

## FROM SUBURBAN TOWNS

## NAUGATUCK NEWS

Dancing Class Had a Reception in Barnum's Hall Last Night.

Professor Sullivan's dancing class gave a reception at Barnum's hall last night. A very large crowd was present. The grand march started at 9 o'clock and was led by Professor Sullivan and Miss Sullivan, of Waterbury. There were forty couples in the march and it was one of the most unique seen in some time. Dancing then took place and was indulged in until 12 o'clock. Professor Coleman promptly in his usual good-natured way and received praise. There were many out of town people present, they being from Waterbury, Seymour and Andover.

## Notes.

Victor Norling, now stationed at the recruiting station at Fort Slocum, is in town visiting relatives. He leaves for the Philippines next month.

The Bryan and Stevenson banner has been repaired and once more hangs in place.

A month's mind requiem mass will be celebrated at St. Francis's church to-morrow morning for the late Patrick Conran.

The festival of St. Luke was celebrated at St. Michael's church yesterday. The Rev. Mr. Scott conducted the services.

A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Baxter of Johnson street.

The town clerk and selectmen will be in the town clerk's office until 8 o'clock tonight for the purpose of making voters.

The glue club of the High school, together with the teachers, left on the 8:24 train this morning for New Haven, where they will attend the teachers' convention.

Superintendent of Schools Eaton, Principal Sandborn and Director of Music Minor attended the banquet to President Hadley of Yale last night.

There was no session of the borough court today. One transient was the guest of Chief Schmidt last night.

George Lanonette, of Meriden, was in town yesterday, the guest of friends.

The Naugatuck High school and Andover High school foot ball teams will play on Athletic field to-morrow afternoon. The game will start at 2:30 sharp.

First division, A. O. H. will hold a meeting to-night. A full attendance is requested.

The funeral of Andrew Wunder was largely attended this morning from St. Francis's church. The interment was in St. James's cemetery.

The board of assessors will be in Room 5, town hall building, to-night, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

Everything is in readiness for the grand concert and dance to be given to-night in Columbus hall, under the auspices of St. Francis's A. B. society. There will be a parade at 7:30 through the principal streets of the borough, headed by the Naugatuck drum corps. This event is the opening of Columbus hall and it is expected that a large number of people will be present.

## STORY OF A SLAVE.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by G. L. Dexter & Co., Drugs.

## BITS FROM GERMANY.

Since 1894 nearly 350 men living in Bremerhaven, Germany, have lost their lives by the wrecking or burning of ships.

All British mail contracts are submitted to public competition, each contract being awarded to the lowest responsible bidder of any nationality.

When a woman talks all the time. The man whose wife talks all the time should not complain. For while she chatters he may rest his tired brain.

What though she talks of things for which he doesn't care? He gets no chance to answer, so he just sits there. And nods while she keeps going on. And on, without discovering that he has not heard or been entertained by what she talked about. —Chicago Times-Herald.

## Sunshine in Hamburg.

Hamburg had 82 days in 1899 when the sun was not visible at all. There were in all 1,367 hours of sunshine, or 400 hours less than in Heligoland.

## Prohibition of Automobiles.

The canton of Graubunden, in Switzerland, has passed a law prohibiting the operation of automobiles within the limits of the canton.

Want Americans to Do the Work. The Siamese government has asked for American bids for the construction of a plant for the manufacture of ammunition in that country.

## OAKVILLE HAPPENINGS

Mr. Wells was in Waterbury Wednesday evening and intended to take the last trolley car home, but missed it and decided to walk. When he reached the vicinity of Morningside, three unknown men sprang out from a dark place on the side of the road, seized him and beat him unmercifully. Some of his teeth were broken. He was then choked into insensibility and robbed of \$17 which he had in his pocket. When he regained consciousness he got home as soon as he could and related his experience. It is a wonder he escaped with his life. Clarence Morey is reported as being very sick.

Ruth Jerman, daughter of W. W. Jerman, is suffering with an attack of rheumatism.

Trolley tracks are being laid near the residence of R. M. Bablin.

Mrs. William Comber is back from Middletown much improved in health. There was no school in the schoolhouse on Newton heights today, the teacher, Miss Susan Chambers, attending the annual state convention held in New Haven.

