

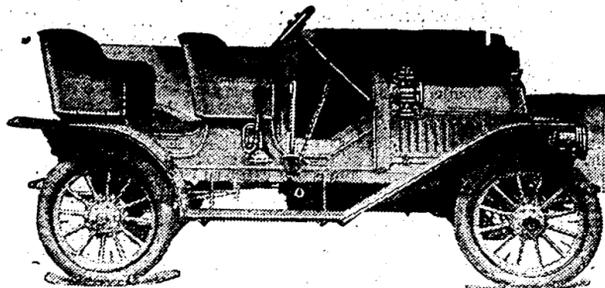
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### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

Dr. Stevens Whitcomb Fletcher, son of Charles Fletcher, a former resident of Littleton, will give a stereopticon lecture before the Woman's club at the Baptist vestry, September 10, at 2.30 p. m. The subject will be "Civic improvement and the planting and care of home grounds." Dr. Fletcher comes from Blacksburg, Va., where he holds a very desirable position at the Virginia agricultural station. The meeting on Friday afternoon will be open and everyone interested is invited.

Mrs. Wood of Roanoke is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Alta Hollis.

There was a good number who went to the annual Unitarian picnic at Whalom. Ninety-three whole and thirty-two half tickets were sold.

The report that diphtheria is in the Michael Bradley family is unfounded. Mrs. Bradley has been ill with hay fever, but is convalescent.

The C. E. social and ice cream sale at the Congregational vestry was in every respect a success. The readings by Thomas Blood, impersonations, were much appreciated and loudly applauded. The music by the Nashoba quartet and that by the Cynthian orchestra was of the usual high order. Ice cream and lemonade were first class and met with ready sale. The young people who had charge of the entire program may well be congratulated for their efforts and the results.

Miss Helen Gilman entertained a party of twenty young friends at her home, the Ledges, last week Friday evening. The piazza was lighted by Chinese lanterns, and the woods in the background were sufficiently lighted to give a most pleasing and fairy-like effect. Progressive whist and dancing with refreshments made a full and delightful program for the entertainment of the evening.

Another party Monday evening that included the same guests was given by Herbert Whitcomb at his home on Whitcomb avenue. The entertainment of similar nature was enjoyed by twenty-five of Herbert's schoolmates and other friends.

### STILL RIVER.

#### News Items.

Monday morning about twenty boys of the United Boys' Brigade of America, from Northfield, arrived at this station in a special car. They are now at Cumbrey pond on land of Frank Ryan, where they have a lot of tents. With them are the boys from Maynard and Clinton, about seventy-five in all. They expected a lot from Worcester, but they did not come. The camp is run on strictly military lines, and the boys are having a fine time. They will break camp Monday.

Tree warden, George Maynard, and men commenced their annual hunt for gypsy moth eggs in Still River Wednesday, and up to Thursday afternoon they had found over ninety clusters of eggs and had not gotten over near all the ground. It looks as if in spite of all the precautions taken to stop them, that they were gaining headway very fast.

Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson and Mrs. Ellen Whitney went to Gloucester, going by boat from Boston and returning by electric. Mrs. Whitney is a young lady taught school there, and she wished to see what changes had been made in the years since then.

Miss Lucy Lowell, Mrs. Parker and Ethel Parker visited in Boston Monday.

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Saturday, September 4, 1909.

### WESTFORD.

#### About Town.

The campers on Nabnasset pond had a moonlight celebration—musical, social, sporting. The event was planned by D. Frank Small, selectman of North Chelmsford, at whose camp the jolly evening was spent. The moon was assisted in lighting up by decorative lanterns of captivating colors. Those who had a sea turn of mind were cared for in the motor boat of D. Frank Small. Oak hill was represented by Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and family; North Chelmsford by Selectman D. Frank Small and many others without reference to small or tall; West Chelmsford by Fred A. Snow and several boatloads ready for a moonlight row; Brookside and Westford Corner were there, and left the oily old mill and its care. Everything was grandly Small and that is all.

The first frost of the season was reported by Oliver Desjardins Tuesday morning, as seen at close range on Pigeon hill, the base of which is moistened by the waters of the Stony Brook.

Hiram Dane is gathering himself to spend the winter in California. His daughter Josephine will accompany him. Mr. Dane has recently purchased land there by telegraph, but not the wireless variety.

The summer is past, the harvest is ended, and the Unitarian church will resume tomorrow.

Horace E. Gould has purchased the John Morrison farm near Keyes pond, known more recently as the Simpson place.

Duane H. Waller has gone to see Seattle and see his son, who is also at Seattle.

William A. Whitney got his foot mixed up in a car accident last week while working for the Boston and Maine in Lowell, and is now afoot at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Whitney, on the Lowell road.

Mervin Steele is working on the Stony Brook railroad section from Westford to North Chelmsford.

The Fletcher Cold Spring farm has recently added shingles, cupola and paint, the real trade mark of thrift. Next the assessors will give it a lift.

Edward Carlin has moved from most everywhere to the recent purchase of Horace E. Gould, the Simpson place.

Judson Sweetser on Bear hill is the only farmer in town who can say peaches this year. Although on Bear hill the bears are not there, but if any have aught idea of securing peaches other than by the regular purchasing contrivances of law, better beware of who is there.

George Philbrick, the blacksmith in George C. Moore's shop at Westford sawmill, has moved from North Chelmsford to the Whidden cottage at Westford station.

Eugene Ward, a former collector of milk for Arthur E. Boynton, has joined the yeomanry in the tillage of the Cold Spring farm.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher is suffering from a broken rib. Go and see George W. Hill and try his home-mixed skill.

Mrs. Ella Smith, embalmer for J. V. Hubbard of New Brunswick, N. J., has returned after a delightful visit to her cousin, Mrs. Frank Banister. Louis Riley of New York is visiting his aunt, Mrs. F. Banister; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Denton of Charlestown have been visiting his sister, Mrs. F. Banister.

A laborer working for a farmer in the northerly part of the town got his arm broken Tuesday, being assisted in breaking by the farmer, so it is reported. Dr. Sherman set the arm and Judge Atwood may be called upon to set the farmer.

John Adams Taylor is having a house to house introduction by himself in getting ages and other measurements and facts relating to the school census. Next Tuesday he will leave all this and more, and start for Miami university in Ohio. William R. Taylor has returned from vacation resting and bathing at Bath, Me.

Rev. Mr. Salee of Hanover is drinking the Cold Spring waters of Westford and eating the green crops of the Stony Brook valley.

The Westford Athletic association has played out its list of engagements and gone out of business until the starting of the trailing arbutus reminds them that it is time to start in and win.

Are there any who doubt there was a frost Monday night. Then just look at those beans in the F. W. Banister farm. They are not able to hold their heads up.

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. Seeds on the Providence road has diphtheria. No telling where the seeds came from.

Constables Walter Whidden and Edson G. Boynton made a liquor seizure Saturday night on the Groton road and placed Samuel Cote of Lowell under arrest, seizing his wagon, which contained two cases of beer and six empty kegs. The liquor was being delivered to campers at the various ponds. Cote was arraigned at Ayer Monday morning before Judge Atwood and the case continued until September 11. Cote had better look out, or he will be wearing one of those striped coats such as the state frequently uniforms conduct with.

#### Death.

Mrs. Sarah Edwards Johnson died at her home in West Chelmsford Monday afternoon, after a lingering illness. She will be better remembered as Mrs. Sarah Whidden, wife of John Whidden, for many years station agent in the village, who was instantly killed a few years ago in the shifting of cars at the station. Before marriage she will be familiarly remembered as Sarah Edwards, the daughter of Moses and Sarah Edwards, and spent her early life in Westford at the Edwards' homestead, corner of Brookside Plain and Oak hill road. Her early education was obtained for most part in the "Little red schoolhouse," standing at that time on the Groton road, corner of Oak hill, long since giving place to a new building, which in turn is giving place to consolidation.

The funeral took place from her home in West Chelmsford, Wednesday afternoon. Rev. George L. Collyer of the village church officiated. Slung by a male quartet of Lowell. The bearers were Charles, Fred and William Edwards, nephews, and Charles Edwards, a brother.

She leaves besides her husband, Claus Johnson, three brothers, William C. Edwards, the well-known contractor; Franklin and Charles Edwards; and one sister, Mrs. Alice Hall. Burial in the family lot in West Chelmsford.

#### Must Be Protected.

A petition headed by George C. Moore and signed by all the land owners in the Stony Brook valley, has been presented to the selectmen requesting them to post trespass notices as the law allows on the land bordering on the Stony brook, with a view to prevent the excessive tramping of land for fishing, accompanied frequently with the spirit of domineering insolence, as well as setting fires in violation of law. The law is not intended to be enforced against the neighboring yeoman casting the line for recreation or daily food, but when it comes to a dumping ground for traffic on the electric cars, an effort will be made to decrease the number so that there shall not be more fishermen than fish. While under contemplation for some time, it was hastened by the recent attempt to burn the barn of George W. Bussey.

Recent developments in regard to it show that the kerosene oil used was obtained from the station of the Boston and Maine railroad at Brookside; that the rags had been slept on by two white spaniel dogs owned by George C. Moore, unlike any other in this vicinity; that the suspected party had a grudge against Mr. Moore, as well as against former constable Lincoln A. Reddick whom he threatened to square accounts with for arresting him several years ago for attempting to shoot with a revolver and using individuals for targets; that the suspected party was so confused in his actions on the night of the fire that he inquired of reliable parties the way to North Chelmsford, although he had traveled the road hundreds of times; that in this confused condition he thought he was setting fire to Mr. Moore's property.

As a result of this alarm, Mr. Moore has got the selectmen to appoint Louis Sharkey special police for Brookside. Mr. Sharkey has been in the employ of Mr. Moore for general repairs for several years, but since the attempted fire he has been transferred to outside patrol duty, night service.

#### School Closed.

Not since the Concord fight, in which citizens of Westford, headed by Col. Robinson, took an active part, has there been such a spunky, spattering, uprising as when it was learned that at a meeting of the school committee last week Thursday evening it was voted to close the Stony Brook school and transport to the new school at the Center, and every protestant has resolved himself into a hornet's nest to get at the school committee, with, and, although unlike the Concord fight, no shot has yet been fired "head round the world," yet there is plenty of louding up and when the legal time comes it will be aim, fire, bang, and down and out goes the school committee. Remember, you must practice a good deal in the aim, fire business, for only last spring it was aim, fire and out goes the school committee man who voted to close schools, and he dodged your aim and remained in office by a larger majority than his running mate who opposed consolidation.

A petition headed by Horace Hamblett, the oldest man in town, and signed by all the protestants, was sent to the school committee asking for a hearing. The committee granted the request, and the hearing was held at the town hall Tuesday evening, with in twenty-four hours after receiving the petition. Although the petitioners were out in numbers, they did not number enough to produce a new line of argument against closing. "Decrease in farm values" and "physical hardship," both are disproved by the statistics of the state board of education. The writer regrets that he is a sort of minority faction of one with a few scattering minorities elsewhere, not yet tabulated, that divides good neighbors, friendships, and even "a house divided against itself." But until the evils of consolidation are proven and the benefits disproven, stand one for the unanswered facts. So far as learned, the result of the hearing did not change the attitude of the school committee.

#### Centre.

Misses Marion and Elizabeth Perkins, daughters of former preceptor William A. Perkins of the academy, have been guests for this week of Miss Edna Day.

Edward Feich of Greenfield, N. H., has been spending a few days in town, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Ralph Bridgford.

Miss Grace Lambert is at Oxford in the family of her brother, at whose home a little son has arrived.

Mrs. Julia Fletcher and Miss Maria Chamberlain have returned to their home in Billerica after a pleasant visit spent with their niece, Mrs. Henry B. Read. They have much enjoyed seeing former friends in their native town.

The H. V. Hildreths have been spending the week at their camp, "Breezy point," at Forge pond. Their son Harold has been having his vacation with his parents.

Mrs. Lizzie A. Hamblen and daughters Evelyn and Gertrude enjoyed an outing at Whalom park, Wednesday, joining friends from her home town of Littleton on their church picnic.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. William L. Woods and Mrs. John Feeny spent the day at Marblehead last week Thursday, enjoying ocean breezes and a fish dinner. Mrs. Edward Fisher came over from Swampscott, where she is staying and joined the party.

Mrs. John P. Wright has been ill at her home this past week and the family removal to Lowell has necessarily been postponed for a time.

Archie Hartford goes to Norfolk to teach at the opening of the fall term. L. W. Wheeler conducted the single service at the Congregational church Sunday evening. Subject: "Our cosmopolitan population." Rev. C. P. Marshall and family arrived home Thursday and there will be the usual services on Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Wright Anderson is visiting her parents.

Orchardists and farmers are much concerned over the appearance, scattered pretty well over the hill, of the much dreaded San Jose scale. It would seem as though they had had about all the pests going and this is one of the hardest yet to contend with.

Miss Mary P. Bunce and Miss Ruth Fisher have been spending the week at historic Plymouth. Miss Alice Howard has been the capable substitute at the library during Miss Bunce's absence.

Misses Julia and Marion Hall are at home again, having thoroughly enjoyed their Californian trip.

Edwin N. C. Barnes, former supervisor of music of the schools in town, has been visiting with Mrs. Barnes at H. M. Seavey's. Since their marriage late in June they have enjoyed a European honeymoon.

Town treasurer N. H. Wright's many friends are glad he is so much better from his recent illness and able to be out and about again. Mrs. Caroline Atwood is also in the cheerful class of convalescents.

#### Grantville.

Miss Martha M. Lorman is now spending her vacation with friends in Tyngsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Nelson of this village and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gould of North Westford have recently returned from a brief outing spent at Revere and Nantasket beaches.

Miss Lydia Lorman of Tyngsboro has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Lorman in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wright have recently returned from a brief outing spent at Revere beach.

All the schools in this village will open for the fall term on next Tuesday, September 7.

#### Baseball.

Graniteville Blues visited Lowell on last Saturday afternoon, and at Washington park met and defeated the strong Iroquois base ball club in a well-played game by the score of 6 to 2.

About twenty-five of the loyal rooters, accompanied by the ladies with flags, went down from here and took good seats in the grandstand, where they cheered their favorites at every opportunity, and the chances were many. Both sides put up a fast fielding game and the contest was finished in quick order, one hour and thirty minutes being the official time of the game. The Iroquois club treated the Blues in a very courteous manner, and every arrangement was made for their convenience. In fact, the local club has always got a good square deal every time they have visited Lowell, and have met the reply that the Blues are on the level, and that the Lowell boys consider it a pleasure to play in Graniteville. That is a record in itself. Mr. Elvin umpired for the Lowell boys, and R. J. McCarthy was the local umpire. Not a semblance of a kick was heard on either side, and the general verdict appeared to be that the best team won.

Gilson, Hanson, Hemen and Ledwith led the Blues with the stick, while Healy and Buckingham were there with timely bingles. McCarthy pitched one of the best games of the season and was ably supported by Ledwith, who threw to second in his usual clever style. For the Iroquois the all-round playing of O'Donoghue and Stephens and the timely hitting of Mason were features. Simoneau also put up a good game behind the bat, while the rest of the team fielded fast at all times. On next Saturday the Blues will play in Forge Village and a good game is expected.

#### Forge.

Those who have returned to their respective homes after a long vacation on the shores of Forge pond are Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Reed and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and children, all of Chelsea. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and two children of Everett left "Ideal wood" Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hildreth of Westford taking it for a few days.

Mr. Roberts preached his farewell sermon at St. Andrew's mission Sunday evening. There was a large audience present. He will return to Middletown Divinity school, Connecticut, where he will conclude his studies for the ministry.

The Forge Village Lions defeated the Pawtucket Blues Saturday afternoon by the score of 7 to 1 on the Textile grounds, Lowell.

Misses Edith and Hilda Normington were the week-end guests of Miss Edith Precious.

Mrs. August Myers and three children of Boston, who have been spending the summer with her father, Joseph Bennett, returned home Sunday.

Miss Theresa Lowther and Miss Rachel Cherry have returned from Nantasket, where they had a very pleasant vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler have returned to Worcester after a very pleasant visit at Mr. and Mrs. Weaver's.

Little Raymond Caisse of Leominster is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin.

Mrs. George Sanborn and daughter Mabel have returned from a short vacation at Revere Beach.

Mrs. A. W. Comey and her daughter Blanche are visiting friends in Worcester.

Miss Kathryn Brown has returned from the Lowell general hospital, where she went for an operation for appendicitis, and is regaining her health very slowly.

There was a very pretty wedding in the village Tuesday, when the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeLaurier and Mr. Bouchard were united in marriage at St. Catherine's church. Upon their return a bountiful dinner was served, and at 6.30 p.m. the young couple took the train for Canada, where they will spend their honeymoon.

#### Picnic.

The Sunday school children of St. Andrew's mission held their annual picnic at Cameron's grove Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly in field sports, arranged by Paul Roberts, who has charge of St. Andrew's parish during the absence of the vicar, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher. The first on the program was the race of the older girls, won by Beatrice Hooper, and Annie Orr second; small girls, 100 yards, won by Nellie Orr, Eva Mountain second; small boys' 100-yard dash, won by Ephraim Reed, Albert Mountain second. The next on the program was the chariot fight. This proved to be the most interesting of the sports and was watched by the crowd as the youngsters endeavored to pull one another from their mounts. The prize was awarded to Albert Mountain, mounted on William DeRoehn. The sports concluded with a relay race. About twenty of the children took part in this and was won by Philip Lordside.

