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Editorial Ink Drops.

Has the mammoth eel recently captured at Sandy Hook any connection with the sea serpent which has so agitated the Bridgeport daily papers and the good people of Stratford?

THE BEE isn't a medium for working off personal grudges against your neighbor. Communications catalogued under this head take the express line for the waste basket.

Every citizen will do well to carefully read the rules established by the town health officer, Dr E. M. Smith, which will be found in full in another column. There are also included the quarantine rules adopted by the health officers of Fairfield county.

The peach commissioners during teh last year condemmed over half a million peach trees affected with the yellows, which is a surprising statemant. Mr Hubbard is of the opinion, however, that the commissioners have the disease well in hand. The number of trees destroyed this year would indicate there is as yet little abatement of the disease. To-day there is a better understanding of the work of the commissioners on the part of the growers and the growers have a better idea of the method of caring for the trees and handling the disease, and he thinks that there will be a gradual elimination of the number of trees destroyed, until Connecticut orchards are full of healthy trees.

The rather remarkable fact is said to be true that in this country where there is a plenty of land, more farms are worked by tenants proportionately than in some nations of Europe where land is neither cheap nor abundant. George K Holmes, who has been collecting statistics on this line for the United States census, presents some reasons in the current Quarterly Journal of Economics for this deplorably high per cent of farm tenancy. Mr Holmes believes the ranks of the tenants are not replenished from those who have lost their farms through profitless industry, but from those who have never held farm property and who would be farm laborers were they not farm tenants. In some sections, Mr Holmes believes that the increase in tenancy is in part, at least, a reaction from the cultivation of too large farms, as a farm has been divided up the portions are let out. But another cause is the rush of the farmers' sons to the cities, and while this drift urbanward keeps up farm tenancy will doubtless continue to increase. The Springfield Republican, in a thoughtful editorial, hardly agrees with Mr Holmes. This paper diagnoses the cases something as follows: "Farming has not been comparatively profitable. It can be made anywhere to yield a comfortable living. But large compstencies are not won here. The large fortunes which fire the eyes of the young American have not been gained in agriculture. No turn of a wheel here yields sudden riches. Literally in the sweat of the brow is every grain of a modest living wrung from the soil. The fine things that clothe and satisfy the vanities of life are not to be had on a farm without a toll that makes their enjoyment difficult. It is, therefore, not wonderful that in view of the way fortunes have been won in other occupations, the drifts of the farmers' sons is as it is. To some extent the fiscal and economical policies of government are responsible for this striking and disturbing difference. But in the main it is a result of causes which attach to the nature of industrial development in its different lines in a new and rich country under the regime of individual undertaking. It is a difference, however, which will become less striking as the country grows older and the congestion of population in cities becomes so pronounced as to be unbearable. Then we may see something of a drift back to the farms again; and then, and not till then, probably, will we see the increase in farm tenancy stopped." And here are the suggestive figures on the question of farm tenancy:

PER CENT OF FARMS WORKED BY TENANTS.

Sweden,	17.36	Germany,	34.31
Portugal,	28.17	Holland,	39.60
France,	28.94	Italy,	55.19
Norway,	31.82	Great Britain	
Belgium,	3.02	nearly,	100.00
United States,	34.06		

In Fairfield County.

MONROE.

THE FAIRFIELD EAST CONSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Fairfield East Consociation of Congregational churches was held in the Monroe Congregational church, Tuesday, October 29. The bracing air of an ideal October day and a pleasant country ride brought the delegates and visitors to Monroe in the best of spirits for the yearly meeting. The pulpit and chancel of the church, arrayed in the beautiful colors of autumn, were charming in their tastefulness and simplicity.

Soon after the scheduled hour the consociation was called to order by the moderator, Rev Albert F. Pierce of Danbury. Rev Joel S. Ives of Stratford, the registrar of consociation, served in the capacity of scribe of the meeting. After devotional services led by the moderator, the roll of the churches was called and the following delegates were found present: Bridgeport, First church, Rev Charles Ray Palmer, D. D., pastor emeritus, and T. C. Worden, delegate; Bridgeport, Park street, Rev E. G. Fullerton, pastor; Bridgeport, Olivet church, Rev E. K. Holden, pastor, and F. G. Hedenberg, delegate; Bridgeport, West End, Rev C. F. Stimson, pastor, and H. H. Nettleton, delegate; Newtown, William Fairchild, delegate; Redding, Rev C. F. Luther, pastor, W. A. Lounsbury, delegate; Brookfield, Rev C. W. Francis, pastor, J. M. Ford, delegate; Danbury, Rev A. F. Pierce, pastor; Danbury, Second, Rev F. A. Hatch, pastor, Platt Crofut, delegate; Huntington, Rev A. J. Park, pastor, and Dea O. G. Beard, delegate; Monroe, Rev A. R. Lutz, pastor, Dea Wells W. Lewis, delegate; Shelton, Rev L. W. Keneston, pastor, and Charles Z. Morse, delegate; Stratford, Rev Joel S. Ives, pastor, C. C Wells, delegate; Trumbull, Rev W. F. White.

