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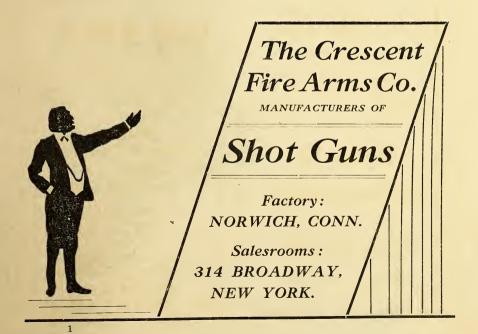
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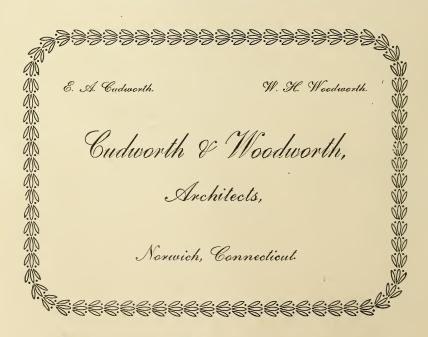
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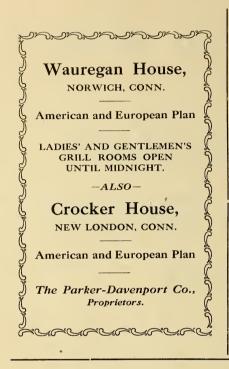
OF NORWICH, CONN.

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL STATEMENT, JANUARY 1st, 1909.

Total Income for year 1908, - \$66,264.70 Gross Assets, January 1st, 1909, 256,517.78 Surplus Over All Liabilities, - 170,121.72 Losses Paid Since Organization, 642,582.84

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VIEW OF HARBOR

# Official Program

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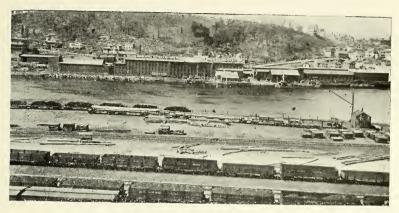
July 4th, 5th and 6th, 1909



PARK CHURCH



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



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CITY HALL



PONEMAH MILLS

# Official Program

#### Sunday, July 4, 1909.

In the morning historical sermons will be delivered in all the churches at their usual hour of service.

The graves in the old town burying ground at Norwich Town and the Mason monument will be decorated.

In the afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a memorial service in the old burying ground at Norwich Town, as follows:

Invocation—Rev. George H. Ewing of the First Congregational church.Address—Rev. Lewellyn Pratt, D. D.

Address—Rev. Charles A. Northrop. Frederick W. Lester and a choir of selected voices will lead in the sing-

ing of several old hymns.

At 5 o'clock an organ recital will be

given in the old First church.

The evening will be reserved for family reunions and visits with old friends.

#### Monday, July 5, 1909.

At sunrise, 4.31 a. m., all the bells in the city will ring for half an hour. Upon the entry of the President into the city, at about 5.30 a. m., the Presidential salute of 21 guns will be fired by a battery on Geer's hill.

At 9 a. m.—The first ascension of the airship, "The California Arrow," owned and operated by Capt. Thomas Scott Baldwin, will take place, at the New London County Fair Grounds. The flight will be made over the entire city so that all may have a good view. This will be the first ascension of an airship in the state. At the same time and place the athletic events will be held.

At 10 a.m.—In the area back of the Norwich Club House, entrance through the Joshua Perkins Road or at the upper end of McKinley avenue, there will be presented a series of Historical Reproductions consisting of scenes of the early Indian life, the signing of the deed by Uncas and the Founders, the visit of Washington during the Revolutionary war, the return of

the soldiers from the Civil war, the present to be represented by the soldiers of the present time and the future personified by 500 school children.

At 12 o'clock a reception will be tendered the President, the distinguished guests and the officials of the celebration by Hon. Winslow Tracy Williams at Rockclyffe.

At 2 p. m.—The grand parade start, forming in the various streets leading into Franklin Square it will march to the East Side bridge, then countermarch to Broadway, thence to Chelsea Parade where it will be reviewed by the President of the United States, the governor of Connecticut and other distinguished guests. The procession will be the most imposing ever seen in Norwich, consisting of regular U.S.A. troops from the forts in and about New London, midshipmen from Annapolis, two companies Governor's Foot Guards, the Putnam Phalanx and several companies of Coast artillery, officials and civic societies, school children in 20 floats representing, in costume, numerous historical scenes and ancient life and customs. The industrial divisions will display on floats the varied industries of the city and town. After the review the President will proceed to the Buckingham Memorial where a public reception will be held until 6 o'clock.

At 5.20 p. m., will occur the second flight of the airship.

At 7 p. m.—There will be band concerts as follows: On Union square, by Fifth Regiment band, M. V. M.; at Greeneville, by the Governor's Foot Guard band; at West Side, by Hatch's First Regiment band, C. N. G.; at Norwich Town, by Tubbs's Military band. The concert on Union square will extend until 8.30 o'clock; the others from 7 to 8.

At 8.30 p. m.—Grand display of fireworks on Rogers's hill, above the bank of the Shetucket river directly opposite the station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad. From this eminence the display can be seen from nearly every part of the city. This will be the grandest display of fireworks ever seen in eastern Connecticut. During the evening the streets of the business section will be iluminated by electrical arches and devices of a spectacular nature.

#### Tuesday, July 6, 1909.

- At 8.30 a.m.—Demonstration of the Fire department at the Central station.
- 9 a. m.—Third ascension of the airship.
- 9.30 a. m.—Automobile parade. All automobiles will be decorated and valuable prizes given.
- 10.30 a. m.—Dedication of a memorial fountain at the Little Plain by Faith Trumbull chapter, D A. R.
  The Star-Spangled Banner,

Tubbs's band

Invocation.

Rev. Lewellyn Pratt, D. D. Greeting....Mrs. Elizabeth B, Buel State regent Connecticut D. A. R. Connecticut State Hymn.

Solo ..... Ebenezer Learned Chorus—D. A. R.

Presentation of the Fountain,

Mrs. Ellen M. K. Bishop, regent Unveiling,

Miss Mary Lanman Huntington Miss Helen Lathrop Perkins

Reception of the Fountain,

His Honor, Mayor Costello Lippitt Address,

Rev. Edwin W. Bishop, D. D., Oak Park, Ill.

Closing Words, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney Hon. state regent Connecticut D. A. R.

America.

- 11.30 a. m.—The Putnam Phalanx will give an exhibition drill on Chelsea Parade.
- 2 p. m.—Literary exercises at the Iroadway theatre, as follows:
  - Prelude ...... Orchestra
     Opening address by the president of the day, Hon. Wins-
  - low Tracy Williams.
    3. Reading of Scripture,
    - Rev. S. H. Howe, D. D.
  - 4. Prayer.
  - 5. Anthem—Choir of 150 voices conducted by Frederick W. Lester.
  - 6. Welcome by the mayor, Hon. Costello Lippitt.

- Historical address President Harry A. Garfield of Williams college.
- 8. Hymn—choir and audience.
- 9. Historical address Arthur L. Shipman, Esq., of Hartford.
- 10. Hymn—Choir and audience.11. Historical address—Hon. Samuel
- O. Prentice, associate judge of the supreme court of Connecticut.
- 12. Original hymn—Choir and audience.
- 13. Reading of "The Inland City" (Stedman), Rev. Lewellyn Pratt, D. D.
- 14. Singing—America.
- At 4 p. m.—Game of baseball between two state league teams.
- 5.30 p. m.—Last ascension of the airship.
- 7.30 p. m.—Concert by Tubbs's Military band, near the harbor.
- 8 p. m.—Water carnival and illuminated display in the harbor under the management of the Chelsea Boat club. Grand electrical display on business blocks and thoroughfares.
- 9 p. m.—Grand military promenade concert and ball in the state armory, given by the Fifth company, Coast artillery.

The headquarters of the celebration will be on the main floor of the Buckingham Memorial, which is adjacent to the station of the New York, New Hayen and Hartford railroad, where an information bureau, writing facilities, a register and the newspapers of the day can be found.

It is expected that all the vestries of the several churches will be open for rest and comfort stations for women and children,

The loan exhibition, under the management of Faith Trumbull chapter, D. A. R., will be open at the Converse Art gallery July 3 to 7, inclusive, at the following hours:

Saturday, July 3, from 2 to 6 p. m. Monday, July 5, from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Tuesday, July 6, from 2 to 6 p. m. Wednesday, July 7, from 10 a. m. to

6 p. m.

Headquarters for the representatives of the press and newspaper correspondents will be furnished on the second floor of the banking house of the Thames National bank, where all the necessary facilities will be provided.



MASON MONUMENT



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT



UNCAS MONUMENT



MOHEGAN PARK



FAIRVIEW RESERVOIR

# Norwich and Its Industrial Advantages

Norwich is a picturesque city situated upon rising ground between the valleys of two streams with irregular streets and rugged bluffs. The bold and lofty hills, deep valleys and rapidly flowing streams provide ready and brisk escape for the water with which nature so thoroughly purifies the earth and air and give ample opportunity for the removal of deleterious wastes.

It is the second city in the state in point of population of natural contributory territory, having a population of 30,000 and a contributory population of over 60,000 people.

Norwich possesses 23,200 natural horse power, nearly 70 per cent. of the utilized and nearly 40 per cent. of the unutilized water power of the State of Connecticut.

Norwich is served by the New York, New Haven & Hartford and Central Vermont Railroads and is at the head of navigation on the Thames River, whose channel as improved by the Federal Government is 100–200 feet wide and 14 feet deep.

Fairview Reservoir has a capacity of 450,000,000 gallons. The net profit to the city of the water works in 1908 was \$33,916.01. Since its construction in 1867 the water commissioners have returned to the city \$385,942.67 above the cost of the works and maintenance. The family rates are below the average. The city is charged nothing for the use 388 public hydrants and the meter rates vary from \$2.00 for 1,000 cubic feet a quarter to 40 cents a thousand for quantities in excess of 200,000 cubic feet.

Another municipal enterprise is the city gas and electric department in which the city has invested the sum of \$339,000. After paying all the expenses of management and operation and deducting interest charges and five per cent. for depreciation the net profit to the city last year was nearly \$27,000. The price of gas per thousand cubic feet is \$1.25 and electricity for lighting to smallest consumers 10 cents per kilowatt hour. The electric power rate is the lowest in the state: 5c per kilowatt hour to small users, 1-500 K. W. and 2c per kilowatt hour for all over 500 K. W. used in one month. These favorable rates are made possible by the development and equipment of a water power plant by the Uncas Power Co. on the Shetucket River about 11 miles from Norwich. The power house has three sets of water wheels, generators and transformers, capable of delivering upwards of 6,000,000 kilowatts per annum. The City of Norwich has a long term contract for the entire output or as much as may be needed. The low power rate made possible by the establishment of this plant insures the rapid growth of Norwich and contributory territory.

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For the Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the Town of Norwich and the 125th of the City.

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#### MANUFACTURES.

Cotton ..... \$6,236,561.00

Grand total .....

Wool	1,789,000.09	
Silks	1,275,000.00	
Boiler, machinery and metal goods	2,727,000.00	
Fire-arms	1,325,000.00	
Paper, paper boxes and belting	1,310,000.00	
Miscellaneous	380.000.00	
-		\$15,042,561.00
Building operations		\$18,000.00
Passenger and freight transportation		1,040,616.00
Water, gas and electricity		195,000.00
Telephone, telegraph and express		175,500.00
Post office receipts and disbursements		910,262.55
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Lumber and coal	\$2,900,000.00	
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Silks	1,275,000.00	
Boiler, machinery and metal goods	2,727,000.00	
Fire-arms	1,325,000.00	
Paper, paper boxes and belting	1,310,000.00	
Miscellaneous	380,000.00	
-		\$15,042,561.00
Building operations		818,000.00
Passenger and freight transportation		1,040,616.00
Water, gas and electricity		195,000.00
Telephone, telegraph and express		175,500.00
Post office receipts and disbursements		910,262.55
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Lumber and coal		
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Lumber and coal Cotton, wool and leather Packing house products, fish and oysters Groceries and tobacco Dry goods and clothing	2,350,000.00 1,170,000.00 1,000,000.00	
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Lumber and coal Cotton, wool and leather Packing house products, fish and oysters Groceries and tobacco Dry goods and clothing Ales, wines, liquors and confectionery. Fruit, produce, butter, cheese and eggs. Drugs, chemicals and proprietary medicines.	2,350,000.00 1,170,000.00 1,000,000.00 550,000.00 600,000.00 300,000.00	
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No. I.

Since the last issue of the Quarterly, three members of the Board of Trade have passed away. Augustus Coit, one of the most promising young men of the city, and assistant cashier of the Uncas National Bank, died March 22d, at the early age of 33 years. He was prominent in various social organizations and was affectionately regarded by all who knew him.

The death of Rufus W. Marshall occurred April 11th. His conscientious methods in protecting the interests of his customers in their dealings with the railroad and steamboat lines enabled him to build up the largest trucking business in the city. He was 58 years of age at the time of his death.

The death of Thomas H. Cranston occurred May 1st. He was associated with his brother in the book and stationery business and was one of the quiet forces in the community who exert, as in his case, a wonderful influence for integrity and right in all business and social relations. His age was 52.

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Since the annual meeting the following new members of the Board of Trade have been elected: Louis M. Carpenter, Frank Hempstead, Ellis Raphael, James L. Crawford, Joseph T. Cruttenden, D. F. Pulsifer & Co., Reuben S. Bartlett, Willis T. Rogers, H. H. Walker, Guy B. Dolbeare, Frank E. Beckwith, Patrick J. Cassidy and George S. Draper, added March 31st; William B. Birge, added May 4th; John H. Powelson, John M. Lee, Foss & Bailey, and W. F. Bailey, added June 2d.

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The death of Frank T. Brown, April 17, 1909, removed a member of the executive committee of the Norwich anniversary, and one of the foremost lawyers of the state. Mr. Brown was serving the city as corporation counsel at the time of his death. He was also a director of the Hopkins & Allen Arms Co., and the Boston & Maine Railroad. His death occasioned universal sorrow as he was a man of distinguished ability who could ill be spared from the community.

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The record of financial and industrial and mercantile growth of Norwich for the past 25 years is shown in the advertising columns of this issue.

#### THE DUAL ANNIVERSARY.

Arrangements for Celebration of the 250th Birthday of the Town and 125th of the City.

