

NEWS OF THE WEEK ON THE EVENING NEWS

NEW RECTOR OF ST. JAMES.

Rev. George W. Davenport began his work here Sunday.

The Rev. George W. Davenport, the new rector of St. James' Episcopal church, arrived in Danbury Saturday and on Sunday began his work in his new parish.

Mr. Davenport, who is one of the youngest rectors ever called to St. James' parish, is a native of Vermont and the son of a yeoman. His father is the rector of an Episcopal church in Washington, D. C. Mr. Davenport was prepared for college at St. Paul's school in Baltimore, Md., and his academic education was completed at Hobart college, Geneva, N. Y. Mr. Davenport studied theology with Rev. D. P. Hays, of Maryland, and at the General Theological seminary, New York city.

While studying with Bishop Barlet, Mr. Davenport had charge of a mission among the poor of Baltimore, and while a student at the General Seminary he served as curate of St. Matthew's church, New York city.

Mr. Davenport came to the priesthood in 1899 by the bishop of Maryland and immediately became rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Richmond Hill, L. I., where he remained three and one-half years, leaving that position to return to the Church of the Redeemer, Astoria, L. I., succeeding Archdeacon Cooper, who had been rector of that parish since its organization in 1866.

Mr. Davenport is married and has three children, who, with Mrs. Davenport, were with him here Sunday on his first home in the rectory on West street.

AN OLD DANBURY FAIR.

Held on Main Street and in the Court House Sixty Years Ago.

L. T. Smith, of Robinson avenue gave an Evening News reporter a reminiscence of a Danbury Fair held over sixty years ago, which was very interesting when compared with the Fair just closed. Mr. Smith said:

A Danbury Fair which was held over sixty years ago was called at that time the Cattle Show, and the name was right. It was almost strictly an exhibition of cattle, including hogs and sheep. Horses were not in it. The fair ground was Main street in front of the Court House. There was no park there as there was no park there for the exhibition. There was no "Midway," no side shows, no grand stands and no admission fee. Benches were erected on the west side of the street for single animals and some very handsome bells, combs, knives, shavers, and other articles.

It was not an exhibition that would match many an exhibition to-day. But the chief display was oxen. As all farm work was done with oxen farmers took great interest in them and in the quality they should show. There were thousands of oxen. Consequently hundreds of them were on exhibition. They came in strings of six, eight or more, each with a different colored collar and trailer decorated artistically with all sorts of farm products. Bethel sent four or five such teams and the district of New York contributed two. There was great rivalry as to what section should bring in the finest team. None but the best were in the parade. They were brought in with beautiful harness that shone in the bright sunlight, most of them also with ribbons. One team I remember very distinctly. It was made up of the next came two-year-olds, then three-year-olds, ending at the cart team with a magnificent pair of bright red, bronzed, all grown-up oxen.

Prizes were offered for the best team and a parade of them in the street was very fine, equal to any exhibit with the present. I remember the crowd of men that, however, centered in the draught contest. Old-fashioned stone-hoofs were loaded with rocks and stones, each with a different set of iron bands placed on the west side of the street, where there was quite an up grade and the test of strength was in drawing the horse up the grade. In one case a man who was not present can scarcely imagine the excitement this part of the show caused. Nothing of the present day Fair could equal it.

I remember the crowd of men at that time. Each yoke of oxen had a driver and each driver had a new cart, whip, fresh cut and decorated with a new pair of oxen. The sight of the hundreds of whips was like a forest for it seemed as if every man had a whip.

The Town Hall, which was the lower floor of the Court House, was used for the display of farm and garden products and a fine display it was for its time. There was also displayed useful and fancy articles, made by the women of the household, more useful than ornamental, for in those days the ladies had no more to do than to make.

THE CONTRACT AWARDED.

Work on New Union Railway Station Will be Commenced at Once.

The contract for the construction of the new union station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road on White street was awarded Monday afternoon to E. M. Malkin, of Norwich.

At the office of Chief Engineer Ingersoll of the New York, New Haven and Hartford road, yesterday a representative of The Evening News was informed that work on the new station would be commenced immediately and that probably before the end of the present month the contract for the building would be under way.

The new building will probably not be ready for occupancy before next November, but it is to be one of the largest station buildings in New York division and it is expected that it will require at least five years to build it. The foundations, piers and masonry of the station will be completed by the winter. The cost of the station will be approximately \$2,000,000.

TO ENLARGE FAIR BUILDINGS.

Society Will Undoubtedly Alter Grand Stand and Other Buildings.

It is probable that important changes in some of the buildings at the Fair Grounds will be decided upon at the next meeting of the Danbury Agricultural Society. The crowds of last week proved that the present buildings and accommodations are in many instances much too small both for the accommodation of the

SIXTY THOUSAND AT THE FAIR.

Attendance at Last Week's Show Ahead of All Records.

The sixty thousand mark was reached and passed by the Danbury fair grounds on Saturday, October 11, 1902. The attendance on Saturday was 5,663, making the total attendance for the week 47,175 and establishing a new record.

The remarkable weather of the first four days of the fair contributed greatly to its success. Never since the Danbury fair grounds were first opened in 1902, has the weather been more favorable to the exhibition than it was last week. It rained the day before the show opened and it rained the day after, but the crowd was considerable enough to withhold their floods until the last admission had been taken at the gates.

The Danbury Fair of 1902 will go into the history of fairs as a great show. It excelled all of its predecessors in nearly every way. Not only were the entries in every department of the show more than ever before, but the quality of exhibits was superior to many previous displays.

