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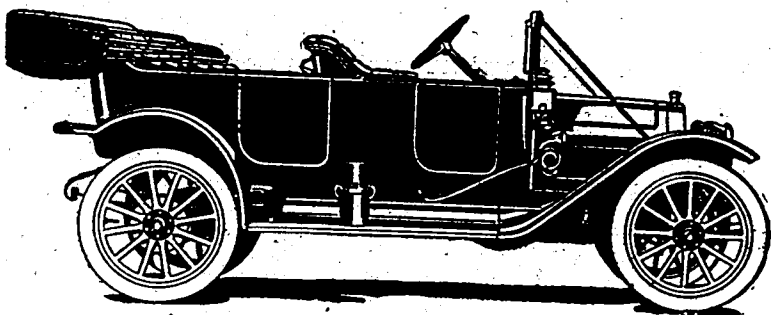
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The following is the decision of the legislature in regard to the Charles H. Hewes case: Resolved that upon the execution and delivery by Charles H. Hewes, of a suitable release, there shall be paid to him an annuity of two hundred dollars for five years, payable from the treasury of the commonwealth in equal quarterly installments, beginning with December 1, 1911, in full compensation for an injury received by said Hewes on the first day of August in the year 1910, while employed at the Industrial School for Boys in Shirley." (Approved May 24, 1912.)

D. Chester Parsons has been appointed advisory counsel of the degree of honor of the A. O. U. W. of Massachusetts.

Addley E. Euser, nineteen years of age, was operated upon at his home on Monday evening for an advanced stage of appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. Goodwin, of Clinton, assisted by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, of Shirley. The operation was a critical one and only faint hopes are entertained by the attending physician for his recovery. A trained nurse from the Clinton hospital is in attendance.

Otto Sulke, of Pittsburgh, Pa., paid a flying visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gately on Monday evening, departing on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Charles A. Ford was taken to the Clinton hospital on Tuesday where she will be operated upon for gall stones.

Miss Kate Kane accidentally fell in her home on Monday and fractured three of her ribs.

The King's Daughters held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening with Mrs. A. A. Bronson at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Somes, of Boston, with daughter Nancy, have arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, to remain for the summer.

Birthday Anniversary.

Mrs. Sarah C. Hazen observed the eightieth anniversary of her birth on last week Thursday. In view of that fact the day was made unusually pleasant by friends and neighbors who called to extend congratulations. Mrs. Hazen was also the recipient of a number of letters and postcards. Among the callers of the day was Mrs. Caroline F. Howe, of Kingston, who at the age of eighty-one made the journey to Shirley alone, returning to Kingston on Friday. Mrs. Howe was a schoolmate of Mrs. Hazen's, both attending the once well-known boarding school at Lenox, which was famous as an institution of learning in its day. Mrs. Hazen has

resided with her son, John E. L. Hazen, for the past twelve years, and is able to get around the house with the use of a wheel chair, and is bright, interesting and cheerful, and delights in entertaining her callers.

Center.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, of West Groton, is quite a pedestrian. He walked out one day last week to see his friend, A. A. Lewis, at Mrs. Cummings' house, and says he doesn't mind the walk out and back, as he takes it for his regular exercise and it keeps him looking so spry and cheerful. Mr. Trowbridge's motto is "Keep in the middle of the road."

Philip Barnard, the New York importer, paid a visit to his old friend, Mr. Lewis, who has been living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cummings, at Wayside Peach farm last Sunday. He enjoyed his short visit so much and was so delighted with the place and surrounding country, that he intends to come again on his return from abroad in September.

Mrs. Manuel Chevrete, of Elmwood farm, has been entertaining a number of her friends from Boston and Leominster for several days last week. Mrs. Chevrete is not only a good hostess, but also considered a very clever modiste. She has been making some very beautiful gowns for several of the ladies at the village and has become quite popular.

Miss Alice Dawborn, of North Shirley, and Mrs. Marion L. Hale, of West Groton, drove out last week to pay a visit to Mr. Lewis at Mr. and Mrs. Cummings' home and "it wasn't raining either." Coming again soon, we are always glad to see you.

Roy O. Hatch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Hatch, at the North, was united in marriage to Miss Eva K. Libby at Bangor, Me., on May 15. Mr. Hatch is a graduate of Ayer high school, class of 1903, and of the University of Maine, class of 1907. He is employed in Berlin, N. H., as chemical engineer for the Burgess Pulp Company. Miss Libby was formerly cashier for the Bangor Street Railway Company.

The baseball game between Shirley grange and Lunenburg A. A. Saturday, will be played on the Lunenburg field instead of on the field at Woodsville.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Dickson's mother, from Lowell, were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Anna Page.

Leon Wetherbee and Willis Gooch were drawn as jurors on last Saturday night and began their duties at Cambridge on June 10.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

At Whitney park last Saturday afternoon the game between the White Sox of Granvilleville and the Red Sox of Westford resulted in the honors going to the Granvilleville team with the close score of 11 to 8.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and son John go to Ludlow, Vt., this next week to be present at the graduation and attendant festivities of Mrs. Fletcher's niece, Brickhold from Black River academy.

H. V. Hildreth was among those present at a reunion of the class of '85, Institute of Technology, of which he was a member at the home of one of the members on Buzzard's bay, near Onset, last Saturday and Sunday. Out of a class of over three hundred only about thirty-five were able to be present.

Mrs. Helen R. Leighton was an over Sunday visitor at Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher's last week.

Children's Sunday at the Congregational church will take place Sunday, June 30, the last Sunday of the month.

Alfred Patten and family have moved into Mr. Miller's house recently vacated by Mr. Carpenter and will work for Mr. Miller on the roads.

Quite a large number from this village responded to the lure of the circus in the city. In the evening Will E. Wright took a large load of people to and from the city.

Workmen from the Lowell Electric Co. have been busy this week setting poles and installing the additional electric lights. They have been extended on Boston road and on Granvilleville road and Main street extension and spaces filled in through the village.

The graduating exercises of the academy will take place Friday morning, June 28, at the town hall at 10.30 o'clock. There is a class of eleven to be graduated this year as follows: Misses Beatrice Sutherland, Lillian Sutherland, Nellie Healey, Evelyn Hamlin, Margaret Sullivan, Catherine Sullivan and Mary Donnelly, Herbert Walker, Chester Burnham, Lawrence Holbrook and Albert Collins. The address of the day will be given by the president of Cushing academy, whose name will be given in these columns later. A dance will be given in the evening under the direction of the juniors.

Frederick A. Chase, city librarian of Lowell, with his family, is occupying Miss Hildreth's picturesque log cabin on Prospect Hill.

A recent real estate transfer is the sale of the home by Mrs. Amanda T. Fisher to her son, Alec Fisher.

Archie A. Hartford is at home for the vacation from White River Junction, Vt., where he is a teacher in the high school.

John L. Hartford is reported as having gone to work as conductor on the electric cars between Waltham and Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright attended the wedding of Lowell friends on Wednesday evening, the bridegroom being Frank Edmund Field, and the bride Miss Cora Alice Draper. Mr. Wright and Mr. Field were old school friends and Mr. Wright filled the gracious office as usher at Wednesday evening's event.

Miss Edna Ferguson is at home from her teaching in Beverly for the long vacation and her sister Jennie likewise from Presque Isle, Me.

Grange.

Children's night in the grange on last week Thursday evening proved an interesting event to the young participants and their interested parents and friends. Mrs. Ella May Wright had charge of the evening and all the details of the evening's program were well carried out. The following numbers were given:

Song, Sadie McManis; recitation, Frances Wright; song, Catherine Connelly; recitation, Fred Robinson; recitation, Clarence Colburn; song, Lillian Sutherland; recitation, Alice Wright; recitation, Edward Murray; song, Florence Wilson; recitation, Fred Decatur; piano solo, Daisy Kabele; recitation, Edna Day; recitation, Everett Sweetser; recitation, Clifford Woods; song, Clifford Johnson; violin and piano duo, Evelyn Hamlin and Adith Carter; recitation, Charles Miller; recitation, Austin Murray; piano duo, Mary and Marion Fletcher; recitation, Rachael Wallace. While all the young people acquitted themselves well we cannot refrain from mentioning the Fletcher twins in their piano duo and Clarence Colburn in his recitation. These were first appearances for these little people and they certainly scored a hit with their audiences and will certainly be an attractive addition to future programs.

At the close of the entertainment, ice cream and cake were served in the lower hall.

The next meeting June 20 will be an evening with the young men in charge of Benjamin Prescott.

Academy Alumni Reunion.

The academy alumni reunion and banquet June 28 promises to be one of the interesting events of the early summer. The secretary of the association, Miss A. Mabel Drew, has sent out several hundred invitations. These invitations are as follows, giving the plans for the occasion:

"You are cordially invited to attend a dinner and reunion of the Westford Academy Alumni association to be held at the town hall on Friday afternoon, June 28, 1912, at 1.30 o'clock."

Any graduate or any past pupil whose attendance ceased during or prior to the year 1911 is eligible to full membership in the association upon signing the constitution. The initiation fee of one dollar entitles the new member to a seat at the dinner. There are no annual dues. Members are privileged to invite their husbands and wives to the dinner. Dinner tickets for members and guests are one dollar each.

Mrs. George T. Day, who has about completed a catalogue of the graduates and past pupils of the academy will read a paper dealing with the early history of the institution. There is no question in mind to renew old friendships and listen to the after dinner speakers who have been associated with the past history of the academy. Will you not make a special effort to be present and join in the festivities this time. It is hoped

ed there will be a large attendance. Please extend the invitation to any past pupils known to you who have not received this notice. There will be a reception and annual meeting at the new academy building from 12.30 to 1.30 p. m. All those expecting to attend will please notify the secretary before Friday, June 21.

These meetings are to be held annually and will take the place for the past graduates of the evening concert and ball which has been held for many years and as a chance to meet once a year and renew old friendships and as a real reunion may prove more efficacious. Many have already signified their intention to be present and to become members of the alumni association.

About Town.

Henry Drake, foreman farmer for Hon. H. E. Fletcher on Oak Hill, is running the farm like the successful quarry close by on the push-ahead principle, and has cucumbers away beyond the blossoming stage. This is the smart start of some in the Stony Brook valley that have not yet got beyond the get out of the ground stage, but perhaps it is best to remain where you were covered, for the valley crops reported a frost last week Friday night and every thing in the pumpkin, squash, cucumber line felt shocked at such chilly treatment. Crops generally, except grass and foliage, are displaying cold weather signals. When they hear the bark of dog days they will feel more like boosting skyward.

