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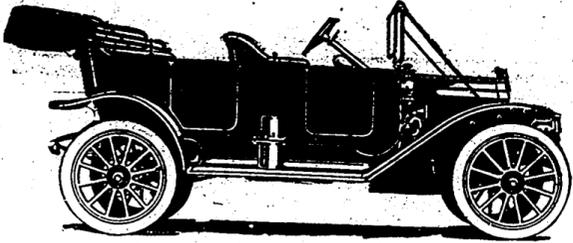
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The Woman's club opened its fifteenth consecutive season Monday, October 14. The meeting was held in the Unitarian vestry, which has now become the regular club headquarters. The new president, Mrs. Florence B. Wilcox, presided with becoming grace and dignity. Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer, club chaplain, was called upon to open the meeting with prayer. Several matters of business received attention. The sum of five dollars was voted to the Sarah Platt Decker Memorial fund, as a contribution towards the memorial to the late ex-president of the General Federation of Women's clubs in America. Reports of the last two meetings of last season were read by the secretary, Mrs. Annie C. Smith, and accepted.

Several names were proposed for membership to be voted on at the next meeting: Misses Rachel Cornwell, Helena Meredith, Grace Davis, Katherine Johnson, Clara Prouty, Natalie Sleeper, Ruth Prescott and Mrs. Alice Perry Hartwell. In artistically presented eighty carnations to our honored ex-president, Mrs. A. M. Hendley, who was present on this her eightieth birthday for the first time in several months. Mrs. Hendley responded in her usual happy and easy manner, thanking the club for this expression of good will and for the many remembrances and sustaining messages received throughout her long illness. Another of our venerable members who has been unable to attend the club because of infirmity graced the occasion with her presence and was likewise very welcome—Mrs. Janet Jacobs.

Mrs. Wilcox in her welcome to the club members outlined her aspirations as their chief officer and explained and discussed in brief the program as arranged by the faithful directors. After the singing of the club song by the audience the president, in very complimentary terms presented Mrs. Packard, delegate to the biennial in San Francisco, which opened July 25, 1912, and called for a report of that convention.

Mrs. Packard had carefully prepared on paper what she had brought from the biennial and a more thorough, interesting and entertaining report could not be desired. From the welcomes to the general Federation by city and club officials to the singing of America at the close of the convention there was a continual feast of good speaking and delightful entertainment. Among the subjects discussed were those which have received much attention from club wo-

men throughout the land, such as civics, suffrage for women, dress reform, household economics, vocational training and conservation.

Mrs. Philip Moore, who is president of the General Federation of 900,000 women, presided at the meetings and to her and her efficient committees was due much praise for the excellent attention given to the details of the biennial. Wonderful system and executive ability were continually in evidence. Mrs. Packard referred her fellow club women to the article in the October number of The Ladies' Home Journal on "What club women have done."

Fine musical programs and receptions were frequent and the delegates received special invitations from the pastors of the different denominations in the city to attend divine worship in their churches on Sunday. There was much interest throughout the convention in the incoming president, and the two candidates were frequently and thoroughly discussed. Mrs. Pennebaker was the successful candidate. The impressions carried away by the delegates was of the tremendous amount of good the women's clubs of America are doing, and their genuine and active interest in the welfare of this nation.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard, whose kindness and helpfulness to the club were prettily acknowledged, was asked to give the audience reminiscences of his recent trip to California. Mr. Packard responded in happy manner, giving delightful descriptions of the wonders observed in the Grand Canyon region of the Colorado river and the Yellowstone national park in Wyoming. Many pictures were exhibited showing the scenery. The animals, the birds and the flowers of the regions described formed an interesting topic in this very interesting address, and the party with which Rev. and Mrs. Packard visited these wonders in natural scenery constituted a brief but entertaining sub-topic.

The program closed with two brilliant Spanish piano duets by Mrs. Gertrude Houghton and Mrs. Marion Christie. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Rev. and Mrs. Packard for the interesting and profitable entertainment they had given the club. The next meeting, which comes October 28, will be observed as president's day.

News Items.

Littleton lyceum will open its eighty-third consecutive season on Tuesday evening, October 22, when the famous Weber male quartet will give a concert. This quartet stands in the first ranks of musical entertainers, and is so generally known that it needs no recommendation here.

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Men's Heavy Cotton and Wool 50¢
Men's Wright's Health Underwear, Wool Fleece 75¢ and 95¢
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Boys' Heavy Fleece and Derby-ribbed 25¢
Boys' Heavy Wool 50¢
Boys' Union Suits 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00

Twelve persons went from Littleton to the conference of Congregational churches held in Pepperell Wednesday. Among them were Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant, Miss Edith Merriam, Miss Elizabeth Thacher, Miss Alice Wright, Mrs. George Kimball and Mrs. Wilmot Mitchell. A fine meeting was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., were auto guests of the H. F. Proctor family Sunday.

The webbing factory has been working in the evening.

Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb is entertaining as her guest, her aunt, Mrs. H. A. Walcott of Boston.

Mrs. A. M. Hendley was the recipient of much attention Monday, the occasion being her eightieth birthday. Besides the gift from the Woman's club of eighty carnations, she enjoyed a post card shower from her many friends and well wishes, confectionery and flowers from the King's daughters, and many other pleasant tokens of regard and affection. It was a truly delightful day for Mrs. Hendley and her friends, and we are sure

that it will long be remembered by her and her host of admirers.

Among those who attended the Universalist celebration in Shirley Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thacher, Miss Elizabeth Thacher, Hon. Geo. W. Sanderson and Miss Fannie Sanderson.

Pipes have come for the extension of the water system.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens and Philip Cook went to Maynard Wednesday to attend Little Margaret Plummer's birthday party.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
The next regular meeting of the Tadmuck club will take place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall at three o'clock. The subject will be the first in the season's regular topic for study of Holland. Mrs. Mary Piper, of Keene, N. H., will give a paper on "Holland's Industries." The following names have been proposed for membership in the club: Miss Ruth Smith, Miss Ellen Hickey, Mrs. Frank C. Wright, Mrs. Gorge Walker, Mrs. Alec MacDougal and Mrs. W. R. Carver.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford spent the week-end with Melrose relations. Miss Sarah W. Loker has been a guest during part of this week with a cousin in Natick.

The W. R. Carvers are nicely established in their new home. Rev. Mr. Haynes, of Acton, occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church on last Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor. There was a large attendance, and with an excellent sermon and the musical part of the service well sustained, it proved a good meeting.

Samuel H. Balch, R. F. D. carrier on route No. 1, is having the customary fifteen days' vacation allowed by the government and William E. Green is acting as substitute mail carrier.

We note the death last week of James W. Moore at his home in North Chelmsford at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Moore was a former resident of this town, his home being the one now owned by George W. Heywood.

Westford grange has accepted an invitation for neighbors' night with Tyngsboro grange on Tuesday evening, October 22.

Mrs. M. E. Buckhold, of Ludlow, Vt., was an over Sunday guest with her sister, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.

In these busy days of apple harvesting, George H. Burke, of North Westford, has gained the reputation of a champion picker. One day recently in the Whitney orchards he picked one hundred bushels.

About Town.

The H. E. Fletcher Company have been awarded the contract by the Boston and Maine railroad for relaying the bank wall and straightening the curve on the railroad track at Tyngsboro. The line between the track and the Merrimack river and is considered unsafe, having more inclination toward water than some people, and while relaying it was deemed advisable to shorten the curve.

Herbert Walkden, a graduate of Westford academy, has entered Amherst Agricultural college. Alister McDougal, one of Westford academy's bright boys, received second prize, \$5.00, for judging cattle at the Brockton fair. With this encouragement he will attend the fair at Chicago in the coming fall.

The selectmen have appointed Alec McDonald as superintendent of streets in place of Frank E. Miller, resigned. Mr. Miller has left the roads in good condition, and if he must resign in favor of farming, there is no time so good as when the roads are good. His successor has had experience and observation with the state and town, and comes well endowed for efficiency.

On Sunday afternoon services will be held at Long-Sought-for chapel on the Groton road. Services will be held there on every Sunday afternoon until further notice.

George W. Heywood observed his eighty-third birthday on last week Wednesday. His acquaintances and friends called and exchanged congratulations. The writer recalls his early school days at the old Stony Brook school. Nearly all of those early schoolmates and playmates have answered the final "recall," but he remaineth the loyal old prophet in peaceful warfare for the rights of the people.

The funeral of Marcus H. Winship, who died at the Lowell General hospital on the anniversary of his marriage, took place from his home in West Chelmsford on last week Thursday afternoon. His many friends and associates in the village where he had been so long a familiar presence, were gathered at his home, and some of his old-time friendships in Westford were also present at this final farewell. Rev. Charles E. Spaulding, a former minister of the village church, and a long-time friend of the family, conducted the services. The bearers were Samuel Naylor, Frank Bickford, Thomas Brown and Frederick Edwards. Burial was in the village cemetery.

Richard M. Yarnold, of Parker-ville, had his left foot amputated at the Lowell General hospital on last week Friday as the result of being thrown from a mowing machine during the hay season, being thrown onto the knives and lacerating the left foot sufficiently for hospital treatment these many weeks, finally resulting in amputation.

The harvest supper and musical entertainment at the vestry of the village church, West Chelmsford, on Tuesday evening, was well planned and patronized and proved to be the awakening event in the social life of the village. The vocal selections by the Roberts trio, of Lowell, was the real propelling influence of the evening. Without doubt or flattery, the supper took first premium in comment with all suppers yet heard from. Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher had charge of the evening as her contribution of service for village and church.

Rev. David Wallace and Mrs. Wallace, the Misses Carrie, Lillian and May Atwood, Mrs. Emma Day and Mrs. Alta M. Taylor attended the conference of Congregational churches at Pepperell on Wednesday and report inspiring. Rev. David Wallace spoke with clear vision and the optimism of a practical student of life on "Christian ideals applied to church work."

The board of registrars of voters will hold a meeting on Monday evening, October 21, at Healy hall, Graniteville, from 7.30 to nine o'clock; at Forge Village, Abbot hall, Wednesday evening, October 23, from 7.30 to nine o'clock; at town hall, Westford Center, on Saturday, October 26, from noon until ten o'clock. This will be the final meetings before election day.

Martha Taylor Howard has just returned to New Jersey from attend-

ing anniversary exercises at Mt. Holyoke college.

Westford grange will be neighbors' night guest on Tuesday evening of next week at Tyngsboro, and have unanimously accepted the invitation to be guest neighbor.

Are all the nominees on board for representative from this district. There appears to be only five. As there are six towns in the district it seems to average only five-sixths of a man to a town. That doesn't seem to be man enough, but perhaps that will be enough to man the situation and Bumpus into action.

The monthly meeting of the Alliance connected with the Unitarian church was held at Mrs. George T. Day's on Friday afternoon of last week at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Alma Richardson, president, presided, and twelve were present. After the usual opening service the secretary, treasurer and chairman of the Executive mission and cheerful letter committee made reports. An interesting paper was then read by Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher on the subject of "Essentials in the Alliance," and Mrs. H. C. Frost gave a talk on "Religious news." After the close of the meeting a half-hour was spent in conversation, interspersed with music.

Wedding Anniversary.
A jolly good party of twenty-five gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Green on Tuesday evening, the tenth anniversary of their marriage. Sports, games and phonograph selections kept everybody busy. Mrs. Perley Wright added entertaining variety by giving several humorous readings, for which the company responded with well pointed hurrahs. The company gathered with a farther reaching motive than the cheer of an evening, and a bountiful variety of things endurable were presented to them by the company of the evening and others who could not be company. Ralph Bridgford acted as center piece for the company and made the presentation speech, to which Mr. and Mrs. Green rallied with appreciation in words and other palatable hospitalities.

