

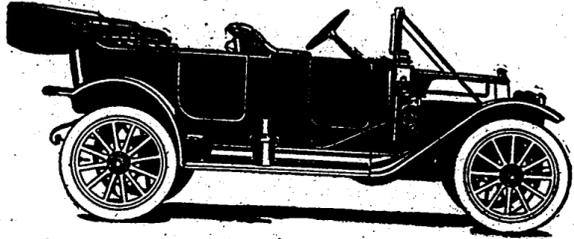
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LITTLETON.

News Items.
The Littleton Improvement society met on last Saturday evening and began the work of selecting committees for the various features of the mid-summer fete to be given in August. There will be another meeting of the society this evening in the selectmen's room.

The Charles M. Thayer house, formerly owned by Joseph Robbins, has been shingled and painted, making a marked improvement in its appearance. The tenement house nearby, property of E. P. Sheehan, is nearing completion, and will very soon be ready for occupancy by James McManus, who is employed by Mr. Sheehan.

The roadside from the Stratton farm to the Harvard line has been much improved by the clearing away of brush and the cutting down of trees.

Roland Whittier has been sick for several days and unable to attend to his usual work in the factory.

The children of the Baptist Sunday school are preparing for their annual children's day concert. The Sunday evening meetings at the Baptist church are held in the upper auditorium.

Frank H. Smith and Grace E. Blanchard, both of Littleton, were married in Ayer by Rev. Joseph W. Thomas on Wednesday, May 22. Mr. Smith is a well-known carpenter, who has been in the employ of Needham & Fletcher for several years.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith in Boston, Thursday, May 23.

Frank Moore is expected from Chicago today. He will make his home with his father, James F. Moore, and work in Boston, going back and forth on the train daily.

Littleton high school was defeated by Lancaster last week Thursday on last Saturday by a score of 14 to 4.

Hugh McDonald sold a Hudson automobile to L. A. Wetherbee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McDonald spent the first few days of the week at his parents' home on Taylor street.

Harri Steele's cottage on King street is much improved by the recent repairs and two coats of paint.

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck sailed from New York last week Thursday for Europe. They took the Mediterranean and will land in Genoa, Italy.

Mrs. John Lemley, who sailed from Boston on April 27, writes of safe arrival at Naples, a beautiful voyage, with quiet sea, best of service, and a very congenial roommate.

Frank Wilkins and family have moved to Connecticut. The McClellan family, now living in the Henry Ramsdell house, will move into the Conant & Houghton cottage on Great road, vacated by Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Chauncy, N. Y., came to Littleton last week to attend the funeral of his niece, Helen Handley.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Couper attended the Cornell boat races on the Charles river basin on Thursday. Mr. Couper was especially interested as Cornell is his alma mater. They also visited this week with Mrs. Lona Gay Billings, in Hingham.

George Hutchinson has been confined to his bed with a severe case of neuralgia. Roland Whittier has also been very sick and is still unable to get about much.

The High School Alumni association is making a special effort for a celebration somewhat out of the usual this year, as next month marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first graduation from our high school.

Mrs. S. Elizabeth Whitcomb is spending the week with her sister in Worcester.

William Davis is the possessor of a new automobile.

Conant & Houghton have recently purchased a pair of handsome bay work horses.

Walter McKinley has taken Myron Balthrow's place on the Union Tea route.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith writes from Lake Ossipee, N. H., of six rainy

days in ten where she is located, and adds that there is plenty of snow on Mt. Washington yet.

"Missionary progress in Asia," is the subject of the C. E. meetings tomorrow evening.

There will be the usual preaching service morning and evening at the Congregational church Sunday.

A. C. E. rally of this district will be held at the Baptist church Saturday, June 1. Another announcement will be made later.

The Sunday evening preaching service at the Baptist church is held now in the church auditorium instead of the vestry.

Marshall Murray of Westford and married Wednesday evening by Rev. Harrison L. Packard at the Congregational parsonage.

Miss Bertha McKinley of Woburn is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley.

Fred C. Hartwell and daughter, Mrs. Hollis Robbins, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell started on an automobile trip to Hillsboro, N. H., Thursday morning to be gone four days.

E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., will decorate the graves of their fallen comrades on Thursday, May 30, commencing at Groton at nine o'clock a. m. and at Littleton at two p. m. A procession will be formed near the town hall at two o'clock. Carriages will be provided for the children, as usual. At Westlawn cemetery appropriate ceremonies will be conducted by the members of the post. Upon the return of the procession to the center, exercises will be held in the town hall, consisting of an address by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, singing by the Ladies' quartet and the usual G. A. R. service. The Everett Drum corps has been engaged for the afternoon. E. Frank Jacobs will act as chief marshal, assisted by Harry Barker and Benjamin Conant.

All citizens and public schools are invited to participate and bring flowers. Please take flowers to the town hall during the forenoon.

Clifford Shedd, who has worked for Flagg Brothers the last two years, is going to take Morton S. Alward's place with Hartwell & Hosmer, and will move into the John S. Hartwell house, now the possession of G. W. Whitcomb.

The water commissioners have hired J. Harold Remick as engineer for the pumping station. He will have charge of both pumping and electric lighting plants. Mr. Remick is a native of Rye, N. H., a graduate of the high school and a former student in the electric department of Lowell institute.

The contract for pole and wire construction of the electric line has been awarded to M. K. Kendall & Co. of Boston. Fred C. Hartwell has already cut about 250 chestnut poles for this line. Work will be begun in the near future.

The town of Littleton has received an allotment of \$5,000 to be expended on state road somewhere between Ayer and Littleton.

The probabilities are that the state road between Nagog pond and old common will be resurfaced with asphalt and stone.

The Littleton Improvement society holds another meeting in the selectmen's room tonight to continue selecting committees and making further plans for the mid-summer fete to be held in August for the benefit of town improvements.

G. H. McFadden shipped a fine herd of Ayrshire cattle from the U. S. quarantine on Wednesday. Their destination was Pennsylvania. He expects to import another herd that will be in quarantine here within a few months.

Mrs. Herbert Whitcomb has recovered from her illness and left her son's home yesterday, with Miss Florence Whitcomb, for Unity, N. H., where both will spend some time in Heywood Hartwell's country home.

The horse and carriage voted for at the March town meeting arrived this week.

Charles S. Robbins, of this town, and Martin DeWitt, of Maynard, were riding in their automobiles near North Acton last Sunday when the two cars collided, causing considerable injury

to the motors, but little to the men, save the shock given to the nervous systems.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Packard were called to her home in Antrim, N. H., early in the week by the death of her father, which occurred on Sunday.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright of
Quincy were week-end visitors at H.
L. Wright's this last week.

Miss Pauline Dole of Boston has
been renewing former associations in
Westford this week.

The apparatus for out-of-doors
basketball has been set up back of
the academy this last week.

The tent given to the Boy Scouts by
the Tadmuck club has been pur-
chased by Mr. Coggeshall and will
have its initial use on an outing this
Saturday.

John M. Fletcher is among those
who are having their buildings nicely
renovated with fresh painting.

Mrs. Homer M. Seavey has been
attending the anniversary week meet-
ings in Boston and at the same time
visiting with her mother at the lat-
ter's Cambridge home. Mrs. Ida M.
Gould has been superintending Mrs.
Seavey's home during her absence.

The time-honored observance of
Memorial day will be carried out on
much the same lines as in previous
years. The graves of departed com-
rades will be decorated by the veter-
ans on Sunday. Memorial day the
Nashua band will be in attendance
at the exercises at the hall and later
give a concert in the afternoon. Rev.
Lyman E. Weeks will give the ad-
dress and the Grace Universalist
quartet of Lowell will sing. Dinner
will be served at noon to the veter-
ans and their wives at the members of
the band and the singers and other
invited guests for the day.

There will be no service at the Con-
gregational church Sunday morning.
All will participate in the union ser-
vice at the Unitarian church. There
will be the usual services Sunday
evening.

The cottage which Mr. and Mrs.
Will R. Carver recently purchased
and are remodeling into a summer
home is taking on a most attractive
and transformed appearance. A wide
plaza has been added across the
front and one side of the house. In-
side the tearing out of a partition
a large living room has been made
also a bath and many other
changes and improvements have been
added. This work has been in the
care of P. Henry Harrington. Out-
side the grounds are being graded
and made attractive and the grove
and land at the east of the house
which under a recent ownership was
a cluttered and unsightly place has
been thoroughly cleared up. The
outside work has been in charge of
John A. Healey.

Oscar R. Spaulding is soon to be-
gin work on the house owned by him
next his own home. This is to be
extensively and completely remodelled
for the accommodation of two fam-
ilies.

The Westford friends of Mrs. Wil-
liam Atwood will be sorry to hear of
the serious accident which recently
happened to her at her home in Day-
tona, Fla. While doing some ironing
with an iron heated by gasoline an
explosion took place and Mrs. At-
wood was seriously burned about the
hands, head and face. That her life
was saved was probably owing to the
fact that Mr. Atwood was nearby to
render assistance and that he was
able in turn to get his brother, Dr.
Edward Atwood, without delay to
care for her.

A recent improvement under the
direction of the town fathers is the
setting of new posts and iron rods at
the sides and rear of the town house
to fasten horses to.

