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THE ORIGINAL CHARTER.

Its Boundaries Quaintly Defined,

It is likely that this week will witness the passage of a resolution in the legislature granting a city charter to Danbury.

It is nearly seventy years ago that Danbury got its borough charter. It was granted in 1822, on the petition of "Moss White and others, inhabitants of the village of Danbury, praying to be incorporated as a borough."

In the first charter the limits were set as follows:

"Beginning at a point on the middle river, thirty rods west of the bridge near the dwelling house of Stephen Ambler, thence following said stream to barn plain bridge; thence southwardly to the tannery of Starr & Sanford; thence following the line passing down the east side of town hill lane to the south end thereof; thence in the same course across town street, leading eastwardly from the Episcopal church to a point fifty rods southwardly of the line passing on the south side thereof; thence in a straight line to the south end of deer hill lane; thence northerly, following the line passing on the west side of deer hill lane to the road leading from Danbury court house to Ridgefield; thence westerly following the line passing on the south side of said Ridgefield road to the place it intersects with the road leading from the Presbyterian meeting-house to said Ridgefield near the dwelling house of Eli Wildman; thence northwardly, following the line passing on the west side of said last mentioned road to the dwelling house of Hawley Wildman; thence in a straight line to blind brook bridge near the dwelling house of Dorastus Green; thence to the Methodist meeting house including the same and the land whereon it stands; thence in a straight line to the place of beginning."

AN AMENDMENT.

In the following year the legislature granted a change in the limits as herewith expressed: "That the limits of the borough of Danbury shall hereafter be on its South limits as follows any law or resolution to the contrary notwithstanding, viz: beginning at the present line of the same, at the north side of horse island lane near the tan works of Starr & Sanford, those running south to the south side of said lane; thence along the south and west side of said lane to the road leading from Bethel to the Episcopal church thence westerly to the north side of the highway leading across the south end of the town street to deer hill lane; thence northerly on the east side of said deer hill lane within twenty rods of the corner easterly of Andrew Beers' dwelling house; thence westerly across said deer hill lane to the highway leading south from Alfred Gregory's dwelling

G. A. R. Camp Fire.

A LARGE REUNION OF VETERANS LAST EVENING.

The Large Gathering Fills the City Hall—Seven Hundred Sit Down to the Tables—Two Hundred Outsiders Take Part in the Proceedings—The Collation Furnished by the Relief Corps—The Addresses.

Two weeks ago the James E. Moore post, of Danbury, sent out invitations to the different neighboring Grand Army posts, and to the prominent members in the state to join with them in a camp fire and reunion, to be held at the City Hall, April 15th. The Women's Relief corps were asked to furnish the collation, and since that time both post and corps have been busy in making preparations for the camp fire. Yesterday afternoon members of the invited posts began to arrive in Danbury. They were from neighboring towns, and came in teams, accompanied by their wives. They were escorted by the post reception committee to hotels. From 6 to 7:30 o'clock in the evening the trains brought in representatives from the following posts: Douglas Fowler post, South Norwalk; Wadham post, Waterbury; Elias Howe, Jr., post, Bridgeport; Crosby post, Brewster, N. Y.; Edwin D. Pickelt post, Ridgefield; J. H. Perry post, Redding; Buckingham post, Norwalk; Upton post, New Milford; Custor post, Sandy Hook, N. Y.; and members of the James E. Moore post from Georgetown. A great many ladies accompanied the visitors.

After the visiting Grand Army men had been escorted to the post's headquarters a short march was taken up previous to the exercises in City Hall, with the Danbury band. The march was up Main street as far as the bridge, countermarching down Main street as far as the Turner House, where the department commander was received and escorted to City Hall. By THE NEWS illuminated clock it was just 8 o'clock when the line of march was taken up.

AT CITY HALL.

When the Grand Army men arrived at City Hall after their march, six long tables running east and west and one long table in front of the stage were filled with entables. Between the rows of tables were stationed the relief corps ready to assist the hungry veterans. The stage was tastefully arranged. In the rear the walls were covered with large flags, the two post flags in the center. On each side of the stage were portraits of Gen. Grant and Gen. Logan draped in national colors. The chairman's desk was placed in the center and before it was a large Grand Army badge

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EXTENDING THE LIMITS.