The first official action looking towards a celebration of the dual anniversaries of the city and town of Norwich in 1909 was taken by the court of common council at their meeting July 1, 1907, Mayor Charles F. Thayer, presiding, when it was voted on motion of Alderman N. B. Lewis, that the matter of the 125th anniversary of the city of Norwich be referred to the amusement committee.

The next organization to take action on the matter was the Board of Trade. At a meeting of the executive committee held February 3, 1908, President F. W. Cary, presiding, the matter of celebrating the 250th anniversary of the settlement of Norwich was discussed. Mayor Charles F. Thayer moved that the president appoint an anniversary committee to confer with such committees as might be appointed by other organizations.

The Board of Trade committee so appointed met March 14th, Charles E. Chandler, chairman, presiding, and on motion of Winslow T. Williams voted that the anniversary committee of the Board of Trade recommend to the executive committee a celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the town of Norwich and further recommend that steps be at once taken to arrange for such celebration in 1909 by calling a mass meeting of the citizens of Norwich for the appointment of a general committee.

On March 23, 1908, the executive committee on motion of Wm. B. Young voted to accepted the report of the anniversary committee and authorized them to proceed along the lines suggested.

The anniversary committee of the Board of Trade held a second meeting April 6th and invited the amusement committee of the city to join with them. At this meeting arrangements were perfected for calling a mass meeting of the citizens, in accordance with the following notice:

"All residents of Norwich and vicinity who are interested in the commemorating of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the town and the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the city are requested to meet in the Town Hall, Wednesday, April 8th, 1908, at 8 o'clock p. m., to make preliminary arrangements for the due celebration of these eyents.

Charles E. Chandler, Frederic W. Cary, Winslow Tracy Williams, Albert L. Potter, Charles W. Gale, Henry Gebrath, John Eccles, Geo. M. Hyde, Committees of Board of Trade and Common Council."

The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock by Charles E. Chandler with seventy-five persons present. Edwin A. Tracy was elected chairman on motion made by Charles D. Noves. Gilbert S. Raymond was elected secretary on motion of William H. Shields.

After a short address by the chairman, William H. Shields of-

fered the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

"Moved That it is the sense of this meeting that the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the town and the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the city should be celebrated in 1909."

Adams P. Carroll offered the following resolution:

"Moved, That the chair appoint a committee of five to nominate a permanent committee of arrangements of about one hundred members; the names to be reported in alphabetical order with the idea that said permanent committee should elect their own chairman."

Charles E. Whitney offered a motion to amend the resolution by inserting the words "or more" after one hundred. This amendment was passed. Winslow T. Williams moved to strike out the words "one hundred members or more," which was passed. The original motion was passed with the words "of about one hundred members" stricken out.

Dr. P. H. Harriman offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

"Moved, That to the committee to be elected be delegated all the powers of this meeting, including the power to add to its membership, to appoint sub-committees of its members and others for special purposes, and the full power to raise and expend money and make every arrangement for the celebration."

Chairman Tracy, under the second resolution passed, appointed a committee of five, consisting of the following members: William H. Shields, Charles E. Chandler, Winslow T. Williams, Aron W. Dickey and Frederic W. Cary.

This committee retired to prepare a list of members of the committee and a recess was ordered by the chairman.

The committee of five reported the names of one hundred and sixty-six members as a committee of arrangements which was read by the secretary, and approved by the meeting. Subsequently eightyfive additional names were added, the complete list being as follows:

William A. Aiken, Jonathan H. Allen, M. D., John C. Averill, Wallace S. Allis, Nelson J. Ayling, Leonard B. Almy, M. D., Rev. J. J. Ambot, Dwight W. Avery, Fitch L. Allen, Jos. D. Aiken, Willis Austin, Geo. W. Adams, Herman Alofsin, Samuel Anderson.
Frank W. Browning, Horatio Bigelow, John A. Brady, Nathan L. Bishop, B. P. Bishop, Arthur H. Brewer, Charles Bard, Willis A. Briscoe, Richard Bush-

nell, Amos A. Browning, Lucius Brown, nell, Amos A. Browning, Lucius Brown, Frank T. Brown, George C. Butts, William F. Bogue, Charles R. Butts, Wm. A. Breed, Wm. B. Birge, Thos. F. Burns, Waterman R. Burnham, Martin Burns, Ellsworth E. Baker, Jacob C. Benjamin, Rev. J. A. Broden, Rev. H. A. Beadle (Franklin), W. W. Bentley (Bozrah), F. E. Beckwith.

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A. J. Dawley, Jeremiah J. Desmond, Aron W. Dickey Francis E. Dowe, John Donovan, Charles B. Davis Davis John Donovan, Charles B. Davis (Franklin), George A. Davis, Alexan-der H. Disco, M. H. Donahue (Baltic), Henry B. Davenport. Grosvenor Ely, John Eccles, Rev. G. H. Ewing, Otto Ernst. William D. Fitch, Joseph T. Fanning, John E. Fanning, Calvin H. Frisbie, John R. Fowler.

Charles W. Gale, Henry H. Gallup, Henry Gebrath, S. Alpheus Gilbert, William C. Gilman, James Graham, Gardiner Greene, James Grierson, Fred-Gardner Greene, James Grierson, Frederic P. Gulliver, Nathan S. Gilbert, Lemuel M. Gilchrist, Prof. J. H. George, Squire Gregson, M. J. Green, Alphonso J. Grant, Jacob Gordon, Edw. W. Higgins, John A. Hagberg, Albie L. Hale, Joseph Hall, Joseph D. Hariland, Edward, Harland, Patrick

Albie L. Hale, Joseph Hall, Joseph D. Haviland, Edward Harland, Patrick Harriman, M. D., Gilbert L., Hewitt, Michael C. Higgins, William F. Hill, J. A. Hiscox, C. Leslie Hopkins, Charles L. Hubbard, Albert C. Hatch, George M. Hyde, Calvin L. Harwood, Charles S. Holbrook, John D. Hall, John P. Huntington, George R. Hyde, Michael J. Higgins, Samuel G. Hartshorn (Franklin), Curtis L. Hazen (Sprague), Frank E. Hull (Sprague), Chas. H. Haskell, Alexander C. Harkness (Preston), Edw. P. Hollowell (Preston), H. J. Hirsch.

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Christian A. Marx, John McWilliams,

E. Judson Miner (Bozrah), Timothy C. Murphy, Chief John Murphy, Archibald Mitchell, Charles O. Murphy, Archibald McPherson, John W. Mullen, Jas. Mc-Grory, W. E. Manning, John H. Miner (Bozrah).

(Bozrah).
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L. Peale, George E. Parsons, A. Walton
Pearson, Henry G. Peck, George E.
Pitcher, Ira L. Peck, Joseph D. Pfeiffer, John Porteous, Thomas Potter,
George S. Porter, John H. Perkins, Rev. fer, John Porteous, Thomas Potter, George S. Porter, John H. Perkins, Rev. Lewellyn Pratt, Edmund A. Prentice, Frank H. Pullen, Charles H. Preston, Louis I. Pratt, M. D., Alex. B. Pendle-ton (Bozrah). Chester Parkhurst, Shepard B. Palmer, Rutherford C. Plant Horskins, Poping. Plaut, Hezekiah Perkins, Chas. W.

Plaut, Hezekian Perkins, Onas. W. Pearson, W. E. Peck (Sprague).
John Quinn (Sprague).
Henry Ruggles, William C. Reynolds, Rev. Charles H. Ricketts, Gilbert S. Raymond, Zebulon R. Robbins, Thomas A. Robinson, Orman E. Ryther, Woodbury O. Rogers, Frank A. Robinson,

A. Robinson, Orman E. Ryther, Woodbury O. Rogers, Frank A. Robinson, Frank E. Robinson (Griswold).
Vine S. Stetson, John H. Scott, George O. Stead, James B. Shannon, Dennis J. Shahan, M. D., William H. Shields, Frank H. Smith, Archibald S. Spalding, Howard L. Stanton, Henry J. Steiner, Owen S. Smith, Louis J. Saxton, John T. Sullivan, Clarence D. Sevin. N. Douglas Sevin, Chas. W. Scott, John S. Sullivan (Bozrah).
William G. Tarbox, Nicholas Tarrant, Charles F. Thayer, John M. Thayer, Henry W. Tibbits, Witter K. Tingley, M. D., Henry A. Tirrell, Edwin A. Tracy, Rev. Hugh Treanor, Jonathan Trumbull, Rev. W. T. Thayer, W. H. Tift (Griswold).

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Dwight L. Underwood.
Fred D. Vergason.
James H. Welles, Charles D. White,
Winslow Tracy Williams, Rev. Peter C.
Wright, Frank L. Woodard, Otto E.
Wulf, Charles E. Whitney, Chas. W.
Wolf (Lisbon).
Alfred A, Young (Griswold), James
M. Young, William B. Young, H. L.
Yerrington, John T. Young, Peter T.
Young.

Luther C. Zabriskie (Preston).

John McWilliams offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed:

"Moved, That the chairman of this meeting issue a call for the first meeting of the permanent committee of arrangements."

Jonathan Trumbull offered the following resolution which was

unanimously passed:

"Moved, That the secretary of this meeting turn over the records of this meeting to the committee of arrangements."

The meeting adjourned at 9.10 p. m.

# FIRST MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The first meeting of the permanent committee of arrangements was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening, May 1st, 1908, in accordance with a postal card call issued by Edwin A. Tracy, chairman of the preliminary meeting, about one hundred members being present. In the absence from town of Chairman Tracy the meeting was called to order at 8.10 p. m. by Gilbert S. Raymond, who was secretary of the preliminary meeting.

The nominating committee reported through William H. Shields, chairman, the names of 85 additional members who had been added to the permanent committee of arrangements, and this action of the nominating committee was duly approved upon motion of John C. Averill.

On motion of Frank H. Smith, Mayor Charles F. Thayer was unanimously elected permanent chairman of the committee.

Henry W. Tibbits made a motion that the Chair appoint a committee of five to nominate the permanent officers of the committee, and also to nominate an executive committee to consist of eleven members. In accordance with this vote the chairman appointed Henry W. Tibbits, William H. Shields, Dr. P. H. Harriman, Shepard B. Palmer and Aron W. Dickey.

After the nominating committee had retired the question of date and duration of the celebration was discussed. Frank H. Smith moved that the date and duration of the celebration be left with the executive committee, when appointed, with full power. John Eccles stated that the proper time was the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the first week of September. John Donovan thought the celebration ought to be held all of the week beginning Sunday and ending Saturday. Frank H. Smith stated that a whole week was too long; that some of the members of the committee would get tired out before the celebration was over. Orman E. Ryther felt that Labor Day would be the right time for beginning the celebration but that it would not be wise to decide on the duration of the celebration at this meeting, because as plans developed the matter could be better decided. George S. Porter thought a week was about the right time to hold the celebration and none too long. Mr. Smith's motion was unanimously passed.

Amos A. Browning moved that the executive committee, when appointed, be given power to appoint sub-committees, and Charles E. Chandler amended that motion by giving the executive committee full power to make all necessary arrangements. On motion of Frederic W. Cary the last named motion as amended was tabled to be

taken up after the report of the nominating committee was received. On motion of Dr. Patrick Cassidy the manner of raising funds was tabled until deemed advisable by the chairman to bring the matter up again. The nominating committee reported, recommending the election of the following officers:

President, Charles F. Thayer; vice-presidents, Edwin A. Tracy, Winslow T. Williams, John Eccles, John McWilliams, Gen. William A. Aiken and Jeremiah J. Desmond; secretary, Gilbert S. Raymond; assistant secretary, William A. Breed; treasurer, Charles W. Gale; executive committee, Dr. P. H. Harriman, Arthur D. Lathrop, John Porteous, Albert L. Potter, William B. Young, Henry A. Tirrell, James B. Shannon, Charles D. Noyes, Timothy C. Murphy, Howard L. Stanton and Albert S. Comstock.

Upon motion of Frank T. Brown the report of the nominating committee was accepted and the officers and executive committee unanimously elected.

Amos A. Browning moved that the resolution made by him, amended by Charles E. Chandler and laid on the table on motion of Frederic W. Cary be taken from the table and passed, which action was unanimously voted.

William H. Shields moved that the officers and members of the executive committee be consolidated into one body to be known as the executive committee, which was unanimously passed.

- Dr. P. H. Harriman moved that the executive committee be empowered and authorized to fill all vacancies which may occur, which was unanimously passed.
- O. E. Ryther moved that the president of the permanent committee be also ex-officio chairman of the executive committee, which was unanimously passed.

Adjourned at 8.55 o'clock.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

## First Meeting.

The first meeting of the executive committee of the anniversary celebration was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Thursday evening, May 21st, 1908, at 8 o'clock.

Present—Charles F. Thayer, Edwin A. Tracy, John Eccles, William A. Breed, Charles W. Gale, Dr. P. H. Harriman, William B. Young, Henry A. Tirrell, James B. Shannon, Charles D. Noyes, Howard L. Stanton, Albert S. Comstock, William A. Aiken, John Porteous and Gilbert S. Raymond.

On motion of General Aiken, it was voted that the time of the

celebration be in September, 1909, the exact date to be determined at a later meeting.

On motion of E. A. Tracy the chairman was given power to appoint a committee of five whose duties would be to nominate members of the various sub-committees.

#### Second Meeting.

The second meeting of the executive committee was held in the directors' room of the Thames National Bank, on Thursday afternoon, June 4th, at 5 o'clock.

In the absence of Chairman Thayer, First Vice-President Edwin A. Tracy, presided.

The secretary read a letter from Charles F. Thayer, in which he tendered his resignation as president of the permanent committee of arrangements and the executive committee and his membership on both committees, and, upon motion of John Eccles, the same was accepted with regret.

The following named members were chosen to serve as a committee to nominate a president of the permanent committee of arrangements and a chairman of the executive committee: Henry A. Tirrell, Edwin A. Tracy, Albert S. Comstock, Charles D. Noyes and P. H. Harriman.

On motion of Henry A. Tirrell it was voted that the secretary be authorized to obtain clerical assistance at the expense of the committee and that he be paid for postage and other necessary expenses.

# Third Meeting.

The third meeting of the executive committee was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Wednesday afternoon, June 17th, at 4 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John McWilliams.

Henry A. Tirrell presented the report of the nominating committee recommending the choice of General Edward Harland as president of the permanent committee of arrangements and Edwin A. Tracy as chairman of the executive committee. This report was accepted, the recommendations therein contained adopted.