While the average member relaxes
from club activities for the summer
the officers and executive board of
the Tadmuck club are busy with
meetings preparing a program for
another season. These meetings thus
far have been held at the home of
Mrs. H. V. Hildreth.

Mrs. Arthur E. Day and son Nor-
man have been on the sick list and
under the doctor's care with serious
colds.

Grange.

The last meeting of Westford
Grange was Patriotic night and was
in charge of Mrs. Josephine Pres-
cott. An excellent program had been
planned and was well carried out
the only drawback being that owing
to the extremely rainy night the veter-
ans who were the special guests of
honor were unable to be present.

After the business session the meet-
ing was an open one and the Gran-
iteville male quartet were present and
gave various patriotic selections with
excellent effect. The members of this
quartet are Henry Smith, Alvin Nel-
son, Horace Couter and Robert Mac-
Carthy. There were readings by Mrs.
Perley Wright and Mrs. Alvin Nel-
son and song by Miss Rachael Wal-
ton; also a patriotic tableau with Mrs.
Perley Wright as goddess of liberty
and Walter and Austin Fletcher as
soldier boys. There was singing by
John S. Greig and Rev. David Wal-
lace gave an address on "Patriotism
in times of peace." A unique flag ex-
ercise completed the program.

The next meeting June 8 will be
children's night in charge of Mrs. S.
B. Wright.

Obituary.

Mrs. Andrew S. Wright passed
away early Wednesday evening of
this week after a somewhat prolonged
illness. Death was due to Bright's
disease.

Mary Abby Garvin was born in
Portland, Me., on September 16, 1833,
the daughter of James and Abigail
Kimball Garvin. When she was three
years old her parents removed to East
Boston, where her childhood and girl-
hood were spent. April 4, 1861, she
was united in marriage to Andrew
Stevens Wright. The earlier years of
her married life were spent in
Chelsea and in Charlestown, when
she came with her husband to West-
ford, making her home with Mr.
Wright's aged parents and an uncle
until their death. Later for many
years she cared for her own mother
until she died at the advanced age
of 102 years. When speaking in a
reminiscent way, Mrs. Wright often
said her life work had been the care
of old people.
On May 6, 1877, Mrs. Wright united
with the Union Congregational church
and has always been a loyal and de-
voted member to its best welfare and

interests. She was always keenly in-
terested in the temperance and mis-
sionary cause, and all worthy objects
of sympathy and interest found a re-
sponsive interest with Mrs. Wright.
Mrs. Wright is survived by an only
brother and a number of nephews
and nieces. One of these, Mrs. Etta
Garvin Lewis, has made her home
with Mrs. Wright for some time, and
she has given to her in every way a
dauntless companionship and care.

About Town.

Rev. Seth Walker, the eloquent Ad-
vent preacher, has been transferred
by authority of the Advent church to
New Bedford. As one of our Stony
Brook scholars and native of West-
ford we are all glad to learn of his
assignment to a field of labor that
more properly measures his ability.

The new steel bridge which has
been planned for nearly a year on the
Stony Brook railroad over Stony
Brook highway, was laid on Sunday
by the New England Construction
Company. Every laborer fitted his
post and every part fitted the bridge
as planned and train service proceed-
ed on the old bridge and the new
bridge without being called upon to
wait longer than the usual "slow"
safety signals. A large number of
laborers and loafers took part in lay-
ing the new bridge. It is a substan-
tial structure, but complaint is made
that it is too low for space for all
kinds of travel to pass under and
every time a new bridge is built space
room grows less.

A fire started on Tuesday evening
on woodland owned by Amos Polly
on the old back road leading to Plain
road. Owing to damp surroundings
it was easily subdued by a fire ex-
tinguisher and three shovels, backed
by a thunder and lightning shower
at the close of the fighting. The con-
ditions were all unfavorable for a
large fire. Had the conditions been oth-
erwise a large fire could not have been
avoided with the whole heavily wood-
ed plains before it and the evening
before it. As it was the fire seemed
to be better satisfied to go out than
to proceed with odds of a damp and
unfavorable nature.

Union Memorial services will be
held at the Unitarian church on Sat-
urday, which will include the Methodist
and Orthodox churches. As usual,
the veterans will be escorted to the
church. The musical part of the ex-
ercises will be given by the united
choirs of the three churches. The
sermon will be given by Rev. Lyman
E. Weeks, and the subject will be on
"Memories of liberty."

John J. Walker, of Natick, one of
the old-time scholars of the Stony
Brook school, was in town on Sun-
day on a visit to his brother and sis-
ter, Charles E. and Miss Belle Walk-
er, who keep the old Walker home-
stead on Main street well preserved.
Fruit culture is being run on mod-
ern methods at the Read farm and
everything looks like prosperity.
About 3500 fruit trees have been set
out this spring and strawberries are
plentiful that it makes the old-time
look like a renewal of its old-time
prosperity.

Forge Village.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson, of Boston,
is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Eliza-
beth Splain.

Mrs. Arthur B. Parrott, who has
been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nester
Parrott, of Lynn, returned home last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goode, of
New York city, are making prepara-
tions for their summer season at their
cottage on the banks of Forge pond.
Mrs. Flood, who has been a resi-
dent for many years, left last week
for Michigan, where she is to make
her home with her daughter.

Mrs. Lucinda Reed entertained her
granddaughter and great-granddaugh-
ter, Mrs. Harry Ingalls and Miss In-
galls, at her home on Pleasant street
over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bennett, of
Boston, were the guests at the home
of Mrs. Harriet Randall on last Sat-
urday and Sunday. They are to spend
their vacation here this year.

Charles Eaton, of Graniteville, who
some time ago purchased a lot of
land from Joseph Barnister on Pine
street, is planning to build a modern
house the latter part of the summer.
On last Saturday, Dr. W. H. Sher-
man, of Graniteville, conveyed Mrs.
Wilkinson, of Pine hill, to the Wor-
cester State hospital, where she will
be treated for a nervous trouble.

Percy Kilminster, of Howarth, Eng-
land, is visiting at the home of his
brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Naylor, of Pine hill.

Miss Isabel Carney and Mrs. Cross,
of Groton, spent Monday evening as
guests of the young ladies of St. An-
drew's mission in Recreation hall.
The evening was spent in a most en-
joyable manner, and everyone is look-
ing forward for the next meeting.

Miss Grace Dacey and Thomas
Mitchell, who arrived here from
Keighley, England, last week, intend
to reside here in the future.
Daniel Sullivan, the son of Mr.
and Mrs. John Sullivan, was stricken
with appendicitis on last week Wed-
nesday night. On consultation with
different doctors, it became necessary
to carry him to St. John's hospital,
Lowell, on Friday morning, where
he was operated on for the above
trouble. Latest reports from his
bedside are to the effect that he is
resting comfortably.

Cameron school will close on next
Thursday, it being Memorial day.
Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy, of
Lowell, have opened their cottage for
the season. They are at present en-
tertaining a party of friends.

Miss L. V. Ward, principal of Cam-
eron school, commenced work on the
summer garden on Thursday after-
noon. She had under her charge all
the school children, who after get-
ting the ground in order, sowed their
seeds. The children will find this
study of plants a most interesting
one, and are indebted to Julian Cam-
eron, of the Abbot Worsted Com-
pany, for the use of the land.

Charles Dodge, of Lowell, is busy
preparing to open his summer cot-
tage at Forge pond.

Two large cottages have been built
during the past few months by Ar-
thur B. Parrott on the shores of the
pond. Mr. Parrott received a con-
tract recently to build another.

John Spinner, sr., is still in a very
critical condition at his home on
Pleasant street. Miss Morrison, a
trained nurse, from the Lowell Gen-
eral hospital, is yet in attendance.

Judging from the beautiful ap-
pearance of the blossoming fruit
trees this will surely be a banner year
for apples and other fruits.

The fields and lawns present a fine
appearance after the recent rains.
Many amateur farmers have been
busy planting various seeds, and if the
weather keeps near normal, all will
have a good crop for their pains.



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Graniteville.

The White Sox and the Beacons, of
Lowell, of the Suburban League, played
an interesting game of baseball on
the local grounds here last Saturday
that was full of surprises. The White
Sox finally won by the score of 11 to
7. The White Sox will play in
North Chelmsford this Saturday.

On last Saturday the regular Gran-
iteville team visited Ayer and defeated
the strong Ayer A. club of that
town by the decisive score of 10 to 2.
On Saturday, May 25, the Gran-
iteville club will play at home and will
have for an attraction the strong
Y. M. C. A., of Lowell, for opponents.
The Lowell club is considered to be
the strongest semi-professional ball
club in this section, and the local
boys fully realizing that they have a
big task on their hands will try hard
to land a victory. Game is to be
called at three o'clock.

In St. Catherine's church last Sun-
day morning, both masses were cele-
brated by Rev. M. E. Doherty, who
delivered an eloquent sermon on "The
power of prayer." Mr. Doherty's ser-
mons are always listened to with
deepest interest, but that of last Sun-
day appeared to be more keenly ap-
preciated than all his previous efforts,
and considering the fine discourses
that have been delivered here by him
in the past, this is saying a great
deal. There were large congrega-
tions at both masses. The usual May
devotions were held in St. Catherine's
church on last Wednesday evening.