During the evening Mrs. Perley Wright read an original poem, which well summed up "the evening we celebrate":

We've come here, your friends and neighbors,
To offer unto you our kind congratulations,
Which you know right well are true,
That you've walked so long together
In the rugged path of life,
And performed the sacred ministries
Of husband and of wife.

Full well do some remember
That bright October day
When Parson Mudge bade you join
hands
And then said: "Let us pray."
Wafted aloft on angel wings
The prayer to heaven was sent,
That your married life would
be bliss.

With love and sweet content,
That no unkind or selfish thoughts
Might dwell in either breast
And that all your future life might be
With peace and plenty blessed.

Ten short years have rolled away
Since that eventful day
They have been filled with varied
scenes—
Some sad some bright and gay.
These children dear have blessed your
home,
Your sorrows to beguile.

We come tonight with thankful heart
That still with us you stay
And join in helping celebrate
your wedding anniversary day.

In nineteen hundred thirty-seven,
If you that year should see,
Your silver wedding will be due
And we tonight agree
To do the very best we can to meet
you at that time
And bring some abler pen than mine
Report the show in rhyme.

Forge Village.

Prof. Enoch, the well and favorably known English swimmer, has recently been the guest of Patrick May. During his stay here he entertained a large audience in Abbot hall in a concert given by the Y. L. S. C. for the benefit of the boxhouse fund. The professor certainly did some daring feats in a large tank filled with water, the tank having a glass front in order that everyone might be able to see his performance. He ate crackers, drank milk, smoked and reclined under water, and also imitated several beasts and men while in the tank. He certainly made a great hit and it can be said that it was one of the best events the hall has seen for a good many years. An excellent program was carried out during the evening.

On Monday evening in Recreation hall, the members of the Y. L. S. C. gave a linen shower to their club chairman, Miss Ellen Byrnes, whose wedding to James Wisely, of Newark, N. J., took place on Tuesday morning. The affair came as a complete surprise to Miss Byrnes, who thought she was to attend an important club meeting. A dainty supper was served under the autumn foliage decorations and after the tables were cleared the evening was spent in music, song, dances and a general good time. Miss Byrnes received a host of many useful and ornamental presents, which will later help to beautify her new home.

Evening services were held at St. Andrew's mission on last Sunday at the usual hour. Mr. Bumpus delivered a most interesting lecture on "Missionary work in Alaska," and illustrated his discourse with stereoscopic views. Many were present from Ayer, Graniteville, Westford and Groton, besides a goodly number from this village.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle held their regular meeting in Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon. On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William Baker spent the day with their sister, Mrs. Arthur Blodgett, of Westford. While there they enjoyed picking ripe raspberries, which is a rare event in October.

Many from here attended the rosy devotions held at St. Catherine's church on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Longbottom, of East Lexington, visited Mrs. Longbottom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett, on Wednesday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Longbottom made the trip by automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blodgett and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of Groton road, attended the Fitchburg fair on last Saturday.

John Hanley and family spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hanley.

Thomas and James Kitcher, Howard Sykes, Ernest Myers, Miss Florence Sykes and Miss Kitcher, of Lowell, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole on Sunday.

Weddings.

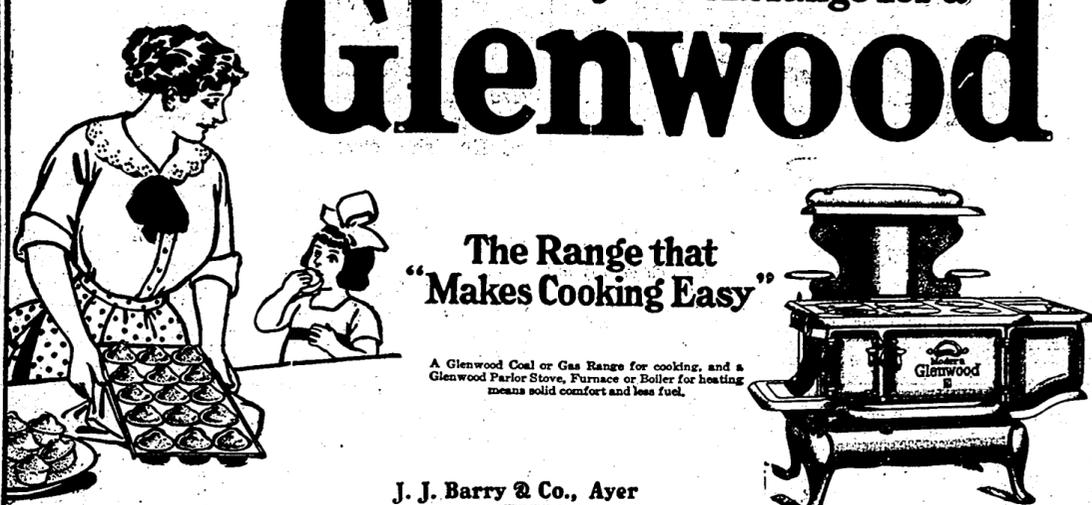
On Tuesday morning, at St. Catherine's church, Miss Byrnes and Mr. Wisely were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, in the midst of a host of friends and relatives. At 9.15, to the strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Mary T. Hanley, the

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TOWNSEND.

West.
A party of eight, consisting of Mrs. E. J. Lees, Mrs. S. W. Upton, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. George Upton, Mrs. Mary Heath, Miss Clara Warren, Mrs. Herman Lawrence and Miss Emily Orr attended the Unitarian convention at Stow on last week Thursday.

Miss Maria B. Wiggin celebrated her nineteenth birthday on last Friday, and although no especial function was observed, she was the recipient of many gifts and letters of congratulations as well as a shower of birthday cards.

Miss Emily Orr, of Lynn, is spending a few days at her tenement in the Manning house.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Munroe, from Marlboro.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brayton, from Providence, are guests of Mrs. Brayton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Willard, of Dorchester, and George Willard, from Boston, have been spending a few days with relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan are visiting relatives in Melrose and vicinity.

S. Leroy Shapleigh, from Somerville, spent Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster.

No books were distributed from the reading-room on last Saturday evening as it was a holiday and the library at the Center was closed.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch has been assisting in the postoffice for the past week.

A very interesting meeting of the Brotherhood was held in form of a political discussion at the reading-room on last Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

Present and the principles of the democratic party were expressed by Dr. Henry B. Boynton and Alexander Reed, and a very interesting discussion followed. On this Saturday night Dr. R. S. Ely and Arthur A. Smith will express the views of the progressive party at the reading-room at eight o'clock, and all men interested in these discussions are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin, Miss Clara Hosley and Mrs. R. S. Ely spent the day on last week Thursday with friends in Groton.

Miss Kate Preston, from New Ipswich, N. H., has been visiting relatives in town this week.

Miss Lizzie McAllie and her little niece, Miss Margaret Roebuck, are spending a few days in Boston.

The democratic town committee met with George H. Tenney on Saturday and organized for the ensuing year with the following officers: George H. Tenney, pres.; Herman L. Stickney, sec.; J. M. Coffey, treas.

Mrs. Daniel C. Taylor, who has been quite ill, is now reported as much improved. Mrs. Lucy Lawrence was with her for a few days last week.

Morton Campbell, of Townsend hill, is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Frank Farnsworth.

Mrs. James Smith is very ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Richards.

On Sunday evening the Y. P. S. C. E. met in the study with Henry B. Hathaway for the leader, the topic being "You can do better if you try."

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. DeLong, from Shirley.

Mrs. Alice Smith is seriously ill at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rodney Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman have closed their tenement a week and are visiting friends in Swanzey, N. H.

Mrs. Kate Nutting, a former resident here, is visiting friends in town and reports a very pleasant and profitable summer at her home in Cochituate, where she raises garden truck and provides home cooking for the campers along the lake.

Albert Wright, of Winthrop, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Mrs. Margery Jodery, from Boston, is spending a few days with her friends in town.

The annual roll call of the Baptist church will take place on Friday, October 25, during the afternoon and evening. The roll call and business of the day will occupy the afternoon session, and in the evening an address to which the public is heartily invited, will be given by Rev. W. E. Waterbury, field secretary of the Massachusetts Missionary association.

Rev. C. L. Eldredge, from Greenville, N. H.; Rev. Struthers of the Congregational church, and Rev. Robertson, of the Methodist church at the Center, will also be present and speak during the evening's exercises.

Rally Sunday.
The Sunday school rally at the Baptist church last Sunday was a most pleasing and successful affair, with an attendance of 114. The Brotherhood attended in a body after a brief business meeting in the vestry. The affair commenced with the singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers" by the school, assisted by the choir, and after responsive scripture readings and prayer by the pastor, an exercise of welcome was given by the primary department, followed by the song, "Yield not to temptation," by the school. Two recitations, "A cheerful heart," by Miss Gladys Rawson, and a welcome by Miss Doris Tenney preceded the reports of teachers, also a recitation, "The master has come over Jordan," by Miss Marion Louette.

The teachers reported as follows: The ladies' and gentlemen's class, Quincy Adams teacher; girl's class, Miss Alice Seaver; boy's class, Miss M. Ellnor Tower; infant department, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose. A portion of the primary department was promoted with Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman as teacher and the boy's class was divided with Mrs. Charles Hodgman taking the second division; a woman's class was organized with Superintendent Smith as teacher and Rev. S. D. Ringrose as assistant teacher, and Perry W. Sawtelle as teacher.

The superintendent, Arthur A. Smith, gave an address which was followed by singing, "Throw out the life line"; recitations by Miss Helen Marr, Doris Tenney, Ruth Bennett, Nancy Richards, Janet Clarke and Gertrude Hamilton, George Way, Lester Smith, Miss Sadie Bell, and after a few remarks by the pastor and the treasurer's report, the school was dismissed, the occasion proving most enjoyable for both young and old.

Center.
Quite a party from Townsend attended the progressive rally at Pepperell on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce visited the latter part of last week with Charles Hart, Brookline.

Lester Swicker attended the electric show in Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. Otha Marshall is very ill suffering with heart trouble and other complications.

Twenty-two fans from here, nearly all of them, were present at the Boston Reg. Box, witnessed the game in which they were defeated at Boston on Tuesday, and although disappointed in the game, were doubly glad at the result of the series after the next day's game was finished.

Harry Winchester, together with Hallet, Misner, of Sharon, is enjoying a trip to Baltimore, Md.

Samuel Gillis' and Mrs. Martha Hildreth left on Wednesday morning for an extended trip to Virginia, to visit relatives. They went by boat from Fall River to New York, and then to Liverpool, Pa., by rail, where they will stop and visit a sister of Mr. Gillis', and later take the trip to Virginia.

Grange.
About fifty members from the Brookline, N. H., Grange came over to Townsend on Monday night and gave a fine entertainment, the occasion being neighbors' night. After the entertainment a supper was furnished by the home grange, of which Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Atwood had the charge, and the company then dispersed after the usual friendly talks and customary exercises. The following excellent entertainment was given at the home grange appreciated very much:

Selections by the kitchen orchestra, "Auld Lang Syne" and other familiar airs, Star Barnaby, leader, Ethel Taylor, James Glack, Elizabeth Rockwood, Forest Hall, Arthur Goss, Delbert Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Cady, Mabel Farnsworth, Ed Taylor, Minnie Holcomb, Ed Taylor, and musicals, Mrs. Clara Russell and Mrs. Lucretia Marshall; monologue, "A trolley ride," Mrs. Hattie Pierce; accordion solos, Arthur Goss; farce, "The Smith mystery," Mrs. Edna Hall, Miss Blanche Hall, Mrs. Edna Hall; selection by kitchen orchestra, Minnie Rockwood and Ethel Taylor, soloists; comedy, "Her second trip to earth," Mr. and Mrs. Russell; selection, kitchen orchestra.

The instruments and costumes of the kitchen orchestra were especially good; the cooking caps being decorated with small tin spoons, and in one case small round doughnuts placed at even intervals.