The following committees were also appointed: Nominating committee, Rev Messrs Keneston and Luther and Platt Crofut; committee on New Fairfield church, Rev Messrs Pierce and Hatch; committee on minute of death of Rev William J. Jennings, Revs Joel S. Ives and Claire F. Luther. Redding was appointed as the place for the annual meeting of 1896. Rev Messrs Pierce and Ives were re-elected, the former as moderator, the latter as registrar of the consociation for the ensuing year. Mr Ives was elected a director of the missionary society of Connecticut. Rev Messrs Luther and Hatch and Dea J. W. Northrop will constitute the standing committee for the following year.

Next in order were the reports from the churches. The delegates, almost without exception, reported decided progress and encouraging results. In the case of a few churches, the reports were unusually good. A short prayer service followed, during which prayers of thankfulness were fervently offered to Almighty God for His blessings upon the churches during the past year.

At 12 30 p. m. the morning session adjourned for the noon recess, during which a collation was served in the church parlors. The ladies of the congregation did themselves excellent credit in many ways. The hospitable board was spread with a most bountiful and savory dinner. The moderator succeeded admirably in getting the afternoon session started promptly at 1.30. The subject, "Our Country Churches," was presented in three of its aspects. Rev Mr Ives gave a forcible and convincing address on "The past, present and future of our country churches. The speaker reviewed briefly the causes that lead to the formulation of our churches, the demands upon the churches then and the ways in which those demands were met. Then facts of present conditions were cited and an interpretation of these facts as to their underlying significance was given. A true diagnosis having thus been reached, the remedies easily suggested themselves. As a concrete example Rev Mr Ives took up the various social clubs, the country Grange, etc., and showed how these are used to satisfy a constitutional need of human nature and how the church, if it is wise, must in a different way supply the same natural cravings. This excellent address closed with the urgent appeal that for the future we look forward and up and trust God. Let us not bewail the fact that for many a year we have not had a revival but rather let us say "God helping us, we will have a revival this year."

Rev Mr Luther took up the second aspect of the subject, "Old and new methods—adjustment of work to new conditions." The kingdom of Heaven is a treasury out of which one who is wise can bring forth just what may be needed. This is true as to what will be needed to meet the new conditions. We may say that the old methods have always been three, viz., 1, Preaching; 2, Praying; 3, Catechetical instruction. New methods are those that have come in for the maintenance of the three old methods indicated. The following factors were mentioned as aiding in the adjustment of old and new methods: The library and reading room, beautifying and enriching the church service, organizing and centralizing church forces. Mr Luther commended to the consociation with warmth of conviction the Ohio plan of federation of the various temperance organizations and anti-saloon elements. The practical suggestions of Rev Mr Luther's address were followed by Rev Mr Hatch's paper on the third phase of the general subject,—the part of the country churches in social reform. In this paper a presentation of the sociological side of the country church problem was given. The contents of the address were fresh and timely. The paper was so well liked that Dea Beard of Huntington presented a motion which received the sanction of the consociation, to have the address published in full in THE NEWTOWN BEE. We refrain, therefore, from giving an extract of the substance of this vigorous presentation of a timely and most important subject.

The time allotted to the consideration of this subject having expired, the consociation moved to extend the time 15 minutes for general discussion in which delegates Deas Beard and Wells and Rev Mr Park participated.

At the suggestion of Mr Park it was voted to hold a series of fellowship meetings in Fairfield county during the coming months. The report of the committee on minute on Rev Mr Jennings death was adopted. The minute reads:

"The Fairfield East Consociation humbly desires to put on record our high appreciation of our brother, William J. Jennings, who was called to his reward on the fifth of October, 1895. His long service in the ministry, his scholarly habits, his fidelity in every trust and his warm christian spirit awaken our sincere feeling of our loss, our sympathy to loving friends and our thankfulness for the heritage which is ours, in the faith and zeal and prayer that never dies."

