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NEWTOWN, FRIDAY, MARCH 26
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Fairfield County News.

STRATFORD.

DEATH OF JOSEPH DUFOUR.
Joseph Dufour, a well known resident on Main street, died at his home early Friday morning, age about 68 years. Funeral services were held Monday and interment made in Union cemetery. Mr Dufour was a harness and saddle maker by trade, working for many years in the old Lyon building, opposite the railroad station at Bridgeport, at the time that industry was so largely carried on at that place. Since living in this town he has kept a repair shop. He will be remembered best as one of the four men who made the most successful balloon ascension ever made in this country. Our older citizens will remember the crowds that gathered in Bridgeport in the early '50s to witness the affair. Three of the four daring men are now dead. The remaining one, at last reports, was still living in New Jersey.

A large audience greeted the blind people at Town hall, last Wednesday evening, to listen to one of the best entertainments offered our people in a long time.

McNamara's store is having some alterations made in the interior arrangements, so as to make two stores. The stairway to the Cupheas club rooms will be placed on the outside of the building.

John B. Edwards has been very ill but is reported as slowly getting better.

The many friends of William Nash will regret to learn of his illness. He has been confined to his bed for the past two or three weeks, at the home of his daughter, Mrs Stratton, on lower Main street. His age, 88 years in April next, is against his recovery from a serious attack of illness, but his friends hope for the best.

Robert Wheeler is reported as having bought out William Blaney's interest in the coal yard at the upper dock, and intends carrying on the business himself.

Mrs Pendleton is reported somewhat better from the effects of a shock received while at the home of her daughter, Mrs Merrick, on Main street.

GREENFIELD HILL.

A SOCIAL EVENT.

One hundred and fifty or more relatives and friends attended the social dance at Mr and Mrs N. W. Ogden's, Wednesday evening, March 17. The "Four B" orchestra rendered fine music for the dancers. Four sets at a time were "tripping the light fantastic." At 12 o'clock an abundance of sandwiches, cake, fruit and coffee were served, after which dancing resumed till the "wee small hours." Mr and Mrs Ogden and committee spared no pains in making this the most enjoyable occasion as every one expressed as they departed for their homes.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CHURCH.

At the parish meeting, last week, it was voted to raise the sum of \$400 that is put on the organ fund by subscription. Dea Banks and George Morwin were authorized to canvass the parish. Mrs Bartman's handsome gift is to be used for the eight windows in the body of the church and the small ones are to be paid for by the parish.

CHURCH INTERESTS.

Prof. A. J. Wells led the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, Sunday evening.

At the special parish meeting it was voted to purchase a new pipe organ and to utilize the gift of Mrs Bartram by putting in stained glass windows in the church.

THE NEW GRANGE HALL.

Work will be commenced on the new Grange hall, this week. It will be completed about July 1.

H. B. Burr spent Sunday night with his brother in Brooklyn.

William Wyman and family of New York have arrived in Greenfield for the season.

Charles Gray has been very ill, but is now gaining slowly.

Asahel Gray is very sick.

Albert Elwood of Bridgeport was guest of friends in this place, last Sunday.

J. B. Kisson and family have returned to their Greenfield home for the season.

Mr and Mrs George Baldwin and Mr and Mrs E. T. Bartram of Bridgeport were in town, Sunday, calling on friends.

which was recently blown by burglars, by a new and more improved one.

STEVENSON.

THE UNION CHURCH ASSOCIATION.

The Union Church Association of Riverside held their adjourned meeting on Saturday night, March 20. An executive committee consisting of the president, W. S. Tomlinson, Secretary W. S. Bradley and Charles E. French, James H. Wheeler and Charles T. Sherwood was elected. Howard R. Stevens was elected auditor and John W. Sherwood was appointed sexton. A constitution and by-laws were adopted.

ALL HELPING "UNCLE BEN."

Bennett Sherman, who recently lost everything he had by fire, including about \$14 in cash, is getting ready to build. All the neighbors and a number of out-of-town people have materially helped "Uncle Ben" in his trouble and he is now about \$75 better off than he was a week ago. Those who could not give money gave clothes and other things and Munson Clark is now getting the frame for his new house together.

Mr Seelye of the Connecticut Sunday School Association has organized a Sunday school at Riverside Union church.

Mr Brower of Quaker Farms was appointed president, Miss Nettie E. Stevenson secretary and John W. Sherwood librarian.

Charles E. Gilbert, our enterprising poultryman, has just put in three new "Peep o' Day" brooders. He has now 240 chicks whose mother was an oil lamp.

Miss Lena Sherman, who has been teaching in Sufield, Mass, is home spending her vacation.

John H. Johnson is spending a few days in Bridgeport.

F. J. French spent Saturday in Bridgeport.

BROOKFIELD.