LUNENBURG.
News Items.
Rev. William G. Berkeley, whose last pastorate was in Little Compton, R. I., and who has recently been visiting friends in Kennebunkport, Me., occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church last Sunday morning and gave a fine sermon from the text, "Give ye them to eat." The executive committee of the church invited Mr. Berkeley to come again on Sunday.

Deacon George C. Jewett, Norman G. Bigelow and Miss Edna E. Adams attended the Middlesex-Union church Sunday school convention at Lawrence this week.

Mrs. Mary J. Bigelow, Mrs. Edith Harley and Miss Nellie Jewett were appointed delegates from the Congregational Sunday school to the State Sunday school convention at Lawrence this week.

A new piazza is being built across the front of the house on the Neal place, lately purchased by E. G. Narramore, and occupied by Mr. Linstead.

Workmen have begun on the foundation for the building for the fire wagon and apparatus. The foundation is to be of stone and the floor will be of concrete. The buildings will be located on School street between the public library and the high school.

The annual inspection of the Hatfield Stone tent, daughters of Veterans occurred on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mrs. Mattie R. Tucker, of Medford, department president, and the inspecting officer, Mrs. Gertrude Holbrook Works, of Littleton, assistant inspector general, were present, and complimented them on their good work. All the officers of the tent were in attendance. After the inspection refreshments of cake and cocoa and fancy crackers were served.

Townsend high school has challenged Lunenburg high school to another series of debates this winter, and it has been decided to accept the challenge. Six pupils have volunteered to take part—Dwight L. Moody, Emma S. Burrage, Lucy Frator, Harold Woodward, John Gilchrist and Idella Magovern. It will be decided later what the subjects will be and the dates also.

Herman C. Knight, superintendent of schools, has made arrangements to hold an office hour at the schoolhouse from 3.30 to 4.30 on every Wednesday afternoon for the convenience of anyone who may wish to consult him in regard to anything pertaining to the schools.

Harlan L. Burnell joined the Starr party from Pepperell on last Monday enroute for Florida, where they expected to arrive at Jacksonville at 1.30 on Wednesday afternoon. They spent several hours in Washington before proceeding on their way, and will arrive here in the winter in Green Cove Springs, Fla.

LITTLETON.
About Town.
Last Saturday afternoon, at her home, the marriage of Miss Helen Frouty and Richard L. Hartwell was solemnized by Rev. O. J. Fairfield. It was a very pretty home wedding, only the members of the two families being present. Following the ceremony the happy couple started on an auto trip up through the Berkshires, their future home, to be in Somerville. Again two more of our young people leave town.

Preparations are under way for the annual church fair of the Unitarian society which comes off Friday, October 25. There will be the usual table attractions and supper, followed by a pleasing entertainment.

John Houghton and family, of Gardner, visited his father on Sunday. His sister, Miss Elizabeth, returned with them for a visit.

Mrs. D. G. Houghton is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Childs, of Woburn.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield announced as his sermon subject for Sunday morning the theme of Prof. Starbuck's conference address, "The four great victories for humanity gained in recent times that have made possible a nearer thought of God, and that are forcing men of science into religion."

The recent church meeting of the Unitarian society, at Joseph A. Harwood, Mrs. E. P. Wilcox and Mrs. G. H. Barker were appointed on the committee to collect the money for the missionary contribution of the society to the American Unitarian association.

Mrs. C. S. Robbins has spent the past week with her sister in Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Kimball, of Gardner, are visiting his brother, A. T. Kimball, and other relatives here.

Prof. Wilmot Mitchell, of Bowdoin college, occupied the Congregational pulpit on last Sunday.

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Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26, at 12 noon, a lot of cows, horses, hogs, wagons, farming tools, household furniture, etc., on the farm of Dr. E. W. North, North Sudbury, occupied by Mrs. L. E. Bent.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To, Martha A. Sargent of Hudson, Marion A. Dadman and George W. Balch of Shirley, all in said County of Middlesex, and Mary A. Rich, both of Leominster in the County of Worcester, Helen R. Balch of Franklin, and Francis A. Balch of Weehawken in the State of New Jersey.

Whereas REV. ELLIOTT M. BALCH of Leominster in the county of Worcester has presented to said Court a petition, representing that she holds as tenant in common, according to the fourth part or share of certain real estate lying in Ayer in said County of Middlesex, as described in said petition, and as said real estate cannot be advantageously divided, praying that partition may be made among the tenants in common, according to law; and that the commissioner who may be appointed to make said partition be ordered to make said partition in accordance with the offer named in said petition, and to distribute the net proceeds thereof to the parties as therein provided.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of November 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 said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and, if any one cannot be so found, 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

315 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To, the devisees under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES E. BANCROFT late of Groton in said County deceased.

Whereas, CLARENCE E. EBERT, executor of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in the County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of October 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 said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and, if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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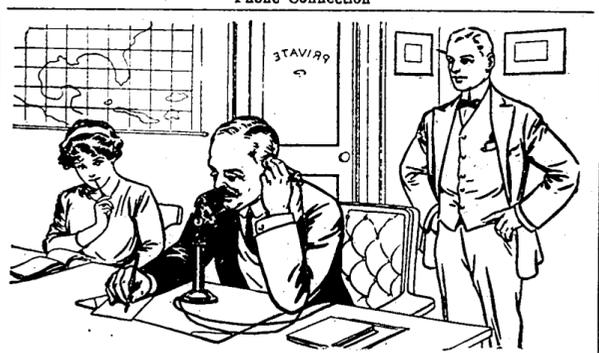
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Saturday, October 19, 1912.

GROTON.

Clipping. From the Boston Journal of October 15: "Shawfieldmont, Gen. William A. Bancroft's beautiful country home at Groton, has been sold.

"The deal, which came as a surprise, was started before the general went abroad, but because an agreement could not be reached as to the figure, the matter was left in the air and it was not until Friday that Everett E. Tarbell of Pepperell decided to give the general his price.

"The news that the general had sold his country home came as a surprise to many of his friends who have known the pleasure he has taken in seeing 'the farm,' as he called it, grow into one of the finest estates in northern Massachusetts. The amount of money expended by the general on this place has been many thousands of dollars. A beautiful bungalow has been built, which, it was understood, was later to be turned into a stable when the 'big house' had been completed. Some and material for this new home had already been assembled and it was thought that the general was soon to begin the erection of a model country house.

"Gen. Bancroft is at present in Limoges visiting his daughter, Mrs. William Haviland, wife of the famous family of china manufacturers. According to a statement of a member of the family last night, he is expected to return some time during the early part of November.

"Although members of the general's family refuse to discuss the sale of the farm, except to say that the deal was practically consummated, it was learned that the general had contemplated selling the place for some months. With the duties that devolved upon him as head of the elevated and other interests, he found that personal care of the farm was too much and decided to sell.

"This rumor is to the effect that Gen. Bancroft will within a short time retire as head of the Boston Elevated railroad. One of his friends who was interviewed yesterday said that if certain conditions ever obtained in the Elevated system he would withdraw from the presidency.

"These conditions are said to exist at the present time, and they are suggested as causes why the general had disposed of his farm so that if he wished to travel for an extended time he would not be handicapped by the care of a big estate in Massachusetts.

"For weeks the rumor that there was to be a change in the management of the Elevated has been public gossip and several names have been mentioned as the possible successor of the general.

"Most prominent is the name of James L. Richards, president of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and a member of the executive committee of the Elevated. It was he who in a great measure brought the late strike on the system to a close.

"What change, if any, will be made, will probably not become a reality until after the return of the general. At the present time, vice-president Sergeant is the acting head of the Elevated and his name has been suggested also for the place that may soon be vacant. Mr. Sergeant is one of the men of the company who has borne his full share of the load in running the great system. He has been advanced from the position of auditor up to first vice-president and there are few more practical railroad men in the business than he."

Report of School Gardens. The Groton Improvement society met with Mrs. Frank A. Torrey on Monday afternoon. The following report of Miss Isabelle Woods, instructor of children's school gardens, was read at this meeting. It was voted by the society to have the report printed in the Groton Landmark:

Groton, Mass., Oct. 7, 1912. To the Groton Improvement Society: After I was notified by the garden committee of my appointment as instructor of the children's school gardens, I visited the gardens to see the number of children wanting gardens, and forty-two gave their names. The first garden was planted on Bixby hill, May 13, and the others soon as the ground was prepared, which was somewhat delayed. The land on Bixby hill and the Lawrence playground was very hard to work, being so ground.

All the children who had given in their names responded except those allotted to the mill garden, only one Lawrence Toomey taking a garden. Upon interviewing the children, I found there was some feeling among the families, and they were not willing the children to take the gardens, but Lawrence Toomey took a great interest in his gardens, laying it out and planting in design. The early frost put it back and the dry weather affected what was left, which discouraged him very much and it was finally given up.

Several of the small children who had gardens dropped out at the close of school, and during the summer four of the boys' gardens were in town and were obliged to give them up, these being given to some of the others who thought they could do the extra work. On August 30, I sent a box of vegetables from the gardens to the Massachusetts Horticultural society to be exhibited in Horticultural hall, Boston. On the following morning I went to Boston to arrange the exhibit and take the flowers. We had thirty varieties of vegetables and eight of flowers, winning first, second, and third prizes, and second and fourth prizes in vegetables, making nine dollars, which was equally divided among the children. We did not do the best to exhibit at Clinton fair, as the prizes were small and would have to bear the expense of getting exhibit each way. At the Groton fair the children were to exhibit individually. Provost Thompson won first prize, Stafford Shedy second and Willie Clark third, all making a beautiful display. The attendance has been very good and all have taken a great interest and being easily managed. The following list of children were awarded prizes by the Groton Improvement society: Lawrence playground garden—Over ten years, Joseph Freeman 1st, Elizabeth Blood 2d; under ten years, Stafford Shedy 1st, Clifford Folkins 2d, gratuity—Paul Blood, Jack Freeman, Charles Murphy; red bridge garden—Over ten years, Willie Clark, Erving Duran; Bixby hill garden—Over ten years, Provost Thompson 1st, Donald Bixby 2d; under ten years, George Woolover 1st, Harlan Lamb 2d; gratuity—Dorothy Thompson, Robert Bixby. Respectfully submitted, ISABELLE WOODS.

Alumni Dinner. Rev. Endicott Peabody, head master of Groton School, gave a dinner to the graduates of the school at the Algonquin club in Boston, Tuesday, October 8. There was an attendance of about a hundred alumni and much enthusiasm was displayed. After the dinner Mr. Peabody made an address in which he told about things of interest to the graduates. He explained the school system of scholarships at Groton and spoke of the honors on Groton men at Harvard and of other matters connected with the

work. In closing he called upon the graduates to cooperate with the trustees and masters of the school to do all that they could to help Groton.

Mr. Billings then spoke on the new boys, after which Mr. Ayvart very kindly told about the football situation and the outlook for the team. R. W. Emmons '90 presented Mr. Griswold with a silver milestone to mark his twentieth year at Groton. In reply Mr. Griswold made a very interesting speech on the relation between science and the classics, and their bearing on each other at preparatory schools.

G. H. Roosevelt '09, as the head of a committee of New York alumni for the purpose of considering the idea of having a yearly alumni dinner in Boston, spoke in favor of this plan. He also suggested to have two or three smoke talks a year in Boston for the graduates in that city and its vicinity. Dr. Henry L. Bowditch '94 advocated his eagerness to be of use to any Groton men intending to study medicine. The speeches were interspersed by singing led by E. K. Hadden '10.

Very Successful. The friends of Miss Nellie M. Sargent, formerly of Groton, graduate of Groton high school in 1904, and of Simmons college in 1909, will be interested to know that she has just accepted a position as dietitian at the New York Polyclinic medical school and hospital, 341 to 357 West 50th street, New York city. For two years Miss Sargent has been dietitian at the Eastern Maine General hospital, Bangor, Me., and has been very successful in her work there. The position of dietitian in a hospital is a very responsible one. It includes the careful supervision of all the ordering, cooking and serving of food for the whole hospital, as well as the teaching of cooking to the nurses in training, and careful study of different diets for different diseases. Miss Sargent expects to begin her work in New York the first week in November and considers that her new position will offer her many opportunities for advancement in her work, as well as a very remunerative salary.

