.

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FRATERNAL AND SOCIAL

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On next Wednesday evening the Big Seven Social club will give their sixth annual promenade at Eagles' ball. Lallier's orchestra will furnish the music and will render music which has been carefully selected for the event.

Rev. John N. Lewis, rector, acted as toastmaster at the third annual banquet of the Men's club of St. John's parish at The Elton last night. The principal speakers were Dr. W. M. Grovesnor, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York city, and Rev. J. W. Walsh, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Blackwell's Island. There was a large gathering present.

The annual reception given by the faculty and alumni of the Sprague school was held last evening in Goodwill hall, Waterville, and was a big success. About fifty couples were present, the greater part of whom remained until the last car left Waterville. The hall, although not decorated to any extent, contained several cozy corners which were favorite spots during the night. The floor was in excellent condition and as Lallier's orchestra furnished some fine music the sixteen numbers on the dance program were really enjoyed. Many of the numbers were encored three or four times.

A large number of the members of Barcelona, Sheridan, Hendriken and Mulcahy councils will journey to New Haven next Tuesday evening, January 29, to pay a fraternal visit to Loyal council, at K. of C. hall, 954 Chapel street. At this meeting an interesting debate will take place, participated in by students at Yale, who are members of Loyal council. The subject will be: "Resolved, That the Constitution of the United States should be so amended as to provide for the election of United States Senators by direct popular vote." William J. McKenna and Arthur B. O'Keefe will speak in the affirmative, and William A. Bree and Charles J. Martin in the negative. Invitations to attend the debate have been tendered and accepted by the members of twenty-five councils from New Haven and surrounding towns.

Mar. 10.—Speedwell hall. Lecture by A. B. Cohen at the annual fest of the Workmen's circle.

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