IN GRANGE CIRCLES.

At the Grange, last week, being St Patrick's day, all the exercises had a decided Irish flavor. There was a discussion, "Is the coming of Irish immigrants to the United States a benefit?" C. D. H. Kellogg affirmative, while S. B. Terrell spoke for the negative side of the question. Several Irish songs, readings, solos and instrumental music was enjoyed; also historical sketches of the saint. There were a good number present, and as the subject was novel and well done it proved a very pleasant and interesting meeting. The next meeting, April 7, is "A night with musical composers," being short sketches of several of the most noted composers by different members, each paper to be illustrated as far as can be by some of their music. The lecturer's hour will be open to the public.

BROOKFIELD HAS THE MOVING FEVER VERY BADLY.

Next week will be celebrated by numerous moving as usual. It is said by those who pretend to know there will be more than usual.

Mrs Horace Beers met with an accident on Wednesday of last week, while getting into the wagon to return home from Mrs A. S. Mansfield's. The horse suddenly cramped the wagon, turning her out and breaking one bone of the left wrist. Dr Smith reduced the fracture and the patient was able to return home on Saturday.

Miss Sadie Jackson is home from East Greenwich for the spring vacation.

Charles G. Williams will very soon start on a business trip through the South for the B. & T. Co. of Danbury.

George Northrop of Newtown has been moving and putting up the last of Mr Andrews' poultry buildings for C. W. Keeler. He intends using it for brooding, hoping to make raising broilers more of a success.

Charles B. Hawley, formerly of this town, now a musician of some note in New York, is singing in "The Bostonians," an opera. It is said the press criticisms are quite flattering.

Frank Pinckney is moving the wagon shed and horse barn of Arza Peck to the rear of the house, preparing for putting up a more modern and convenient building.

Mrs Warren H. Lamson and daughter, Lillian, of Bridgeport, have been visiting the past week at Edgewood.

Miss Weld has just returned from a visit in New York City.

MONROE.

EAST VILLAGE AND VICINITY.

Mrs Jennie Cassidy is caring for her aunt, who is sick at Millville, near Naugatuck.

The literary at S. D. Sharp's was well attended and enjoyed by all especially the ride with the four horse team from Barn Hill. Your correspondent had a shake up with the 20 others.

Fred Curtis works for J. W. Waterbury, this season.

F. D. Hollister has leveled a huge chestnut tree, measuring eight feet in diameter and estimated to contain 12 cords of wood.

SOME ONE TRIES TO FIRE THE COPPER FACTORY.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Wheeler, last Wednesday. About 25 were present.

SHELTON.

THE BOROUGH AND VICINITY.

The striking weavers of the Adams Cotton mill, after losing several days, went back to work on Monday last at the old wages.

A young child three years of age, son of Benjamin Foster, died from diphtheria, last Sunday and was buried in Derby.

A son of James Powers was shot in the head accidentally with a pistol in the hands of a playmate, the shooting being accidental. The bullet made a deep wound only, but it was a narrow escape from killing the boy.

E. S. Staples and wife went to Danbury on Tuesday to attend the wedding of his sister.

William W. Tomlinson has arrived from New Orleans, where he had an attack of illness. His wife went down and came back with him.

The Derby Union of Y. P. S. C. E. held its quarterly meeting in the Baptist church, last Monday evening, which was not nearly large enough to accommodate all that wished to attend. Rev G. C. Sauer of White Hills presided and the principal address was made by Rev F. A. Hatch of Danbury.

Howard Perry has been spending the past week with his parents on account of indisposition.

An infant child of George Good died on Saturday and was buried in Riverside cemetery last Sabbath.

Rev L. M. Keniston left on Saturday afternoon, for a few weeks' sojourn at Clifton Springs, N. Y., for the benefit of his health.

In New Haven County.

OXFORD.

PERSONAL CHAT.

Miss Ruth Sanford, who went to Owego N. Y., to attend the funeral of her uncle, Hon. B. J. Davis, is visiting there with her cousin, Mrs Anna Ward.

William G. Peck is to move this week to Seymour in order to be more convenient to his work in the brass mill.

Miss Susan Tucker closes her school at Red Oaks, this week, for a week's vacation.

Elmer Osborne has been in North Haven for a few weeks assisting his aunt, Mrs Helen Warner, in moving from there to Berlin.

Miss Bertha Whymbs, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs Elizabeth Williams on Riggs street has gone to St. Louis, Mo., to make her home for the future.

R. I. Sanford is having the house in the Center, recently vacated by John Govin, thoroughly cleaned, painted and repaired and expects to soon make his home there.

Miss Mary Chastfield, who is attending school in New Haven, spent Sunday at her home on Chestnut Tree Hill.

