

Editorial Ink Drops.

We have stated it before, but we state it again, anonymous contributions are consigned at once to the waste basket. Some of our friends seem to forget this.

An appreciative and deserved tribute to the memory of the late Judge Glover of Fairfield appears in THE BEE, this week, and will be read with interest by the hosts of friends of the deceased judge throughout the county.

Said a leading citizen in our office a few days ago: "The men who have banded themselves together to provide the entertainment course for Newtown certainly deserve the cordial thanks of the public." And he was a gentleman who has shown his substantial interest by patronizing the course from the start.

There will be much rejoicing over the decision by the committee of arbitration in the case of the agricultural grant, which the Legislature transferred from Yale college to Storrs' agricultural college. This fund amounts to \$135,000, but the common people can't quite see why, if this fund is to go to Storrs', as they have decided, the state should be required to give Yale \$150,000 damages. It is not Yale able to rub along without state aid? Every practical farmer knows that Yale has never done any practical good with this money. No farmer would think of sending his son there for an agricultural fitting and the institution was unable to provide that it had been used for the purpose intended.

The big bicycle show, in New York, revealed to all who attended the growing popularity of the wheel. Editor Dana of the Sun says he favors the bicycle for everybody, so long as genuine legs are needed for the spinning of it, so long as it cannot run of its own accord, or through the help of some abominable invention. In this connection the editor of the Sun proceeds to say, we are all most afraid that there may be improvement in the thing which will do away with the necessity of employing the legs for the propelling of it. In that event there will be danger of a race of apidians, and that is an appalling thought. The human leg is deserving all respect when it is shapely, and when the joints of it move easily. We cannot bear to think that posterity may have shriveled shanks because of the invention of a bicycle that will run without the help of legs. We ask the inventors to refrain from bringing such a calamity upon the world.

Have you ever figured up the cost of bad roads? Let us see: The average distance from the farm to the market in the eastern and middle states is 12 miles, and out of 1200 counties which have been heard from the average road for two horses is 2000 pounds, the cost of hauling which is 25¢ per mile. It is estimated that the world's yearly cost of transportation by public roads in this country is \$916,414,965 which allows a cost of \$13 for every man, woman and child in the United States. It is further estimated that two-thirds of the total outlay in transportation is money wasted. These facts give some idea of the importance of securing good roads. Such is the excellent character of the roads suburban to Boston, says the Boston Herald, that the difficulty is not much felt in that vicinity, but in the interior, where the country roads are of an inferior character, the cost of transportation is a serious drawback to the farmers in bringing their produce into market. No stronger argument than this for the improvement of our common highways could be presented. While the outlay for good roads might increase the taxes for a short time, every individual who has occasion to use the markets at the large centres would speedily be relieved from a heavy burden.

What use is there in eating when food does you no good—in fact, when it does you more harm than good, for such is the case if it is not digested. If you have a loathing for food there is no use of forcing it down, for it will not be digested. You must restore the digestive organs to their natural strength and cause the food to be digested when an appetite will come, and with it a relish for food. The tired languid feeling will give place to vigor and energy, then you will put flesh on your bones and become strong. The Shaker Digestive Cordial as made by the Mount Lebanon Shakers contains food already digested and is a digest of food as well. Its action is prompt and its effects permanent. Doctors prescribe Laxol because it is all the virtues of Castor Oil and is palatable.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, L.S. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the owner and proprietor of the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of \$100 for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

SWORN to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 24th day of December, A. D. 1907.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

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In Fairfield County.

STEPNEY AND VICINITY.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

A quartet composed of Miss May Ransom, Mrs. F. Pratt and Messrs. Eddie Osborne and John T. Porter rendered very effectively a pretty selection at the afternoon service at the Methodist church on last Sunday.

The Ladies' Sewing society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Charles B. Wheeler on Thursday afternoon of last week. There was a good attendance and the ladies finished a comfortable during the afternoon's work.

AN ENJOYABLE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Monday of this week Ralph Benedict celebrated his 75th birthday, giving a very enjoyable party to quite a number of relatives and intimate friends. Among those present were his sister, Mrs. Stebbins, and a niece, Miss Nellie Benedict from Bethel, and Mr. and Mrs. John Benedict and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hawley from the Depot.

Arthur B. Curtis, son of Andrew B. Curtis at the Depot, has been quite sick with an attack of grip.

