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OLD LYME.

T. F. Farwell took a business trip to Hartford Monday.

C. Davis of Niantic, was in town Thursday fixing up monuments.

Miss Hattie Olmsted was taken with a severe case of bronchitis last week.

N. C. Hall of New York, was in town a few days last week attending to business.

Champion & Caulkins have decided to continue their fire sale for another week.

A youngster arrived at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Green Monday evening.

Mr. Chas. Childs of Montclair, N. J., was in town over Sunday, stopping with friends.

Mrs. Bogue of Hadlyme, has been making a visit with her sister, Mrs. Champion.

Judge W. C. Noyes left for a trip to Florida Tuesday and will be gone about two weeks.

The selectmen met at the town hall yesterday to transact business for the coming month.

Geo. Appleby moved from the Ferry Thursday and will take apartments with his father.

Dent Rowland has been laid up with an attack of the grip the past week, brought on by overwork.

S. P. Monroe has vacated the brick store and will make his residence in one of Austin's tenements at the Ferry.

The ferryboat, Lady Fenwick, made her first trip across the river Wednesday, after laying at Saybrook all winter.

Mr. Wheaton, who recently purchased the Hopper mansion, is having it fixed up in elaborate style and will move in at an early date.

Carpenters and painters have finished their work of decorating the Odd Fellows lodge room, which was damaged by fire, and have made it one of the best in the state.

The Morley & Monroe orchestra which has been practicing all winter, is now open for an engagement. They have all the latest music which they will furnish at a reasonable price.

Geo. Mather, who has run the tug-boat Aries the past two months, arrived home last week and will soon leave to fix up the Arizona of the Luce Bros., which he will run this summer.

The Ladies association met at the conference room Thursday and discussed the building of a new library at the old academy ground, at a future date. If this is done the band room will not be moved from its location.

Trotters have become so numerous in town that W. F. Clark decided to put one of his horses, a fiery black colt, into training. He is now showing remarkable speed and can be seen on the turf every day and sends invitations to would-be trotters to come out and take his dust before the bakery season begins.

Terry & Plunkett minstrel and variety show which was composed of some of the best talent of Essex, played at the town hall Friday night, but owing to bad weather only a small audience was present. The actors played their parts to perfection and showed that their winter's rehearsals were to a good purpose. Old Plunkett called down the house by his great amount of wit and nothing but laughter could be heard during the evening. After the show a dance was given by the members. Music by the Morley & Monroe orchestra. The proceeds amounted to about \$25, of which one-third goes to the Temperance Union.

JAMES A. BILL, OF LYME.

Short Sketch of the Famous Old Farmer and Democrat.

Has Been One of the Prominent Characters in Connecticut Politics and Agriculture for Sixty Years.

The New London day has the following interesting sketch of Hon. James A. Bill, of Bill Hill:

The president of the Connecticut State Agricultural society, James A. Bill, of Lyme, has been one of the leading spirits of that organization since 1853. He is now 78 years of age and the youngest of a family of three brothers, who have made an indelible impression, politically and otherwise, on the current history of the state.

The oldest of the three, John W. Bill, is 82 years of age, and Benejah P. Bill, is 82 years of age, and is 81. They are all in good health and live within 100 yards of one another, in North Lyme, a few miles inland from the Long Island Sound. They have been lifelong Democrats and were opposed to the civil war from beginning to end.

James A. Bill has been in scores of Democratic conventions, national and state, and is an old war horse of the party. But, in spite of his ante-war record and staunch partisanship, he has been in office since 1867, when he was appointed a member of the board of fish commissioners. He is still a member of that board, and until a couple of months ago was also a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He has demonstrated by years of success in agricultural pursuits that farming is not a lost or unprofitable art in Connecticut. He was the original importer into Connecticut of the Angora goat and has realized a handsome fortune from the flocks of Cashmere sheep on his farm. The acres under his control embrace one of the finest inclosures in New London county.

Nearly fifty years ago he was a member of the general assembly, representing the town of Lyme in the house. In 1851 he was a member of the state senate. From 1835 to 1837 he was a captain in the Connecticut militia. His old war hostilities have been forgotten in the genial and kindly life of the man.

The Cantata of Esther.

The people of Niantic and Flanders will have an opportunity in a few weeks of listening to and witnessing a very fine musical entertainment. It is the cantata of Queen Esther and rehearsals have been held in the church at Flanders for several weeks. It is under the direction and supervision of Mr. Park, of the Niantic Mills, who is a musician of great ability. This cantata will without doubt be the best musical effort ever attempted in East Lyme. Several Niantic singers of note will be assigned leading parts.

OLD SAYBROOK.

For festivities to report this week. Frog meeting in the hall last evening.

Spring is heralded by the appearance of many peddlers.

Miss DeVoe left Wednesday for an extended visit out of town.

Rev. James Pardee has issued his annual letter to his parishioners.

The Clio club will meet next Monday evening with Miss Whitlesey.

Mr. F. T. Bradley and family have returned from their southern trip.

Miss Dennison led the consecration service of the Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday evening.

A missionary conference will be held in the Congregational church Wednesday March 6th.

Communion service at the Congregational church next Sunday morning. Lecture preparatory this afternoon.

