

THE OYSTERMEN'S CLAIM

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There should be no hesitation on the part of our legislature in making a provision for the legal expense growing out of this suit. The oyster plantations on this shore have been assessed and paid taxes into the State Treasury the same as any other property within its limits.

In the suit of John H. Keyser vs. Earle Coo, in the United States District Court, District of Connecticut, in Equity May 5, 1871, which was brought to remove a fish boling nuisance from Goose Island and where the jurisdiction of this state over the island (one of the Norwalk group) was questioned by the defendant, Judge Shipman then decided that "Goose Island where the alleged nuisance has been created by the defendant, was within the territorial limits of the State of Connecticut."

Three hundred and forty-two lives were lost on Friday night by the wreck of the steamship Schiller of the Eagle line, off the Scilly Islands, about 35 miles from Lands End, England. The steamship was entering the English channel on her passage from New York to Hamburg, via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION

The report of the joint board of School Visitors and Selectmen, which recommends the consolidation of the school districts of this town and the establishment of one high school in the Over River District, is a matter that deserves the attention of every man and woman in this community.

We believe that consolidation would be for the best interests of the town, could that plan be properly carried out, but the proposal of the committee to make the Over River school-house the high school, seems to us very impracticable.

But consolidation can be effected without the one high school provision. We now have three schools in which the higher grades are taught—the Union, Center and Over River District. The scholars graduating from the other districts could enter either of these schools most convenient, and under a competent superintendent as good results be attained as though they were all brought together in one class at one place.

Some of the districts are fully five miles from the Over River District house, which would mean an impossible and impracticable and a serious source of complaint.

which to improve the quality of the schools and economy, because, with a given number of scholars, the larger the school, the less it costs to maintain it.

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After reading the report Mr. Hamilton explained that the report did not present a novel scheme or system, but it is the one upon which the largest portion of the schools of our country are acting. This system has been adopted in the states of Massachusetts, New York and the larger states of the west, and in nearly all the large cities and towns of the size of this in Connecticut.

Mr. Lynes said he was not prepared to vote on the report at that time, and he thought others were similarly situated. He believed the town should understand both sides of the question before voting on it. There were legal questions involved. What shall become of the district debts which are unequal? He moved that the report be laid on the table, and printed in the Norwalk Gazette in the North and South Sentinel, and that when the meeting adjourns, it adjourn to Saturday, May 26, at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Pinckney, explained the workings of the "compulsion" feature in the Centre District, showing that Mr. Woodward, who spoke against it, had been in the habit of bidding for school property in the Centre District to enter the Over River District.

Mr. W. R. Lockwood moved to strike out the printing clause of the motion. If it was necessary to make a donation to the editors of the Gazette and Sentinel he would move that they give them \$35.00 each, and leave out the printing (we regret that Mr. Lockwood's outness was not appreciated).

The following is the law in relation to the Consolidation of School Districts. Sec. 1. Any town may abolish all the school districts within its territory, and divide the territory into as many as it may see fit, and may also divide the territory into as many as it may see fit, and may also divide the territory into as many as it may see fit.

The death in New York, and the burial in this place last week of Mrs. Martha Ann Howard, recall both sad and pleasant memories. As a young girl she was married to a husband, Mr. Robert Andrews, who was a student of Westport. He excelled in music and as a bass singer, and at one time sang in the choir of the First Church in New York.

Mr. Daniel Darrow and Mr. Joseph Rowland both advanced in years are two noted wags. Having nothing in particular to do, they were in the habit of visiting the N. B. Betts. Last Saturday night I dropped in to the store. The two were behind the counter "teasing."

Dr. J. Y. Fennell, Buffalo, N. Y. writes: "For the last twenty years I have been using your Golden Medical Discovery, I owe my life to it, having been afflicted for years. It did not cure me by a short time before I was benefited; at that time I was very bad, but able to sit up much, was suffering greatly with my throat, was getting blind, had a dry cough, and much pain in my lungs. I have used twelve bottles of the Discovery and am almost well."

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The following letter from Mr. Richard Dunning, a gentleman so well known and highly respected, speaks for itself. Dr. Rowland to whom it is addressed, will be Saturday next, May 18th, in Norwalk, at Norwalk Hotel.

Yours has been received and it affords me much pleasure to say that previous to your commencing the treatment of Mrs. Dunning for a Catarrh and throat affection from which she suffered so severely, I had given up all hope of her recovery.

A new assortment of Sun Umbrellas, at a Discount of 25% on the regular price. It will be to the interest of South Norwalk and vicinity to call at Jacob Wank's millinery and fancy goods store, and examine the new and beautiful perfumes and face powder collection.

Twenty-two years ago this day apple trees everywhere were in blossom. Now we look in vain even for a green leaf. The funeral ceremonies over the remains of Miss Virginia DePeur, of this place, at one time a resident of Norwalk, took place in Southport on Wednesday last week.

Mr. Frederick Morehouse proposes to bring suit against the cemetery company in Bridgeport which removed the remains of his father and mother without giving him proper notice.

Mr. Robert Morehouse has the surveyor's contract from the town to repair Compo road, and notwithstanding the appropriation of money for the purpose, he is going forward with his part of the work, and to collect his pay.

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Alfred Knapp. Groceries, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, House Furnishing Goods, etc. Constantly on hand a Good Assortment of the Best Brands of Family and Pastry.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. A petition will be presented for the relief of George L. Stead from State's Prison, to the next General Assembly, November 15th, 1878.

TO RENT. Half of the small double house on Raymond St., containing 10 rooms, situated on the corner of Henry Lockwood, on the premises.

TO RENT. The second story of a house, containing five rooms, on Wood Street, near the corner of Broadway. Apply on the premises to J. C. CHOW.

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