This place enjoyed a glorious surprise when the news was proclaimed that on January 29, Mrs. Melissa Gibbs was quietly married to Robert Burns, the ceremony taking place at Meriden. No one here suspected such an occurrence. Mr. and Mrs. Burns will make their future home at New Haven, whither Mrs. Burns moves her household effects.

Miss Thebe, daughter of Blacksmith C. L. Smalley at the Depot, is rapidly recovering from her recent illness with throat trouble.

George S. Turner has recently added to his collection of antiques an old deed bearing date of 1751. It is an old timer and was given to Mr. Turner by Orman Drew.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bottom will soon close up their home here and make their future home in Bridgeport. They will live with their brother-in-law, Eden Summers of 18 California street, who recently lost his wife, and for whom they will care. Their friends here regret their departure to the city.

Blacksmith C. L. Smalley has again proved his ingenuity, this time making a very neat and convenient revolving book case for Dr. Hill.

Mrs. Plum Hawley has returned from Naugatuck, where she has been for some time past, and on Sunday was called to Hattertown to assist in the care of Miss Mattie Fischer, who is very seriously ill with pneumonia.

Julius Hawley has been on the sick list, requiring a doctor's care.

Mrs. H. B. Waller has been in Bridgeport, who is sick with what is feared to be pneumonia.

Mrs. Miles T. Eastwood will remove to Naugatuck, where she has her husband, who recently has secured work there.

The union Endeavor meetings are well attended and the young people take a live interest in the topics taken up from week to week.

S. J. Powell advertises his handsome survey, which is almost new, for sale.

Lewis Hubbell has been among the unfortunate who have missed poultry from their roosts, recently, several nice fowls making their disappearance no easy nights ago.

While B. Hawley & Co.'s large grain wagon was making one of its many trips between the Depot and the Center, freighted with grain, a wheel collapsed on Monday of this week making it necessary to put it in the repair shop for a time.

C. H. Blydenberg has bought the Charles Purdy place and a Mr. Harris from Bridgeport is running it for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler and son of Danbury have been entertained by their cousin, Zaimon Purdy.

Charles Lane of Bridgeport, formerly of B. Hawley & Co.'s has visited friends in the village. He is a salesman for the Bennett Shoe Co., of Bridgeport.

C. E. Osborne received several fine Wilcox & White organs besides a supply of New Home machines, last week. The organs are very pretty designs in oak. Any one wishing to buy a piano, organ or sewing machine can save a good deal of money by dealing with him.

Dea Barr Hawley and Benjamin H. French have been appointed appraisers on the estate of the late Hannah Hill and an inventory has been taken. Rev. Benjamin Hill was appointed executrix by the will.

Mrs. Hills of Bridgeport spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. R. B. Waller.

Mrs. Henry Seeley, who has been caring for her mother, sick with pneumonia, has returned home, herself sick with the prevailing sore throat trouble.

Mr. Silliman, of the Stratford Granite Works, was in town on Monday.

F. M. Canfield lost a valuable two-year old Jersey heifer, last week. It was the only cow he had.

Mrs. George Wells and daughter of Bethel were guests of Miss Jennie Wells, Wednesday.

Mrs. Wallace Davis entertained Mrs. E. D. Briscoe and daughters, Jessie and Eva, Thursday.

Mrs. Edwin Sherman is gaining under the treatment of Dr. Smith.

Bradley's band played, Tuesday evening, to a full house in Hammettown and a rousing time was enjoyed by all.

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W. A. Sherman has his barn filled with a valuable class of horses, this year, consisting of 20 trotters and pacers. City people have learned the place to leave their horses where they will be properly cared for. Mr. Sherman has certainly learned the art of keeping horses in order, as their fat bodies and sleek coats will testify. If you won't be convinced, just take a trip around to his barn and see for yourselves.

Elmer S. Andrews has built a new blacksmith shop, 12x16, in his yard,

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FAIRFIELD.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.
Rev. Mr. Stewart of King's Highway church preached at the Sunday evening service in exchange with Rev. Mr. Child. A large congregation was greatly interested in his address.

Arrangements have been made for a Home Missionary rally of the churches of this vicinity in the Congregational church in about two weeks. Rev. Mr. Paddock will be one of the speakers.

On Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor society will conduct an anniversary service for Christian Endeavor day. A collection will be taken for the debt of the home missionary society. It is hoped that enough will be received to place the society on the roll of honor.

A delegation from the Christian Endeavor society went to a social gathering of the Greenfield society, last evening.

THE BARBERS ARE WILLING.

Every young lawyer the town can boast of is pulling the wires to secure the vacant judgeship of the Probate court. The favorite varies according to which paper you read. The unseemly haste of some of the would-be candidates does not help their chances.

The fire company got out their new pump on Monday evening for practice drill. It was taken down to the rubber factory where, before a large crowd including many members of the scout party companies, they threw an inch and a half stream over the top of the flag staff. This was much better work than was expected but under more favorable circumstances even better than that can be done.

It is expected that a special election for judge of probate will be ordered in about a fortnight.

One of Frederick Sturges' fine team of grays dropped dead of heart disease, on the road to Bridgeport, last Thursday. The animal had previously shown no symptoms of any trouble.

A number of our people are planning to go over to the supper at the Black Rock church, this evening.

The revival services in the mission in Betts' building are well attended and were continued three evenings, this week.

The United Friends meet, this evening.

The ball club are hustling about to make a success of their annual ball, February 14. This is an opportunity of contributing to them by purchasing tickets liberally.

BROOKFIELD.

NOTES FROM ST. PAUL'S.
The Junior Chapter of St. Paul's Guild will give a salad supper at the rectory, Monday evening, February 3, at which "Aunt Letty" will show her album of family portraits. There will also be other attractions. Supper served from 6:30 to 9. All are cordially invited.

"WHOOPING 'EM UP" IN BROOKFIELD.
Whooping cough is quite prevalent in White-center school, seriously affecting the attendance. It is reported that cases have broken out in another school and in such a manner as to lead to an extensive spreading there.

Members of the Village Improvement society will give a supper at the Grange hall this (Friday) evening. All are invited to attend.

David N. Clark of Shelton was the guest of his sister, Mrs. William Roe, last week.

Mrs. Samuel Sherman entertains the senior members of the Guild, Friday afternoon.

Arturo Be amount of New York has been the guest of Samuel Sherman.

Mrs. James Lee, who has been quite indisposed for two weeks, is now improving.

Dr. J. F. Smith has just opened an office in West street, Danbury, as a specialist, treating the eye and ear. He has been confined to the house for several days from an attack of quinsy.

Hiram Hawley, who has been sick in the hospital in New York for a short time, is improving.

Rev. Martyn Summerbell of Bates college, Me., delivered a lecture in the Congregational church on Tuesday evening. His subject was "Opportunities."

STEVENSON.

Mrs. William Jordan visited friends in Seymour, last week.

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REDDING.

DEATH OF MRS. ABIGAIL SANFORD.
Mrs. Abigail Sanford, the widow of the late Samuel Sanford, died on Saturday the 25th, aged 72 years. Her death was not unexpected as she had been ill for a long time. At the death of her eldest daughter, Mrs. H. S. Osborn, her condition was critical and she was expected to follow her daughter in a few days. She leaves five daughters and one son, J. B. Sanford, the proprietor of Clover Farm Creamery. She was the daughter of Bradley Hill, one of the wealthiest men of Redding. She was the sister of Arthur B. Hill, the lumber merchant of Norwalk and Albert Hill of New Haven, the well known civil engineer. Mrs. Sanford was a woman of excellent judgment and more than ordinary intelligence. The home training of her large family of children was most successful in making them all well equipped for a useful and honorable life in the community. She was a member of the Congregational church and lived a consistent and Christian life.

DEATH OF FREDERICK HOTCHKISS.
Frederick Hotchkiss died in Sharon, last week. He formerly resided in Redding and owned the H. B. Ramsey place. He belonged to the well known Hotchkiss family of world wide renown in connection with the Hotchkiss shell. Among his surviving heirs are the three sons of William H. Hill of this place, Mr. Hill having married his daughter for his first wife.

Among those who have secured a good supply of ice are Milo Osborne, William C. Sanford, Dan Green and William H. Beers.

A series of meetings was held at the Methodist church every evening of last week and much interest prevailed.

The Catholic fair closed on Monday night with the drawing of the various articles on which chances had been sold.

TRUMBULL.