Mrs. Abbie Blossom, after a short illness, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bernard Paine, on Saturday last, aged 74 years. Funeral services were held at her late home in Sanwich, Mass., Mrs. Blossom was well and favorably known in this village for her lovely Christian character and had made many friends during her stay here. The doubly stricken family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

IVORYTON.

Mrs. Wm. Post has a recurrence of grip.

Joel Platts, of Clinton, was in Ivoryton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shuller were absent over Sunday.

Burdette Parmelee and family spent Sunday at East River.

The Ladies Sewing circle met this afternoon at the Library.

The second son of Charles Whittlesey is ill with catarrhal fever.

Miss Cella Norris has spent some time at her sister's in New Haven.

Mrs. F. M. Rose is having his house plastered with Windsor cement.

Miss I. C. Kelsey has visited friends at Essex and Ivoryton during the past week.

Misses Laura and Bessie Comstock were at home from school for a short vacation.

J. B. Bacon and W. L. Chadwick went to their home at Niantic for the holidays.

Next Sabbath March 3d, the communion service will be observed at the church in Centerbrook.

The families of James and George Walkley and Lovell Coc were at Madison for the holidays.

The N. E. O. P. met Monday night at their rooms. John Johns of Essex, was admitted to the order.

The King's Daughters, Resolutes, will meet, weather permitting, Tuesday evening, March 6th, with T. F. Rose.

ESSEX.

The ice at this place in the river continues firm.

Charles Hyatt is watching nights at the key board factory.

Mrs. D. W. Spencer, who has been quite ill, is reported better.

Mrs. Henry H. Williams, who has been quite ill, is slowly improving.

There was service at St. John's church last Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

The Fire Company will hold their monthly meeting next Monday evening.

One of the signs that spring is near is the number of commercial drummers in town.

A son was born last Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright at Centerbrook.

Hosmer Gladding and Frank La Place are at work shingling Dr. Russell's residence.

Lewis Carlson has been at work this week at Ivoryton plastering F. Rose's new house.

Clem Griswold, who has been quite ill for some time, is much improved and able to ride out.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wright of Centerbrook have both been under the doctor's care this week.

W. C. Griswold has been in Boston this week as delegate from the United Workmen lodge.

Mrs. Frances Bulkeley has a nice family of Albino or white rats,—something rare in these parts.

New lot misses' and children's patent tip spring heel button shoes at E. S. Lewis' New City Store.

Geo. W. Rich, who was injured by falling from a step-ladder while painting, is now able to be out.

It is reported that the Hartford is the only boat that will be put on the river route at the opening of navigation.

Mrs. Hull of Canada and Mrs. Gaylord of Terryville have been guests this week at the Congregational parsonage.

The continued cold weather is causing a scarcity of water here. There will probably be plenty in the near future.

Ira Tucker, proprietor of the Franklin market, who has been quite ill with the grip, is now able to attend to business again.

Frank Tooker, formerly of this place, died at his home in Montclair, N. J., last Sunday, Feb. 24. He was buried there.

Great bargains in milk crackers for one week at New City Store; 5 lbs. for 25 cts.; regular price, 75 cts. E. S. Lewis.

J. L. Pratt has lost his account book and the finder will receive a liberal reward by leaving the same at his blacksmith shop.

At the last meeting of the Board of Selectmen several of our citizens were appointed special constables to look after the tramp fraternity.

WESTBROOK.

Rev. John S. Haugh, of Essex, was in town Monday calling on Rev. J. H. Crofut.

Miss Bessie Moore was home over Washington's Birthday from North Haven.

Rev. J. A. Gallup, of Madison, preached at the Congregational church last Sunday.

The Ladies Sewing society met Wednesday in their parlor at the Congregational church.

The Hayden District school, Miss Nellie Bushnell, teacher, has closed for a month's vacation.

Miss Alice Sherman, of Bridgeport, visited her grandparents, Capt. and Mrs. F. W. Spencer last week.

The Rev. J. A. Gallup, of Madison, has been engaged to supply the desk at the Congregational church until April 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bushnell and Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Bushnell visited Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin D. Bushnell over last Sunday.

Dave Stannard is shingling the recently purchased residence of Rev. A. McAllister, of Wilton, in the western part of the town.

The selectmen have this week completed the necessary work on the new iron prisoners cage at the town hall, so that it is now ready for occupancy. Don't all speak at once please.

The Ladies Aid society connected with the M. E. church gave a variety supper at their room in the church last evening, a large number being present, and a most enjoyable time resulting.

The Seiden Avery place, two doors from the shore front on Seaside avenue, is to be sold, either at public auction or private sale. The property offers a very desirable summer home or place in which to keep a few boarders.

Capt. Ezra Kelsey early in the week beat all previous records in the weighing line, he capturing a clam that weighed pound and six ounces. The mammoth shell fish was on exhibition at the store of A. W. Stokes for a day or two and excited not a little curiosity. The shell measured 4 1/2 by 4 inches and was the largest ever seen here by the oldest inhabitant.

FLANDERS DEPARTMENT.

W. B. WATROUS, Local Editor.

TUESDAY, MAR. 5, 1895.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.—Rev. Herbert Martin, pastor, Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, Sunday evening at 6 p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. Robert Gorton is sick at her home.

Miss Kate Huntly is very ill at her home.

Miss Emma Weldon is recovering from a severe illness.

Darrow's mill closed Saturday for an indefinite period of time.