Death. Colonel George Hartwell Kimball died unexpectedly at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., on Thursday of last week from acute pneumonia. He was seventy-one years old and leaves a wife and one daughter. Colonel Kimball was born in Groton on September 25, 1841. When the civil war began he enlisted in the Fourth Massachusetts Rifles, and because of his service was promoted to be first lieutenant. He resigned in 1863. After a short stay in the east he went to Dakota and Arizona, where he was a post trader. Then, interested in grain commission business and storage, he went to California. He was lieutenant colonel and aide-de-camp on the staff of Governor Stoneman. Until 1877, he held a responsible position with the Spring Valley Water Company of San Francisco. He then went to Southern California to make his permanent home there.

Clipping. The following is clipped from the Boston Globe of October 16: "James L. Richards, president of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and member of the executive committee of the Boston Elevated, denied absolutely yesterday the report, started apparently as a result of Gen. Wm. A. Bancroft's going abroad for six weeks, that he is to succeed Bancroft as president of the Elevated." "Mr. Richards declared that every few months he is called on to deny such reports. He added that he knows of no immediate change in the presidency of the Elevated and believes that when Gen. Bancroft gets back from his vacation he will resume his duties as head of the Elevated.

The special inspiration of the latest report of Gen. Bancroft's retirement appears to have been the sale of his farm at Groton to E. E. Tarbell of Pepperell. Gen. Bancroft's son, Gen. Hugh Bancroft, said yesterday that his father sold the Groton place because it was so large and required too much care for a man with so many business responsibilities. He said that though the papers will not be passed till his father returns, the sale is as good as made. Gen. Bancroft is expected home in about two weeks."

News Item. Miss Martha Folkins, a sister of Townsend Folkins, was operated on for appendicitis by Dr. Kilbourn at the Groton hospital on last Sunday. She is doing well.

George E. Hodgman attended the Box-Giant game at Boston on last Saturday. The twenty-ninth birthday of Groton School was observed at the school on Tuesday.

Mrs. Timothy O'Connell, of the Broad Meadow road, was operated on by Dr. Kilbourn at the Groton hospital for appendicitis and gallstones on last Saturday. Mrs. O'Connell had been a very sick woman, getting just a little more comfortable by Tuesday.

The two youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cook are staying this week with their grandmother, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are taking a vacation, spending a part of it in Boston and New York.

Mr. Breckenridge, of New York state, who bought the Luther Rowe place, has been on to see about affairs, but will not come to occupy his newly-purchased place this winter.

It is expected that Mr. Abram Miller, who went to the Clinton hospital last week Thursday, will be able to return home some time this week.

Charles Roderick Woolley left home on last Sunday, going to enter the course at the General Electric Works at Lynn on Monday morning.

Miss Pease, of Reading, is the new teacher at the Chilpeep row school, taking the place of Miss Edith Stone, who resigned to accept a position in Waltham.

The public schools were given a holiday this week Friday to allow the teachers to attend the twentieth anniversary convention of the Northwest Middlesex Teachers' convention held at Ayer on that day. The play, "An old maid's wooing," was given very successfully by members of Groton grange in town hall on last week Friday evening. They were accompanied by musical selections and also furnished music for the dance which followed the entertainment. There was a full house, and the proceeds, after all expenses were paid, amounted to over sixty dollars.

Harvey Woods, of the Lowell Textile school, spent Saturday and Sunday at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Woods. He is a graduate of honor at the marriage of Miss Charlotte Barton Crocker and Shaukelly, of New York, at Christ church, Fitchburg, Saturday, October 19. The Misses Peabody are daughters of Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., of Groton School.

Miss Olive Ambler, a teacher in the high school at Malden, formerly a teacher in Groton high school, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Grant Shattuck. Since her previous visit in Groton, Miss Ambler has enjoyed a summer in Europe.

Archie H. Messenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Messenger of this town, is to be married on Monday evening, October 21, to Miss Alma Ellis Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Thomas of New Bedford.

Apples are in abundance in the apple orchards in Groton. Geo. S. Knapp picked off one of his trees twenty-three barrels of Baldwin.

Revs. Endicott Peabody and Sherard Billings were present at the installation of the dean of St. Paul's cathedral, in Boston, last Sunday, and at the first service held in the cathedral on Monday.

Gardner H. Rockwood is having steam heat installed in his residence. Rev. Dudley R. Child of Pepperell will exchange with Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey of the First Parish Unitarian church next Sunday.

Mrs. Charles E. Eddy, who has been undergoing treatment at the Homeopathic hospital in Boston, came home Sunday not benefited by the operations received. Mrs. Eddy suffers from nervous troubles not only of the stomach but the stomach for which she is now being treated while at home.

E. S. Clark W. R. C. was inspected Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Eileen Sawyer, president of Geo. S. Boutwell corps of Ayer. Accompanying Mrs. Sawyer were Mrs. Nina E. Lovejoy, Mrs. Alma Brown, Mrs. Lucia Richardson, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Crawford and others whose names are not remembered, making ten in all who were welcome visitors from the Ayer corps. The visitors made interesting remarks, the speaker praising the appearance of the corps of which there was a large number of members present. The social hour was enjoyed with refreshment of sandwiches, cake and cocoa. The local society was well pleased with the work of the inspecting officer and the neighborhood visit of W. R. C. No. 49.

Groton Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, will place descriptive markers on the graves of some of the heroes and heroines of the revolution. On Saturday afternoon, October 13, at three o'clock there will be a meeting of the society in the lower town hall. At this meeting the members will give an account of the part of military and civil, of these persons. A cordial invitation is given to every person, old or young, who is interested to attend the meeting, which is to be held in public hall so that all can be accommodated.

Groton School football team defeated Lowell Textile here Wednesday by a score of 20 to 6. The law being off, George E. Tuttle and Joseph Paulus went hunting on Tuesday and between them got eight gray squirrels.

At a special meeting of Groton grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were conferred on a class of nine as follows: Harrison M. Hatch, Albert P. Warren, Thomas Smith, Kenneth Sawyer, Miss Mary M. Bowen, Miss Catherine Smith, Mrs. E. H. Anderson, Mrs. Nora Folkins, Miss Mary Folkins.

Mrs. James R. Hawkes arrived in town on Thursday, coming from Northampton and Worcester, where she has had an enjoyable time. She expects to be here next week. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes will come to live before long in their new home in Groton.

The Gen. Bancroft or Shawfieldmont auction was attended by a crowd on both Wednesday and Thursday. The 250 tons of hay was all sold on Monday. Green, of Fitchburg, at twenty dollars per ton, in the barn. One span of horses went to Keyes, of Westford, another span to Page, of Pepperell, one single horse went to Lundenburg and another to F. McKean, of Chilpeep row, Groton, and one horse was not sold. The sixty-five cows were all sold, going to several different towns, a number here in Groton. The highest price paid for a cow—a Holstein—was eighty-seven dollars, by Mr. Page, of Pepperell. The other Rhode Island Reds, were divided up in lots, one lot going to Lundenburg, the other lots sold to townspeople. It is considered that everything sold well.

The old schoolmates and other Groton friends of Archie H. Messenger will be interested to hear of his approaching marriage to Miss Alma E. Thomas, of New Bedford. The wedding will take place on Monday, October 21. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Messenger, and sisters, Mrs. Edith and Hattie Messenger, of this town, will attend, Miss Edith being the bridesmaid.

On the morning of September 11, the U. S. S. Idaho, arrived at Newport, R. I. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Mason, machinist, are standing throttle-watch on the port engine all the way up. The U. S. S. Ohio was in company with the Idaho. Her next trip was to New Haven for a short stay, then down to Rockland, Me. Last week Monday the Idaho arrived in New York and was in that great American naval review in North River on October 14-15. It was the largest fleet of war vessels ever assembled in American waters. After the review, the vessels sailed out to sea, each to its allotted duties, some going south for gun practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer and Mrs. Blanche Brown attended the Pomona at Ashby on Thursday, and on Thursday evening a large load of Groton grange members went over to neighbor with Westford grange. Next Tuesday evening the third and fourth degrees will be worked on the class of nine new members. Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee are occupying their new home in the late Mrs. Shumway's house. Mr. Wetherbee is not yet fully recovered from the effects of his fall. Mrs. E. C. Leonard went on Wednesday to visit a cousin in Concord, N. H. Miss Carrie Hartt is in town and is visiting Miss Fannie E. Taylor and also Mrs. J. T. Bennett. Eugene O. Collier met with a bad accident while picking his apples the first of the week. He had stepped from the ladder onto a limb which broke under him giving him a fall of fifteen feet to the ground. He struck on his back and has since suffered much pain and been kept in bed, his whole body jarred and shaken by the fall. Mr.

Collier has been attended by Dr. Priest, who finds no bones or ligaments broken. The academy played Clinton high Tuesday. Score, 13 to 0 in favor of Lawrence. The private car of President Mellen of the Boston and Maine railroad, was side tracked at Groton station Tuesday.

Mrs. Jane Clark and Miss Annie L. Gopercott of Manchester, N. H., on Wednesday, enjoying a trolley ride a part of the way. Edward L. Harris has left his position at Marston's luncheon rooms and gone to San Francisco to take a position in the Potter school for boys. At the next meeting of the W. R. C. three new candidates will be admitted as members.

Rev. G. M. Howe, Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck, Mrs. Emeline Smith, Mrs. Bradford B. Harrington and Mrs. H. H. Gay of the Union Congregational church, Groton, attended the association of Congregational churches held with the Pepperell Congregational church on Wednesday.

West Groton. After spending a week with friends in Pepperell, Miss Bridget Moran left town this week for Leominster. She had but partially recovered from a sprained ankle, which for several days gave her much trouble. The Trofater cottage on the back Groton road was found to have been entered recently. A broken pane in one of the windows aroused the suspicions of a neighbor and Mr. Trofater, who spends the greater part of his time in Boston, was notified and came to investigate. He returned to Boston on Wednesday and it has not been learned that he missed anything of value. This is not the first time that the house has been entered and ransacked.

D. M. Shepley, of Sheldon, Vt., was in town recently and made a short stay at the home of his father, J. T. Shepley. As reported last week, Mrs. Charles Bixby and daughter Ruth spent the week-end with relatives in Westley. Mr. Bixby gave them a surprise on Sunday by joining them, arriving in an automobile driven by C. E. Bixby. Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge dined at Groton Inn recently as guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley.

Lawrence Strand, Jr., has made rapid recovery from the injury to his elbow sustained last week by being thrown from a farm wagon by the quick starting of the horse. Mrs. L. Nutting, of Westford, visited friends here for a short time on Monday.

Mrs. Bradley of Gardner, and her daughter, Miss E. M. Bradley, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley. Miss Kate Tarbell was welcomed to her home here on Monday, arriving from Milton, N. H., on the one o'clock train. She has been absent since the first of March and is convalescing from a very serious illness. Her many friends are very glad that she is able to be with them once more.

L. G. Strand arrived home this week from a business trip to New Hampshire. C. L. Roy spent the week-end out-of-town. Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. Charles Bixby, Mrs. George Bixby and Miss Ruth Lawrence attended the semi-annual meeting of the Association of Congregational churches held in Pepperell on Wednesday. They report a most interesting session and a concert of unusual excellence.

Miss Flora Kemp took advantage of the beautiful weather on Thursday afternoon to invite several friends to enjoy an auto ride with G. Strand, Jr., as chauffeur. The Bancroft bungalow in Groton was visited and opportunity given to enjoy the beautiful view from the tower. Those accompanying Miss Kemp were Mrs. J. T. Shepley, Mrs. E. P. Shores, Mrs. H. Spaulding.