Owing to the union Memorial ser-
vice that will be held in the Uni-
tarian church on Sunday morning,
there will be no service in the M. E.
church on Sunday morning. The regu-
lar evening service will be held at
the usual hour.

F. G. Sullivan and R. J. Hemen, of
Court Graniteville, F. of A., have re-
cently returned from the annual For-
esters' convention that was held in
North Adams.

Thieves at Work.

Some time late Saturday night or
early Sunday morning thieves broke
into the house of John Mattson in
West Graniteville, ransacking all the
rooms of the lower floor and taking
some five or six dollars that were
found lying around loose, as well as
a gold neck chain of Mrs. Mattson's,
and a gold ring that belonged to her
daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones. The
family who were asleep upstairs heard
the burglar at what was going on
beneath them and the first intimation
they had of the break was when they
came down in the morning and found
the contents of bureau drawers scat-
tered about the floor, and the rooms
very much in disorder.

An investigation was made when
it was found that the thief or thieves
had searched anywhere and every-
where in their quest of money, even
going so far as to try to open the
baby's bank, where Mrs. Jones kept
her savings. The burglar had a com-
bination lock and was very bulky in
size, with little in it at the time, the thieves
thought it best to leave it.

Entrance was made through a win-
dow that had been left unlocked, and
although the thief still is rather near
the ground, an old wash boiler was used
to stand on, which goes to show that
the thief was rather short in size
and wore a number fifteen collar.
This latter deduction is made owing
to the fact that the night thief
took a couple of Mr. Mattson's fresh-
ly laid collars before he left the
house. The local constable, C. W.
Brooks, has charge of the case and
will keep a close watch that further
trouble of this nature may be nipped
in the bud in the future.

Aside from the above break, other
losses have been reported during
the past few days, such as tools and
diamonds being stolen from H. V.
Hildreth's quarry and numerous iron
wedges taken from Thomas Rafferty's
quarry, all of the above places being
in the vicinity of West Graniteville.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.
O. A. Price, a student at Andover
Theological seminary, occupied the
pulpit in the Congregational church
last Sunday morning and delivered
an excellent sermon upon the sub-
ject of "The call to universal brother-
hood," from thoughts suggested by
the wonderful prayer of Jesus Christ
to his Father, as given in the seven-
teenth chapter of John, and especially
in the twenty-second verse, "that they
may be one even as we are one."

Rev. Hollis Campbell will deliver
the Memorial day sermon on Sunday,
May 26, in the Congregational church
and there will be a union service as
is the custom, on or before May 30.

Miss Eldora Jones, who journeyed
westward eight months ago, and spent
the winter with friends in California,
is again at home, having arrived in
Lunenburg on Thursday.

Mrs. Ernest Conway (Burnapp), of
Richmond, Va., gave her parents and
family a most delightful surprise
when she arrived at home on last
Sunday evening. They were expect-
ing her a week later, hence the pleas-
ant surprise of her arrival one week
earlier than was expected. She will
remain several weeks, visiting among
her many friends in this vicinity.

Henry Wilbur has moved into the
home of Wilbur A. Lacey, Mrs. Kelly-
ie's father, on Massachusetts avenue,
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SHIRLEY.

News Items. Miss Mary Chaisson visited in Athol last Sunday.

Joseph Gionet is critically ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gionet.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Gionet, who have both been sick for a year or more, have departed for their old home in Carquet, N. B.

Miss Lucy Chaisson, in company with her brother Joseph, visited in Lawrence last Sunday.

At the last regular meeting of the Union St. Jean DeBaptist, Herbert Guilbault and Michael G. Gionet were elected delegates to the ninth district convention to be held in Fitchburg on Sunday, May 26.

Elmer H. Allen started on Tuesday evening on a brief business trip to New York city.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening May 27, at eight o'clock.

Mrs. John M. Stevenson, who has been very ill for the past two weeks, is improving nicely.

Miss Arline Wilbur, of Cushing academy, spent over Sunday at her home on Center road.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan, of Lowell, spent over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neill.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bronson spent last Sunday in Worcester, Mr. Bronson occupying the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Todd in exchange.

The members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge; also, the members of Fredonia lodge, I. O. O. F., will observe Memorial day on Sunday, May 26. The members of both lodges will meet in their respective lodge rooms at 10.30 o'clock in the morning and march in a body to the Baptist church where an appropriate address will be given by the pastor, Rev. Archibald G. Adams, after which the members of both lodges will march to the Village cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased members. The public is very cordially invited to the church service which commences at 10.45.

Master Earle Weare, ten years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr., broke his right leg just below the knee on Monday afternoon. The break was a clean one and was set by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, assisted by the nurse from the Industrial school. Earle is improving finely, and after the usual enforced confinement of about six weeks, will be all right again. The break was caused by an accident during play, he wrestling with another boy who threw him more violently to the ground than was intended, hence the result.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner.

The young people who cut up a few capers on the evening of May 1, have made good what they damage they did and apologized to the social committee and the offended parties.

Frank Dadmun, assistant depot master, and Forrest Hooper, Jr., freight clerk at the depot, have both accepted their positions to take effect about June 1. They will leave town for Edmontown, Alberta Territory, Canada, where they expect to remain.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Alice L. Wright was elected president, and Mrs. E. H. Conant, sec. and treas. At the close of the business session, Mrs. Rolfe, of Concord, gave an address on "Missions." Refreshments were then served and a social hour followed.

Thomas Getens, of Leominster, has re-opened and taken charge of the barber shop formerly run by Daniel Tetreau.

A Poland was arrested by Thomas C. Burrill, special police officer, on Monday morning, charging him with assault on the Matski boy and the girl. He was fined fifteen dollars, which he paid.

Clarence Hooper is confined to his home with bronchitis.

The following are the names of all the players in the Shirley cornet band: Joseph Davis, director, Fred Sleeper, Lester Wells, Leon Mudgett, Ralph Wheeler, J. Albert Deardon, Ezekiel Wilson, Stanley Wells, Wacławas Kawabus, Toney Vilkas, James Horan, Oscar Sibley, Joseph Gionet, Wallace Kittredge, Felix Gionet, George Devarney, Harry H. Lynch, Michael Onners, Charles Devarney, Ralph Jenkins, Guy Cook and Harry Colver.

Sixteen from Shirley attended the Choral Union concert in Fitchburg on Wednesday evening.

Forrest Hooper, sr., is making arrangements to leave town as soon as he can dispose of his tinsmith business. He intends with his family to locate in Edmontown, Alberta Territory, Canada, where he will engage in the construction of new buildings which are being erected by Mrs. Hooper's brother, who is one of the capitalists of the Canadian Northwest.

The George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., will arrive in Shirley on Memorial morning at 1.30 o'clock in the morning and decorate the graves at the Village cemetery. They will then be entertained at dinner in Odd Fellows' hall. The party will then leave for Shirley Center.

Rev. Henry Tate, of Chicago, paid a visit to the home of Mrs. Cummings on Tuesday, leaving on Wednesday for Vermont. Mr. Tate was pastor of the Baptist church thirty-three years ago while he was a student at the Newton Theological seminary. Mr. Tate is now engaged in commercial life.

Mrs. Samuel B. Scott, of Chapel street, reached the eighty-second milestone in life's journey on Tuesday, May 21, and the kindly remembrances of friends and neighbors made the day most pleasant and enjoyable. Mrs. Scott, who recently recovered from a severe illness, was as well in health as her advanced age would permit, and in her usual cheerful and hospitable manner greeted her callers cheerfully. Mrs. Scott delights to indulge in reminiscences of by-gone days.

To Furnish Power.

The increased facilities at the power station of the Leominster Electric Light & Power Co., and the installation of a Corliss engine, which increases the capacity of the plant by fifty percent, has been accomplished so that the company can extend wires to the State Industrial school, Shirley. The state institution is to be supplied with feed wires which will furnish light and power.

It has been stated that the company intends to extend its wires to include Harvard and also Ayer, but Supt.

Spring of the Leominster Electric Light & Power Co., would not verify this statement. He said feed wires would be extended to the Shirley Industrial school, but further than that he could not state.

The company will not have to apply to the town of Shirley for any permits to enter its streets with its wires, for according to the plans which have been perfected the feed wires will be extended along Mechanic street to the Shirley line. From this point the company has secured a right of way over private property to the Industrial school ground.

A five-years' contract has been made with the Industrial school for both power and lighting. It is to be expected that the institution will take about a hundred horsepower a day.

Made Attractive.

The new proprietor of the hotel, John Desmond, will formally open his hotel, now known as the Shirley Inn, on Tuesday evening, May 25, when a reception will be tendered to the public. The evening will be made a most delightful one and it is the every wish of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond that every one will avail themselves of this opportunity to enjoy their hospitality and inspect the inn, which has been completely transformed and made attractive throughout at a big expense. C. H. Hardy, of Ayer, has been busy for some time with a force of carpenters making the required alterations, while decorators, painters, paper hangers and electricians and plumbers have applied the finishing touches. The large barn adjoining has been used for the storage of material. Cement walks leading to the entrances have also been laid and the grounds around the buildings are being beautified.

