

Tuesday, March 31, 1896.

TRAVELERS' GUIDE. Trains leave Niantic Station, going East, at 9:30 a. m., 12:30, 4:41 and 6:54 p. m. ... NANTIC POST OFFICE. Mails close, going East, at 9:15 a. m., 12:35, 4:30 p. m. ... CHURCH DIRECTORY. BAPTIST CHURCH—Rev. William P. Squires, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. ... METHODIST CHURCH—Rev. D. R. Dyson, pastor. Morning service at 10:30. Sunday School at 12 m. ... CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Rev. E. G. Stone, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. ... THE FRATERNITIES. Niantic Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F., meets every Wednesday evening in Union Hall.

TALK OF THE TOWN. Fast day, Friday. David R. Young arrived home Sunday evening. C. E. Lord of Chester, was in town Saturday. Prof. Stevens of Clinton, was in town Saturday. Mrs. Henry Arnold is visiting in Hartford. C. S. Davis was in Clinton, Thursday, on business. J. L. Wheeler was in Lyme on business, Friday. J. Fred Medcalf of Essex, was in town Thursday. Orrin Rudd of New London, was in town Saturday. George Mather was in town a few hours Saturday. Gates Bros. received a car load of grain last week. Huntley Bros. received a barge load of coal, Thursday. Marian L. Luce spent a few days in New Haven last week. George A. Brooks was in South Lyme Saturday on business. Mrs. H. M. Gallaher of Essex, was in town a few hours Friday. Charks Gates shot two large black ducks last Wednesday night. Mrs. Blake of Norwich, will soon occupy her cottage at the beach. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Beckwith have moved into their new home. Mrs. Elia Douglas, of Norwich, was in town Friday, the guest of friends. S. O. Harrington has recovered from his illness so as to be about again. Rev. C. M. Bromley of Black Hall, was in town a few hours Saturday. A. O. Carter and family have moved into their house on cemetery avenue. Tower Operator H. E. Conway was in New York city a few days last week. A westbound freight train made up of 61 cars passed through here, Thursday. Rev. Mr. Richards occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church, Sunday. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Long, Summit N. J., Saturday, March 27. Mrs. Gibson and daughter Minnie, of Millstone Point, were in town Thursday. Dr. F. H. Dart was in New York on business Thursday and Friday of last week. A number of Niantic people attend the Matinee at the Lyceum Theatre Saturday. Mrs. James De Wolf spent a few hours in town Saturday, the guest of relatives. Colored Tyler of Hartford, spent Sunday at Crescent Beach, looking over his property. Mrs. Charles E. Bash and daughter returned to their home in Cromwell, Monday. Samuel P. Willard of Colchester, was in town a day last week visiting the school. Mrs. Geo. Peabody spent a few days in Middletown last week, the guest of relatives. Mrs. Charles Latham, of Lyme, was in town a few days last week, the guest of friends. The Niantic post office will be closed on Fast day between the hours of 1:30 and 5 p. m. E. N. Ackley returned home Thursday after sickness of two weeks in Middletown. Harry Rook of New York, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rook, Sunday. Geo. A. Coulter, who has been quite ill for a few days past, is now able to be about. The students of the Williams Memorial Institute, New London, are enjoying their spring vacation. Henry Gardner's schooner, McLaughlin, arrived at Millstone Wednesday with a cargo of coal. The public schools will close Thursday, for the spring vacation and reopen again, April 13. Lee Dickenson returned home Thursday, from New York City, where he has been spending a few days. Warren Chapman of the Connecticut Literary Institution, Suffield, is home enjoying his spring vacation. Richard Waite, of Lyme, is doing the mason work on the new house of Orville Souville at Crescent Beach.

Mrs. Bell Prince of New London, spent a few days in town last week, the guest of relatives. Mrs. Curtis of Flanders, before reported as suffering from pneumonia, is progressing toward recovery. Miss Maud Huntley returned home from New York city Thursday, where she has been visiting with friends. Jerome Mayer, the popular traveling salesman for A. Hollander & Son's, of Hartford, was in town a few days last week. Chas. Latham, who has been sick with the grippe for a number of days past, is about again, feeling some better. Remember that the News does job printing of all descriptions, promptly and at the lowest possible prices. Give us a trial. Union lodge, A. O. U. W., have received an invitation from Sprague Lodge to take part in the parade in New London, May 6. Miss Emma B. Whaley returned home Wednesday. Her mother, Mrs. L. B. Whaley will also return home from Newport soon. Capt. Jas. Clark has completed the painting of his splie driver and row boats, preparatory for the coming fishing season. The Sunday school scholars of both the Methodist and Congregational churches, are diligently practicing for Easter concerts. Prof. Timothy Drake, a well-known lecturer, will give an illustrated lecture in the Congregational church, Saturday evening, on "The Passion Play." Past Warden James Howard of Niantic lodge, N. E. O. P., has been chosen as representative to the Grand lodge, to be held in New Haven, April 8th. Huntley Bros., the Niantic coal dealers, finished unloading the barge Carleton, Saturday, and Sunday morning the barge was let out through the bridges. Bay View Lodge F. and A. M., have accepted an invitation from Brainerd lodge to be present at the great celebration in New London, to be held on the 6th of May. Thomas Park of East Lyme, upon whom an operation for appendicitis was recently performed, still continues to improve. He has already reached that stage where recovery is assured. The fair now in progress at the National House, under the management of the ladies of the Congregational church, is proving very successful. Lack of space forbids any extended mention of it however. The bridge which the Berlin Iron Bridge Company is building across the Connecticut river between Middletown and Portland is the most important bridge that has been built in the New England states for many years. The draw being 450 feet in length—the longest highway span in the world. Proprietor Coroley of the National House, had a number of carpenters at work last week, partitioning off the upper story of the hotel into 6 rooms. Mr. Coroley is a hustler and will no doubt, have his hotel full of guests the greater part of the coming summer. Columbia and Hartford city clubs will be for sale as usual this year, by B. C. Luce. Any one thinking of buying a wheel, either for cash, or on the installment plan, can do no better than to call on him. Notice his ad., which will change with every issue of the NEWS. Residents in the vicinity of the rail road station were awakened last Sunday morning, about 4 o'clock by the sound of a fierce pugilistic combat in which Niantician and a Millstonite were the chief actors. When the Millstonite went to work Monday morning, his two optics were beautifully decorated and his nose was badly battered. The NEWS is indebted to Rev. G. T. Richards of New Haven for papers from Transvaal, Australia, and other foreign places, including India. If our readers would like to obtain an idea of what sort of country Transvaal is, they are invited to call at the office and look the papers over. They also give a very vivid description of Dr. Jameson's raid. Town Clerk Arthur B. Caulkins has appointed C. S. Davis sub registrar with power to issue burial and marriage licenses. This is an excellent move on the part of Mr. Caulkins, as it will be a great convenience to the village of Niantic, as it will save the time of driving to East Lyme, where the town clerk's office is located, a distance of 24 miles.

REV. J. M. MORRIS AGAIN. Disappearing Ministers Not Wanted Down in Pennsylvania. The following article appeared in the New York Press, Sunday, March 29, and will doubtless prove interesting to those who are acquainted with Mr. Morris. "At a conference of Baptist churches, held in Duryea, Pa., to consider the case of the Rev. J. M. Morris, who recently disappeared and later returned without explaining his eccentric behavior, the pulpit was declared vacant and the River-side Baptist church was recommended to withdraw the right hand of fellowship from the pastor and the pastor advised to "quit the ministry until he shall have re-established himself in the confidence of the churches and the ministry of the Baptist denomination."

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