The Hill school opened Monday with Miss Helen Harvey as teacher.

The Niantic Mfg. Co. are obliged to run over time to fill their orders.

There was a good attendance at the pop corn social Thursday evening.

The C. E. News for sale weekly by Palmer Tubbs the newspaper hustler.

C. H. Champion has purchased the Randall Waterous place on Niantic Hill.

Everett Davenport has secured a position on the railroad and will begin his duties April 1.

Dr. Minor and F. W. Harvey will ride their wheels to Moosup this week for a short visit to the doctor's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Daniels of Groton were the guests of Mrs. Daniels mother, Mrs. Edmund Richmond, last week.

One of the most prominent objects at our socials is "our ladies man," with his red apron, but there are no flies on him.

The meeting next Sunday evening will be led by Mrs. Mary Gorton. Subject, "Everything for God." All are invited.

Any one desiring the services of a barber will do well to patronize Chas. Reid, who will give good satisfaction to patrons.

The telephone men are stringing seven copper wires on the new poles and they have also put on an extra heavy one for a guard wire.

Wm. Rogers of Lyme, has obtained employment with the Niantic Mfg. Co. Mr. Rogers was in the employ of the old company over 20 years.

There is material in town for a good strong ball nine and when the season opens local nines in this vicinity may expect to hear from them.

L. C. Eaton who had recovered so as to be able to attend to his business, was taken sick again Saturday and was carried to his home. Elmer Austin is employed at the store during his absence.

The Y. P. S. C. E. is making headway, as advance is the watchword of the society. Several new members were added at the business meeting Wednesday evening, making nearly forty members. Those who attended the convention reported a very interesting meeting and a large attendance.

Mr. Angus Park is organizing a chorus of voices to give the famous cantata entitled, "Eather, the Beautiful Queen." He has already secured forty voices and expects to obtain more. This number includes Niantic, Waterford and New London singers as well, as local talents. The cantata will require several weeks of practice to prepare it for presentation.

Those who saw the vestry of the church as it has been and see it now will hardly recognize the place. The combined efforts of the church and the town have made marvelous improvements in its condition. A new floor has been laid, the walls wainscotted and kalsomed, and a cupboard built for the society dishes, making a very pleasant place to meet for business or pleasure.

A part of the Flanders news had to be left out this week as it was received too late for use.—E.D.

CLINTON.

Fred Stevens, of Ansonia, was home the first of the week.

William Buell, of New York, is visiting his aunt, Miss Roxanna Buell.

Capt. George Kelsey, of Providence, is the guest of his mother on John street.

Miss Amy Spencer, of New Haven, is visiting her mother on Long Hill.

C. C. Jones, the ERA agent, has been visiting in Worcester, Mass., for a few days past.

H. G. Rogers, of New York, was with his family in town over Washington's Birthday.

John Stevens, of Naugatuck, visited his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Stevens, over last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Bushnell, of New Haven, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Morgan the first of the week.

Attorney and Mrs. C. M. Joslyn, of Hartford, were at the Bacon House over Washington's Birthday.

C. Fred Pratt has entered the employ of W. H. Stafford and now has charge of his grocery order wagon.

Many items unavoidably held over until next week for want of space. They will appear in time.

Miss Jenovieve Elliot, of Miss Pikes school, Middletown, and Howard Sutherland, of Yale, were at home over Sunday last.

Prof. Emmons is still engaged in the work of organizing a class in vocal instruction in town. He now has some ten scholars on his list, but desires twenty-five.

F. T. Swain has given up his confectionery, fruit and news business in the Elliot building, and is now located on the opposite corner at the old established stand of C. L. Swain, the grocery man.

The supper given by the King's Daughters for the benefit of the organ fund at the Congregational church parlor Friday evening was well attended, consisting of the numerous entertainments of that evening and a very enjoyable time realized, while a neat little sum was added to the fund.

Lenten services at the Holy Advent will be held as follows during the next few days. Sunday March 3, service and sermon at 10:30 a. m., holy communion at 12 m., Sunday school and bible class at 12:30 p. m., Wednesday March 6, litany service at 12:10 p. m., service and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

A meeting of the Morgan Athletic association was called immediately at the close of the regular session at the school Tuesday afternoon to elect a captain for the ensuing base ball year. Wm. W. Leonard '95, of Niantic, was the choice, and hereafter should be greeted with a military salute.

The lecture by Rev. D. N. Griffin at the M. E. church on Friday evening was fairly well attended and those who did not attend missed a most interesting talk on one of Connecticut's historical cities, Old Newgate. The lecture was illustrated by seventy fine stereoscopic views made very clear by means of a strong lime light.

STATE NEWS.

European markets have placed an embargo on Fair Haven oysters because of the typhoid fever scare.

Scarlet fever and diphtheria are epidemic at Stafford Springs. Anti-toxine is being used for diphtheria.

Martin Galvin fell down stairs in Stamford Sunday night and when his body was found it was frozen stiff.

The First or North Congregational church, of Bridgeport, will celebrate its 200th anniversary, June 19 and 20.

Litchfield has a doctor who skims over the snow drifts on snowshoes with his case of medicines snapped on his back.

The wife of Frank P. Phlegar, a well known German, of New Haven, hung herself Sunday owing to ill health. She was 62.

The Putnam Woolen Company has sued the town to recover \$5,000 rebate on taxes. The company claims an excessive assessment.

