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Yesterday night, an old man, name unknown, fell from the bridge over the Consolidated road across the Daubury & Norwalk just below the South Norwalk depot, and broke his neck. His body is at the South Norwalk undertaking rooms awaiting identification.

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The Society of Christian Endeavor connected with the South Norwalk Congregational church, are preparing for an entertainment on Wednesday evening called "The hazard of days," at which it is probable there will be "cooking, washing and sewing," and much eating. Undoubtedly it will be a success, though it has not been announced that any novelty in attire will be resorted to to attract attention.

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The annual report of the superintendent of the Retreat for the Insane gives the figures: Admissions during the year, of males 47, of females 43, total 90; discharges of males 53, of females 39, total 91; deaths of males 13, of females 6, total 19; whole number under treatment during the year, of males 135, of females 103, total 238; number of the retreat March 31, 1888, of males 73, of females 70, total 143; whole number of patients admitted since the opening of the retreat April 1, 1884, 6,969.

George W. Raymond will act as grand marshal on Memorial Day. The parade will form on Wall street, righting in front of Mrs. William K. James' residence in the following order: Grand Marshal and Aide. Heine's Fall Brass Band. Company F, Fourth Regiment, C. N. G. Colonel Robert's Military Cadets. Despatch Post, No. 12, A. R. O. S. Ferry Camp, Sons of Veterans. Speakers of the Day, Town and Borough Officials, Clergy and Glee Club in Carriages. Drum Corps. Over River and North School Battalion. Drum Corps. Center and Wimpisank School Battalion. School Girls in Carriages.

The procession will move promptly at 2 p. m. through Wall street, Mott avenue, North Union Park, Franklin avenue and Riverside avenue to the cemetery. The exercises at the cemetery will be as follows:— Prayer by Past Chaplain. Song by Glee Club. Introductory Remarks by Commander Duxton of Buckingham Post. Unveiling of Monument. Music by Band. G. A. R. Memorial and Dedication Services. Music by Band. Address by Captain W. H. Frost. Music by Glee Club. Address by Rev. Charles H. Everett. Other Music by Glee Club. Other Brief Addresses. Song, "America," in which all present will join. Benediction.

The following items of local interest are from the Norwalk correspondence of the Standard: Rev. H. A. Delano is taking a short vacation with a view of ridding himself of an attack of malaria. On Sunday last his pulpit was supplied by Rev. Col. Anderson.—Last Wednesday evening a very pleasant reception was held at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. and Mrs. Anderson and daughter.—The people of East Norwalk are outfitting the little chapel and are beginning to examine plans for a church large enough to meet the requirements of the community.—George Noyes, a well known local practitioner, opened our business men.—Some of our Chinese laundrymen attend Sunday school at noon at the borough Congregational church and at 4 o'clock p. m. at the South Norwalk church. They are making rapid progress in reading English and are eager to know the meaning of the words in the books of the primary teachers at the Center school, has resigned her position there and is now at the state Normal school taking a short course in kindergarten work.—The Misses Brogan, of Brooklyn spent Sunday with the Misses Clark, of Merwin street.—A letter from Mrs. Henry S. Barnum, of Constantinople, gives interesting account of the celebration of the centennial by the citizens of Americans in that city. Several persons from this country chanced to be in the city that day, among them President White, of Cornell University. Singing, prayers and patriotic addresses by the missionaries and visitors made up an inspiring service to all present. The audience was over forty.

Wilson's Burned. The accidental overturning of a stevedore's lantern on a bale of jute in the freight house at Wilson Point 8 o'clock Thursday morning resulted in the destruction of almost all the dock property and a damage of nearly \$300,000. The night hands were busily engaged in loading the freight from the stevedores into the cars when the accident occurred and so rapid was the progress of the flames that within five minutes the long dock and all the buildings were enveloped in flames, and nothing was saved from the office or other buildings, nearly all the clerks and employes losing some of their clothes and valuables. The rooms over the office were used as sleeping quarters by some of the men, and the occupants had barely time after being hurriedly awakened, to escape, and were obliged to run out without stopping to dress.

The tracks on both sides of the building were full of freight cars, and a locomotive, which, fortunately was at hand, hauled about fifty cars to a place of safety, about thirty cars loaded with general merchandise and coal, were lost with all their contents.

The passenger steamer Cape Charles, and the freight boat Philip in the latter were moored to the wharf and were cut adrift and floated with difficulty out of danger. The locomotive was dispatched to the Borough where Phoenix steamer was loaded onto a flat car and with about 90 members of the fire department, rushed to the Point where the steamer did most valuable service in extinguishing the fire and saving a vast amount of property that would inevitably have been destroyed but for its efforts. The new floating dock valued at \$25,000 was saved, but the long dock, valued at \$100,000, was destroyed, with a long line of cars which stood on it. The steamer succeeded in extinguishing the flames in time to prevent the car wheels, rails, etc. and an enormous quantity of coal from being precipitated into the sound.

Col. Stevenson, Supt. Payne and Supervisor Cogbill were on the scene at an early hour and Col. Stevenson estimated the damage at \$150,000, fully covered by insurance.

The steamer Cape Charles made her trip to New York as usual and will continue to do so. The immense freight steamer, however, will be a success. The vessel transferred to Bridgeport until the dock can be rebuilt which will be begun at once. The dock was leased by the New England Terminal Company, of which W. H. Starbuck is president.

The scene of the catastrophe has been visited by hundreds of curious people and relic hunters who have appropriated whatever articles of merchandise they could get their hands on when the vigilant watchmen were looking the other way, and the ruins have been photographed from every point of observation by professional and amateur photographers. Reports from all four points of view are true and varied and highly colored are the reports that have been published throughout Christendom.

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Nathaniel Wheeler Bishop, youngest son of Hon. W. D. Bishop, was admitted as a member to the Fairfield county bar, a day or two since. Mr. Bishop is one of our best young men and has a bright future before him. He was admitted to the bar at Wilson Point Wednesday night could be seen very distinctly from this city and many persons thought it was in the western part of the town or in Black Rock. This shows how deceiving fires are in the night. Much sympathy is felt for the Housatonic people, especially those who expect to travel from here with suitable docks, so there can be no very serious delay in handling freight.

Westport. The Robinson homestead on West avenue is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Staples. M. J. Mills entered, last week, upon his thirtieth year on the route between the village and depot. The anniversary of the Saugatuck Congregational Sunday school was held Sunday at the church. More seals of the kind J. D. Wood makes are being called for all over the country, an addition is being built to that gentleman's factory. Rev. H. S. Bill, at the M. E. church, Sunday night, preached a special sermon for the G. A. R., the members of which were present in a body. Mr. Watts' Uarda, Mr. Kemper's Riv-noceros and Mr. Jesus's Cygnus are in the water. Look out, there's going to be plenty of sport on the river this year. Two hawkers of wares drew a crowd in front of the hotel Saturday night and sold much goods, showing that Holden's bill for a public act suppressing that sort of thing is not potent in accomplishing its object. An error has crept into the papers to the effect that Mr. W. E. Sturges is building a dwelling near Memorial church. It is not so. He is building a house on West avenue, valued at \$4,000. The father will, it is said, soon build on an adjacent lot.

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