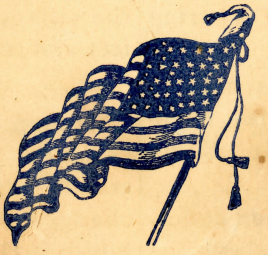
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LOCALS.

Mrs. G. O. Buddington spent Monday, the 28, with her sister Mrs. Amanda Dewey.

Miss Libbie Chute of Groton spent a few days with Miss Bessie Daboll recently.

Mrs. Aaron Chapman is quite ill. Miss Anna Dewey is caring for her.

A school-meeting was held in the school house Saturday evening, the 26. The same officers were elected.

Albert Bennett has been suffering from an attack of malaria.

Capt. J. L. Fitch was at home Sunday, the 27.

Mrs. Frances Knight and Mrs. Hannah Morgan of Poquonoc Bridge were the guests of Mrs. G. P. Colver on Tuesday last.

Miss Amy Haley has returned ne, after a short visit in Mys- where she was the guest of ss Mary Edgecomb.

Mrs. Robert Eckerlein and daughter Rosalie have gone to New London to spend the Fourth wit friends there.

A. Herbert Chapman is home from New York City to stay awhile with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Chapman. He cycled as far as New Haven, but found the roads in such poor condition he came from there to New London by rail.

Fred D. Buddington is suffering from a severe cold and malaria.

Miss Nellie Stanton from the East Northfield Seminary spent a few days with her aunt Mrs. G. W. Daboll recently.

A black-snake was killed near the village which measured five feet and ten inches.

Cyrus Whipple and Edward Chapman rebuilt the chapel chimney last week. It now stands straight, having been changed from the inside of the house to the outside.

A number of the farmers have commenced haying.

The strawberry season is about over.

George Adams is staying at Giles W. Bailey's while repairs are being made on the Tug.

Mrs. G. W. Daboll is quite ill.

D. Flemming has finished his term of four years service as mail carrier between Groton and this place. Perry Finch of Groton has been engaged as carrie for one year from July 1.

Miss Ada B. Lamb has gon to Ledyard to spend a fe months with her sister.

Starr Brothers, New London's Leading Druggists, are new advertisers in our paper.

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A Morning Adventure.

A very plump torpedo
With a bang extremely curled
On Independence morning
Set out to see the world.

She jumped for joy and stubbed her toe,
Then cut a curious caper.
And goodness me! she proved to be
Saltpetre, bang and *paper*.

ANNA M. PRATT.

Boys' Fun.

Fire the cannon and beat the drum;
O, what delightful noise!
Up the street the companies come;
Rally the restless boys!
Toss the crackers to left and right;
Hurry and scurry and din!

Open the fireworks early to-night;
Fizz and crackle and spin!

Jump and climb and wriggle and run
Under and over and out;
Let the people hear of your fun;
Yell and whistle and shout!

Father and mother, standing by,
Relish a rousing cheer;
Only grandma is apt to sigh,
Lending an anxious ear;
Isn't she glad the Fourth of July
Comes but once in a year!

—*Selected.*

A BOSTON *Herald* man, after long consideration, has concluded that if a colored waiter should drop a platter containing a roast turkey the act would be productive of a grand complication of evils; namely, the downfall of Turkey, the overthrow of Greece, the breaking up of China and the humiliation of Africa.

SWEARING.

A lovely custom of the Society of Friends is that of saying "thee" instead of "you"—lovely in that it seems to make personal intercourse the more near and tender. Moreover, the use of the pronoun "you" implies with them an emphasis which one can only appreciate by hearing a child's version of it.

Two children of this gentle sect were one day playing together, and suddenly they began to dispute. One, especially, grew angry, and said passionately:

"If thee doesn't take care, I'll swear at thee!"

"Oh, oh!" cried the second too much shocked to say more.

"I will! Oh, thee little [illegible] thee!"

PROFESSOR *(looking at his watch.)* — "As we have a few minutes, I should like to have any one ask questions, if so disposed."

STUDENT. — "What time is it, please?"

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TEACHER.—"First boy, what is your name?"

FIRST BOY.—"Jule, Sir."

TEACHER.—"You should say Julius. Next boy, what is your name?"

SECOND BOY.—"Billius, Sir."

A MAN made his wife glad by telling her he had sold his dog (which was a nuisance to his wife) for fifty dollars. She straightway began to congratulate both him and herself on this welcome accession to their little stock of money, when he put a terribly wet blanket on her satisfaction by telling her it was not exactly a cash trade, but he got two pups at twenty-five dollars apiece.

NO EXPERIMENTS.

A French lady, staying in America for some time, was wrestling with the English language. She had made very good progress, she thought, and one day accepted an invitation to dine.

As the dinner went on she was offered a dish that was new to her. Not fancying its appearance, she declined it, saying:

"Ah! thanks, no, monsieur. I eat only *acquaintances*."

HIS LAST NAME.

"What is your last name?" inquired a teacher of a new scholar. "Peter, ma'am," replied the small boy.

"Peter!" echoed the teacher. "What is your other name?"

"Fairbanks," responded the boy.

"Then Fairbanks is your last name, of course," said the teacher, eying the round-eyed, vacant-faced Peter with considerable severity.

"No'm," replied the child, respectfully. "My name was Fairbanks when I was born, but mother says they didn't name me 'Peter' for 'most six months."

IF names could always be depended upon, fly-paper would make the best kites.

—*Exchange.*

GALES FERRY AND VICINITY.