Lemonade was served throughout the afternoon by the thoughtfulness of Mr. Roberts, and at five o'clock there were refreshments of ice cream and cake for all present, after which they all went home, tired but happy children. The success of the affair was due to the ladies' sewing circle, who furnished the ice cream and cake and took charge of the little folk.

#### BOXBOROUGH.

##### News Items.

Mrs. Montgomery and three children, who have been spending the summer at Mrs. Shattuck's, have returned to their home in New York.

Mr. Lane of Boston is visiting his cousin, Mrs. McCarthy, at Marigold cottage.

Mrs. Houghton of Hudson was at P. W. Cunningham's the first of the week.

Miss Florence Dodge has returned to her work in Lawrence after a pleasant rest at home.

The last dance of the season is to be given in Library hall this Saturday evening.

Home: Frown of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Fowler of New Haven, Conn., have been enjoying this week with their families here. The cottage was closed this morning for the season.

Superintendent Brick, who has been in Maine during the summer, returned to Maynard last week.

Will Losaw was at home the first of the week.

Mrs. Daniel Cobleigh recently spent several days with her sister in Warren.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee went to Ashby Tuesday for a few days' visit with the Waldrons, who have a summer home there.

Charles Woodward has returned from an extended visit with his sister in Vermont.

Eben Mead was in town last Sunday and announced the arrival of a baby daughter at his home in Townsend, Tuesday, August 24.

Miss Grace Farmer of Worcester has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. P. Dodge.

Leo Cunningham and Charles Sherry are enjoying life at Nagog this week.

Miss Margaret Downs, who has been in East Boston with the Goodear's since August 9, has returned.

Schools in town will open September 7, according to the annual school reports, which have been distributed this week.

An alarm of fire created considerable excitement Monday forenoon. It was caused by a chimney burning in the house occupied by C. J. Knight. The house was filled with smoke and a lively blaze had started in on the roof, but prompt work with extinguishers soon conquered. Most of the furniture was removed from the house.

Last Saturday the Boxborough ball team beat the Bolton team, 4 to 3, in seven innings and then won a game from the West Acton team with the same score, 4 to 3.

Thursday Sam Toombs moved into the John Blanchard house near No. 3 schoolhouse, while Mr. Douglas is to occupy the John McGrath place vacated by Mr. Toombs.

#### SHIRLEY.

##### Center.

On account of the death of Mrs. E. B. Fairchild, the Alliance meeting appointed for September 2 was omitted. The next regular meeting will be with Mrs. Mills on Flat Hill, Thursday afternoon, September 16. Mrs. Tolman will give a paper at that time.

There are two families in Shirley Center, who live across the road from each other, four in one family and two in the other, six in all, and their united ages are 466 years, an average of almost seventy-eight years each.

Miss Ferguson of the Conservatory of Music, Boston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. A. Lynch.

Charles Andrews injured his hand quite severely. While leading a cow, the rope got twisted about his wrist, nearly breaking two of his fingers.

The South Centers and North Centers played an exciting game of ball last Saturday afternoon on Longley's field. The Norths had their own way until the sixth inning, when the Souths got warmed up and piled in the runs until the eighth inning, when the score was 8 to 3. To make a sure thing of it the Souths did fine work in the ninth inning, gaining a run, which made the score 9 to 8.

The friends of Robert Holden gave him a surprise last Saturday at the town hall. He was escorted there, where his many friends warmly greeted him. Dancing, cards and other amusements were enjoyed, and light refreshments were served. The music for dancing was furnished by Stanley White. Mr. Holden will remember the occasion as one of the pleasant incidents of his life.

Miss Elsie Briggs and sister Ruth are guests of Mrs. Ware.

Miss Harriet Bridgman is enjoying an outing at Portland, Me.

Lynton and Lawrence Ward, sons of our mail carrier, are visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will preach at Trinity chapel, Sunday, August 29, at 3.15 p. m.

Miss Josephine Emerson has returned to Boston. She has spent a greater part of the summer here.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Solon W. Whitney, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Harriet E. Whitney of Harvard, in said County of Worcester, without giving a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, **WILLIAM T. FORBES**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

3050 **JOHN W. MAWBREY**, Register.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of Emeline A. Kimball, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, intestate:

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to John L. Ambrose of Somerville, in the County of Middlesex, or to some other suitable person. You are hereby cited to appear at the Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of September, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of the citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, **CHARLES J. MCINTIRE**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

3051 **F. M. ESTY**, Ass't Register.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Eugene F. Nutting, late of Groton, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Ida S. P. Nutting of Groton, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of September, A. D., 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, **CHARLES J. MCINTIRE**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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## COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Ayer, Mass., August 11, 1909.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Ayer, on **Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1909, at ten o'clock, A. M.**, for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

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**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Austin Marsh have sent out invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Frances Tuttle, to Edward Charles Sparrow, on Saturday evening, September 11, at eight o'clock. The ceremony will be performed at the bride's home on Mesa avenue, Pueblo Col. Mr. and Mrs. Sparrow will be at home to their friends after December 1, at Michigan avenue, Pueblo, Col. Many Littleton people have pleasant recollections of Mr. Marsh, one of the first and best of lactar chemists, and Mrs. Marsh, known before her marriage as Miss Atlanta Tuttle, who was a Littleton resident and a successful teacher in our schools.

Miss Margaret Thacher returned last week Friday from Marshfield, where she visited for several days with a seminary friend.

Mrs. Gardner Prouty is at home again after three weeks spent in Hyannis and Duxbury. She was with her sister, Mrs. Henry Topham, a week or more in the latter town.

Mrs. Curtis Drew and children, with Mrs. J. N. Murray and daughter, were visitors in South Boston last week. Dr. Murray and Mr. Drew joined them for over Sunday, going to the city in the doctor's automobile.

Oliver Hartwell has accepted a very promising government position in Utah, similar to that which he has just left in Boston. He has already gone and will take up his new duties immediately upon reaching his destination.

Esther Kimball of Worcester is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary J. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, Roland and Edith, and Richard Conant, enjoyed an automobile outing Friday, Saturday and Sunday, making North Conway, N. H., and other towns in the White Mountains their objective points.

Charles Smith and daughter, Miss Jessie Smith, with other members of the family, attended the celebration of grandma Smith's eighty-ninth birthday in Winthrop, Thursday of last week. Miss Smith afterwards went to Portland, where she has spent a week.

Miss Ruth Prescott returned last week Thursday from a pleasant visit with her grandparents in West Ringe, N. H. Mrs. S. Z. Cleaves returned with her and remained for a few days at John A. Kimball's.

Mrs. James Goucher, who lived in the R. H. Phelps house for a year past, has moved to Lynn, where she will keep house for her son Leland.

Prof. Chas. Whitney, who has been at Miss Marshall's for two weeks, left town Monday for Cottage City, there to remain for two weeks, after which he plans to visit his son Louis in Falmouth for a week prior to his son's business trip to Cuba.

Miss Fannie Mitchell, a visitor at Fred S. Kimball's home for a few weeks past, has returned to her brother's, Prof. Wilmot Mitchell, in Brunswick, Me., where she makes her home during school vacations.

Rev. E. H. Brennan and family arrived in town Sunday. They will occupy their Littleton home for a week or two.

J. P. Thacher was at Nantasket on Saturday and Sunday taking a well-earned rest.

Miss Bertha Stratton of the Bruce's farm returns next week to her school in Nahant.

Marjorie Proctor is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Abbott Turner, in Milford, N. H.

Mrs. McLaughlin, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Dewey, at the Marshall home, entertained her sister and Miss Marshall by taking them on an automobile trip through the neighboring towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Houghton and sister Marion Flagg have satisfied the demands of the outing fever by taking a week's pleasure in North Woodstock, Vt.

The Littleton Historical society will have a field meeting the afternoon of Labor day, September 6. The members will assemble at the Houghton Memorial building at two p. m. and drive to Nashoba to visit points of interest. The public is invited.

The Arts and Crafts society will not meet till the second Tuesday in September.

The King's Daughters will hold their first meeting this season Tuesday afternoon, September 7, at Mrs. William Davis' home.

Marvin, second son of Clifton Flagg, was operated upon for appendicitis a week ago. The case was considered very severe, but the patient is doing well. Dr. Pickard of Concord Junction is the attending physician.

The Walter Briggs family, summer residents of the west tenement in the Frost house, has gone to Hartford, Conn., where Mr. Briggs soon enters for the first time upon his duties as librarian at Trinity college.

Miss Ella Loomis of Beverly is stopping for two weeks at Fred Reed's.

The Baptist church will be closed Sunday morning, September 5. The Friday and Sunday evening meetings will be held as usual. Subject of the C. E. meeting Sunday evening, "Life lessons for me from the book of Romans." Leader at the Baptist church, Deacon C. A. Reid; at the Congregational church, Miss Margaret Quinlan.

Rev. H. B. Drew is taking a vacation of one week, which he is dividing between St. Johnsbury and the shore of Lake Memphramog, where he owns a cottage. Archie Godfrey accompanied Mr. Drew.

Next Wednesday afternoon the ladies' circle of the Baptist church will meet at the vestry. At that time the dollars are due.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence was welcomed home from her trip abroad Tuesday noon. She plans to spend two weeks at her pleasant home before going to Holliston for a visit.

Mrs. Ethel Taylor Smith and daughter from Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., have been recent visitors at Nathan Taylor's.

Miss Helen Warren of South Acton is the guest of her cousin, Miss Florence Bartlett.

Miss Ethel Briggs, Mrs. Webber's sister, is in town for a few days.

Our veteran apple merchant, N. B. Conant, seems to be conducting a brisk business in this and neighboring towns.

W. E. Conant is installing an acetylene gas plant for lighting his house.

There have been a few light cases of diphtheria in town. Mrs. H. C. Eastman of Taylor street is one.

Miss Loyer of Albany, N. Y., has been staying with Mr. and Miss Houghton at the Hayward Hartwell camp for several weeks.

A. W. Drew keeps busy transporting campers to and from the station. Several arrivals were noted on Saturday.

A. H. McDonald, the popular chauffeur, filled engagements every evening and afternoon and some evenings last week, averaging more than ninety miles a day.

Mrs. Rand, who occupies one of Oscar Farwell's houses, has the sympathy of friends in her anxiety for the safety of her son, who disappeared a few weeks ago and has not yet been heard from.

A complete table of statistics kept by Mrs. Fred Reed last week is not available, but, excluding those of Monday, 619 automobiles and 394 teams passed by her home on Great road.

**About Town.**  
The following are the newly chosen officers of the Unitarian Sunday school: Superintendent, J. M. Hartwell; assistant, E. H. Priest; secretary, Grace Needham; treasurer, E. M. Stone.

Rev. C. A. Drummond will conduct the guild Sunday evening, his topic being "William Morris, craftsman."

Miss Myers, the matron in the school for the deaf at Hartford, Conn., is a guest of Miss Cora Warren, who was formerly a teacher in that institution.

The niece of Mrs. Drummond, Alice Legge, returned to her New York city home Monday last, and Rev. C. A. Drummond came home from his vacation that day.

The Dippman family will soon move into the lower tenement of Elmar A. Flagg's house.

The Chamberlain family left here on Tuesday. They made a short stop with Mrs. Chamberlain's mother in Charlestown before returning to East Orange, N. J.

Monday Mrs. Charles Houghton's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hayward left here to take the Fall River boat for their home in De Land, Fla.

Miss Alice Libby enters Simmons college in the secretarial department. Mrs. Libby has joined her son Harold and they have gone to Maine to visit among relatives.

Mrs. Emma (Taylor) Dix of Watertown was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. E. K. Adams, during last week, and her son Harry was here over Sunday.

Miss Emily Adams visited last week in Northboro, where she formerly taught school.

Wednesday of last week Mr. Knight, who is building such a beautiful home up on the hill, was called to Melrose by the death of his mother.

**TOWNSEND.**

**Baseball.**

Townsend A. A. made it ten straight Saturday afternoon by defeating the Alerts of Groton in a loosely played game. Mason, who started the twirling for the visitors, was out of form and the home club had no difficulty in obtaining a good lead in the early innings. Cook, who pitched the last four innings, did fine work, holding the locals to three hits, two of which came in the final inning for two tallies. Lawrence contributed the fielding feature, as his fine running catch robbed Teehan of a hit for extra bases. The visitors played a game uphill contest and batted the local twirler hard, but the latter showed his nerve by retiring the visitors on strikes for the final outs.

Arlin had his finger split open in catching a man at the plate and was forced to retire in favor of Eastman in the seventh. The latter and Teehan played the best fielding games for their nines. Teehan's two assists from the outfield were as fine as any made here this season. The latter led his side with the willow. The score:

TOWNSEND A. A.		ab		r		h		b		t		po		a		e	
Teehan, cf.	5	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lancey, 2b.	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Whitcomb, 3b.	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Eastman, 1b.	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Miller, ss.	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Arlin, c.	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spaulding, p.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown, lf.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gurley, rf.	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spaulding, p.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		32	12	9	9	26	12	9	26	12	9	26	12	9	26	12	9

**GROTON ALERTS.**

GROTON ALERTS.		ab		r		h		b		t		po		a		e	
McDonald, rf.	5	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bruce, cf.	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donahue, 1b.	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bowser, 2b.	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lawrence, lf.	5	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Needham, ss.	4	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cook, 3b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stebbins, c.	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mason, p.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Souther, 2b.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		41	9	13	15	24	13	6									

"Bruce out, infield fly."  
Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
Townsend A. A. 4 2 2 2 0 0 2 x—12  
Groton Alerts. 0 0 2 0 3 0 2 0—9

Two base hits, McDonald, Donahue, Hits off Mason 6 in 4 innings, off Cook 2 in 4 innings. Double play, Miller, Lancey, Spaulding and Eastman. Bases on balls by Spaulding 5, by Mason 6, by Cook 2. Struck out, by Spaulding 1, by Mason 1, by Cook 2. Stolen bases, McDonald, Donahue, Bowser 3, Lawrence, Stebbins. Sacrifice hit, Miller. Passed balls, Stebbins, Arlin. Wild pitches, Mason 2. Empire, T. E. Flarity. Time, 2 hours, 15 minutes.

**Center.**

The result of the census taken of the number of teams passing up and down Main street for the week ending August 28, was a total of 2406. They were recorded by Bert Estes for the Massachusetts highway commission.

Miss Marion Robbins of Ayer was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Bruce the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth have been enjoying a few days at Lynn and at Hampton Beach.

Miss Della Goodwin is at her home for a few weeks' vacation.

**Death.**

Miss Maude King died very suddenly of blood poisoning early Sunday morning at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Morse. She had a few days before applied some kind of a compound upon her face to cure a wart, which in some manner proved to be of a poisonous nature. No one realized the danger until it was too late. Dr. Stimpson of Fitchburg was summoned in consultation late Saturday night, but she passed away early Sunday morning.

Miss King was aged 17 years and 1 month, and was the youngest charter member of the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., and the first to go since that order was formed here.

The funeral was held at the Congregational church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. F. B. Harrison officiating. Mrs. R. T. Eldredge and Miss Harriet Miller sang "Saved by grace," and "Sometime we'll understand." Members of the Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., acted as bearers and the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent service was held at the grave. Miss King was well liked and leaves a father, mother and large family of brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. She was always very kind to her younger sisters, one of whom is an invalid, and always showed them much attention when out in public with them. There were many beautiful flowers from loving friends and relatives and from the orders to which she belonged.

**West.**

Miss Nellie C. Clark of Boston is at her home on Elm street for a visit.

Mrs. John Dickerman and her daughter Lulu, former residents here, now living in Allston, called upon friends in town Tuesday.

Arthur Smith of Waltham is recovering from his severe illness and is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle.

John Alcott of Boston, who has the honor of being Louisa Alcott's adopted son, and the original of one of the characters in her famous book, "Little Men" was a guest at the home of Dr. R. S. Ely Sunday.

Albert Adams, who has been spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams of Main street, has returned to his work in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Mary Foster is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Shapleigh at Ashbury Grove, South Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Upton have returned from a week's vacation spent with relatives in New Hampshire, and Mr. Upton resumed his duties at Stickney's mill the first of the week.

Fred W. Rawson, who has been spending a portion of his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney, has returned to his duties as instructor of manual training at the Goodwill farm, Hinckley, Me.

Henry Butler of Marlboro is visiting relatives in the village this week.

The public schools commenced Monday morning, the grammar school enrolling sixteen pupils and the primary twenty-two. Miss Blanche Sprague of Readsboro, Vt., has resumed the charge of the grammar school and will be boarded at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver of Main street, and Miss Nellie Tower of this village, who was last year in Erving, Mass., will take charge of the primary school and will remain at her rooms in R. McElligott's tenement on Elm street.

The pupils passing from the grammar school to the high school at the Center were the Misses Ruth Hayward, Lois Brown, Annie Veno and Gertrude Wilson.

Duncan Rusk, manager of the West Townsend granite syndicate, reports two new contracts in Connecticut, one a bank building in Norwich and the other a power house in New Britain, and a full force of men are expected to commence operations as soon as possible.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ford and her daughter Julia, former residents here, who have been a week in town, returned to their home in South Deerfield Monday morning.

Miss Agnes Purkis of Providence, R. I., visited Miss Emma Adams last week, returning to her home Saturday evening.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, who has been spending the summer at Oakledge in East Harpswell, Me., returned to her home in Joslynnville Monday evening.

The body of Mrs. Tarbell W. Robbins, an aged lady who passed away at her home in Mason, N. H., Saturday, was brought here and buried in the family lot Tuesday forenoon.