Gilbert S. Raymond was elected secretary of the executive committee.

Winslow T. Williams was elected vice-chairman of the executive committee.

It was voted, on motion of C. D. Noyes, that the chairman of the executive committee be ex officio a member of all sub-committees hereafter appointed.

Chairman Tracy appointed William B. Young, Dr. P. H. Harriman, Henry A. Tirrell and Charles W. Gale, a committee with him-

self to name the members of the various sub-committees, and report at a later meeting.

# Fourth Meeting.

The fourth meeting of the executive committee was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Thursday, July 2d, at 4.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Eccles it was voted that the resignation of William A. Breed as assistant secretary be accepted and on motion of Henry A. Tirrell, Grosvenor Ely was elected to fill the vacancy.

It was voted on motion of Winslow T. Williams that all plans involving the expenditure of money must be submitted by the sub-committees to the executive committee for approval before any contracts were made or expenses incurred.

It was voted on motion of Timothy C. Murphy that all monies raised by the executive committee be paid to the treasurer of the general committee and paid out by him only on bills or vouchers approved by the sub-committee incurring the expense and by the finance committee, such approval to be certified on the bill or voucher by the chairman and one other member of the sub-committee and at least two members of the finance committee.

On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted that the secretary of the executive committee be empowered to furnish all necessary stamps, stationery and report books to all sub-committees.

The report of the nominating committee on sub-committees was presented and the following committees elected: Finance, Literary Exercises and Speakers, Printing and Publicity, Ways and Means.

# Fifth Meeting.

The executive committee held a meeting July 29th, at 4 p. m., at the Central Fire Station. Thirteen members were present.

Čol. C. W. Gale offered a motion that the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the town and the 125th anniversary of the city be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 7 and 8, 1909. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

The committee on nominations reported the names of the members of the invitation committee and they were elected as read.

# Sixth Meeting.

The sixth meeting of the executive committee of the anniversary celebration was held in the Central fire station on Friday, October 2d, 1908, at four o'clock, with the following members present: E. A. Tracy, Charles W. Gale, William B. Young, P. H. Harriman, Howard L. Stanton, John Eccles, John Porteous, James B. Shannon, Arthur D.

Lathrop, Winslow T. Williams, Henry A. Tirrell, William A. Aiken and Gilbert S. Raymond.

Chairman Tracy reported progress by the various sub-committees.

On motion of General W. A. Aiken, it was voted that the executive committee enter into no advertising schemes in connection with the celebration but that the affair be conducted by direct contributions from the town, city and private citizens.

Mr. Williams favored an official program which should be without advertising and distributed without charge.

Chairman Tracy submitted a form for a letter head for the executive committee which, on motion of Mr. Williams, was approved and referred to the committee on publishing and printing.

On motion of Mr. Williams, it was voted that the program be prepared by a sub-committee to be appointed by the chairman.

#### Seventh Meeting.

The seventh meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central fire station on Monday afternoon, October 26th, at 4 o'clock.

A letter from General Edward Harland resigning as president of the general committee was read by the secretary and on motion of Mr. William B. Young, was accepted.

At the request of Chairman Tracy, Vice-President McWilliams took the chair and Mr. Tracy addressed the committee, nominating Mr. W. T. Williams as president of the general committee. Mr. Williams was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. Gale, Dr. P. H. Harriman was unanimously elected a vice-president to fill vacancy.

On motion of General Aiken, Frank T. Brown was unanimously elected a member of the executive committee to fill vacancy.

Chairman Tracy reported that the committee on printing and publicity had accepted a proposition of the Porteous & Mitchell Co. to print one-half million postal cards in eight colors and fifty subjects, for use in advertising the celebration.

The ways and means committee have been successful in securing an appropriation of \$5,000 from the town of Norwich.

The Scandanavian society have purchased a float used at the Hartford celebration and originally costing \$450 and intend to use the same in the coming parade.

Chairman Tracy announced the appointment of the following program committee: Winslow T. Williams, Grosvenor Ely, John Porteous and the chairman, ex officio.

### Eighth Meeting.

The eighth meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central fire station, Wednesday afternoon, November 18th, 1908, at 4 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that the preliminary report of the committee on literary exercises be approved and there be recommended two historical addresses, one to cover the first two hundred years of the history of Norwich and the second the last fifty years.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that Chairman Tracy be requested to procure designs and prices of silk badges.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that all actions of subcommittees should be submitted to the executive committee for final approval.

#### Ninth Meeting.

The ninth meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central fire station, December 28th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Reports of various sub-committees were presented and approved and several bills ordered paid.

#### Tenth Meeting.

The tenth meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central Fire Station on Saturday, February 27th, 1909, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. On motion of Gen. Aiken it was voted to accept the report of the sub-committee of ways and means as presented by Mr. Gale and adopt the recommendations therein contained. motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that the secretary be empowered to engage forty rooms at the Wauregan House for the use of the committee and guests at the time of the celebration. On motion of Mr. Eccles the chairman and secretary were empowered to order 5,000 letter heads. A proposed form of silk badge, woven in Coventry, Eng., was exhibited. On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that the general design, as shown, be approved and that the committee be given power to order 3,000 to be complete with bar ready for use. On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that the nominating committee nominate members of the several committees and report to the executive committee at their next meeting. On motion of J. J. Desmond it was voted that the secretary write the senator from this district and the representatives of the town of Norwich in the general assembly requesting them to do everything possible to aid in the passage of an act validating the appropriation of \$5,000.00 by the town for the celebration.

### Eleventh Meeting.

The eleventh meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central Fire Station Tuesday afternoon, April 6th, 1909, at 4 o'clock. Messrs. Tracy and Williams gave a detailed account of their visit to President Taft, accompanied by Senators Bulkeley and Brandegee and Representative Higgins. Mr. Gale presented the following resolution which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the vote of the Executive Committee naming September 7th and 8th, 1909, as the days for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the town of Norwich and the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the city be rescinded and that the dates July 5th and 6th be substituted therefor as the time for holding the celebration."

The secretary read the report of the nominating committee which report was accepted and the various committees appointed.

On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted that the number of badges to be ordered be increased from 3,000 to 5,000.

On motion of Gen. Aiken amended by Mr. Williams, Dr. Harriman was elected chairman of the Committee of Safety with full power to appoint his associates with the view of restricting the use of explosives on July 5th.

### Twelfth Meeting.

The twelfth meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central Fire Station, Monday afternoon, April 12th, 1909, at 4 o'clock.

It was voted to accept the offer of Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., for the use of the war office in the Buckingham Memorial during the celebration.

On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted that the executive committee invite no outside organizations, except military, to take part in the celebration.

On motion of Charles D. Noyes it was voted that the Putnam Phalanx of Hartford, Conn., be invited to participate in the celebration.

The form of invitation to be extended to the inhabitants of the town outside of Norwich, but within the original nine miles square was approved as was also the form of invitation to former residents and distinguished guests.

On motion of Mr. Young it was voted that \$100.00 be appropriated for the expenses of the sub-committee on invitation for advertising for names to whom invitations should be sent and for clerical assistance.



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On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted to order 5,000 general invitations at a cost of \$410.00.

On motion of Mr. Stanton the matter of ordering 250 committee badges at 25c each, as proposed in the letter of Whitehead & Hoag Manufacturing Company, was left with Chairman Tracy with power.

The secretary read a letter from Mrs. Ellen K. Bishop, Regent, Faith Trumbull Chapter, D. A. R., in which she stated the Chapter would attend to the matter of a loan exhibit.

Mr. Williams read a report from the programme committee in which a proposed programme was suggested.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted to refer to the committee on decorations a communication received from the Women's Guild, asking that steps be taken to preserve the trees in the streets and parks against the ravages of insects and beetles.

Dr. Harriman gave a comprehensive report of the doings of the committee of public safety. The committee recommended that all of the fire houses should be fully equipped with apparatus and men ready for service during the celebration and that the fire department should not be invited to take any part in the celebration.

It was recommended that the use of all explosives and firearms be prohibited by enforcing the city ordinance relative thereto.

The committee recommended that ambulance and dispensary service be established under the charge of Supt. Symington and the ambulance be held in readiness at the City Barn to answer emergency calls and that a corps of four Red Cross nurses be provided; that the free dispensary on Washington Street be open the entire day of the celebration and all emergency cases taken there.

The committee also recommended that the Health Officer provide public toilet accommodations.

On motion of Gen. Aiken the report of the committee of public safety was adopted.

# Thirteenth Meeting.

The thirteenth meeting of the executive committee was held in the Central Fire Station, Monday afternoon, April 27th, at 4 o'clock.

Mr. William B. Young presented the report of the nominating committee and the committees on procession and hospitality were elected.

On motion of Mr. Young it was voted to appropriate a sum of \$1,500 for bands.

On motion of Mr. Stanton it was voted to appropriate \$1,500 for. use of the fire works committee.

On motion of Mr. Murphy it was voted that the sum of \$300.00

be voted to Faith Trumbull Chapter, D. A. R., to pay necessary expenses of loan exhibit.

On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted to invite the six companies of the Connecticut Coast Artillery of New London, Norwich and Danielson to take part in the celebration.

#### Fourteenth Meeting.

The fourteenth meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central Fire Station on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, May 3, 1909.

On motion of Mr. Tirrell the offer of the use of Buckingham Memorial for July 5th was accepted with thanks to the Sedgwick Post, G. A. R.

It was voted to authorize the literary exercises committee to incur any proper expense in connection with holding literary exercises in Broadway Theatre.

Mr. Williams gave a report for the committee for the reception and entertainment of distinguished guests and read a list of 107 names of prominent men to be invited and on his motion the report was adopted and the list approved.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that a letter be sent to the literary exercises committee requesting them to send a letter to the pastors of all of the churches in Norwich, asking them to deliver special historical sermons and discourses on Sunday, July 4th.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that the matter of extending an invitation to the state militia be left to the chairman with power.

On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted that the matter of entertaining the state militia be referred to the hospitality committee.

# Fifteenth Meeting.

The fifteenth meeting of the executive committee was held in the Central Fire Station, Saturday afternoon, May 15th, 1909, at 4 o'clock.

A proposition was read from F. W. Burrowes, associate editor of the New England Magazine, in which he offered for \$250, to publish in their June issue an illustrated article of not less than 12 pages covering the historical and descriptive features of Norwich and the program of the celebration; no advertising to be solicited from local parties and 1,600 copies of the said issue to be furnished the committee without further cost.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted to authorize the pub-

licity committee to make a contract with the New England Magazine in accordance with aforesaid letter.

A letter was read from Thomas J. Baldwin offering for \$1,000 to bring his air ship, the "California Arrow," to Norwich, and make two ascensions daily.

On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted that an appropriation of \$1,500 be made for the use of the amusement committee to cover the expenses of the air ship, ball games, prizes for athletic sports and water carnival expenses.

On motion of Mr. Eccles it was voted that all the churches be requested, through the hospitality committee, to open their vestries for rest stations during the celebration.

Mr. Wm. B. Young was delegated to interview the descendants of the Mohegan Indians relative to taking part in the parade.

On motion of Mr. Eccles it was voted that an appropriation of \$1,000 be made for decorations and arches.

On motion of Dr. Harriman it was voted that an invitation to attend the celebration and participate in the parade be sent to the six companies of coast artillery, two companies Governor's Foot Guards, the midshipmen, marines, regular and blue jackets in New London harbor.

It was voted to appropriate \$300 to the literary exercises committee.

It was voted to issue a pamphlet for free distribution giving an outline of the proposed program. Mr. Ely was delegated to confer with the publicity committee regarding the printing of such pamphlet.

## . Sixteenth Meeting.

The sixteenth meeting of the executive committee was held at the Central Fire Station on Friday, May 27th, 1909, at 4 p. m.

It was voted to pay the several printing bills incurred by the Porteous & Mitchell Co. in changing the date on the one-half million souvenir postal cards.

A long petition was read by the secretary from the residents of Greeneville, asking the executive committee to include that district in the line of march, and that they be favored with their proportionate share of the band concerts, and on motion of Mr. Murphy the matter of the line of march was referred to the procession committee, and on motion of Gen. Aiken it was voted to be the sense of this meeting that Chairman Tracy represent the executive committee in dealing with the music committee in considering the distribution of bands.

On motion of Mr. Tirrell it was voted that a committee consisting of Frederick P. Gulliver, Rev. George H. Ewing, William C. Gil-

man and Fred T. Sayles be appointed to take charge of the anniversary exercises in the First Church at Norwich Town on Sunday afternoon, July 4th.

The secretary read a proposed plan of historical tableau submitted by Mr. Leavitt, which was favored by several of the members who suggested slight changes, and on motion of Gen. Aiken an appropriation of \$600 was voted for that purpose, this matter to be taken charge of by a sub-committee of the amusement committee.

It was reported that the decorations committee had contracted for the decoration of Main Street from Preston Bridge to Washington Square and Shetucket Street from Laurel Hill Bridge to Main Street, and Broadway from Main Street to Union Square. It was voted to make an extra appropriation of \$1,000 to the decorations committee and that they be instructed to investigate the cost of the building of an arch and report.

On motion of Mr. Williams it was voted that the nominating committee nominate a committee of five members to be confirmed by the chairman of the executive committee who are to report on the advisability and expense of erecting a grandstand.

# Subsequent Meetings.

Frequent meetings of the executive committee were held as the date for the celebration approached. Circumstances necessitated various changes in the program and as the Board of Trade Quarterly went to press other elaborate features were being added.



#### HISTORY OF NORWICH.

BY FREDERIC W. CARY.

#### Introductory.

A history should accurately narrate and explain events that have transpired. Its object may be either to entertain or to make application of past events to present conditions. For the spirit of the time, which pursues electricity more than immortality, the history of Norwich that deals with the period of its greatest advancement in public works and industries will be most useful, especially as that period has not previously been covered by any historian. This was from 1865 to 1875. Vast development of water-power privileges, immense outlays for water works, bridges, sewers and municipal buildings as well as the extension of the city limits and widening and macadamizing the thoroughfares were public improvements projected and contemplated in this period. The establishment and enlargement of the industries of the town, and the erection of hundreds of dwellings and mercantile buildings mark the decade as one of great significance in the growth of Norwich. Before entering into the consideration of the civic development of the town and the modernizing of the city a glimpse is afforded of the romantic early history of this locality.

