CHARLES H. LEEDS, FIRST MAYOR, DEAD

Expired Last Night, in Atlantic City, in His 81st Year.

MANY YEARS ACTIVE IN GOOD WORKS

Associated With Philanthropic and Other Institutions.

Charles H. Leeds, the first Mayor of Stamford, died last night, at Atlantic City, where he had made his home for some time past. The announcement of his death will not surprise his Stamford friends, who had been informed of his feeble condition.

Mr. Leeds had not resided in Stamford for several years. He was at one time an active citizen of this town, and performed work of the highest value in connection with various religious and philanthropic institutions. For many years he was secretary of the Stamford Hospital, and treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, and he served in like capacities for other societies. Having retired from business, he devoted his time to work in

ONE DEALER WATERS PRODUCT.

Fourteen Are Selling Milk of Too High Bacteria Count.

The Board of Health, learned, last night, the result of the recent visit of Frank Stadtmueller, a Dairy Commissioner inspector, to Stamford. Mr. Stadtmueller came here on invitation of Milk Inspector Baker, and took samples of milk sold by nine dealers. The milk sold by the dealers in question had not made a satisfactory showing in the periodical reports of the Milk Inspector.

Mr. Stadtmueller's report disclosed that the only dealer of the nine who could be prosecuted was Salvatore Rinaldi. Chemical examination of the sample of his milk disclosed, he reported, an adulteration by use of water.

The report was submitted in connection with the Milk Inspector's periodical report on milk. This report, by the way, disclosed a bacteria count ranging from 120,000 per c. c. to 380,000 per c. c. in milk sold by no less than 14 Stamford dealers. This is too high a count to be satisfactory to the members of the Board of Health, and the offending milk dealers will be advised of the fact.

Health Officer Rowell suggested to the Board, last night, the advisability of introducing in the public schools, next spring, health talks. If necessary, he said, they could be given in languages other than that which is taught in the public schools; that is, in Yiddish, Italian and Polish. Dr. Scofield suggested that, if it be deemed necessary to use foreign languages in this work, the better way would be to get up literature in the foreign language and leave the pupils to take it home to their parents.

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which there was no financial remuneration, but work of whose usefulness there could be no question.

Mr. Leeds became prominent in local politics in 1893. The publicans were seeking a candidate for Warden, and Mr. Leeds seemed the ideal man for the position. He was elected, and soon had a grasp of the borough's business, showing in his conduct of the office his usual care and industry. He became the logical candidate for Mayor at the first city election. The Democrats were very desirous to elect a man to that office, and nominated Robt. Swartwout, who had been for many years warden of the borough and treasurer of the town, and a man of great personal popularity. Mr. Leeds was elected by a majority of 137, and the Republicans elected all the remainder of their ticket excepting three Councilmen—two in the Second and one in the Fourth Ward.

The Health Officer likewise suggested the advisability of the Board of Health recommending a budget for the MXing of low lying sections of the city, and for other expenses for the coming year. He said that he thought the removal of garbage and the regulation of all dumping should be in the control of the Board.

"Garbage is not taken care of in the best way here," he said.

The Health Officer announced, too, that sewer drains which empty into the Rippowam River will be plugged up on or before Nov. 20, 1914, and that all persons who connect their plumbing with such drains should take notice and establish connections with the city sewer system forthwith.

Leavitt King Merrill.

Funeral Service Held This Afternoon at His Late Residence.

Leavitt King Merrill, husband of Maud M. Merrill and son of Alice K. and the late Daniel D. Merrill, died Thursday, Nov. 5, 1914, at his residence, Webb's Hill, Stamford, Conn., in his fifty-third year.

Mr. Merrill was born in St. Paul, Minn.; was educated at Brown and Ann Arbor, and, following his graduation from the Yale Law School, he practised in partnership with Judge Francis E. Baker of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Merrill subsequently entered into commercial pursuits. He is survived by his widow, his two sons, Edward F. and Leavitt K., his mother, Mrs. Ella C. Merrill; his sister, Mrs. Harriet M. Clifton, both of Evanston, Ill., and his brother, George E. Merrill, of Montclair, N. J.
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When time came for the election in the spring of 1898, Mr. Leeds made a statement through The Daily Advocate that he did not desire to be considered a candidate for renomination, and was succeeded by Edwin L. Scofield.

Mr. Leeds was the son of Samuel and Mary (Warren) Leeds, and was born in New York, Jan. 9, 1834. He was fitted for College at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. In a sketch written by himself, Mr. Leeds said: "As a man has many ancestors if he goes back a few generations, Leeds finds himself a lineal descendant of the Winthrop, Pynchon, Stoddard, Williams, Marsh, Ingersoll and numerous other New England families. He thinks his clerical propensities must come from old Solomon Stoddard (Harv., 1662), who was the settled minister of Northampton, Mass., for 56 years, and his fighting qualities from Col. Israel Williams (Harv., 1729), who was active in the French and Indian wars, 1744-55."