## A THOUSAND TONGUES

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help but she says of this Royal Cure: "It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will everyone who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at G. L. Dexter & Co's Drug Store; every bottle guaranteed.

## SENDING LEMONS TO CHINA.

I know a rancher who is engaged all these days in shipping lemons to China. The market is at Canton and the fruit is sent out from San Francisco by the regular steamers. It was a new experience to me to talk with a man who is selling his fruit regularly and profitably after its journey has circled the globe on its way to the consumer. The grower told me he had received an average of \$3 a box since the initial shipment was made on March 1 last. Advice from the receiver of these lemons at Canton state that they are smoother, juicier and thinner skinned than the Italian fruit received at Canton. They further state that there was only one competitor in the market—an Italian dealer. This indicates the undeveloped condition of the Oriental trade and the ignorance of the market demands of the Chinese ports. —Los Angeles Times.

## ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunk, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying Electric Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." So one should fail to try them. Only 50c ets. guaranteed, at G. L. Dexter & Co's Drug Store.

Cameo Cutter's Nerve-Trying Work. The cameo cutter can put in only a few hours' work at a time as a usual thing because of the tension on his nerves. A quivering hand may be responsible for the single stroke which will spoil a week's work. He must have an eye almost like a microscope and a very delicate touch; he must be an artist in soul and as skillful a craftsman as is a watchmaker; he must know how to model and draw, and he must have a knowledge of chemistry, so as to remove offending spots. The work is executed in relief on many kinds of hard or precious stones, but essentially the chalcidonic variety of quartz and on shell. —Chicago Chronicle.

## Fall of Rain and Snow.

The average annual total of water which falls as rain or snow in the United States is 1,407 cubic miles. This amount of rain would more than twice fill Lake Ontario. To raise this water to the clouds from which it fell would require the work of 500,000,000 horses working ten hours a day throughout the year.

Meat Preserved by Freezing. Meat has been preserved in a frozen state for 30 years and found perfectly edible at the end of that time.

Favorite Dish in Burgundy. Dried curds and goat's cheese, kept in wood ashes for a year, is a favorite dish in Burgundy.

One Kind of Polly. It is not wise to cut down the thistles in such a way as to scatter the seeds. —Ram's Horn.

## WATERTOWN JOTTINGS

Lowering of Academy Hill Has Been Commenced.

The roadmen have commenced the work of lowering the Academy hill. The first place to be lowered is the very steep pitch near the residence of Homer Hemmingsway. The dirt which is taken from this piece of road, is being used to grade on the other. Roadmaster Lynn is in charge of the work.

## Notes.

Joseph Edge is home from the Adirondack mountains, where he has been spending a few months in hopes of bettering his health. Mr. Edge is confined to his bed.

Raymond Townsend of Yale university was in town yesterday coaching the Taft football team.

The Law and Order league men who made a raid here a few days ago, are at present making a tour through the town of Woodbury endeavoring to rid the place of its saloon resorts. So far in this section the league has had very good success.

The school teachers left on the 7:42 train this morning for New Haven, to attend the teachers' convention there.

Frank Turkington has returned from a trip through New York state. The regular meeting of the K. of P. was held in the Pythian hall last night.

The bell for the new Catholic church has been placed in the tower. The bell was rung for the first time Thursday afternoon.

The Watertown second team are playing the Taft second team on the fair grounds this afternoon. The lineup of the local boys is as follows: Beers, c; Shields, and Wintermute, guards; Wilkinson and Bellamy, tackles; Currie and Crittenden, ends; Kieley, S. B. McGowan and Evans, halfbacks; Therault, fullback.

Republican caucus at the town hall to-night.

The Grange held their regular meeting last night.

## HUMOROUS.

If you are out driving in a storm don't attempt to hold the reins. —Chicago Daily News.

Edith—"I know your intended is wealthy, but I heard last evening that he was awfully cold." Edna—"Yes, he was." —Town Topics.

Upon being burned, money sends up blinding fumes, under the cover of which many things otherwise impossible may readily be done. —Detroit Journal.