#### Tales of the Indians.

The Pequot Indians were the earliest inhabitants of Norwich of whom any knowledge has been obtained. The settlement of the English at Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor in 1635 aroused the hostility of the aborigines who lav in ambush on the roads and fields and kept the whole colony in a state of alarm. Finally in 1637 an expedition was fitted out under command of Major John Mason. The force consisted of 90 Englishmen and 70 friendly Indians of the tribe of Mohegans, who then possessed land on the Connecticut river. Boarding three small boats this unique militia of the new state of Connecticut sailed down the Connecticut river and along the shore to Groton where the Pequot stronghold was attacked and destroyed and the Pequots nearly exterminated. This expedition resulted in the settlement of the Mohegans on the Thames river. The Yantic waterfall seems to have been their favorite resort and outpost in their petty quarrels with their foes, the Narragansetts. One of these encounters was the most conspicuous Indian fight recorded in the annals of New England in point of numbers engaged, the dignity of the sachems, and

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the romantic incidents of the battle, inasmuch as it was a battle between hostile tribes without any participation by the English.

In 1643 Miantonomoh, sachem of the Narragansetts, secretly assembled 500 warriors and invaded the Mohegan territory. Uncas hastily assembled his men and took a stand at East Great Plain and sent a messenger to Miantonomoh, who was fording the Yantic, requesting a parley. This being granted the chiefs met between their two forces. Uncas made an ineffectual effort to induce Miantonomoh to decide the issue of battle by a duel between themselves. When negotiations were in progress Uncas threw himself upon the ground and his followers treacherously discharged a shower of arrows upon the enemy. The Narragansetts were taken off their guard and put to flight after a short and confused attempt at resistance. Many came suddenly through the thick woods upon the precipice at the Falls and were driven over the rocks into the chasm below.

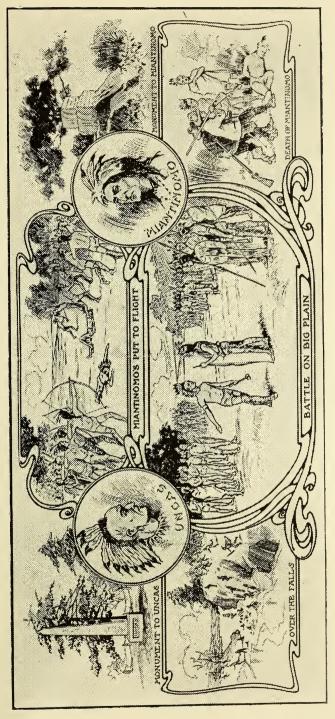
Miantonomoh himself was overtaken and captured near the Shetucket river on Sachem's Plain. He was conducted by Uncas to Hartford and surrendered to the custody of the government. His fate was finally decided by five of the leading ministers of the colony of Massachusetts who advised against his release. Uncas volunteered to accomplish the execution of his foe and escorted Miantonomoh back to Mohegan territory, where he was dispatched near the place of his capture and interred on the spot after Uncas had cut a piece of flesh from his shoulder and ate it with a savage relish, saying it was the sweetest meat he had ever tasted; it made his heart strong. This historic spot was marked by a heap of stones which later gave way to a granite block.

A harassing hostility between the two tribes ensued and Uncas was assisted from time to time by the English whose excursions up the Thames acquainted them with the fine grazing lands, the sparkling streams, the wild ranges of upland forest and the excellent hunting and fishing at the head of the stream.

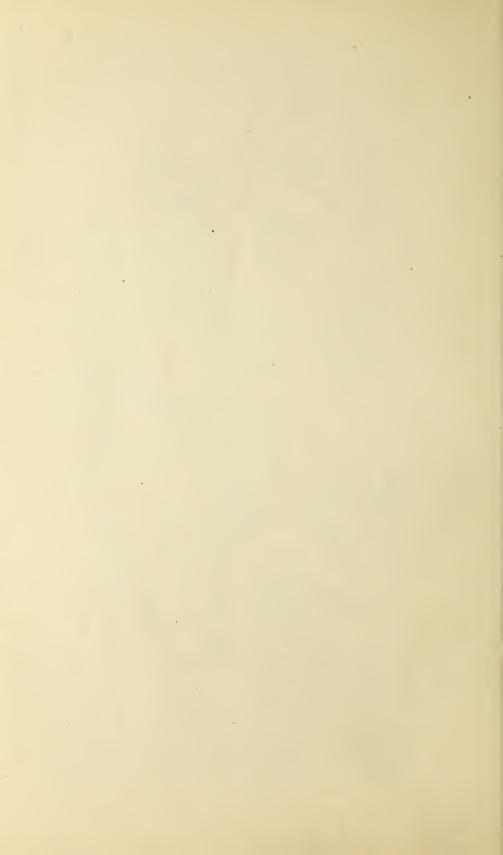
# The Settlement by the English.

Finally in 1659 a large proportion of the inhabitants of the town of Saybrook entered into a compact to remove to Norwich and make a settlement and in June of the same year Uncas deeded over nine miles square of wilderness to the pioneers for the sum of \$350. The original proprietors as inscribed on the Mason monument were as follows:

Rev. James Fitch, Major John Mason, Thomas Adgate, Robert Allyn, William Backus, John Baldwin, John Birchard, Thomas Bliss, Morgan Bowers, Richard Edgerton,



BATTLE BETWEEN THE MOHEGANS AND NARRAGANSETTS, 1643.



Francis Griswold, Christopher Huntington, Simon Huntington, William Hyde, Samuel Hyde, Thomas Leffingwell, John Olmstead, John Pease, John Post, Thomas Post, John Reynolds, Jonathan Royce, Nehemiah Smith, Thomas Tracy, Thomas Bingham, John Bradford, John Gager, Thomas Howard, Thomas Waterman, John Tracy, John Calkins, Stephen Gifford, Josiah Reed, Richard Wallis, Stephen Backus, Richard Hendys and Robert Wade.

The settlers came by boats from Saybrook in the spring of 1660, disembarked at the old Indian landing place at the Falls, followed the Indian trail along the banks of the river to the present location of the Backus Hospital, which was the attractive spot selected for the new settlement. The settlement of Norwich was peculiar in that it did not grow in the usual way by accession from different quarters but came upon the ground a full-fledged town and church.

The name Norwich was undoubtedly bestowed in remembrance of Norwich, England. The new settlement was sanctioned by the general court, the township surveyed and a highway opened the following fall. The settlement was accepted and enrolled as a legal township under the government of Connecticut in May, 1662.

Every enterprise that tended to advance the public convenience was patronized by a grant of land. The earliest recorded town act was December 11, 1660, when the town contracted with John Elderkin to erect a mill for grinding corn, a liberal bonus of land being granted to encourage this infant industry. A ferryman and a blacksmith were similarly induced to locate in the town, and two hundred acres of land were voted to Capt. Fitch as an inducement to set up a saw mill.

No exchange of house lots and lands could be made by the original settlers without consent of the town and no transient was allowed to take up his abode without general consent.

For the first fifty years the only use made of that quarter of the town where the business section of the city now is was for a sheep walk and the whole point between the Shetucket and Yantic rivers was considered of no value. In 1684 a committee was appointed to lay out sufficient land for a public landing place which was done at the mouth of the Shetucket river. In 1694 a highway was opened from Norwich Town to the Landing and the building of boats on the river bank was begun.

It was not long before lots were in demand along the water's edge for commercial purposes and the inhabitants entered upon a period of commerce and trade that caused the "Landing" to prosper and thrive until in 1784 a section of the town was incorporated as a city.

#### At the Close of the Civil War.

No epoch in the business history of Norwich has been more full of promise than the period that marked the close of the Civil War. Since the first settlement of the town by Major John Mason and his pioneer band of 35 from Saybrook, in 1659 and 1660, no industrial boom equal to that of 1865 had been recorded. Mills were driven as never before, especially in the production of cotton goods, of which the country had been completely drained. Operatives were scarce notwithstanding the great influx of immigrants from the British Isles; wages were high and the mills were operating 16 hours a day. The enormous dividends paid by the cotton mills during this period stimulated capital to investment in manufacturing enterprises and new corporations were formed with great rapidity.

The farmer, too, was reaping a large harvest for his services. Corn was \$2.35 a bushel, butter 60 cents a pound and milk 10 cents a quart. As a result more farmers discharged their indebtedness in 1864 and 1865 than in any year in the history of Norwich since 1816.

#### Building and Manufacturing.

Neither the high price of material nor the great advance in wages served to check the building operations in Norwich and many large projects were completed or inaugurated during 1865. In the vicinity of Baltic street, J. G. Lamb had opened up a tract of land on the Boswell farm. This was subsequently developed by William S. Hempstead and others and 60 dwelling houses were erected within a few months. Otis street was accepted as a city thoroughfare and became a scene of building operations, an \$8,000 parsonage being erected for the Second Congregational Church. Yet tenements of the middle class were still in great demand and not to be had at any price.

The Norwich Bleaching and Calendering Company broke ground for another large mill, under the stimulus of new capital supplied by Governor Buckingham.

Colonel Chas. A. Converse was developing the upper water privilege at the Falls and in this year completed a mill and factory building for housing the cork industry which was then in a very flourishing condition.

A new industry at Nos. 3 and 5 Water street was established by W. L. Hedge, of Norwich, and Capt. J. Hunt Smith, late of Madison County, New York. Forty hands were employed 20 hours a day turning out 180,000 yards of skirt bands weekly, from worsted yarns.

The mill at Yantic, destroyed by fire May 26th, 1865. was being rebuilt by E. Winslow Williams, of stone, the building larger than ever, and four stories high.

John Turner's new mill on East Broad street reached completion and was occupied for the manufacture of sash cord and spools.

Other buildings begun in this year were the Bulletin building, the Dunham block and the Roath street schoolhouse.

Two pursuits, which have since become obsolete in Norwich, were being vigorously sustained at this time. In the railroad shops at Greeneville the passenger and freight cars were manufactured for the Norwich and Worcester railroad. Shipbuilding was an important industry at Thamesville. July 15, 1865, saw the launching of the screw propeller steamer "Hunter," a boat of 600 tons burden, built by Thomas P. Wetmore for J. M. Huntington & Co., for their new line between New York and Savannah, Ga. In these peaceable pursuits the incessant demands of the army led to a deficiency of laborers.

#### Warlike Trades.

The armories and machine shops, which had developed an astounding activity during the Civil War, were exceptions to unusual success of all kinds of manufacturing enterprises. The demand for firearms suddenly ceased and the two factories of the Norwich Arms Company, one on Franklin street and the other in Greeneville, were brought to a sudden close. The government inspectors departed August 21, 1865, and the machinery and stock passed under the hammer of the auctioneer to satisfy the internal revenue claims of the government and other indebtedness. The capacity of the Norwich Arms Company was greater than that of the government armory at Springfield at the commencement of the war. It was astonishing with what ease and celerity the capitalists and artisans of Norwich embarked upon the manufacture of complicated firearms without previous experience or training. In the height of their prosperity this one company completed 1,200 muskets, 3,000 bayonets and 2,000 locks per week, besides carbines and rifles.

A recession might also be noted in other lines which had been stimulated by the war, such as sail-making and the manufacture of military coats and tents. At one time James M. Nelson employed 200 hands, turning out 1,000 coats a week.

## Water Power Development.

The eyes of practical men were opened to the wealth of the water power sites in the vicinity of Norwich. Scarcely in New England could be found such a large number of water falls, within such a small area and capable of such easy and cheap development.

The purchase in Sept., 1864, of 700 acres of land lying in the towns of Norwich, Sprague and Lisbon by Moses Pierce and L. W. Carroll, resulted in the following year in the founding of the new

villages of Occum and Taftville. There were two water privileges in this tract. On October 15, 1865, the lower privilege with a fall of 30 feet and 550 acres of land were purchased by Messrs. Taft, of Providence, who immediately formulated plans for the erection of a dam and the largest cotton mill in New England.

Previously the dam at Occum had been started. The stone work was in charge of Albertus Peckham. There was a canal 40 feet wide and the dam itself was almost unprecedented at the time, being 800 feet long, with a roll way of 300 feet. Two mills at once sprung up, both devoted to the manufacture of woolen goods, and occupied by J. H. Converse & Son and The Hooper Co. These enterprises at Occum and Taftville, for which a lasting debt of gratitude is due the foresight, sagacity and daring of Messrs. Pierce and Carroll, were shortly to add over 5,000 souls to the population of the town of Norwich.

#### Politics.

The year 1865 saw a Norwich citizen, Hon. Lafayette S. Foster, presiding over the national senate and acting vice-president of the United States. Senator Foster was a man of position and great influence and his colleagues imposed such confidence in his judgment and impartiality that the unusual privilege had been accorded to him of appointing all the committees of the senate.

In May, 1865, David A. Wells removed to Washington to assist in revising the internal revenue laws of the country. He was honored by Congress with the appointment as special commissioner of the revenue of the United States, an office never before nor since known in the history of the republic. Into the financial chaos, resulting from the war, he threw the whole weight of a clear, strong mind, guided by an honest heart, and he was largely instrumental in effecting an entire reconstruction of the complicated and burdensome system of internal revenue.

In local political affairs the Union party had no opposition. James Lloyd Greene was re-elected mayor, June 5th, and received 317 votes out of a total of 325 cast. Probably this was the smallest vote ever recorded at any Norwich city election. The common council was organized as follows:

Aldermen—Lorenzo Blackstone, Wm. C. Osgood, Zadoc C. Crowell, Joseph A. Smith. Councilmen—Enoch F. Chapman, Robert G. Coit, Lyman Gould, Gurdon P. Cottrell, Benj. M. Upham, Gilbert L. Congdon, Benj. B. Whittemore, Nathan S. Gilbert. Clerk—John L. Devotion. Treasurer—Francis A. Dorrance. Sheriffs—Z. R. Robbins, James Ritchie.

The town election held Monday, October 2d, passed off very

quietly. The Union ticket was elected by an average majority of 410. The selectmen were Samuel B. Case, Charles Crawley and John T. Brown. Othniel Gager was permanently established in the offices of town clerk and treasurer.

The one burning question submitted to the voters at this election was the matter of county seat. One of the most bitter contests ever waged between Norwich and New London had been precipitated by the destruction of the old Norwich court house by incendiary fire, April 11, 1865. Both towns claimed the honor of being made the shire town of the county. Of the total county vote at this election 4,131 ballots were cast in favor of holding court exclusively at Norwich. Although the opposition mustered only 2,819 votes, the project still lacked the necessary two-thirds to ensure its adoption and the building of a new court house at Norwich was indefinitely postponed.