Howard B. Warner, aged 20, a Danbury hatter, shot himself over the right temple Tuesday, at his boarding house. He will probably die.

So many sheep have been killed by dogs in Litchfield that the selectmen have ordered that all dogs roaming the place be killed.

The First Congregational church in Woodbury has just dedicated a \$2,500 chapel, the gift of Mrs. Charlotte Lewis, a member of the church.

The draw of the steel railroad bridge, New London, will be bodily moved eight inches toward the west, having gone that distance out of place towards east.

Charles Ludwig of Norwich, aged 23, was sandbagged by highway-men, at Preston, last Sunday night, and robbed him of \$63 in bank notes and \$5 in change.

William H. Ford, a well-known young man, was taken with a hemorrhage in the street, at Meriden, Saturday, and died a few minutes after he reached his home.

Washington's birthday exercises were held in the Hyperion in New Haven. Among the speakers were Mayor Hendrick, the Hon. H. K. Benton and the Rev. E. W. Poteat.

Wesleyan freshmen succeeded in keeping up the custom of firing a cannon to celebrate Washington's birthday, though they had to drill out the gun, which the sophomores had spiked.

Newspaper Agent H. Woladarski was struck by an electric car on Farren avenue, New Haven, last Friday and his skull was fractured. He jumped from one car in front of another.

"Old Davy," a colored man who for years had sold fruit and peanuts around Yale College, was found dead, Sunday, at his home on Winchester Avenue. He had been dead two or three days.

Statistics of crime in this state for the year ending Jan. 30th, 1894, show that the commitments to jail for drunkenness fell off to 4,012 as compared with 4,783 during the year previous, a decrease of about 16 per cent.

Judge Ralph Wheeler orders the sale of the Ansonia Electric Company to Franklin Farrell for \$41,444; the appraisal figures were \$65,000 and the claims amount to \$27,000. The claims against the concern aggregate \$27,000.

Keeper A. D. Owens of the School for Boys, Meriden, Lieutenant Bowen of the Meriden police force and Detective Arnold of Bridgeport, all claim the \$100 state reward for the capture of "Murty" Savage, the smooth-tongued horse thief.

Joseph L'aight of Stamford, age 73, a veteran of the Mexican war and the civil war, was struck by the Washington express, early Sunday morning, while crossing the railroad. One arm and one leg was cut off, and he died during the day.

The local branch of the Young Men's Christian Association of Torrington, has been endowed with \$1,000, by Miss Laura Jane Bierce Pettibone of Winchester. The donation came through Mrs. Laura Loomis, deceased, who promised it before her death.

Edson Raymond, 45, a farmer living near South Norwalk, met with a serious accident Monday morning while unloading piles for the Consolidated road. A skid used in removing the piles from a truck, struck him on the head, knocking him down and crushing his skull. An ambulance was summoned and he was removed to the hospital. He will probably die.

The efforts of Manager Burns of Springfield, to place a nine representing New Haven in the Eastern League have resulted in stirring the directors of the Connecticut League to activity. Chas. H. Miller, manager of the proposed New Haven nine, and James H. O'Rourke, president of the new league, have arranged for a meeting and will try to perfect arrangements for grounds and transportation.

Mary Fanning, aged 77, of Waterbury, who has been in a trance for nine days, died at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon. She went to sleep a week ago Sunday at 1 o'clock and could not be awakened. She resided with her daughter, Mrs. Michael Sepples, at Waterdown. She breathed naturally and coughed once, these being the only signs of animation. She took but little nourishment, that being forced into her mouth.

A story comes from Haddam that a poor man was over-run with rats. They bothered the life out of him and his good wife. One day last week he went to the top of the cellar stairs and made an address to them, calling attention to the fact that he was poor while across the way there lived a rich neighbor, who would not mind their pilferings. The next morning not a rat was to be found on the premises of the poor man while those of the rich man were over-run.

The story is told and believed by one of the most prominent citizens in Haddam.

Friends in this state of Major Willis T. Seward, who is under sentence of death in Honolulu for conspiracy to overthrow the republic, are making an effort to have the death sentence commuted. Common Pleas Judge Jacob F. Slagle forwarded to President Dole a petition for the delay of the execution until he can lay before the Hawaiian government evidence that will show that Seward was an intense supporter of the republican form of government and could not have been identified with any movement to aid the restoration of a monarchy.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR a limited number of weeks advertisements will be inserted in this column at the rate of ten cents for three lines, one time, try it.

FOR SALE. A SMALL CYLINDER STOVE in good condition. Inquire at this office.

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TRAVELERS' GUIDE. Trains leave Niantic Station, going East, at 9:30 a. m. and 12:32, 4:36, 6:34 p. m.

NIANTIC POST OFFICE. Mails close, going East, at 9:15 a. m., 12:35, 4:30 p. m. Going West, at 7:31 a. m., 1:30, 5:45 p. m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. Milner Morris, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. D. R. Dyson, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. Sunday school at 12 m. Evening service at 7:30.

THE FRATERNITIES. Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall.

TALK OF THE TOWN. Mrs. Lydia Lee is on the list of sick ones. Mrs. Walton Gates is also sick with the grip.

J. F. Medcalf and wife were in town a week ago. Geo. Huntley received a large load of coal Friday.

Penn Bacon arrived in town from New York, Saturday. Miss Ursula Lester is visiting friends in New Haven.