"I don't see why the men all think Miss Greenstreet such a charming conversationalist." "Why, she gives them a chance to say something once in awhile." —Philadelphia Bulletin.

Discouraging to Sickness.—First Villager—"There is much less sickness since the new doctor came." Second Villager—"Yes, he is so much harder to beat out of his bills than the old doctor was." —Detroit Journal.

"The complainant," said the judge, "says you attempted to knock his head off." "Your honor," said the defendant, "he stood in front of my house singing 'All I Want is a Little Bit Off the Top' as loud as he could yell, and I thought I ought to accommodate him." —Indianapolis Press.

The Court—"What is Mr. Bilbitt's reputation for truth and veracity?" The Witness—"I should say it is very bad—or it ought to be. It was only yesterday that he told me he fully understood the Chinese situation, and has understood it from the first." —Boston Transcript.

Mr. A. (before the full length portrait of a girl)—"Oh, if only knew the painter of this!" Artist (stepping forward joyfully)—"Permit me, madam, to introduce myself as the painter." Mrs. A.—"What an extraordinary good luck! Now you will tell me—won't you—the address of the dressmaker who made this girl's frock?" —Pearson's Weekly.

## GOING HOME RICH.

Laplenders Who Took a Herd of Reindeer to Alaska for the Government.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of education for Alaska, has conveyed across the continent 25 Laplanders who were sent by the government to Alaska 30 months ago with reindeer and who are now on their way home to Jokkonk. The Laplanders, says the New York Sun, were sent to Alaska early in the Klondike excitement to raise reindeer that were to be used as beasts of burden and food by the starving miners. The Klondikers were found to be less needy than was supposed, and the deer were not used for food. The Laplanders were employed as mail carriers and deer drivers at a salary of \$208 a year each, besides food and clothing. They are now going home rich beyond the dreams of avarice with from \$600 to \$700 each, enough to keep their families in affluence for years.

Of the 540 deer imported by the government many died of starvation before they reached the tundra, hay being found so rich a diet that they would not eat it. Later 700 reindeer were brought over from Siberia, and the Alaska herd now numbers nearly 3,000. Dr. Jackson says the services of the Laplanders to care for them are no longer needed, and that they will increase rapidly under government protection. He looks for them to become ultimately an important source of wealth in interior Alaska.

Science Improves on Nature. A diseased larynx caused loss of voice to a man in Sydney, Australia. Prof. Stuart, of the University of Sydney, made an artificial larynx, and it can be so regulated as to make the voice soprano, tenor, contralto or bass, whichever the man chooses.

## STEEPLES TO BURN.

Texas Church That Is Well Supplied with Ornamentations.

The German Architect's Funny Story of His Experience with the Officers of a Baptist Society in the Lone Star State.

The chief engineer's draughtsman, Mr. Beck, was a severe-looking German, who rarely cracked a smile, and more rarely told stories. When not otherwise engaged, his favorite occupation was to keep his limekiln going; in other words, to stuff and light his pipe. One evening, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, when the stock of camp lore was near low-water mark, he was, after much persuasion, induced to unobscure himself.

"Here isn't much to tell. I came to Texas 15 years ago, and as I didn't know a word of English, went to San Antonio to look for a job. I am an architect and worked for von old German rascal two years for \$15 a month and board. I was so green dot I took me two years to find out dot my work was worth more money. Den I got mat and quit and hung out my own sign.

"In tree days I got my first independent job. It was a plan for a Baptist church in a town 60 miles from de railroad. I made a very fine plan of von imitation Gothic church and went to de town to see de deacons. Dere was only five deacons, but dey made me trouble enough for a dozen. Von deacon he liked de steeple very much, and tree didn't want any chincherbreat work on it at all. De oder deacon didn't care about de steeple, but said dat de roof was too sheep, and de breacher said dat my bulpit was alright for a Catholic church, but not for a Baptist church. De five deacons was rich gatlemans and made a great deal of fuss about de plan, and before de meeting was over dey got to fighting about it. Von got shot in de arm, and de breacher he got a black eye, which was intended for anoder man. I jumped out of der vinder and run to de hotel, but as I couldn't get a hack dat evening I hat to stay in town.