The probate court was located at this time in the savings bank building next the Trinity Church.

The common council met in their chamber in the city building on Main street, beneath which, in the basement, was located the room for transients.

In the meantime the superior court held its various terms in Treadway's (now Lucas) Hall, paying \$12.00 a day for the privilege.

## Police Department Reorganized.

The police headquarters and city court rented a room in the Breed Hall building. Up to 1835 the good people of Norwich were so quiet and well behaved that no watchmen were required, but about that time some precautions were necessary on account of the frequency of incendiary fires. A volunteer night watch was established, consisting of a number of elderly citizens, who occasionally made the rounds of the city during the darkest hours of the night. This service was supplemented by one or two bank watchmen. In 1850 a system of paid city watch was organized, the duties of the watchmen being to patrol the city from twilight to daybreak and light and extinguish the street lamps. Later, one day policeman was put on about the city but, owing to the popular outcry against the expense, he was withdrawn in 1864.

On August 10, 1865, the common council adopted a new city ordinance establishing a city police department, composed of three commissioners who were members of the council. A chief was elected, whose duties were nominal and who served without pay; a captain with a salary of \$850; lieutenant, \$800, and seven patrolmen

who were each paid \$750 a year. The members of the force were appointed and appeared Sept. 11, 1865, in dark blue uniforms, with a badge on the cap and a star on the breast. One or more of the members were to be on duty at all hours of the day and night. There was no contest over the selection of the members of the new force with the exception of the lieutenant, but three meetings and 29 ballots were necessary to fill this office. The force as originally constituted was as follows:

Chief—Zadoc C. Crowell. Captain—Nathan Small. Lieutenant—Joab B. Rogers. Patrolmen—Charles S. Peale, John Benson, John P. Avery, Nathaniel U. Covell, Russell Richardson, John Hankley and George Douglass.

One of the duties of the new force was to keep the sidewalks clear of the boxes of the merchants.

#### Banks.

The seven banks of Norwich were arranged by their directors in 1865 as National banks under the general banking act of Congress. The stockholders of the Merchants bank were the last to nationalize, June 12, 1865. The money order system was introduced in the Norwich post office at about the same time.

### Local Transportation.

In the spring of 1865 the Connecticut legislature gave permission to build a horse railroad in Norwich, as soon as \$50,000 had been subscribed for the stock. The high price of iron caused the incorporators to delay organization. In the meantime transportation facilities about town were being supplied by various omnibus lines. Three new routes were established during the year. Moses St. John, landlord of the Greeneville hotel, started a line from his hotel to the West Side depot on a two-hour schedule.

Sept. 7th, John Hough, just returned from a four years' gallant service in the First Connecticut Cavalry, opened a stage line between Shetucket street and Bean Hill. The fare was 10 cents and four round trips were made daily.

On Sept. 22, 1865, G. A. Bushnell announced an omnibus line to run from the American House to Occum and Hanover.

#### Diversions.

The diversions of the inhabitants of Norwich at this time were baseball, roller-skating and croquet. C. B. Rogers & Co. were manufacturing roller skates and the craze was taken up by the women as

well as the men, resulting in many protests being registered in the press and pulpit against the practice of skating by the weaker sex. The game of croquet was introduced into Norwich in 1865 and 100 sets were sold in a few weeks. Norwich became the croquet center of the country, a distinction that has been perpetuated to the present time, as the annual meetings of the National Croquet Association are still held at the Rose of New England. In Sept., 1865, a sort of business men's club was formed with rooms at the Wauregan House where the members were given the privileges of stock quotations over the recently established system of The Insulated Line Telegraph Company. Mrs. Lucretia Bradley Hubbell entertained the large audiences in Treadway's Hall by lectures on phrenology, physiogonomy and physiology and gave laughing gas exhibitions. The Norwich Horticultural Society held its first annual fair Sept. 26, 1865, in Breed Hall, and prizes were awarded of the value of \$250.

#### Taxes and Incomes.

The grand list of the town of Norwich in 1865 was \$10,970,435, of which over \$50,000 was entered by colored residents. The city debt had been increased only \$3,000 during the years 1861-65, covered by the Civil War, with a tax rate of three mills. The town had borne the burden of the war, a large item of which had been the giving of bounties. With a town tax rate of 12 mills the town debt increased in these four years \$72,933 and the total disbursement for war purposes were \$164,178.68.

The burden of taxes imposed to carry on the war was cheerfully met by the citizens of Norwich. In addition to the local taxes there were imposed by the government a manufacturer's tax, a legacy tax, a special income tax, excise taxes and various other taxes too numerous to mention or understand.

From May, 1864, to May, 1865, the total federal taxes paid by New London County were \$758,400.14, of which \$344.762.52 was collected from Norwich, and \$78,290.65 from New London and Waterford.

The incomes of Norwich business men at this period were uniformly large as a consideration of the following schedule will demonstrate. These incomes represent the net amounts received from trade and investments but do not include dividends received from bank or insurance stock and railroad bonds. All interest and taxes paid by these individuals have also been deducted from the amounts herewith given as their yearly net incomes. The list will serve to enumerate

the leading men of Norwich in point of wealth at the close of the Civil War in 1865.

Name and occupation. Income.	Name and occupation. Income.
Abbot, E. O. cotton mfr\$10,080.	Johnson, Frank banker 7,517.
Adams, J. Hunt banker 6,978.	Loring, Henry J 11,619.
Breed, John hardware 27,282.	Lee, Charles drugs 5,473.
Blackstone, Lorenzo cotton mfr 41,246.	Leavens, Jedediah cotton mfr 11,837.
Buckingham, I. M. cotton mfr 17,632.	Learned, Eben insurance 13,181.
Ballou, Leonard cotton mfr 12,042.	Morgan, Samuel C. lawyer 6,578.
Bill, Henry publisher 6,923.	Mowry, Samuel axle mfr 12,623.
Brewster, Augustus pres. N. &	Morgan, John A. coal 5,632.
W. R. R 10,580.	Mitchell, John iron and ship-
Buckingham, W. A. Governor 39,968.	ping 10,957.
Chappell, Edw. lumber and coal 28,502.	McCurdy, Theo. F. farmer 5,592.
Case, George tanner 11,690.	Norton, Wm. T. wholesale
Case, S. B. tanner 11,716.	grocer 20,800.
Carroll, L. W. merchant 11,019.	Norton, T. P. wholesale grocer 22,257.
Carew, J. S. rubber mfr 13,827.	Norton, Henry B. wholesale
Coit, George rolling mill 5,783.	grocer 23,969.
Coit, Daniel 9,635.	Osgood, S. C. shipping 5,679.
Ely, J. S. revenue collector 5,049.	Osgood, Charles drugs 28,904.
Foster, L. F. S. vice-pres. U. S. 7,843.	Osgood, Gilbert drugs 5,126.
Greene, J. Lloyd mayor 17,600.	Prentice, A. W. hardware 6,038.
Greene, Gardiner cotton mfr 15,720.	Pierce, Moses bleaching 11,126.
Huntington, Jedediah 11,536.	Rudd, H. F. farmer 13,887.
Huntington, Jedediah 3d ma-	Rogers, C. B. machinery 13,879.
chine mfr 6,239.	Rawson, C. G. grocer 5,000.
Hubbard, J. L. paper mfr 12,621.	Sturtevant, A. P. woolen mfr 18,654.
Hubbard, A. H. paper mfr 24,082.	Smith, David paper mfr 13,331.
Hammond, H. K. grocer 7,518.	Slater, J. F. cotton mfr104,269.
Halsey, J. lawyer 5,795.	Spalding, Charles cork mfr 6,973.
Hyde, Lewis farmer 6,506.	Tracy, H. B. banker 5,877.
Huntington, J. M. iron and ship-	Williams, Wareham dry goods 7,279.
ping 7,000.	Williams, William shipping 23,293.
Jones, Gurdon A. Jr. shoes 8,437.	Whittaker, Horace real estate. 8,975.
Johnson, Chas. banker 8,417.	Wait, John T. lawyer 10,654.

#### Memorial Service for Andersonville Dead.

On Tuesday, February 1st, 1866, Norwich paid a last tribute to the remains of the soldiers who gave up their lives in the prison pen at Andersonville, Ga., and business was generally suspended. After the services at Breed Hall, the coffins were placed on a large funeral car and escorted to Yantic cemetery by the police, Norwich brass band, Norwich Light Infantry, New London rifles, efficers and soldiers of the Eighteenth C. V., fire department, Gov. Buckingham and staff, Mayor Greene and the common council. The impressive burial service was read at the cemetery by the Rev. Andrew Mackie of Trinity Church. The names of the soldiers were Sylvanus Downer, Wm. G. Hayward, J. H. Winship, Edw. Blumley, William Davis, Edw. F. Tisdale, James S. McDavid, H. F. Champlain and George W. Ward, the latter being privately interred in the family lot.

#### Politics.

In the campaign prior to the state election the final meeting was held in Breed Hall, March 31st, and was addressed by General James A. Garfield, whose children claim descent from Major John Mason.

At the city election June 4, 1866, James L. Greene declined a renomination for mayor and was succeeded by Alderman Lorenzo Blackstone. During Mayor Blackstone's administration, which lasted until 1870, many public improvements were projected and completed. At this time the yearly expenses of the police department were \$7.500. fire department, \$2,413.70, highways, \$5,834.16, and street lighting \$3,901.68. The fall election resulted in the re-election of the principal town officials. During the year the town debt was decreased \$25,000, and the town tax was reduced from 12 to 10 mills.

#### The Fenian Raid.

The attitude of England towards the union during the Civil War served to create a public sentiment favorable to the Fenian movement. A company of sixty men under command of Capt. R. Mc-Donald left Norwich, June 5, 1866, to strike a blow for the liberation of Ireland, the expenses of the expedition being borne by a public subscription of \$1,000. At Highgate, Vt., they joined other volunteers under Gen. Spear. The invading army at this point numbered 3,000 men, only one-tenth part of whom were armed. Crossing the border into Canada they advanced two miles beyond and pitched camp. Sending out a foraging expedition they purchased a fat heifer from a farmer who took his pay in the bonds of the Irish Republic. At night, after a bountiful repast, they slept in houses and barns. Three days later this band was compelled to retreat on the approach of the Canadian troops in front and the United States regulars in the rear. They proceeded in orderly manner to St. Albans, Vt., and were provided with transportation to their homes by the United States govern-The Norwich company reached home June 11th. The stringent measures taken by the government rendered success impossible.

#### Various Matters.

At the annual town meeting of 1866, Edwin Fay, Wm. Peckham and Harvey Chapman were appointed a committee to superintend the staking out of oyster grounds. The oyster law provided that oysters should not be taken in any rivers, creeks, harbors or waters of the state between March 1st and November 1st, except by persons who had planted oysters. It was nothing unusual to see a fleet of 100 small boats draw out of the harbor at the opening of the season. The river oysters were unusually fine, full, fat and of excellent flavor.

Notable improvements were made in 1866 by widening Main street from the old Giles Buckingham place to the Merchants hotel building, a three-foot strip being donated by Henry Allen.

On August 9th, The Bulletin was issued from the new building

in an enlarged form with new type. The post office had previously been moved into the Main street side of the building, Col. Chas. M. Coit having succeeded H. H. Starkweather as postmaster on May 29th.

## Laurel Hill Bridge.

At a town meeting held May 26, 1866, it was voted to build a new iron bridge across the Shetucket river to Laurel Hill. The selectmen contracted with John Hutchinson, of Troy, to erect this bridge which was of a type known as Whipple's Trapezoidal Roadway bridge at a cost of \$26,000. The old wooden structure thus replaced was erected by a few public-spirited citizens in 1850. Later the towns of Preston and Norwich each contributed \$300 to cover it and finally when Laurel Hill became a part of Norwich the care of the bridge was assumed by the town of Norwich. In the meantime Laurel Hill had grown from one house to forty-eight houses, fifty-five families and fifty-nine children, and the old structure became inadequate.

The old bridge was sawed in two October 1st and lowered upon a temporary trestle work, where it remained until the new structure was put in place. An accident on December 22d, caused by the slipping of the new truss on the east side precipitated one section into the river and delayed the work several weeks and caused the contractor a loss of \$1,500. Two weeks later a vandal cut two guys on the Laurel Hill side but the guys on the west side held and the intention of throwing the bridge into the river was foiled. Finally, January 31, 1867, the last of the old bridge was removed.

# The Freshet of 1867.

On February 10th the uncompleted dam at Occum was badly damaged by a freshet and the adjacent bridge across the Shetucket was swept away. At Montville a dam 32 feet high on the Oxoboxo gave way and caused a loss of \$40,000 to the Pequot Co. The wall of the new brick paper mill of Campbell, Hall & Co., at Greeneville, was undermined and fell into the river causing a damage of \$20,000 and necessitating a reorganization of the concern with fresh capital as the Chelsea Paper Mfg. Co.

The dam at Sprague owned by H. L. Read & Co. gave way; loss, \$10,000. The dam at Eagleville was also ruined and the King Woolen Co. suffered a loss to buildings and machinery of over \$50,000. The total damage to property and adjacent villages was over \$300,000, which was subsequently increased by two freshets in the following August.

#### Steamboats.

The new iron steamboat of the Norwich Line, the City of Lawrence, Capt. Wm. Wilcox, arrived in Norwich, March 1st, 1867. This boat was 245 feet long and at full load drew only 7½ feet. The predecessors of the City of Lawrence on this line to New York were as follows:

1820, Fulton, and Connecticut; 1821, Long Branch; 1822, Henry Eckford; 1824, New London and Fanny; 1825, Experiment; 1832, Andrew Jackson; 1836, Norwich; 1838, Huntress; 1840, Charter Oak; 1841, Worcester; 1842, Cleopatra; 1843, New Haven; 1846, Atlantic; 1847, Knickerbocker; 1850, Connecticut, 2d; 1855, Commonwealth; 1860, C. Vanderbilt; 1860, Commodore; 1861, City of Boston; 1862, City of Norwich and City of New York; 1863, City of New London.

## Fire Department.

Two new engines were added to the Norwich fire department in February, 1867. These were the so-called Jeffers engines and could make steam in five minutes and on test through 1,000 feet of hose threw a stream 20 feet higher than the Wauregan House. The engines were for the William M. Williams and Neptune companies. A new station for the former costing \$6,000 was erected at the Falls, land having been given by the New London Northern Railroad in exchange for the privilege of closing a highway over the railroad tracks north of the depot.

