

VISITED NORMAL SCHOOL.

Educational Committee Here to See If \$10,000 Is Needed.

The rain interfered considerably with the arrangements made for the entertainment of the educational committee of the general assembly to-day on the occasion of the visit to the state Normal school and the inspection of the property in connection with the bill now before the legislature for the appropriation of \$10,000 for grading and improving the grounds about the building.

But it did not interfere at all with the principal business of the visit and the committee made a thorough inspection of what some of them pronounced one of the finest buildings of its kind in the state.

The committee arrived at 11:15 and was met at the station by carriages and a number of the local school officials and a few visitors from nearby towns. Secretary C. D. Hine, of the state board of education, was in the party and he conducted the committee over the new building and explained all its good points, showing the need of the money asked for to do the outside work. He had general charge of the visit.

The members of the committee present were: State Chairman Alfred E. Hammer, of Hartford; House Chairman Milton C. Isbell, of Ansonia; and Representatives Moses E. Banks, of Fairfield; Hermon M. Chapin, of New Hartford; Albert Carlos Bates, of East Granby; Charles S. Hyde, of Canterbury; Gilbert B. Burr, of Ridgefield; and William S. Bishop, of Andover. The visitors included Representative J. R. Hatch, of New Fairfield; E. W. Tory, of Newtown; Rev. R. J. Shortell, of Ridgefield; Rev. A. C. Hubbard, D. D., Judge Howard B. Scott, Principal John R. Perkins, of the Normal school, Superintendent Gilman C. Fisher, of the Danbury schools and Principal G. D. Northrop, and N. Burton Rogers.

Representative Hoffman was not able to be present on account of illness and Representative Ives was in Hartford on legislative business.

After the inspection the party entered the carriages again and went to the Turner house, where a dinner was served at 1 o'clock.

The Normal school building which is being erected by the H. Wales Lines Co., of Meriden, is very nearly finished. The foreman in charge, Walter T. Arnold, said when the committee was leaving, that the building would be ready to turn over a week from Saturday.

LECTURE ON POMPEII.

Miss Emeline A. Dunn Spoke at the Normal School

BROKEN CAR TRUCK.

Held Up Highland Division Traffic About Three Hours.

Railroad traffic on the Highland division was blocked about three hours yesterday afternoon by a freight accident at the West street overhead crossing bridge. A truck on a car of an east bound freight train broke while the train was crossing the bridge, between 2 and 3 o'clock, but the train was stopped before there was any smashup or even before the car left the tracks enough to cause any further damage.

The accident, however, effectually prevented travel over the line until the car was repaired. The 3:15 passenger train from Boston to Poughkeepsie, which came into this station after the accident happened, was held here until 5:15 before it was allowed to proceed west and it was after 6:30 before it passed the scene of the accident.

The wrecking train and crew in charge of Master Mechanic W. S. Kissner, was sent out to West street and put a new set of trucks under the wrecked car.

LAST BROWNING LECTURE.

Rev. H. C. Meserve's Readings at the First Church Chapel.

The third and last lecture-reading of Browning's poems by Rev. H. C. Meserve will be given in the chapel of the First church this evening, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. Single admissions may be secured at the door for fifty cents. The subject of this last lecture is "The Belief in Immortality," and the programme will be as follows:

"Cleon," Greek Philosophy groping for Immortality.

(a) "Christmas Eve," Toleration essential to the Religious Idea.

(b) "Easter Day," The Finite searching out the Infinite.

Intermission.

"A Grammarian's Funeral," The Conclusions of a Scholar. The Triumph of the Immaterial over the Material.

"Apparent Failure," The Hope of Immortality in the Face of Despair.

"Rabbi Ben Ezra," The Testimony of the Sage. Immortality for Humanity.

TALKED TO THE MEN.

Interesting Gathering of the First Church Club.

The First Church Men's Club held an enjoyable social in Pearce's hall last evening, at which about fifty members of the club were present.

During the first part of the evening the men smoked and chatted and were introduced to the guest of the evening, Charles R. Arlen, recently from Europe, who has been spending a few weeks in Danbury, the guest of Rev. H. C. Meserve. Afterward a business session was held at which mostly routine business was transacted. This was brief.

The event of the evening was a "Question-Answer" talk on England by Mr. Arlen, which was certainly novel and was interesting. Mr. Arlen occupied a seat facing a large circle and in an informal way talked about English people and their business and social and political customs, in answer to all kinds of questions asked by his audience.

Afterward a buffet lunch of sandwiches, cheese, pickles and coffee was served at a long table. During the lunch hour the men continued to chat with Mr. Arlen on interesting subjects relating to old world manners and customs and found him full of interesting information which he was able to impart in a pleasing manner.

APPLE CORING SOCIAL.

Calvary Church Young People Found Money in the Cores.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Calvary Congregational church gave an apple coring social in the lecture room last evening which was well attended by the young people of the church and congregation.

The name of the social indicated the opening of small porcelain banks made in the shape of apples, which had been filled during the few weeks past by members of the society. At the conclusion of a literary programme the banks were broken and the money contained in them—a goodly sum—was given for the benefit of the society.

The entertainment, which was arranged by Mrs. Theo. Senior and Miss Rachel St. John, included recitations by W. W. Stevens, solos by John G. Walte, Henry Franklin and Eugene Murray, a duet by Mr. Murray and Mrs. William Light, and a trio by Mr. Murray, Mrs. Light and Mr. Franklin. John H. Whittlesey entertained the company

F. L. WILSON'S AUCTION.

Prominent Jeweler Preparing to Go to New Store.

F. L. Wilson, the jeweler, who move to one of the stores in the Masonic Temple as soon as the building is finished, announces an auction sale for the purpose of closing out stock of goods in his present store that he will be able to go into the store with an entirely new stock of goods.

Mr. Wilson concluded that an early removal sale would not accomplish the desired result, so he made arrangements with Messrs. Mitchell & Tson of New York, jewelers' auctioneers to conduct a sale for him.

It will begin Wednesday evening half past seven o'clock and continue afterwards from 2:30 to 5 and evenings from 7:30 to 10, until the stock is out. The store will be closed Wednesday morning to prepare for the auction during the continuance of which it will not be opened at all mornings.

While the auction is in progress Wilson will have an office on the second floor directly over the store, and repair department and optical department will be located there also, so that the business may be continued as usual.

INQUIRY IN WATERBURY.

One of Commissioner Garfield's Men Work in that City.

William Boyd Hunter, of the department of commerce and labor at Washington, is in Waterbury investigating the business of the retail meat dealers the cause why prices differ so much in cities near each other. He has just completed the investigation of the dealers in New Haven. This work being taken up under the direction of Commissioner Garfield, who has charge of the investigation of the western packing house firms, and the report from retail dealers will be supplemented that from the packing houses.

KLONDIKE HEROINE'S FORTUNE.

Connecticut Woman Sells her Fortune for Over a Million.

Word has been received in New York City that Mrs. Marie Reidselle, who achieved considerable distinction by alone into the Klondike gold dig during the rush of people there, has disposed of her property there for a sum, the figure given being a million and a quarter. Mrs. Reidselle returned

THE LOCAL PLAYHOUSE.