THE LATE SAMUEL L. BOOTH.
The remains of Samuel L. Booth, aged 68 years, were brought to Trumbull, Tuesday, from Middletown for interment in White Plains cemetery. Funeral services were conducted from the residence of his nephew, Edward Booth, Rev. W. F. White officiating, assisted by a delegation from the order of Odd Fellows of which he was a member. Mr. Booth was a warm hearted member of the company from Trumbull that served in the late war. He leaves one son, Rev. E. Booth, who is a missionary in Yokohama, Japan.

A man by the name of Gray while walking across the country on his way to friends in Albany, dropped by the roadside in a fit, Tuesday morning. He had but recently left the hospital where he had been confined with pneumonia. His condition was so pitiful after he had revived sufficiently to walk that the amount for the purchase of a ticket was collected at once and he was put aboard of a train for Albany in charge of a conductor.

W. S. Plumb, of the City savings bank, has been confined at his home for several days by the results of a cold that yielded slowly to treatment. Although doing well at present, he will yield to the wishes of the bank officials and his many friends, and will take a well earned and much needed rest for a few weeks.

B. J. Watson of Binghamton, N. Y., spent Monday afternoon at the parsonage while on a hurried business trip East.

Plumb Nichols has been suffering for several days with a severe attack of the quinsy. He is slowly recovering.

Frank Billing has gone to Bridgeport to work on the Tait & Sons' new plant at North Bridgeport, where new machinery is being placed preparatory to starting up in a few weeks. The mill in Trumbull is being rushed as fast as possible to work up old stock to meet demands of the trade during the shut-down for the removal of machinery.

Charles Wheeler of Brooklyn spent the Sabbath with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler.

PLATTSVILLE.

THE RAIN FALL AT THE RESERVOIR.
A. H. French still continues in charge of the water company's plant and says both reservoirs are now full for the first time since last summer. He looks for the spill-way to run over this week. He has very kindly given us the rain fall for last year by months as follows: January, 5.99-100 inches; February, 7.70-100 inches; March, 2.38-100 inches; April, 2.92-100 inches; May, 1.90-100 inches; June, 3.20-100 inches; July, 5.21-100 inches; August, 3.90-100 inches; September, 3.98-100 inches; October, 5.22-100 inches; November, 4.96-100 inches; December, 2.46-100 inches; total, 36.84-100 inches, against 44.21-100 inches in the year 1894. The fall of snow in the year 1895 was 33.50-100 inches.

The ladies met, Thursday afternoon, with the president, Miss Annie Staples, to make arrangements for the church fair which is to be held in the near future.

Mrs. George B. Beers is sick with a hard cold.

Horace Wheeler is remodeling his house and is building a tower and bay windows with all the modern conveniences which will make it when finished one of the handsomest residences in Plattsville.

Neighbors and friends of Conrad Miller, Jr., who is now living in Bridgeport, gave him an agreeable surprise at his home, this week Tuesday evening.

Miss Edith Sherwood has returned from a visit in Bridgeport.

Ellis F. Wheeler's handsome new residence is nearing completion and is an ornament to the place. It is being painted in neat and attractive colors. Mr. Wheeler hopes to occupy it in the early spring.

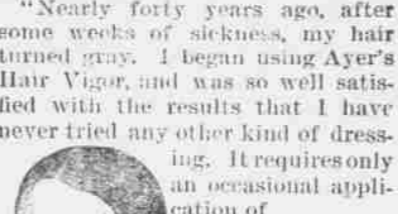
Joshua Kent drives a new horse on his milk wagon.

TASHUA.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at Mrs. Mary E. Clark's, Wednesday afternoon, February 5; if stormy, the first fair day.

Well Satisfied with Ayer's Hair Vigor.

"Nearly forty years ago, after some weeks of sickness, my hair turned gray. I began using Ayer's Hair Vigor, and was so well satisfied with the results that I have never tried any other kind of dressing. It requires only an occasional application of



AYER'S Hair Vigor to keep my hair of good color, to remove dandruff, to heal itching humors, and prevent the hair from falling out. I never hesitate to recommend Ayer's medicines to my friends."—Mrs. H. M. HAYDEN, Avoca, N. H.

AYER'S Hair Vigor

Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Take Ayer's Sarsaparilla for the complexion.