The Midway was the largest and best since that section of the show became one of its prime features. These kiddies' 'con-vents' were and are probably the most popular feature and scarcely a one of them went away without a purchase of the week's business. The Boston animal show was the best exhibition on the ground and charged the highest price for admission. The Boston show was Boston's representative in charge of the show, said Saturday afternoon that the week's business had been wholly accounted for by the show.

Best pleased of all who had anything to do with the fair were the people who attended it. The crowds made a job and an interesting feature of the show and the fair depends, of course, upon the number of people who attend. The number of visitors from a distance and especially from the large cities of the state, attending the fair on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, was greater than ever before and it is probable that next year special and extensive advertising campaigns will be carried on to draw cities with the idea of still further increasing the number from them. There is a rural favor combined with a suggestion of the metropolitan summer resort about the Danbury fair. The more the show was attended to the people of the cities as it drew to those of the rural districts and there is no doubt that New York city and its suburbs were the largest attenders every year were the field advertised. There are many possibilities for the Danbury Fair of the future.

FARBELL UNDER ARREST.

Engineer of Excursion Train Admits Responsibility in Sandy Hook Collision.

Thomas M. Farrell, of East Hartford, the engineer of the special excursion train, which ran into the regular train bound from Waterbury to Danbury on Saturday night at Sandy Hook, New Haven and Hartford, yesterday, confessing the death of Miss Quisenberry, the night of Thursday, Oct. 9, was held on a bridge by order of Corporal Dolan of the city first manatee, after he was placed at \$1,500 and was furnished by Benjamin E. Bone, of East Hartford.

On request, which was returned on Saturday, was opened at 10 o'clock. The principal testimony was given by Farrell. He admitted that he was under the impression that the orders in his mind, when he pulled out of the Fair Grounds he was given an order to take a siding at Pomperaug valley. He was in doubt about four miles east of Sandy Hook. His attention was stopped at the Danbury station and there he was given an order repeating the first one and ordering him to stop at a siding two miles west of Sandy Hook.

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Edwin H. Wilder, the telegraph operator at Danbury, during the week of

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	1895.	1896	1897
Tuesday	8,965	4,193	4,814
Wednesday	1,805	5,689	6,212
Thursday	17,177	17,267	18,506
Friday	19,314	16,381	16,892
Saturday	5,663	6,520	5,210
Total	49,625	46,611	47,617

CITY HAPPENINGS.

Emily F. Hoggel of Danbury, has been granted a pension of \$5.

Charles White Whittlesey, who has been writing a season's theatrical engagements, has had several arrived from Wednesday and will remain here to begin his regular winter season.

Mrs. Gertrude E. Hemingway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hemingway of 12 Montgomery street, was married in White Plains, N. Y., Wednesday, to Charles L. Phelps, of Brewster, N. Y. The marriage took place in Grace church and was performed by the pastor, Rev. F. E. Van Kleek. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps are now visiting in Danbury and will go to New York next Monday morning.

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A special session of the common pleader court will be held in this city next Saturday at 10 o'clock for the purpose of naturalizing.

The secretary of the fifth senatorial district has nominated for senator William H. Slaving, of this city, secretary of the Paper Box Co., of Danbury.

The most serious case of their reported to the police during the Fair was that of a silver belt bag from Mrs. Frank Spill of Derby. Mrs. Spill was robbed on the Fair Grounds. The bag contained a gold watch set with a diamond and several rings.

The special meeting between representatives of the Danbury and Hartford fairs and the Westchester Traction company which was to have been held in North Salem last week was postponed.

Harry McAvoy, of this city, whose home is at 61 Main street, is one of the proprietors of Barlow & Wilson's minstrels, which are now playing with success in Danbury.

Herb Seibinger, a prominent horse lover, of Vienna, Austria, who was at the fair last week, has purchased the best horse in the Pacific States for the sum of 2,250 and she will be shipped soon and conditioned for racing in Austria and northern Italy.

The town assembly began work Monday. Herbert Milburn, formerly of this city, who started several months ago for South Sea, is now in the United States, and, when he arrived a short time ago.

The board of education has voted to close the public schools Friday to permit the closing of the state teachers' convention in New Haven.

The contest over the probate of the will of Mary Lyon, of the estate of the late William Lyon, of this city, is at present admitted to probate Monday. John Moran was named as administrator.

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GREETED OLD COMMANDER.

Survivors of Co. A. Had a Reunion With Captain Southmayd.

Captain G. M. Southmayd, of Middletown, was entertained at the office of Christian Quisenberry Friday by the surviving members of his regiment, Co. A, Eleventh Connecticut Volunteers. Only six members were present, but many letters were read from those who have since died.

The reunion was held at the office of Des Moines, Ia., and Lieutenant C. H. White, of New York. The evening was spent in an informal rehearsal of the incidents which they experienced in the early part of the war, and when the roll was called every name seemed to bring back the days of '61 with all its agonies and glories.

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CLANCY AND KING LIBERATED.

Extradition Papers Late They Are Freed, Arrested Later for Drunkenness.

James Clancy and George King, the alleged burglars, who were arrested in Newburg, N. Y., several days ago, on the request of Captain Clancy, of this city, who held warrants for them, were liberated yesterday. The papers for their extradition had not been received and they had apparently slipped through the hands of the authorities. When the extradition papers were received, the men were released this morning when a telegram was received from Newburg saying that Clancy and King, overjoyed at their escape, were in New York.

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THE E. STARR SANFORD PLACE.

Purchased by Victor B. Buck, of New York City.

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HYMENEAL.

Was attended by Rev. W. H. Hartwell.