Every guest room in the house is replete with all new furnishings, each chamber being equipped with white enamel iron beds, heavily surmounted with brass, easy chairs, rich wall paper of a pretty design and restful shades, with floor covering and pictures adorning the walls, making the atmosphere of home very pronounced.

As one ascends the stairway on the north side of the building and enters the main hall of the second story, attention is at once attracted by the cheerful surroundings, for on this floor is located the office which is connected by electric bell with every room in the house. To the right of the office is the dining-room for guests here the snowy white linen, the gleam of silver and appetizing odors with cosy arrangement of detail make it simply ideal. To the extreme east on this floor is located the private suite of rooms for the proprietor, Mr. Desmond, and family, which consists of parlor, sitting-room, dining-room and chamber. The appointments of these rooms are rich and a very commodious laboratory is also conveniently situated on this floor.

The third and top story is almost exclusively devoted to chambers with laboratory. The kitchen has also been equipped in modern style with a dumb waiter, which runs through every story, wash-room with set tubs, and every convenience known to the presiding rooms are heated by steam and lighted with electricity, and are connected with the office by an electric button.

It may truthfully be stated that the Shirley Inn is now in the same class with any first-class hotel, and in a conversation with the reporter of this paper Mr. Desmond stated that the good reputation and name of the Shirley Inn would always be his first consideration.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond are thoroughly experienced in hotel life and their cuisine has always been considered by their guests as excellent. Mrs. Desmond will personally superintend the catering and other details in connection with the comfort of guests and will be assisted by competent and courteous help. Dinners and suppers for parties will also be supplied and will be served in the private dining-room. Automobile parties will also be taken care of with or without notice.

Mr. and Mrs. Desmond's family consists of six children—three boys and three girls. The Shirley Cornet band will give a concert on Tuesday evening during the reception hours from 7.30 until ten o'clock.

Death.

Mrs. Annie Maria (Foss) Fuller, aged 74 yrs. 11 mos. 47 days, died on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom from the effects of heart disease. Mrs. Fuller had been failing in health for a past year, and for the last few months Mrs. Balcom brought her to their home nearly four months ago, where every kindness and attention was given her to make the end of her life as comfortable as possible. Her death was a great loss to her family and to our country, as she was a good army veteran and his wife for this commendable act which will never be forgotten.

Mrs. Fuller was the daughter of Dea. and Betsy Foss, who were natives of New Hampshire. Mrs. Fuller was born in Haverhill, Mass., on June 13, 1837, and had been a resident of Shirley for the past twenty-five years. Her husband, Albert Fuller, died about ten years ago, and they never had any children. Mrs. Fuller was a lady of very quiet habits and tastes and was very much respected in the town. She was a member of the Congregational church, Ladies' Circle, George S. Boutwell Relief Corps, of Ayer, and of the Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge.

The funeral was held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Balcom on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Allen A. Bronson officiating, and paid a beautiful tribute to her life. "Sweet thy rest," and "Good night," was rendered by a trio from the church choir, consisting of Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, J. Albert Deardon and Mrs. H. W. McCoy.

Burial was in the Village cemetery where the Rebekah ritual service was conducted at the grave. The pall bearers were Rev. Allen A. Bronson, John G. Conant, Frank Park and Oliver W. Balcom.

The floral tributes consisted of a spray from the Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church, a spray of pink from the Woman's Relief Corps and a spray of seventy-five roses from Mrs. Hattie L. Nichols, step-daughter of the deceased, who resides in Lowell and is present at the funeral.

The only near survivor is one brother, Israel Foss, of Westville, N. H., who was not present at the funeral.

Center.

Mrs. Herbert Sweetzer returned on Saturday from a short visit in Boston and Chelsea.

Sidney A. Carter is staying for a short time with friends in town. Since the departure of his daughter, Mrs. J. Otis Evans, for Pennsylvania, Mr. Carter has been visiting relatives in Maine.

Miss Allison B. Winslow returned on Sunday from a short visit with friends in Cambridge.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 25, on the common.

Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, at the North, who has been under the care of Dr. Hopkins, of Ayer, for the past week, is much better.

Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman has returned from a short visit with relatives in Hanson.

Rev. Remsen B. Ogilby occupied the pulpit at Trinity chapel last Sunday in place of Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer. Mr. Ogilby has just returned on a short vacation from the Philippines, where he has been in charge of a school for boys. He expects to return to the Philippines again in September, and in the meantime is trying to raise a sum of money for the building of more dormitories, a gymnasium and a chapel at his school. Mr. Ogilby was formerly the minister at Trinity chapel, while he was at Groton, before he left to begin his work in the Philippines.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, at the North, spent several days last week with relatives in Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wetset entertained over the week-end Mr. Wetset's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wetset, of Wollaston park.

Harry Hodgman has returned from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Moore, of Littleton. He is to leave soon for Stoddard, N. H., where he has a position on a stock farm.

Miss Alice Gould, of Lunenburg, was a guest of Merle Crockett, at the North, over Sunday.

Mrs. Hannigan and daughter Patricia, of Cambridge, were guests of Miss Helen M. Winslow last Saturday.

The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be held on Tuesday afternoon, May 28, at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden.

Miss Annie Costern of Lynn, is a guest of Miss Elsie Kirby this week.

Miss Christine G. Longley, of Quincy Mansion school, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Mrs. Cynthia Lynch is having cement walks laid at her home on Center road.

Edward J. Adams has returned home from New York city. He is to operate the engine on the town sprayer this season.

Miss Jennie R. Sanborn, who died recently at her home in Webster, N. H., was formerly a teacher at the center school, before the grammar and primary grades were separated. She is kindly remembered by all who came in contact with her.

Miss Edna R. Willis, of Boston, has been spending a few days at her house at the North.

Richard Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, is confined to his home with the whooping cough.

The third of a series of social dances will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 25. Thayer's orchestra, of Peppercell, will furnish the music for dancing.

Miss Annie Bridgman, of Boston, is a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman this week.

Miss Helen M. Winslow entertained two large automobile parties of friends from Cambridge and Boston on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware, of Brookline, are staying at their house on Hazen road for a few days.

Miss Etta M. Holden spent last week with friends in Leominster.

A Greek letter society called Theta Kappa Delta, has been organized among the girls of the Center. Two new candidates for membership were noticed about town on last Saturday morning receiving their initiatory degree.

Frank R. Hardon, of Revere, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. S. A. Burnham, at the East.

