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NEWTOWN, FRIDAY, APRIL 30.

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LAST WEEK	3100

Town Topics.

A. F. Clarke in Honolulu.

HE ARRIVED IN NEWTOWN, LAST WEEK, AFTER A VISIT TO CENTRAL AMERICAN CITIES AND THE SANDWICH ISLANDS. DELIGHTED WITH THE CLIMATE OF HONOLULU—WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT THE ANNEXATION FEVER IN HONOLULU.

A. F. Clarke arrived in Newtown, last week, having been absent on a trip to the Sandwich Islands about four months.

He sailed from New York on January 11, for Colon, passing over the Panama railway, to Panama, a distance of 47 miles. The railway follows the line of the canal, and thousands of dollars' worth of dismantled machinery was observed along the route of the canal. About 1500 men are still employed on the canal. At Panama he passed four days, and on the voyage to San Francisco stops were made at San Jose, San Blas, Acapulco, Mazatlan and other points.

Mr Clarke remained at San Francisco 12 days and on February 26 he sailed for Honolulu, where he arrived March 2. This he found a bustling city of 50,000, having the air of an American town. The business men and whites appear satisfied with the provisional government. He found the annexation sentiment strong in the island, and the business men of Honolulu are hopeful it may be brought about. There are about 30,000 Japanese on the island, and there is a considerable feeling of distrust with this element. Japan is believed to have an eye on this group of islands with a view of some day assuming their control.

While at Honolulu, Mr Clarke met President Dole of the provisional government, several times. He describes him as a pleasant man socially and very popular among the people. The climate he speaks of as simply perfect, the temperature ranging from 70 to 80 the year 'round. The plantations on the island are largely run by American capital.

On the return trip from San Francisco, Mr Clarke come by the Union Pacific, the Chicago and Northwestern and the Michigan Central. He expects to pass the summer in Newtown, which he regards, of course, as one of the most delightful country towns on the American continent.

Mrs James N. Lake of Bridgeport, passed Sunday with her son at Lake George.

Mr and Mrs L. M. Hawley of Danbury were guests at Mrs M. E. Botsford's at Lake George, on Sunday.

Miss S. A. Camp has accepted a position in a graded school at Terryville.

Hawleyville friends have raised a substantial purse for Mrs Benjamin Maynard, whose husband was recently killed by the cars, and on last week Tuesday Station Agent James, in behalf of the donors, presented her with about $45, some of it in cash and the balance in needful household supplies. This generous act is a credit to the good people of Hawleyville, and was heartily appreciated by the recipient of the gift.

Thomas F. Blake has brought suit against his father, Patrick Blake of Hanover district, claiming $5000 for services during a period of 12 years. Patrick Blake is a man of about 60 years of age, and is supposed to be worth $10,000 or more. He has a farm of some 200 acres in Hanover. Since his son left him he has rented his farm to a party in Bridgewater. Messrs Beecher & Canfield appear for Thomas F. Blake.

Mrs Allison P. Smith and daughter, Miss Hazel, are visiting Mrs Smith's parents, Mr and Mrs F. S. Hazen, in Springfield, Mass.

Rev and Mrs Linsley have been in New York, this week, and saw the great parade on Tuesday.

A son was born to Mr and Mrs Lester Coleman on Sunday, the 25th.

Mr and Mrs Samuel Wunderlich are the happy parents of a daughter, born on Sunday.

Personal—the gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. E. F. Hawley, Newtown; S. C. Bull, Sandy Hook; A. B. Blakeman, Botsford; B. Hawley & Co., Stepney.

Harry Mason took in the big parade in New York on Tuesday.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomachb all the year around. E. F. Hawley, Newtown; S. C. Bull, Sandy Hook; A. B. Blakeman; Botsford; B. Hawley & Co., Stepney.

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EASTON.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

The sociable at the hall, Tuesday evening, April 20, was one of the most successful ever held there. The program was interesting and well rendered. Among others, the drama, "Four Celebrated Characters," the tableaux, "The Gypsies Warning," the male quartette, the solo by Mr Weeks, and F. L. Wheeler's gramophone selections were much appreciated. The farce, "The Train to Manro," also elicited much applause. About 130 were present and the receipts at the door were $18.75. The program was as follows:

Instrumental duet, Misses Evelyn Banks and Alice Lyon.
Recitation, Miss Lora Clarke.
Gramophone selections, F. L. Wheeler.
Solo, Miss Maud E. Bowdy.
Drama, "Four Celebrated Characters," Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Gold Spinner, Red Riding Hood, represented by Misses Florence Candee, Alice Lyon, Evelyn Banks and Minnie Sherwood.
Solo and chorus, Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Lyon, Mr Gillette, Mr Banks
Gramophone, Mr Wheeler.
Tableaux, "The Gypsies Warning," Miss Maud Bowdy, Mrs John Wheeler, S. D. Powell
Solo, Rev W. M. Weeks.
Recitation, "Entertaining Sister's Beau," Miss Minnie Sherwood.
Male quartette, Messrs J. S. Tyler, W. A. Sherman, G. S. Gillette and G. J. Banks.
Gramophone, Mr Wheeler.
Farce, "The train to Manro," Nellie Wheeler, S. D. Powell, Willard Gillette.