Miss Inza Johnson has opened a boarding house at Westford Corner, in one of Joseph Marshall's tenements.

The Scandinavian socialists held a rally at Marshall's hall last week Saturday evening and many promising ideals were brought out as remedies for present ills.

C. R. P. Decatur is still improving and able to spend an increasing number of hours on his sandy lawn with his friends.

Work at Brookside mills has begun to pick up quite noticeably since Christopher Pickup, the new superintendent, has taken charge.

The Nabnasset Greenhouse Company, having disposed of its large stock of flowers, is now offering a large display of vegetables.

Mrs. Fred A. Snow read a paper on Sunday evening at the village church on "Ralph Waldo Emerson."

Henry O'Brien, the eldest son of James H. O'Brien, is working for P. Henry Harrington, learning the carpenter's trade.

Met Untimely Death.

Frederick P. Shaw, who was assassinated in Honduras on June 5, was well-known to many Westford people, he having spent a part of his summer vacation for several years in town, his grandfather, Thomas S. Shaw, having owned for several years the McMaster farm, near Chamberlin's corner. While a summer visitor in town he joined Westford grange and was exceptionally social and jolly in his companionship and ready at all times, with the smile of good nature, for a friendly game on the lawn or park, or a stroll in the field. His optimism which braced up his life in business or friendly sport never failed him.

He was born in Lowell in 1877, was graduated from the Lowell high school in the 90's and soon after entered the Lowell machine shop. He was promoted from one position to another until he became paymaster, and finally he became superintendent and continued such until the corporation was re-organized, when he was again promoted to the position of superintendent. After this company resolved to dissolve, he went to New York.

About four months ago Mr. Shaw was appointed a representative of the Chicago Title and Trust Company, with the power of attorney to take possession of a fruit plantation in Honduras and which had been seized by natives, four of whom had been convicted of various offenses. Others were at large, and it was while he was in pursuit of these two that he was assassinated. The country is so hostile to American enterprise that it would be unsafe to pursue and attempt to arrest without a well-armed force. Later reports, however, bring the news that the assassin has been captured.

Mr. Shaw married the daughter of Alexander Gibson, a lumber and estate magnate of New Brunswick, and she and her son, ten years of age, are living in New York city. Mr. Shaw is survived by his father, Dr. Thomas P. Shaw, a sister, Mrs. Arthur A. Frye, and his grandfather, Thomas S. Shaw, aged ninety-one years of age, all of Lowell.

Granvilleville.

The White Sox baseball club of this village visited Westford on last Saturday afternoon, where they met and defeated a team composed of Red Sox and high school players, by the score of 11 to 9. The game was hard fought from start to finish and it was only by a strong ninth inning rally that the local club was able to slip that over the players on the hill. Quite a number of rooters accompanied the team from here. McCarthy, Buckingham and Praceack did the heavy work for the White Sox. The Y. M. C. A. Indians will meet the White Sox on the home grounds here on Saturday afternoon, June 15.

Rev. Edmund T. Schofield announced Sunday that those interested in the annual picnic would meet at the church on Tuesday evening. The meeting was held on schedule and was well attended. The different committees were appointed and it was decided to hold the picnic at Cameron grove, Forge Village, on Saturday, June 22, afternoon and evening. Edward Riney is general manager. James Byrnes, assistant manager. R. J. McCarthy, chairman of the committee on sports, and Mrs. Rose Henden matron and chairman of the soliciting committee.

Joseph Carpenter, the well-known blacksmith, who has been suffering with rheumatism for the past few days is now able to resume his duties once more.

Through some misunderstanding, the game scheduled between the Bleachery A. A., of Lowell, and the regular Granvilleville team, did not come off last Saturday, as the Lowell club did not show up. It is thought Granvilleville will probably play the Brookside in Dracut on this Saturday.

Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended and highly interesting meeting in their rooms on last Tuesday evening. Considerable business of importance was transacted, five applications received, and three candidates initiated into membership of the order. This circle is now in a very prosperous condition and is planning on holding a big class initiation in the near future.

Wilbur Hart, of Ayer, has recently joined the office staff of the Abbot Worsted Company here.

Miss Alice Harrington, of this village, is now spending a few days in Charlestown as the guest of her cousin, Miss Margaret Horan.

Forge Village.

On Sunday, June 30, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, of Hingham, former vicar of St. Andrew's parish, will occupy the pulpit at the mission. Mr. Bumpus will exchange with Mr. Fisher.

The regular meeting of the John Edwards hose company was held at their rooms last week. The resignation of Capt. Edward T. Hanley was read and accepted. Francis Lowther was elected captain in place of Mr. Hanley. Finnmore Morton, 1st lieutenant, and William Hosmer, 2nd lieutenant.

Cameron school closed for the summer vacation last week Friday afternoon. Promotion took place in all the grades. The graduates from the grammar grades were: Edith Spinner, Lottie Parrott, George Sanborn and Francis Sullivan. Ice cream and cake were served by the teachers to all pupils. All the teachers were re-elected for the coming year.

A most delightful party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Orr, Pond street, last Saturday evening. After games and music were enjoyed, refreshments were served and guests departed at a late hour.

Miss Lillian Rose, of Belmont, was the guest of Mrs. Elizabeth Splain on last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. John Carmichael and her little niece, Miss Mildred Precious, visited in Townsend Harbor over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leclerc and daughter left on Monday for Canada, where they will spend the next few weeks with relatives.

A twelve-pound baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Daly, of Pine Hill, on Saturday morning, June 8.

Miss Eva Pyne, of Pine Ridge, is visiting in Dorchester and intends to remain for the next few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and family, together with Mrs. McNiff and Miss Katherine McNiff, arrived here on Thursday from Keighley, England. They are to make their homes here in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wright, of Center Vale, R. I., visited recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sanborn.

The annual picnic of St. Andrew's parish, combining Ayer, Shirley and this village, will take place this year at Whalom park.

Pleasantly Surprised.

The Hanley cottage on the shores of Forge pond was the scene on last Wednesday evening of a most delightful surprise party, given by the members of St. Catherine's choir in honor of the director, James A. Murphy, of Lowell, and the organist, Miss Mary F. Hanley, of this village. All the members of the choir were present and presented Mr. Murphy with a beautiful silver baton as a mark of appreciation for his untiring work in directing the choir for the past year. Mr. Murphy was completely taken by surprise, but responded in his usual pleasant manner.

Miss Mary F. Hanley was then presented with a beautiful amethyst rosary as a remembrance for her hard and patient work as organist. Miss Hanley has been the faithful organist at St. Catherine's church for the past nineteen years, and her work has been director and organist as well until the past year when Mr. Murphy was engaged as director.

The presentation speeches were made by Miss Christina Lowther and Henry Leclerc, the oldest members of the choir.

Successful Sale.

One of the most successful sales held at St. Andrew's mission for a long time was held last Saturday afternoon in Recreation hall. The tables were well arranged and the trawls were trimmed and presented a fine appearance. The Ladies' Sewing Circle had on their table a large assortment of aprons, children's clothing and useful articles, and was well patronized. This table was in charge of Mrs. R. D. Prescott, Mrs. W. H. Fernald and Mrs. Bert Canney. The candy table in charge of Misses Bertha Collins and Marion Lord did a rushing business. Miss Edith Foster and Miss Rachael Cherry on the art table disposed of nearly all their stock.

The ice cream stand in charge of Miss Sarah Precious and Emily Collins was sold out before the afternoon was half over. The children's table drew a large crowd. Miss Caroline Precious and Ethel Collins were in charge here. Ham sandwiches and hot coffee were served by Mrs. R. D. Prescott, Mrs. George Sanborn, Mrs. Henry C. Phillips, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Nelson Prescott.

Mrs. Lord was unable to be present owing to illness. The proceeds netted will be used for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

LITTLETON.

The Action and Littleton lodges of Odd Fellows will hold a memorial service at the Baptist church on Sunday forenoon at 10.45. According to their custom they will decorate the graves of the fallen members in Westford cemetery.

Rev. and Mrs. Harrison L. Packard leave home on Monday, June 17, for their trans-continental trip. They will be gone six weeks, and on the way will visit Niagara Falls, Chicago, Grand Canyon in Arizona, Los Angeles and San Francisco, Cal. On the return trip they will stop at Salt Lake City, spend a week in Yellowstone Park, come through Colorado and stop at Colorado Springs and Denver. They will visit a week in Bay View, North Michigan, with Mrs. Packard's uncle, and then come directly home.

Hon. Frank A. Patch has been to New York on business this week.

Benjamin Conant, who has been in the Stillman infirmary, Cambridge, for nearly three weeks, came home this week Friday, if plans materialized.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle of the Baptist church will hold the monthly meeting on Wednesday of next week.

Miss Lovey J. Brown quietly celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday on Monday, June 10, at her home on Hartwell avenue. She was the happy recipient of a birthday cake from the King's daughters, and other attentions that brought forth expressions of pleasant recognition. Miss Brown enjoys good health and is well informed on local and national current events besides keeping her own mind well stored with valuable memories of the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCoy are at Hyannis for the commencement of the State Normal school, from which their daughter, Miss Bertha, takes her diploma next week.

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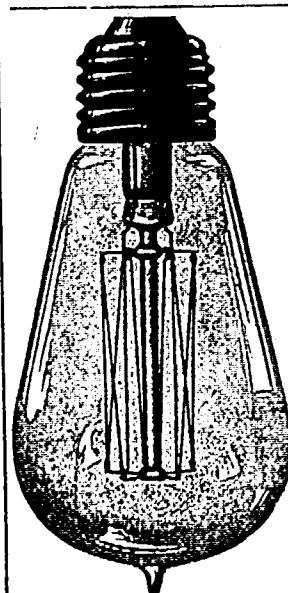
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Eugene N. Livermore made a trip to Brattleboro, Vt., the latter part of last week, to visit relatives and witness the pageant taking place at that city. Mr. Livermore returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Morris E. White, of Bellingham, Wash., arrived on Monday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Louise Livermore, of Chapel street, for an extended visit. Mrs. White's last visit to her sister in Shirley was in 1882.