Three lines for ten cents in the "small advertisement" column. Mrs. N. J. Huntley and Miss Maud Huntley have been in town.

The schooner Ohio still remains on the flats east of the fish works. Mark Bush has been holding a seance with the grip for some days.

Miss Marion Luce has returned from her stay in North Carolina. Mrs. J. W. Luce and Miss Nettie Luce were in New York last week.

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. Capt. S. A. Beebe expects to start out in his schooner, Cornelia, next week.

Miss Lillie Whittemore of Clinton, has been the guest of Mrs. Charles Leonard. Capt. John W. Farrell was in town for a few days recently visiting his family.

When in New London call at the Hackett store, 24 Bank street, for bargains. H. W. Gilmore of Hartford, was in town last Wednesday, the guest of D. L. Gates.

The Keystone orchestra met at the residence of Chas. Leonard last Tuesday evening. J. V. Luce has a number of men getting out stone at the Rocky Neck quarry.

Welsh's dancing class will give a social at the Morton House, Thursday evening, March 14. John Coroley bought the camp stock of Nelson Bonneau. There are about 10,000 pieces of it.

Mumps has many of the younger ones at its mercy in town and the grip is still claiming its victims. Ernest Russell was unable to attend to his duties in Lyme last week owing to being ill with the grip.

A number of fresh carloads of stone have been placed on the "bar" embankment during the past week. W. W. Leonard of this place, has been elected president of the Morgan High school base ball association.

A 125 ton eight driving wheels locomotive passed through this place Wednesday on the way to New Haven. The resolution extending the time for the organization of the East Lyme Water company has passed the House.

Miss Nettie Luce will entertain the people of Chester with her elocutionary powers at a musicale to be held in that place this evening. J. H. Henfield of New London, made a voluntary assignment Friday to Arthur B. Calkins of this town. Assets are thought to be \$9,000 and liabilities \$11,000.

Walton Gates was taken sick with the grip last week and was unable to get out for several days. William Rook has acted as clerk in the store during Mr. Gates' illness. The New England Telephone Co. operates 10,545 miles of wire in this state; has 5,433 subscribers and is 23d employer on its pay roll.

A resolution passed the Senate Wednesday making an appropriation of \$250 to Alvina G. Benton for a horse fatally injured at the state encampment. Charles and William Leonard were in New London Saturday, as representatives from Morgan school to the scholastic league base ball conference. Geo. P. Hill and W. H. Bush catered for the Wahlgnecht ball in Deep River, last Wednesday evening. They pronounce it a very brilliant affair. The wind was blowing a gale in the Sound Tuesday and a large schooner ran into the bay and anchored but a short distance off shore, remaining nearly all day. John Rogers, a former well-known resident of Niantic, who now conducts a stone-yard and monumental works in Brooklyn, arrived in town on a visit Tuesday, and remained until Monday. He attended the anniversary exercises of Niantic lodge Wednesday night and was warmly greeted by his many friends.

Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of New London, is making preparations to celebrate its anniversary in May and Bay View lodge of this town, an offshoot of Union lodge, will be invited to participate. Rev. R. D. Dyson conducted the devotional service at the meeting of the Epworth League convention held in New London, Thursday afternoon. Others from the local organization were present as delegates. Temperance movements are gaining ground and violations of the law are being punished almost everywhere. Even the moon, this month, will be totally eclipsed for getting full. A. E. S. Bush, now stopping with his son, Dr. Bush, in Cromwell, was in town one day last week. Before his return he purchased a horse of John DeWolf for his son's use and drove it to Cromwell. The new Mogul locomotive, weighing 125 tons, having four driving wheels on each side went through Friday, east-bound with a heavy freight train. It was a very one looking machine and to all appearances was doing its work easily. Warren Council, O. U. A. M. will hold two open meetings this week. The first will be held at their hall in Niantic Thursday evening and the second at the church in Flunder: Friday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend both of these meetings. Capt. Chadwick, formerly master of the large schooner, Cornelia Soule, has accepted the command of the 600 ton schooner, Roger Druay, and will soon take command. His first trip will be from New York to Georgia for a cargo of yellow pine from Boston. D. S. Marsh, the best known dealer in pianos, organs and musical instruments in New London, has removed from Bank street to 16 Min street. He has a large stock of very fine pianos and organs and a large and roomy showroom. When in want of a fine instrument call on him. Luce Bros. fishing steamers Arizona and Quicksilver, were despoiled by thieves last week. A lot of copper pipe, oil cups, etc., to the amount of \$300 were taken. It was the work presumably of Kane and Cooper, arrested for burglarizing Darrow & Comstock's store in New London. R. B. Clark, the genial and well-known salesman for C. D. Boss & Son, the well-known cracker manufacturers of New London, is giving out some very neat pocket match safes. They are of leather or of just the right shape and size to carry in the vest pocket and have on the flap the words: "Boss crackers. You buy, I sell. Clark"