A baseball team has been organized among the members of Shirley grange and will soon start practice. They state that they will challenge any grange aggregation in the nearby towns. The team is made up as follows: Edward Adams, p.; Edward Farnsworth, c.; Ralph I. Evans, 1b.; Lester Holden, 2b.; Thomas H. Evans, 3b.; Walter Woods, ss.; Ardie A. Adams, John H. Farrar, Horace Higgins, outfield. Ralph I. Evans has been appointed captain. A game with Lunenburg is being arranged for Memorial day. A dance will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, June 1, for the benefit of the team.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person 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 the Register or in a newspaper published in said County, publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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AYER.
News Items.
Willard, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carman, on Saturday, May 18, celebrated his seventh birthday with a party to his little friends at his home on Washington street. The party included Howard Martin, Bradford Davis, John H. Turner, Margaret Osgood, Christine Maloney, Helen Grayden, Kenneth Clark, Elsie Smith, Dorothy Harman and Willard Carman. Games were played in the house and on the lawn, and refreshments were served. The little people brought gifts to Willard, and each received a souvenir of the occasion.
At the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. on last Sunday evening, Miss Evelyn Sherwin was leader and Miss Pauline Sherwin was pianist. The program was the reading of Prof. Christie's paper, "Why we should be loyal to the Unitarianism," by the Misses Natalie Bigelow, Doris Fletcher, Margaret Hume, Evelyn Sanderson, Pauline Sherwin, Margaret Hume, and Misses Fletcher and Sherwin were chosen a nomination committee.
Mrs. Susan M. Barker has been in attendance upon the Unitarian anniversary meetings in Boston this week. The morning address was by Doris Fletcher, Margaret Hume, Marie Proctor, Evelyn Sanderson and Pauline Sherwin attended on Thursday, the annual meeting of the Y. P. R. U. Others who have attended a part of the meetings are Rev. Richmond Flisk, Mrs. E. H. H. Fisher, Mrs. Harry E. Fisher and Mrs. Albert C. Perkins.
The North Middlesex Unitarian churches will hold its next conference in Pepperell in the church of Rev. Dudley R. Child, on Thursday, June 27. The morning address will be by Rev. Henry Wilcox Foot, on "Religious education." In the afternoon, Rev. Edgar S. Wiers, of Montclair, N. J., will speak on "Social reconstruction."
On Wednesday evening at the meeting of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., after the regular business meeting, there was an entertainment given for the members. It was a farce, "The suffragettes," given by Mrs. Austin Lawrence, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. John Lentz and Miss Gladys Moore. The morning address will be by Rev. Henry Wilcox Foot, on "Religious education." In the afternoon, Rev. Edgar S. Wiers, of Montclair, N. J., will speak on "Social reconstruction."
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the fingers were amputated. The injured man had just pulled the ashes from the locomotive in charge of E. P. Moran and was looking into the ash pan with both hands resting on the rail, when the engine started unexpectedly. The wheels ran over his hands resulting in the accident above noted. Mr. Hurley is very well liked by his fellow workmen and much sympathy was expressed for him when the unfortunate accident became known.
The fire alarm sounded on Tuesday morning for a slight fire in the Greek boarding house on Bligh street, which was placed in the oven to dry, which became overheated.
Ayer Council, K. of C., held a very enjoyable dancing party in Page hall on Monday night.
Dr. B. H. Hopkins was called to West Medford on Tuesday on account of the illness of his father, Albert Hopkins. The doctor's mother, who has been sick, is improving. Both Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins are being cared for by Mrs. M. E. Crocker, of this town.
The banns were called for the first time last Sunday for the marriage of J. J. Barry, one of our well-known business men, and Miss Elizabeth O'Connell, daughter Mr. and Mrs. J. B. O'Connell, of East Main street.
Edward V. James dislocated his right shoulder at the freight trans-shipment carling for him.
Herbert H. Mastic broke his right wrist last week Friday night at the turntable in the upper railroad yard. He was cranking the gasoline engine that turns the turntable when the accident happened.
William Jackson, of Lowell, an employee at the factory, was rented the new house of Harvey W. Winslow on Highland avenue.
A new rule will go into effect soon, which allows the loan of two books to an individual providing the books are in different classes. For instance, take one book of history and one of biography or any other class, but no two books of one of these classes can be taken out at one time. The age limit will also be reduced for taking out books, from twelve to eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren N. Kidder and their young daughter went to Worcester last Sunday, where they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Asa N. Hoyt, formerly of Ayer.
Miss Eva Davenport is convalescing finely from a recent operation for appendicitis at the Groton hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Alden B. Hefler, of Hyde Park, and son Roger, were guests at the home of her father, Joseph H. Richardson, on Monday.
Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Lathers, of Newport Center, Vt., were guests last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher. Mr. Lathers was formerly connected with the local Baptist church.
A fine exhibition of basket work is on exhibition at the store of George H. Brown, performed by the pupils of the fourth grade, the teacher being Miss Caroline C. Brown. The work reflects much credit both on the teacher and pupils.
S. Bassett Dickerman moved his family to Groton this week.
Dr. H. B. Priest, of Groton, moved last Saturday into the house formerly occupied by Dr. Cowles, on Washington street.
Mrs. L. D. Sullivan returned from the Emergency hospital, Nashua, N. H., on Monday. Thomas J. Ryan returned from the same institution on last Monday.
George J. Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurley, of Fletcher street, met with a most unfortunate accident on last Sunday morning while about his work in the upper railroad yard. He was struck by a train, which removed three fingers on each hand. He was removed to the Groton hospital, where the moving pictures that is to be featured by the best pictures that can be procured. Those that have attended these shows are highly pleased with the exhibition, which has been put on lately, and it seems as though the management were putting on better shows at every succeeding performance. An out-of-town singer is to be present and render three of the latest illustrated songs.
Daniel W. Mason, tree warden, while in his yard in front of his house on Friday noon, was protrated by the heat and two physicians were called to attend to him. After working over him for some time he rallied, but is still in a weak condition. It is before he will fully recover.
Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending May 20: Leon Bourgeois, Pietro Capone, Charles Lapointe, Miss Grace LePage.
A social dance given by the D. R. M. K. club will be held in town hall on Wednesday evening, May 29. New-orchestra, five pieces, will furnish music.

Methodist.
On Sunday, June 2, Dr. G. H. Spencer, of the Groton district, will administer the sacraments of baptism and of the Lord's supper at the Methodist church. Owing to unavoidable circumstances he will be unable to reach Ayer before one o'clock in the afternoon, so that the morning service will be postponed from 10:15 until 10:45 o'clock. After the communion service, the first quarterly conference will be held. The Sunday school will meet as usual at twelve o'clock.
On this week Friday evening, the third of the series of talks on the letters of the apostle Paul will be given at 7:30 o'clock, the subject being I Corinthians. The meeting on Friday evening of next week will be a preparatory service for the holy communion to be administered on Sunday, June 2.
Memorial day lessons will be treated by the pastor on Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock. His subject will be "A debt of honor." Miss Ethel Andrews will assist in the opening of the gospel song service at seven o'clock in the evening. The address will deal with the subject "Standing before kings."
An Epworth league business meeting will be held to which all are invited. It is planned for Tuesday evening, May 28, at the home of Miss Ethel Andrews, on Pearl street. Novel entertainment features are promised.

Men's Meeting.
Representatives from the five Protestant churches of the town met at the Baptist church Thursday evening to discuss the Men and Religion Forward Movement as applied to Ayer. H. J. Webb presided over the meeting, which was opened with prayer by Rev. A. I. E. Burrows. A committee, appointed a month ago, of one layman from each church, made its report. The recommendations and suggestions made along the line of more united and practical effort were en-

thusiasmatically received. After the report had been unanimously accepted the meeting was thrown open for general discussion in which every man present took part.
There should be appointed a committee of two men from each of the protestant churches of the town for a term of one year. Each church to appoint the pastor may be one of its representatives. This committee is to meet for organization on Sunday evening, June 2, at eight o'clock in the vestry of the Methodist church.
The duties of this committee should be to plan for the advancement of the moral and religious interests of the town and to report to a joint meeting of the several churches at some time in September, the meeting to be announced from the pulpits and the several churches. These movements should be carried out by the united churches through a special committee or in any way that may be deemed best.
The co-operation of all the ministers and laymen of the town is requested for the work to be done. A request by a personal representative is to be sent to each church in order that this may be made possible.

Inquest Held.
The inquest on the death of John W. Page, who died at the Massachusetts General hospital on April 30, as a result of an accident he sustained here by being run over by the New York express train, which he was conducting, was held in the district court room on Friday morning before Judge Atwood. The witnesses were Dr. L. D. Sullivan, of Ayer, Dr. B. G. J. Goodwin and George F. Gardner, brakemen on Fitchburg train No. 26, Harry H. Davenport, night baggagemaster, Walter B. Hayden, an employee of the local express office and Joseph Hornig, a car inspector. Charles E. Montgomery appeared as an inspector of the Massachusetts railroad commission. The court withheld its decision.

Swindler Found.
Several houses in town were visited about two months ago by a man claiming to be a representative of the United Subscription Agency. He received subscriptions for various magazines which were never delivered. Among those in town who were swindled were Mrs. N. E. Beers, Mrs. Herbert Downing and Mrs. S. J. Andrew. These persons notified the above agency of what had happened and the management at once advised with Chief of Police Beatty, stating that the agency had never had collectors in the eastern states and that December 16 of last year.
The stranger appeared at the home of Warren B. Cotton, where he claimed to be a representative of the Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, and giving his name as Emil G. Cotton, subscribed for the Saturday Evening Post and the Country Gentleman. When these publications failed to arrive Mr. Cotton notified the company and received word that the alleged agent was a fraud. The company, however, considerably agreed to send the magazines to Mr. Cotton and stand the loss.
On Tuesday of this week a man giving his name as George W. Crawford, was arrested at Gardner, charged with collecting bills for several business firms in Fitchburg and keeping the money collected. He was brought to trial in Fitchburg on Friday morning on three counts. He was given a two-months sentence on each complaint, or a total of six months.
Chief Beatty thinking that the prisoner might be the man who swindled the people here, had Officer W. J. Mullin go to Fitchburg on Friday morning with the result that Crawford is the same man who operated here. When his sentence expires Chief Beatty will have him taken before the local district court to answer the charges which will be brought against him.

Arrests Suspected Thief.
Chief of Police Beatty arrested Charles Coffey, of Harvard, and low & Parsons' market on Thursday morning on a charge of larceny at the request of the Harvard police.
Several residents of Harvard have complained of chickens missing being taken from their yards. It was learned that the missing poultry had been sold here to the Union Cash and Harlow & Parsons' markets, and to the Shirley Cash market. The purchases of the poultry bought the goods in good faith, not suspecting that it was stolen.
Thursday morning Coffey brought six dressed fowl to Harlow & Parsons' market, and he was promptly arrested by Chief of Police Beatty, who turned the prisoner over to Officer William A. Hanna, of Harvard, who took him to Clinton, where the trial was held on Friday morning and he was fined fifteen dollars, which was paid.

District Court.
Bernard Lynch was found guilty of the larceny of a watch in Groton on May 6, and in court on Monday morning was fined twenty dollars. Sentence was suspended for three weeks.
Bollertoun Birboline, of Pepperell, was in court last Saturday on a charge with a serious offense. He was found not guilty.
George Brew, of Pepperell, charged with non-support of his wife and minor children. The case was continued until November 18.
Gene Kezlik, of Shirley, was found guilty on Monday morning of assault and battery and two complaints in that town last Sunday. He was fined three dollars.