Rev Charles Ray Palmer, D. D., gave his report on meeting of the national council and the A. B. C. F. M. This highly esteemed and long standing member of the consociation received a most careful and respectful hearing. Dr Palmer reported the recent meeting of the council as one of the best meetings of that body ever held. Entire harmony at the meeting. The council demonstrated its unifying effect for which it distinctively stands. The address of Dr Quint, the retiring moderator, made a profound impression and was a model for an address of its kind. Dr Brand's paper on "Preaching for the times," a thoroughly good one. Dr Barry, the delegate from England, made a most excellent impression. Dr Gladden gave an effective address on Monday evening. The council may be criticised for its miscellaneous character and for having too much routine business. Christian unity was very prominent at the council. At the meeting of the American Board Dr Gordon's sermon was good. The gathering as a whole was of admirable tone and good spirit. Two new features, 1, Simplifying of methods for the meeting and, 2, Large time for missionaries from the field. A large C. E. meeting on Wednesday evening. Effective speeches. The responsibility of missions has been laid where it belongs—squarely upon the churches. This report closed what was considered, if one may judge from the general expressions of opinion, a good all-around meeting, admirable in spirit, practice in its discussions and most hopeful in its faith. It was most gratifying to see so many people from the community present.

Found, in Long Hill street, a nice black robe by Samuel B. Hurd of Monroe. The owner can have same by identifying it.

Mr and Mrs George F. Beardsley moved Wednesday, to Brooklyn.

Mrs F. B. and Miss Jessie Wheeler have been spending a week at Clarke Beardsley's.

Frank Lynson Beardsley was in town. Sunday

Mrs R. B. Curtis is at Ira Wildman's for a few days.

Town Clerk Nichols' house, barns, etc., are all painted in fine style, the colors being two shades of a soft gray, very pretty indeed.

BETHEL.

AN INTERESTING MASONIC GATHERING

Eureka lodge, No. 83, entertained a large delegation of visiting brethren on Tuesday night when the third degree was exemplified. Prominent among the visitors was a delegation from St John's lodge, No. 6, of Norwalk, who conducted the work to the edification of all present. This lodge has one of the best degree teams in the state, and the work on Tuesday night was very fine. Among the visiting brethren from Norwalk were A. C. Wheeler, W. M; J. H. Wade, S. W; A. E. Austin, acting J. W; F. S. Bette, S; H. M Kent, S. D; C. F. Osborn, J. D; George E. Curtis, S. S; W. M. Mead, J. S; P. M. D. C. Nash, organist; A. A. Betts, marshal; E. N. Sloan, W. E. Baxton, C. P. Keeler, H. E. Bishop, A. E. Boehme, G. S. Lockwood, C. Ford Seeley, A. C. Golding, John C. Forbush, Ira Morehouse, J. T. Hubbell. A large delegation was also present from Union lodge of Danbury, Hiram lodge, No 18, of Sandy Hook and other lodges. Following the work a generous luncheon was served, during which time informal speeches were made by several of the visitors. Eureka lodge of Bethel has one of the finest lodge rooms in this section, and is a wide awake lodge. The present officers are: A. J. Hallock, W. M; T. C. Manfield, S. W; C. K. Bailey, J. W; Philo Gilbert, T; John Mansfield, S; Charles Bailey, C; S. E. Perkins, S. D; O. N. Thorpe, J. D; A. C. Saxton, S. S; J. R. Blanchard, J. S; B. H. Spork, organist; A. B. Lockwood, marshal; J. Eugene Conklin, tyler.

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DON'T MISS IT.

The King's Daughters are to give an entertainment and supper at the Methodist church on the evening of Tuesday, November 5, which no one should fail to attend. Extensive preparations are being made to make the occasion a most enjoyable one. The evening will open with literary exercises by local talent, at 7.30 oclock, which will be of merit. At 8 o'clock supper will be served, none of your ordinary suppers, but a real old fashioned New England supper, with baked beans and all the old time edibles cooked to a turn by Stepney's best housewives. The tables will be waited upon by charming waitresses costumed in the styles of "ye olden time." Reserve this evening for this event and remember that if the evening should prove a stormy one, the supper will take place the first fair evening.

Work in getting ready for the fine new iron bridge that is to cross the stream near Blacksmith Smalley's shop at the Depot, began on Monday. The old bridge was torn away and travelers for the Depot are obliged to go around the other way with their teams. The work laying up the new stone work has been going merrily on and it now looks as if it would be but a short time before the new bridge is in its place and thrown open to public travel. Selectman Stephen Hayes has put a force of men under the direction of Hugh Higgins of Long Hill to lay up the stone foundations.

The farmers' wagons have drave heavily under their piled up loads of apples that have been making their way in great numbers towards the cider mills for the past two weeks.

Mrs Schmitz and daughter from Stamford have been guests at the home of Mr Mrs John Benedict, at the Depot.

Mr and Mrs R. H. Broderick and family from Bridgeport passed Sunday as guests at the home of Andrew Leavenworth.

Both churches were favored with large audiences at the services, last Sunday.

John Benedict has been kept very busy for the past two weeks putting stoves in their winter positions. Their warmth is not unwelcome these chill fall mornings and evenings.

Mr and Mrs D. L. Fillow from Norwalk passed Sundsy very pleasantly with Mr and Mrs G. W. Sims, at the Depot.

