

Norwalk Gazette.

Tuesday, January 20th, 1878.

The Only Newspaper printed in the Borough of Norwalk.

Fairfield County Items.

WEST NORWALK.

The Rev. Dr. Spencer of South Norwalk, preached in the chapel last Sunday, 27th.

WILTON.

Seldom is experienced such a variety of weather as last week presented—March gales, spring rains and summer skies followed each other in such quick succession as to stagger our faith in the chronology of the almanac.

RIDGEFIELD.

Last Wednesday we had a reminder of real old-fashioned winter weather.

STAMFORD.

Dr. E. T. Payne has been chosen Superintendent of the Congregational School.

WESTPORT.

Tramps continue to make calls and ask for a mouthful of cat. As a rule they get what is asked for, the exception being when the lady of the house has by chance, shaken her dishes.

WESTPORT.

The establishment of a new meat market by Mr. Foster Lyon, enables Westport to secure eight places where first-class steaks may be obtained.

WESTPORT.

By the death of Mr. Barr Whitehead in his 83d year, Tuesday, January 22d, the northern section of the town in which he had always resided loses its oldest inhabitant.

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Good Templar Hall, Saugutt was well filled, Wednesday evening last, the attraction being "Wax Works" by Mrs. J. J. J. J.

WESTPORT.

Mr. Samuel Gordon fell Tuesday last and dislocated his shoulder.

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There were ten of Mr. Francis Elwood's party as they were accompanied recently by young ruffians to whom he paid 50 cents if they would let him go in peace.

WESTPORT.

Mr. Theo. W. Werner, who has been in falling health for some time, was taken ill on Saturday, Friday last, by what appears to his friends to be a stroke of paralysis.

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The ladies of the M. E. Church in this place have lost its oldest child.

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Quite a large number of people went to North Salem, last Friday to attend the dedication of the new Methodist Church in that place.

WESTPORT.

Ice gatherers have again been disappointed by the unusually mild weather.

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Blackbirds in large quantities were seen here on Saturday and Sunday.

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The Georgetown Reporter has made its appearance in town.

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The students of the Military Institute have completed arrangements for the starting a school paper called "The Weston Racker."

WESTPORT.

Mr. Columbus Buckley's new barn looks like the finest ever built in this town.

WESTPORT.

Mr. Joel Perry, our Selectman, has greatly improved his property on the Newtown turnpike. We need more such enterprising citizens.

WESTPORT.

Mr. Walker, the new miller at Dean's mill, is thoroughly repairing the machinery. Being a practical and experienced miller, he will have no doubt but he will succeed freely.

WESTPORT.

The friends and parishioners of Rev. Mr. Lubbart, expect to make their annual visit on the evening of February 13th. If stormy the next day.

WESTPORT.

Both or rather all of the temperance organizations of our town are in a prosperous condition. The Temperance Society, the Women's Society of Temperance, which met every Wednesday night in their hall, on church hill, Newhall's Lodge, Order of Good Templars, which meets every Thursday night in their hall, Institute grounds, and Earnest Sunday Temple, which meets every Saturday afternoon in their hall, Danburyville.

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The literary circle, called the Weston Literary Association, has lately been formed under very auspicious circumstances. It meets every alternate week at the residence of different members.

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Mr. James Taylor, a former resident of Norwalk, recently died in Wisconsin.—The Episcopal and Congregational churches in Westport, are on the watch for opportunities for giving Spicers.—G. W. P., R. L. Ellis, of this place, visited—Brookfield, Thursday evening, and dedicated the new hall of Bridgewater Division, S. T.—The storm of Wednesday was the heaviest blow of the season.—Mr. Evert tintar, colored, is a resident of this place. He is hale and hearty, and attends to business with much vigor and regularity.—The colored Ball, announced for last Thursday night, proved a failure, as did also a colored concert.—The gale of Wednesday put a stop to all navigation on the Sound.—Pioneer H. & L. Co.'s House has had a much-needed new floor put down in their Truck room.

WESTPORT.

The Abbott-Town stopped at the Norwalk Hotel for dinner on their way to Danbury.

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The next term of the Misses Brockway's school will commence on Monday, Feb. 11th.

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Navy's Boat has commenced a new voyage by George Elliot, entering at "Yellow."—A Modern Romance is contained in "The Mallory place auction takes place to-morrow afternoon.—Readman Brothers have a fine specimen of crayon portrait on exhibition in Spencer's window.

WESTPORT.

The Town Clerk desires us to state that the name of Henry S. Brown, published in the recent Selectmen's Report as having received \$56.43 from the Town, should have been Harvey S. Brown.

WESTPORT.

California dealers are shipping trade dollars east, much to the displeasure of the Government. They will probably continue doing so, however, as the supply continues and they can make a profit by so doing.

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Mr. A. H. Bissell was in New York Saturday holding conference with Postmaster James and some of the leading publishers of the press, in reference to his bill now before Congress, regarding the postage of periodicals.

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Gen. Miles telegraphs that Sitting Bull, after other powerful hostile chiefs, have crossed the line, on the war path. They have a force of over 3,000 warriors and 5,000 women and children.

WESTPORT.