At the Tuesday evening prayer meeting the pastor gave a very interesting talk on Henry Martyn, one of the early missionaries, the centenary of whose death occurred on October 16. The Tuesday evening talks given by Mr. Trowbridge are very enjoyable as well as helpful, and all are cordially and earnestly invited to bring their bibles and come to help.

The grammar school is quite jubilant over the latest contribution to its appearance and comfort. A row of new adjustable desks has taken the place of the old ones placed there in an emergency about seven years ago. The Tarbell school now numbers seventy-four pupils, forty-two of them in the primary department.

It is reported that a raid was made on the Lester Adams house on Main street last Sunday by Officer Riley. The house is occupied by a Polish family and it is understood that liquor was seized and confiscated, but full particulars have not been learned. Renald Fernald, clerk for Bixby-Weber Company, is taking his vacation and enjoying a week of hunting.

A. F. Bates and his son Asel visited Boston on Wednesday. Mrs. J. T. Shepley and Miss Flora Kemp spent Wednesday in Clinton. On Tuesday Mr. Shepley, R. the high wind and journeyed to Fitchburg on his bicycle. He visited Mrs. A. P. Blood at the Deaconess home and returning to Ayer too late for his wheel for the last stage of his journey, despite the gale that was blowing. Fifty miles was recorded by his cyclometer.

Entertainment. Those who enjoyed the series of fine entertainments given last winter under the auspices of Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., will be pleased to learn that another series no less enjoyable will be given during the coming season. The first will be a concert by "Thomas' original jingles," who in character, musicianship and the true southern darkey temperament will fully measure up to every expectation. They are under the direction of E. S. Thomas, the celebrated Afro-American bass. The programs are arranged to carry the audience in spirit back to "old plantation days." Distinguishing features of these programs are old negro melodies, songs of the camp meeting and the plantation, of the cabin and the levee, songs, both comic and sentimental, character songs in costume, humorous monologues, male quartets, readings, etc.

One of the most effective features of their delightful program is the cornet playing of Mrs. Board, who is also an alto singer of remarkable ability. This entertainment is first-class in every particular, the artists are genuine jubilee singers sent out by the Lyceum Bureau, of Boston. Saturday evening, October 26, in Squannacook hall. Everybody is most cordially invited.

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Political Advertisement Political Advertisement DEMOCRATIC RALLY TOWN HALL, AYER Tuesday Eve'g, Oct. 22 AT EIGHT O'CLOCK SPEAKERS HON. DAVID I. WALSH, of Fitchburg Candidate for Lieut.-Governor HUMPHREY O'SULLIVAN, of Lowell Candidate for Congress JOHN J. HOGAN, of Lowell Candidate for Councillor EDWARD FISHER, of Westford Candidate for Senator JOHN D. CARNEY, of Ayer Candidate for Representative GOOD MUSIC ALL INVITED DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE William J. Donlon, Chairman Chas. A. McCarthy, Secretary

AYER.

Notice.

Hospital tag day pledges may be paid on Saturday afternoon and evening. There will be a representative of the committee to receive the money at the following places: reading-room, Ayer public library, Hill's drug store and William Brown's drug store. You will greatly help the committee and facilitate the work of establishing a hospital in Ayer by paying your pledges promptly at the above-named places on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 19.

News Items.

For the benefit of the patrons of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, it is stated that owing to a change of schedule of the connecting cars from North Chelmsford to Lowell, the cars connecting for Ayer and intermediate points on the main line leave from Bridge street, Merrimack square, at five minutes of the hour, instead of twelve minutes of the hour as formerly. It is desired to make sure of the connection for cars on the main line will do well to take the Tyngsboro car which leaves Lowell fifteen minutes ahead of the regular car, which should, but which does always not connect. By taking the Tyngsboro car patrons may avoid the unpleasantness of waiting at North Chelmsford for nearly an hour.

The annual communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held in Masonic hall on Monday afternoon, October 21, at one o'clock, at which time dinner will be served in the banquet hall. Immediately after dinner the lodge will be opened for the transaction of regular business. Following the lodge meeting the officers will be publicly installed by Albert A. Filibrown, assisted by Chas. F. Johnson, of Littleton, as grand marshal. The program of the entertainment following will be under the direction of Daniel W. Mason, master of St. Paul lodge. Music will be given by the Harvard mad quartet, of Boston, with Miss Ada M. Phillips as reader.

Apollo lodge, I. O. O. F., of Fitchburg, at a meeting last week voted to invite North Star lodge of Townsend, Robert Burns lodge of Ayer, Fredonian lodge of Shirley, Beacon of Pepperell and Groton of Groton to make a visit on November 20. A committee is preparing plans for the entertainment of the visitors.

At a meeting of subscribers to the hospital fund held in the Board of Trade rooms on last Saturday evening, B. H. Hopkins was chosen to collect the money pledged. He was assisted by Drs. H. B. Priest and F. S. Bulkeley. The subject was discussed in an informal way by those present, after which the meeting was adjourned until this Saturday evening for further action.

Nomination papers were filed with Albert P. Langtry, secretary of state, favoring the candidacy of Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of this town, for representative from the eleventh Middlesex district. Mr. Bumpus' name will appear on the official ballot for the election under the political designation of progressive.

The ladies of the Sandy Pond School association will hold a harvest supper Tuesday evening, October 22. Supper from 6:30 to eight. All invited.

Mrs. Myra Gilson Jernberg of Cleveland, Ohio, who has been visiting her relatives here for about a week, left last week Friday for her home in that city, taking her mother, Mrs. James Gilson, with her. Mrs. Gilson has been since last spring at Townsend, and before leaving with her daughter had visited her son, Charles Gilson, of this town, for a couple of days. Mrs. Gilson is eighty-six years of age and has been a resident here for the past forty years.

Three new transformers have been purchased by the Ayer Electric Light Company for the improvement of its service. These machines are of high voltage and will be installed very shortly for they are already at the station where preparations are being made for their operation.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, for whom papers were filed this week with the secretary of the state as a candidate for representative from the eleventh Middlesex district, has withdrawn in favor of J. G. A. R. Both candidates belong to the new progressive party.

William F. Fitzgerald expects to start in the lunch business this Saturday morning and has purchased the lunch wagon of Edward E. Dwyer for that purpose. Mr. Fitzgerald has secured a permit to locate in the open space between the American house and Mrs. M. J. Hill's block on Merchants' row.

An automobile going at terrific speed in going over the overhead bridge on Tuesday, slipped off the side of the bridge. For an instant the machine tilted dangerously to one side, but soon regained its equilibrium and sped on without slackening its speed. The car went so fast that it could not be seen what the number was or anything concerning the identity of the occupants.

The engagement of Miss Marion Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Robbins, to Howard W. Sawyer, of Groton, is announced.

An alarm from box 16 at four o'clock on Thursday was for a slight chimney fire in the house of Newcomb L. Green on Pond street. The fire was put out by extinguishers before the arrival of the hose carriages.

At the veterans' night and campfire in G. R. hall, Fitchburg, on Monday evening, the local S. O. B. camp and G. A. R. post have been invited. The speakers will be George A. Hosley, department commander; Asst. Adj. Gen. W. A. Wetherbee; and G. A. R. P. Bolton, past commander-in-chief. F. L. Kirchner, commander-in-chief, and Rev. A. A. Bronson, the latter a member of the Ayer camp.

The frequenters of the Ayer public library will be interested in the health library now installed for a term of three weeks. This valuable collection of books is loaned through the Woman's club by the health committee of the State Federation, of which Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy is a member.

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10:45, the pastor will preach on "Salvation by grace." A praise meeting will be held in the evening at seven o'clock.

A local football team composed of members who had seen better days as knights of the gridiron, was badly defeated by the Shirley Industrial school eleven at the town park on last Saturday afternoon. Score 20 to 0.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a harvest dinner in the lower town hall on October 23, at twelve o'clock.

Gleason, the high school principal, will join them Friday night. They expect to return on Sunday. Mrs. Gleason makes a visit to Kingston; there former home, where away. Mrs. Carrie E. Blackford has returned from a three-weeks' vacation at Westwood Beach, West Yarmouth, Cape Cod.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, who is a member of the public health department of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's clubs, attended a meeting of the department at Hotel Vendome on October 10, and also attended the all-day session of the State Federation at Concord on October 17.

Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy will inspect the W. R. C. of Orange on October 22, and the W. R. C. of Holyoke on October 23.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a food sale in the lower town hall, Friday, October 25, from three to five o'clock, and a social in the evening at 7:30.

A regular meeting of the Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will be held on Wednesday evening, October 23. Mrs. C. A. A. Stead, associate and deputy grand matron of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, with her suite, will make her official visitation and inspection. Reception at six o'clock and banquet at 6:30.

John H. Walsh returned on Wednesday from a vacation of ten days in New York city. While there he incidentally took in the world's series in that city.

Miss Augusta Churchill, of Waltham, who was for years a resident of this town, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Churchill, is visiting with Mrs. Helen M. Turber.

Last Monday in Lowell, the editor of this paper, met Henry C. Rolfe, who was a resident of this town for many years, leaving here twenty-seven years ago, carrying on the grain business in the building now occupied by A. E. Lawrence & Son. The building was moved. Mr. Rolfe passed his eighty-fifth year last August, and is enjoying good health for one of his years and is still active in life and living in Concord.

Miss Georgia Bacon, of Worcester, past president of the State Federation of Women's clubs of Massachusetts, returning from a meeting of the past presidents at Concord on Thursday, coming in the auto of Mrs. Emma Crocker, of Fitchburg, spent the latter part of the afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kinney.

Edward A. Richardson, A. Paul Filibrown and S. N. Lougee attended the installation of the officers of the Thomas Royal Arch chapter at Fitchburg on Wednesday evening by David T. Montague, of Boston, grand king of the grand chapter.

The remains of Mrs. Mary (Whittier) Mayhew, of Fitchburg, were brought here for interment on Wednesday afternoon at Woodlawn cemetery.

A democratic rally will be held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, October 22, at eight o'clock. The speakers will be David I. Walsh, of Fitchburg, candidate for lieutenant governor; Humphrey O'Sullivan, of Lowell, candidate for congress; John J. Hogan, of Lowell, candidate for councillor; Edward Fisher, representative, of Westford, candidate for senator; John D. Carney, of Ayer, candidate for representative, and Ex-mayor Thomas J. Boynton, of Everett, grand music. All welcome. Before the rally a reception will be given the speakers at the Globe hotel.

Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer inspected the E. S. Clark W. R. C. at Groton on Tuesday afternoon. Among those who accompanied her were Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, Mrs. Alma Brown, Mrs. Lucie Richardson, Mrs. Charles Brown and Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. Sawyer is president of the local W. R. C., and very pleasing to the Groton society.

As a result of a change made last Monday six freight trains which have been running over the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division are now running between Ayer and Portland and the southern division. The reason given for the change is that the heavier trains can be hauled over the southern division with a given amount of power owing to the absence of the heavy grades that prevail on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland divisions.

The moving picture show this Saturday evening will be illustrated songs by a Boston singer and the latest and best pictures.

The body of the late Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of West Acton, widow of the late Timothy Sullivan, of Littleton, was brought here for interment in the St. Mary's cemetery on Thursday.

Charles W. Briggs returned last Saturday from the Emergency hospital, Nashua, after several weeks.

Miss Sadie Mansur, of Lynn, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Charles G. Hassam.

Mrs. Alta H. Hollis was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Hackett at her home in Groton Sunday and afterwards visited in Montpelier, Vt.

Miss Mabel Davenport returned on Monday from a three-weeks' visit to Newton, N. H., and Haverhill with a short stay at Salisbury Beach.

St. Andrew's Junior Auxiliary will meet at Mrs. Sanderson's on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Bumpus will entertain their parishioners at the vicarage on Tuesday evening at 7:30.