John B. Giles from Bridgeport was in town, last week, enjoying a few day's sport hunting with Charles B. Nichols.

S. J. Powell is enjoying his new work on Long Island. He expects to return to Stepney to enjoy a day's pleasure at hunting before the snow flies.

Mrs Clingham has been very seriously ill for the past week, requiring watchers.

Daniel Edwards has returned from Vermont, where he has been on a hunting trip.

Mr and Mrs Edwards Beardsley entertained out-of-town friends over Sunday.

Quite an extensive fire raged in the woods on Boot Hill, last Saturday afternoon and evening, doing a considerable damage to fences. It was mostly confined to the lands of Charles Nichols and Mr Dutton of Bridgeport. The naughty sportsmen are supposed to be responsible for its origin.

A stereopticon entertainment which promises much pleasure to those who attend will be given in the Methodist church, next Monday evening, November 4, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The subject of the entertainment will be "The Two Paths," and the pictures thrown upon the canvass will be both instructive and interesting. The doors will be open at 7 o'clock and the entertainment will commence at 7.30. A small admittance fee of 15 cents will be charged for adults and 10 cents for children, and it is requested that Gospel Hymns No. 5 be brought. Turn out and fill the church.

The state convention of the King's Daughters will be held with the Second Congregational church of New Haven, November 20 and 21. A very interesting program with prominent speakers on the platform, has been arranged for both days.

B. Hawley & Son shipped over a ton of chestnuts during the month of October.

The Turney Manufacturing Co., commenced running a week ago Monday for the winter trade.

T. B. Fulford of Bridgeport visited at L. H. Edwards', the past week.

Miss Linda Milton of Bridgeport is spending a few days at M. H. Thorpe's.

Davis' orchestra will furnish music for the fair to be held in Whitehead's hall, Redding Ridge, commencing November 2.

Mrs Daniel Davis and Miss Minnie Davis visited Mr and Mrs William Davis at Oxford, last week.

Mrs W. F. Selleck spent two days at Mrs Edward Curtis' in Monroe.

A handsome gray parrot was seen, Saturday, in the trees near Lewis Edwards' by Wallace Davis and Levi Edwards. They tried to call it down but it flew away and was seen later near Isaac Wells's house.

Rev Mr Jones and wife, of Arlington, N. J., have been the guest of Mrs C. E. Osborne.

Lawyer Giddings of Bridgeport has been the guest of United States Marshal Hayes and together enjoyed the sports of "field and gun," with good success.

The household goods of Rev Mr Jones will be moved, this week, to his new field of labor at Arlington, N. J.

Edward Corning is building a large barn for Ezra Meeker at Monroe.

George H. Lyon is at work in Tashua, painting the Episcopal church.

Mrs Arzella Clingan is very sick. Her daughter, Miss Clarice Clingan of New York was called home on account of the mother's critical condition.

Mrs Charles Banks and daughter of Bridgeport have been the guests of Mrs Seeley Perry.

George H. Lyon has done some fine work in kalsomining at the residence of John Eastwood, of the Turney Manufacturing Co.

Mr and Mrs Moses Hull have visited in Easton at the home of Almon French, superintendent of the water works.

Mrs Elihu Taylor and Miss Bridle of Easton have been the guests of Mrs Belle Lyon.

Mr and Mrs B. H. Peet, Sr., will have been married 50 years on November 16, 1895. A big time is in prospect.

REDDING.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

The Methodists will hold services in the Academy until the re-opening of the church, which will take place in about three weeks. The meetings at the hall will be discontinued.

Dea H. S. Osborne and William A. Lounsbury attended the Consociation at Monroe, Tuesday, as delegates of the Redding Congregational church.

Charles Williams has moved again, this time to the Beers place in Weston and the little house on the corner is once more vacant.

The ladies of St Patrick's church will give one of their usual enjoyable entertainments in Whitehead's hall for the benefit of their church, commencing on Saturday night, and lasting several days.

Mrs F. Bradley and son Edward, visited their Greenfield friends on Sunday.

S. P. Shaw spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs S. B. Hoyt and family, in New Canaan.

Never was cider more plenty and water scarcer than now.

Rufus A. Lyon, formerly of the Farmer, has a position on the New Haven Union and we miss his familiar face, as he came daily to the postoffice to get his favorite paper, The Sun.

Mr and Mrs Daniel Ryder were made happy over the arrival of a little daughter, Tuesday morning, October 22. Mrs E. S. Barlow is helping care for them.

The only permanent cure for chronic catarrh is to thoroughly expel the poison from the system by the faithful and persistent use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This wonderful remedy proves successful when all other treatment has failed to relieve the sufferer.

FAIRFIELD.

THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

The special town meeting called for last Saturday was slimly attended. A. P. Wakeman presided and John Morgan, Jr., acted as clerk. Judge Glover offered a resolution providing for the bonding of $40,000 of the floating debt of the town, in amounts of $1000, payable in 30 years. Judge Perry opposed the motion on the ground that this was only a way of putting off paying our honest debts, and that the bonding of the debt was only getting it out of sight and opening the way for further debt. Judge Glover explained that by bonding it the town not only saved $400 a year in interest, but that the premium obtained saved another $1000 nearly. The motion was lost by a vote of 13 to 17. Selectman Bradley improved the occasion to make the astonishing announcement that while the auditor's report showed a balance left over from last year of over $4000, he had scarcely been eight hours in office before $6000 worth of bills were presented, leaving an actual deficit of $1800. On motion of Judge Perry it was then voted that the selectman prepare a statement of the probable expenses of the town for the ensuing year and then call a special meeting to make appropriations and then lay a sufficient tax to meet the same and pay $5000 of the town's indebtedness.

HOYDEN'S HILL.

A number from this place attended a surprise party in honor of Judson Beardsley's 50th birthday. Over 50 neighbors and friends were present. Among those present were a brother-in-law and wife from Missouri, also friends from Bethel, Meriden and other places. A very pleasant evening was spent, after which all partook of a bountiful collation for the inner man.

Mrs Eliza Jennings is visiting her brother, David Wakeley, of Chestnut Hill, Trumbull.

Madison Wakeman is quite feeble, being confined to his bed most of the time.

William Leusher has helped Jennings & Sherwood husk their large crop of corn.

The fire laddies did finely at the Southport fire on Sunday evening and by energetic work beat back the flames that would have destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property. The great lack of a commanding leader was very conspicious. Every one seemed to act for himself, on his own impulse.

What was done with that 20 mill tax, last year?

The engagement is announced of Miss Emma Gould of Mill Plain and Martin Connors of Bridgeport.

Two cases of scarlet fever have appeared among the pupils of the Mill Plain school.

The grading of the Osborne Hill road is completed and now awaits the broken stone.

A 20 mill tax and $1800 deficit.

Rev Mr Child announced, last Sunday, that he expected to arrange for two exchanges for the Sabbath evening services each month. Rev Mr Kettle of Greenfield Hill was the first and preached to an interested congregation, last Sunday evening. The music by the choir was unusually fine.

E. W. S. Pickett was chosen secretary of Court Fairfield, Order of Forresters, at their last meeting.

The United Friends meet this evening.

The Rowland houses were closed for the winter, last week.

Francis Morgan was in town on Monday.

G. Herbert Knapp and family are expecting to start for Southern Pines, N. C., next week, to spend the winter. His Fairfield home will be occupied by Oliver Gould.

Mrs O. B. Jennings and family return to the city to-day and close their Fairfield house.

A fine wasp nest occupies a conspicuous spot in one of the tower windows of the Congregational church.

At St Paul's there is another in the tree by the side of the steeple.

GREENFIELD HILL.

CHURCH INTERESTS.

Rev F. S. Child of Fairfield occupied the pulpit Sunday evening, in exchange with Rev Mr Kettle.

A number from this place attended the "Harvest Home" exercises at the Jesse Lee church, Sunday evening.

J. B. Kissam and family are now in New York where they will spend the winter.

Mrs H. E. Dowd has recently entertained friends from Bridgeport.

Charles Morris and niece, Miss Braban of Sag Harbor, have been guests of Sherwood Banks.

William Ferris, who has run the farm of G. H. Merwin for the last three years, has rented the Lewis place on Bronson avenue and will take possession November 1.

The Greenfield Grange was well represented at the Pomona meeting at Brookfield, last Friday. The papers and discussions were very interesting.

H. R. Elwood, wife and son started, Wednesday morning, in a southwesterly direction, for a delightful ride through the country. They arrived safely in New York City, where they enjoyed a few days vacation, returning home on Saturday. Miss Booth and sister attended to Mrs Elwood's household cares while she was absent.

Two days before Congressman J. R Howe and family returned to their Brooklyn home, their city home was broken into and several hundred dollars worth of things were stolen. A very handsome music box, violin, mandolin, and several suits of clothes, were some of the many things which were taken.

Miss Elsie Sherwood entertained some of her schoolmates on Saturday afternoon.

George Craft of Bridgeport spent a night with his friend, Henry L. Burr.

Miss Josie Burr has been visiting relatives in Southport lately.

Miss Jennie Scott has been on the sick list the past two weeks.

Mrs Everett Matson and little daughter spent Sunday at Mrs Wiggins'.

Miss Eva Lover is again with Mrs H. B. Burr.

Herman Perry spent a few days in Meriden, recently.

BRIDGEPORT.