At the meeting of the Baptist Sunday school the following committees were elected: Invitation and decoration committee, Miss M. E. Tower's class; reception committee, Mervin Wares and Miss Emily Cutting; in charge of the hymn books, Clarence Jodery and John Langdon.

John Powers and family returned Saturday to their home on Elm street, after spending a week with relatives in Marlboro.

Carl B. Willard is enjoying a week of camping with the members of the boys' brigade on the banks of the Spannock at the north part of the town near the Dudley place, going back and forth by bicycle or canoe to his duties at the Townsend National bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson of Pepperell have moved into town, occupying the tenement on upper Main street formerly known as the R. A. Thompson place, and occupied by Duncan Rusk and family.

The passengers on the evening train due here at 6.45 did not arrive in town Saturday evening till 9.20, owing to the derailment of the engine of the Greenville train leaving here at 5.17, at West Groton.

Miss Ruth Bennett has returned from Worcester, where she has been spending the summer vacation with relatives.

Mrs. George Ball and infant daughter, accompanied by her niece, Miss Freda Jodery, from Concord, are visiting Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wood.

A party of young ladies from Marblehead and Salem are boarding for a season at the home of A. J. Manchester in Joslynnville.

The total number of books distributed from the delivery station at I. P. Sherwin's store for the month of August is 218.

**Brauch Library Rules.**

As there has seemed to be some misapprehension in the public mind regarding some of the rules governing the delivery of library books from the delivery station at I. P. Sherwin's store, the custodian takes this opportunity of calling special attention to the introduction to the rules printed on the back of each library card, in which the custodian's hours are plainly stated, and in fact that patrons are held responsible for the books borrowed by them from the time they are taken from the custodian's hands till they are returned to her, is emphasized. Through the kindness of Mr. Sherwin a place is provided for the care of these books during said hours, at the close of which all books remaining uncalled for are locked in to the trunk and are returned to the library the following Saturday afternoon, and it must be distinctly understood that if books are left in the store, or brought in at any time during the week as frequently happens, neither Mr. Sherwin nor his clerks, nor the custodian can be held responsible for them.

**Fine Piece of Work.**

A very interesting and intricate piece of work has been done during the past months by Frank Stickney, a young surveyor of this village, who is making sectional plans of Concord, the outline being drawn to the scale of twenty-four rods, or 396 feet to an inch, filled in with maps and plans that were found in that vicinity. This work is done on nine sheets of tracing cloth, from which the blue prints have been made, and which when joined together complete a plan or map a little over seven or eight feet. The lots on this plan are all colored, showing at a glance the land belonging to each owner. This work is designed to cover the whole town, the boundaries being filled in with roads, rivers, ponds, etc., and a great many of the lots, more of which are to be added as other plans and maps may be found, or other changes being made. This work is very minute and conscientiously done and is very interesting to all who enjoy mechanical processes of this kind.

**At the Baptist Church.**

Prof. Lane of Cushing academy occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday morning and addressed an interested and appreciative audience, who heartily enjoyed the practical and helpful discourse upon the subject "The fragments." It is expected that the pastor, Rev. J. H. Cox, will return from his vacation, which has been spent at his summer home in Maine, and occupy his pulpit next Sunday, and he will receive a hearty welcome from his people, who are hoping he will be entirely restored to health by his summer sojourn by the sea. The Sunday evening service in the vestry was conducted by Walter Wilder. The regular monthly covenant meeting and annual business meeting of the church will be held in the vestry Saturday afternoon and a full attendance is desired, as business of importance is to be transacted.

**LUNENBURG.**

**News Items.**

John Snow of Warner, N. H., is visiting his brother, T. B. Snow, and renewing acquaintance with other friends in town.

Harry Gilchrist, one of the last graduates from the high school, entered upon an apprenticeship in Simonds' machine shop, in the saw department, at Fitchburg, last Monday morning. He will board in Fitchburg.

The grammar and primary departments of the Lunenburg schools begin next Tuesday.

The ladies' sewing circle met in the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon, and a goodly amount of work was accomplished, which was preparing clothing for needy children to enter school next week. On the same afternoon the missionary society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. G. E. Jones for work and a busy afternoon is reported.

The Boston Post has sent to the selectmen of Lunenburg a gold-headed ebony cane, which is to be presented to Luke Chase, as he is the oldest citizen in town, nearly ninety.

A little daughter was most cordially welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Ulmer McIntyre, on Monday morning, August 30.

The last of the series of open-air band concerts was given by the military band on Tuesday evening.

Warren Barter is the latest victim of the measles, but "there's more to follow."

Mrs. J. E. Longley had a magnificent night-blooming cereus open Friday evening, which won the admiration of many neighbors.

The Congregational society held its annual picnic at Whalom Y. M. C. A. today.

Mrs. Keese and family return to Ashburnham next Tuesday, where Master William will resume his studies in Cushing academy. Miss Ruth expects to return to Labrador in November.

The new principal of the high school, Elwin R. Bemis, is at Mr. Aker's this week, but will occupy Mrs. Keese's cottage later.

Miss Alice Peabody, accompanied by her cousin, Miss Doris Peabody of Groton, has returned from spending a most delightful vacation of one month with her sister, Mrs. Ella Peabody Lithgow, at her home in North Tibbury.

**Items of Interest.**

There are 7883 savings banks in France.

The death rate in cities is generally greater in winter than in summer.

Liverpool is the third city in the world in the manufacture of flour, being exceeded only by Minneapolis and Budapest.

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**GROTON.**

**Lawrence Academy Notes.**  
 The new members of the faculty are Roscoe G. Frame and Glenn M. Davis. Mr. Frame is a graduate of Dartmouth, who has had a year of post-graduate work at Harvard. He will have charge of the English department. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Clark college. He will take the place held by Mr. Rawson last year, the modern language department. The other members of the faculty will be the same as last year. There will be six names on the faculty list, thus giving individual attention and efficient service.

The outlook is good for a strong football team, as several boys who have been strong players on high school teams will be members of the school.  
 The graduates of last year will enter the following colleges: Harvard, Williams, Cornell, Worcester "Tech," and Lowell (Fitchburg school). During the past year the academy was placed on the "accredited list" of many schools. The fall term opens September 22.

**News Items.**  
 Rev. C. W. Turner has been called to be acting pastor of the Beth Eden Baptist Church at West Fitchburg. Mr. Turner will continue his residence in Groton, during the winter at least.

The Groton Improvement society will meet with the Misses Warren on Tuesday, September 7, at 3.30 o'clock.  
 F. E. Lancy has been confined with heart trouble since last April and is gaining very slowly.

Miss Bertha Danforth, whose home is near the Groton line, is cashier in E. E. Tarbell's store, East Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Sweetser are visiting Mrs. Sumner Woods in Dunstable.

The Groton Alerts met their first defeat since organization at Townsend last Saturday. Score, Townsend A. A. 12, Groton Alerts 9.

Clarence Hemenway is baggage master at Groton station, filling the place vacated by Arthur Kitchener, who has gone as brakeman.

Mrs. Milo H. Shattuck received numerous congratulatory calls and messages on Wednesday, September 1, that being her seventy-fifth anniversary.

The Groton C. E. society will be represented at the convention to be held at Brookline, N. H., on Labor day.

The Rockwood camp at Spectacle pond broke up Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood of Wollaston have been spending a three weeks' vacation which closes after Labor day, at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. Blood.

Miss Jennie Thayer, former librarian of Groton public library, but for a number of years with Ginn & Co., Boston, is spending some weeks here in her native town, staying during her vacation at Mrs. Augustus Woods'.

Rev. P. H. Cressey will resume preaching at his church, the First Parish Unitarian, Sunday, September 5th.

Mrs. Emily W. Parker of West Boylston and Dr. and Mrs. Carr of Coshocton, Ohio, were recent visitors of Mrs. E. P. Shumway, and Miss Ruth Murphy of Palmer, coming Thursday, is her guest at present.

Mrs. William F. Patch is visiting relatives in Amherst.

Dr. Bristol's sister from Vergennes, Vt., is visiting here at her brother's home.

Miss Helen Burdett of Dedham has been a recent visitor in town, staying at Groton Inn. Miss Burdett was at one time organist at the Congregational church. The family when living in Groton occupied the house where Mrs. M. F. Warner now lives, on Main street.

The Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold a picnic at Spectacle pond, Littleton, on Labor day. Baked lunch. The attendance is not limited to members of the lodge; they will be pleased to have other friends enjoy this holiday picnic.

Word has been received from Robins Sampson of a pleasant journey and safe arrival at Omaha, Neb. He was met at the depot by George Francis Bancroft, a citizen of Omaha, formerly a Groton boy.

Miss Sibil Severance of Lowell, a niece of Mrs. George L. Boynton, kept house for her aunt while the latter was at the Rockwood camp.

Mrs. Nellie Downes from Washington, D. C., is visiting at Miss C. L. Hutchins' and her daughter, Miss Madeline C. Downes is expected soon.

William A. Moore felt so much improvement from his visit at Princeton that he was encouraged to make another visit among relatives. He went Monday by cars to South Fairlee, Vt., for a visit in the family of his sister-in-law. His daughter, Miss Helen Belle Moore, is with her father.

Mrs. William B. Robinson, with her daughter and son, left home Wednesday for a visit to her mother at Concord and will be gone over Labor day.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell are visiting in Peterborough, N. H. A postal from Mr. Boutwell tells of a severe frost Monday night on both upland and lowland.

Groton was visited by a frost Monday night, squash and other tender vines and plants on the lower lands being bitten.

Burt M. Bristol, D. M. D., a well-known dentist of this town, is to leave Groton soon and permanently with his family and make his home in Cohasset, where there is a good field for dentistry. Dr. Bristol has been working lately in Cohasset and will enter into partnership with a college mate located in that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich, with their two children, Miss Barbara and her younger brother, are at Groton Inn.

Miss Gertrude Gerrish left home Wednesday to enter upon a three years' course at Emerson hospital, Forest Hills, leading to a profession as a trained nurse.

The Torreys broke camp at Sandy pond Monday.

Arthur H. Mason returned home Tuesday night, having substituted as station agent at Harvard during the past month.

Miss Marion S. Blood, graduate of Fitchburg Normal, has accepted a position as teacher in a school in Greenfield, N. H.

Miss Lena L. Tuttle has resigned her position in Greenfield, N. H., and will teach in Boscawen, N. H.

Rev. G. M. Howe returns this week from his vacation and will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church next Sunday. Communion will be observed during the morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Potter have moved into the cottage on Elm street, recently vacated by Mrs. Carl Wagner.

Miss Amy Folles has returned to Whitney cottage, which has opened up for the fall.

It is said that the sub-station for distribution of electricity is to be placed on land between Forbes' blacksmith shop and Patrick Haley's residence, Station avenue.

Some forty or fifty Groton women have signed a petition asking for a charter to organize a local lodge of Rebekahs. This has been sent to the higher authorities and doubtless the charter will be speedily forthcoming.

Miss Alice Humiston of North Leominster, a poultry raiser of successful experience, was in town Tuesday at the home of her friend, Miss C. L. Hutchins. Miss Humiston lost this year, from a thousand, about one-half, from hawks and thieves. Lately forty pullets were stolen in a most ingenious fashion, and then after taking them the thief stole her clothes line to tie them up with. Miss Humiston bought twenty white wyandottes of Guy Swallow and one fine partridge wyandotte rooster of Mrs. Hutchins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parkhurst drove over to Dunstable Thursday to visit his oldest brother Jacob Parkhurst of that town, now nearing if not quite ninety years old.

The date of public entertainment to be given in town hall, by W. R. C. is set for Friday evening, September 24.

Charles Osgood of Champany street has been alling this week, requiring the attendance of a physician.

Hollis street presents an especially busy scene with its force of men putting in poles, required in the installations of electric lighting and power by the town.

Miss Fanny H. Prescott and nephew, Frank H. Prescott from Cambridge, came this week for a visit to her friends, Misses Hutchins of Pleasant street.

Perlie P. Fallon was home this week, but will return to his vacation work after Labor day, returning later to his college work at Clark at its full opening.

Views of the Yellowstone will be on exhibition at the public library until September 20.

C. Howard Patterson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paterson, is expected home this Saturday from Ontario, Canada, where he has been at work this summer, his work being connected with the Algonquin hotel of Algonquin park. It would rejoice the hearts of any parents to read the high estimation of him as expressed in a letter from his employer to the home folk. Young Mr. Patterson enters the senior class at Groton high this fall.

Mrs. Ellen Fitch Flint returned to her home in Maine on Thursday, after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Milo H. Shattuck.

Harry P. Gilson of the National Metal Moulding Co., near Pittsburg, Pa., coming to do business in Boston, Monday, made a stop over Sunday with relatives in Groton, going from Boston back to his position in Pennsylvania. He brought his little daughter Virginia, who will stay for a long visit to her aunt, Mrs. Fanny Sampson, and will attend school while here.

Henry Sanderson of Westfield was in town recently for a visit to his half-brother, A. A. Wood.

For the first time since last Christmas, George H. Wood took time Wednesday from his busy work as carpenter and builder to go off on the cars, being called by business to Boston.

Miss Elsie Hartwell and Frank Powell, both of West Groton, were married on Monday.

Rev. C. B. Ames has closed his vacation and returned to his pastoral work in Quincy.

The C. H. Gerrish family have broken camp at Baddacock. Miss Lizzie Floyd's camping party at Baddacock have returned to their homes.

Mrs. Chandler has been up from Cambridge on a visit to her husband, who is employed here. Mrs. Rowan Allen has also recently visited her husband, who is a blacksmith here at Bywater's.

Arthur C. Tuttle cut the corn for ensilage Wednesday, filling the silo for Thomas Aitkin, of the Amory A. Lawrence farm.

Sidney Davis has returned from a week's vacation spent in Ackworth, N. H.

Last week Saturday Miss Thayer, organist and music teacher from Pepperell, and Miss Clara Parker of this town, with whom she was driving, escaped what might have been a serious injury. As we have heard it, in attempting to turn a wheel caught, frightening the horse which ran. Both occupants jumped or started to jump, and Miss Thayer's feet becoming entangled in the reins was dragged quite a distance over the road before the horse was stopped. They suffered some bruises, but nothing very serious is reported.

Miss Mary Stone, who was in the accident of a week or two ago, has gone to her home in Leominster.

The Groton Alerts will play the Cammets of Fitchburg this Saturday afternoon, and on the afternoon of Labor day the Nashua A. A., both in Groton on Shumway field.

Michael Sullivan of Pepperell dropped dead in the dance hall, Thursday

evening, just before twelve o'clock. The cause was probably heart trouble.

**Groton Boy Honored.**  
 R. B. Stone, Esq., of Bradford, Pa., a Groton boy, who lived here during youth and early manhood, and an occasional visitor to his native town, took a prominent part at the old home celebration held in that city the second week in August. Mr. Stone, in a happy manner, made the speech presenting a huge boulder which had been brought in from some outlying place to the city. He named this boulder McKeane in honor of the earliest settler. After the applause had subsided, another leading citizen and official of the celebration made a speech presenting to the city a tree then planted and named it in honor of their distinguished citizen, R. B. Stone, and by this name the tree will be known as long as it exists, and may it flourish for centuries. The orator then referred to their fellow citizen, R. B. Stone, in words of highest encomium, which were received and endorsed by all present in unbounded applause.

**SHIRLEY.**

Mrs. E. B. Fairchild, nee Maria H. Smith, wife of Rev. E. B. Fairchild, died at her home at Shirley Center, Tuesday morning, at 12.30, of heart trouble. Her death was sudden and came as a shock to her family and friends, as the day previous she was around the house attending to her household duties as usual, and at ten p. m., just before retiring, wrote a letter. Mrs. Fairchild has been in poor health and suffered from heart trouble for some time past.

Sympathy and regret was unanimously expressed by the people when the sad news of her sudden death became known throughout the town, and in Shirley Center, where she was so well known, a deep feeling of sorrow was cast over the entire neighborhood.

Mrs. Fairchild was a member of the First Unitarian church parish and was always actively engaged for its welfare. She exemplified the highest type of love in her character, and her personality will never fade from the memory of those whose privilege it was to know her. Her age was 71 years, 11 months and 16 days. She was born in Meadville, Penn., where she met and married Mr. Fairchild about fifty years ago.

Funeral services were held at her late home Thursday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. George Willis Cooke of Wakefield officiating. The remains were taken to Stoneham for interment. The survivors are her husband, an adopted daughter, who resides in Lunenburg, and an adopted son who resides in Connecticut, besides other relatives.

Mrs. Fairchild has resided in Shirley about fourteen years.

**Birthday Party.**  
 A very pretty birthday surprise party was observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Ballou last week Saturday afternoon from four to seven, when Miss Hazel, their daughter, attained her tenth birthday. The occasion proved to be a charming social event. About a dozen of Miss Hazel's young friends were present and the afternoon was spent merrily with games and other amusements. Delicious refreshments were served, with an abundance of choice candies and bonbons.

The little hostess was the recipient of a score or more of useful and ornamental presents, which will always serve as a pleasant reminder of her birthday anniversary event. The young guests departed for their homes at seven o'clock with loving memories of the golden hours spent in the celebration of Hazel's tenth birthday. Those present were: Doris White, Christine Russell, Gladys Peterson, Agnes Lynch, Sarah Stevenson, Ruth Day, Gladys Annis, Cora James, Esther Harris, Bertha Wheeler, Isabella Smith and Ruth Knowles.

**A Pleasant Vacation.**  
 Mrs. Adeline C. Ferguson of the New England Conservatory of Music returned to the conservatory Wednesday after spending a pleasant vacation with her sister, Mrs. Ellen C. Lynch of the Center. Mrs. Laura Hobbs of Melrose Highlands, a sister of Mrs. Lynch, is her guest, and Miss Mary A. Hobbs, also of Melrose Highlands, a niece, is at the home of Mrs. Lynch to remain.