Dr. and Mrs. Miller, of Harwich, were guests over Sunday at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel J. Wilson.

Mrs. John Desmond spent last Saturday in Boston.

Leon Mudgett spent last Saturday in Boston.

Miss May Wadsworth leaves town on Saturday for Lynn beach, where she has secured a position as an assistant in one of the large hotels for the summer.

The graduating class of the Shirley grammar school will hold its exercises in the grammar school room on Wednesday afternoon, June 19, at two o'clock. All interested are cordially invited.

The public schools held an exhibition of their work on Wednesday, a goodly number of the parents and friends being present on a tour of inspection, and the general opinion being that the pupils had made a very creditable showing.

Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, with two children, is spending a two-weeks vacation with relatives in Ashby.

The senior class of the Shirley high school will give a reception and dance on Friday night, June 21.

A. A. Filchuck, auctioneer, will sell by public auction on Saturday, June 22, at twelve o'clock noon, all the personal property of the late Seth R. Holden, consisting of standing grass, thirteen swarms of bees, household furniture, antiques, etc. Sale rain or shine.

Plans for Big Celebration.

A public meeting was held at the engine hall on last week Friday evening to outline plans and appoint officers and committees for a Fourth of July celebration which will include a parade of the town, sports, fireworks and band concert. The town appropriated at the last annual town meeting the sum of one hundred dollars for a celebration on that day, but just the amount of money that will be expended this year has not as yet been fully decided upon. The various committees have reported. It is hoped that the officers and committees will have the undivided support of all the residents and that the celebration of Independence day this year will eclipse that of any year, which attracted the attention of neighboring communities who were made to sit up and take notice at the magnitude of our demonstration which would have done credit to a good-sized city.

The next public meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, June 19, at the engine hall. At this meeting the presence of every male individual who is a resident of the town of Shirley is earnestly requested, as the officers and committees cannot make a success of the day's celebration without the co-operation of the people of the town as a whole, and the ideas and suggestions of each and all are respectfully requested.

The following officers and committees have been chosen to carry into effect the events of the day:

Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, chairman; C. Russell Miner, sec.; Henry W. Brockman, treas.; Walter Knowles, Chas. E. White, Jr., M. Stevenson, soliciting com.; J. Albert Dearborn, Leo Mudgett, Edward Harkins, Jeremiah Flynn, Fred D. Weeks, parade com.; Fred Steeper, Ezekiel Wilson, Harry E. Lynch, music com.; W. Lloyd Allen, Edward Harkins, Harry Collier, and Mr. Sullivan, Mr. McIntyre, of the Industrial school, sports com.; Walter Knowles, Leon Mudgett, and Guy Cook, advertising committee.

It was voted that the above committees report at the next meeting. Incidentally it was also voted to state that George P. Campbell, superintendent of the Industrial school for boys, has cheerfully consented to aid in the day's exercises with the assistance of all the boys and officers of the school, who will be remembered as prime factors in the celebration last Fourth of July.

Children's Day Observed.

Children's day was observed on last Sunday at the Congregational church, the seating capacity of the auditorium being taxed to its limit. The decorations and effects from the potted plants, lilies and wild flowers were very pretty. The program was interestingly carried out and was highly appreciated by the large audience in attendance. Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, the pastor, gave a brief and interesting address appropriate to the occasion, drawing a very unique illustration from Gideon's army of three hundred. The choir rendered choice music and the bright glow from the faces of the children gave tone to the service and made the sight a very inspiring one.

The ordinance of baptism was conferred on the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brill, Merrill Harold, and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Kaski, Wilcox, Maine. At the close of this service a potted plant was given to each and every member of the Sunday school, and also to every child present in the audience. A collection was then taken up for the benefit of the struggling Sunday schools throughout the country. This closed the children's day exercises and the committees in charge, consisting of Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, Elmer H. Allen, superintendent of the Sunday school, Miss Altie F. Howe, assistant superintendent, Mrs. Bessie Collier, and Miss Mary A. Park, are to be congratulated on the ideal manner in which the service was rendered.

Center.

C. C. Lane, publication agent of Harvard university, together with his family, has opened up his home here for a few weeks.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a very pleasant and well attended meeting on last Saturday afternoon on the Center common.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman spent the week-end with friends in Northampton.

The Girls' Sewing Guild will hold a social dance in the town hall on Saturday evening, June 15. Dancing from eight to 11:30 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Arlan orchestra. Ice cream and cake will be served.

The Matrons' Aid held a very enjoyable meeting on Tuesday afternoon at Elm cottage, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

Dr. Fuller, of Boston, was a guest of his brother, Howard Fuller, over Sunday.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange, on Tuesday evening, June 18,

the lecturer's hour will be "An evening with our domestic animals." The program will include music and animal stories. Each member is expected to be prepared to answer the roll call with some story or selection concerning a domestic animal.

Extensive repairs are being made at the Mary Anna home in preparation for the guests, the first of whom will arrive about the end of this month. On Saturday, Mrs. Sweetser entertained a party of thirteen of the overseers, who came to inspect the home, for the Baptist society.

Mrs. Frank Wood and sons, Hamilton and Philip, arrived in Boston on Saturday from California. Mrs. Wood and Philip are making a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wilkell, at Roslindale. Hamilton is spending this week with Stanley F. White at Worcester. They expect to come here later for a stay of several weeks.

Miss Allison B. Winslow spent Tuesday with friends in Cambridge.

Miss Christine G. Longley spent Tuesday in Wollaston in order to take a final examination at Quincy mansion school.

Mrs. Fuller attended the commencement exercises at Mt. Holyoke college this week. Mrs. Fuller is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke.

Olive Evans, little daughter of Mrs. J. W. Evans, fell on Sunday striking her knee on a sharp stone and cutting a deep gash, which required three stitches to sew it up. She is doing as well as may be expected, but is confined to her home. She is also suffering from an attack of whooping cough.

Howard Fuller has started work on the new barn which is to take the place of the one which was struck by lightning and burned several weeks ago.

Miss Hazel Cummings, of Fitchburg high school, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings.

The Shirley grange baseball team expects to play its first game on Saturday, June 15, with the Lunenburg A. A. The game will be played in the Woods field at the East.

Miss Thora Reilly, of Washington, D. C., who has been attending the graduation of her sister at Wellesley, was a guest of Miss Rebecca Chany on Monday.

Arthur R. Holden, of Middlebury college, is expected to arrive home on Saturday for the summer vacation.

J. Edward Adams, while running the engine of the new town sprayer at the East last week, caught his finger in the machinery, crushing it severely. He was attended by Dr. Hopkins, of Ayer. No bones were broken, but the finger was badly bruised and cut.

J. Robert Evans, of Bowdoin college, is expected home on Saturday for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Ardie A. Adams was a guest at the home of J. D. Moulton in Lunenburg over Sunday.

Miss Ruby T. Crockett, who has been attending Fitchburg Business college, has obtained a position as stenographer with the Simonds Saw Company, at Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed have returned to their home in Wollaston after a trip of several weeks abroad.

Miss Marion L. Holden, who graduates from the Fitchburg State Normal school this year, has obtained a position for the coming school year as a teacher in Bellows Falls, Vt.

Mrs. Steele MacKaye is expected to arrive next week to open her cottage for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Scott and daughter, Lizzie, of Providence, R. I., have been spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley.

Miss Elsie Kirby spent several days last week with friends in Lynn.

Rufus Hall is confined to his home with an attack of the measles.

Hazel Harris, who has been living for the past year at the home of Clinton Harris, has gone to Fitchburg to live at the home of her mother.

D. F. Carkins is making repairs preparatory to moving into the Elbridge White house at Woodsville.

Chapel Notes.

The annual Sunday school picnic of Trinity chapel was held on Monday afternoon at "Paradise." There was seventy being present. A baseball game between teams under the leadership of Mr. Wilcox and Mr. Duryea, of Groton school, was won by Mr. Wilcox's team by a score of 12 to 7. The ball game was followed by a series of races for the members of the Sunday school classes as follows:

Boys' run, prize baseball glove—Won by Gilbert Evans, Everett Buxton second.

Girls' run, prize a doll—Tie between Mildred Evans and Priscilla Sweetser, runoff being won by Mildred Evans.

Potato race for boys, prize a baseball bat—Won by Gilbert Evans, Everett Buxton second.

Potato race for girls, prize a fan—Won by Eleanor Longley, Mary Groat second.

Ball throwing contest, prize a baseball—Won by Everett Buxton, Gilbert Evans second.

Three-legged race for boys and girls, 1st prize pocket mirrors, 2nd prize souvenir spiders—Won by Gilbert Evans and Everett Buxton, Bernard Holden and Arthur Boutillier second.

Needle threading contest for girls, prize a souvenir tape measure—Won by Ruth M. Graves, Mrs. George Wetzel second.

Race for small girls, prize a necklace—Won by Florence Wilkins, Alta Graves second.

Ladies' race, prize a camp stool—Won by Pauline Sweetser, Christine G. Longley second.

Bob-wagon jump, prize a watch fob—Won by Everett Buxton.

After the races refreshments of ice cream, sandwiches and cake were served to all, and the remainder of the time was spent in playing games.

The last session of the Sunday school was held last Sunday. The boys, who had perfect attendance records were given neckties as prizes.

On Sunday afternoon, June 16, the children's day service will be held at Trinity chapel. Besides the regular service, a program of songs and recitations.

LITTLETON.

Miss Marion Flagg, of the Newton school, teaching here, was at home on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell have entertained as their guests this last week, their nephews, Herford and John Hartwell, of Somerville, and Miss Natalie Sleeper, of Boston. The sons, Chester M. Hartwell, and family, are expected soon from Michigan, to spend a large part of the summer here.

Thomas Stephens has been visiting friends and former neighbors in Manchester, N. H. During his absence from home his grandson, Howard Plummer, of Maynard, has been staying with Mrs. Stephens.

Henry F. Works has recently lost his best work horse, a valuable and trusted animal.

Preparing for Camp Life.

Dr. Joseph N. Murray's family went into his camp at Forge pond on last week Friday. They will enjoy the freedom of camp life through the month of June, when the cottage will be taken by A. A. Wyman's family, of Somerville, until the first of November. Curtis N. Drew's family will join the Murray family for part of this month.