A QUAIL STORY.

Last Friday, as Miss Georgia Dayton was passing the Baptist church, she was surprised to see two quails, which flew straight against the church and fell to the ground. Miss Dayton picked the birds up and found that one was dead, and the other stunned. They were large and plump. The circumstance was so unusual that it seemed worthy of mention.

The appraisal of the estate of the late Ernest V. Swartz, deceased, amounts to $2,000 on the real estate and $596 55 on the personal property, making a total of $2596.55.

George J. Banks has set in order the cabinet organ of Ambrose Marsh.

Gould & Jennings have the foundation laid for an addition to the south of their house.

Elsworth Andrews, ever alert to farming, has his crops nearly all in and is getting ready to plant corn.

There will be no services at Christ church next Sunday.

The people of Congregational church are invited to meet on the church green Saturday afternoon, and all who may find it convenient are invited to bring a tree in order that new trees may take the place of the old ones recently cut down.

Mrs James Ward recently returned from a week's visit with her sister and father in Hartford.

John D. Ward is kept busy all day at the steam saw mill since he was appointed overseer by Mr Bailey of all the sawing and carting at the mills. He has also five or six men boarding at his house.

Mrs Charles Silliman is entertaining for a few days, Miss Emily Burroughs, of Long Hill.

Friends of the family of Lewis Goodsell are pained to hear of his severe illness.

Charles Silliman spent a few days the past week in New Haven, calling on Mr Ayer and Mr Merritt, and other friends.

M. E. Banks has bought a car load of ashes and they have been carted this week from Stepney Depot by his men to enrich Maplewood farm.

Hugh McCullum is to renovate and fix up in modern style the Clarissa Silliman place, this summer. He also has work to do for Mrs Edwards, Charles Silliman and J. L. Perry.

STRATFORD.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHRIST CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of Christ church parish, held last Monday evening, the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: Senior warden, Walter Wilcoxsen; junior warden, John E. Holmes; clerk, C. F. Judson; treasurer, L. H. Todd; vestrymen, Alfred Burritt, William Nash, G. H. Booth, Charles Wilcoxsen, L. H. Tood, C. F. Judson, C. B. Curtis, F. F. Wells, E. J. Spall, F. H. Allen, Gilbert Edwards, David Coe, B. H. Merrick and George T. Jewell. Charles Wilcoxsen and G. H. Booth were chosen as delegates to the convention, with J. E. Holmes and David Coe as substitutes.

NO WINE BOTTLES BROKEN OVER THIS BOAT.

Capt Charles Crane's new boat was launched from Bidell's ship yard, last Thursday afternoon, in the presence of quite a crowd of people. The usual services attending a launching were somewhat varied. Instead of breaking a bottle of wine over the bows, as the vessel entered the water, the captain's daughter broke a bottle of ses water and the pastor of the Advent church of Bridgeport preached a short and appropriate sermon, suitable to the occasion.

A business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Methodist church, was held last week at the home of Mr and Mrs George Carey.

Miss Carrie Eurele has visited friends in New Haven.

The Goodrich wagon show pitched its tents in town last week and gave a very good performance. The prices of admission are low and the performers are quite equal to some seen in more pretentious shows.

The river fishermen are watching and expecting the arrival of the usual spring run of shad. The season promises to be unusually late.

The cold weather of last week Tuesday and Wednesday did very serious damage to the fruit trees and early vegetables in this vicinity.

Mr and Mrs W. O. Brown entertained a party of friends at a fish dinner at Minor Smith's, last week Tuesday evening. Guests from Seymour, New Haven, Bridgeport and this place were present.

Miss Palmer, one of the teachers in the graded school, was suddenly summoned to her home in Ogdensburg, N. Y., last week, on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Miss Hall, at one time a teacher in the graded school, has recently visited friends in town.

Misses Helen and Ethel Curtis, daughters of the late Frederick Curtis, a former Stratford boy, and brother of Charles B. and Robert W. Curtis, of this town, have purchased the house on lower Main street built a few years since by Benjamin Holmes on what is known as the Betsey Stratton lot. Mr Holmes has one lot remaining, on which it is reported he is soon to build another house.