Miss Hobbs has traveled in Africa, Italy and other places for the past eight years and is well informed on the habits and customs of the people; also, historical points of interest, besides possessing many fine exhibits of these places. She is much interested in missionary work and has been a keen observer of the needs along this line in the places she has visited, and has watched with a view to helpfulness, the characteristics and ability of missionaries.

Miss Hobbs is finely educated, and being a good conversationalist makes her a very interesting lady and splendid entertainer.

**G. A. R.**  
 The members of Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., were the guests of Mrs. Ellen C. Lynch last week Thursday afternoon. A short business session was held. The entertainment of the afternoon followed. Questions on American history were distributed and answered by the members and guests. A most interesting paper upon the early history of the Cogswell family in America was read by Mrs. Ferguson. Mrs. M. J. Conant, a guest of the chapter, gave a splendid account of the outing of the D. A. R. at Marblehead.

Mrs. Lynch and her sisters, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Hobbs, who were present, are descendants of the Cogswells, whose lives were reviewed. Miss Minnie Hobbs, who spent eight years in Africa, spoke delightfully of her stay there and told of the manners and customs of the people in a most interesting way. She illustrated her talk with pictures and exhibited handiwork of the natives, and a beautiful leopard skin.

A bountiful collation was served. After a social hour most delightfully passed among the bright, sweet flowers of the well-kept garden the friends reluctantly bade their hostess and her family, who had so cordially and kindly entertained them, good night, as

the sun sank behind the western hills. It was a redletter day for the chapter, and one whose delightful memories will linger long in the minds of all who were fortunate enough to be present.

**News Items.**  
 Plans have been made for extensive repairs in the Universalist church. A committee has been appointed by the society and estimates from various parties who are specialists in church repair work and decorations are being considered by the committee. Mrs. C. A. Edgerton has very kindly and generously consented to pay the entire bill, which will amount to over one thousand dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Foley of Littleton, occupied George Holden's cottage at Robbins' pond last Sunday.

Services will commence again at the Congregational church Sunday, September 5. Rev. A. A. Bronson will occupy the pulpit at 10.45 a. m. Regular meeting of the C. E. S. at seven p. m. This will be the usual consecration and monthly rollcall meeting.

Mrs. Helen Dunn of Ogdensburg, N. Y., with son Leon, visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Dow, this week.

Master Charles Blanchard of New Bedford is spending a vacation with Ellen C. Lynch of the Center.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant are expected to return home this week from Hampton Beach, where they have been staying for three weeks past in company with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Binney are spending a vacation this week in Marblehead.

Mr. Dunphy, advertising manager at the C. A. Edgerton Co., is this week entertaining his wife and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Damon (nee Conant) of Fitchburg, have recently added a little daughter to their home, Miss Elizabeth Porter Damon.

Miss Emma Knowles spent over Sunday with Miss Etta Holden at the Holden summer cottage at Robbins' pond.

Albe Annis spent over last Sunday with his father in Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maxfield of Malden and young son are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

W. Lloyd Allen is this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Dana Somes at their summer home at Pittsfield.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday, September 5, at 10.45 a. m., and in the evening at seven o'clock.

An auction sale of household furniture, etc., belonging to Helen M. Winslow, will be held at the grounds of George S. Wells, Fredonia street, Saturday afternoon, September 4, at two o'clock. M. W. Longley, auctioneer.

Mrs. Frank B. Priest, Miss Barbara Priest, Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb and Miss Marion Whitcomb of Littleton were the guests this week of Mrs. C. R. White.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pomfret of Waverley, and young son, will spend the week-end and over Labor day at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

Miss Rena Churchill has gone to her home in Maine for a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Fred B. Harvey of Ansonia, Conn., with two children, came Thursday to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Medie Devarney of Harvard road for a vacation of two weeks. Mrs. Harvey is a former resident of Shirley.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Read, aged seven months, died Wednesday, September 1. Funeral Friday and burial in the village cemetery.

Miss Inez McMurray, in company with Miss Mary Desmond, will spend the week-end and Labor day at Winthrop beach.

Amasa Balcom of Boston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Balcom for a few days.

Mrs. William McCallum and Miss A. Noyes of Lawrence are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Winterbottom. Mr. and Mrs. David Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce of Fitchburg were also visitors at the Winterbottom home first of the week.

Rev. George Willis Cooke will preach Sunday, September 5, at 11.15 a. m., at First Parish church.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin H. Conant will go to Westminster the latter part of this week to spend a brief vacation with the Morsman family at their bungalow.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadrette of Fitchburg were visitors first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Slocomb.

Joseph D. Martin and Joseph Bernier of Chelsea, and Misses Lina Gaudet and Martha Hanley of Providence, R. I., were visitors first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chaisson.

St. Anthony's parish will hold their annual picnic on Labor day on the church grounds.

The Pi Alpha Pi fraternity of boys of the Congregational church have laid new cement sidewalks in front of both entrances to the church. Repairs are also in progress in the interior of the church and all services will be held in the vestry for a month or more.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen will spend over Sunday and Labor day at the summer home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes of Pittsfield.

Mrs. David Lundenberg of Boston has arrived at her summer home, Lancaster road, to remain over Labor day.

Misses Mildred and Gertrude Day have gone to Boston with their cousin, Miss Lillian Lane to remain as her guests for one week. Miss Lane has been visiting Mildred and Gertrude for the past two weeks.

The steam roller from Concord, weighing eighteen tons, has been at work this week on the new Phoenix road.

A party from Clinton has rented James E. Richardson's cottage at Fort pond this week.

Henry Martin of Clinton superintendent of the Lancaster mills and a former resident, was visiting in town Tuesday.

The Shirley base ball team will play the Nashua team at Nashua Saturday afternoon, and Labor day will play the Townsend team at Townsend in the morning, and in the afternoon will play the Clinton team at Clinton.

The parochial school connected with St. Anthony's church opened Wednesday, September 1.

Miss Mary Flynn of Lawrence is visiting Miss Eva O'Neill.

Miss Blanche Sawyer is spending this week with friends in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland are spending a vacation in Walpole, N. H.

Harry Collyer went to Boston Thursday morning to visit his brother and will return Saturday in time to take his place on the ball team.

Miss Mabel Hazen returned to her school duties at Lee Wednesday.

William Park was presented this week by the Boston Post with a gold-headed cane, as he is the oldest man in town. Mr. Park, who is in fairly good health, will be eighty-eight years of age in November.

The public schools open Tuesday, September 7. The school buildings have all been thoroughly cleaned and all incidental and necessary repairs attended to, the special feature being the installation of fountain bubblers in each school room to be used for drinking purposes by the children. This system of drinking from the bubblers is in vogue in many places and is considered clean and sanitary. At all hazards, it is a decided improvement on the old system. The new teachers are Miss Ida N. Prescott of Haverhill, and Miss Lena M. Foster of Duxbury. The former will teach the lower and the latter the upper grades at the Center.

**Baseball.**  
 The Shirley baseball team played the Keene team at Keene, N. H., last Saturday afternoon, and lost the game in the ninth inning, when the Keene team scored two runs. Shirley made one run in the first inning. The Shirley team did good work, playing good ball all through the game. About 1500 people witnessed the game, and large numbers who were present were disgusted with the umpire, who simply gave the game to the Keene team. The Shirley boys remained over night in Keene, returning to Shirley Sunday morning. The score:

KEENE.				
	bh	po	a	e
Leonard, 1b.....	1	0	0	1
Morgan, rf.....	0	2	4	1
Sebastian, c.....	0	6	0	0
Taylor, lf.....	0	6	0	0
Paquet, 2b.....	0	0	1	1
Brennan, ss.....	0	5	4	0
Ansonia, of.....	0	2	4	1
Quatters, 3b.....	0	0	1	0
Maloney, rf.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	3	27	11	2

SHIRLEY.				
	bh	po	a	e
Sibley, rf.....	0	0	0	1
Conners, ss.....	0	2	4	1
St. George, 2b.....	1	1	1	0
Gaudette, lf.....	0	2	0	0
Collyer, 1b.....	1	1	2	0
Labuff, 3b.....	0	0	2	0
Cook, cf.....	0	2	1	1
Woodcombe, c.....	0	5	2	0
Warner, p.....	1	1	3	0
Totals.....	5	24	14	3

Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
 Keene..... 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 2 2  
 Shirley..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Runs made by Anson, Appleton, Conners. Two-base hits, Brennan, St. George. Stolen base, Gaudette. Base on balls, off Appleton. Struck out by Appleton 7, by Warner 4. Sacrifice hits, Anson, Quatters, Appleton. Double play, Brennan to Leonard to Quatters. Wild pitch, Appleton. Umpire, Foster. Time, 1 hour, 15 minutes.

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#### Accident.

An Italian named Delmonico, employed as a section hand under Mr. Foley, on the Worcester and Nashua division here, got on a freight car Wednesday evening, between seven and eight, at the Main street crossing and climbed nearly to the top. When the freight reached the passenger station he was knocked off the car by being struck on the head by the coving, falling to the ground between the curbing and track, lying there till the last car had passed him. He was taken by Dr. Hopkins in his auto to his house and on examination found a scalp wound of three inches, necessitating the taking of several stitches and he was otherwise seriously injured in the back and other places about the body. Dr. Hopkins thinks he will recover unless something new sets in.

#### Sandy Pond Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Greene entertained on Sunday, August 22, at their camp, "Sesame Lodge." Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Lowney and daughters of Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Richardson and family from Leominster; Mrs. Richardson's father, Mr. Conant, from Kentucky; George Hewitson and Miss Marion Lyons of Dorchester; all coming in automobiles. On Wednesday, September 1, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fuller of Leominster, aunt and uncle of Mrs. Greene, were her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks of Somerville had as guests over Sunday, August 22, at their cottage, Arthur Brooks of Somerville and Miss Etta Brooks of Waltham, brother and sister of Mr. Brooks.

Mrs. O. K. Pierce received a visit from her four nieces, daughters of her late brother, James Durgin of Arlington, Mrs. H. E. Goodenough of Brighton, Mrs. Maria M. Kimball, Mrs. Clara Kimball of Arlington, Mrs. C. W. Hisey of Wells, Me.

Miss Una Chaffin, Helen and Emma Kinney and a friend from Lancaster with Mrs. Chaffin, are camping at the pond.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Richardson entertained a jolly party of friends at Ashley cottage last Sunday. The party included Fritz Cross, a tenor singer from Boston, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks of Somerville. Mr. Brooks is of the Prince Co., gens' furnishings, of Boston. Miss Marie Neis of Somerville and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Richardson and family. Dinner was served on the lawn at 2.30, and consisted of steamed clams, all kinds of vegetables fresh from Mr. Richardson's garden, pies, frozen pudding and watermelon. In the evening they had a musical entertainment. Mrs. Richardson is a fine musician and has been for many years organist at the Unitarian church.

#### District Court.

Horace A. Drury of Pepperell, drunkenness at Pepperell, August 27, was in court August 28, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

S. Coté of Lowell, for transporting illegally intoxicating liquors into Westford, the officers capturing about six gallons of ale in four kegs, and six and six penny gallon kegs. He was in court August 30, pleaded not guilty and was authorized to furnish bail in the sum of fifty dollars, which he did, for his appearance Saturday, September 11, for trial.

Henry O. Keres of Westford, charged with assault and battery at Westford, August 3, Arthur W. Huntington complainant, is to come up for trial Saturday, September 4.

John Wiseman, Daniel Wiseman, John Toomey and Clarence Hemenway, all of Groton, for disturbing the peace at Pepperell, August 30, were in court September 2. They all pleaded guilty and fined each five dollars.

Albert Langois of Westford, charged with threats against Philomine Dozois, was in court September 3, and on trial was found not guilty and was discharged.

#### The Bohemian Girl.

An audience which filled every seat in the town hall in Middlebury, Vt., last week Friday evening witnessed the production of the opera "The Bohemian Girl," which brought to a close the summer session of the college.

The opera was given by a chorus of sixty voices under the direction of Prof. E. H. Higley of Groton School and organist at St. Andrew's church, Ayer. Many well-known singers took part, among those appearing in solo work being George H. Remele, president; J. M. Thomas, Mrs. Walter E. Howard, Miss Emily Higley, Mrs. Cushing Hill, Miss Caroline Clark, Prof. Cunningham, Dr. Philip Mellen, A. C. Taber, Charles E. Hessegrave, and Dr. S. E. Eddy. Mrs. G. D. Miner played the piano accompaniments.

The concert was a success and those who were active in arranging for it and those who took part are to be congratulated. It was an eminently fitting conclusion of a very successful summer session.

#### News Items.

On Thursday Herbert L. Farnsworth left for Niagara Falls to attend a gathering of the agents of the Delaware and Hudson, and their headquarters are at the Hotel Clifton. He expects to return Sunday or Monday.

A large crowd attended the social dance given by the Harmony club in Page hall Friday evening, August 27. A large number were present from Pepperell, Clinton, Grantville, Forge Village and Shirley. The club intend to run a second dance Friday, September 3. Music was furnished by the Superb orchestra of Lancaster.

Miss Anna Mathewson of Philadelphia, Pa., is spending a week with Mrs. E. Z. Nutting at Sandy pond. Mr. Nutting will remain in town a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Woods are at the Seaview hotel, Oak Bluffs, as guests of F. B. Weeks, superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Thomas A. Fitzgerald, who has been employed by Eugene Rousseau, has

purchased the barber shop of George Teter and will take possession Monday, September 6. Mr. Fitzgerald came here from Leominster.

Rev. L. E. Perry, accompanied by Mrs. Perry, was in Malden Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. French, former parishioners, and officiated at the marriage of their daughter Grace to E. E. Gilbert of Boston.

Public worship will be resumed at the Congregational church on Sunday, September 5, at 10.45 a. m. Communion followed by sermon on "A controlling principle in life." In the evening at seven o'clock the subject of the service will be "In harmony with the infinite."

The Middlesex C. E. local union will hold its fall meeting at Acton Center on Monday next, Labor day, September 6.

J. C. Rockwell's Sunny South troupe gave an excellent entertainment in Page's hall last Saturday evening. He did not have as large a house as he had when he gave theatrical performances in Ayer about twenty years ago. Then, night after night, the hall was packed. He was deserving of a larger house last Saturday night.

Round trip, two dollars to Lake Winnepesaukee Wednesday, September 8. Tickets good only on above date, and will be on sale at all stations from Worcester to Ayer. There is no other spot in this vast vacation region that has more to commend it to the one day vacationist than this beautiful lake in the foothills of the White Mountains.

The surveyors of the Boston and Maine came Friday, September 3, and are going over the grounds, fronting the business stores on Main street, and we learn from them that a cement curbing is to be placed around the grounds, the fence removed, the concrete walk to the station to be straightened, starting from the corner of Pleasant street at store of D. W. Fletcher & Son. When all is completed, shrubbery is to be set out, and the grounds to be made very attractive. This is very pleasing to our townsmen and will be appreciated by everyone.

Next Sunday, being the Sunday before Labor day, the pastor of the Baptist church will preach at 10.45 a. m. on the "Dignity of labor." Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening with short sermon and special singing. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Willard Gorton entertainment under the auspices of Ladies' Aid society, September 15, in Page hall.

Services in St. Andrew's next Sunday, September 5, will be conducted by the vicar at 10.45, and in Forge mission at four p. m. Annual excursion to the White Mountains from Ayer and other stations on the Worcester and Nashua division, September 11 to October 2, daily. For tickets and information apply at ticket offices. Reduced rates for old home week to Montreal, September 9 to 20, inclusive, via Boston and Maine railroad. Round trip tickets good going September 9 to 20, inclusive, and good for return passage until September 23, inclusive, will be on sale at this railway station for \$12.35.

Again it is currently reported that the railroad grounds on the business portion of Main street are to be laid out and covered to the depth of a foot with good soil and seeded to grass. This will be a great improvement of the present appearance of the grounds.

Samuel Braff, who is employed as shipper for the New England Paper and Stationery Co., received a shaking up last Thursday afternoon while at work at that shop. It seems that he was trying to get a case of paper on a truck, and, losing his balance, the case went in one direction while he and the truck went the other. The truck hit him in the pit of the stomach, laying him out for about half an hour. He was able to resume his work.

On Thursday evening, September 7, at 7.30 o'clock, a special fire alarm will be pulled in, and firemen will respond as per instructions received by them. Points to be covered will be on Main street between the two crossings.

The usual morning religious service will recommence in the Unitarian church, Sunday, September 5, at 10.45. The pastor intends to preach a series of sermons on "The church and social problems." The first will be entitled "Necessities for all and not luxuries for the few." The Sunday school session at twelve.

The Worcester northwest agricultural fair and cattle show takes place at Athol September 6 and 7, via Boston and Maine, Fitchburg division. Round trip tickets, good going September 6 and 7, returning until September 8, inclusive, are on sale at Ayer, \$1.40; Shirley, \$1.30; and North Leominster, \$1.15.

Business was never so good as it is at present at the tannery here, and it is said that Mr. Barry is turning out about 200 skins a day, giving employment to a large force of men. It is the mainstay of the town.

Walter Filibrown is at home and recovering rapidly from his recent operation. He is to enter Maine university at Orono, Me., this fall.

Frank Hoolley has entered the employ of Mullin Brothers, in the position held so long by Ernest Kelly.

Hartwell Bigelow, who graduated from North Bridgton academy in Maine, last June, is to enter Maine university at Orono, Me., this fall.