Warren H. Lamson & Co. have just finished several attractive dwellings for sale at moderate prices, and on very easy terms. Now is the time to "catch on," as illustrated in their unique advertisement on another page.

Marvelous merchandising characterizes the gigantic slaughter sale of seasonable footwear of C. H. Bennett & Son, 367 Main street. The time is fast approaching when this firm will be a thing of history and owing to the large stock which still remains it will be necessary to make sweeping reductions in each department so that the new firm may take hold in a way which shall be entirely to their liking. This gives the purchasing public an opportunity to make selections from a superior stock of boots, shoes, slippers, rubbers, trunks and bags, at about their own price, as everything must be sold at some price. Further details will be found in this firm's new announcement in another column.

In New Haven County.

SOUTH BRITAIN.

AT THE CREAMERY.

The creamery has been following the example of the thrifty neighboring farmers and getting ready for winter. A long, large sluice has been buried to carry away the hillside water and the road from the highway graded and surfaced.

C. P. Williams, the young giant and professional buttermaker, is going to spend Sunday "away down East," where there is only just one pretty girl. Everybody here will miss him.

There is talk of a large increase in milk another season, by the farmers who have the creamery this year and by other dairy owners, some of them at a distance.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NOTES.

Rev J. D. Smiley attended the state convention of Christian Endeavor at Middletown, last week, and gave a very interesting account of the meeting the following Sunday evening.

Rev J. D. Smiley, Misses Abbie and Susie Mitchell, Miss Hattie Canfield, and Mr and Mrs Hollister Sage attended the meeting of the Pomperaug Union of Christian Endeavor at Bethlehem.

John Tomlinson and family spent Sunday with Mrs Alice Canfield.

Mr and Mrs G. A. Hoyt visit friends in Yonkers, N. Y.

Mrs George Stoddard of Providence, R. I., is visiting friends in town.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper, will be observed, Sunday, November 3, at the close of the morning service.

Mrs B. C. Bradley spent a few days in Waterbury, last week, and while there had the pleasure of attending a very interesting missionary meeting in Naugatuck.

Ralph Munson and Dr Smith of New Haven were the guests of Rev J. O. Munson over Sunday. Dr Smith was returning from the dental convention in Worcester and a visit in Bostor.

Wales Warner met with an accident, recently, whereby he hurt his shoulder.

The presiding elder, Rev C. J. North, held the quarterly conference in the Southbury Methodist church on Monday afternoon.

Mrs Rice of New Haven was the guest of Mrs Hinman on Sunday.

Manville Brothers have put a bright new coat of paint on the bridge over the mouth of the Shepaug and the bridge at Poverty. They used Whitlock's graphite plumbago roof and smoke stack paint manufactured by the Woodbury Paint Co., on the bridges.

A cough which persists day after day, should not be neglected any longer. It means something more than a mere local irritation, and the sooner it is relieved the better. Take Ayer's cherry pectoral. It is prompt to act and sure to cure.

William C. Manville will move in and occupy the John Dixon place, this week.

OXFORD.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTES.

Services in the Episcopal church at Oxford Center, through next month, are to be held at 11 a. m., and at the Farms church at 1 30. Sunday school at the close of service in both churches.

Miss Alice Hitchcock of Bethany visited over Sunday with Miss Bessie Cable on Chestnut Tree Hill.

Louie Tucker, who holds a responsible position in the employ of T. F. Gilyard in Seymour, is taking his vacation, this week, with his parents, Mr and Mrs B. S. Tucker, on Chestnut Tree Hill. He will try his luck in pursuit of the scarce and delusive partridge.

Mr Isbell, who has for about a year occupied the former Lewis Davis place, is moving his family back to his own place in Seymour.

Mrs G. W. Hoxsie, accompanied by her daughter and Miss Mabel Perry, are visiting for the last few days of this week with Mrs Hoxsie's relatives in New York and Brooklyn.

Litchfield County News.

WATERTOWN.

MRS GEORGE GRISWOLD.

Mrs George Griswold, aged 29 years, died at her home, October 23, at 2.40 p. m. Mrs Griswold acted as nurse for her brother while he was suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, until he got well when she was taken with the fever herself and died in a few days. The attendance and anxiety consequent on the sickness of her brother had so impaired her constitution so that she was able to withstand the fever but a very short time. The deceased was well known in the community, had a large circle of friends and was a member of the Congregational church and Y. P. S. C. E Her funeral was held from the house to Evergreen cemetery, Saturday at 2 p. m., Rev Robert Pegrum officiating.

THE SELECTMEN ARE HUSTLERS.