# Religious Activity.

There was a great religious awakening in Norwich in 1867. Large additions were made to all the churches and there was a great increase in the receipts from pew rents. The auction sale of slips in April resulted as follows:

Christ Church, \$4,000; Sachem Street Methodist, \$1,100; First Congregational, \$2,100; Trinity Episcopal, \$2,500; Broadway Congregational, \$6,000; Universalist, \$2,000; Central Baptist, \$3.500; Second Congregational, \$5,600; First Baptist, \$800; East Main Street Methodist, \$1,150. A new Catholic Church was started at Bean Hill and St. Mary's cemetery at Greeneville was consecrated May 19th. Broadway Church purchased as a parsonage the homestead owned by the estate of Mrs. Terry on Broadway at a price of \$10,000. Buckingham chapel was also occupied and the corner stone of a new Episcopal chapel at Greeneville was laid November 25th. The Congregational Church at Greeneville was cut in two by F. W. Cary, and a new section built in the center at a cost of \$4,000, adding some 200

sittings. This structure was erected in 1835. The Sachem Street M. E. Church was remodeled at a cost of \$2,500 and a larger sum was expended on the Universalist edifice.

#### Great Industrial Growth.

Among the new industries beginning operations in 1867 were the Norwich Paper Collar Co., organized in June with a capital of \$30,000, and occupying the machine shop on Willow street. George W. Cilley was treasurer and mechanical expert of the company and 30,000 collars were produced daily.

The grain elevator building near Central Wharf was begun in the fall by Cottrell, Dyer & Co., five stories high and 106 by 93 feet in size.

The Norwich Lock Co. occupied the Bacon Arms building. This concern was capitalized at \$25,000 to manufacture a patent combination mortice and rim lock invented by H. B. Tyler, of Norwich, and also Long's patent padlock and extension key. Col. Joseph Selden was president, James Brady, agent, and Robert Kerr, secretary of the new company.

Apollos Richmond, of Brooklyn, Conn., purchased 650 feet front on the river and Thames street early in 1867 for \$17,000 and began the erection of a brick foundry for the manufacture of stoves. A stock company was organized with a capital of \$300,000, known as the Richmond Stove Company. At the start they gave employment to 125 hands.

In the summer the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company erected the car shops on North Main street, including a round house, machine shop, boiler shop, blacksmith shop and carpenter shop.

The Pequot Machine Co. were spending \$45,000 on Central Wharf in new buildings and reclaimed about one acre of land. Their product consisted of steam engines, iron, cotton and wood-working machinery. They employed 75 hands.

The old Merchants hotel was rebuilt by E. Winslow Williams at an expense of \$19,000. A room was provided for the sessions of the courts in the third story and was occupied by the supreme court of errors Nov. 18, 1867. On Aug. 12, 1867, work began dredging the harbor. The sand and clay taken from the bed of the river were dumped on the east side of the river where the Norwich & Worcester Railroad were erecting a new dock, 1.980 feet long. A line of spiles was driven in the river about 350 feet from the railroad track, permission having been given by the court of common council. These new industries resulted in an influx of skilled mechanics and there was a great scarcity of tenements. The advertisement of one vacant tene-

ment brought over 100 applicants. Amasa C. Hall began the erection of a long block of tenements on Franklin street as well erecting a house for himself on Broadway at a cost of \$30,000. Ten new homes were completed on Laurel Hill at a cost of \$75,000. On Market street a new brick block was erected by Mrs. Hannah G. Ripley. The twine mill of John Turner was doubled in size and large additions were made to the bleachery and paper mill in Greeneville. Greeneville was fast becoming an important part of the town. The census of 1867 revealed a population in this village of 2,706, of whom 891 were American birth, 1,375 Irish, 261 Scotch, 82 English, 58 Canadian and 29 German.

The erection of a new dam by the Falls Co. to replace their leaky wooden structure was begun in April. Main street was greatly widened at the approach to Central Wharf. Lands and buildings belonging to the estates of John Breed and Calvin Tyler were acquired, cleared and thrown into the highway.

## Central Wharf Bridge.

A new bridge being needed over the Yantic river at the approach to Central Wharf a number of town meetings were held to decide what type of a bridge to construct. There was a strong sentiment for a draw bridge at this point. A stone arch bridge had many advocates but the expense of both having been deemed prohibitive the selectmen were instructed to construct an iron arch bridge as designed by Evan Burdick, the town to supply the labor and materials, at a cost of \$23,000.

The bridge was nearly completed November 14th, when, without warning, it fell into the Yantic river about 7 o'clock in the evening, taking a heavily loaded team, three horses, two mules and three men. The bridge sank out of sight but the men and animals were saved by the prompt action of Capt. Pettigrew of the schooner Thomas Fitch which was lying near and by Thomas B. Leahy, an employe from the store of A. W. Prentice & Co., who brought coils of rope as soon as the crash was heard. The bridge was constructed of wrought iron ribs, covered with heavy boiler iron. It was built in the form of an arch and some six feet lower than the street at either end, necessitating the filling in on top of a great quantity of gravel. The cause of the disaster was the weakness of the abutments. Mr. C. H. Bailey, of Salem, who was driving the mule team when the bridge fell, recovered \$1,100 from the town.

At a town meeting held December 1st, a committee of six was appointed to act with the selectmen to submit plans for another bridge. This committee was composed of Moses Pierce, Alba F. Smith, Richard Colburn, Wm. C. Osgood, Benjamin Durfey and P. St. M.

Andrews. They contracted with Harris & Hawkey, of Springfield, to erect an iron truss bridge, known as Howe's patent, at a cost of \$7,250 for the superstructure. This bridge was opened the following May.

#### Norwich Water Works.

The city streets were continually torn up for the laying of pipes of the rival private water companies. There were twenty-five reservoirs and cisterns in the city limits.

The yearly revenue from the principal ones was as follows:

Laurel Hill Aqueduct Co	\$ 300.00
Norwich Aqueduct Co	3,000.00
W. W. Coit reservoir	1,800.00
Norwich Plain Aqueduct Co	3,500.00
Alba F. Smith	50.00
Wm. A. Buckingham	50.00
James Bottom	150.00
Dr. E. C. Kinney	400.00
Dr. Chas. Osgood	175.00
Capt. Edw. Roath	250.00
D. B. Miner	300.00
Geo. Bottom & Co., West Side	250.00
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\$10,225.00

Public action was first taken at a special city meeting held in Treadway's Hall, May 7, 1866, upon the petition from citizens to provide Norwich with an adequate supply of pure water.

The mayor and court of common council were instructed to petition the legislature for permission to issue bonds not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose.

Jedediah Spalding, A. F. Smith and Gardiner Greene were appointed a committee to investigate the subject. Alba F. Smith was one of the leading citizens of the town. One of his notable achievements as superintendent of the Hudson River Railroad was in pushing to completion the railroad bridge over the Hudson at Albany.

In accordance with a vote of the court of common council on May 7th, the mayor and city attorney petitioned the general assembly to amend the city charter and the legislature on June 7th passed the desired act.

The water committee made a report at a special city meeting held December 27th and the same was unanimously accepted. The committee recommended the purchase of the watershed subsequently known as Fairview Reservoir and estimated the expense of developing the same and laying the necessary pipes at \$150,000. One other source was considered at Trading Cove brook, to utilize which it was necessary to impound the water and lay pipes  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Central

Wharf and from this level lift it by pumps to a distributing reservoir of half an acre in extent and ten feet deep located near the summit of Jail Hill. The estimated cost of the pumps was \$15,000 and of the distributing reservoir about the same amount. On the 29th day of December, 1866, the amendment to the city charter authorizing the construction of water works, was accepted by vote in city meeting. On the 19th day of January, 1867, a city meeting authorized the court of common council to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000.

On the 21st of January, the court of common council appointed Alba F. Smith, Jedediah Spalding, Gardiner Greene, James S. Carew and Nathan S. Gilbert, a board of water commissioners, to serve until the next city election, when the entire board was continued in office with the exception of Gardiner Greene, who was succeeded by Henry L. Clark. Mr. J. T. Fanning was appointed secretary and engineer of the board.

The commissioners formulated a plan for the impounding of the water in a natural basin about one mile easterly from the Norwich Town Green. The proposed location consisted of about sixty-six acres of pasturage, wood and mowing lands, which it was proposed to thoroughly clear of all vegetation and inclose with a bank wall of rough masonry. The dam was to be 35 feet high and 468 feet long. The elevation of the reservoir overflow would be 253 feet above the surface of the Thames river, at low tide, 216 feet above the surface of Main street at the Wauregan house corner and 19 feet above the highest point of Jail Hill. The storage capacity would be about 333,000,000 gallons of water.

This plan was submitted to the court of common council Sept. 13th, 1867, and the estimated cost for reservoir and mains was put at \$185,000. A few days later considerable excitement was caused by anonymous letters in the newspapers condemning the project and declaring the whole scheme impracticable and absurd. A petition was circulated for a city meeting to rescind the votes authorizing the construction of the new water works. This meeting was held October 18th and a resolution was introduced disapproving the plan as proposed, ordering its abandonment and rescinding all contracts entered into by the commissioners. A vote on this motion was postponed until November 8th, when the result was as follows:

Whole number of votes cast	793
For water	
Against water	350
Majority in favor of water	93

The Norwich Savings Society took the whole of the first issue of bonds, the city paying 6% interest on the same. Subsequently, on July 25, 1868, \$50,000 additional bonds were issued and taken by

the Chelsea Savings Bank at par. The court of common council subsequently authorized the sale of additional bonds to the amount of \$100,000 to complete the water works. The length of the reservoir constructed was 1½ miles; the average width about 480 feet and the average depth 16½ feet. About 12½ miles of cement lined and coated wrought iron pipe was laid by contract. The reservoir was built by day work under the management of the water commissioners and the supervision of Morey B. Cole. Eighty teams and 400 men were set at work in the spring of 1868. About 20,000 stumps from 4 to 36 inches in diameter were removed, burned on the ground and the ashes carted away. Three hundred thousand cart loads of material were excavated from the bed of the lake.

No fatal accident occurred during the entire construction of the reservoir nor was a death recorded of any one connected with the work during its progress. The reservoir gate was closed for filling the reservoir Oct. 23, 1868, and the water began to overflow the wasteway Jan. 16, 1870.

The first public test of the fire hydrants was made by Chief Engineer Wm. M. Williams, Jan. 8, 1869. The pressure on Franklin Square was 95½ lbs. to the square inch and was sufficient to force a stream over a five-story building, through 400 feet of hose attached to a hydrant.

The original cost of construction of the water supply was as follows:

Land and damages	
Water pipes, gates, etc	. 121,375.55
Labor and machinery at reservoir	135,859.87
Engineers, office expenses	3,744.05
Other expenses	
	\$267,660,12

It is interesting to note that the commissioners effected a saving of over \$30,000 by constructing the reservoir by day labor as the lowest bid for the same submitted in response to advertisement was \$167,750.25. There were seven other bids, the highest being \$394,471.25.

# The City in 1868.

In 1868 while the vast expenditures were being made by the city for water works, other equally important public improvements were not neglected, especially was the cause of education advanced by the erection of new schoolhouses. One district vied with another in this respect. It seems incredible that in one year five new school buildings should have been erected when the burden of taxes was so large. District taxes were greatly increased so that a large part of the expense for the new buildings was taken care of at the time of erection.

The West Chelsea district erected two modern buildings, one on West Thames street and one on Pearl street. The building committee were Rev. J. R. Johnson, A. B. Young and Palmer Lewis.

In Greeneville, Paul B. Greene, William H. Page, Owen Stead, Gardiner Greene and George W. Dubison were appointed a committee to erect a nine-room building 60x95, 60 feet high, at a cost of \$30,000.

This building was partly destroyed by fire February 2, 1872, and damaged to the extent of \$18,000.

A new building was being erected on School street on the location of an old wooden school-house. J. M. Huntington, John L. Devotion and E. W. Yerrington were in charge of this matter and \$30,000 was appropriated for the purpose. Even East Great Plain joined in the extension and George W. Gould and T. Y. Winship were intrusted with the expenditure of \$4,500 to erect a new wooden structure in this district.

New business blocks erected in 1868 were Steiner Hall, a building 69 x 160, and the Richards block, both on Main street. To clear the cliff-like site for the latter, 3,000 tons of rock were broken and removed.

Other building operations were conducted on a large scale. Huntington Place was laid out and opened and Lincoln Avenue was lined with new residences, altogether 320 dwellings and seven new factories being begun or completed in 1868 and 101 new stores opened.

# Extension of City.

Within the city limits there arose a feeling that the outlying districts of the town should participate in the advantages of the city. This feeling crystalized into action in April when at a council meeting held on the 13th, on motion of Alderman Peale, a committee was appointed to investigate the extending of the limits of the city and make application to the legislature for permission to extend. Mayor Lorenzo Blackstone, Alderman Peale, Alderman N. S. Gilbert, Councilman Mitchell and the city attorney were named as the committee. Petitions were sent to both branches of the legislature for the annexation of Greeneville, Bean Hill, Norwich Town and East Great Plain.

The outlying districts soon were aroused to place themselves on record on the question.

A meeting was held in the lecture room at Norwich Town, May 2d. Moses Pierce was chairman and Edward Harland, secretary. On

motion of Col. John T. Wait, a committee was appointed to prevent the proposed extension of the city limits to Norwich Town.

The electors of East Great Plain assembled in their district school-house, May 9th, and declared unanimously against that farming district being taken into the city.

A large meeting of the citizens of Greeneville was held May 4th and voted unanimously to oppose annexation. A committee consisting of Benjamin Durfey, Paul B. Greene and T. C. Gordon was appointed to consider the propriety of petitioning the legislature to form a new town from Greeneville and a part of Preston to be called the town of Shetucket. In the meantime Preston voters had met and expressed themselves in favor of incorporating the village into a borough. The residents of Laurel Hill held several meetings in opposition to the proposed extension.

The petitions were presented to the legislature in May and referred to the committee on incorporations. The remonstrances of John T. Wait and Caleb B. Rogers and 248 others were referred to the same committee. The matter was fully argued before the committee by Mr. Pratt and Jeremiah Halsey for the city and John T. Wait, Lafayette S. Foster and Supply T. Holbrook for the various suburbs. The committee report recommended that the petitions should be continued until the next session of the legislature. The result was foreshadowed by the opposition to annexation by both representatives from the town.

In July the selectmen contracted with John D. Richardson, of Troy, N. Y., to build a Whipple patent bridge over the west arm of the Yantic for \$14,000, including abutments and pavements.