John Luce invested in a Plymouth Rock incubator a few weeks ago and set it at work immediately. It has a capacity of 200 eggs. He took out his first hatching about a week ago and now has about 80 fine little chicks. His brooder is built after ideas of his own and seems to fill the bill very acceptably and successfully. Another hatching of eggs has been put in the "machine hen" and Mr. Luce thinks that with his added experience from the first trial he will be able to bring out a much larger percentage of chickens. The bill submitted to the Legislature, aimed at patent medicines, is decidedly unjust. The passage of the bill would simply drive the sale of all patent medicines from the State, unless the manufacturers saw fit to divulge their trade secrets, by putting a formula label on each medicine. This bill should be promptly voted down. Mr. Horace R. Butler, the contractor, for the building of the municipal building in Middletown, has brought suit against Middlesex county and the city of Middletown, for \$10,000. The complaint was drawn by ex-Congressman Washington F. Wilcox, of the law firm of Warner, Wilcox & Warner. The case is returnable to the Superior Court on the first Tuesday in April, 1895. After citing the terms of the contract, made on September 16, 1893, the complaint alleges that "on December 1, 1894, when the plaintiff had nearly completed the exterior of the building, and had performed all the conditions of said contract on his part, the defendants materially charged said contract by requiring a hard wood finish in place of the cheaper material mentioned in the contract and specifications, and compelled the plaintiff to suspend work upon the interior of said building until the defendant should determine the kind of finish and material they would require, and until such time as they should see fit to raise the money for such purpose. The plaintiff has thereby been obliged to suspend and delay all work upon the interior of said building, and to delay the completion thereof."

Dangerous Fun. Last week Monday night some boys stretched a rope across the sidewalk near Mr. Bacon's residence and the result came near being serious. The rope was placed across the sidewalk, and several persons, two ladies received severe falls and two gentlemen came near being served in a like manner. The rope was finally cut and thrown over the fence. Such practices on the part of boys is reprehensible and dangerous in the extreme, though it is to be hoped that they did not fully realize the injuries that might result to people from so doing. There is nothing funny about it and many times great harm might come from it.

An Error Corrected. Last week's NEWS contained an article relating to the petition presented by the W. C. T. U. of Niantic, to the general assembly. In it was stated that the petition had about 40 signers. The statement was incorrect as 67 signatures were appended and the ladies think that many more could have been secured if more time had been given to it. They also state that they were assured by the committee on military affairs that the petition was sent to the proper place, that the proper course was pursued in presenting it to the legislature as was done. The NEWS has been asked to make these corrections and does it with pleasure.

River men are anticipating an ice freshet this spring, as the continued cold weather keeps the river ice locked. It is some years since an ice freshet has occurred.

ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE.

Seventeenth Anniversary of Niantic Lodge.

It Was Observed in a Fitting Manner—About 800 Persons Participated—A Very Pleasant Occasion. Union Hall on Pennsylvania avenue, was the scene of a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion last Wednesday evening. It was nothing less than the celebration of the seventeenth anniversary of the lodge to receive a charter under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Connecticut, Niantic lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F. Good cheer and royal good fellowship, such as can always be found at these fraternal gatherings, prevailed. Happy old Odd Fellows with their wives and old happy young Odd Fellows with their best girls were in evidence on every hand. Invited guests in and out of the order were to enjoy the hospitality of the lodge and it was an occasion long to be remembered by all who participated. It was the regular meeting night and the lodge was called to order, opened and closed in regular form by Noble Grand George Brooks, after which the doors were thrown open and the guests for the evening invited in. Past Grand C. S. Davis was then called to the chair to preside as master of ceremonies. It was a familiar place to Mr. Davis for he has occupied the same position for seventeen anniversary celebrations. In accepting the post of honor for the evening Mr. Davis made an earnest speech referring to the past history of the lodge; its early struggles and final triumphs; to its many old members who during the early years of its existence had labored so nobly for the success of the lodge and have now gone to meet their final and lasting reward, and to many other things near and dear to the hearts of the members living to-day. His remarks were listened to with deep attention as coming from a man who has gained a deep knowledge of Odd Fellowship in his 25 years of membership and intimate relationship with the order. The assemblage was also addressed by Rev. J. M. Morris and Rev. E. G. Stone, both of whom spoke in an interesting manner. Other speakers were A. B. Calkins, D. L. Gates, Frank Bacon, George Brooks, Dr. Chipman and Samuel Rogers. Noyes Getchell of Waterford, also made one of his characteristic speeches which always puts his hearers in good humor. John Rogers of Brooklyn, N. Y., was present and greeted his many friends with a neat little speech, and D. R. Young read a very interesting poem, written for the occasion by a friend. The speech making was thoroughly enjoyed by the company and an hour or more passed very quickly in this way. Regrets were read from C. B. Ware of New London, who has often been present on like occasions, and from Rev. R. D. Dyson who was detained at home by a severe cold. The event of the evening to one member, at least, happened about this time. Mr. Davis called Charles E. Gates to the chair and with a few appropriate words presented to him in the name of the lodge a very handsome past grand's collar. Mr. Gates was taken completely by surprise and for a moment was unable to speak being so overcome with deep feeling. He soon recovered himself, however, and acknowledged the gift in a manner which left no doubt of the pleasure he experienced in accepting it. Then came the supper. And such a supper! The tables were brilliant with silver and glass and the decorations of flowers, and it is certain that none ever looked prettier or more inviting to the 200 hungry people, who were assigned places beside them. Then came the clatter of knives, forks and dishes, the lively conversation and happy laughter. A large corps of waiters attended to the wants of all in a rapid and satisfactory manner. Stewed oysters, cooked in a style of which only Turner Hayes knows the secret, with cold meats and innumerable side dishes, formed the first course. Then there were cakes and pies, fruit and nuts, and a plenty of everything for all who were there. When the tooth picks were finally passed around the full extent of the terrible onslaught made upon the tables was very plainly apparent. They had the appearance of having been devastated by a western cyclone and swelled pretty conclusively that the appetites of Niantic people are still healthy and in good condition. After the supper came social intercourse and general jollity which always prevails at such times and it was after midnight before the lights were out and the scene of so much pleasure left in darkness. In closing it is but just to mention the committee who had the affair in charge and brought it to such a successful termination. It consisted of Frank Bacon, C. S. Davis, U. E. Beebe and a corps of able assistants, and all worked hard and earnestly. Turner Hayes had charge of the cooking department and was assisted by Jason Chapman, E. E. Horton and J. E. Clark. The face of one of the workers of the lodge was missed by many, Walton Gates, who was having a little celebration of his own at home with the grip. It was the first anniversary which he had missed since living in Niantic. Christian Endeavor Officers. The semi-annual business meeting of the Niantic Y. P. S. C. E., elected the following officers and committees: President—Chas. P. Leonard. Vice-pres.—G. D. Adamson. Secretary—William Roberts. Treasurer—Phillip L. Morgan. Corresponding sec'y.—Mrs. Ed. Smith. Prayer meeting committee—W. D. Howard, Alva Smith, Miss Lulu Munger. Lookout committee—Phillip L. Morgan, Samuel B. Paul, Miss Helen Parkhill. Social committee—Mrs. G. D. Adamson, Miss Josie Bailey, Walter Waldorf, George Stone, Miss Florence Leonard. Press committee—Phillip L. Morgan, George Stone. Flower committee—Misses Mabel Roberts, Alice Stone, Alice Leonard, Maud Beckwith. Music committee—Misses Jennie Parkhill, Gertrude Not, Ada Stone. Organists—Chas. P. Leonard, Miss Annie Roberts.