The present board of selectmen are what might be termed "hustlers." Not only are they inspecting and overseeing every foot of road in the town that is being worked but are engaged in a vigorous campaign against open sewers that are allowed to lie without being regularly flushed. There are several places sewage runs out on the street where pedestrians are obliged many times to take a good long step to escape getting a dirty boot and the carrying along an offensive odor. In a growing town with a population nearing the 3000 mark it becomes necessary for the selectmen to take every precaution within their power for the health of the inhabitants in the thickly populated portions of the town and should have the co-operation of every good citizen.

WON'T OUR FIRE LADDIES BE DANDIES?

The suits for the firemen have arrived and are beauties. The cap is black with a metallic wreath in front enclosing the number 1. The shirt is red, with silver finished buttons, and on the breast in large white letters the monogram "W. F. D." A black belt trimmed with white has a red groundword on which is written in neat white letters the word "Watertown." The whole makes a neat and handsome outfit and reflects credit on the committee that made the selection. The first appearance the department will make in these uniforms will be at the first grand ball at the Town hall on Thanksgiving eve.

BISHOP WILLIAMS AT CHRIST CHURCH.

Next Sunday morning Rev John Williams, D. D., Bishop of Connecticut, will confer the rite of confirmation at Christ church.

Dr Vareill went to New York, Saturday morning, and returned Sunday morning.

Will Carlton, author and elocutionist, lectured to a fair sized audience, last Monday evening, under the auspices of the Hospital Aid Society.

Last Monday evening, Federal lodge, No. 17, F. & A. M., exemplified the first degree. Next Monday evening the second degree will be conferred.

Henry E. Scott is somewhat improved at the present writing.

The football game, last Saturday, Tafts vs Cheshire, resulted in a victory for Tafts, the score being 10 to 0.

Rev John F. Nichols, formerly of Christ church, who with his family have been sojourning in Europe for the past year, has returned greatly improved in health.

Willard M. Bryant is slowly recovering from an attack of pleurisy.

The several committees in charge are working hard to make the first annual ball of the Watertown fire department one of the grandest events which has ever occurred in the history of Watertown. Hawley's orchestra of Thomaston will furnish the music, S. Blakeslee prompter.

Linus Mattoon has accepted a position as clerk in the grocery store of W. M. Bryant.

At the last meeting of the trustees of the Watertown library association Howard M. Hickox was appointed financial agent to fill the vacancy caused by the death of C. F. Hickox.

Rev Mr Tolles of the Methodist church, who went to a sanitarium in Saratoga a short time, ago for the benefit of his health, was at last account somewhat worse.

Charles Hudson went to New York on a business trip, last week.

WOODBURY.

DEATH OF MRS GEORGE C. BRADLEY.

Mrs George C. Bradley, 53, died at her home in this town, last Saturday morning. She has been an invalid for a long time. Her husband died 10 years ago leaving in her charge three children, one of which has died. A son and daughter are left to mourn the loss of a most kind and devoted mother. The funeral was held last Monday. The services were conducted by Rev Mr Freeman and the interment in the South cemetery.

DEATH OF CHARLES A. WOODWARD.

Charles A. Woodward, one of our best citizens, died at his home, last Sunday morning, aged about 40 years. He was recently elected to the office of selectman. He leaves a wife. The funeral was held on Tuesday, Rev Mr Lindsley, his former pastor, conducted the service. The interment was in the North cemetery. A large number were present.

The wedding of Miss Adella Louise Boyce of this town and George Rufus Smith of Waterbury is announced to take place at St Paul's church at 5 p. m., Wednesday, November 6. Reception at the home of the bride 5.30 to 6.30 p. m. They will reside in Waterbury.

Alfred Johnson was badly gored by a cow, last week. Dr Karman attended him.

Mrs C. M. Harvey gave a tea party to some of her former schoolmates. A good number were present. Mrs Harvey was a charming hostess. The friends of years ago were made welcome. A choice loaf of cake some 12 years old, wedding cake, was sampled and pronounced good.

Edward Judson has gone to Hartford to reside.

W. H. Rowell is to move into the house vacated by Mr Henzie. Rumor says that a new house will be built near the Town hall.

Miss Carrie Judson left for Atlanta, yesterday, and Mr and Mrs A. F. Mitchell went the same day to their winter home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Alzoma E. Stone and wife from Millville were in town, last week.

We are glad to learn that Mr Knox of the Reporter will remain and work for Woodbury, although he has had good offers to go out of town.

Edson Atwood is having his property on Main street fixed up in good shape. Mr Stiles will move in soon.

In town the week past: A. J. Woodward and family at Charles A. Woodward's; Mrs W. C. Linsley has entertained her sister from Pennsylvania. J. B. Russell and wife from Bridgeport and Mrs Charles Russell and friend from Harwinton at Benjamin Russell's. Wilbur J. Hayes from Hartford. Miss Ruth Smith from her school in Washington, Conn.

Mrs E. Benham has returned from a visit to Waterbury and Hartford.