Ned Sanford, who is still at the New York veterinary college, arrived home, last week, for the summer vacation.

There are now many indications of the approach of spring. The mud is drying fast, so a person can get to Seymour without being more than half buried. The cheery little peepers or frogs have commenced their evening concerts and Monday three or four flocks of wild geese were seen winging their way northward.

MIDDLEBURY.

DEATH OF REV HAVEN L. FOOTE.

The many friends and parishioners of Rev Haven L. Foote will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred last week. For some time his health had been frail; he suffered from a cough, and had frequent attacks of dizziness. While in Middlebury he was compelled to go to a sanatorium for treatment. Although supplying Methodist pulpits, he was not a member of the Conference, but a local preacher, receiving his appointment under the presiding elder. He studied for awhile at Drew Theological school. His appointments were Unionville, Middlebury and North Canton. He was taken ill in January. The funeral services were held in the church in Canton, the interment being on Long Island, where his mother was buried. He leaves a wife and two children. He was friendly in his spirit and fervent in his pulpits work. He made many friends who will regret that his life work has closed at the early age of 29.

MR LOOMIS WILL BE MISSED.

S. N. Loomis has resigned his position as superintendent of the Briscoe farm and is to remove, the first of April, to his recently purchased farm near Chatham, N. Y., where he will be among his old friends. He will make specialties of poultry, gardening and dairying. Mr Loomis has held his position in a most acceptable manner. Understanding what he had undertaken, he has given skill, energy and faithfulness in every detail to the work. In the year they have been here, the family have endeavored themselves to the people of the town. Mr Loomis will be missed greatly from the Grange and church. Miss Sadie has been very popular in both churches.

The presiding elder, Rev Crandall North, will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday morning, March 28.

On account of the multiplicity of events that were bound to occur on Wednesday, March 24, the meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church has been postponed until Friday, when there will be an enthusiastic rally of the friends who desire to greet new comers, and to give a parting hand shake to the Loomis family, who have been so pleasantly associated with the church.

Starr Hoyt has been ill with lumbago.

Mr and Mrs Ralph Smith are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Master Harold Shelton Smith.

Mr Shepherdson's assistant this year is Mr Warren of Coventry. He is a member of the Grange.

Royal B-ers has returned from a few weeks' visit among his friends.

Heman Abbott and Miss Edy have a slight touch of the grip.

Mr Beers' little boys have been ill. Pearl is still quite sick.

Artisan Clark has removed his family to his father's place, which has been somewhat enlarged for their convenience.

Mr Hayward addressed the Grange on Tuesday evening, on the benefits of cooperation in purchasing.

Mr Cook of Waterbury is to occupy the house vacated by Artizan Clark.

The C. E. society gave a supper on Wednesday evening.

Mr Scott's son has purchased a horse and buggy and is boarding at home, which he finds much pleasanter than boarding in Waterbury.

Mr Judd has gone to Meriden to visit his daughter.

An entertainment was given in the Town hall on Wednesday evening under the direction of Prof Parker of New York city.

Married, in New York city, on Wednesday, March 24, Dr A. B. Smith, the father of Mrs J. O. Munson, to Mrs E. R. Braman, Rev A. D. Vail, D. D., officiating.

Mrs Farrill is ill.

Miss Candee is visiting Miss Bertha White.

Rev and Mrs J. O. Munson spent a few days in New Haven to be present at the reception given to Mrs Munson's father on his return with his wife.

Litchfield County News.

WATERTOWN.

ABLE ADDRESS BY HON. LYDNE HARRISON.

In spite of the weather quite a good audience turned out, last Friday evening, to listen to the address delivered before the Church club by Hon Lydne Harrison of New Haven on the "Evidence of the resurrection from a lawyer's standpoint." He spoke at some length on the power of religion of to-day and asked what would it have been if it had not been for the belief in the resurrection. Nothing would be known of Christ save a few scraps of history, gathered from Jewish writers such as Josephus. What was the underlying motive which led Christians to suffer martyrdom under Nero and other Roman emperors in those early days of the church if they did not believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and also in the general resurrection of all mankind? He spoke of the story of the Gospels as told by the evangelists and said in his opinion any difference in the four gospels tended rather to prove their truth than to disprove it. The whole address was intensely interesting as well as instructive. After the address the meeting adjourned to the lower room where a collation was served, after which Mr Harrison made some further remarks and a short address was made by Mr Cunningham. A vote of thanks was extended by those present to Mr Harrison.

RESULT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

At a special town meeting held at the Town hall, Monday, March 22, it was voted to appoint B. H. Matton and William J. Munson special agents for the town to have full power to act in the case of benefits and damages to property owners on the line of the new highway, said case being now pending before the Superior court. It has been understood that damages have been or will be, when the Superior court meets, awarded to H. T. Dayton, Atwood Brothers and Mrs S. T. Dayton and it is thought against this decision, if there is a slight chance of beating it, that the above agents have been appointed.