Children's Day passed very pleasantly, Rev. Mr. Ackley preaching an interesting sermon in the morning service. There was a concert in the afternoon in which the older as well as the younger portion of the school took part.

The C. A. R. are making preparations for an entertainment to be held in the boat-house Wed. afternoon the 30th. Refreshments will be served.

Mr. Lawrence Miner has been making decided improvements on what is called the Niles house and has been spending his vacation there. Dr. Graves and wife of New London are there also.

A school-meeting was held in the Lester District recently. A committee was appointed and it looks now as though there might be a school started. It is nearly 20 years since a school was held there.

Deacon Wilson Allyn, wife, and daughter Miss Cora, also Carlos Allyn, wife, and son, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chapman last Sabbath.

Misses Agnes and Mary Burrows of Poquonoc are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Chapman. —*S. F. C.*

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NORTH LANE.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Chapman lost their little boy, two years of age, last week, after an illness of only one day with spasmodic croup. They have the sympathy of the entire community in their affliction. The funeral was largely attended on Sunday the 20th. Elder Allen officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lacombe have a son. He is said to have weighed 2 1-2 pounds at birth. He is an object of great interest to the women of the neighborhood. He has shown great vitality and is gaining in avordupois' every day.

The strawberry season commenced earlier than usual this year. There are so many in the business that the price is low.

J. J. Copp has potatoes growing in his garden from seed that was planted Dec. 18th 1890, that is to say, seed from that planting has survived seven winters in the ground and each year the potatoes have grown. Mrs. Copp has Paul Neyron roses 5 inches in diameter. —*J. J. C.*

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FOQUONOC BRIDGE.

Through the efforts of the B. Y. P. U. and an efficient committee, the Church has recently been newly carpeted.

At the anual school meeting on Saturday evening the same committee was elected for the ensuing year. It was voted to obtain the services of Miss Geer, who has done such good work in the past, for the coming year.

Mrs. Frank Chapman has been in Westerly for a few days past.

Mr. Orlando Smith and wife of Westerly spent Sunday with Mrs. Smith's parents.

There was one new member admitted to the Church by baptism on Sunday June 20th.

Miss Ethel Fish has returned to Gales Ferry.

D. N. Thomas and wife of Greenport, N. Y. have been visiting at his brother's this week.

Miss Helen Irving of Mystic has been visiting with Miss Dorothy Wells.

A Tribute to Thomas Avery.*

A tribute, now we come to pay
To Hero young and brave,
Who gave his *life* that autumn day,
His Country's cause to save.

His "Country"! With no childish fears,
Stern "duty" did he deem it,
To aid, in spite of tender years,
From *tyranny* to redeem it.

Nobly he stood his ground, and well,
In brave battle array,
Until he fell, mids't shot and shell,
In the hottest of the fray.

We here have placed above his grave,
A simple granite token,
The story of his death to save,
Which to *our* hearts hath spoken,

In words so eloquent and strong,
Of duty nobly done,
And may we cherish well and long,
A cause so *bravely* won.

May those who shall come after us,
Take heed. that naught be lost,
And prize the precious heritage
Gained at so great a cost.

And when e'en this memorial stone
Time crumbles and decays,
May they replace it then by one
To endure for length of days.

And on and on, as time recedes,
May the love of Country thrive,
And rev'rence be, for noble deeds,
In young hearts kept alive.

* The above lines were read for the Thomas Avery Society, C. A. R. at the dedicatory exercises at Poquonoc Bridge June 21, 1897.

BURNETT'S CORNERS.

Miss Pansy Crandall has returned from the State Normal School at Willimantic.

Miss Jeannette Stapelin recently spent several days with friends in Stonington.

Mr. Fred Waite has been working for Mr. Simeon Gallup.

Mr. Daniel Whipple has a new two-seated surry.

Miss Maud Chapman graduated from the Old Mystic High School on June 11. Her essay was well written and well delivered. We wish her "success."

The strawberry season is open. The berries were a little late this year. A good many report blasting of the green berries.

Elmer Waite is picking berries for Rudolph Davis. He recently picked 1400 boxes from about two acres in one day.

Miner Bacon, who has been sick for a long time, is able to be out. We hope his machine shop will start soon.

Charles Ingram is at home. He is suffering from lung trouble and chronic rheumatism.

George B. Waite has been elected school comittee.

—*E. E. W.*

WEST MYSTIC.

Miss Jennie Clift visited Miss Mattie Chapman on West Mystic avenue last week.

Thomas Wolfe, wife, and son Herbert, are visiting Charles Spear of Boston.

Mrs. Charles Lamb accompanied by Miss Addie Packer will spend the month of July at the Catskills.

Misses Sadie Lamphere and Katie Hartling visited friends in Old Mystic Friday.

Edwin Lamphere is still quite ill with malarial fever.

Mrs. James L. Mullen visited friends in New London last week.

Miss Libbie Sheldon is visiting friends in Ledyard.

Charles Lamb took a party of young ladies sailing in his large sail-boat, the Lucy. Among the number were, Misses Maggie Dodd, Mary Sawyer, Mattie Chapman, Kate Hartling, Bertie Lamphere.

Ira Comstock has returned to his home in New London after visiting his aunt Mrs. William Davis.

William Brand, wife, and daughter Edith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will spend the Fourth with Mrs. K. D. Sawyer.

H. S. Thomas has gone to Lewes, Delaware, for the summer.

Almon Meister of Noank is visiting Robbie Chapman.

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