Donald Ramsey and family, of Reading, of the Carter, Rice paper manufacturing company, go into one of the Middlesex camps on Saturday, June 15.

Malcolm and Walter Jewett and Alfred and John Stevens, brothers, of Wakefield, have hired another camp of Mr. Murray for the season, coming about the same time. Dr. Murray has bought out his partners in the Middlesex Camp Company, and runs the business independently.

A large bungalow is now in the process of building at Forge pond, the property of the Crowell family, of Chelsea.

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Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 11, dated May 21, 1912, proposed pole locations of the N. E. T. & T. Co.

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By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON, M. S. E., General Manager.

Dated this 21st day of May, 1912.

In Board of Selectmen

June 3, 1912.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is Ordered, That a public hearing be held in the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall, in said Ayer, on Monday, June 17, 1912, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all persons interested may attend and will be heard; and that the petitioner give notice thereof by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least three days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the Board mail written notice of the time and place of said hearing, at least seven days prior thereto, to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

ELISHA D. STONE, FRANK S. PIERCE, JOHN M. MALONEY, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest: JOHN M. MALONEY, Clerk of the Selectmen of Ayer.

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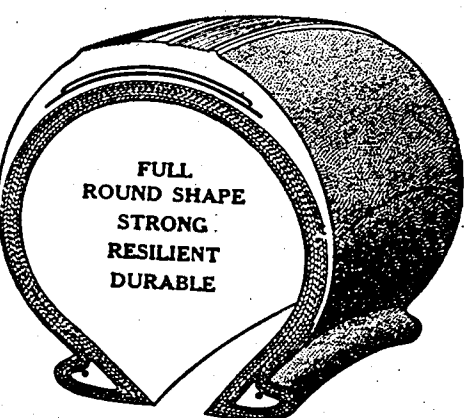
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GROTON.

News Items.

Born on Thursday, June 13, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Williams, of Chicopee row.

Miss Ada A. Bradley is looking better and her friends are glad to hope that her health is improving.

All the public schools close on next week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guest (Miss Wilhelmina Anderson) are getting ready to go to housekeeping in W. W. Ames' house on Willow Dale street.

In different localities in town tender vegetables were injured by the frosts of the early part of the week.

Views of California will be on exhibition at the public library until July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Hammons and daughter, from Chicago, Ill., arrived at Indian Hill farm on Monday evening, where Mrs. Hammons and baby daughter will remain with her mother, Mrs. S. W. Rork, for the summer.

Prize day at Groton school is this Saturday.

Daniel Needham is home from Harvard college.

John Bradley, coachman at the Lawrence farm, went to the Massachusetts General hospital on Tuesday to have the observation of the physicians.

Everett C. Williams has been on the sick list for a week or two and laid by from work.

Last week early Saturday morning, a suspect was arrested on what appeared very good evidence of having broken and entered Hodgson's market on Main street, where about twenty-five dollars in cash was taken and preparations made to appropriate goods. An account of the case with trial and result will be found under the court news at Ayer.

John Codson and Daniel Pressey, who go fishing together once every year, and are sometimes called the champion fishermen of Groton, took last week Thursday for their annual sporting day. They walked down Baddeck and back again, each bringing home a creditable string of fish.

At the Groton Improvement society meeting held at the Misses Warrens last Monday the reports of the committees of the parks and school grounds were given. The committee on the recent food sale reported \$74 the net proceeds. There will be no meetings of the society during the months of July and August, unless something arises to make the call for a special meeting necessary.

Charles B. Eddy was able to go home from the Groton hospital some about a week or ten days ago, but, as yet, we hear, is not able to resume work at the pumping station.

The annual strawberry festival of the Groton Historical society will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, June 17, commencing at eight o'clock. This is the closing meeting of the season. Hon. Levi S. Gould, county commissioner, will conclude his sketches of Revolutionary and Colonial Groton in alphabetical order of late at the June session of the Historical society. The refreshments follow the reading of the historical sketches. The public is invited.

The house purchased by Arthur G. Fuller from the heirs of the Abbott estate on Main street has been remodeled and is nearly ready for occupancy. There are to be two tenements.

Mrs. Kane and daughter, Miss L. W. Kane, are, it is said, going to move into the one nearest Mr. Fuller's residence, about the first of July.

Chief Riley had the pleasure some days ago of returning to Miss Lottie Paine, her watch which was stolen from her room when C. E. Bigelow's residence was entered. Miss Paine had thoughtfully taken the number of the case and on writing the manufacturers easily obtained the number of the works which helped in identifying her watch. The gold ring taken has not been found.

Mrs. Nelson Shumway, were in town for several days of this and last week, coming from Dorchester.

This coming Sunday forenoon, Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., will attend services at the Baptist church, Rev. Andrew Gibson being the preacher. The evening of Mrs. S. S. Paine will be held under the supervision of Miss Mary Parmenter, who has had the children drilling for the occasion.

Mrs. William Peabody, Mrs. W. A. Parkhurst, Dea. and Mrs. H. C. Rockwood, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, R. C. Clough and Mrs. M. S. Sawyer, attended the fifty-seventh anniversary of the Wachusett Baptist Bible school convention held with the Highland Baptist church, Fitchburg, on Tuesday, June 11.

Born Saturday, June 8, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Eaton.

The food sale held by the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church on the afternoon of June 6 was given good patronage, as also the entertainment and ice cream and cake sale in the evening.

The twelve characters in "Our church fair," carried out their parts in an exceedingly natural manner. The substitution of local names was very amusing and at times ludicrous, as was intended, in their application to home town folks. As a change from the ordinary plays, which usually have a plot and more or less excitement, this one, full of dry quiet humor, was quite entertaining, as it was acted out.

Thomas Halth of Granville spent Wednesday with his friend, Clarence J. Hemenway, a former fellow workman on the railroad at the Ayer yard. Mr. Halth when working at the yard met with an accident and lost a leg. Mr. Hemenway while at work there broke his leg and is still obliged to use a crutch. Both young men, using crutches, went to see the ball game between Groton high and Townsend Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. A. G. Kilbourn went in his auto Wednesday to Boston and brought back with him a patient from the hospital Dr. Samuel A. Green, who has been so seriously ill at the Boston City hospital. It is thought the chance will be beneficial, for though he has been improving his progress has been disappointing. Dr. Green was knocked down on the street in Boston by a horse several months ago. His worst injury is to his hip. He reads the newspapers every day, is cheerful and has an active interest in all that is going on in the outside world. He is eighty-two years old.

Archer Osgood, a brother of Charles E. Osgood of Champey street, passed away recently at the age of eighty-nine years at his home in Tulare, Cal. Mr. Osgood was one of a party from Milford, N. H., who went out in 1852 making the trip by way of the Isth-

mus. He lived in San Francisco following his trade of carriage-maker until the disaster of earthquake and fire. He suffered the loss of property and was broken in health ever afterwards. A kind, good man himself he did not suffer for anything, for kind friends gave him every comfort to the last.

Mrs. F. O. Parker and children from Pepperell visited her mother, Mrs. S. R. Mason and family this week.

Mrs. M. C. Sawyer after attending the Baptist convention at Fitchburg Tuesday went to Winchendon to visit her son, Ernest L. Sawyer, and family and may stay to the graduation of her granddaughter Ethel from the high school.

Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst was pleased a few days ago to receive from F. F. Whitney an invitation to the commencement exercises of the Yakima high school, Washington. The graduate is a son of the Rev. F. C. Whitney, a number of years ago pastor of the Baptist church here in Groton.

A number of the young lady friends of Mrs. Wilhelmina Anderson gave her a surprise shower last week Friday afternoon. They assembled at Mrs. P. J. Benedict's and then went to Mrs. Willard Tolles' who is Mrs. Guest's sister, each carrying some little housekeeping article. They were served most bountifully on ice cream and cake at Mrs. Tolles'.

The Book and Thimble club met with Mrs. Belcher on last week Friday afternoon. The subject considered was the high cost of living and the club will be with Mrs. Thomas Gilson, each one to choose her own subject to speak or read about.

The children's day concert at the Baptist church will be on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Rev. H. A. Wright, acting pastor, will give a short address.

Lawrence Academy.

The Lawrence Academy Alumni association find it quite difficult to get a correct list of graduates and former students at the academy owing to the imperfect cataloging. They ask that all who ever attended the school, whether graduates or students, will consider themselves invited, even if a formal invitation fails to reach them. No slight or omission is intended, although an oversight or mistake may occur. All who have an interest in the school, as well as pupils past and present, are cordially invited to be present. Come and see the new old scenes and acquaintances. Rev. Nathan Thompson, a former principal, is expected to be present. All his old pupils are especially invited to welcome him.

Grange.

Pepperell grange furnished the entertainment at Groton grange on Tuesday evening and all present passed an enjoyable time. The program was as follows: Original poem, Mrs. E. A. Barrows; vocal selection, Chas. Spaulding; talk on "Present agitation in Boston," Mrs. E. S. Starr.

Then there was a cake contest by unmarried members. A ring was cast in the cake which was cut into small pieces. Different ones who took part in the contest were blindfolded and required to pick up a piece of the cake with a fork. This was continued until the ring was found, when every body had a piece of the cake as far as it would go around. Miss Lottie Woods was the finder of the concealed ring.

Wedding.
The Sacred Heart church was the scene of a tasteful and every way well arranged wedding, when on Wednesday morning, June 12, the marriage of Miss Catherine Mae Dillbert and Thomas J. O'Connor was solemnized with nuptial mass, Rev. C. A. Finnigan celebrant. The decorations were of palms, pink and white peonies and other flowers.

The bride was handsomely gowned in white embroidered silk, veil over white satin and carried white sweet peas. Her bridal veil was caught with orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, Miss Florence O'Connor, sister of the groom, wore white over pink, with pink garniture and a white hat with pink and white trimmings. She carried pink sweet peas.

The bridal party entered to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Della Haley, who also sang "O salutaris." The wedding mass was celebrated by Rev. C. A. Finnigan, brother of the bride, and the ushers were her brother, Frank Dillbert, and her cousin, Thomas Smith.

There was a large attendance of relatives and friends from this and other towns in the vicinity—Pepperell, Ayer, Westford, Clinton and places in New York and New Hampshire. The townspeople responded freely to the general and cordial invitation to be present at the ceremony.