# Meeting of American Board.

Norwich early earned its right to be known as the convention city by the unusual hospitality always afforded to visiting delegations. The year 1868 witnessed two extraordinary events in which the city acted as host. The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was held in the city October 7th, 8th and 9th. About 2,500 delegates were present. Mark Hopkins, president of Williams College, called the opening meeting to order in Broadway Church. On October 8th four Congregational Churches were filled to overflowing. The entertainment of such a large number of strangers taxed the resources of the community. Five long tables were placed in Breed Hall and 600 were served at one time. The Central Vermont Railroad stationed a train of Pullman (?) sleeping cars on the West Side with a baggage car attached in which meals

were prepared. The steamer W. W. Coit was tied up at the dock and in addition to the staterooms aboard all available space was occupied by cot beds for the use of the delegates. The arrangements were in charge of Rev. M. M. G. Dana. It is understood that a sum of \$5,000 was subscribed to meet the expenses of entertainment.

#### Seventh Regiment Celebration.

Nothing since the bicentennial celebration in 1850 created so much interest and enthusiasm in Norwich as the visit of the Seventh Regiment of New York, July 10th. This visit had no special signficance in itself. The regiment was accustomed to take an annual field day and when deliberating upon the proper place in which to spend their holiday in 1868, Norwich was mentioned among other cities and finally selected through the influence of one of the officers who was acquainted with the city. As soon as the proposed visit was known a royal welcome was prepared. Local committees were appointed with 495 members. Col. Charles A. Converse was chairman of the general committee, James L. Greene was chairman of the committee of invitation, Lorenzo Blackstone, chairman of the reception committee, and the collation, promenade concert, military parade, finance and decorations were in charge of Samuel C. Osgood, P. St. M. Andrews, J. J. McCord, Elisha Slocum, Henry V. Edmond, chairmen of the respective committees.

The regiment arrived under command of Colonel Emmons Clark on the steamer City of Lawrence at 5 a. m., July 10th. There was a generous display of bunting and devices of welcome about the town. Bells were rung, places of business were closed and there was a gen-

eral air of holiday making.

At 8.30 Mayor Blackstone and the special committee of reception proceeded to the boat and welcomed the regiment which then formed on Shetucket street, the members appearing in their new dress uniforms with gray coats and white pants. They marched through the principal streets of the city escorted by Companies B and C, Third Regiment, C. N. G., under command of Captains Smith and McCall. At one o'clock arms were stacked on Chelsea Parade after a battalion drill and a rush was made for the great dining tent erected on the green. This tent was 205 feet long and 85 feet wide and the tables seated 1,000 people.

After the collation Mayor Blackstone introduced General Williams, one of the veterans of the war of 1812. Other speakers followed. At 5 p. m., after dress parade, the regiment marched to the boat and left their arms. In the evening a grand ball and promenade was held in the big tent. A commodious stage occupied one end and space

was set off for dressing rooms. Dancing and harmless flirtation with the belles of the Rose of New England occupied the hours until midnight when the soldiers proceeded in leisurely manner to the boat which left for New York at 1 o'clock.

A sequel to this visit came a year later, August 19, 1869, when a committee of officers of the Seventh Regiment visited Norwich for the purpose of presenting a costly testimonial of appreciation for the reception they had received the year previous. Brevet Lt.-Col. Lewis Fitzgerald, Major C. H. Meday and Capt. George W. Smith were met at the Wauregan House by Mayor Blackstone and members of the city government and chairmen of the various committees of the celebration. Major Meday presented the testimonial which was beautifully engrossed as follows:

"To Lorenzo Blackstone, Charles A. Converse, James Lloyd Greene, Samuel C. Osgood, James J. McCord, Henry V. Edmond, E. P. Slocum, P. St. M. Andrews, James M. Meech and others, Citizens of Norwich:

"The officers and members of the Seventh Regiment send their kindest greetings. The late visit of this regiment to your beautiful city will be forever memorable in its history. Its excursions to other cities have generally been the result of official invitations to participate in celebrations and public ceremonies. It remained for you to conceive the happy idea of contributing to the pleasure of the members of this regiment by offering them the welcome and hospitality of an entire community.

"The enthusiastic reception of the regiment, the holiday spirit which animated the people, the soldiery escort, the courtesy and efficiency of the several committees, the elegant collation, the cordial and hospitable receptions at private residences of citizens, the brilliant promenade concert and last but not least the graceful and charming participation of the ladies of Norwich in the pleasures of the day, all and severally were fully appreciated by the officers and members of the regiment and are remembered with unbounded satisfaction and lasting gratitude.

"The decoration of public and private dwellings with allusions to the memorable march of this regiment to the rescue and defense of the National Capitol in 1861 was a generous tribute to its services as well as a memorial of your well-known patriotism.

"The 10th of July, 1868, will ever maintain a proud place in the records of the regiment and the city of Norwich will be synonymous in our vocabulary with all that is generous and hospitable.

"With most earnest and heartfelt wishes for your health, happi-

ness and prosperity, the undersigned officers of the Seventh Regiment have the honor to be your faithful friends and obedient servants.

"Armory, Seventh Regiment, N. G. S., N. Y. "July 11, 1868."

The engrossed resolutions were set in an elaborate frame of black walnut with several characteristic designs carved thereon. At the top of the tablet was the shield and flag of the regiment and the flag of the United States. On the sides were allegorical figures representing peace and war. Surmounting all was a gilded eagle.

Below was a panel in which was a painting of Chelsea Paradewith the regiment going through their regulation drill and the holiday audience in evidence. This painting was one of the best works of the famous cartoonist, Thomas Nast.

The testimonial was accepted by the city government and the visitors were entertained during the day. At 3 p. m. a banquet was served at the Wauregan House. The testimonial was placed for public exhibition in Yerrington's store and then loaned to the Peck Library for several years until it finally found a resting place in the corridor of the new city hall.

### Building Activity.

In 1869 the architects and builders found abundant employment in providing homes for the rapidly increasing population.

Wareham Williams erected a three-story showy business building on the site of the burned Apollo building. The Norwich Lock Co. built a new foundry on Mill Pond lane. The German Lutheran Church on Franklin Street was being built at a cost of over \$10,000. The Mowry Axle & Machine Co. added a brick building 45 x 100 to their plant at the foot of Fifth Street at a cost of \$30,000. The Shetucket Co. made a two-story addition 40 x 80 to their mill. The big mill at Taftville approached completion and fifty cottages were being built. At Norwich Town a new school-house was dedicated October 5th. By the generous donation of \$3,000 by A. P. Sturtevant this building was made larger and more attractive and better furnished than the district appropriation of \$4,000 would permit. Extension of the wharf of the Norwich & Worcester Railroad was made, thus bringing to a stage of completion this work which had cost \$100,000 to date.

The Norwich Rural Association was organized with John T. Wait, president; L. R. Case, secretary; B. W. Hyde, treasurer. The

following year they began the restoration of the monuments in the old cemetery and set out 100 trees about the green.

Sewers were laid in Union Street, Broadway and Shetucket Streets at a cost of \$7,329.79.

#### State Military Encampment.

The Third Regiment pitched tents on the Holms lot on Williams Street for the fall encampment. There were eight company streets with 225 tents and 598 enlisted men. The camp was called Camp Winship. Col. J. J. McCord was in charge of the regiment. A review occurred September 17th by Governor Marshall Jewell with his staff and guards, both horse and foot, who arrived by special train. The governor was later given a reception at the Wauregan House and at 10 o'clock in the evening was escorted to the ball by Mayor Blackstone in the mammoth tent near the corner of Williams Avenue and Washington Street. On Saturday the militia received their pay, about \$11,000 being distributed.

### Dime Savings Bank Organized.

The Dime Savings Bank was organized August 28th, 1869, with E. R. Thompson as president. About \$1,000 was taken in on the opening day and 63 bank books were issued. In the first six months of business 1,224 books were issued and \$35,616.37 deposited.

# New Preston Bridge.

The lower bridge over the Shetucket River having been pronounced in an unsafe condition by Hiram Cook and Elisha Spalding, on July 1, 1869, the bridge was closed for temporary repair. At a town meeting held July 3d, Preston voted for a new bridge, the result of the ballot being 86 for and 77 against. The voters of Norwich in town meeting assembled on July 26th, instructed the selectmen to build an iron bridge in place of the existing Preston toll bridge. The old bridge was sold at auction August 25th for \$105. A freshet carried away the middle section October 5th. The contracts for the bridge were signed September 1st. The engineer was J. T. Fanning. The bridge was of cantilever, lattice construction, 309 feet long and 37 feet wide. The Norwich end of the new structure was placed 17 feet farther down stream and the Preston end 10 feet farther up stream than the old bridge. The road-bed was also raised eight feet. The bridge cost \$14,975 for the abutments and piers and \$26,000 for the iron work, and was completed and opened for travel July 30, 1870.

### The Water Works Celebration.

Early in the morning of May 12th, 1870, people from the surrounding country poured into the city for the celebration of the completion and ultimate success of the water works.

The marshal of the grand parade was General Edward Harland. In addition to the local military companies there were present the Hartford City Guards, New London Rifles, Artillery Company G, Scott Rifles of Sprague, Lyon Guards of Dayville and Mystic Rifles. The local fire department had as guests Undine Engine Company of Stonington, and South Penn Hose Company of Philadelphia. The procession was reviewed at Chelsea Parade by Brigadier-General Wm. G. Ely, Chief J. B. Carrier and Chief Downer of Philadelphia. Five hundred of the militiamen were dined at Breed Hall

The hospitality of the city was lavished on this occasion upon the South Penn Hose Company who, on the following day, were taken in carriages to Hyde Tavern, Yantic, where a clam bake was served to 200 guests. The day was one of continual feasting as lunches were served to the company as they made the rounds of the various fire department quarters. The day ended with a banquet at the Wauregan House in the evening.

## Political Changes.

For the first time in many years the Democratic party nominees were elected to office at the June city election in 1870. The Democratic platform in this election was "Down with city taxes; down with city expenses; down with the ring; retrenchment and reform." James A. Hovey received 697 votes for mayor as against 356 for Zadoc C. Crowell, the Republican nominee. The Republican party was split up by individual squabbles and the additional burden of taxes for various public improvements was beginning to be felt. The expenses of the city had grown from \$30,025.72 in 1866 to \$56,029.85. The city debt increased from \$57,192.21 in 1867 to \$367,530.28 in 1870. Citizens of Norwich who were occupying distinguished positions in the national government in 1870, were Commodore Lanman, who was in command of the Brazil squadron and Henry Ruggles, who, in May, received his credentials as United States Consul to Barcelona, Spain. William A. Buckingham was a member of the national senate.

On June 20th, in Treadway's Hall, the central district voted to purchase a site for a school of Henry Bill for \$1,500 and to erect a four-room building 30 x 50 at a cost of \$6,000. The building com-

mittee were Dr. C. B. Webster, Henry L. Clark and Dr. W .H. Mason.

In 1868 another committee had been chosen to erect a school-house on Laurel Hill. They purchased a site opposite the approach to the Laurel Hill bridge for \$2,000, but the taxpayers disapproved of this location and the project had been allowed to lapse for two years. Great excitement was caused by the new school-house slipping away from its foundation. Attempt was made to make it safe by a new supporting wall in the rear. But this not availing it was necessary to erect another new school building on the front of the lot in 1874 and demolish the one built in 1870.

## Visit of President Grant in 1870.

The Fourth of July celebration was made memorable by the visit of President Grant. The train bearing the president and his distinguished party reached Norwich at 7 p. m. from Woodstock, drawn by the engine "Wauregan," which had been built in the car shops in Greeneville. Festoons of evergreens and flags covered the boiler on which various mottoes had been inscribed by Richard Colburn the master mechanic of the Norwich & Worcester Railroad. In President Grant's party were Henry Ward Beecher, General Horace Porter, General Stewart L. Woodford, General B. F. Butler, ex-Governors Jewell and Hawley, Baron de Catacazy, the Russian ambassador and others. The Norwich delegation which escorted the guests to this city included General Edward Harland, Senator Wm. A. Buckingham, ex-Mayor Lorenzo Blackstone, Henry B. Norton, Augustus Brewster, Henry Bill, Colonel Selden, H. H. Osgood, the Rev. Daniel Merriman and Frank Nichols.

An immense throng awaited the arrival of the party at the depot. General Grant entered an open carriage and drove to Senator Buckingham's residence. The remainder of his party were escorted to the Wauregan House.

From 9 to 10 p. m. the president received 1,500 citizens of Norwich in the west parlor of the Buckingham residence. He was assisted in receiving by Senator Buckingham and Miss Ripley.

After the reception the president and others took carriages and drove around the city, stopping at the Free Academy where General William Williams made an address of welcome. Carriages were then taken for the Wauregan House, where Mayor Hovey and the city officials were in waiting. From 11 to 12 there was an open reception in the hotel parlor. The president then returned to Senator Buckingham's residence whence he was driven at 2 o'clock in the

morning to the West Side station where a special train was waiting. Here a delegation from New London headed by Mayor Allen, met the party. The company at New London boarded the steamer City of New York, which proceeded a short distance up the sound and then turned about and put into the harbor again, landing the president and party at the Pequot house.

## Horse Railroad Begins Operations.

The first section of the new horse railroad was begun on East Main Street, April 12th, 1870, the charter for the same having been granted several years previously. The last spike was driven July 13th near Williams Park. Under the final sleeper was buried a vase containing the silver coins of the year. A site at the corner of Franklin and Bath Streets was first purchased from Gilbert Osgood for stables. Fire afterwards partly destroyed these buildings and it was decided to locate the stables at the two terminals of the road. On July 1, 1870, the Sturtevant lot at Bean Hill was purchased. The horse railroad commenced operations September 12th. The cars were the bob-tail or conductorless type.

Permission was given the Norwich Horse Railroad to use improved motors by the common council September 1, 1873. At the December meeting in the same year a petition was received from I. M. Buckingham and 66 others asking that the use of the dummy steam engine be prevented. The council revoked the permission on December 23d and ordered the use of the dummy or improved motor to be discontinued.

#### Soldiers' Monument.

At a town meeting held October 3d, 1870, it was voted that a tax of fifteen cents on the \$100 of assessment list of the town be appropriated for the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of all soldiers and seamen who had enlisted from Norwich and died in service during the Civil War. A committee consisting of William A. Buckingham, James A. Hovey and John T. Wait was appointed to determine the design of the proposed monument and supervise its erection. In the spring of 1873 the monument was erected at the head of Chelsea Parade. The monument is of light granite and cost \$18,000.