CARS OFF THE RAILS.

Engine No. 276 Makes a Bad Start.

On its First Trip the Train Broke Apart and Five Cars Left the Track—No Damage. Friday afternoon about 1:45, engine 276 came in with a train of forty freight cars. The train was in charge of Conductor George Kane and passed Niantic station at the ordinary speed. When the engine reached the draw bridge five cars in about the middle of the train left the rails and bumped along on the ties for quite a distance and the train finally broke apart. Fourteen cars on the front part of the train remained on the track and were taken to Waterford and side tracked. The engine then came back on the west-bound track and the train gong set at work to get the five cars back on the rails. Section Foreman Coates and men were at work near the bridge and aided in the work and it was accomplished in about an hour without the aid of jacks or any apparatus other than that carried in the caboose and on the engine. No damage was done to the cars and they were in perfect running condition when again on the rails. At 3:15 the train was on its way to New London. Engine 276 is a brand new, having come from the Rhode Island shops Thursday. It is of the new four driver pattern, weighs 125 tons and is a magnificent machine. It was making its first working trip Friday when the mishap occurred to the train. There is something very peculiar in the derailing of the five cars. Just before the train reached this place Foreman Coates had opened the drawbridge to let a tugboat through, which had just brought in a large load of coal for Geo. Huntley. The bridge was being closed as the train approached and the rails of the bridge and the main tracks had just been joined but a few seconds before the engine ran on the bridge. Foreman Coates affirms distinctly that the bridge signal was against the engineer and consequently the "derail" was open. In fact the signal and derail both showed such to be the case immediately after the accident. With the derail open the question arises as to how the engine and fourteen cars immediately following, could have gotten over it without being thrown, while five cars in the middle of the train left the rails. That such a thing did occur there is not the least doubt. If that train had happened along two or three minutes sooner it is altogether probable that the new engine would have gone through the bridge into the river. The engineer seems to have disregarded the bridge signal. He has been in the employ of the company about 25 years.

ABOUT THAT PETITION.

It Is Given a Hearing by the Military Committee.

The Hartford Courant's Account of the Hearing as Held at the Capital Thursday. The petition sent from Niantic to the legislature asking that the encampment of the state militia be arranged "to secure to us the order of the Sabbath," is cutting quite a figure. The text of the petition was given last week. This is what the Hartford Courant says of its hearing: The committee on military affairs considered yesterday afternoon the petition of residents of Niantic against Sunday encampments of the National Guard. The petition originated with the Woman's Temperance Union of Niantic and is signed by sixty-seven residents of the town of East Lyme. Mrs. Edward Luce of Niantic, treasurer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, told of the scenes of disapprobation caused by hundreds of visitors landing at Crescent Beach on Sunday and returning in a drunken condition. Mrs. James M. Bissell of this city, commented on the disapprobation which existed in camp on Sunday and spoke against the troops being in camp on that day. The Rev. H. M. Thompson quoted Chaplain Kelsey of the First Regiment as saying that the chief reform measure now needed in the National Guard was the abolition of the Sunday encampment. Several gentlemen who had promised the two ladies that they would be present and favor the petition failed to appear. Mrs. Luce said that Representative Lee, (probably meaning Mr. Hill) of East Lyme, declined to present the petition because he made as much as \$100 out of his business at Niantic on a Sunday when the troops are in camp. He did not want to injure business. Mr. Hill says regarding the Sunday excursions that he is not the gainer in any degree from that class of people.