In 1846 the legislature took another
hand in the borough boundaries, and
enlarged as is herewith set forth:

Sec. 9. That the boundaries of the borough be
altered, and the limits thereof extended, and
that instead of the present limits and bounda-
ries the following be, and hereby are established
as the limits and boundaries of said borough, to
wit: Beginning on the Clapboard Ridge road,
so called, fifteen rods west side of the hat man-
ufactory of Hoyt, Tweedy & Co.; thence follow-
ing said road to the bridge near said shop;
thence following the centre of the river east-
wardly and southwardly to the bridge across
said river, on the highway leading from Dan-
bury through Pembroke to New Fairfield; thence
southwardly to a point in the boundary line be-
tween Henry Benedict's land and Thomas T.
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the intersection of said boundary line with the
Town Hill road, by a passway leading to and
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ing house of Luke Tyley; thence southeastward-
ly in a straight line to a point in the north line
of the highway leading from the south end of
Main street to Bethel, four rods eastwardly of
the point of intersection of said north line with
the west line of the highway called the Town
Hill road; thence southwardly directly
across said road to the south side thereof;
thence south twenty rods; thence west-
wardly in a straight line, to a point on
the east side of the highway extending the
length of Deer Hill, twenty rods south of the
point of intersection of said Deer Hill road with
the road leading to Deer Hill from the south end
of Main street; thence westerly directly across
said road to the west side thereof; thence north-
westwardly to a point in the south line of the
highway leading from Main street to Miry Brook,
opposite the south-west corner of the lot of land
on which Eli Wildman's barn stands, thence
directly across said road to the corner of
said lot; thence west, directly across the
road passing on the west side of
said barn to the west line of said road; thence
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tioned highway, to the north line of the highway
leading across Frans's Hill, so called, at the
point of intersection of said two roads; thence
in a straight line to the northeast corner of
David Pettit's dwelling house; thence north-
wardly in a straight line to the northwest corner
of Russell Hoyt's land on Mill Ridge, opposite
William P. Starr's barn; thence in a straight
line to the place of beginning; and all that part
of the said town of Danbury included within the
foregoing limits, and not within the present
limits of the borough of Danbury, be annexed
and made a part of said borough of Danbury.

Legislature.

Only the Senate was in session Mon-
day. Most of its time was devoted to the
Swift case, in discussing a bill to re-
construct the board of pardons, and in-
vest it with authority to commute senten-
ces.

It is said that more than one-half of
the members of the legislature accom-
panied General Manager Stevenson on
that exploring expedition last week.
Many of those who remained at Hart-
ford did not go near the legislative halls
because it was well known that no
quorum would be present. Among
those who did not go, were the

large flags, the two post-flags in the cen-
ter. On each side of the stage were por-
traits of Gen. Grant and Gen. Logan
draped in national colors. The chair-
man's desk was placed in the center and
before it was a large Grand Army badge
in mounted metal on crimson plush.
At the left of the speaker's desk
was the picture of one of Sherman's
foragers. When Commander Morehouse
rapped for order the hall was uncom-
fortably crowded. About the aisles at the
lower part of the hall and about the door
the crowd was very thick. The Rev. Mr.
Moore offered prayer when the members
got quiet. The tables were almost too
tempting to withstand an immediate at-
tack. Behind the veterans stood the
members of the relief corps ready to as-
sist them in the attack with ammunition.
After the prayer by Rev. Mr. Moore

THE WELCOME.

Commander A. Morehouse welcomed
the visiting soldiers in behalf of James
E. Moore post, No. 18. Mr. Morehouse
said it gave him great pleasure to invite
the visitors to this, the camp fire of
James E. Moore post, and although
many of the old soldiers, he thought,
would no doubt be greatly disappointed
in the rations, they had met with many
disappointments in army life, and would
be able to endure this. Many a time
they had been obliged to eat their hunk
of pork and piece of hardtack. But he
hoped no one would find fault with the
commissary department, for they had
done their full share. Expressing a de-
sire that the guests enjoy themselves as
fully as the post intended they should,
he introduced Warden L. L. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins, our warden, greeted and
welcomed the guests in behalf of the
borough. Knowing that Danbury had
a reputation for entertaining visitors in
a hospitable manner he hoped that this
would be no exception to the general
rule. Danbury during the great fight
for the preservation of the union was
represented in each of the 1st, 3d, 5th,
7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 17th and 23d
regiments, and there were present
those who were with these regiments.
This gathering would recall many of the
scenes enacted among these organiza-
tions during the war. Camp life with
its features of pleasure and sorrow, of
the march, the battle, the shouts of vic-
tory, and the incidents of years gone
by. The enjoyment of the evening
might prove some slight compensation
for the hardships there endured, but the
satisfaction of a duty faithfully done
and acknowledged, of having aided in
saving the country from dissolution will
be the soldier's greatest reward. Trust-
ing that the evening might prove so en-
joyable that the guests would feel well
repaid for the trip, Mr. Hopkins retired.

Department Commander William H.
Pierpont, although suffering from a
diphtheritic attack and having left a
sick bed to come to Danbury made an
able response in behalf of the Depart-
ment of Connecticut. A soldier he said
was never known to shirk his duty on any
occasion and as he hoped his record as
a soldier was passably good he would do
his best to fulfil his duty on that occa-
sion. In behalf of the Grand Army of
the State of Connecticut he would ac-
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