After the ceremony accepted the invitation to the reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dillbert, and sat down to the bountiful wedding breakfast prepared and served by a caterer.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor were generously remembered with gifts of money amounting to \$185, silver, cut glass and other elegant and useful gifts suitable for furnishing their home, which will be in New York.

When the newly-married couple had said their adieux and were ready to leave, J. H. Torrey was waiting with his automobile, seated in which they were driven out of sight, followed by the best wishes of all friends.

Clipping.

The following is a clipping from The Old Colony Memorial:
Miss Mary E. Carey died at the Faulkner hospital in Jamaica Plain after a long illness. She was born in Kingston, January 2, 1865, the eldest daughter of Dennis and the late Bridget (Power) Carey. Miss Carey possessed marked literary traits and was the author of a book entitled "Agnes O'Connor's surrender." Her paper, "The coming of the Irish," which was read by her at a meeting of the Jones River Village club, of which she was a member, will not be soon forgotten by club members who were privileged to hear it, and her work as an officer of the Kingston High School association will always be appreciated. While health permitted she attended St. Joseph's church and was interested in the work done in the parish.

Her remains were brought to Kingston. High mass of requiem was held at St. Joseph's church, Rev. A. F. Haberstroh celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, Plymouth. She is survived by her father and two brothers, P. H. Carey, of Detroit, Mich., and John P. Carey, of New York city.

Among the beautiful floral tributes was a handsome piece from John P.

Carey's Wall street friends in New York city.
Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Crowley, of Pleasant street, Groton, were relatives who attended Miss Carey's funeral on last week Thursday afternoon.

Resigns After Long Service.

Samuel W. Shattuck, controller of the University of Illinois, has given up his duties with the institution, with which he has been connected since its foundation in 1868. He began at that time as assistant professor of mathematics and instructor in military tactics. He was acting president for six months and first vice-president for two years, and has had charge of the business affairs of the university from 1873, until the present time. In recognition of his long and faithful service the Carnegie Institution for Advancement of Teachers gives him as he resigns a retiring allowance.

Prof. Samuel W. Shattuck was born in Groton in 1841. His early education was here in the town school and Lawrence academy, and he was a graduate of the Vermont State Military college. His ancestry as the grandson of a captain in the war of 1812, and the great-grandson of a captain in the revolutionary war is well-known to all who have dinner at the university. His active career in the civil war, where he engaged in many battles, is one of honor. Prof. Shattuck is a member of the G. A. R.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The anniversary exercises will take place during the week beginning June 16. Sunday at five o'clock, the baccalaureate sermon will be given before the senior class in the academy chapel. Rev. H. A. Bridgman, D. D., editor of the Congregationalist, will be the speaker. Miss Willoughby, former teacher, will be present and render violin selections.

Tuesday evening a public meeting of the Gamma Beta society will be held.

Wednesday commencement exercises in the First Parish church will take place at 10 o'clock. Recitations at the academy of the school will be served at one o'clock.

Baseball game between the present team and the alumni at three o'clock. Reception held in the town hall at eight o'clock, given by Principal and Mrs. Clough to invited guests.

The class is as follows: Charles Blaine Schenck, N. Y.; Stuart, Dudley Halligan, Canastota, N. Y.; George Edward Hammond, Rockville, Conn.; Burton Hart Hoar, West Acton; Charles Rufus Keenan, Lexington; David Blockshin, New York; Harry William Wallace, Hopkinton; William Daniel Wicks, Haverhill.

Examinations for the closing term will take place on Monday and Tuesday. Any desiring to enter the school next year can make application at any time.

Graduation Exercises.

The following is the program of the graduating exercises of the Groton high school, which is to be held on Thursday evening, June 20, and the list of graduates:

Oration, "Athletics in school and college," William J. Baker Bullard
Oration, "Victory," Charles R. Woolley
"Jack and Jill" (three parts) St. Jarvis
Essay, "Weather lore," Evelyn B. Dodge Schubert
"Who is Sylvia?"
Oration, "Modern engineering feats," Philip S. Mason
Serenade, "Wild bird" (five parts)
Ruth Davis (Obligato), Elsa Harris, Philip S. Mason, G. Cedric Moison, John B. Lovell, Stanley Groton, Woods, William J. Baker, Charles R. Woolley.
The class and presentation of class gift
Acceptance of class gift
John H. Manning, principal
Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana Mascagni
The school
Presentation of diplomas
Rev. C. B. Howe
Benediction
General course—William John Baker, Mary Louise Boynton, Evelyn Boynton, John B. Lovell, Stanley Groton, Pepperell and Leominster. Libellee objected to doing housework and caring for the children and insisted upon working in the shop, leaving the children in a neglected condition, so that the state society for the protection of children had to take them in charge. August 26, 1908, while libellant was at his work, libellee took away part of the furniture from the house and the parties had not lived together since, though libellant had repeatedly asked her to. While they lived together he had to do most of the cooking, washing and housework.
Michael F. Smith, a Leominster police officer and Charles H. Rice, chairman of the board of poor, corroborated the testimony of the libellant.
A decree nisi was granted for desertion and libellant was given custody of minor children.

West Groton.
Jessie, the beautiful collie dog belonging to R. V. Blinn, was taken sick recently and the best of medical skill could not save her. She died Tuesday, June 11.
Mrs. Horace Sprague, of Denver, Col., is visiting relatives here.
The subject of the C. E. meeting on Sunday evening was of unusual interest. "The duty of being pleasant." The meeting will be led by Miss Isabel Bixby.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Northrup expect to occupy the house in the Groton road owned by William Baker, of Milford, N. H. Mr. Northrup has recently been employed at the leather board mill, and the young couple have boarded with their sister, Mrs. Talmage Kierstead.

Arthur Jarvis is visiting with friends in New Hampshire.

The Sunshine Band have sent a donation of fifteen dollars to the floating hospital and presented an equal sum to the Christian Union church Sunday school. They also gave twenty-five dollars toward the expense of placing electric lighting in the church.

A. W. Lamb and Frank Cottrell, superintendent and master mechanic respectively at the paper mill, attended the church dinner at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute on Thursday.

At the last meeting of the L. A. S. at the home of Mrs. Roy, Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge entertained with a humorous reading which was much enjoyed. The ladies noted the equal amount of one hundred dollars, for the reduction of the parsonage mortgage. The next meeting, and the last before the summer vacation, will be held on Thursday, June 20, with Mrs. E. K. Webber returned on Thursday.

Mrs. G. Webber returned on Thursday from her trip to Poughkeepsie, having passed a delightful week at the commencement exercises at Vassar college. Mrs. Webber, of Ayer, was in charge of the housekeeping affairs during her absence.

Graduating exercises will be held in the grammar school room on Wednesday evening, June 19, beginning at 8.15. Both seventh and eighth grades are taking examinations for the high school and diplomas will be given to all who pass. The usual school routine will follow, with music and recitations. All friends will be cordially welcomed.

Miss Grace Bixby is spending a three-week vacation from her hospital duties at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby.

At the first conference of Union churches under the auspices of the Massachusetts Federation of churches held with the Union church of Groton, on Tuesday, June 11, the subject of the afternoon was "The three types," viz.: the Union society, the Union church with denominational affiliations, the independent Union church. The second type was represented by Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, of West Groton, who gave an address upon that subject.

H. Spaulding has lately made three ventilators and placed them in the gables of the church. It is hoped, by preventing the accumulation of moisture, to stop further decay of the walls. The chapel is receiving a coat of paint.

G. H. Bixby, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Kierstead, took a motor trip to Boston on Thursday, returning with little Seth Kierstead, who has been in the Children's hospital during the last three weeks. If the operation has been as successful as the surgeons hoped for, the little fellow will now be able to walk.

Howard Spaulding, of Cleveland, Ohio, who spent Sunday at his home here, left for Boston on Monday to attend to the business part of his trip. He remained in that city until Thursday, when he attended the alumni dinner of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, taking the late afternoon train for Cleveland.

"The striped sweater," given by members of the Keystone club on Wednesday evening was well patronized. The boys are complimented on all sides for their realistic acting and the delicious quality of their home-made ice cream. A good sum was added to the treasury.

Last in Series.

The fifth and last of the series of entertainments given under the auspices of Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U. house on Monday evening of last week, and was a decided success. Pitt Parker, manager of the Boston Lyceum Bureau, is a wonderfully rapid cartoonist, and his crayon pictures were indeed perfect gems. His work was accompanied by a monologue consisting of continual flashes of wit, balanced by occasional bits of philosophy.

The soprano soloist, Miss Shultz, with an extremely pleasing personality and a well trained voice of remarkable sweetness, completely captivated her audience. She was accompanied upon the piano by Miss Violet McKenzie, of Townsend, a pupil of N. G. Proctor, pianist of the Arian orchestra.

Children's Day.

An unusually interesting children's day program was presented by the younger members of the Sunday school at the morning service last Sunday. Recitations were given by Ruth Melish, Ruth Bixby, Marian Parker, Dorothy Thompson, Bertha Harrington, Madeline Parker and Dorothy Bixby; a dialogue, "The daisy," by Irene Bixby and Lillian Clarke. Several exercises were given by the various children, one especially interesting, entitled "We're in." A very pleasing number was a solo by Vera Donovan. The above exercises were interspersed with singing by the choir, by the various classes and by the Sunday school chorus. The professional was as usual, an interesting feature. Two little ones, Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bates, and Carolyn, daughter of Mr. C. C. R. Dudley, were presented for baptism.

Certificates of promotion from the cradle roll to the primary department were given to Winifred Shores, Adelaide Boutelle, Marjorie Wright, Ruth Bixby, and Stanley Groton. Bibles were presented to those having reached their seventh birthday during the past year: Bertha Harrington, Vivian Boutelle, Jessie Robinson, Madeline Parker, Edward Webber.

Divorce Case.

The superior court at Fitchburg heard the divorce case of Waldo A. Howland of Leominster vs. Martha Howland, Monday. The libellant testified that the parties were married at Lowell, October 31, 1896, and lived together in Lowell, West Groton, Pepperell and Leominster. Libellee objected to doing housework and caring for the children and insisted upon working in the shop, leaving the children in a neglected condition, so that the state society for the protection of children had to take them in charge. August 26, 1908, while libellant was at his work, libellee took away part of the furniture from the house and the parties had not lived together since, though libellant had repeatedly asked her to. While they lived together he had to do most of the cooking, washing and housework.