"About six o'clock next morning de deacon vat was shot in de arm came to

my room and asked me if I could make a plan for anoder kind of steeple. I showed him my design book, and ven he saw de picture of de minaret on a Turkish mosque, he was vild vild delight. 'Dat's choost vat I am looking for; put dat in de plan.' Den came anoder deacon, and told me he didn't like six-cornered or round steeple; he wanted a good Hardshell Baptist tower vild four corners. I found von in de book dat suited him egacely. 'Put dat on de church,' says he, and goes downstairs. Before I could get to breakfast, in comes anoder deacon and said he didn't want no candle extinkwishes on de church, and selecting a high, slender steeple from de book, he told me to put dat in de plan.

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TEXAS COMPOSITE ARCHITECTURE.

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## BEHIND THE FOOTLIGHTS.

May Irwin has purchased some property in New York city, for which she paid \$40,000.

Jean de Reszke, according to Dr. Holbrook Curtis, who examined him in Paris recently, is now in an excellent voice as ever, the rumors of his injured vocal chords being quite baseless.

May Yohe, by latest account, will star this season in the "Little Duchess," and not in "The Gay Grissette." Both attractions will be put forth by A. H. Chamberlain.

J. M. Barrie's new play is now under rehearsal at the Garrick theater, London. The drama—it is a much more serious piece than Mr. Barrie's hitherto written—is in four acts and the title has not yet officially transpired.

Mascagni's new opera, "Maschera," was recently performed before a large number of musicians in the drawing-room of Sig. Felice Robert, of Rome.

The various parts were sung by professional vocalists and the accompaniments were played on a piano. It has transpired that in the music for his latest opera Mascagni has to a considerable extent adopted the manner of the last century; indeed, it is affirmed that the overture is almost Mozartian in style. Among the most attractive numbers, a "pavane" after the seventeenth century model, a "tarantella," two vocal quartets and a march are mentioned. Some of the characters of old Italian pantomime figure in Mascagni's new comic opera, but the love interest is said to be a strong feature.

## VARIOUS INDUSTRIES.

English bankers in China give native commercial men a name for strict business honesty.

The number of manufacturing establishments in the United States has nearly doubled since 1890.

At the village of Wallington, near Croydon, England, lavender-growing as a commercial undertaking, is prospering to a greater degree than ever before, while peppermint, pennyroyal, rosemary and camomile are also grown.

The Minneapolis Times declares that in the year 1899 there were manufactured in the city of Minneapolis 14,290,000 barrels of flour. This would require over 70,000,000 bushels of wheat, or nearly 200,000 bushels for every day in the year.

One of the big trans-Atlantic steamship companies has installed a telephone service on its dock at Hoboken. This is connected with the steamers lying there, so that the passenger leaving for Europe may from his stateroom transact business up to the minute of sailing.

There are 120 firms in Germany engaged in the acetylene industry. Most of the burners are made at Nuremberg. There are not less than 26 small towns in Germany lighted by acetylene gas. The first plant of this kind for lighting small towns in Germany was erected at Hassfurt, a town of 2,500 inhabitants.

## IN OUR ISLAND DOMAIN.

Nearly 67,000 householders in Cuba have registered their intention to remain subjects of Spain.

There are still about \$500,000 worth of unredeemed Porto Rican money in circulation in the island.

A naval officer who has spent much time in Manila says that the women, and even young girls, seem to grow old and faded from day to day from the effects of the climate.

A curious cave has been discovered two miles from Hilo, Hawaii. The cave runs toward the mountain in the form of a tunnel. Down the middle of the cave is a ditch that looks like the bed of an ancient stream. This channel is about three feet deep and four feet wide, with evenly worn sides, forming two benches. On one of these benches was found the skeleton of a woman, in sitting posture.

Among the perquisites which have fallen to Gov. Allen, of Porto Rico, besides the palace of Ponce, is the magnificent private yacht, Mayflower, owned by the government. It was built by Watson on the Clyde for the late Ogden Goellet and cost \$900,000. It is 321 feet over all and 275 on the water line. The beam is 36 feet 6 inches and the hold 30 feet deep. The government paid \$500,000 for it. It was assigned to Sampson's squadron in the war of 1898, and did considerable work.

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