J. J. O'Brien, past commander of the G. A. R. post 48, was the guest of Brookline G. A. R. on Columbus day and paraded with them in the big Boston parade.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon, the program was in charge of the topics of the day section, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, chairman. There was a report of the conference of the State Federation committees held in Boston on October 2, by Mrs. Barker, a comparison of the work of men's and women's clubs by Mrs. Philip N. Moore, the last president of the General Federation and a brief account of the new president, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker by Mrs. Lois E. Porter, and the story of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was given by Mrs. Clara F. Hill. The program was pleasantly varied with fine violin music by Miss Lottie Bowers, of Leominster, piano accompaniment by Miss Madolin Whitney. At the business meeting Mrs. Mary Hutchins presided in the absence of the president.

The special town meeting held on Thursday evening was called to order at 7:30 o'clock by Guy B. Fegmick, town clerk, who read the warrant. Lyman K. Clark was chosen moderator.

Under article two it was voted to appropriate such sum of money, not to exceed \$6000, as may be required to pay for the construction of the town's part of the new bridge across the Nashua river between Ayer and Shirley at Mitchellville, so-called, as directed by the county commissioners, and the expenses and liabilities incurred in connection therewith under a vote passed on July 1, and that the town treasurer be authorized to borrow the amount of this appropriation and to issue bonds or notes of the town, therefor, signed by the treasurer, and countersigned by the selectmen, in the presence of the town clerk with interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four percent per annum. Such notes or bonds shall be dated November 1, 1912, and made payable in such annual proportions as may be required to extinguish the same in ten years from their date.

Under article three, it was voted that an additional sum of \$500 be appropriated for sidewalks and that the town treasurer be authorized to borrow the amount of this appropriation and to issue the note or notes of the town therefor, payable October 15, 1913, signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the selectmen in the presence of the town clerk, with interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four percent per annum.

It was voted that the town treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer the unexpended balance of the sum appropriated at the annual meeting for the construction of the hard surface sidewalks on the approaches to the bridge over the Boston and Maine railroad and the necessary crosswalks, to the general appropriation for sidewalks.

It was voted under article four that the selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to stipulate in the deed in behalf of the town to indemnify and save harmless the commonwealth of Massachusetts against all claims and benefits for damages which may be sustained by the town in the construction of a state highway in the town of Ayer, commencing at the boundary between the towns of Ayer and Littleton, and extending easterly to the highway for about one-eighth of a mile, to the Littleton and Ayer boundary (station 11 plus 18.68) as shown on a plan and profile entitled "Plan and profile of proposed state highway in Ayer, office of Massachusetts highway commission, Boston, Mass.," dated September 11, 1912, and signed by A. M. Lovis, first assistant engineer.

It was voted under article five that the action of the selectmen in contracting with the commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Massachusetts highway commission, for the construction of a state highway, commencing at the boundary between the towns of Ayer and Littleton, and extending easterly to the highway for about one-eighth of a mile, to the Littleton and Ayer boundary (station 11 plus 18.68) as shown on a plan and profile entitled "Plan and profile of proposed state highway in Ayer, office of Massachusetts highway commission, Boston, Mass.," dated September 11, 1912, and signed by A. M. Lovis, first assistant engineer.

The entertainment course to be given this winter by the Middlesex Country club is announced as follows: November 11. The Barleben trio—Karl Barleben, violin, Boston Symphony orchestra; and a dramatic cello, Boston Symphony orchestra; J. Albert Baumgartner, pianist and accompanist, assisted by Miss Margaret Loudon Shepherd, contralto.

Arctic—Lecture, "With lantern slides," illustrated with lantern slides, January 30. The Players. It was the intention of the Middlesex country club to present a musical entertainment in the form of a dramatic evening, the best offering of the club possibly be obtained. The program shows how very successful the club has been.

It could be nothing superior musically to the Barleben trio, composed as it is of members of the Boston Symphony orchestra, who with Miss Shepherd assisting, will make this evening an extremely delightful one. The program shows that the opportunity to enjoy an evening of music that is of such unqualified excellence.

Mr. MacMillan, who was with Peary on the north pole, will illustrate on the experiences with this expedition by many lantern slides, which are said to be magnificent. He is sure to make his pictures as sure as the stars.

The last entertainment will be given by "The Players," who will be remembered as furnishing such a delightful evening in the club course last year. The company stands at the head of all other companies and cannot fail to repeat their success here last year, when they were so well received.

Tickets for the course, which will be given by Page Hall will be \$1.00, and will soon be on sale.

Progressives Organize. A number of citizens interested in forming a town organization of the new progressive party met in the lower town hall last week Friday evening. Herbert J. Webb was chosen as chairman of the meeting and Rev. A. L. Bumpus as secretary. This town committee was chosen: H. J. Webb, J. L. Kennison, C. L. Washburn, F. S. Bennett, L. Taylor, G. B. Remick and Rev. A. L. Bumpus. It was voted to leave the matter of arranging for a rally and for future meetings in the hands of the town committee. It was also voted to endorse Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of this town, as a candidate for representative in the eleventh Middlesex district, and John C. Macy, of Acton, as a candidate for senator from the seventh Middlesex district.

Remarks in connection with the formation of the new organization were made by C. H. Putnam, C. L. Washburn, Rev. A. L. Bumpus and others, and were received with enthusiasm.

Leave of Absence. Joseph Quackenboss, night telegraph operator at the railroad station, has been granted a six-months' leave of absence from his duties. For some time he has been interested in Montreal, P. Q., being now a director in the Reynolds Company, Ltd., in the Canadian metropolis. The company deals in building supplies and is doing a large business. Mr. Quackenboss now holds a lucrative position with the company and will undoubtedly continue in its service. He has been employed here six years and during that time he has made friends of all whom he met by his unfailing courtesy at all times.

Susan M. Barker, an extremely popular woman, has withdrawn from the service of the railroad company was received with much regret.

Mr. Quackenboss and family left for Montreal on Wednesday evening, where they will make their home. John Sullivan, of Nashua, is taking his place at the railroad station.

Grange. Ayer grange observed its first anniversary on Thursday evening and everyone of the 150 or more members of the order present said it was the most enjoyable occasion ever held here. Everything in connection with the event was carried out in a splendid manner and too much praise cannot be given for the work of the Leominster and Harvard granges for the way that they furnished the entertainment.

After the business meeting the members adjourned to the lower town hall where lunch was served after which they returned to their hall where the entertainment took place.

The entertainment furnished by the Leominster members was entitled "Mother Goose dawns," and certainly it was a novel feature of the evening. Those taking part were Mrs. Chester Kings, Mrs. Irene Wheeler, Mrs. William Clifford, Mrs. Edith Wheeler, Mrs. William Nutting, Mrs. Edith Russell. These were assisted by Mrs. Ethel Graves, Mrs. Larose, Mrs. Emma Fernald, Miss Emma Sawyer and Miss Edith Martin.

The entertainment given by the Harvard grange consisted of a vocal solo and a comedy sketch, entitled "Bills." Those taking part were Leuben Reed, Miss Annie Reed and Henry Knight, the parts being well taken.

After the entertainment there was dancing, games and a general good time.

District Court. Tony Andousky and Alex Luckran, both of Groton, were found guilty of violating the Lord's day last Monday and were discharged.

There was an unusual incident in court on Thursday morning when Fred Langer, of Fitchburg, was on the witness stand testifying to the ownership of an alarm clock which was stolen from the clubhouse in Fitchburg, with which Langer was connected. Langer described the clock to the satisfaction of the court and then proceeded to prove the ownership of the alarm clock.

Among other things, he told Judge Atwood that the instrument was a defective one of order, one key being missing. To illustrate he played one of the popular airs of the day for the benefit of the court, which plainly showed that the aforementioned key failed to respond properly to the skillful touch of the operator. The novel incident brought a smile to the usual placid countenances of the court officials.

The accused, John Mervin, of Ashby, told a pretty good story to the court but not sufficient strength to justify a verdict of not guilty which was fined twenty dollars, sentence being suspended.

Teachers' Convention. The twentieth annual convention of the Middlesex Teachers' association was held here on Friday, part of the exercises being held in the high school building and part in the Congregational church. A large number of teachers were present. The convention was honored by the presence and participation of some of the leading educators of the state, all of whom handled the subjects assigned them in an able and instructive manner. Those who served in the vestry of the Congregational church. The program follows:

Morning session—9:15-9:30, devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Richmond Fisk, D. D., of the Unitarian church; 9:30-9:45, appointment of committees; elementary section, 9:40-10:40, grades one to four, "Literature," Flora E. Kendall, of the State Normal school, Fitchburg; grades five to eight, "Storia arithmetic," Rosa E. Searle, State Normal school, North Adams; 10:45-11:45, grades one to four, "Arithmetic from experience," Miss Searle; grades five to eight, "Literature," Miss Kendall.

General school section—9:40-10:35, "General school extension work," William Orr, deputy commissioner of education; 10:35-11:30, "Proposed program for small high schools," Clarence D. Kingsley, state commissioner of education. Intermission.

Afternoon session. In Congregational church—1:15-1:25, organ solo, Mrs. Lena Graydon, Ayer; elementary section, 1:30-2:30, address, "Interpretation of the Bible," Dr. David Snedden, state commissioner of education.

In high school building—High school section, 1:30-2:30 (a) content of subject, Mr. Orr; (b) suggestions for school, Mr. Kingsley; 2:30-2:40, vocal solo, Albert B. Brown, State Normal school, Lowell; 2:40-3:40, address, "The larger interpretation of the teaching function," Rev. A. A. Etelle, D. D., Cambridge; 3:40-4:45, organ solo, Mrs. Graydon, Ayer; "Normal school extension work," Cyrus Durgin, State Normal school, Lowell; 4:20-4:30, business meeting.

Death. Charles A. Barrett died at his late home on Forest street last Sunday afternoon of pneumonia after an illness of five days. He was a native of Ayer and was 35 years of age. His first wife, Mrs. Rose Barrett, died sixteen years ago. On April 11, 1898, he married Miss Mary A. McCue, of Boston, who survives him. Besides his widow he leaves his father, W. S. Barrett, a foster sister, Mrs. Robert H. Irwin, and four children—Elliott, May, Stephen D. and Edgar H. Barrett, all of Ayer.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning. The remains were taken to St. Mary's church, where a requiem high mass was said by Rev. P. J. Sheedy, who also performed the committal service at St. Mary's cemetery, where the interment took place. The bearers were the following members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, 8, of V., of which the deceased was a member: J. Walker Ward, commander, H. C. Harlow, Byron Murphy and H. H. Proctor.

Fair and Supper. The annual fair of the Unitarian society took place on Tuesday afternoon and evening in Hardy's hall and proved a very pleasant social gathering. The pretty hall was made very attractive with the artistic booths. At the fancy table Mrs. George J. Burns and Mrs. J. W. Kittredge presided. At the apron table were Mrs. E. G. Duncklee and Miss Hattie Whitcomb. Mrs. Lois E. Porter sold Plymouth Rock jelly and Miss Millie Beverly ice cream and cake. The candy booth, unalike with its furnishings of corn stalks, apples and huge jack-o'-lanterns of pumpkins, was in charge of Doris Fletcher, Pauline Sherwin, Nautilus Bigelow, Lillian Baker, Margaret Hunt and Marion Proctor. The mystery booth was the object of great interest to young and old. It was in dark green, and the little dwarf prin-

cess gave the really mysterious package to all patrons. This was in charge of Mrs. Avis E. Fisher, assisted by Misses Mona Kittredge, Carol Pierce and Gladys Porter. Popcorn was sold by Roy Norris, Fisk Butterfield, Harold Cushing and Norman Fletcher.