A POPULAR OFFICIAL.

The Washington special to the Court says that Congressman Hill has recommended to the president the appointment of Bennett C. Atwood for postmaster of Bristol, last week, given here since the Harrison administration and has practically the unanimous support of the republican party in Waterbury. His term of office under the last appointment expired some time ago and there is no reason to suppose that there will be any delay in the appointment for the present term.

THE WATERTOWN SPRING CATTLE SHOW.

The Waterbury Spring cattle show will be held in the meadow south of the residence of Samuel H. Peck, Thursday, April 1. Arrangements are being made to make the show a success, the same as it has been heretofore.

The winter term of the school in the Center district closed, last Friday afternoon. After one week's vacation the different rooms will enter upon their summer term.

Misses Mary and Maggie Kane attended the reception in Bristol, last week, given by the united societies of that place.

Tax Collector Margraff has settled up his accounts with the selectmen and Charles T. Hungerford has entered upon his duties of collecting taxes on the list of 1896.

Last Friday afternoon a horse belonging to Walter Whitney made things lively on Lightening avenue. For some cause or another the horse became frightened and started at a lively gallop past the old cemetery, crossing the railroad track just before the incoming train. Near Henry Twiss' wagon shop a tree got in his way and he proceeded onward minus the wagon. So far we haven't heard of any other damage.

John J. Galley of Bowdoin college visited his family here, last week.

Charles W. Atwood's new house was raised, last week.

BANTAM.

PERSONAL AND VILLAGE NOTES.

Flynn & Doyle have engaged Frank Bagley as a painter.

DRY GOODS SPECIALS!

Bi-bleached Linen Table Cloths, 60-in wide 28c. Gent's Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, Bi-bleached, would be cheap at 15c, for this sale 10c. Summer Corsets, a Bargain! Bi-bleached Gingham Aprons, with border 11-1/2, two for 15c. Ladies' White Aprons 15c, two for 25c. Children's Summer Dresses, made with leather stitched braid, good quality, 50c. Before you buy Carpets look at our new 3/4 ring samples. Prices lower than ever.

L. E. DAWSON,

NORTH WOODBURY, CONN.

er's farm while the latter runs a meat business in Watertown.

Mrs Charles Mores is in Milton nursing. Harry Kilbourn and Anna Doyle have been out of school with spring sickness.

Samuel Weston has moved from the Barr place into the house of Henry Palmer.

Mrs Henry Kuntz is boarding at Mrs William Wallace's.

Daniel Burns is moving into his newly purchased home, the Wadsworth place.

Amos Kilbourn is reported dangerously sick.

Services are being held in St Paul's church every Wednesday evening.

School closes Friday for a two weeks' vacation after a term of 12 weeks. The winter term was successful, the majority of the scholars making very satisfactory progress in their studies. The spring term will be of 10 weeks' duration. An opportunity will be given to some of the older girls, who wish to be teachers, to teach under the supervision of the teachers of the school. It is hoped, in this way to overcome to a considerable extent the defects that arise from many grades and few two-teacher schools, and yet maintain a worthy standard of instruction.

Miss Myra Emmons has been in Torrington. It is reported that one of our Bradleyville belles is to be married in May.

Lawrence Bissell says that any one who complains of the mud on Bantam Hill ought to move out of town.

At the auction of the Jones farm last week the farm was bid in for the Litchfield bank which holds the mortgage; and the lands by a New York gentleman representing a well known corporation.

F. G. Mallory of Sharon is painting for Flynn & Doyle and Alfred G. Lewis is blacksmithing.

Miss Alice Wedge has returned to her home in Danbury where she will remain for a few weeks and then return to Edgar Wedge's where she will stay during the summer.

BETHLEHEM.

TOWN AND PERSONAL JOTTINGS.

An invitation from Mr and Mrs Edward Howe and son was issued to the singers who have recently been under the leadership of Prof Skillon of Watertown, to meet at their residence on Wednesday evening of last week. Nearly all responded by their presence and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served in delicious cakes and maple sugar and the departing guests felt that it had been good to spend an evening with these genial people.

Mrs J. Edward Allen and little daughter have returned from several weeks' visit with friends in New Berlin and Atlanta.

Mrs Harvey Gillette, for many years a resident of this place but more recently of Lockport, N. Y., at the advanced age of 84 years is corresponding with old neighbors here. She is almost incapacitated from labor but her love for her old home (now occupied by J. E. Allen), prompts her to send messages here occasionally.

Mr W. R. Harrison has returned from several weeks' visit with friends in different parts of the state.

Mrs George C. Guild has been with Mrs David W. Thompson in New Haven.