It is reported that the Maine Legislature has passed to be engaged in following arrangements for a state tournament which will be held in Portland.

WESTPORT.

The principal doings of our present Legislature will be found on our 4th page to-day and including Thursday.

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On Friday the 17th inst. the Senate did not transact much of any business, in the House a bill was offered increasing the number of Sheriffs in this county from 11 to 15, it was referred. The following committees were appointed by the Speaker:

WESTPORT.

On Canvas of Votes for Justices of the Peace—Messrs. Belden of Wilton, Peck of Milford, Hiss of West Windsor, Chapman of North Stonington, Disbrow of New Fairfield, Fowler of Durham, Hubbard of Middletown, Phelps of Andover.

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Forfeited Rights—Messrs. Gardner of Derby, Barnes of Berlin, Hurdley of Kent, Peck of West Windsor, Peck of West Windsor, Buck of Putnam, Hall of Killingworth, Lewis of Ellington.

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State Expenditures—Messrs. Brewster of Milford, Hiss of West Windsor, Malby of Derby, Kendrick of Waterbury, Wallace of Derby, Williams of Stonington, Barnham of Canterbury, Clark of Waterbury.

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Bethel National Bank Again.—Receiver Case has appointed the law firm of Brewster & Tweedy, of Danbury, collectors for the assessment of each year to the capital stock of said defunct bank; and under section 1010 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, the said Receiver will endeavor to collect from each stockholder, not only the assessment and interest, but the penalty of delay which is one-half or double costs, at his discretion. Although the penalty of delay which is one-half or double costs, at his discretion. Although the penalty of delay which is one-half or double costs, at his discretion.

Letters from the People.

To CYNTHIA.—In your letter about reading circles and other means of improvement in country towns, you are correct in your statements.

—like most women—fairly young in the reasons you assign for your being in difficult to understand the reading circle or any other intellectual society in a country town, but it is not because of the distance of houses from each other. That distance becomes nothing, my less than nothing, absolutely a minus quantity, when a gathering for the purpose of dancing is desired.

—I tell you my experience. I carry on the town of Pennington fifteen or twenty young ladies all gifted with average—very high with superior—ability, and all with more or less knowledge of literature and taste for study. The houses are not so far apart but that scarcely an evening passes without some ten or twelve young people meeting themselves to dance and "carry on."

—I have, if anywhere, a reading circle for mutual improvement might succeed, and proposed it. It was hailed with delight, "How splendid!" That "ill be real!" "That's gorgeous!" &c., &c., and eager promises were made to be not only punctual but regular in attendance. "What shall we read?" "Of course, their were twice as many different opinions as young ladies, but as none were strongly maintained a history was finally agreed upon, very interesting, brilliant in parts with poisonings, assassinations and love scenes enough to satisfy any school-girl or reader of the N. York Ledger.

—We had a meeting on the 17th inst. and the next evening appointed for the meeting were received at the door of the house to which we had been invited with the outstanding intelligence that the young lady had entirely forgotten about the reading circle and that she had not brought her book.

—The next evening, however, and read, one of the younger sisters acting as hostess. While there, we noticed the absence of others of our number, and enquiring for them were informed they had gone to examine the bridal trousseau of an acquaintance over whose approaching marriage they were being and being so strongly mingled with curiosity and envy. We were disgusted at their frivolity? Oh, no, we liked it! It encouraged us in our well meant desire to improve the neighborhood and induce them to give up "twaddle and gossip" as it is so truthfully characterized in your quotation. "To tell the truth, our readings instead of suppressing gossip seemed to serve as an incentive to it. No dress was mentioned in the history but we had a full description of every new dress in the neighborhood. The fine air of a princess was casually mentioned, we were immediately favored with a lesson in comparative Anatomy, and learned that the female of the species has but "three nipples" while Miss A.'s were "nothing but skin and bones." The description of a noble's marriage was read, affording a fine chance for every young lady present to unfold her theories in regard to love and marriage and her ideas of her "coming man." It is scarcely necessary to say that we only finished, by means of diligently skipping whatever did not interest. There rang in my ears, even after its cessation, the cry "skip that," "skip that," "skip that," and when I sought my couch that night it was only to dream that I was transformed into a huge water spider doomed to skip forever and ever upon the surface of a stream of ink.

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—A safe and faithful traveling companion, SANFORD'S JAMAICA CIGARETTES.

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Board of School Visitors.

A special meeting of this Board was held at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday, Jan. 21st.

The report offered at the previous meeting by Mr. B. J. Sturges, in reference to Teachers' Reports, was taken from the table and amended so as to read, monthly, instead of semi-monthly, as previously presented, and to be operative during the ensuing school year.

It was then voted that Mr. Sturges be empowered to procure the necessary blanks to carry out the system of reports submitted by him.

The question of Geography was taken up and discussed at length, and any change involving expense to the town or districts, strongly opposed. An informal ballot was taken as to the preference of Geography, Seven votes were cast, of which Monticah had 4, Guyot 2, and Swinton 1.

Noted, That a change of Geography be recommended, and the secretary notify the adjoining towns of the same.

The question of the Board of School Visitors, in reference to the town of Swinton's Geography, providing the publishers donate the books sufficient to supply the schools. Messrs. LeCount and