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HARVARD.

News Items.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss S. E. H. Farwell with Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Green of Westboro took an auto trip here, calling on friends and relatives.

On Sunday last Misses Remis and Disney of Worcester were guests at the Crossley residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Atherton of Boston have opened the Sawyer house on Oak hill for the summer months.

Mrs. Martha Hazard is at Tuskegee institute, Ala., with her son, Walter Hazard, who is sick there with typhoid fever. He has passed the crisis and is slowly gaining strength enough to travel north.

Wm. Meekings, who spends his summers here, is again in town staying with Mrs. Carman. He is employed at Dr. Paul Thorndike's summer residence.

Rev. George Jones was called very suddenly to his home in Syracuse, N. Y., last week. His mother is seriously ill. Owing to this fact there was no service at the Unitarian church last Sunday.

On Sunday next there will be no service at the Orthodox church. A union service will be conducted at the Unitarian church at 10.45 a. m. Rev. H. B. Mason will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Bromfield school. The public is cordially invited.

The graduating exercises of the Bromfield school, class of '12, will be held at the town hall on Wednesday evening, June 19, at 8 o'clock a. m. The public is invited.

Carl Dickinson has his men at work on the lawn about the residence of George F. Pollard putting in a wide

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cement walk from the piazza to the street.

The population of Harvard was materially increased on Tuesday, June 11. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ithel Ryan and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Veasie.

Mrs. A. L. Haskell and daughter, Elsie Haskell, started this week for Kenmore, N. Y., where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace H. Small. Mrs. Small is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Haskell.

George C. Maynard has secured for this week the use of the large high-powered spraying machine, the property of the City of Fitchburg. This machine carries five lines of hose and will throw a spray up into our high elms about the common. It certainly is a great saver of time.

The Bromfields played the Pepperell high school on Bromfield grounds on Wednesday. It was a fast game from start to finish, the score being 3 to 1 in favor of Bromfield. Last Saturday the Bromfields defeated the Westford-Littleton team here by a score of 3 to 2.

Earle O. Turner received notice from the M. I. T. Boston, this week of his successful passing of the work of his sophomore year. Mr. Turner will enter the school again this fall as a junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King, who have been visiting relatives in Vermont the past three weeks, were en route to Marlboro, where they make their home with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Morse.

Eldress Edna E. Fitts, with Sister Emeline, of the Hancock makers, are guests of Eldress Josoline.

The case of McMahon vs. the town of Harvard was tried at the civil session of the superior court at Fitchburg on Wednesday before Judge George A. Sanderson and a jury. After hearing the evidence Judge Atwood, of Ayer, counseled for the town moved the court should rule in favor of the defendant, as the points he passed upon were of law rather than of fact. The court took this view of the case and ordered the jury to return a verdict for the defendant. The case was one of tort in which the plaintiff, Michael McMahon, of Harvard, sought to recover damages for an alleged defect in the highway known as Fairbank road.

One of Thomas McNiff's younger children fell out of a second story window last Tuesday. Aside from knocking his wind out for a few minutes the boy received no injury.

Wm. F. Shores with his auto took Ithel and George Ryan, Frank Hyates and Bert Haskell to Fitchburg last Monday night to attend the circus.

Miss Nina Perkins is entertaining her mother from Franklin, N. H., in town this week.

Miss Nina A. Perkins, who has served so successfully as teacher in the third and fourth grades at the Center school here, has resigned, to take a second grade in Malden with a salary to start at six hundred a year. While we congratulate Miss Perkins on her success in her school work we regret that the town is to lose so efficient a teacher.

Mrs. Quincy Bull of Worcester suffered a severe shock on Friday of last week and without regaining consciousness passed away on Wednesday evening, June 12, at her home.

Funeral services will be at Leominster. Mrs. Bull was sister-in-law to Mrs. H. Emma Whitney of this town

and was also related to other families here.

Graduating Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the pupils of the grammar school passed very pleasantly at the town hall on Thursday evening. It was a cool evening and the townspeople filled the hall and very plainly showed their appreciation of the work of the children and their teachers. The decorations showed lots of work. The ceiling was festooned with bunting while the stage and walls were covered with bunting, flowers and green. The class motto: "Work, wait and win," appeared in large letters above the arch of the stage.

To say that any one exceeded in good work during the entire performance would be partial to the rest. The whole program was carried out without a single hitch or break. The promptness of the children was remarked upon. The costuming was also very elaborate and represented a great deal of work and thought. Credit is certainly due the teachers for their painstaking efforts and also to the children for their hearty cooperation. The spirit of unanimity which exists among our teachers and superintendent in and out of their school rooms is very commendable.

The program and list of graduates follows:

Part 1—Overture, "Cinderella in flowerland." Chorus, grammar and intermediate.
Part 2—Recitation, "Wounded Daisy." Martina Hazard; class essay, (a) Earl Stone, (b) Willard Bagster; presentation of diplomas, Supt. A. R. Paul, J. E. Maynard; to the graduates, grades 3 and 4; farewell to graduates, Morrill Sprague; good-night, grammar and intermediate.

Graduates—Jessie Grant Cameron, Martina Elizabeth Hazard, Mrs. Eudora Morse, Dorothy Evelyn West, Rachel Spurgeon Farnsworth, Carrie Elizabeth Houghton, Priscilla Bradley Shores, Leo William Madigan, Carl Edwin McCoe, Herman Lee Steadman Thomas, Earl Stone, Leland Augustus Whyte, Richard Alexander Crossley, Willard Halcome Bagster, Gerald Borden Willet.

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Center.

News was received here this week of the birth of a little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge, of Plymouth, on Tuesday, June 11.

A. N. Fessenden, Elmer Wallace and Charles Stickney left on Wednesday morning for a ten-days' fishing trip to the Connecticut lakes in Northern New Hampshire. Several more were to join the party at Peppercell. Mr. Fessenden took most of the party by auto and the others are to go by train.

Clarence Sherrin, who has been suffering from a bone abscess on his hip, was operated upon at the Fitchburg hospital, Fitchburg, on Tuesday morning. Dr. Ely, of this town, Dr. Lowell, of Fitchburg, and two other doctors, one a visiting bone specialist, attended him at the operation. Latest reports say that he is getting along comfortably.

Mrs. Frank Miller and two little sons, of Haverhill, were recent visitors at Charles Moulton's.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Warman and family, who have been spending the winter in Portland, Me., are at her father's, Rufus Brown.

Children's Night at Grange.

There was a large attendance at the grange on Monday night when children's night was observed by appropriate exercises given by the visiting children. The entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Bertha Drake, Mrs. Frank Woods, Mrs. Angle Lang and Mrs. L. U. Clement also assisted. The feature of the evening was a coaching parade led by Miss Helen Higgins as marshal, then followed Miss Mildred Stearns as flower girl to the bride, who was Miss Emily Brown. Her bridal train was held by little Master Wilson dressed as a page. Then came all sorts of nationalities, burlesque plays, etc. There were Indians, a Chinaman, clown, Uncle Sam, America, the Gold Dust Twins, a cart with kegs from the Fessenden Company, little Robert, dressed in his milk can in a wheelbarrow representing his father's milk business grange farmers, and many others.

Little Miss Doll, dressed in white, with a candle stick, represented the "Good night" time. Several of the little girls in the parade wheeled their dolls in decorated carriages, and one represented a nurse girl. The procession marched around the room to music played by Prof. A. G. Seaver, and the Gold Dust Twins, who were, and James Haynes and Albert Cowland, pelted the company with peanuts. After the entertainment the children were treated to ice cream and cake in the banquet room.

The following is the program: Welcome, John Mosier, coaching parade; recitations, by a Gold Dust twin; "Mosquito lullaby," Louise Drake; Mildred Stearns; song, three farmer boys in costume; violin solo, Edna Haynes; recitation, Master Sherrin Stearns; song, Mrs. Mabel Brackett.

Baseball.

Townsend A. A. opened up its season's games last Saturday at the local grounds and the boys have begun strong. Swicker, our pitcher, allowed not even a single hit to the visiting Cleghorn A. C.'s of Fitchburg. There was also a large crowd of fans out all ready for the first game and the season promises to be a brilliant one. The score was 1 to 1 in favor of Townsend, and Swicker really deserved a shut-out, but a wild throw and an infield out and sacrifice fly enabled the visitors to squeeze in their one run. Swicker had fine support and the ball was seldom knocked out of the infield during the whole game. The Fitchburg team played well, but could not seem to hit the ball. There were two accidents, the first happening in the practice work before the game when Stephen Keefe got a swift thump between the eyes by a swiftly batted ball which gave a peculiar bound as he rushed to gather it in. However, he pluckily played the game out, and now carrying severe black and blue marks. Catcher Joslin, of the Cleghorn team, had his middle finger hit and the nail was split and the finger badly bruised. Dr. Henry Boynton attended both the injured men.

Nashua A. A. is scheduled to play here this Saturday and say they are bringing a strong team.

West.

Miss Mabel Thompson is visiting relatives in Somerville and vicinity, and Miss Agnes Thompson is a guest of Miss Inez McElligott, of Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis have closed their house on Main street for the summer and gone to their camp at Stoddard, N. H.

The first ball game of the season on Farrar's field was played on last Saturday between the Belgrade Rug Company nine and Fessenden's mill nine, resulting in a closely-contested game of eleven innings, which was won by the Fessenden men by a score of 13 to 12. The batteries were Tumbler, Tenney and Rusk for the Belgrades and Farrar, Ward and Greeley for the Fessendons. Rusk and Farrar starring for their teams. The grounds are not yet in good condition and the home team lacked practice, but they are expecting some good games this summer.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Killy of Josselynville on Friday morning, June 7.

Mrs. Mary Blood and daughter Lulu visited relatives in town last Sunday.

Frank Cover and party, from Lowell, enjoyed an auto trip to the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch was called to Fitchburg on last Saturday by the death of a relative and Miss Alice Welch assisted in the postoffice during her absence.

The many friends of James Flynn and family, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who spend their summers here, will be glad to learn that their son Homer, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis, is sufficiently recovered to be able to resume his school work, and that the family expect to arrive here for the summer about June 28.