The supper of cold meats, chicken salad and all kinds of pies was in charge of Mrs. G. P. Beverly, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. Albert C. Perkins, Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth and Miss Millie Beverly, assisted in serving by the Misses Joy, Mabel Puffer, Eunice and Evelyn Sanderson. In the evening there was a social dance which was greatly enjoyed.

The Parcels Post. When the new parcels post law recently enacted by congress goes into effect January 1, stamps designed exclusively for use in the new branch of service will be used. Postmaster-general Hitchcock has arranged for a series of twelve stamps to be used in forwarding packages. The stamps will be unique in size and design. Under the new law ordinary stamps cannot be used.

The special parcels post stamps will be larger than the ordinary mail stamps. The colors and design will be so distinctive that there will be no possibility of confusion with the stamps now in use.

Three series of designs are to be used. The first will illustrate modern methods of transporting mail, one stamp showing the mail car on a railroad train, another an ocean mail steamer, and a third an automobile now used in the dispatch of mail by telephone.

The second series will show at work in their several positions, the four great classes of postal employees—postoffice clerks, railway clerks, city letter carriers and rural delivery carriers.

The third series will show four industrial scenes representing the principal sources of products that will probably be transported extensively by parcels post. The new parcels post stamps will be ready for distribution by December 1, so that the 1000 postoffices may be supplied with them before the new law goes into operation.

TOWNSEND. Center. Mrs. Flora Shattuck Graham and daughter of Greenville, N. H., visited relatives in town Thursday.

Friends and members of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge of this town were invited to hear of the death of Mrs. Lawrence Morgan, who died at her home at the Harbor Wednesday morning. Mrs. Morgan had many friends at the Center and was always prominent in lodge work. The sympathy of all is extended to the family in their loss.

John Dobson and daughter Helen are visiting at Somerville for over Sunday.

The Greenville Neighborhood convention will meet Monday at the M. E. church.

Quite a few from town attended the Pomona grange meeting at Ashby on Thursday and reported an excellent time.

Hattie Smith, Helen Dobson, Nellie Weston, Mrs. Samuel A. Woods, Mrs. John Gwinn, Geo. L. Whitcomb and several others as per delegates stated last week attended the two conferences held at Pepperell and Lawrence this week Wednesday.

At the Daughters of Veterans Tuesday evening the tent was inspected by department president, Mrs. Mattie B. Tucker and Mrs. Emma Baxter Kalne. Mrs. S. P. Robertson also spoke during the evening. Refreshments were served.

Harbor. Mrs. Harriet Strout returned home on Wednesday from a three-weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Proctor, at Needham.

On Monday Mrs. Stephen Keefe returned to her mother's home in North Scituate with her sister, Mrs. Olive Wilder.

Miss Anna Kelly of Aburndale is the guest of Mrs. Bagley.

Miss Melva Warner of Nashua spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warner.

Mrs. Sanborn and daughter Edna, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Russell of Wollaston were guests of Mrs. Jack Doherty on Thursday.

Miss Annie Roberge of Lawrence spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Roberge.

Frank Conant and Will Cooper attended the Bancroft auction in Groton on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods of Everett were over Sunday guests at the Old Homestead.

The change in the shipping of milk from the Harbor station instead of from the Harbor proving an agreeable one to Cape Corner milk producers.

The portable sawmill stationed at South Row finished sawing this week with an output of nearly four hundred thousand feet.

LOST—A Gold Bar Blue Enameled Pin October 10, between the postoffice and Dr. Butterfield's residence, Ayer. Finder please return to Mrs. MARY J. FARR, East Main Street, Ayer.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of RODERICK McDONALD late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to THOMAS F. MULLIN, Adm. Ayer, Mass., October 10, 1912 316

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.

The many customers of Walter E. Corey are sorry to learn that Ralph Greeley, his special clerk, is to leave and change his occupation...

Moses Wright, of Nashua, has been in town the past week repairing his house which is occupied by Patrick Reagan...

Mrs. Katherine Cady was in Boston last week and the week before to visit her father who is in a hospital suffering from a broken limb...

William Randall and Albert Bean recently brought in four coons.

Patrick Reagan injured his foot quite badly last week with his ice hook. Another workman was wounded in the hand...

Several large squashes and pumpkins grown by Mr. Tension and P. I. Pice were among the decorations at the harvest concert on Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Cochran has been visiting old friends here and at Peppereil the past week. Her home is with her son at Wollaston, Mass.

Mrs. Sarah Shattuck has been quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clinton Gilson.

Emily Sweet, of Dedham, Mass., a former resident of Brookline, has been ill but is better now.

Walter Fessenden and family have moved to the house occupied by Mrs. Fessenden's sister, Miss Louise Bailey.

William J. Bailey has returned home from a visit to his son, Frank Bailey, at Manchester, who returned with him.

Henry Bailey was a guest of his sister, Miss Louise Bailey, last week. Miss Louise Bailey, with her little niece Louise, and nephew David Fessenden, were visitors in Milford recently.

Prof. Josef Yarrack closes his summer home here this week and goes to Boston to prepare for his winter's work. Last week Mr. Yarrack furnished an evening's entertainment for the Medford club at Medford, Mass.

A harvest concert and service was given at the Congregational church on last Sunday. Music appropriate for the occasion was rendered by the choir.

Rev. Norton Beard has organized a young men's club. An invitation is extended to all the young men of Brookline and it is hoped that the club will be well supported and gain many new members.

On Saturday morning, October 12, a little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Truell, of Townsend hill.

Mrs. Lizzie Maynard and Mrs. Etta Rockwood were recent guests of Miss Julia Litchfield at Peppereil.

Among the seventeen men employed at the ice plant there are ten different nationalities.

A new iron fence is being placed around the South cemetery.

The minstrel entertainment given by the gentlemen members of Brookline grange on October 9, by request, will be repeated in November.

Newell Farnsworth is at a hospital near Boston, where he has been operated upon for appendicitis, and he is still quite ill.

October 14 was the nineteenth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Campbell and the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Campbell.

Rev. W. L. Noyes is home from a pleasant trip to Ireland, Me., where he attended the meeting of the American Board of Commission of Foreign Missions. The meeting continued from Tuesday to Friday of last week.

Mr. Noyes also attended an organ recital at the city hall. He also witnessed the commencement of a Chinese school in Regalia.

Mr. Noyes, measuring six feet in height and weighing 220 pounds, entertained with war songs in his native tongue, also giving the dance in costume. The man is being educated in Virginia and then will return as a missionary to his country.

Franklin R. Jeffs, of Townsend, has been a recent guest of H. Arthur Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Jerome Patch, of Malden, Mass., have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Ethel Blanche, to George Ernest Davison on Wednesday evening, October 20, at eight o'clock. The ceremony will take place at the First Parish church, Malden. A reception will be held at the Universalist parish house at 8.30 o'clock.

Grange. The brothers of Brookline grange gave a grand minstrel entertainment to the sisters of the grange on Wednesday evening at the city hall. The program was given by William Randall, Fred Hall and Starr Barnaby. The middle man of the minstrels was William Randall. The four men were Edwin Taylor and George Cady, tarbox, and Starr Barnaby and Forace Hall, bones. All in uniform of scarlet coats, yellow ties, flowers and buttons. The chorus of fourteen wore yellow coats with scarlet buttons and ties. Miss Louise Bailey was the pianist and director.

The following program was given: Opening song, "I want to be in Dixie"; harmonica solo, George Kendall; impersonation of Old Black Joe, sung by George Cady; song, "In the evening by the moonlight"; story, Starr Barnaby; duet, with chorus, "Climb up little children," Delbert Porter and Edwin Taylor; song, composed and sung by Forace Hall for the benefit of the sisters; song, "Uncle Ned," Delbert Porter and chorus; song, "Massa's in the cold ground"; Freeman Wright; song, "Watermelon song," Edwin Taylor; step dance, Grover Farwell; song, "Fletcher and bear," Wallace Jenness; song, "Aint dat a shame," Ralph Perkins and chorus; story, Starr Barnaby; song, parody on "The old oaken bucket," William Randall and chorus; speech, William Randall; closing song by chorus, "Good night ladies."

Nearly every number was encored and the music was interspersed with jokes. Many bouquets of flowers were presented to the company on the stage.

so all were extra busy. While the needles flew the conversation did not lag in discussing the various tables for the fair—ice cream and cake, fancy work, apron, mystery and variety, which will include a variety of articles such as vegetables, jellies and pies and any article one wishes to donate. A fine entertainment is on the program in charge of Mrs. William Boutelle.

An original selection was read by request from the New York World by Mrs. Susie French, the title being "The six widows of Brookline, N. H." Their pictures were passed around to the company and caused a lot of amusement. At 4.30 an enjoyable "hot time" at the expense of Miss Seaver and Mrs. Stiles of cake, wafers and very hot cocoa and cream. Another meeting was held this week at the same home in the interest of the fair.

Clipping. The following, which is copied from the Angelica Advocate, of Angelica, N. Y., may be of interest to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank King.

"Passed from this life on Saturday morning, September 28, at the state hospital at Concord, N. H., Frank W. King in the fifty-fifth year of his age. Mr. King was formerly a resident of the village, where for a number of years he owned and conducted the drug business now carried on by A. W. Mapes. Since removing from Angelica in 1897, he has resided successively at Albany, N. Y., Chesapeake, Mass., and Brookline, N. H. At the last named place he has been engaged for some years past in farming and poultry raising.

Mr. King is survived by his widow, (Ada Lybolt), and a brother, Charles F. King, of Wilmington, Del. He was a man of a kindly, genial nature, greatly beloved by his many friends and highly regarded by all with whom he came in contact. A just and upright man, a good citizen, a loving, tender husband and a steadfast, reliable friend.

"Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at his late residence attended by a goodly number of his neighbors and friends. The remains were taken to Mt. Auburn for cremation."

News Items. Judge and Mrs. Parker from Nashua are at the Innoctiff this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall of Somerville have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall this week.

John Webster from Hollis, N. H., is to take Ralph Greeley's place at W. E. Corey's store.

Mrs. W. Wise from Lancaster has been a recent guest in town.

Miss Julia O'Hern has been spending a few days in Fitchburg, Mass.

Frank Bailey, Clarence Pierce, Mattison Knowles, Mattison Knowles, Jr., John Collins of Manchester spent Sunday with Miss Louise Bailey at her home.

Andrew Marshall has gone to Acton to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin and family have moved into the Gilman house at Townsend on Monday night.

Between fifty and sixty attended the grange at Townsend on Monday night.

HOLLIS, N. H. Current Events. On Monday afternoon the ladies of the town gave a kitchen and pantry shower to Mrs. William E. Lund in the ladies' parlor. Many useful cooking utensils were brought; also canned fruits and jellies, vegetables and quite a bit of money and a new nickel-plated teakettle. There was a good attendance there and everybody felt the greatest sympathy for Mrs. Lund who lost nearly all of her kitchen and pantry utensils during the recent fire at Cranford Inn. During the afternoon there was a short program consisting of selections on piano by Miss Bertha Hayden and Miss Florence Muzzey; singing, ladies' quartet; solo, Miss Bertha Hayden, and reading by Miss Emma Van Dyke. It seemed to be a very successful affair in every way and was in charge of Mrs. M. J. Powers and Mrs. Charles Woodin.

Charles Colburn was a week-end visitor with his father, Franklin P. Colburn.

Arthur Hale, of Cambridge, Mass., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hale.

The W. R. C. will have their inspection in grange hall on Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock sharp. Invited guests from Amherst and Milford are expected, and refreshments are to be served. Members of the Hollis W. R. C. are requested to bring their sandwiches and anything good to be served at this occasion.

Frank Jameson, of Malden, Mass., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jameson, on Sunday.

Arthur Wright is enjoying a few weeks' vacation with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Nichols, and grandfather, Joseph Gates.

Harry Strong and friend were in town a few days last week.

Carroll Read has been on the sick list recently with quinsy sore throat.