TOWNSEND.
Center.
Ralph Reed, of Melrose, a mining engineer who has just returned from Valandana, Durango, Mexico, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hill-dreth on last Saturday and Sunday; also, Miss Lillian Hildreth, of the Waltham postoffice, was at home.
The high school baseball team won their game on Wednesday against the Groton School second at Groton, with a score of 7 to 3. C. Farrar took E. Swicker's place as twirler, while Greens was at the receiving end, Swicker being third.
At the grange on Monday evening will be observed a memorial exercises in charge of the committee a

entertainment.
The M. E. church vestry was well filled on Wednesday evening at the presentation of the entertainment and cantata given by the Sunshine society of that church. It was one of the best entertainments given for some time, and much time and pains must have been taken in the rehearsals. Among the numbers given were a vocal duet by Mrs. Florence Gwinn and Mrs. Bertha Clarke, pantomime by Wilbur H. Scales, piano solo by Mrs. Annie Farrar, tableaux, etc.
The readings from James Whitcomb Riley, by the pastor, Rev. S. P. Robertson, were especially enjoyed, as was the tableau taken from Riley's "Little Orphan Annie," by little Miss Dull and several other little girls. Those who took part in the cantata were the Misses Bush, Bollivar, Stearns, Upham, Spofford, Marshall, Newhall, Wakefield and Dahl, and Mrs. Annie Farrar. The story of the cantata was very interesting and the crowning of Love very artistically done.

Harbor.
Louis Mason and family, of Bath, N. H., formerly of Cape Corner, has returned to the Harbor and is occupying the lower mill tenement, and has taken the position as millwright recently vacated by Willard Gray.
Hubert Leadbetter, one of the scarlet fever victims, is out of quarantine and has returned to school.
The large turkey gobbler on Mr. Christian's farm across the Harbor pond, is generally known around the station as Teddy Roosevelt, "because he talks so loud." On a clear, or rather cloudy day, as we have had nearly a half a mile.
Charles Dana has returned to town.
James Coughlin returned last Tuesday from Reed's Ferry, N. H., and has resumed his duties with A. D. Fessenden & Co.
Mrs. Burdett, who purchased the Joel Cook place on Main street, has named it Willow Brook cottage, and is remodeling extensively. The lawn has already been graded and the shop has been moved from across the brook near to the house to be used as a barn. New rooms at a wide veranda are also being added to the house.
Mrs. Fannie G. Ball, of New York city, is visiting with Mr. Ball, of Main street.
Mr. and Mrs. Greenough and family, of New Bedford, spent Sunday with his brother, Mr. Greenough.
A Collié dog owned by Mr. Tighe, was run down and killed by an automobile in front of Mr. Blodgett's home on Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Nutting, of Gardner, are spending the week at Mr. Nutting's sister, Mrs. E. C. Cummings.
Mrs. Christian has received word of her brother's death in California.
Mrs. Slipp, of California, is now visiting Mrs. Christian.
Mrs. Sanborn, of Wollaston, spent Sunday with Mrs. Doherty.
Miss Hazel Cummings, who has been visiting relatives in Shirley for two weeks, returned home on Friday.
Mrs. Frank Taylor is visiting her brother, George Gilchrist, at the Center.
Galan Proctor has recently become the owner of one of the most beautiful and useful farm dogs, the Scotch Collie.

Messrs. Nutting and Sheehan, expert masons from Fitchburg, were laying new fire brick under the boiler last Sunday at the mill.
Mrs. Field, sister of Mrs. Oliver Proctor, was taken to leave her room for several weeks to leave her mother, who is unable to get up, and Miss Symington, the trained nurse in attendance, has returned to her home in Worcester.
A great many people will be relieved and pleased to hear that the handsome collie that strayed into town over a week ago has been taken and given a home by Frank Brown. The dog has made many friends among older people as well as the children, and in spite of being almost totally blind he shows a great deal of intelligence.
On last Saturday a game of ball was played between a team from the cooper shop at Townsend and a team at the Harbor. Two games were played, the first being won by the Harbor team by a score of 20 to 5. The second game was a tie, the Harbor team of five innings, was won by the Harbor team by a score of 9 to 7. During the first game Frank Gilchrist received a spike wound in the ankle from which has caused him a great deal of pain.
Although the Harbor has not a store with a soda fountain, there is a store that sells Jersey ice cream. When in a mood of refreshment, in a hurry, just ask for a conucopia and Mr. Brown has it ready in a jiffy. Both strawberry and vanilla cream is served.

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A new consociation and an ancient evil Jan. Adams. 175.42n
Democratic England. Percy Alden. 352.042a12d
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Greyfriars Bobby. Eleanor Atkinson. 415g
Marie Claire. Marguerite Audoux. 823f
Four foot. Ralph H. Barbour. 823f1a
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The centaurs. L. D. Baigi. 823f1c
Through the postern gate. Florence George. 823f1c
George the third. Sir George G. Trevelyan. 973.3B23
Physical research. W. F. Barrett. 150B27
The girondin. Hilarie Belloc. 823f1c
Clayhanger. Arnold Bennett. 823f1c
Harold Vane of the Umberlands. 823f1c
The man in lonely land. Kate Langley Bosher. 823f1c
Lee the American. Gamaliel Bradford. 823f1c
Scientific mental healing. H. C. Cardigan. 151B83
Cardigan. Robert W. Chambers. 151B83

Why should we change our form of government. N. M. Butler. 304B9w
In Northern Labrador. W. B. Caine. 912C11
Neptune's Isle. J. J. Chapman. 823C38
The heart of life. P. D. Coulevain. 823C38
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Center.
Rev. A. L. Struthers exchanged pulpits with Rev. H. L. Packard, of Littleton, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Heselton have moved over to Brookline, N. H., for the summer, and the shack, owned by Mrs. Etta Rockwood, Mrs. Heselton's mother, Mr. Heselton drives back and forth each day to his work here.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the grange at Templeton last week Friday night and on Monday night of this week the Milford grange.

Frank Conant's invention for fastening a cow's tail has been attracting quite a good deal of attention among the farmers of this section. It is made of stout wire and can be quickly applied with one hand. Mr. Conant has sold quite a few lately.

Rev. B. A. Willmott, of Quincy, was in town at his summer home this week.

Elmer Wallace caught the largest lake trout of his party on his recent fishing trip to Lake Winnepesaukee, the fish weighing five and three-fourths pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Thompson and children, of Somerville, were guests at Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Struthers' this week.

Mrs. Mervin Hodgman has been on the sick list for the past few days, but is reported as improving.

During the heavy thunder shower on last Tuesday evening lightning struck a cow owned by Henry Robbins while he was milking. The cow was stunned and Mr. Robbins thrown across the barn by the shock, but no damage was done to the place.

O. E. Hardy, of South Hadley, has sold his farm on Bayberry hill to his neighbors, Charles and Allen Wyman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ord, from Lunenburg, a former resident here, is in town, stopping at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Thorning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, old residents here, now from Shakerfield, Mo., are on their way home, owing to Mr. Thompson's ill health, and will soon take possession of their house on Main street.

Clara Hosley, of Bayberry hill, has been spending a few days with her sister in Lancaster.

Miss Ruth Wilson, of Waltham, is spending a few days at her home on Main street.

The usual plans are under way for the Memorial day services, the graves in the Village cemetery being decorated in the morning by the G. A. R. and their escorts, and all who are able to assist are requested to bring flowers to the engine room as early as possible on Thursday morning.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met in the vestry on Wednesday afternoon with six present, and held their usual monthly meeting. An account of the chapel car work was continued by Mrs. Josephine Boynton, a letter from a missionary in Virginia by Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, and a brief account of missions in Cuba, and an original poem on "Missions," were read by Miss Alice Seaver. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, and the topic will be "Mexico."

Charles Norton, who is employed on the state road work, has returned from spending a few days with his family in Somerville.

Miss Agnes Thompson has returned from Montpelier, Vt., where she has been engaged by the Library Bureau during the past six months.

Memorial Week Program.
Memorial Sunday will be observed on Sunday, May 26, and there will be union services that evening at seven o'clock at Memorial hall, with the following order of exercises: Selection on the piano; selection, "To thee, O country," M. E. choir; scripture reading, Rev. S. D. Ringrose; prayer, Rev. A. L. Struthers; selection, choir; sermon, Rev. S. P. Robertson; "America," audience; benediction, Rev. L. Struthers. Communion is requested to appear in uniform and assemble at headquarters in Association room at 6.30 o'clock.

There is to be patriotic exercises at Memorial hall by the school children on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, with remarks by the pastor of the G. A. R., Fitchburg, to which the veterans, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Memorial association and the public are as usual cordially invited.

On Thursday, May 29, the Townsend Memorial association, assisted by members of the G. A. R., will attend the exercises of decoration at the bridge and cemetery at West Townsend at 10.30 o'clock. Comrades will report to Com. C. W. Hildreth, at Memorial hall, at nine o'clock, leaving by train for West Townsend at 9.30. Anson D. Fessenden Camp, S. of V., Leon Z. Watkins, commander, and the Townsend brass band, R. A. Lancy, leader, is to be the escort.

Dinner will be served at Memorial hall banquet room after the return of the train, at about 12.30, to the Memorial association and organizations only who take part in the parade.

Flowers are solicited to be left at Seminary hall, West and Memorial hall, Center, and the Sons and Daughters of Veterans and school children are invited to assist in the exercises of decoration in the cemeteries. The Center bridge exercises will be held at 1.30 in the afternoon, and at two o'clock the following program will be given in the hall: Selection, "War songs," Townsend band; vocal duet, "One sweetly solemn thought," Mrs. Gwinn and Hattie Sanders; prayer, Rev. A. L. Struthers; Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, A. N. Fessenden; address by Alfred S. Roe, past department commander of Massachusetts; selection, "There is a green hill far away," Mrs. Gwinn and Miss Sanders; "America," by band; audience to sing; benediction, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, followed by decorating in the cemetery.