A party of twenty-five from here attended the convention of the Fitchburg Baptist Sunday school at the Highland church in Fitchburg on Tuesday. The large carrying twenty-three left the Baptist church at 7.45 in the morning, and returned shortly after seven in the evening, and was driven by Justin C. Hodgman. Two attended the convention by auto.

Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville, suffered a slight shock at her home early Tuesday morning. Owing to her advanced years fears were entertained as to the outcome, but at last reports she had rallied and seemed greatly improved.

Mrs. Rosetta Hodgman, from New York, widow of Dr. Hodgman, a former resident here, has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman for the summer.

Mrs. Addies Whidden, from Townsend Center, has been spending a few days this week with Mrs. Angela Barrett on Bayberry hill.

Mrs. Louise McElligott, who has been visiting friends in town, returned to her home in Somerville last Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan returned from a visit to relatives in Melrose last week.

Miss Blanche Sprague, teacher of the grammar school, has been quite ill at her boarding place. Alexander Reed substituted for Miss Tower at the primary school that she might attend the convention at Fitchburg on Tuesday.

James Thompson, of Boston, has been spending a few days with relatives in the village.

Samuel Wares met with a painful accident while at work on his farm on the Fitchburg road last Monday. His horse stumbled and threw him off, striking on his side and shoulder and laming him quite severely.

On Wednesday the Ladies' Literary and Social Circle enjoyed their annual outing to Lowell for the day. Five were the representatives of the society, Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Mrs. Charles B. Stickney, Mrs. Herman W. Law, Mrs. Josephine Boynton and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson. The party left on the early train and returned at night after a most enjoyable day.

Mrs. Smith, of Boston, is quite ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rodney Richards.

Walter E. Wilder will preach at Townsend Center, N. H., on Sunday morning.

Miss Emma Olmstead, of Waltham, has been at the home of her sister, Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville, this week.

Charles B. Stickney and party have returned from a fishing trip to Connecticut lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson have moved from the Robert Thompson house into the west tenement of William Tenney's house, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will take possession of their home at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, from Beverly, are visiting Mrs. Dunn's sister, Mrs. Perry V. Sawtelle.

An alarm of fire was sounded at about eight o'clock on last week Thursday evening, for the old Thompson place on Bayberry hill, but before the fire company could respond the buildings were burned to the ground. The occupants of the farm had moved only the day before, and the owners of the place, Robert and Joseph Thompson, had spent the day looking the buildings over and planning repairs, and when they left late in the afternoon everything was in good condition and it is the opinion of all that the fire was incendiary, as the three recent fires in that locality are also believed to be.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the high school at the Center on Sunday evening, but provision will be made for the regular evening service here.

Miss Emily Orr, of Lynn, is stopping at her tenement in the Manning house on Main street for the present.

Children's Day.

The annual children's day was observed at the Baptist church on Sunday, the pastor preaching an appropriate sermon at the morning service, and the annual concert being given by the children of the Sunday school in the evening under the direction of Mrs. Charles Hodgman. There was a large attendance and the following program was presented:

Song, "Welcome," school, assisted by the choir, responsive reading, Sub. Arthur Smith and school; prayer, Rev. S. D. Ringrose; recitation, "Pansies," Gertrude Hamilton; exercise, "Our mission," boys' class; recitation, "God wants the girls," Alice Wilder; song, "Cheerful songs are ringing," school; recitation, "God wants the boys," James Rusk; exercise, "Buttercups," primary department; duet, "The Rose of Sharon," Misses Ina and Alice Wilder; exercise, "The talkers," Lawrence Thorpe and Ralph Davis; exercise, "Four angels," Misses Gladys Rawson, Sadie Bell, Marie and Anna Wilder; song, "Welcome children's day," primary department; recitation, "Birds," Walter Davis; song, "Send God's word," school; recitation, "Do as the children do," Ruth Bennett; collection; remarks by superintendent and pastor; closing song, "God is on the throne," school.

This concert was one of the best presented and reflects great credit upon the little ones and their teachers. The platform was prettily decorated with a mound of laurel foliage and buds.

Held Monthly Banquet.

On Thursday evening, June 6, the sixth monthly banquet of the Townsend Brotherhood was held in the Baptist vestries, fifty-two men and nineteen boys, the members of the Knights of the White Shield, being present. The rooms were prettily decorated in scarlet and white crepe paper streamers, bunting and scarlet pennants, and the tables bountifully supplied with salads, hot rolls, strawberries, cakes, fancy pies and hot coffee, were ornamented with bouquets of lilacs-of-the-valley and Junepinks.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Loren Clevenger, D. D., of Somerville, and the guests were Rev. C. L. Eldridge, of Greenville, N. H.; W. L. Land, of Ashby; Abraham White, of Ringden, N. H.; and Charles Norton, of Somerville.

The president, Dr. H. B. Boynton, occupied the chair, and after the rendering of a solo by Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, which received two hearty encores, introduced the speaker of the evening, who gave a masterly address on "Masculine Christianity," which was received with close attention and hearty applause.

Rev. Eldridge followed with a few remarks along the line of the speaker, and Mr. Loveland and Mr. White expressed their pleasure and appreciation of the movement. After a few telling remarks by Mr. Norton and Mr. Ringrose closed the program with a hearty invitation to the Sunday services, and a rising vote of thanks was given the speaker, and also the ladies who had assisted in making the occasion a success. It was also voted to send a letter of congratulation to Rev. Maurice Levy, of Newton, who was elected recording secretary of the Northern Baptist convention.

Harbor.

Dr. A. Cohen and family, of Baltimore, Md., are at Seven Pines farm for the summer.

Walter F. Lewis, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. G. H. Jones, started for Everett on last week Friday en route for Sanford, Me., where he resumes his electrical work.

Miss Clara M. Noyes, of Malden, spent the week at Seven Pines farm.

Clipping.

The following clipping was taken from the Norwich, Conn., Bulletin,

of June 8, under the heading of Putnam, Conn., and gives an interesting sketch of a former resident of Townsend Harbor, who is to be promoted from station agent at Putnam to the same position in Norwich, Conn.

"G. L. Baldwin, who has been the agent here since November, 1909, of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., is to be transferred to Norwich in a few days to succeed E. C. Jewett. It was learned here on Friday, June 7, who is to go to Putnam to succeed Mr. Baldwin had not been decided on that day.

"Mr. Baldwin is one of the most popular agents that has ever represented the company in this city. He has been efficient, gracious and attentive to every demand of the public. He has given an administration of the duties of an office that brings him into close contact not only with the residents of this town, but with the traveling public as well, in such a wholly satisfactory manner that the regrets expressed at his departure will be sincere and wide-spread.

"While Mr. Baldwin has been a resident of this city for a period of less than three years, during that time he has made himself a citizen who was interested in local affairs, and who came to have a wide acquaintance with the people of Putnam.

"Mr. Baldwin came here from Franklin, Mass., as did Mr. Jewett, whom Mr. Baldwin will again succeed at Norwich. He has been with the New Haven road for fourteen years, all of the time as an agent, and the fact that the stations to which he has been successively assigned have been in turn of increasing importance, is evidence of the standing he holds with the company. Previous to going with the New Haven road, Mr. Baldwin was for two years identified with the motive department of the Boston and Maine.

"For some time after entering the employ of the New Haven system, Mr. Baldwin filled assignments as special agent. His first regular assignment was at Needham Heights, Mass., station, where he served for a period of less than a year. He was then sent to Needham, Mass., where he was agent for five and one-half years, from here to Franklin, Mass., remaining three and one-half years, and from there to Putnam.

"His long experience as a railroad agent shows itself in the business-like manner in which his duties are discharged. His regular assignment was on Friday in declaring their disappointment over the fact that he is going to leave the city.

"Mr. Baldwin is vice grand of Israel Putnam lodge of Odd Fellows here, a member of Norfolk lodge of Masons of Needham, and a member of the New England Association of Railroad Agents. He is married and has two children.

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BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

(S840) Boston, June 10, 1912.

On the Petition of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company for authority to act as a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight in the town of Ayer, as granted by the selectmen of said town in an order dated April 1, 1910; and on the petition of said company for approval of location for turnout in Central avenue in the town of Ayer, established under an order of the selectmen dated April 22, 1912, the Board will give hearings to the parties in interest at its office, No. 20 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, the twentieth day of June, instant, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

And the petitioner is required to give notice of said hearings by publication hereof once prior to said date in the Ayer News and Turner's Public Spirit, newspapers published in Ayer, to serve a copy hereof on the Town of Ayer, and to make return of service at the time of hearing.

By order of the Board,
ALLAN BROOKS,
Assistant Clerk.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BOARD OF RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS.

(S841) Boston, June 10, 1912.

On the Petition of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company for authority to act as common carrier of newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight in the town of Ayer, as granted by an order of the selectmen of said town dated November 10, 1910, the Board will give a hearing to the parties in interest at its office No. 20 Beacon Street, Boston, on Thursday, the twentieth day of June, instant, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

And the petitioner is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof once prior to said date in the Ayer News and Turner's Public Spirit, newspapers published in Ayer, to serve a copy hereof on the Town of Groton, and to make return of service at the time of hearing.

By order of the Board,
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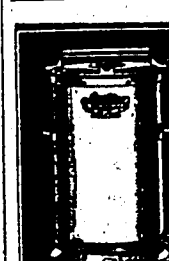
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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
John Ellsworth, who has been night operator at central, left last week to accept a position in Hopkinton, Mass. Miss Charlotte Leslie succeeds him as night operator.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood have returned to their summer home in North Hollis. They spend their winters in Florida.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society held its last meeting for this year on last week Thursday in the vestry. They completed all the articles to fill the barrel to be sent to the Home Missionary in North Carolina. It will be packed soon and sent on its way.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Moss, of Nashua, who lived several years in Hollis, have the sympathy of their friends in town because of the serious accident to their little girl. Mr. Moss lives on Amherst street, near the new chair factory which is being built. Several children were about the place playing together, when one of the trucks came along loaded with sand. The sharp iron on front ran against the Moss child's foot and cut one tendon through. She was taken to the hospital. The doctor's consider the foot is doing well, but cannot tell yet in what condition it will be when entirely well.

At a church meeting held at noon last Sunday, delegates were chosen to represent the church at the eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Hillsboro County Association of Congregational and Presbyterian churches, which met in Pelham on Tuesday and Wednesday. The delegates were Mrs. Estie Hardy and Miss Lucinda F. Read. Eight besides them attended on Wednesday, and two others attended on Wednesday.