As secretary of the Yale class of 1854, Mr. Leeds devoted ainstaking work to the compilation of biographical sketches of his class, which were published in 1896, in a volume that is no doubt highly prized by those fortunate enough to possess copies of it.

After his graduation from Yale, Mr. Leeds was engaged for 30 years in the manufacturing straw-goods business, residing in New York and spending his summers in Chappaqua until the fall of 1883, when he removed to Stamford, making his home for many years at the corner of Forest and Grove Streets. When he retired from the straw-goods business, in 1884, he was chosen secretary of the Stationers' Board of Trade in New York.

Mr. Leeds was married to Harriet M. Clifton, both of Evanston, Ill., and his brother, George E. Merrill, of Montclair, N. J.

Mr. Merrill was a member of the Zeta Psi College Fraternity, the Lotus Club of New York, the Suburban Club of Stamford and the Sons of the American Revolution.

The funeral service was held today at 1 p.m., at his late residence, together with a service at the Woodlawn Chapel, where the family burial plot is located. Rev. John W. Richardson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Stamford, conducted the services. The honorary pallbearers were: Walter M. Jackson of London, England; Sherman L. Whipple of Boston, Mass.; Charles E. Clifton of Chicago; Judge Francis E. Baker, of Goshen, Ind.; Arthur H. Caire and Thomas J. Caire, of Cincinnati, A. E. Smith, Joseph H. Wallace, Dr. Joseph Fraenkel, Warren Snyder, George W. H. Ritchie, C. S. Howell, H. C. Palmer, Willis B. Richards and William C. Oxberry of New York. The active pallbearers were the two sons, Edward F. and Leavitt K. Merrill; his nephew, Daniel D. Merrill, 3rd; Bertram A. Moore, Roger H. Love; and his brother, George E. Merrill.

Mayor-Elect Brown's Birthday.

Mayor-elect John M. Brown is receiving more congratulations today. This is the anniversary of his birth. He attended the show of the Westchester and Fairfield Horticultural Society in New Rochelle, last night, and received an ovation from the members, who haven't forgotten how successfully he managed the show here last year. Mr. Brown has been busy sending acknowledgments of messages received by telegram, cable and mail since his election. Mayor Austin was one of his callers on election night. Ex-Mayor Tupper, his opponent at the recent election, sent him a congratulatory note.
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In addition to his work for the Stamford Hospital, of which he was a incorporator, Mr. Leeds was for some years treasurer and a director of the Stamford Yacht Club, treasurer of the Associated Charities, and one of the managers of the Children's Home. Giving earnest attention to the duties of these and other positions he held, he did a tremendous amount of detail work, and always did it well and cheerfully.

He was married, on Dec. 21, 1865, to Sarah Perley, daughter of William Gage and Sarah (Perley) Lambert, a sister of his classmate, Dr. Edward W. Lambert. His widow, their four sons and two daughters survive. His sons are Edward Lambert, secretary of the Niles Bennett Pond Company, New York; Alfred, engaged in the paper-manufacturing business in Holyoke; Norman, in business in Bridgeport, and Arthur Russell, with the Brown Holsting Company. His daughters are Ellen and Mary, the latter the wife of Harry F. Devens, formerly of Stamford, now of Cleveland.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been announced.

To Assist the Needy.
The Scofield Sunshine Society will give a chowder supper on Tuesday evening.

Mayor Austin Again. Mr. Austin is receiving more congratulations today. This is the anniversary of his birth. He attended the show of the Westchester and Fairfield Horticultural Society in New Rochelle, last night, and received an ovation from the members, who haven't forgotten how successfully he managed the show here last year. Mr. Brown has been busy sending acknowledgments of messages received by telegraph, cable and mail since his election. Mayor Austin was one of his callers on election night. Ex-Mayor Tupper, his opponent at the recent election, sent him a letter of congratulation, which he prizes highly. Mr. Brown and Mr. Tupper are personal friends of long standing, and the political campaign did not disturb their pleasant personal relations.

Hunting Ridge Entertained.

At the Hunting Ridge Church on Thursday evening was given an entertainment which was well attended and much enjoyed. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the church.

Marvin R. Doty, with humorous selections, kept his audience laughing. He sang and played the violin with equal approval.

A quartette comprised of Mr. and Mrs. McCarter and Mr. and Mrs. Doty sang. Mrs. Walter Hall favored with several selections.

Baby's Body in Butcher's Basket.
The skeleton of an infant was found yesterday afternoon by Stephen Luskey, 14 years old, in the lot at the rear of 31 Clark's Hill Avenue. It was in a butcher's basket and it was covered with clothing. When it was exposed to the air the frame crumbled. The body apparently was placed there a long time ago.

Will of Robert R. Youngs.

The will of Robert R. Youngs, et al. was probated and orders of execution issued.