In the evening the three-act comedy, "A little savage," will be presented at Memorial hall, under the auspices of the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, with tickets to go on sale at C. W. Hildreth's store on Monday, May 27. The following is the cast: Capt. Donald Churchill, officer in command, Edwin A. Sanders, Lt. Arthur Lawton, John J. Harvey, John Woodruff, West Point Cadet, Richard Keeffe, Lord Cecil Stanton Southernland, an English nobleman, Roy T. Brown, Lady Agnes Southernland, mother, Anna Keeffe, George Sherwood, Lady Agnes' niece, May Churchill, the captain's wife, Mabel F. Bliss, Ruth Churchill, his sister, a little savage, Ella Wilson.

May Basket Social.
In spite of the rainy evening a merry party of twenty-three couple met in the Baptist vestry on last week Thursday evening at May basket

social, given under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., and the affair was a great success, proving a jolly evening for all present, and bringing about twelve dollars for the purchase of new singing books for use at the vestry. The room was prettily decorated with bunting and scarlet and white C. E. pennants, and the tables decorated with scarlet and white crepe paper, white at a gaily decorated booth May basket lunches in every imaginable shape, color and style awaited purchasers. Frank Boutelle acted as auctioneer and the boxes brought high prices and a ready sale, and the fun occasioned by the finding the lady who was to be your partner for lunch by the card in the box purchased.

When the sale was completed the grand march to supper was formed and singing "Onward Christian soldiers" the company marched into the dining-room, forming a semi-circle around the table which was laid in the shape of an "E," thus making the symbol, "C. E." After singing one verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" S. D. Ringrose offered a prayer and the party sat down to enjoy the good things prepared by the ladies.

It was found that three of the party, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Clarence E. and Abbel Streeter, were celebrating their birthdays, and they were heartily congratulated, and many witty speeches were enjoyed. Dr. R. S. Ely acting as toastmaster.

After supper home-made candy was on sale and a social was heartily enjoyed by all the guests, old-fashioned games being played until eleven o'clock. Much credit is due the social committee for their work and success of the occasion.

West.
A large audience met at the Baptist church last Sunday evening at six o'clock to listen to the address on "Chinese women and their customs," by Miss Grace Chu, a Chinese student at Cushing academy, who comes under the auspices of the Ladies' Mission circle. Miss Chu is a native of Tientsin, China, and was robed in her home costume, and at the close of her address answered many questions from the audience. She was given an informal reception at the close of the service, and availed themselves of the privilege to meet her.

Mrs. George Ball and little daughter, who have been keeping house for her father, L. P. Wood, while Mrs. Wood has been visiting in Waltham, returned to her home in Concord Junction on Monday.

Alden Sherwin has entered the employ of the Direct Ribbon and Carbon Company, of Boston, as travelling salesman.

At the recent meeting of the school board, Miss Blanche Sprague, of Reedsboro, Vt., was re-elected as teacher of the grammar school, and Miss Elmer Tower, of this village, as primary teacher.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose has completed his duties at Boston university and is at home for the summer.

Mrs. L. F. Wood has been enjoying a visit to relatives in Waltham the past week.

In spite of the heavy rainstorm a most enjoyable meeting of the Ladies' Club, with a good attendance, was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Smith, of lower Main street on last week Thursday afternoon.

The social committee met with the chairman, H. B. Hathaway, at Dr. Boynton's on last Monday evening to complete plans for the next monthly banquet, which will be held at the vestry on Thursday evening, June 6. The pretty little cottage of James Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is undergoing a transformation before the arrival of the family for the summer, having changed color from brick red to white, which changes its appearance greatly.

The regular meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the vestry with H. Hathaway as leader on Tuesday evening, and the topic was "Pleasing Christ." Notwithstanding the heavy thunder storm, eighteen were in attendance.

Mrs. A. D. Winship will sell at auction her house, household furnishings and many farming implements on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Miss Clara Hosley has been visiting relatives in Lancaster the past week.

Mrs. S. W. Upton, of Josselynville, is visiting her daughter, Miss Laura Upton, of Milton.

Mrs. Luther Blood, who has been acting as housekeeper at the home of George Eastman at the Center during the winter, has returned to town for a few days before leaving for Boston, where she will spend several weeks with relatives.

Rev. O. E. Hardy, of South Hadley, was in town last week viewing the ruins of his farm on Bayberry hill, which was entirely destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and son Roger have returned from Marlboro, where they have been spending a fortnight with Mrs. Ringrose's mother, who has been very ill.

Mrs. Antoinette Purdy, who has been assisting at the home of Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville, during the past few months, has returned to her home in Mason, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman and Mrs. R. S. Kaddy are soon to move into the Patch house on Main street.

Mrs. Lois Vose, of Ashburnham, is in town for the present at the home of her brother, Clarence Stickney.

Mrs. Warren Hadley, from Charles-town, spent a few days last week with Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Mrs. Roy Kaddy, of Whitmanville, has been visiting her mother, who is employed at J. C. Richards'.

Mr. and Mrs. Josselyn and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch on Sunday, making the trip from Gardner in their automobile.

Winfield Reed and Miss Elsie Patterson, from Boston, Miss Nancy Reed and friend and Miss Grace Chu, from Ashburnham, were at Alexander Reed's over Sunday.

Mrs. Ford Reed, from Boston, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. Edward Davis.

Albert Adams and friend, from Providence, enjoyed a brief visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams on Wednesday.

Miss Mildred Sanders, of Ayer, has been a recent guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Elbridge Sanders.

Mrs. E. H. Fredricks and daughter, of New Ipswich, N. H., visited Mr. and Mrs. William Robbins, of Josselynville, last week.

LITTLETON.
Annual Agricultural Fair.
The next annual fair of the Middlesex North Agricultural society will be held in Chelmsford on Thursday

and Friday, September 12 and 13, in co-operation with the grange there. The annual fair will be of special importance this year because the state appropriation has been increased from \$800 to \$1000, with the provision that two hundred dollars shall be devoted to children's prizes. This will stimulate interest throughout the county in school contests and the show of corn, beans, peas and a dozen other things will rival anything ever seen.

The following list of prizes, suggested by school superintendents and other co-operative educators, including Supt. F. H. Hill, has been adopted by Middlesex North Agricultural society, of which George W. Trull is president:

Class 1. Field crops and vegetables. Potatoes (must be dug under supervision), best complete yield in one hill, best yield of potatoes from twenty-five foot row; corn, best 10 ears white flint, best 10 ears yellow flint, best 10 ears yellow sweet, best 10 ears pop-corn, best 10 ears red popcorn, alfalfa, best complete plant and leaves raised in 1912; tomatoes, best 5 of pink type, best 5 of red type; squash, best specimen of Hubbard type, best specimen of Turban type; carrots, best 6 of half long type; best general collection of garden vegetables raised by the exhibitor. (Prizes of \$5, \$2, \$1 suggested for collections.)

Class 2. Flowers—Best sweet peas, best nasturtiums, best cosmos, best China asters, best gladiolus (single stalk), best general collection of garden flowers raised by the exhibitor. (Prizes of \$5, \$2, \$1 suggested for best collections.)

Class 3. Sewing and stencilling—(A) Plain sewing, best made apron, best made skirt, best darned stocking, best darned napkin, best made doll clothes, (\$5 reserved for gratuities for articles in these divisions not mentioned in these divisions.) (Prizes of \$5, \$2, \$1 suggested for best stencilled or embroidered center piece.)

Class 4. Cooking—Best loaf white bread, best loaf entire wheat bread, best pan soda biscuit, best loaf plain cake, best loaf layer cake, best loaf sponge cake, best 12 molasses cookies, best half-pound chocolate fudge, best pound pulled molasses candy.

Class 5. Wood working—Best bird house, best caned chair bottom, best weather vane, (\$5 reserved for gratuities for articles of merit not mentioned in these divisions.)

Class 6. Poultry, (raised by the exhibitor in 1912)—Best trio White Wyandottes, best trio Plymouth Rocks, best exhibit of ducks raised by the exhibitor, best exhibit of pigeons raised by the exhibitor.

Class 7. Natural history collections—Best named collection of pressed leaves of trees growing in Middlesex county, best named collection of ferns growing in Middlesex county; best named collection of drawings of wild and cultivated birds of Middlesex county; (names of specimens to be considered in awarding prizes.)

The superintendents have suggested the following prizes for each of the divisions in each of the seven classes: First prize \$2, second prize 50c., four third prizes of 25c. each.

It is suggested that exhibits be limited to children under eighteen years of age, and that twenty-five points be allowed for written and illustrated records of experience when such records accompany the exhibit.

News Items.
C. H. Yapp began on Monday to ship the Newtown milk from the Fitchburg railroad car station at Littleton. W. H. Decatur has joined the dairymen who have recently begun shipping from this station, and his milk is carried by Mr. Yapp.

During the heavy electric shower last week, Mrs. J. N. Murray received quite a shock and was rendered unconscious for a few moments.