It is rumored that there will be another wedding on November 6, and that Rev Mr Lindsley will officiate.

Mrs W. T. Bacon and daughter have been visiting in Birmingham, the past week.

Mrs James Allen is having her house painted. Richmond & Tuttle do the work.

We are sorry to hear of the death of L. I. Munson of Waterbury.

WASHINGTON.

THE DEPOT VILLAGE TO HAVE FIRE PROTECTION.

Through the energy of Maj Kingman Washington Depot is to have fire protection. He has bought a hand engine at his own expense and erected an engine house near his mill. The next move on the checker board will probably be a volunteer fire company. When the genial major gets started on any line like this something tangible is bound to result. The major was in Bridgeport on Wednesday and Thursday.

Carl Bader is excavating for an ice pond near his barn, and expects to have a supply of ice close at hand.

The oldest child of Rev and Mrs Carter has been quite ill, but is convalescent.

Rev Robert Carter has been passing a few days in Bridgeport, this week.

ROXBURY

'ROUND THE STATION.

Mrs W. E. Newton has entertained relatives from Danbury and Woodbury, the past week.

Charles Warner of Winsted has been at his store here for several days getting in new goods for the holidays.

Mrs Ira M. Booth has visited her daughter, Mrs George Wilcox, at Waterbury.

Mrs Buckingham of New Milford spent Sunday with her father, Leroy Warner.

R. T. Blades has left the employ of Mower Brothers and is away on a business trip to New York and Boston.

Mrs Frank Booth returned Sunday from Naugatuck.

Mr and Mrs William Tuttle of Woodbury called on friends here Tuesday last.

Dr Pons was called, Sunday, to attend a son of Timothy Dacey, who had got cut quite badly through an encounter with a bicycle.

Miss Mary Beardsley of Watertown, who has been visiting her brother, O. W. Beardslee, returned home Monday.

Merchant Joyce has filled his shelves with goods suitable for the fall season. He has a full store of seasonable gloves and rubber goods.

A man by the name of A. C. McGoegin has fitted up two rooms in Amos Tyrrell's tenant house, for the purpose of taking pictures. Mr McGoogin is an experienced hand at this work as he has been in this business for several years. People who have had work done by him are well pleased with it. His prices are low. He invites the people of surrounding towns to give him a call at his rooms at Roxbury Falls on any Tuesday.

Sick Headache Permanently Cured

"I was troubled, a long time, with sick headache. It was usually accompanied with severe pains in the temples and sickness at the stomach. I tried a good many remedies recommended for this complaint; but it was not until I began taking

AYER'S Pills that I received anything like permanent benefit. A single box of these pills did the work for me, and I am now a well man." C. H. HUTCHINGS, East Auburn, Me.

For the rapid cure of Constipation, Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Nausea, and all disorders of Stomach, Liver, and Bowels, take

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Medal and Diploma at World's Fair.

Ask your druggist for Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

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Are a Feature These Bright Autumn Days in Most Every Section of the Store.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

Complete line of everything that's wanted to guard against cold weather:

At 50c each—Men's light and dark colored Outing Flannel Shirts, heavy and well made; value 75c.

At $1 each—Men's All-wool Blue Flannel Shirts, double backs; good value at $1.50.

At $1.50 each—Men's heavy all wool Sweaters, all colors, with double collar.

At 75c a pair—Men's heavy lined Kid Gloves.

At $1 a pair—Men's fine Kid Gloves, Pique seam, in all the latest shades.

At $1 a pair—Adler's Gloves, for men; lined, with fur tops.

At $1.50 per pair—Dent's Walking Gloves, all the desirable shades.

At 25c each—Two hundred dozen of Silk Scarfs for men, made from good silk, and as full as some of the fifty cent ties. Teeks and four-in-hands.

CHILDREN'S CAPS.

Never such a variety of kinds to pick from as now.

At 25c each—Boys' colored caps, with gilt bands and peaks; worth 39c,

At 25c each—Tam O'shanter Caps, for Misses; made from Scotch Plaids; good value at 50c.

At 39c each—Misses' fine Tam O'Shanter Caps, of Cashmere, with quills.

At 50c each—Misses' extra large crown, Tam O'Shanter Caps, with band; new colors.

LADIES GLOVES.

Now for the winter gloves, and we can care for with a large line of different sorts. None but the best at lowest prices.

Four Button Black Silk fleeced lined Gloves at $1.50 per pair.

Black Macco Gloves for Ladies, at $1.50 per pair; also tans and browns of the same.

Ladies' 2 Button Belgin, coney trimmed, pins, $1.25 per pair.

Spring Clasp Gloves for Ladies, Beaver Trimmed; $1.25 and $1.50 per pair.

Deep Cuffs, Fur Trimmed, suitable for