Henry Brown, son of Wm. Brown, high school class '09, will enter the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston, September 22. Herbert Hardy, class '09, son of C. H. Hardy, will enter North Bridgton academy, Maine, September 14. John Mullin, class '09, son of J. P. Mullin, will enter the business college of Bryant & Stratton, September 8.

St. Mary's parish will hold its annual picnic in Nutting's grove on Monday, September 6. The usual sports, music, dancing and refreshments will be served.

Miss Jane Allison has as guest Miss Harriet D. Gordon from Vermont.

Lyman Kenneth Clark has gone to Schenectady, where he will be the guest for a week of his brother, Rev. Albert Clark.

Walter Saunders, oldest son of Robert Saunders, who has been ill with consumption for many months, is very much worse and not able to see people.

The State Board of Education has issued an order for the formation of a district for the employment of a superintendent of schools, including the towns of Ayer, Shirley, West Boylston and Boylston. This adds to the recent district the town of Boylston, and necessitates the formation of a new organization for the district, which will arrange salary, time, elect a superintendent of schools and attend to other details. This will delay somewhat the election of a superintendent of schools, and E. P. Carr, the late superintendent, will serve as much of September as his duties in his new position will allow.

Miss Barbara Farley of Nashua, is making a visit of several weeks with Miss Edith Lyon.

The schools all open next Tuesday. The same teachers are in charge as last year with the exception of Washington street primary and the music teacher. The teachers are: High school, Herbert L. Whitman, Miss Laura S. Leavitt, Miss Florence B. Hamblin, Miss Marion W. Bowler; eighth grade, Miss H. Roberta Stubbs; seventh, Miss Eva E. Eagles; sixth, Miss Clara M. Burns; fifth, Miss Mary L. Guyton; fourth, Miss Caroline C. Brown; third, Miss Edith A. Wright; Washington street primary, Miss Jennie Wheeler; East main primary, Miss Mary B. Crowley; Shirley primary, Miss Margaret Whelan; drawing, Miss Emily L. Haines; music, Miss M. A. Palmer of Hartford, Conn.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance held the first meeting of the season in the church parlors Thursday afternoon, and was entertained by Mrs. Ida C. Perkins and Mrs. Emily M. Cotton. One candidate was proposed for membership. The program was a report of the annual public meeting of the National Alliance held in Boston last May, and was given by the delegate, Mrs. Susan M. Barker. The music was vocal and instrumental solos by Miss Alice Parker of Leominster, who received and responded to encores. At the close refreshments were served by the hostess during a social hour.

Fred Simonds, clerk at L. Sherwin & Co.'s, moved his family from Shirley this week to Ayer, where he will live in the Rolfe tenement on Cambridge street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mock of Rochester, N. Y., parents of Mrs. Edwin Evans, came to Ayer Thursday evening from a trip of several weeks in the Provinces, and are guests of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Evans.

Some damage was done by the frost Monday night in several gardens.

Frank S. Bennett, son Mrs. S. J. S. Bennett, who has been in the furniture business in Fitchburg for nearly twelve years, will move to Ayer the first of October with his wife and daughter, and will be connected in business with his father-in-law, Arthur Fenner, who has very successfully conducted a very large insurance business for the past twenty-eight years.

#### Baseball.

The Ayer team played Pepperell the fourth game of the series at the Civic grounds last Saturday, and won by a score of 2 to 0. McCord had a better team than usual from Pepperell, and they certainly did their best to do the Ayer boys up brown, but they were not in it, only getting two men around the third base during the game, while the Ayer team secured two runs, one in the first by T. McGuane and one in the second by M. O'Neill.

After that the Pepperell team settled down and no more scoring was done the remaining seven innings. In the second half of the eighth McGuane came to bat, knocking out a single, stole second and third and started home on a wild throw to third, but was nipped at the plate by a very close margin. In the ninth the Pepperell boys went out in order, closing the game.

McCord, the one-arm wonder, made four put-outs at right field, and was also right there on the coaching line for his team, while Donahue, McGuane and O'Neill did some good batting for Ayer. O'Neill played a good game at left, and Dalley pitched a fine game all through, only letting two men reach third base.

The team will play at Pepperell on Monday, September 6, in the forenoon, and will play at Civic grounds here in the afternoon against the high school team.

#### Entertainment.

Following is the program for the soiree musicale to be given in Page hall, Tuesday evening, September 28, under the auspices of the Methodist society:

Piano solo, Regoletto, (Liszt) Moritz Rosenthal.

Reading, La Zinguevra, Miss Maud Claff.

Polonaise from Mignon, (Thomas) Mlle. Esther.

Prelude, Etude, Nocturne in F minor, Mazurka, Berceuse, Waltz a-flat, Polonaise a-flat, (Chopin) Moritz Rosenthal.

Reading, humorous, Miss Claff.

Valze, aria from Romeo et Juliette (Gounod) Miss Marie Delano.

Rhapsodie No. 2, (Liszt) Moritz Rosenthal.

#### Wedding.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Andrew was the scene of a quiet home wedding at high noon Thursday, September 2, when their oldest daughter, Miss Madred Gertrude, and Rev. Arthur Dexter Stroud, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, were united in marriage. The rooms were decorated in yellow and white. The bride and groom entered the room to the strains of Lohengrin's bridal march, played by Miss Ethel, sister of the bride. The double ring service was used, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles Rice of Newton.

Miss Ethel Andrew was bridesmaid and Rev. C. M. Donaldson of North Grafton was best man.

The bride was gowned in white silk and the bridesmaid in white lace. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony refreshments were served, and Mr. and Mrs. Stroud took their departure in an automobile amid showers of confetti and rice.

The bride is a graduate of the high school, class of '09, and a devoted church worker. The groom is a very popular minister. They will be at home

after October 1, at the corner of Pearl and Groton streets.

### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Miss F. Esther Priest has just returned from visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Morgan and J. M. Morgan of Dorchester. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morgan of Jewett City, Conn., making the trip entirely by their automobile by the way of Newport, Providence and Narragansett Pier. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Morgan visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Priest.

On Monday last, while out boating with two companions on Bare hill pond, Thomas Wilkes of Clinton met death by drowning. He was out near Bennett's rock and was seized with an epileptic fit, and fell into the water and sank before anything could be done to save him. Work of rescue was at once begun, many from town going to assist. The body was recovered about eleven o'clock a. m. in twelve feet of water. The accident occurred about eight a. m.

Professor and Mrs. Leonard, with Master Freeman arrived on Monday. Mr. Leonard opens Bromfield on Wednesday, September 15.

Fred Wetherbee of New York closes his summer house here on Tuesday of next week for the winter and with his family returns to his city home.

Next Tuesday night, September 7, the grange observes children's night. A very interesting program, under the able management of Miss Annie Reed, is being arranged. Refreshments will be served.

Dr. Royal and Charles Russell took a trip to Bass Point last Saturday. After having dinner there they went to Point of Pines, where they attended the I. O. O. F. field day outing. They report a splendid time.

John Madigan is having his house and barn put in thorough repair and painters are now at work putting on the finishing touch.

Mrs. Godfrey Hymes of Boston, Misses Margaret and Anna Cotter of South Boston, and Miss Nora Fitzgerald of Charlestown, are at Nellie Morgan's summer home on Bare Hill for a two weeks' vacation. Miss Theresa Ryan of Brighton, who has been staying there, has returned to her home.

Richard Kinsman and Miss Susie Patch have added much to the attractiveness of the little common by giving their houses and shop a coat of paint. Isaac and Henry Crossley are doing good work on their buildings. Carpenters and painters are busy there, and the results are very gratifying.

Miss Irene Worthing is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gale.

While engaged in painting his house last Wednesday, Gustav Gebrielson fell from a ladder, severely bruising himself, but fortunately no bones were broken.

George Kavanagh has purchased from Miss Lou Bigelow her property on the north side of the little common, consisting of a house with sheds and about one-half acre of land.

On Sunday, September 5, service will be resumed at the Unitarian church. As this is the day for regular election of Sunday school officers and teachers, it is earnestly desired that a large number may be present.

On Thursday of last week the ladies who are members of the athletic dancing club were invited to "High hills," the summer residence of Mrs. Rachel Thordike. They were very graciously entertained by the hostess, and an enjoyable afternoon was passed. During the time Rachel Warren, her governess, gave fancy dances for the benefit of the visitors. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Rebecca Barnard, Miss Helen Barnard, Mrs. James L. Whitney and Miss Helen Whitney attended the Willard reunion, held at Lancaster on Wednesday, September 1.

Miss Ruth Whitney has resigned her position as teacher of English and history at the Bromfield school. Next Tuesday she enters upon her new duties as head of the English department in the Reading, Penn., high school for girls, numbering five hundred and fifty pupils.

Harry F. Whitney has entertained during the past week Dr. and Mrs. Whitney of Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Wm. Lamb of Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. Lamb and Miss Meriam of Waltham, and Mrs. Robbins of South Framingham.

#### Shaboken.

Mrs. L. E. Porter took her first automobile ride last Sunday and it was a good one, covering a distance of seventy-five miles.

Two deer were shot at Shaboken farm last week, one a buck weighing 134 pounds.

W. E. Parker and wife of Leominster are at W. S. Dudley's cottage, Camp Idlehurst, Shaboken lake.

School commenced Monday. It was good to see the barge filled with its usual number of smiling faces.

H. B. White of Ayer gave a corn roast at his camp on Shaboken lake, Wednesday evening, all the campers being invited.

A new fence is being built above the residence of H. A. Dickinson, in place of one put there thirty years ago.

#### Autumn is with Us.

The shortening of days and the chill in the air reminds us that autumn is with us. In previous years, when leaves have been frost-nipped, herds of deer have left the wooded tracts and sought better fare in farmers' fields. Their ever increasing numbers sometimes exact heavy tribute. Hence, as is the custom in some other states, the open season is regularly advocated. But let us not forget that that putting firearms in the hands of immature youths or irresponsible adults will jeopardize not only the lives of families living near to wooded tracts, but unsuspecting travellers will run the risk of stray shots, and hunters themselves may fall victims, as has often been the case in other states. Would it not be better to remove the present restrictions from land owners, who it would seem ought to have a right to shoot the deer that have grown and fattened on their premises.

### DISFIGURING SCARS.

How to Prevent Them After Being Burned or Wounded.

Scars are mainly the result of careless treatment, and once formed there are no instructions to be given to the amateur for their removal. A good surgeon will be able at least to restore a moderate amount of sightfulness, even though he cannot wholly eradicate the scar. But when a wound has been received, if it is likely to leave a scar and one cannot strictly adhere to all given rules and advice, it should at once be put under the care of a skillful surgeon. If he is all that is desired, there will be scarcely a mark to tell of the accident unless the wound is unusually deep. Care must be taken not to draw the edges of the surrounding tissues out of shape. When the wound is dressed it positively must be bathed and the raw and bleeding edges should be cleansed from all particles of dust and dirt or any foreign matter, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

The reason that oily and creamy remedies are used is that any application that is of a greasy nature soothes the surrounding tender cuticle. Masks and bandages exclude the air and protect the wound from drying too quickly. If this should happen, it may be noticed that the skin becomes dry and shriveled, surely resulting in a scar, however small. If the skin is kept soft and elastic it stands to reason that these disfiguring contractions will to a certain extent lose something of their tension and in that way become less noticeable. Even after the wound has apparently healed and all bandages may be removed a soothing lotion should be used quite frequently, about three or four times daily, and plentifully at night, especially if the unfortunate one has received burns upon the face, arms or hands, because upon the exposed parts of the body the scar would be more noticeable and unsightly.

A lotion which is very soothing and may be used for such purpose is composed of four ounces of filtered rain-water or rosewater and one dram of rectified spirits, one dram of tannin and two drams of glycerin. Agitate thoroughly and apply. One will be thoroughly rewarded for patience and persistence in using these applications, especially after a severe burn, as then the tissues will have been deprived of their fatty substance by the extreme heat and will need nourishment.

#### How to Slip Rubber Plants.

When a rubber plant has grown too large to be convenient it can be slipped and the slips planted, and they should then grow into fine, healthy plants. Some persons use earth for the slipping process, but a famous florist says that for those who live in a city or town the sponge method is better. A large sponge of the very cheapest quality can be bought and cut into small pieces, or the bits of sponge one can get as cheap as 5 and 10 cents will do equally well. Next one must get young, healthy shoots and up near the tip of the tree make an incision in the stalk, not cutting it the whole way through. The pith or skin should be intact. Then the sponge should be wet and tied over the incision. This must be kept moist constantly. In a short time little hairlike roots will be thrown out of the sponge, and when these look fairly strong the branch should be severed below the sponge and the new plant potted, sponged and all. A shady place at first and afterward a sunny one will best suit the young plants.

#### How to Keep Silverware Bright.

Here is a good homemade liquid for keeping silver clean. It is a great help to every one who has tried it.

Make a strong alum water and skim off all the particles that will not dissolve. To this add shavings of pure white soap. Let them dissolve and bottle it. After the silver has been cleaned with whitening or any other soap or liquid that comes for that purpose rub each piece with a clean bit of cheesecloth soaked with this alum water. It adds luster and keeps the silver clean for quite some time. If it is found that any silver spoon or cup has been stained by medicine or egg, dip a cloth in sulphuric acid, rub the stained part until it disappears, then wash the piece in soap and water.

#### How to Soothe Tired Feet.

People who must stand at their work all day should wear very comfortable shoes with broad soles, well fitting arches, and proper heels. This is the only possible way of being comfortable under the circumstances. It is well also to wear high shoes, buttoned or laced closely around the ankles, which are apt to swell from the long strain of standing. The feet should be given a hot bath every night, as well as a morning bath, when they should be scrubbed with a stiff brush. A soothing bath for tired feet is warm water with a little baking soda or borax dissolved in it. A vigorous rub with alcohol is also good. Another soothing application is to rub the feet with a piece of lemon.

#### How to Fasten Hair Bows.

Little girls often have their hair "bobbed," and the mothers or nurses who must tie on the large bows are often perplexed as to how to fasten these large ribbons to the small wisp of hair. Here is a very good arrangement which overcomes the difficulty and at the same time preserves the ornamental bow without necessitating retying it each day. Make the large bow and sew a strip of stout baby ribbon of the same color underneath. Wind the narrow ribbon around the hair several times, tie in a tight bowknot and it will hold nicely.

### Items of Interest.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Friday, September 10, at one p. m., horses, cows, wagons, harnesses and farming tools, the property of J. S. Carey, Highland street, Holliston.

Automobile factories eleven years ago had an annual output of not more than \$2,000,000, while the output this year is estimated at \$130,000,000, not taking into account other accessories and parts, which will amount to several millions more.

During 1908 the war department paid \$94,418 for artificial limbs.

One-fifth of the country's wealth is represented in the New York stock exchange.

Twenty thousand letters without addresses are gathered up every year by the English postoffices.

The sofa bean has been adopted by the Japanese to commercial uses, not as food for animals, but for man. In many parts of the far east it is not an unpopular article of diet. It contains sustaining qualities and is the basis of a Japanese sauce.

During 1908 Alaska's exports to the United States amounted to \$12,255,255, of which \$9,282,952 was for canned salmon. Alaska's output of salmon equals that of British Columbia, the United States proper and Japan combined.

About 170,000 pilgrims during the season went to the holy places of Islam (Mecca and Medina).

Italian women may not engage in any pursuit which occupies their time at night. Males under fifteen years of age are also barred from night work.

Attention has been called by a scientific periodical to the fact that not only water color but oil paintings of the last half century seem doomed to fade, and that typewriter documents will ultimately be blank paper.

It is figured out that the American people use 700,000,000 matches a year.

In 1870 Manitoba became a province and in 1881 the population was 62,260. Last year Manitoba's harvest was valued at \$70,000,000. Winnipeg in 1906 had a population of 90,000 and the population of the province now is placed at 120,000.

In one form and another, the British income tax has been in force for short and long intervals for 110 years. Since 1812 its operation has been almost continuous. When first applied in 1799 Ireland was not included. The population on which it was then levied was 10,500,000 and the annual revenue obtained was approximately \$30,000,000.

Last year's production of pig iron was 15,936,018 long tons, a decrease in quantity of over thirty-eight per cent., and in value of about thirty-two per cent. from 1907. The output was the smallest since 1901.

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# BOSTON LETTER

## Democrats Start Campaign Early in the State

### NO ENTHUSIASM FOR COUGHLIN

Announcement of His Candidacy Fell Very Flat—Vahey Conceded Democratic Nomination—Suffolk District Attorney Fight

The Democratic campaign was opened in a mild way by the Young Men's Democratic club of ward twenty, Boston, with a summer outing at Squantum. Here two prominent Democrats of the state, Ex-Senator James H. Vahey, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and Chairman Frederick J. McLeod of the Democratic state committee gave their views on the situation. Mr. Vahey made an earnest plea that the Democratic party should nominate whomever it desired to be governor.

It was perfectly natural probably for him to take a rap at the Payne tariff act and he imparted the somewhat astounding information that a great number of Republicans in the state are greatly disturbed over the passage of that measure. If that is so, it will undoubtedly be in evidence at the state election on Nov. 2. It is very evident that Mr. Vahey has sources of information which are not open to Republicans or to other Democrats in general.

Mr. McLeod expressed the opinion that victory was within the Democratic grasp, and he made a strong plea that they should take possession of it. Taken altogether, Mr. McLeod's speech was optimistic and encouraging.