D. R. Pierce, road commissioner, is busy with the grading of the roads of South and West Hollis.

Mrs. C. J. Bell went to Littleton, Mass., Tuesday afternoon, for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank Dodge.

Mrs. Jason Reed went to Orono, Me., on Wednesday to visit her oldest son and family, Lowell Reed, who is an instructor in the Maine university.

Mrs. E. K. Jewett visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. Julia R. Rideout, in Wilton last week Thursday.

Mrs. Sophia White, of Schenectady, N. Y., is visiting her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Hayden.

The high school class of 1912 gave a dance on Thursday evening at the town hall. Music was furnished by Thayer's orchestra, of Pepperell.

Children's Day Observed.

The children of the primary and junior departments of the Sunday school rendered the children's day exercise "Blossoms," last Sunday in a most creditable manner. The exercises were presided over by the superintendent of the school. The singing and recitations were very interesting and well rendered. They were assisted by the choir singing the opening hymn and a recitation by Miss Ruth Goodwin. All the rest was done by members of the two departments. There was a cradle roll exercise, when four new names were added to the roll. Potted plants were presented to each member of the cradle roll. The perfection with which the exercises were shown showed great pains and work by the committee for the day, which consisted of the officers and teachers of the primary and junior departments.

A new case of scarlet fever which broke out in the family of Bert S. Brown, took some away who were helped, but the whole affair was finely given. The church was filled with interested people.

The evening service was in charge of the C. E. society, and was conducted by E. A. Hills. The topic was "Mining the Oregon country."

Current Events.

Mrs. Ella M. Farley has been spending a week in Hillsboro, visiting relatives.

Herbert Colby, Miss Bess Colburn and Mrs. Sarah Sullivan visited in town on Sunday, making the trip in Mr. Colby's auto.

Owing to another case of scarlet fever in town the primary and intermediate schools have closed. The high and grammar school on Friday of last week, but the other schools were to have another week, finishing June 14. The school board thought it advisable to close and it was no doubt a good idea.

Miss Annie B. Newton left town on Tuesday morning to spend the summer with relatives in South Asburnham.

Ralph Brown, son of Bert S. Brown, is afflicted with scarlet fever. Miss Grace Marshall is at the Brown home caring for him.

William Creighton and Miss Clara Arlin, of Townsend, enjoyed an auto ride to Hollis on Sunday, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William MacMaster.

Miss Bessie Robbins visited in Ayer on Tuesday.

Miss Marie Hanson, of Winchester, Mass., is visiting with Mrs. C. T. Guelling.

Mrs. Norman Bennett and children, and Miss Gladys Denaull are out on a short visit in Cambridge, Mass., visiting friends.

Miss Alice Pollock has begun her new duties at Mrs. Andrew Spaulding's and will be there for the summer.

Mrs. Ralph Herrick was in Boston for a few days last week.

John L. Woods and grandson, Leland H. Woods, visited Frank A. Woods in Townsend on Sunday and had the pleasure of seeing Atwood's ship being towed through Townsend.

Leland H. Woods has entered the employ of Fred Bancroft, of Littleton, for the season.

Children's Day.

Last Sunday proved to be a beautiful day for the children and there were a good many of them out at the children's day exercises at the church. Instead of the regular service at 10.45 in the morning the exercises were given by the children. Mrs. Emily Jewett was in charge of the day and showed a great deal of ability and interest in the work. Songs and recitations from the different Sunday school classes made up the program, with now and then responsive readings. Special mention might be made of the solos rendered by Miss Ruth Hazard and Miss Phyllis Snow. They were sung very sweetly and showed much musical tact.

The cradle roll, which was a prominent feature, was called and as each child's name was called, if he or she were present, they were taken to the front of the church and presented with a potted plant by Mrs. Emily Jewett in behalf of the Sunday school. Those who were not present had their little plants sent to them. The exercises passed off remarkably well and much thanks was due to the committee who had them in charge.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.
Charles Wilkins begins work at the Icehouse this week and will soon move his family here.

Mrs. Ellen Swett was a guest at Milford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gifford are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Gifford, at Manchester. Mrs. Gifford will be remembered as Miss Lulu Cochran, daughter of Carl Cochran, of Wollaston, Mass., and former residents of this town. The great-grandmother is in her eighty-seventh year and is visiting here this week greeting her old neighbors and friends. Mrs. Bella Cochran is the lady and in spite of her many years she enjoys good health and can take a good long walk with any of the girls. Each time she comes some familiar face is gone.

Last week Prof. Josef Yarrack furnished the entertainment for a family reunion at the home of George E. Kunhardt, at North Andover, Mass. The reunion was held on the lawn and was a fine affair as was the entertainment. On Saturday, June 8, the professor played for the city of Boston at the Lyceum, in the Neponset hall, it being the first of the Chester day celebration to observe the 282 anniversary of the settlement. In crossing the city Mr. Yarrack was among the street railway men in Boston and the suburbs, having to leave one car for another, where they were smashing windows in the cars, etc. and was obliged to walk quite a distance. He was glad to arrive in old Brookline on Saturday night alive.

W. H. French, who has been on the sick list for a few days, appreciates the many gifts of flowers from the church and individuals which were received on last Sunday. Little Miss Esther Martin, on her way home from the children's concert, called and gave her recitation and little Miss Helen Rockwood presented him with a pretty bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. Mary Jane Bosworth, residing at the Elmwood, passed her eighty-ninth birthday anniversary on Sunday, June 9. About twenty of her friends were invited to meet her. She greeted them all with her old-time hospitality and all enjoyed the afternoon. Refreshments were served and the lady received many dainty remembrances of the day, birthday cards and many good wishes for the future.

Two men, posing as preachers of the gospel, Salt Lake City, were in town one afternoon last week. No one would keep them over night. One man directed them to the police station, as they said they had no money, they were obliged to walk back to Milford.

Mrs. Minnie (Taylor) Fisher, from Worcester, was a guest in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Kennedy announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Beatrice, to Joseph Francis Attridge, whose wedding is to take place on Tuesday, June 25. A reception will be held at their home, Pinehurst, East Pepperell, at eight o'clock in the evening.

Orville D. Fessenden attended the constitutional convention at Concord last week as a delegate from this town.

Frank L. Willoughby went on a business trip to Manchester last week.

Mrs. Lilla Hardy visited in Pepperell on last week Friday.

Children's day was observed at the Congregational church on last Sunday. Following an illustrated address by the pastor, was the children's concert, about twenty-five taking part. Jeanette, Robert, John and Mary Nisbitt entertained the congregation with two songs in the Punjabi language. In the evening the vestries were filled to their full capacity, the Methodist people having been invited to attend, and Miss Hadley, a native of India, gave a talk upon the customs of the natives and her work with her sister, Mrs. Nisbitt, in that faraway country. Miss Hadley talk was very interesting and held the close attention of her audience.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Helen M. Hall on Tuesday afternoon and had a very pleasant meeting.

Tenders Resignation.

Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle has resigned as teacher and principal of the old Hancock school in Boston, and as a closing tribute to her forty-eight years of service, some five hundred Boston women out of the 1700 she graduated, attended a reception in the Hancock school, lower hall, Friday evening, June 7.

Miss Sawtelle was born in this town sixty-nine years ago, and after graduating from Salem Normal school she taught district school for two years, going to the Hancock school, Boston, in 1894. She was made master's assistant in September, 1879. She taught the eighth grade for thirty-five years, till eight years ago, when she was made principal of the Hancock school.

She has had charge of one of the largest elementary school districts in the city, including 2300 pupils, sixty-three teachers and three buildings, the Hancock, Paul Revere and Cushman schools. Recently seventy teachers, a number of whom were former pupils of Miss Sawtelle, tendered her a dinner at the Hotel Bellevue, and she was presented with a diamond pin.

This is Miss Sawtelle's last year as a public school teacher, and steps will be taken to perpetuate the memory of their beloved teacher by placing a tablet, bronze bas relief, or some other appropriate decoration, in the Hancock school by the pupils.

Miss Sawtelle has been a summer home here in Brookline and her many friends here hope she may live many years to enjoy it.

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PETITION OF AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS.
To the Board of Selectmen of Ayer, Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents Ayer Electric Light Company that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures upon, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked Nos. 7 and 8, dated June 10th, 1912.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal purposes.

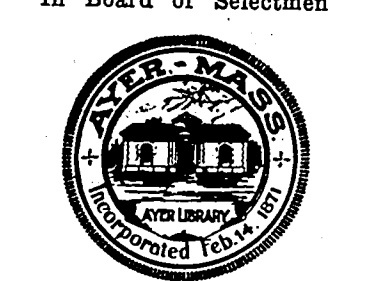
The following are the streets and highway above referred to:

Shirley Road or West Main Street. As per plan	1 pole
No. 7	
West Street. As per plan	1 pole
No. 8	
Total	2 poles

By **L. WHITCOMB**,
Superintendent.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1912.

In Board of Selectmen



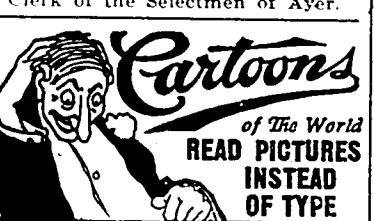
June 10, 1912.

Upon the foregoing petition it is Ordered, That a public hearing be held in the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall, in said Ayer, on Monday, June 24, 1912, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all persons interested may attend and will be heard; and that the petitioner give notice thereof by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least three days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the Board mail written notice of the time and place of said hearing, at least seven days prior thereto, to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

ELISHA D. STONE, FRANK S. PIERCE, JOHN M. MALONEY,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of MARY A. W. CHAMPNEY of Ayer in said County, an insane person; and to the State Board of Insanity:

Whereas, THOMAS F. MULLIN the guardian of said ward, has presented for allowance, his first and final account as guardian upon the estate of said Mary:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the nineteenth day of June A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said guardian is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same 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, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, and also by delivering a copy of said citation to said State Board of Insanity seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3158 **W. E. ROGERS, Register.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of FRANCES A. DAY late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same to the undersigned, or to make payment to ELLA FLORENCE DAY, Executrix.

11 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. May 27, 1912. 3138

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