A. Clark, landscape gardener of Waltham Highlands, and formerly connected with the Manning nurseries, is laying out the grounds of Harry Knight's estate.

A son was born on May 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter DeSilvio, of Taylor street.

Joseph Crane expects to move to Athol the first of July, and go to work for the Diamond Match Company, of which his son William is superintendent.

Mrs. William H. Tenney visited her daughter, Mrs. Peck, in Brookline, last week. Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck sailed last week Thursday from New York for Europe. They will land in Genoa, Italy.

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New Advertisements
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH J. B. ROBINSON late of Groton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, of Groton in said County, Middlesex, on the fourth 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 granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first Judge of said Court, this tenth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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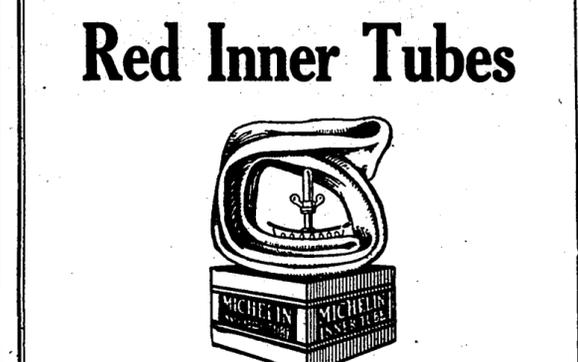
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MABEL M. PATCH late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES E. PATCH of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourth 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 granted.

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 Mrs. A. A. Gould, the Misses Lizzie Whitcomb and Gertrude Rockwood, of Townsend; Misses Grace Whitcomb and Mervin, of Fitchburg, and Mr. Ballard and son, of Putnam, Conn., have been recent guests in town.

Friends of Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, of Pepperell, gave her a china shower in honor of her approaching marriage in June, on Friday evening of last week. Twenty-eight were in attendance and presented many rare and beautiful gifts to the bride-to-be.

On last Sunday Mrs. Lucilla Peabody, the genial hostess of the Elmwood, entertained an auto party of ten from Boston to dinner.

Mrs. Celia Powers was in Boston this week.

Miss Edith May Gerrish, of Worcester, was a recent guest of her father, Edward P. Gerrish.

Clarence R. Russell, administrator of the estate of Miss Isabella J. Lacey, has sold the house to Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, of Chelsea, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are both physicians and Mr. Oliver's health being poor, they have purchased this property for a summer home. The personal property of the estate will be sold at auction on the premises on Tuesday afternoon, May 28, at one o'clock.

Miss Barrows, teacher at the grammar school, acceptably assisted the choir at the Methodist church, and Miss Webber, teacher at the North primary school, filled the position as organist on last Sunday.

Capt. William Ladd Dodge attended service at the Methodist church last Sunday and was attended in his wedding suit of forty-five years, the same having been made directly after the civil war, and is still in good condition.

Warren Gould is improving his residence both inside and out.

The annual March town meeting which was adjourned until May 18, was held on that date. In the matter of town water system, it was thought advisable to leave it until fall. It was voted to appropriate \$550 to build an iron fence around the new extension of the South cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers, of Hollis, were Sunday guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Powers.

Mrs. Minnie Corey is still at Brookside farm, a private sanitarium at Lunenburg, Mass. Her nephews, Herbert and Walter Corey, visited her last week and found her comfortable and quite cheerful.

Rev. W. L. Noyes will preach the Memorial sermon on Sunday, May 26, instead of May 19, as reported last week.

Mrs. Josephine Stiles enjoyed a birthday anniversary on Monday, May 20, and Mrs. S. E. French on May 17. Both received many pretty souvenir cards.

On Wednesday, May 15, Mrs. Myra Stanley opened her pretty home and greeted the members of the Loyal Workers. A good number were present and the work was upon aprons. A good amount of work was accomplished and a social time enjoyed as well. By request, Miss Olive Shannon gave a select reading. Mrs. Stanley caused all to feel at home and at the usual time served a tempting lunch of cake, wafers and orange punch. After a social time all left, thanking the kind hostess for the afternoon's entertainment.

Miss Grace Whitcomb, of Fitchburg, has been engaged to be married for the Congregational church of this town for the summer.

Samuel Swett, a respected citizen of this town, who was in the eye and ear infirmary at Boston, and who was operated on for a cataract on one eye, passed away on Wednesday morning. The funeral, which will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 25, will be at the Methodist church at two o'clock.

Wedding.
 A wedding of much interest to the younger set took place recently when Miss Maybelle Blanche Halstead, niece of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blair, of Brookline, Mass., was married to Harry Nathan Vaughn, of Melrose. The marriage was performed at the Leydon Congregational church, Brookline, Mass., by the pastor, Rev. Harris G. Hale. Mr. Vaughn is a young grain broker in the Chamber of Commerce building in Boston. The bride was attended by Miss Helen E. Barnard, of Turners Falls, as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel M. Cummings, of Melrose, and Miss Helen E. Chase of Westboro. The best man was Benjamin R. Vaughn, a brother of the bridegroom. Miss Halstead formerly lived here and she passed the greater part of her school days here, residing with her mother. Many Brookline friends extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn.

News Items.
 Joseph Yarrick, of Waltham, is at his summer home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, of Fitchburg, are spending a few weeks in town.

Miss Winnie Stewart has been the guest of Miss Blanche Fessenden.

Mrs. Celia Powers and Miss Francis Farnsworth were in Boston this week.

Mrs. Walter Parker and Miss Eliza Jane Parker are at Four Pines for a few weeks.

Willie O'Connell, of Boston, is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Fuller.

Memorial exercises will be held at Tarbell's hall on Saturday afternoon, May 25, at two o'clock.

Miss Grace Whitcomb and Mervin Wicher, of Fitchburg, have been the guests of Mrs. Della Whitcomb the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichols and family, of Brookline, Mass., were the guests of John Porter over Sunday.

LITTLETON.

News Items.
 The Pride of Nashoba lodge, I. O. O. Ladies, Manchester Unity, held a very interesting meeting on Monday night. Considerable routine business was transacted. At the next meeting, June 3, six new members will be initiated. In the future the meetings will be held the first and the third Monday nights of every month.

The Odd Fellows will hold their Memorial services at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning. The members are requested to meet at their lodge room not later than 10.20 o'clock.

Wallace Robinson, at Littleton Common, is progressing well.

Miss Edith Flagg, librarian in Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Varnum H. Flagg, of Foster street.

HELPS A JUDGE IN BAD FIX.
 Justice Eli Cherry, of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises, Blisters. 25 cents at William Brown's, Ayer, Mass.

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To the Honorable the Judges of the Land Court.

Respectfully represents John Herbert Hynes of Groton, County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that he is the owner in fee simple of a lot of land and the buildings thereon situate in said Groton and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the premises on the Northerly side of Willow Dale Street, so called, at land late of Albert Harnden; thence running Northerly by said Harnden land about twenty one rods to a ditch; thence Easterly by said ditch about twelve rods to land now or late of Alva Wright; thence Southerly by said Wright land about twenty one rods to said Willow Dale Street; thence Westerly by said Street about twelve rods to the point of beginning. Containing about one acre and one hundred forty rods.

That the record title of said real estate is encumbered by an undischarged mortgage covering the said premises given by Shelby Sawyer to Ephraim Sawtelle dated July 18, 1877 and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 144, page 596, that said mortgagee and those having his estate in said premises have had uninterrupted possession of said real estate for more than twenty years; that no payment on account of the amount secured by said mortgage has been made and no act in recognition of its existence as a valid mortgage has been done within said twenty years, and your petitioner believes that said mortgage was long since paid, and by accident or inadvertence the discharge thereof has not been recorded in said registry of deeds.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that such notice may be ordered to be given to the representatives of Ephraim Sawtelle and those interested in said estate as the Court may order; and the decree may be entered setting forth such finding of the Court in relation thereto, and ordering that from and after such decree no action shall ever be brought by any person to claim title under said mortgage and that said mortgage be released and cancelled on the records.

JOHN HERBERT HYNES.
 A true copy. Attest:
CLARENCE C. SMITH,
 3136 Recorder.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.
 (Seal)

Upon the foregoing petition, it is ordered that the petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said petition to appear before the Land Court, at Cambridge, within and for our said County of Middlesex (where appearances and answers may be filed with Edwin O. Childs, Register of Deeds for the South Registry District of said Middlesex County, as Assistant Recorder of said Court) on the first Monday of July next, by causing a true and attested copy of said petition and this order to be published forthwith once a week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, in said County of Middlesex, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; by serving each known respondent within the Commonwealth with a like attested copy of said petition and order fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; and by serving a like attested copy of said petition and order by registered mail on each known respondent without the Commonwealth as soon as may be, and in any event fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; that all respondents may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

By the Court. Attest:
CLARENCE C. SMITH,
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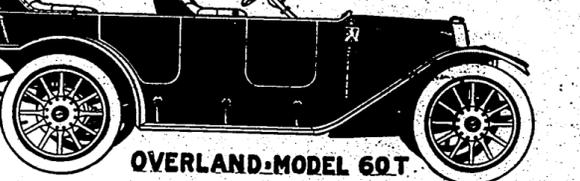
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