Really, however, it is very well known that Democrats with opportunities for knowing the sentiment of the state are not laying any heavy wagers on a Democratic victory this fall. There does not seem to be anything to indicate any such result. On the contrary, the evidence all seems to point to a Republican victory of the usual magnitude.

Vahey an Easy Winner At the same time it may be conceded that Mr. Vahey will receive the Democratic nomination without any great effort. The announcement of Mayor John T. Coughlin, of Fall River, that he is a candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, has evidently aroused no wave of enthusiasm anywhere in the state. So far as can be observed it fell flat, and if he succeeds in getting a few delegates, they will come almost exclusively from his own section of the state. Democratic leaders in Boston do not think he will get enough votes in this city to make any showing whatever. The same is true of the suburbs around the city.

While it is true that the candidacy of Mr. Coughlin fell rather flat, it is equally true that there is no particular enthusiasm for Mr. Vahey. It is conceded, however, by a large part of the Democratic leadership that, having made the fight last year and polled a fair vote, there is no reason why he should not have a renomination, in view of the fact that no one else of particular prominence or popularity desires it. If Col. Gaston had merely said the word at the time his name was mentioned in connection with the nomination, he would have been named on the first ballot, probably by acclamation, or if not, by a very large majority of all the delegates present.

The Democratic machine has never been successfully operated without a considerable sum of money. It takes for the ordinary and perfectly legitimate needs of a campaign a fund of several thousand dollars, at the very least. It has always been possible to secure a sufficient fund when a man of leadership and prominence in the party has been the standard bearer. Last year the situation was somewhat helped by the fact that a presidential campaign was in progress, but this year, with no such canvass under way, Democrats think it will be extremely difficult to raise money in sufficient amount to conduct a telling campaign. With Gaston in the field it would be different.

That was quite an event at Beverly this week when Governor Draper and President Taft joined hands in fraternal greeting. Massachusetts has one of the finest summer resorts in the country, and it is very fortunate, not only for Massachusetts, but for Mr. Taft, that he should select one of her shore towns as his summer residence. It was very fitting, under these circumstances, that the governor should pay his respects to the head of the nation during his stay, and show him the courtesy due him from a governor to the president. Both the president and governor are enthusiastic golfers. They are both great executives, each in his own sphere, and both have, to a remarkable extent, the confidence of their constituents.

Two Democrats in Field It is interesting to note that thus far there are two Democratic candidates for the Democratic nomination for the district attorney in the county of Suffolk. One of these is Councilor Edward P. Barry of South Boston, and the other is Felix W. Mc-

Gettrick of Boston. Barry has served two terms as a member of the governor's council and was formerly a newspaper man. He is now a lawyer and his specialty is said to be the theatrical business. How that should particularly fit to him to be district attorney has not yet been made apparent. McGettrick came to Massachusetts from Vermont some years ago and was appointed assistant district attorney by John B. Moran while the latter held the office. McGettrick while in Vermont was in the federal service and his record there has been severely criticized in the past. The party leaders do not care for either one of these two candidates and it may be possible that some other stronger man may be entered for the nomination later on. In the meantime, District Attorney Arthur D. Hill holds the position, and many Democrats predict that he will continue to occupy it even after the election on Nov. 2. He has made such a splendid showing in that office that he has won the sympathy of the Boston voters regardless of party affiliations. He has secured a conviction in practically every case he has tried, and this has given him a prestige which will win him many votes at the polls.

Fletcher for the Council Councillor Seward W. Jones of Newton is not a candidate for renomination and there is every evidence that Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford will be nominated to succeed him. Thus far, there is no opposition to Mr. Fletcher and none is expected. The district is strongly Republican. Mr. Fletcher served several terms in the house and also in the senate, and made an excellent record there.

In the third Suffolk councillor district Ex-Representative William F. Murray is extremely disappointed because, as he claims, he had received assurances from Mayor Fitzgerald and many other Democratic leaders that they would push him for the nomination. At the end he found Lawrence H. Sullivan of the Charlestown district in the field, although he had withdrawn some time ago. Mr. Murray evidently thinks Sullivan was put into the fight to prevent his own success. It is charged by some of Murray's friends that Sullivan, who claims a residence on Essex street, Charlestown, does not now live there and never has, but that his home is in Somerville and that he has lived there for several years. He is a saloon keeper in Boston. It is the evident intention of some of the Democratic leaders to prevent Murray from getting the nomination. He is a young man just out of the legislature, where he was one of the youngest members ever chosen.

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## WHITE MEN'S MAGIC.

Indian Chief Terrified by an Experiment With a Hand Glass.

A curious device is known as the hand glass. This glass is open at top and bottom, but the top is smaller than the bottom and can easily be covered by the palm of the hand. The lower rim is ground smooth, so as to fit perfectly tight when attached to the plate of the air pump. Then if a person places his hand over the top of the glass while the air is exhausted by the pump he will suddenly find himself unable to remove his hand. The air, pressing down, will hold it firmly attached to the glass. No wonder the Indian chief of the Pottawatoumie tribe was terrified when the white men made this experiment on him.

The story is told that the chief, with other warriors, made a delegation to Washington. They were anxious to find out if the white men knew any magic. The chief was asked to place his hand over one of these glasses and told that he would be unable to move as much as a finger. The Indian, with great contempt for persons who could believe such a thing, placed his palm over the glass, and when the air was exhausted he was terrified to find that he could not get away. All his braves were ready to tomahawk their white brothers for casting spells on their chief.—Chicago News.

## FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS.

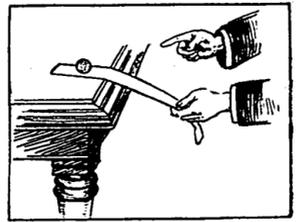
Any Number May Play This Interesting and Instructive Game.

This game is played by any number of persons, who sit in a row or circle. One begins by repeating some familiar quotation, either prose or poetry, and the next must then give one the first word of which begins with the same letter as the last word of the quotation just given. The game goes on thus as long as the players choose.

Any one who does not give his quotation in one minute or any other time agreed upon before the game begins pays a forfeit, or instead of a forfeit he may be required to leave the game, and it may be thus continued till there is only one player left, who, of course, is declared the winner.

The following examples show how the quotations may follow each other: Know ye the land where the cypress and myrtle?—Byron.  
Man never is, but always to be, best.—Pope.  
Belgium's capital had gathered then Her beauty and her chivalry.—Byron.  
Come and walk with us, the wairus did beseech.—Carroll.  
By torch and trumpet fast arrayed, Each horseman drew his battle blade.—Campbell.

The Standing Coin. Take a long, narrow strip of paper and upon it place a five cent piece in an upright position, as shown in the picture. Take the end of the paper in the left hand and strike it rapidly and



THE STANDING COIN.

forcibly with the right. Give a sudden pull, and you have the paper in your hand, while the coin stands in the position it did before. It would seem as if the coin must fall, but try it, and with a little practice you will be able to accomplish the trick.

I Sell My City of Rome. All the players sit in a circle. The leader says the first sentence, and the rest repeat it in turn. The leader then adds another, and both are repeated till the whole is complete. Players who blunder are put out.

The sentences run in this way: "I sell you my city of Rome. In this city there is a street; in this street there is a house; in this house there is a court; in this court there is a garden; in this garden there is a staircase; at the top of this staircase there is a room; in this room there is a bed; near this bed there is a table; on this table there is a cloth; on this cloth there is a cage; in this cage there is a bird.

"The bird says, I am in a cage. The cage says, I am on a table. The table says, I am near a bed. The bed says, I am in a room. The room says, I am at the top of the staircase. The staircase says, I am in a garden. The garden says, I am in a court. The court says, I am in a house. The house says, I am in a street—and here is my city of Rome sold!"

A Box of Pens. What pen is never cheap? Expensive. What pen denotes a gentle melancholy? Pensive. What pen is never shut? Open. What pen pays for damages? Compensation. What pen belongs exclusively to the United States? Pennsylvania. What pen is a mental faculty? Penetration. What pen do criminals pay for their misdeeds? Penalty. What pen need never be regretted? Penitence. What pen enables people to live comfortably? Pension.

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# WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

The remodeling of the executive offices in the western wing of the White House began the other day with the removal of the office furniture to the cloakrooms adjoining the portecochere at the other end of the building. In the cloakrooms Assistant Secretary Mischler, who is in charge of the office force left behind by Mr. Taft on his departure for Beverly, will conduct such part of the president's routine correspondence as can be handled in his absence.

## White House Changes.

The plans for the changes in the president's offices call for the expenditure of \$40,000. The front elevation of the office wing will be left unchanged, as the extensions will be made at the rear. The contractors in charge of the work expect to tear out the rear walls within a few days and to rush the work as rapidly as possible so as to insure completion before the president's return on Nov. 10.

When the White House was remodeled in President Roosevelt's time the work lasted for six months, during a part of which period Mr. Roosevelt and his family were in the executive mansion.

## Ghosts of the Capitol.

The big capitol building on the hill has its ghosts. Identified and otherwise, with which to conjure up tales of other days. Some of the tales told by the old employees of the building in reference to these ghosts are picturesque; others are laughable; others carry with them that tinge of tragedy that makes them the more interesting. Naturally there are quite a number of thoroughly identified ghosts registered in different parts of the edifice. The existence of the restless pilgrims from another land is vouched for by several of the employees of the building, and while most of them are supposed to confine their operations to the basement, there are several that are reputed to roam all over the place.

## Spectral Footsteps.

When the body of President Garfield lay in state at the capitol an old engineer who was employed in the basement and who ridiculed the idea of ghosts decided to be revenged upon the watchmen and policemen who remained in the building through the night. He procured two large English walnuts and securely tied the half shells on the four feet of the pet cat and carefully turned her loose in statutory hall.

The noise of these shells on the marble floors at midnight in the semidarkness of the distracted cat scampered about trying to get rid of her new shoes gave the watchers the worst fright of their lives. The incident, though a harmless joke, gave rise to the story of the spectral footsteps which follow all those who have to cross the rotunda in statutory hall after the building is closed for the night.

## Wraith of J. Q. Adams.

The wraith of John Quincy Adams, from all narratives on the subject, seems to be the one most often encountered. At times it is alleged that he may be seen in statutory hall, formerly the old house of representatives and the scene of his death, accompanied by the whole congress of 1848 gathered in ghostly convolve. He is also accredited with roaming about all parts of the capitol and may be seen at almost any time.

There is also a story of General Logan, who returns, it is said, to observe the doings of the committee on military affairs, of which he was so long the chairman. Those who claim to have encountered the general say that he always wears a black slouch hat and remains either in the committee room or in the corridor adjoining.

## L'Enfant's Apparition.

According to one of the many legends which have been gradually accumulating ever since the building was completed, a corridor in the senate wing basement has a frequent ghostly walker of a foreign aspect. This tall, distinguished looking individual is reported to confine his activities to pacing up and down that particular passageway and giving a dignified military salute at frequent intervals. His identity is still a mystery to the initiated in spiritual lore, but it is believed that it is the ghost of Major L'Enfant, the talented Frenchman who designed the city of Washington.

The demon cat legend has been repeated for the last fifty years as the animal apparition which returns at irregular periods. The story does not vary much, being merely that of an ordinary tabby at first sight, but she grows to a gigantic horror before the eyes of a frightened observer. Suddenly this demon cat emits a fierce yowl and with eyes ablaze and mouth open leaps toward the spectator, but invariably leaps quite over his head.

## The Library Spooks.

In the library section there were two ghosts always on duty. If the solemn word of the capitol policeman may be believed. One of these, a wraith of a thin, little old gentleman, had been frantically searching for years in one of the subcellars for something hidden among the volumes. During his lifetime he had the reputation of being very eccentric, hoarding and hiding many unusual things among the books he loved. Just before his death he endeavored desperately to impart some knowledge to those around his bed, but being paralyzed, died without having his last wish granted. Long after his demise it was discovered that he had stowed away several thousand dollars' worth of registered government bonds among the musty volumes of that subcellar. CARL SCHOFIELD.

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# Woman's World

MISS MAY MORRIS.

Daughter of William Morris to Lecture on Art Subjects.

Among the interesting people who will lecture in this country in the fall is Miss May Morris. Miss Morris is the daughter of the poet and artist William Morris. She is a keen student of historic design and embroidery, and a practical craftswoman. She learned in the old way—namely, by working from the very beginning in her father's workshop, supplementing this invaluable training by a few years of study in the art schools and museum at Kensington. As William Morris had no other pupil working in this way, her knowledge of his method is unique.

For many years until his death Miss Morris had charge of the designing and most of the work in the embroidery department at Morris & Co. Some of her most important pieces were designed for America, notably a pair of silk curtains called the "Fruit Garden." During the past few years Miss Morris has produced considerable jewelry. She has followed the fortunes of the Arts and Crafts society from its foundation by her father and his friends until the present day and is deeply interested in the movement, which has developed so remarkably in England of late years. She has given lectures on design and embroidery at the Birmingham Municipal School of Art, at Manchester, at the Society of Arts in London and other centers.

While here she will lecture on "Medieval Embroidery," "Pageantry and the Masque," "Historic Costumes" and "Design in Dress."

## The Simpler Life.

One hears so much talk about the extravagance and luxury indulged in by the people of this country that it is decidedly refreshing once in a while to find something that points in the opposite direction.

A striking illustration of the fact that in some respects Americans are learning something about the simpler life, if not the simple life, may be had from a comparison of the dinners served at the White House now and in past generations. And in making this comparison it must be borne in mind that just as the customs of the royal households in England and European countries set the fashions for those countries so, to a certain extent at least, do the usages of the White House influence the customs of this country.

A writer who compares the president's dinners of the present day with those of former times points out the fact that, while the dinners nowadays are more frequent, they are less elaborate. They are over in one hour and a half at the latest, and the courses are fewer and more simple. Formerly no dinner was thought complete if it failed unless the table groaned with supplies. The courses were freighted with rich dishes, and the liquors were abundant. The dinners lasted till midnight. It was no small labor to sit them through. Nowadays before going home the ladies have time to chat in the parlor after the dinner and the gentlemen to have a good smoke in the library of the president. The change is surely one to be looked upon with favor and is not without its parallel in the private homes of the country. Ten or fifteen years ago a smart dinner served to a company of guests might have consisted of twelve or fourteen courses. Today a dinner of that length would be considered to be in poor taste, the modern hostess contenting herself with seven or eight courses at most and in many cases with five or six perfectly served courses.

If the woman of today could also copy the practice of the first lady of the land in making her entertainments more frequent and less elaborate another victory would be gained for the right sort of hospitality.

## Girl You'd Hate to Trust.

She who is sugary sweet until she thinks she is alone. Far better be like an alligator pear with the roughness on the outside than resemble the tempting wild plum with bitterness within.

The girl who is careless to return small loans. This habit may spring from heedlessness, but it bears watching.

She who flatters you while she never has a good word for any one else.

The girl who openly boasts of the married men who are in love with her.

The girl who gushes over her love for her parents while she lets her overworked mother mend and launder for her and spends more than her father can afford.

She who dresses lavishly on a small income. There is a distinction between looking well on little and cutting a spurge on nothing a year.

The girl who says she "dotes on children," but whose small brothers and sisters shun her.

She who is prinked out for show views—and a sight when caught unawares. The man who contemplates matrimony should make it a point to see his Angelina off guard.

The girl who is horrified at calling a spade by its "right name," but whose taste in literature is lurid.

She who has great tales of her prowess as a worker, but who never sees any work to be done. The real workers of the world rarely discuss what they do and never need jogs for it doing.

## FITS OF PURE ANGER.

How to Know and Check This Dangerous Tendency.

There is many a young mother who admires secretly the little outbursts of anger that baby gives vent to and thinks they are funny and cute until by the time the child is two or three years old she awakes to the sad realization that her baby has grown into a willful and spoiled child who is thought anything but lovable and cute by other people. She then begins to see what lack of discipline has done for the baby. Every mother, out of justice to the child as well as to herself, should check these outbursts of anger when the child first shows an inclination to indulge in them. But when the mother finds that the outbursts have taken a firm hold on the child and seem to occur periodically she should set about the tedious task of overcoming them.

The little one should be punished, but her will must not be broken by repeated "spankings," for these seldom fail to give the child a moody, sulky disposition. It takes times and patience to effect a cure. The best cure for these fits of anger is to shut the child in a room by itself whenever they occur. A particularly successful method of making a naughty child good is to divert its attention from unpleasant things. Children often have as much to make them irritable and cross as a grown person, and when a mother notices that a child is fretful it takes but a minute to find an unused toy or a new book or to suggest a new and interesting occupation that will brighten the child's mood and prevent an outburst of anger before the child can be aware of its existence.

## How to Make a Lily Pond.

Aquatic plants for the home garden are not grown as much as they should be. Amateurs who hesitate for fear of failure are wrong, for water lilies require far less care than tender budding plants and are less expensive. Any swampy or boggy ground can easily be converted into an aquatic garden. Flowering shrubs, trees and ferns will grow luxuriantly near a pond. When you decide on the location of your pond, which should be at the lowest point of the garden, dig out the soil from eighteen inches to three feet deep, depending on the severity of the winters in your locality. The lilies must be planted deep enough to prevent them freezing. An inexpensive way to make the pond hold water is to line it with common clay. Cover the bottom and sides of the pond with this clay three or four inches thick and beat firmly until solid and even. The best method is to plant the water lilies in boxes or tubs. Use very rich soil, as coarse as possible. Rough pieces of sod and lumps of earth should be mixed in. Boxes holding five or six cubic feet will accommodate strong growing plants, and others holding half that much will be large enough for the weaker growing plants. If the pond is large the soil may be placed on the bottom and the plants set out in it, but in smaller ponds under this method the roots of the stronger plants will quickly cover the bottom, crowding out the weaker.

