

Scrapbook



it was a public duty "to look out for the poor and needy who can't help themselves, but put bums to work and if they won't work let 'em go without. They'll work when they're hungry."

Misfortune overtook him in later years. He was suspended from the New York Stock Exchange for an unintentional infraction of the rules of

trade. It was a mortal wound. He was thoroughly honest and carried his head high. When he passed from the scene, an age went with him. His splendid feudal estate, built in 1865, rapidly disintegrated and soon was only a memory.

Note: Uncle Al died June 13, 1897, aged 63 years, 10 months. He is buried in Fairview.



The Homing Club

A bird belonging to William Winter was first to arrive home in the race of homing pigeons from Concord, N. C., to Westfield—a distance of 535 airline miles. Winter's bird was released at Concord, Sunday morning, June 23, and was trapped at the loft on First Street, the next day at 9:37 a. m., just five minutes ahead of two pigeons owned by George W. Peek, Jr. The prizes were donated by Alfred Woidt, Jr. and Fred R. Brunner—a handsome gold watch to the winner and a seal to Mr. Peek. The Westfield Homing Club has placed 100 birds on the road over the southern course, this season. The officers are: President, Elmer B. Woodruff; vice-president, William Wittke; secretary and treasurer, George Peek, Jr.; assistant secretary, William Winter.

Piano For The Reading Room

A new piano was installed in the Town Reading Room for the benefit of families who have no pianos in their homes. Parents could then arrange for the children to take lessons and do all their practicing there during certain hours of the day. The Reading Room Association was officered by Chauncey B. Ripley, president; Rev. J. K. Folwell, vice-president; James A. Buck, secretary; Prof. Edwin Francis, treasurer.

The Township Built A Sewer

The Township Committee—Martin Welles, Charles F. Conant and Nathaniel B. Gardner—purchased the 100-acre Zabriskie farm for sewage purposes. "This is decidedly a 19th century step," observes The Standard. "Our Township Committee drove a very fair bargain in this purchase, and Westfield can well afford to own necessary real estate on the basis of \$100 an acre." Jan. 5, 1895. . . . The work on the sewer system was begun in March and completed in December, 1895. John Marsden of Utica, N. Y., built the trunk sewer at the contract price of \$15,287.85; Stratford & Hawkes of Brooklyn, the lateral sewers at \$31,877.40.

Vail Proposed To Light The Town

J. H. Vail made application for a twenty-year exclusive franchise permitting the erection of poles and wires for a system of electric distribution adapted for light, heat and power and offering free to the town one candle power light for every mile of street so occupied. The Town Committee gave the matter full consideration, March 28, 1891, and the proposal was afterwards rejected. Mr. Vail lived in the Henry Baker house, on East Broad and Chestnut Streets. He was grand marshal of the Centennial Parade of July 4, 1894, and prominent in the town's social and political life for many years.