#### The New Court House.

The movement for a new public building crystalized January 22, 1870, when a town meeting was held and the following resolution passed unanimously:

"Voted, That the town of Norwich unite with the county of New London and with the city of Norwich in the erection of a building to be used for county, town and city purposes under provisions of general act approved July 9, 1869, by the general assembly."

A city meeting followed Saturday, February 12th, in Treadway's Hall, when a similar vote was passed without dissenting voice. The various committees appointed met in the superior court room in Norwich, Saturday afternoon, February 19th. On behalf of the city there were present L. Blackstone; for the county, Franklin Potter, of New London, A. F. Royce, of Franklin, James Allen, of Montville; and representing the town Wm. C. Osgood, Paul B. Greene and John A. Sterry. At the first meeting it was voted that John T. Fanning be employed to prepare plans for a building to be located on the site of the old court house off Church Street. This lot being found to small the commissioners on March 14th voted to locate the proposed building at the junction of Union Street and Broadway. Wm. C. Osgood was instructed to secure the necessary land which he did, the respective sums necessary being as follows: For land of Willard Bliss, \$9,000; to W. H. Cardwell, \$7,000; to Mrs. L. L. Avery, \$6,000; for Jackson property, \$7,000.

On July 9th the court house committee adopted plans of Burdick & Arnold and excavations for the court house were begun September 15th. It was not until 1873 that any portion of the building was occupied, the police department being the first to remove. The superior court held its first session in the building November 11th. The building was 110 feet from front to rear and 108 feet wide; three stories high. The basement story is of cut granite; the other stories are of pressed brick with granite trimmings. Gilbert L. Congdon executed the wood work, Joseph H. Smith the masonry, and the furniture was made by N. S. Gilbert & Sons.

The entire cost of the court house was \$344,734.40; of this sum the county paid \$20,000. The judges of the court of appeals apportioned the town's share at \$160,125.34 and the city's at \$164,609.06. The town meeting of December 4th, 1874, adopted this apportionment.

#### Site for St. Patrick's Church Dedicated.

In August, 1869, the house and lands belonging to the estate of Appleton Meech had been transferred by Henry Peale, who purchased them at auction, to Joseph Connor and through him were conveyed to St. Mary's Catholic parish. The lot had a frontage of 120 feet on Broadway and contained two acres. The amount paid for the property was \$17,000. On an adjoining lot the plans had been made in 1869 for a new church for the Trinity Episcopal Church, which never rose above the foundations. The services of dedication of this prop-

erty to religious uses were of a public character. On March 17th, 1870, high mass was celebrated at 10.30 at St. Mary's church, Greeneville, by Rev. James Hughes, of Hartford, the vicar general of the diocese. After the services a long line numbering 1,547 persons was formed on the Greeneville road, under direction of Dr. Patrick Cassiry, the chief marshal. Marching to Broadway the procession formed around the new site, when John W. Murphy drove a pick into the frozen earth and turned the first sod. After prayers of consecration and an address by the vicar general the company marched to Breed Hall where a dinner was served, Mayor Blackstone and the city and town officers being guests. Addresses were made by Rev. Daniel Mullen, curate of St. Mary's parish and others.

On Good Friday, April 7, 1871, the men of the congregation assembled with shovels and picks and began the work of excavating for the foundations for St. Patrick's Church. This was a free-will offering of the enthusiastic parishioners. The corner stone was laid by Bishop McFarland, July 13, 1873. The first mass was offered March 17, 1879, and September 28th of the same year the church was dedicated. The walls of the church are light blue granite. The building is 210 feet long and 100 feet wide in the transept. The main tower is 216 feet high. The church will seat 1,960 persons. It is estimated that the building cost about \$300,000.

On Monday, April 3, 1871, the colored citizens of Connecticut voted for the first time.

The citizens of Norwich held a meeting, October 12th, 1870, in Treadway's Hall for the purpose of aiding the sufferers in the Chicago fire. As a result of this meeting there was subscribed \$14,898.10.

The Republican party was again triumphant in the city election in 1871 and James Lloyd Greene was elected mayor.

#### Steamer New London Disaster.

The steamer City of New London, one of the freight boats of the Norwich & New York Transportation Company anchored off Montville at 4 a. m., Wednesday, November 22d, 1871, unable to proceed up the river on account of fog. The cook was called to prepare the breakfast and in raking the fires heated the poker red hot and then laid it near a partition where it set fire to the woodwork. An alarm was sounded and the fire extinguished as it was supposed. At 6 o'clock when the boat had proceeded above Poquetannock Cove, the fire broke out again in some bales of cotton. The smoke drove the engineer out of his quarters and the boat drifted helpless in the stream. The steamer grounded only 20 feet from the easterly shore. The lifeboats were not properly handled, so that the only hope of

safety for the crew and passengers lay in dropping into the icy water. Seventeen lives were lost, including the following prominent business men of Norwich: Caleb B. Rogers, Harrison B. Aldrich and William T. Norton. The boat was valued at \$150,000.

#### Mason Monument.

The committee on the monument to the memory of Major John Mason, of which Dr. Arms was chairman, caused to be erected in April, 1871, a simple shaft of granite at Bean Hill, near the spot where Mason was supposed to have been buried. On the western base is the following inscription: "Major John Mason, born in England, died in Norwich, Jan. 30th, 1672, aged 73." On the sides of the stone are also cut the names of 36 of the founders of the town. The Mason Monument Association was incorporated by the legislature in 1871 and the first meeting of the association held September 23, 1871. Rev. H. P. Arms was president, J. L. Devotion, secretary, John T. Wait, treasurer.

### Yantic Cove Legislation.

The common council voted on May 27, 1872, to instruct the city attorney to apply to the general assembly for necessary legislation to enter upon and take possession of Yantic Cove, to survey and stake out proper channels for the water and to fill in and make such use as the city deemed best of the remaining area. The legislature on July 24th approved of an act giving the necessary authority and the common council appointed a special committee to consider the situation. It being found that C. B. Rogers & Co. claimed to have acquired title to the land in Yantic Cove above the railroad track and had expended a large sum in filling the same, it was voted on October 20, 1873 by the common council to pay C. B. Rogers & Co. \$10,000 for said land and buildings thereon and a right of way 40 feet wide from Main Street. The sum of \$625 was appropriated to Amasa C. Hall for land taken for Falls Avenue.

#### Streets Widened.

In 1872 and 1873, notable changes were made on North Thames Street, on Franklin Street between Bath Street and Durkey Lane, on Market Street at the corner of Water Street and on Main Street at the corner of Washington Street. By vote of the court of common council new layouts of the highway at these points were approved and the enlargements made. In the two years the sum of \$49,707.50 was paid by the city for land damages.

### Park Congregational Church.

On May 8, 1873, ground was broken for a new Congregational Church on the Plain. On July 12th the corner stone of the building was laid. On March 17, 1874, the new church organized as the Park Congregational Church. On April 12th, the new chapel was ready for occupancy. The church was completed and dedicated November 18th. The church is cruciform, Norman style, and constructed of Portland stone.

# Greeneville Bridge.

The Greeneville bridge erected 11 years previously at a cost of \$20,000, was found in an unsafe condition in May, 1873, and ordered closed for temporary repairs. This was the third bridge erected at this point in a quarter of a century. The first yielded to the winds, the second to fire. Contracts were let in the fall of 1873 for a new iron bridge upon agreement between the two towns of Norwich and Preston.

### Mayor Greene's Resignation.

On July 6, 1874, James Lloyd Greene tendered his resignation as mayor. Mayor Greene had served for seven years, giving his entire time to the city. A violent attack was made upon his administration on account of the growing expenditures and he accepted a re-election in June, 1874, as a vindication, and resigned at the earliest opportunity. An election to choose his successor was held August 5th. Only one ticket was in the field and Mr. Greene found himself the choice of 408 votes of the 414 cast.

# Greeneville, Laurel Hill and Boswellville.

The common council on April 21st, 1874, voted that an application be made to the general assembly for an extension of the city limits. The legislature in May voted that the question of extension of the city limits to Greeneville, Boswellville and Laurel Hill be decided by vote of these respective districts. The Greeneville school district voted to come into the city September 7th, the result of the ballot being 195 for and 191 against. Laurel Hill and Boswellville voted not to accept annexation but by act of the legislature June 24, 1875, both of these districts were annexed. City water was at once introduced into Greeneville at a cost of \$41,296.50 for new mains and services.

#### Various Matters.

The Eliza Huntington Memorial Home was established in 1872 through the beneficence of Jedediah Huntington, who on his death March 23d, left his home and \$35,000 in cash to found a retreat for aged and infirm women in memory of his wife.

About 100 volunteers of the Norwich Fire Department were taken to Boston by special train November 10, 1872, to assist in checking the conflagration which wiped out nearly the entire business portion of the town. Two steamers—the old Wauregan and the Delanoy—and the Wauregan Hook & Ladder carriage were taken by the firemen who were subsequently tendered the thanks of the Boston authorities for the valuable aid rendered. Mayor Greene and other leading citizens accompanied the firemen to Boston.

On October 5, 1874, Norwich, by a vote of 925 to 700, voted "no-license." Liquor selling did not cease until July 25th, 1875, as a number of licenses did not expire until that date.

Trinity Episcopal Church erected a new tower on their church in 1874.

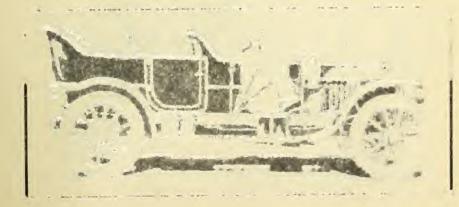
The Independence Hose house was erected in 1874 at a cost of \$7,410.74, including the lot.

#### In Conclusion.

For the purpose of giving a glimpse of the characteristics of the people of Norwich, the years 1865 to 1875 have been selected for a review of the local history. The same spirit of enterprise, charity, hospitality and benevolence has continued to the present time and the years 1875 to 1909 furnish abundant proof that public works and industrial growth have not been neglected. Norwich is bigger, better and busier now than ever before and the further water-power development and the rapid increase in real estate values are evidences that a greater expansion is at hand.

No recent history of Norwich can omit a reference to the extraordinary benefactions of William A. Slater, a native of Norwich, but now a resident of Washington, D. C. As a result of his support and interest and largely through his immense benefactions there were added to the city's public buildings, in a very few years, the Slater Memorial, the Y. M. C. A. building, Broadway Theatre and the W. W. Backus Hospital, all of which contribute immeasurably to the educational and social life and comfort of the community.





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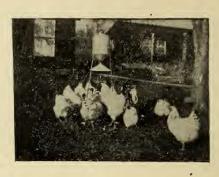
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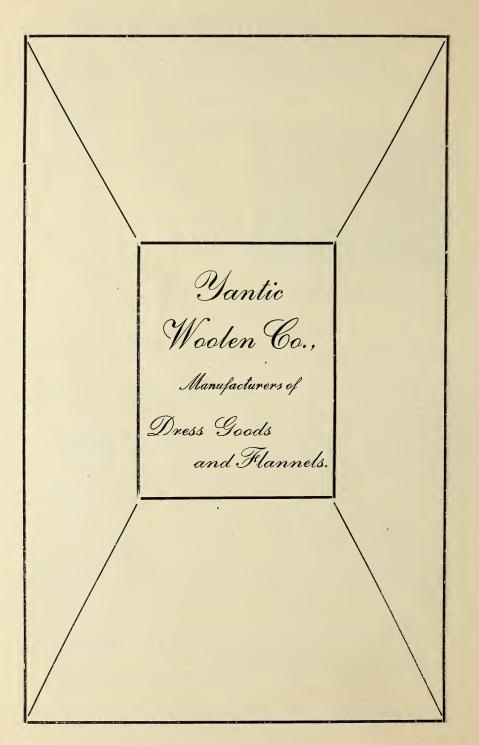
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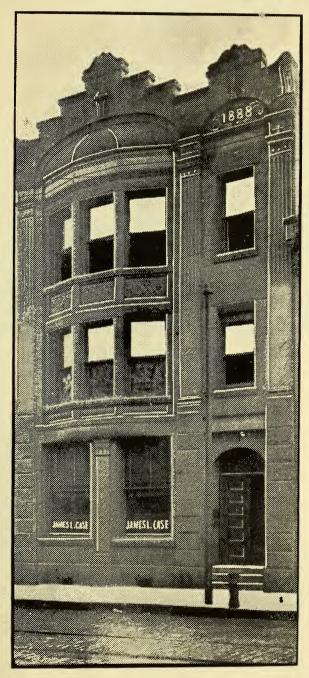
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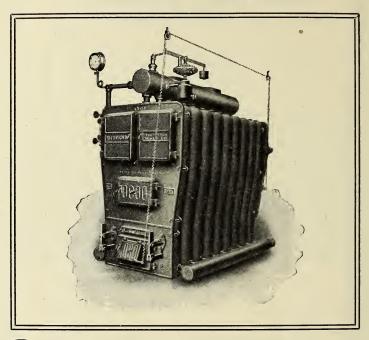
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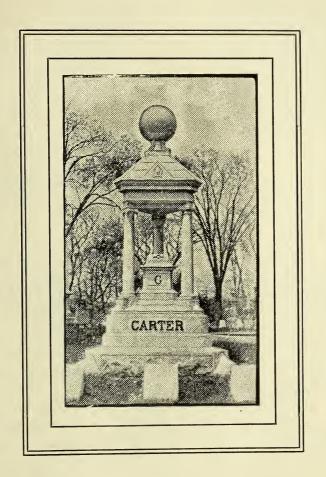
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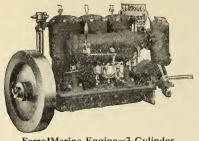
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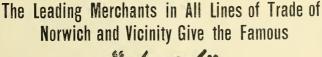










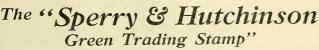


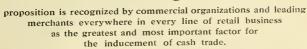




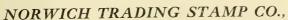
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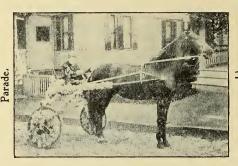
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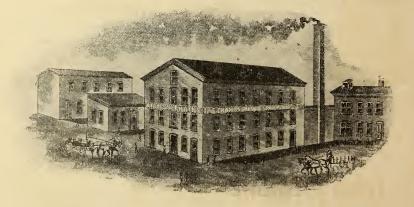
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