## How to Make a Yoke Fit Right.

Often a dress is ruined by the fit of the yoke. It hitches or rides in a way that is as uncomfortable as it is unsightly. The easiest way to remedy this defect is to have the yoke made on a fitted lawn lining which buttons around the waist. This should have a horizontal seam run just about the bust line to take in an extra fullness. If the lining seems too warm or is too much trouble to make, the yoke can be attached to a sort of harness made with a belt of tape to which are joined vertical straps attached to the bottom of the yoke. Even easier is it to sew short tabs of tape or muslin to the bottom of the yoke. These can be securely pinned to the corset without tearing the yoke itself. It is a good idea to fasten the smallest sized safety pins to these tabs so that they are always in readiness.

## How to Reset Old Chairs.

If you have old rush bottom or cane seated chairs and do not want to go to the expense of having them recaned try making a seat for them at home. Cut away carefully the caning and nail strips of girthing tightly across the opening. Cover with a piece of fine fiber matting or burlap, just the shape of the seat, but a half inch larger. Turn in the edges all around and nail to the chair with brass headed tacks for studding. If the woodwork has grown shabby buy a preparation that quickly removes and softens the varnish and scrape with pieces of glass. The chair can then be done up with any desired stain.

## How to Put Stamps on Letters.

"Most people don't know how to put a stamp on a letter," said a postoffice official. "They moisten the stamp, taking off a certain amount of the mucilage by the process and making it hard to stick. The proper way is to moisten the tip of the envelope where the stamp is to go, then press on the stamp. The paper should not be soaked, just moistened on the surface, however. That stamp will never drop off in the mail bag."

## How to Taper the Fingers.

Most women in trying to make their fingers more tapering will stroke them from the base to the tip. A well known manicurist has said that the process should be reversed. Clasp the tip of each finger between the thumb and first finger of the opposite hand and stroke firmly but gently backward from the tip, as when working on a glove.

## The Baby Turtle.

Turtles lay their eggs in the sand and let the sun hatch them out. They do not lay them all in one place probably because they think it safer to scatter them. Then, even though one be stolen or broken, the others may escape. The mother turtle covers them all carefully up, one after another, with a thin sprinkling of sand and then apparently never gives them another thought, considering her maternal duty done. Certain it is that she has never been discovered going near these egg babies again, and when they hatch at last the tiny soft backed creatures at once begin crawling around in search of flies and other food as independently as if there were no such thing as a mother in the world. A little girl who found one of these odd oblong turtle eggs on a sandy river bank in Louisiana took it home and put it in a tencup on the table for safe keeping. A few hours later a slight noise was noticed in that direction, and on looking in the cup again she found a baby turtle, full fledged, but tiny, scrambling about among the bits of its broken eggshell cradle.

## Ravens and the Hapsburgs.

Henri de Waddell tells the story of the late Empress Elizabeth and the ravens which Maurus Jokel gave in an article at the time of her majesty's tragic death. Early in her life Elizabeth wrote some verses in Hungarian on the subject of the raven, the bird of ill omen, which plays a great part in the history of the Hapsburgs. According to the imperial poetess, a flight of ravens was hovering over Olmutz when Francis Joseph received from his uncle's hands the crown which was destined to inflict upon him such miseries. A raven followed Maximilian and Charlotte on their last walk before their departure for Mexico, and when Maria Christina was starting to receive the crown of Spain, which was one day to be so grievous a burden, a raven flew over the horses' heads and accompanied the carriage to the railway station. These incidents were the subject of the poem.—Westminster Gazette.

## Room For Improvement.

A certain estimable old gentleman is at all times worth listening to, though occasionally his grammar is scarcely perfect. He was dining on one occasion with the local squire, when, much to the disgust of his worthy host, a trifling error on the old gentleman's part was pounced upon and loudly repeated by the son and heir of the house. There was a painful silence, broken at length by the host.

"My son," he remarked quietly to the young fellow, "there are times, I admit, when our old friend's speech is a little peculiar. At such times you might be of mutual assistance to each other."

"In what way, sir?" asked the son. "Well," was the severe rejoinder, "you might give Mr. X. a lesson or two in grammar, in return for which I have no doubt he would assist you to patch up the holes in your manners."—London Tit-Bits.

## Three Reasons For Declining.

Lord Broughton had a temper which sometimes exploded in a most disconcerting manner. It is related that on one occasion he dined with a large party at Thackeray's house, and after dinner some specially fine madeira was produced. In his usual genial way the novelist pressed this on his guests and, patting his neighbor, Lord Broughton, on the back, remarked, "Now, my dear old boy, you must try some of this."

A chill fell on the company when the noble lord retorted, "I am not your dear boy, I am not old, and — your wine."

## The Only Thing Left.

Jeremiah Jinks is rich and stingy. An acquaintance of his met Jinks' son the other day. "Your father seems to have lost a good deal of money lately. The last time I saw him he was complaining and saying he must economize."

"Economize! Did he say where he was going to begin?"

"Yes; on his table, he said."

"Then he must be going to take away the tablecloth," was the filial declaration.—Exchange.

## A Big Birdcage.

A very peculiar institution in the New York zoo is what is known as "the flying birdcage." This magnificent aviary is the largest of its kind in the world, being 55 feet high, 72 feet wide and 150 feet long. Large oak and other trees grow in this cage, and the birds live within its wire netting bounds in the utmost freedom. The frame of the cage is built of iron pipes, which are covered over with thin meshed netting.

## Literary Note.

"You write too much," said the critic to the author.

"But my friend," replied the author, "I've got to live."

"How about your readers?"

"Ah, well, we were all born to die!"—Atlanta Constitution.

## Parried.

"And that young man kissed you on the lips! Why didn't you offer him your hand?" said the father.

"Oh, I didn't have to, papa," said the girl. "He's going to ask you for that."—Yonkers Statesman.

## A Case For Sympathy.

The Proud Mother—This boy do grow more like 'is father every day. The Neighbor—"Do 'e, pore dear? And 'ave you tried everything?—London Sketch.

Responsibility walks hand in hand with capacity and power.—Holland.

## WHY GIRLS SUCCEED.

The Business Maiden Must Be Careful With Her Pennies.

One of the hardest lessons the business girl has to learn is to save, says Barbara Boyd.

It is difficult for youth, with its enthusiasm and ambitions and rose colored view of life, to anticipate want. Whereas for age—surely there a Prince Charming coming some day who will take care of her?

It is difficult to save on \$6 a week. Try it. But nevertheless a girl should resolutely make herself save. And if she once gets the habit, if she acquires ever so small a bank account, this in itself helps. It pays to start a saving fund, if only with \$1, just for the little niche it makes in the memory and the insistent voice with which it asks for more.

Many schemes are devised by business girls to help them save. One girl has a number of little envelopes labeled with her various needs—"luncheon," "car fare," "church," "board," "laundry," and so on. Each week when she gets her salary she slips into each envelope its requisite amount, and when it is due the money is there for it. She is not the girl who must run and borrow of her landlady when the laundry comes or who must ask her friends at the office to loan her enough for her lunch the day before salary is due. This method of planning leisurely and calmly how she will spend her money enables her each week to set aside a little for saving.

Another girl puts away a certain amount when she gets her salary, saying laughingly, "If I don't have it I can't spend it." But though she saves by this method, she probably doesn't get as much out of what she spends as though she planned more carefully.

Planning in one form or another is the keynote to saving. Hasty buying and thoughtless spending are its deathknell. The girl who wants to save should plan carefully her expenditures, her regular weekly expenses as well as the twice a year expenditure for clothes.

The girl who wants to save should not buy her clothes thoughtlessly. She should not buy on impulse. She should deliberately plan her clothes campaign, know beforehand what she wants, buy that and that only. She will be dressed with better taste and better get the worth of her money.

This all may be tiresome and boring to do. But it will pay a girl to set herself to the task resolutely. It puts a different aspect on life to have a few hundred dollars in bank. And it may put you in a position to grasp opportunities which will mean much to a happy and useful future, but which you might be afraid to venture without some money to your credit to fall back upon.

## HOUSEWIFE HINTS.

Use strips of shoe leather to tack heavy roses to the house or trellis, since it outlasts twine or strips of goods.

Cut out the corners from all heavy envelopes, for they are excellent for holding coins sent by mail. They also make good book corner protectors.

Knitted underwear makes the softest and best ironing holders. Put several thicknesses together and quilt on the machine. Make a tape loop to hang the holder to a nail.

A box of sardines and a can of shrimp, both prepared for eating and served together on lettuce leaves with a dressing of oil, vinegar, onion juice, salt and pepper, make a delicious salad. Mayonnaise dressing may be used.

Be careful where you place your dressing tables and mirrors. Sunlight will destroy the finest bevel French plate, and it is impossible to restore the backing without considerable expense. Dampness will destroy it in the same manner.

When scraping new potatoes they will invariably blacken the hands. There is nothing better than a piece of lemon for removing the blemish, and when obstinate if a pinch of powdered pumice is placed on the lemon it will instantly remove the stain.

To quickly prepare cocoanut or horseradish pare for scraping and lessen the task and the usual "crying" when grating the horseradish by running the roots through the chopping machine. All hard and fibrous pieces of horseradish should be pared before running the roots through the machine.

To have a hardy scarlet rambler make a good showing plant it with the rack extending north and south. In this way the rose gets all of the eastern and western sun and will bloom profusely on both sides. This is one of the most luxuriant roses one can cultivate, and it delights in the entire sunshine of the day. If the long branches of this rose are turned down and covered with earth it will make a new branch, and in this way one can soon have an arbor of scarlet roses.

## Very Absentminded.

An interesting event occurred in the household of a scientific gentleman who is a member of one of Uncle Sam's chemical bureaus in Washington.

The gentleman himself was hard at work in his home laboratory when the news was brought him.

"It's a boy," quietly announced the physician as he stopped on the threshold.

"All right, all right," muttered the absentminded chemist as he bent over his work. "Er—oh—ask him what he wants, won't you?"

## THE KISSING FETE.

By ROBERT C. WARNER.

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The fete was a great success. Long before the hour announced for the beginning of the festivities crowds of people were flocking to the entrances of the park, and during the evening many thousands came and went. Of these there were the young and the older, married, the former as participants, the latter as spectators.

And what was the occasion of the fete? An edict had gone forth that between the hours of 8 and 12 any young man might kiss any girl in the park provided he wore in his cap a green feather. This provision was introduced to enable any girl opposed to strange embraces to take to flight on the approach of a would be kisser.

As the clock struck 9 two young girls entered the park arm in arm. One was tall and stately, with very black eyes, a cable of plaited black hair hanging down her back. The other was smaller, a blue eyed beauty, with hair of spun gold drifting in the breeze. They had no sooner passed the gate than green feathers began to flutter in their path. Many a young man approached, but was deterred by a repellent glance from the queenly brunette. For an hour the pair walked about the park watching the others. Now and again some young girl would suddenly dart away on seeing a youth approach whom she wished to avoid or to appear to avoid. Here and there would be heard suppressed screams and giggles, while smacks resounded like pistol shots.

But the two girls walked untouched. Many persons noticed them, but no one seemed to know them. It was supposed that they were of high degree, daughters of noblemen who had come to witness the kissing without taking part in it, and it was even whispered that they were men present from the court, and none of them had ever seen the girls before. The people wondered why these gallants dared not offer to kiss two such beauties.

Near midnight a man with a black beard entered in company with one who appeared to be his son. It was apparent that both were disguised. Passing the two girls, they turned and looked at them, then, walking in a circle, met them again. At this second meeting the younger man darted toward the blue eyed girl. Seeing him coming, she left her companion and ran away. Those watching these unknown people then saw the older man approach the girl who was left. They expected that she would wither him with a glance. What was their surprise to see her after a faint resistance submit to be kissed. Then when he offered his arm she took it, and they walked on together.

"You are very bold," said the lady.

"Such beauty as yours would inspire boldness in a coward."

"You had no right to kiss me. You do not wear the green feather."

"True, I never thought of that. But such beauty as yours makes one forget."

"You may have a ladylove."

"Such beauty as yours would win me from her in spite of my best resolution."

"You do not deny that she exists?"

"I do not. Whatever or whoever I am, I am no liar."

"But would you break a heart for a stranger?"

"It is she who is the stranger. I have never seen her."

"Never have seen her! What manner of man are you who woos without seeing her you woo?"

"I see her I woo. I have not seen her I have intended to make my bride."

"There comes my friend with your boy. I must rejoin her. This is but the adventure of an evening. Farewell."

"We will not part without the pledge of another meeting. Tell me when and where I may communicate with you tomorrow."

"You may call upon me tomorrow evening." She gave him the location of a villa where she said she lived.

"But you will not. You will think of this affair overnight and resolve to be true to that which I surmise is to your interest."

"Wait and see."

The next evening the stranger drove up to the villa in question. He was ushered in by lackeys with every evidence of profound respect. He seemed surprised. In a sumptuous salon he was received by the lady who had so suddenly inspired him. She was smiling at him with an air of triumph.

"I am surprised to see your majesty," she began, but he interrupted her.

"Majesty?"

"Yes. You were known to me from the first."

"Who are you?"

"First let me know your royal decision. For me will you break with the Princess Margaret?"

"The Princess Margaret! What do you know of the Princess Margaret?"

"Will you cast her off for one you have seen but once?"

"I will wed no one at present. I ask to be permitted to pay my addresses to you with a view to raising you to a throne."

"So you are not so sure of this newborn love after all?"

"I am. I wish time to prepare my people for the change."

The lady turned her head aside. The king took one of her hands in his and poured forth a torrent of words. Suddenly she stopped him.

"I am the Princess Margaret."

"You the Princess Margaret?"



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**PEPPERELL**

**Center.**  
 Miss Etta Campbell, of the corps of Chelsea teachers, who has been visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Henry A. Wright, has returned to her home.  
 Henry Grey has been visiting in Dorset, Vt., returning home on August 28th.  
 Mrs. Jennie (Burkinshaw) Coradine, a native of Pepperell, now a resident of Chicago, who has been visiting her early friends, returned to her home on last week Friday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Clark, née Grace Tandy, have been guests of Mrs. Jonathan Bancroft of Townsend street this week.  
 Mrs. Agnes (Adams) Kibbee of Somerville and her young son, have been visitors at Edward L. Tarbell's this week. Her son, who is eleven years old, has the gift of music and assisted in the service of song besides rendering a solo in the morning and evening service of Sunday.  
 Walter Avery has been visiting his sister in Boston, returning on Tuesday last to his home at Lucius Wilson's.  
 Chester A. Parker has moved his household goods into the house on Townsend street which was vacated by Isaac Parker. The town water has been put into it during the week. His wife, who has been visiting her early home in Prince Edward Island, returned home this week.  
 Mrs. Otto E. Schneider and little son left town on August 26 for a visit in Pownal, Vt. Her furniture has been sent to New York where she will join her husband in their former home.  
 The anniversary of the birth of Rev. Joseph Emerson, the first minister of the Congregational church, was recognized by raising the flag. He was born August 25, 1724. The flag on the common was raised on Sunday to recall the day on which the first liberty pole was erected there in the year 1774.  
 Charles Park, who has been a guest of his sister at Miss Anna M. Jewell's, left on Monday for Concord Junction.  
 The town water is being put into the drinking trough at Chase hill and also into the schoolhouses.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Cummins of Boston is a guest of Mrs. Joshua Blood of Park street.  
 Mrs. H. N. Tower is visiting her friends in Petersham.  
 Quite a frost was apparent on Tuesday morning in localities about town.  
 Mrs. J. Brainerd Thrall is expected to supply the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday, September 5.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George B. Page of Pawtucket, R. I. were week-end guests at Mrs. W. B. Page's, returning home on Monday.  
 Col. Greenhalge and family, who have been at Mrs. Greenhalge's early home the past two months, have returned to Pawtucket, and later go to Oak Bluffs for two weeks.

**East.**

A large number from here are planning to witness the great auto races at Lowell, Monday, September 6, Labor day. A large number intend going to Milford, where a program of interesting sports is announced, including a ball game with our A. A. Those who stay at home will have an opportunity to witness one or more good games on our public grounds. Townsend comes here in the afternoon, and our boys intend to win back lost laurels if possible.  
 Elmer Foss was home from Swampscott Tuesday and Wednesday.  
 Mrs. Thomas Coradine of Chicago made a week-end visit with Mrs. C. G. Willis, Franklin street.  
 George L. Lakin is exhibiting a unique antique in the shape of a jug. No doubt it could contain a variety of warming stuff, but is intended to be used as a warming pan, as there are foot-rests on the side of the jug. This curiosity is over 200 years old, and has been in the family of Frank Hathaway, Milton, Vt., for generations, each preceding ancestor having been a physician. Mr. Lakin has received many flattering offers for it, but so far has not disposed of it.  
 Boynton Merrill has returned to his studies at Mt. Hermon.  
 Thomas Tarbell is spending a week at home, but returns Saturday to his work at Williamstown. Tom assisted the team in the game last Saturday and did good work.  
 Among the recent arrivals in town we note William Lillis of Everett, Miss Nellie Kiley and Miss Mary Starkey from Old Orchard, Miss Gladys Williams of Nashua.  
 Our chief and his assistants appear "well on the job." Several convictions were secured this week and spotless town is thus nearer realization.  
 Henry Hovey has been quite ill at his home on Park street the past two weeks.  
 Town water continues to be the popular want. A. A. Tarbell has had the telephone block connected, the schoolhouses have been completed, exterior work and a great many residences have been connected and all the plumbers seem to have plenty to do. D. E. Weston has found time to connect the private supply at the home of H. F. Hobart, as well as the numerous connections he has with town water.  
 A number of buyers from here are going to Wilton, N. H., Saturday, September 11, to bid on the fast horse which is to be sold at the auction there by George L. Lakin of this town.  
 Arthur Bartlett caught for the Nashua team in their game against Keene at the Greenfield, N. H., fair Thursday.  
 Mrs. Nancy Dudley of Marlboro is at Mrs. Horace Drury's, Pleasant street.

Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterson is at York Beach for a week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woodward arrived home from Bethlehem, N. H., Thursday evening.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Todd of Willimantic, Conn., arrived last Saturday at Mrs. Todd's parents', Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenfield, Leighton street, on their honeymoon trip, having been married in that city that day. A large party of young people made merry with them on their arrival and choice refreshments were served. Mr. Todd intends making his home in town and he is to be congratulated on his choice of new home as well as life partner.  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fletcher are enjoying a trolley trip to many important points, including along the north shore.  
 Mrs. E. P. Nowell and daughter of Quincy are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Attridge, Cross street. Mr. Nowell is expected for the holiday, and the boys hope Sam, as he is often called, will assist the home team in their ball games.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bussiera and son of Manchester, N. H., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Amos Grenier, Cottage street.  
 At a recent meeting of the Rocky Mountain Petroleum Co., Denver, Col., George H. Swift of this town was elected treasurer. Mr. Swift will move his family to Denver as soon as he can dispose of his stock here.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Kibby of Stoneham are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tarbell.  
 Dr. Charles G. Heald won the cup at the match play on the golf course last Saturday.  
 Remember the young men hold a social dance in Lawrence hall, Monday evening, September 6, Labor day.  
 Superintendent of schools, A. R. Paull, and family have arrived from Ocean Grove, Maine, where they have spent the summer, preparatory to moving into their new home on High street. They are stopping at the Hotel Prescott.  
 Russell P. Wright, clerk at Stenstream & DeLoid's, is enjoying a vacation with friends in Boston, Providence and Somerville, and he anticipated a trip to New York before returning. During his absence Miss Bertha Johnson is in the office of this firm.  
 On last column of this page is advertisement of lost dog.  
 A unique feature was incorporated into the evening's pleasure last Monday at the Country club quarters, that of a putting contest by moonlight. E. L. Tarbell won the gentlemen's prize and Miss Marion Hutchinson for the ladies. A corn roast and choice refreshments were among the features.  
 It is understood that Messrs. Blood and Bartz will discontinue work on the installing of sanitary drinking fountains and other appliances in the school buildings until a decision is reached by the school committee.  
 Verner Wilson and William Hemet of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bancroft. Along with Mr. Bancroft's family, they enjoyed a day at Massabogauz this week.  
 Miss Ethra Arsenault of Athol is a guest of Dr. E. D. Harris and family.  
 Amos Mahoney was home over Sunday, returning to his duties at Athol Monday.  
 Bert J. Morrow, superintendent at the Pepperell Card and Paper Co., left this week for a tour of Europe. It is understood business as well as pleasure is his object and he will visit England before returning.  
 A pretty wedding occurred at St. Joseph's church, Wednesday afternoon. Present arrived from Boston at noon Miss Ellen Connolly and John Dunn and his friend Patrick Lundgren. They were met at the train by Miss Bridget Connolly and her brother, R. Connolly, and after a short time at the bride's home the party proceeded to the church, where Rev. T. J. Coughlin united them in the bonds of matrimony. Miss Bridget Connolly was bridesmaid and Mr. Lundgren did the honors as assistant to the groom. They left on the evening train with best wishes from their many friends.  
 The Warrens will hold a meeting next Tuesday at their hall. They will have a practice that evening and talk over plans for the muster at Townsend, September 18. Special interest is being taken by the majority of members, and a full and prompt attendance is in order so that the best plans can be perfected to have this company bring home a prize from among the many rivals who will be represented that day.  
 Miss Alice Chinn is spending the week with friends at Nashua.  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson of Boston are guests of Mr. Patterson's sister, Mrs. A. H. Harris, and family, Pleasant street.  
 The Ready Workers of Acoma Rebekah lodge enjoyed the outing to Canobie mentioned in last week's paper, and not the lodge, as printed.  
 Miss Consuello DeLipman of Brookline paid a short visit to her friend, Miss Gertrude Willey, this week.  
 Moving pictures at Opera house, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 15 and 16.  
 Dr. C. J. Heald, Dr. C. A. Greenacpe, Fred A. Milan, R. B. Taft, Joseph Willey and Irving Church took an early spin to Tyngsboro to witness the trout runs on the now famous auto speedway.  
 Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Stickney of Waltham are paying Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock a week-end visit.  
 J. C. Rockwell's "Sunny South" played to a full house Monday, about five hundred being present, and all enjoyed the entire program. It was a feast of vaudeville, every change a feature, and clever singers and laughable sketch artists seemed to be endeavoring to excel. The fine work of the equilibrist in the wire performance, and the juggler and acrobat, were the crowning features. Speaking after the show, manager Tarbell said he had spared nothing to get the best of shows, and he was gratified that the public were pleased.  
 Town water has been installed into the houses of Albert Harrod and Mrs. Sarah Patch on Nashua street; also into the houses of Philip Attridge and John Lynch on Mill street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crowell and son Kenneth have returned to their home in Lowell, after several days at L. C. Blood's, Oak Hill.  
 Town water was connected Tuesday with the watering trough at foot of Chase hill. This work was done under the supervision of superintendent of streets, S. M. Nokes, and D. E. Weston. While only a small matter in itself, it is one more great step which makes for the advancement of our town. It is predicted that ere long we shall boast of a fountain at Railroad square, and that pedestrians as well as animals shall be provided with the opportunity to quench their thirst.  
 Albert H. Gilbert and Joseph A. Thibault are spending part of the week at Canada's great exposition and fair at Sherbrooke, P. Q.  
 Fred McDonald is employed at the farm of O. A. Merrill, Oak Hill.  
 Leo Thayer has accepted a position in the pharmacy of W. H. Mansfield.  
 Miss Alice Chinn has arrived home after spending the summer at Andover.  
 Dr. O'Dams of Somerville has been a recent visitor at the farm of Allan McElhinney.  
 A large number from here went to Brookline, last week Friday, old home day, particularly the younger folk, who stayed to the dance in the evening. The ball game in the afternoon was particularly interesting. On the Millford team we noticed from here, E. Bartlett, catcher, and N. LaBean, the shortstop. His fielding and Bartlett's batting were features.  
 The work of installing drinking fountains and other connections with town water in the school buildings has been awarded to A. A. Blood and John Bartz.  
 Teams and men are busy on the new estate, Main street, of R. Deware, the vice-president of the Pepperell Card and Paper Co. Mr. Deware is having the old partial stone wall taken away and other improvements. The house inside is receiving the attention of the carpet and furnishing departments of A. J. Saunders & Son's store.  
 Mrs. Frederick H. Parker and son Charlie are enjoying a visit with friends at Far Rockaway Beach, R. I.  
 Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice September 1: Mrs. George Brown, Miss Barbara Hayes, Chas. B. McMackin, Edward Richardson, Miss Mabel Weed.

**Deaths.**  
 News was received here by telephone at midnight Thursday of the sudden death of Michael Sullivan of Groton street. Mr. Sullivan was one of the many who attended the dance in Groton town hall that evening. Details of his sudden death are not yet learned, but it is understood, he was preparing to take part in a dance, and placing his hand near his heart dropped dead. Dr. Priest was quickly summoned, but pronounced the man beyond human aid. Word was sent to his parents in this town.  
 His death is a great shock to the entire community, as he was apparently in the best of health and a strong, robust man.

**Leaving Town.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash have moved to Revere, where Mr. Nash has accepted a position with the Forbes Lithograph Manufacturing Co. The town suffers a loss in the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Nash, who have been here for several years, and not only leave a host of friends, but a distinct void in social and musical circles, as they have taken active part in church work, music and social events. Mr. Nash was for a long time in charge of the color department at the Pepperell Card and Paper Co., then with the Champion International mill until its shutdown, and only a short time before they resumed work here did he accept his present position. Their many friends wish them well in their new home.

**Grange.**  
 The Patrons of Townsend, Shirley, Groton, Pepperell, Ayer and Littleton will be pleased to learn that the first session of fall meetings of the Middlesex-Vorcestor Pomona grange will be held at North Leominster, Wednesday, September 8, all day and evening. The questions for discussion are a very important feature of the extensive program: Do you believe in the present postoffice regulations of press censorship? How can the farmers cooperate in selling? Best roofing for farm buildings. Milk—straight, modified, condensed. The farm, the public, the outlook. The relation of the "bread line" of New York city to the farmers of New England. The penny savings bank and what becomes of the money that goes into the country banks. The spy systems of Russia and America, and how they differ. Best results from an acre of land. Pine tree blight.  
 At 7:45 in the evening the fifth degree, which will be followed by that dramatic tragedy, "How the story grew," exemplified by members of the Leominster grange. This will be followed by a social. Another important note is the election of a member of the executive committee.

**Should Have a Fair.**  
 It seems too bad that we are to allow another year to go by without a fair, but lack of interest and practically no response to the call for a meeting, makes this decision inevitable. It is the year 1909, and almost ten have elapsed since the town had an old home day. There is plenty of good material to work on, and any amount of cooperation to be found to make one day in the year a great success.  
 We hear plenty calls to boost and not to knock. Good, sound, respectful criticism is good for any enterprise, and if we had a fair or old home day, or any other kind of a day wherein all took a rest from labor and enjoyed enthusiastic, mutual recreation, a splendid program of parade, sports, lecture and music could be arranged, and all would gladly placard the entire town with "You'll like our town, and we want to show you what our town can do," and we could advertise in the entire press of the state. That's what will boost.—advertisements of our great natural advantages and proofs of our local pride and push.

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team comes here to again trim the locals. Last Saturday's game at Ayer resulted 2 to 0 in favor of Ayer. This was by far the best game witnessed this season. Our boys went with a weak team, but strong in determination. The features of the game were the pitching of Shattuck, the Oak Hill boy. It was his first game of the season. He struck out eight, only passed one on balls and allowed only one hit. Although our boys had the bases filled several times, unlucky hitting could not bring a run. Dalley pitched a fine game for Ayer and had good support. He struck out five, passed three and only allowed three hits. The next game promises to be a hummer.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**Old Home Day.**  
 Friday, August 27, Brookline celebrated her eighth consecutive old home day. The day was an ideal one and the exercise complete in every feature, reflecting much credit upon the officers of the association.

The village was in gala attire and the stars and stripes decked nearly every residence and welcome greeted one constantly.

At an early hour the guests commenced to arrive from all sections and each train was laden with home comers.

At 9:30 the Lunenburg military band gave an excellent concert on the green in front of the Methodist church.

At eleven o'clock the auditorium at the Congregational church was filled to overflowing and the following program given: Selection, "Passing thoughts," band; invocation, Rev. Warren L. Noyes; vocal solo, "Home, sweet home," Mrs. Phoebe J. Randall, President George H. Nye welcomed the guests in his usual cordial manner, Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle gracefully responding. Mrs. Mabel Brackett sang with effect "The dear old-fashioned garden," giving in response to an encore, "The songs my mother used to sing." Rev. Herbert J. Foote of Sunapee gave the oration, taking for his theme, "Home, its place in modern life." Selection, "Pleasant dreams," band. Prof. Albert Seaver of Townsend presided at the organ.

At 12:30 all marched to Tarbell's hall, Alfred E. Cox leading the procession as marshal. Here an excellent dinner was served by Page, caterer of Lowell. After dinner all repaired to the Methodist church, the secretary, Miss Blanche W. Hall, reading letters from Rev. C. W. Dockrill, Grasmere; James A. Horton, Greenfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lowell, Reed's Ferry; Mrs. L. W. Cummings of Fitchburg; Lewis Parkhurst, Boston. Speeches were given by Rev. Thomas Hicks, Nashua; Rev. W. L. Noyes, Brookline; Rev. George L. Perin, Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Cora Boultonhouse, Baltimore; Mrs. Emily Jewett, Hollis; Morton Klein, Meriden, Conn.; Mr. Hubbard, Hollis; Rev. George Hardy, Ashburnham; Augustus Lovejoy, Ayer; Miss Lucy Goodwin, Mason; Mrs. Bertha Patenaude, Dedham; Mrs. Mabel Badger, Quincy; Dr. Holcombe, Miss Florence Perin.

At two o'clock a spirited ball game was played on the ball field between the Nashua and Milford lines, resulting in a score of 6 to 4 in favor of Nashua. At 4:30 a second band concert was given.

In the evening Tarbell's hall was filled to overflowing. A fine concert was rendered by the Columbia orchestra of Lawrence.

From nine until two the young people tripped the light fantastic toe, the bright happy faces and the dainty gowns making a picture fair to look upon. The floor was in charge of Eldorus O. Fessenden, assisted by Harry Powers, Edward O'Heren, Richard Wright and Burns Marshall.

The week closed with union services at the Methodist church. At the morning service Rev. W. L. Noyes, invocation; Rev. Mr. Hickey scripture reading; Rev. Elwin Hitchcock of Keene, an inspiring old home sermon. The platform was banked with golden rod, old-time lilies and gladioli. Special music was rendered by the choir. In the evening the services were conducted by Rev. Elwin Hitchcock and Rev. George Hardy.

**News Items.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Hobart of Maiden were old-home-week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Wallace.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy of Ayer were guests at Nathaniel Hobart's for part of the week.

Edward C. Wade and daughter Eleanor of Boston were guests at the Tucker homestead.

Communion service will be held at the Congregational church Sunday, September 5.

Miss Myrtle Witcher had the misfortune to lose her gold watch old home day. It was valued as a gift from her father.

Rev. George L. Perin, D. D., preached at Fremont Sunday.

Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle and Miss Martha Wright are at Larchmont, N. Y., this week.

Mrs. Ada Saunders Parkhurst is the guest of Mrs. Joshua Hobart.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence attended the Chapman reunion at Pepperell Friday, August 27.

Mrs. Clara Fairbanks, Miss Martha Parker and Mrs. Sarah Smith are to remain at the Sawtelle homestead a few weeks longer.

Misses Margie and Ethel Patch of Maiden and Mabel Strong of Vassalboro, Me., are spending the week at the

## Prepare for School

### FALL AND WINTER

Half and One-Third Saved on the Clothes that Must be Had

**Young Men's Suits and Overcoats**  
 \$12.00 Values, \$7.98  
 \$10.00 Values, \$6.48  
 \$8.00 Values, \$5.75  
 \$9.00 Values, \$3.89

**Boys' Suits and Overcoats**  
 \$6.00 Values, \$3.48  
 \$5.00 Values, \$2.98  
 \$3.50 Values, \$2.29  
 \$2.50 Values, \$1.59

All This Stock Must Be Converted Into Money

## GEO. H. SWIFT

East Pepperell, Mass

home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell. Kenneth Russell, who has spent the summer at the Russell farm, returned to his home at Exeter Wednesday.

All of the schools will commence Tuesday, September 7, with the following teachers: grammar, S. T. Marshall, Enfield, N. H.; village primary, Viola I. Jenkins, Mt. Vernon; north primary, Miss Campbell, Orleans, Mass.; west primary, Miss Helen Pratt, South Weymouth, Mass.

Nathaniel Hobart was ill Friday night, requiring the services of Dr. Holcombe.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Gilson of Athol, Mass., and Mrs. Alice Brown of Townsend, were guests of Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson.

Mrs. James West of Lancaster was in town August 23. She is preparing to move to St. Albans, Vt., to make her home with her son William.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck have moved to Pepperell.

Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle entertained a party of forty-six relatives and friends on Wednesday evening, August 25. The large red-fashioned barn was very attractive with its decorations of flags, bunting, Japanese parasols and lanterns and golden rod. Whist and dancing were enjoyed, music being furnished by the Powers. A tempting lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Wallace of Nashua have been guests of Judge and Mrs. E. A. Parker at Inncroft.

Miss Ada Schlicht and C. H. O'Neil of New York were recent guests of Mrs. Mary Cox and family.

The Davis barn on Townsend hill was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. It was used by Orland Barber to store farming implements. Mr. Barber's loss is estimated at about \$300.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**

### LOST

**A Large Scotch Collie**

DARK YELLOW WITH WHITE BREAST AND WHITE RUFF AROUND NECK, LEFT EYE PARTIALLY CLOSED, BLACK RING AROUND TAIL.

FINDER WILL BE LIBERALLY REWARDED BY NOTIFYING

C. H. PECK, PEPPERELL, MASS.  
 Telephone, Pepperell, 19-6.

**LOST**—In the Ladies' Rest Room at Washington Park, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 1, Lady's Green Pocketbook, property of Mrs. George M. Lovejoy. Finder will be suitably rewarded upon returning same to P. S. Whitcomb, Littleton, Mass. 251

**TO LET**—Fine Tenement; town water, steam heat, stable if desired. Corner River and Main streets. O. M. Nash, East Pepperell, Mass. 51

**FOR SALE**—Fine dark Jersey Cow, four years old; good family cow. Address Crystal Spring Farm, Groton, Mass., Box 77, R. F. D., Route No. 2. 1151

**BOY WANTED**—To learn the Printer's Trade. Apply at office of Huntley S. Turner, Ayer, Mass.

**GIRL WANTED** for general housework. Apply at Public Spirit Office, Ayer.

**WANTED**—A capable girl for general housework. Call at 60 Washington St., Ayer, Mass. 51