STONE CUTTERS' WAGES.

The Scale Adjusted for One Year From March 1.

The differences that have existed between the granite cutters at Millstone, Waterford and Niantic and the manufacturers has at last been amicably adjusted. Conferences have been held several times lately and at the last one, Monday, at Millstone, the matter was brought to a settlement. The scale has been agreed upon for the year beginning March 1, by which the men will work at what is equivalent to a reduction of about 3 per cent. It is calculated that on a basis that will permit an ordinary workman to earn twenty-nine and one-half cents an hour. The agreement affects only the granite cutters of Millstone, Waterford and Niantic, this city being under the jurisdiction of another branch of the union. It is to be hoped that the question of wages will be settled and work in the quarries will resume its former activity.—The Day.

SCHOOL SHOES FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

Here Are Some Notable Values in School Shoes.

Miss Emma Roke, an employee of Smart & Co.'s hat factory, Stamford, is confined to her home with serious injuries sustained while practicing high kicking. It seems some of the girls in the factory were trying conclusions at this art, and Miss Roke badly strained herself. Her condition is extremely critical. Misses Button, sizes 12 to 2.....75c Children's Button, sizes 2 to 6.....50c Boys' Lace, sizes 3 to 5.....\$1.00 Boys' Lace, little finer.....\$1.50

GABRIEL'S TRUMP.

How a Young Girl Cured Her Brother of Practical Joking.

A certain excellent lady of Boston has so great a horror of practical jokes and all other sorts of foolish levity which does not regard the rights and feelings of others, that it was with much surprise that her friends recently heard her avow that she once in her youthful days perpetrated a practical joke of her own, says the Youth's Companion. "Ah," said a young man who was present, "so when you were young you believed in practical jokes yourself?" "Not at all," she answered. "I merely believed in curing young men of the practice of perpetrating them if I possibly could." "Please tell us about it," said the young man. "Well, I was 17 years old and was probably about as timid as most girls of my age. There had been a revival of the Millerite excitement in our neighborhood and some people nightly expected to hear the sound of Gabriel's trumpet announcing the end of the world. "I did not believe in this, but I confessed at the dinner table one day that if I should hear a horn blow in the night I should be frightened out of my wits. I was foolish enough to make this confession in the presence of my younger brother, who was a great joker. "It happened that at this same time another brother, a very little fellow, was just getting over a mild attack of the measles. He was somewhat troublesome in the night and occasionally called for a drink of cold water. It fell to my lot to take care of the child, and in getting him the water I had to pass through a darkened chamber, in the floor of which a stovepipe hole had been left open to allow heat to come upstairs from the sitting-room below. "As I passed out through this room to get the glass of water I noticed from the appearance of the stovepipe hole that there was a very faint light in the room below. I went on out, and as I returned softly with my glass of water I paused and looked down into the sitting-room. "There I saw my smart brother standing on a chair, getting ready to thrust the mouth of a long tin dinner-horn up into the stovepipe hole and blow a blast to frighten me. "I took a step or two which he could hear and up came the mouth of the horn. And then, just as he was preparing to blow his fearful blast I poured my glass of water into the mouth of the horn. "Instead of hearing Gabriel's trump I heard a great gurgling and spluttering noise and the joker below went tumbling out of the chair to the floor. I rushed downstairs to make sure that he was not badly choked, but when I reached the lower room he had vanished, horn and all. "At the breakfast table next morning he looked so crestfallen that I could not help bursting into a fit of laughter and had to tell the story. And my young brother, who was really pretty effectively cured of practical joking by the ridicule that followed this performance."

FORTUNE FROM A ROSE.

How the Famous American Beauty Was Discovered by a Gardener.

Here is a pretty and interesting story about the origin of that most beautiful of flowers, the American Beauty rose, says the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser. The late Hon. George Bancroft, besides being a historian and scholar, was one of the first amateur rose-growers in America. Every year he imported cuttings from the leading flower-growers of Europe. The king of Prussia, when old Kaiser William was king, allowed the American historian to have a ship of whatever he might fancy in the royal conservatories. Mr. Bancroft's intention was to cultivate some of his roses in an old house away out on F— or perhaps it was G—street, above Twenty-second street, in the west end of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Grant had a florist named Field in charge of the white house conservatory. He was a rose-grower of rare merit and skill in his artistic work. One day he happened into the old building where Mr. Bancroft's gardener potted his plants and budded his roses. Over in a corner he observed a rose of a variety utterly unknown to him and of wonderful size and perfection in form and color. "Where did this come from?" he carelessly inquired of his rose-growing confrere. "Oh, it is an offshoot from some cuttings we imported from Germany," the man replied. It was evident to Mr. Field that the other did not in the least comprehend the value of the new plant. After some talk Mr. Field bought the cuttings he had seen for \$5. A year thereafter, when he had propagated his new purchase and become convinced that he had a new and very valuable variety of rose, which he named the American Beauty, he sold his find for \$5,000, the most wonderful result of the investment of \$5 on record. To follow his luck a little farther, Mr. Field invested his easily earned \$5,000 in lands near Washington, which in a little less than three years were sold for \$50,000. Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction.

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