C. Eugene Beardsley and family have moved into Mrs W. H. Curtis' house on King street.

William Twiss and family are to occupy the S. W. Beardsley house on King street.

W. R. Randall, who has been living in the Curtis place on King street, has removed to the house formerly occupied by Mr Hodges, in the upper part of the town. It is reported that he has applied for a liquor license.

Rev E. G. Fullerton, of the Park street Congregational church, Bridgeport, preached at Oronoque last Wednesday day evening. Rev J. S. Ives of the Stratford Congregational church was also present.

Rev J. S. Ives united in marriage Miss Bertha Gabler and George C. Lyons, at the house of Mr and Mrs Stiles Smith, on Barnum avenue, one evening last week, in the presence of a large number of the friends of the contracting parties. A large delegation from Evening Star lodge, D. of R., was present.

Principal Corlew feels greatly encouraged by the interest manifested in the Mothers' Meeting, which was held one afternoon last week. Supt Deane of Bridgeport gave a very interesting address and Mrs Brown sang.

Mrs Minor Smith, who has been living in Newtown for some time back, paid her husband a visit at his well known hotel a few days since, and made things hum until taken away by some of her friends. She is reported to have pretty nearly cleaned the place out of both furniture and inmates.

Rev Joel S. Ives has offered the mission people, who are holding services in Booth's block, the use of the Congregational lecture room for their services.

"Mr Bob," the play given in the Town hall for benefit of the truck company, was well attended, and gave satisfaction to all present.

Mrs and Miss Ely have returned from New York and will occupy their place on Stratford avenue, this summer.

William H. Curtis is now manager for McNamara's store.

Charles A. Plumb, Jr., and J. J. Neville opened a new fish market in the old library building last week.

Mrs Charles H. Silliman is still seriously ill, but Dr Wright of Bridgeport and Dr Lewis the attending physicians, both think she has a chance for recovery, unless other complications occur. Her sister, Helen Birdseye Curtis, who came home to spend her Easter vacation, will not return to Wellesley college the present term, she thinking it her duty to remain with her sister during her illness.

William Nash has been very ill but is reported as better. Mr Nash is one of the old men of the town, and has always been a very active and energetic man.

Charles J. Hughes of Bridgeport has recently placed a very neat monument in the Putney cemetery for the late Everett Wheeler and family. Marble head stones were standing at the graves but Fred Wheeler, of Meriden, one of the sons, thought it best to put up something more substantial and gave Mr Hughes the order. The monument bears the names of Everett Wheeler, his wife and all his children. It is a very substantial structure and will probably stand for centuries.

PLATTSVILLE.

PETERSON BOUND OVER.

In the court of George J. Banks, justice of the peace, held at Bright's hall on Tuesday, the 13th, at 10 o'clock a. m., Peter Peterson was bound over to the Superior Court for trial. The charge was assault with intent to kill, upon the person of Hanford Lyon, an aged man, who appeared in court with the marks made by the desperado on his face.

Elmer E. Smith is building a roof over the balcony on the second floor and will enclose it with windows, making a convenient place for flowers.

Ambrose Marsh has been laid up for two weeks with rheumatism. He was out on crutches, last Saturday.

George B. Gregory is building an addition to the rear of his house to be used for a kitchen and chamber.

BRIDGEPORT.

BREEZY NOTES FROM A BUSY CITY.

Smith & Murray, ever awake to the interest of their patrons, engaged Prof Miller, the celebrated pianist, and his concerts, last week, were a source of much pleasure to his hearers. The store was made as attractive as possible and patrons had a chance to view many new fashions.

The prevailing color, violet, was admirably displayed in the decorations of one of Howland & Co.'s windows, last week. It was truly termed a "violet window" and the display consisted of the latest perfumes and soap by the leading perfumers. It caused a good deal of praise to be given to this enterprising firm and to their window designer.

Sunday the season opened formally and the parks were crowded with bicyclists and pedestrians. The Traction company ran open cars and did a thriving business.

Miss Sadie Bates of New London was the guest of Mrs Minnie Middlebrooks, last week.

Edward Liefield, of the Pembroke laundry, who has lived in the Parrott block on Fairfield avenue, for the past three years, will soon move with his family to pleasant apartments on Center street.

C. A. French and P. Simon of Danbury went to Brooklyn to-day to give an exhibition of the Bridgeport Fire Extinguisher, at the Brooklyn navy yard. They were sent for by request and will compete with a Philadelphia apparatus. Mr Simon is treasurer of the Bridgeport Co.

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