DEATH OF C. LESTER YOUNGS.
C. Lester Youngs died at the home of his mother, Monday afternoon, aged 32 years. He has been in poor health for some months, having had three shocks of paralysis. For a number of years he was in the employ of the government, and was agent on the Naugatuck road, and was well known in this section of the state as most any other man. He was a member of Oranogue Lodge, I. O. O. F., and his fellow members have done all they could to make his last days as comfortable as possible. He leaves a mother and a sister.

HOUSTONIAN GRANGE INSTALLED ITS OFFICERS, Saturday evening. Deputy J. H. Blakeman was assisted by F. E. Blakeman in the installation ceremonies. Houstonian Grange stands at the head of the State Granges in its excellent degree and ritual work. Several visitors from other Granges were present and were loud in their praises of the ceremonies of the evening. The retiring master, Samuel A. Patterson, made a short but interesting address. George Meachen is the new master.

Miss Van Dyne of Monroe has visited friends in town.

Miss Jennings, one of our teachers in the graded school, spent Sunday with friends in South Norwalk.

A son of Peter Gucker, broke through the ice at Fresh pond and narrowly escaped drowning.

Stagg & Beardsley are putting on an addition to Newton Reed's house at Harvey's Farm.

The storm prevented the giving of the supper, by the pupils of the graded school, in aid of the school library, last Friday evening.

A delegation of Houstonian Grange went to Newtown, last week, to attend a special session of Grangers for this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Curtis entertained some of their friends at what, one evening last week.

Attorney George W. Carey has been appointed administrator of the estate of John G. Hitchcock, who died recently in Texas, owning property in town.

Mrs. E. M. Burritt of Malu street has gone to Washington for a visit.

Miss Neyland, assistant at the post-office, has recovered from a severe attack of mumps, and is again able to attend to her duties at the office.

The cottage prayer meeting was held last week, at the residence of Mrs. Vou Tagen, on Academy Hill.

Miss Annie Applegate is in very poor health, a fact which her many friends in town will regret to learn.

Miss Baldwin, a former favorite teacher in the graded school, has a fine position in the graded school at South Norwalk.

A large number of our music loving people attended the concert given by the Oratorio society, in Bridgeport.

A number of new houses are talked of, to be built on Tory Hill, in the spring.

The Chautauqua society had a large gathering at their banquet on Thursday evening.

Deputy Sheriff Stagg arrested Henry Hazard for assault on one of his neighbors, brought him before Justice Peck, who promptly gave him 60 days in jail.

Mr. J. P. Routh has returned from a visit to friends in Brooklyn.

Ferry Beardsley, the well known market man, has been seriously ill with threatened pneumonia, but is reported recovering.

George Beers, formerly well known in town, recently died at Topeka, Kansas, aged 56 years. His father was the late Louis Beers, and his mother still resides here.

We are hearing the usual complaint about our miserable sidewalks. Our people will some day awake to the fact that in this particular, we are way behind the times.

Walter Wheeler of New York has been in town a few days.

Wonderful are the cures accomplished by Hood's Sarsaparilla and yet it is only because Hood's Sarsaparilla, the one true blood purifier, makes pure, rich, healthy blood.

Hood's pills for the liver and bowels, act easily yet promptly and efficiently.

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January 31, 1908.

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INVENTORY IS NOW OVER! LOOK OUT FOR SPRING NOVELTIES.

The sale of Capes will go on from day to day, as long as they last, at these prices. Good Plush Capes, with Trilby fur trimming, and full sweep, manufactured to sell for \$20, now just half \$10. A better one of Sals Plush, with Trilby fur trimming, and full sweep, extra length, made to sell at \$25, now just half, \$12.50. Cloth Capes, heavy diamond goods, close fits and beavers, fur trimmed, all with the same low prices.

These Capes are all of the newest makes and can be worn late in the spring. Predictions are for capes the coming season.

WOMEN'S WRAPPERS.
Women's Wrappers made of Cashmere de Laine, full skirts, good fitting; values in December \$2, sale price \$1.

APRONS.
Ladies' White Lawn Aprons, with narrow lace edge, at 12c each.

Ladies' White Lawn Aprons, good size, with cord edge, at 15c each.
Ladies' White, extra size aprons, with deep hem and wide strings, at 25c each.
Ladies' Gingham Aprons, extra size, 12-15c each.

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