William Woodin was at his home on Sunday.

Frank A. Woods and son Leland, of Townsend, visited Mr. and Mrs. John L. Woods on Sunday.

Augustus Blodgett and Clifford Woods, of Hudson, spent the day on Monday with Mr. and Mrs. John L. Woods.

Bertel W. Stimson, Chester E. Stimson and Miss Julia Perry, of Needham, Mass., spent the week-end at George H. Stimson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manning, of Milford, and a cousin from Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with their cousin, Mrs. George H. Stimson.

Mrs. John Nute, who has been ill for several months, passed away on Wednesday morning at the old Austin place on Proctor hill.

Miss Bessie Robbins left town on Monday for Keene, N. H., where she will attend the normal school.

The many friends of Miss Abbie Reed were glad to see that she had so speedily recovered from her serious illness so as to be able to attend meeting on Sunday, and also the shower on Monday afternoon.

Ruby Stimson is a visitor at the Hayden Brothers.

A progressive club was organized in grange hall on last week Thursday evening. William T. MacMaster was elected as president and Robert W. Leslie as secretary. George A. Burge, the well-known auctioneer, and president of the Nashua Progressive club, was present; also, Mr. Parker, Mr. Harris and Mr. Spence, members of the Nashua Progressive club.

It is reported that Mrs. George Parker has sold her residence on the Nashua road.

News Items. C. J. Bell recently purchased the milk route owned and operated by Mr. Thomas in Pepperell. This makes three routes now owned and operated by Mr. Bell; two in Pepperell and one in Nashua.

George A. Burge with others from Nashua, came to Hollis October 10 to hold a meeting in the interests of the Progressive party. The meeting was held in Grange hall. About a dozen local citizens were in attendance. An organization was formed with Wm. T. MacMaster as president and Robert W. Leslie as secretary.

Miss Emma L. Van Dyke spent two days in Manchester last week.

While Mrs. Mary S. Hildreth was in her shed one day last week the upper part of the oopdipil began to slide. While it did hit her, she fell against the sharp edge of a box nearby, the force of the fall breaking a comb in her hair and cutting her head. The doctor found it necessary to take stitches in her wound. She is entertaining two black eyes as a result of the fall.

Mrs. D. Richardson, Mrs. G. O. Richardson and Mrs. Hayes from Marlboro, nieces of the late Charles Richardson, visited Mrs. R. F. Richardson last week.

Mrs. Daniel Goodwin returned Sunday to her nephew's home in Pepperell, after visiting a week with Mrs. E. F. Goodwin.

Miss Marjorie McLean of Manchester made a week-end visit with Miss Van Dyke.

Mrs. Bessie Robbins has severed her connection with the Times and central telephone and left her home Monday morning for Keene, where she enters the state normal school. Miss Daisy Woods entered the same school a few weeks ago.

The station agent, J. E. Lee, at Hollis on W. N. and P. division, left on Monday afternoon for a two weeks' vacation.

Robert Leslie is suffering with abscesses on both arms this week. He is quite ill with them.

Earl Blanchard of West Acton has purchased all the apples on the trees of C. F. Burge's orchard. His agent, Mr. Tistie, has a gang of men picking them up. Mr. Tistie boards with Mrs. A. H. Spaulding.

Rev. W. A. Richmond of Fort Fairfield, Me., occupied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon and evening.

Monday afternoon about fifty ladies met in the ladies' parlor and gave a shower to Mrs. W. E. Lund, who lost so many things in the fire at Cranford Inn was burned. Mr. and Mrs. Lund occupied one of the tenements. Mrs. Lund received at the shower much kitchen furnishings, also canned goods, pickles and a substantial sum of money.

At the church meeting held Monday evening the church voted unanimously to call Rev. W. A. Richmond of Fort Fairfield, Me., to become the pastor of Hollis congregational church.

E. F. Pollock, who has been ill for two weeks, is out again.

The Hollis Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. S. A. Worcester. The program was roll call, which was responded to by the members answering with current events. Miss Mildred Rogers gave a paper on "Cleopatra." A social time was enjoyed when dainty refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jewett attended the eighty-second annual meeting of the Middlesex Union association of Congregational churches in Pepperell, Wednesday.

BOXBOROUGH. Death. On Monday, October 7, Mrs. Antoinette L. Cobleigh passed away from earth at the home of her stepdaughter, Mrs. Etta Harlow, in Harvard, where the funeral services were held on October 10. She was the wife of D. W. Cobleigh and eldest daughter of Capt. Varnum Taylor, of Boxborough. Her life was of the domestic type and she possessed a very charitable disposition towards the faults and weaknesses of humanity. She was full of kind and tender original family, faithful to her own home in the minutest degree and helpful to others. So forgiving in spirit she most surely merits the "New Name," "Forgiveness—in her heavenly home."

She loved God, and therefore loved God. She often said: "God has always been good to me." She had been in poor health for many years, but kept about her household duties. She had suffered much, so her favorite verses: "He giveth His beloved sleep, etc." are comforting to her few family survivors. Mrs. Cobleigh was and always interested in affairs of town and state, and was public-spirited in mind and heart.

Mrs. Cobleigh is laid at rest beside the husband of her youth—Luther Allen Barnard—in the cemetery at Harvard Center. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her best, and many of her worthy townspiece.

There is no death; it is transition—This life of mortal breath is but the suburb of the life Elysian Whose portal we call death.

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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 HANNAH E. SHATTUCK, late of Pepperell 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 GEORGE E. SHATTUCK of Pepperell 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 twenty-eighth day of October 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, in the County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of October A. D. 1912, at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 315 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Centennial Celebration.

The centennial celebration of the First Universalist society took place in the church on Wednesday. The mountain laurel, chrysanthemums and cut flowers. About two hundred attended the afternoon and evening session, special music being rendered by the choir. Lunch was served to out-of-town guests and a vocal solo was rendered by Mrs. Nellie Munson Holden, a former resident.

The general committee of arrangements consisted of George O. Evans, Thomas L. Hazen, Robertus F. Colburn, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, Mrs. G. M. Ballou and Mrs. Mary M. Nickless. The reception committee were Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Binney, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, Robertus F. Colburn and Miss Millie Parker. The refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Carrie E. Tilden, and the decorations were arranged by Edward F. Colburn and Mrs. George Knox was organist.

The day proved most enjoyable for all who attended, and the speakers of the day were listened to with close attention. The following is the program as rendered for the day, followed by a brief historical sketch:

Afternoon program—Organ voluntary; choir; prayer; response; address, Rev. E. B. Saunders; choir; history, Miss Millie Parker; hymn; address, Rev. Charles Conklin, D. D.; vocal solo, Mrs. Nellie Munson Holden; address, F. A. Biebee, D. D.; hymn; benediction.

Evening program—Organ voluntary; choir; scripture reading; prayer; choir; introductory address, Rev. A. Knickerbocker; address, Rev. Allen A. Bronson; address, the essential content of the Universalist faith, Rev. Frederick W. Perkins, D. D.; choir; address, "Why a Universalist church," Rev. Frank Oliver Hall, D. D.; hymn.

A Brief Historical Sketch.

The Universalist society was organized on September 21, 1812, under the title of First Universalist Christian society in Shirley. The doctrine of Universalism was first preached in Shirley by Rev. Isaiah Parker, of the River village in Harvard. For a few years the Universalists maintained religious worship in private houses until the year 1816, when John Davis, a very active and successful supporter, made a contract with a street, assisted by Daniel Kilburn, and at the close of the year a house of worship was constructed in keeping with the spirit of the times, and on January 1, 1817, was dedicated with a strong sermon being preached by Rev. Hosea Ballou, of Boston, who took for his text: "I have built a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel."

At this time a handsome quarto bible in two volumes was presented to the society for the use of the pulpit by William Parker, esq., of Boston. Mr. Parker was a native of Shirley and took a deep interest in the success and prosperity of the town.

In the year 1818, which was a year after the dedication, Rev. Jacob Wood, who had formerly preached in Shirley, was installed as the first pastor of the Universalist society. Mr. Wood was one of the great preachers of his day and was regarded as an authority on Universalist faith, having written several books in defense of the doctrine of a future judgment and punishment, to be succeeded by a reconciliation of all souls to God. Mr. Wood remained in Shirley for five years and died in Troy, N. Y., in 1852, after following secular pursuits in life for a number of years.

The church was then without a regular pastor until 1829, when Rev. Russell Streeter, of Watertown, purchased a farm in Shirley and became a resident here. He was at once engaged to supply the church pulpit and finally became its minister, with the usual form of installation ceremony. He remained with the church until 1834, when he went to Vermont, and for the next eleven years the church was without any regular pastor.

In the year 1836, the church was remodelled and renovated throughout and when completed had forty-four pews and a gallery for the choir, and a little later the steeple was taken out and a larger and better instrument installed, the gift of N. C. Munson, esq. In the attic of the church a hall was set aside for the use of the Odd Fellows lodge, I. O. F.

The entire repairs cost about \$1700. It was dedicated on August 28, 1846, a sermon being preached by Rev. Benjamin Whittemore, of Lancaster, and Rev. Josiah A. Coolidge, of Westham. Rev. Coolidge was pastor, and remained for two years.

In 1849, Rev. Benton Smith, of Hardwick, became the pastor and very acceptably filled the office for a number of years, when he resigned and went to reside in South Reading. Soon after the departure of Mr. Smith the society engaged the services of Rev. Orren Perkins to supply their pulpit for one year. Mr. Perkins was cultured and polished, being a frequent contributor to the periodicals of his denomination.

In 1855, Rev. E. W. Coffin became pastor of the society for a term of two years, and during the last year of his stay in Shirley he was in charge of one of the day schools. His fidelity in the discharge of his duties in the church and school secured for him merited esteem and his removal from the town was a source of general regret.

Soon after the departure of Mr. Coffin, Rev. George F. Jenks, of Salem, was secured as pastor, and after a probation period of several months he was installed as permanent pastor, remaining for three years. In April, 1861, Rev. Cyrus B. Lombard was engaged as pastor, remaining for a term of five years. During his residence in town he lost his wife through death.

In 1866, Rev. Ezekiel Fitzgerald became the minister of the church and remained for a period of two years, when he connected with the Congregational (Unitarian) society at Bolton, and removed to that town.

In 1869, the building of a new church, the present structure, was commenced, the length being 110 feet and the width sixty-six feet, including the porch and tower. The height of the spire is one hundred feet. The organ, pronounced one of the finest in the state, cost \$3000. Everything in the church was new with the exception of the bell, which was taken from the old church. The entire expense of the new edifice was \$25,000, a considerable portion of which was contributed by N. C. Munson, esq., whose generosity and boundless charities will always stand as a monument to his character.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, November 23, 1870, this new and beautiful temple was consecrated to the service of God with special and appropriate exercises with a sermon by Rev. E. C. Bolles, and an address to the society by Rev. C. Adams. The sermon was very eloquent, founded on the text: "A minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man."

Rev. H. E. Philbrook was secured as a minister of the new church, and remained for two years, when he re-

moved to Nashua. From the time Mr. Philbrook left town, which was on December 7, 1872, until the close of the year 1873, the pulpit was supplied by transient preachers and a meeting held on January 1, 1875, it was voted, on account of the business depression, to suspend public service in the church for a season. In May, 1876, these services were resumed, and during the October following, Rev. J. W. Keyes, of Auburn, N. Y., was engaged as minister and he remained until April 1, 1879, when he removed to Pawtucket, R. I.

From that time to December, 1880, the pulpit was supplied by transient ministers, when at this latter date Rev. James Vincent was chosen pastor, at a salary of \$900 per year, and he remained until the year 1884, when Rev. W. E. Gaskin was engaged, and his pastorate ceased in 1886, when Rev. J. Rawlings was accepted as pastor, and he concluded his duties with the church in 1887, and in April, 1888, Rev. J. Crehore assumed the pastorate and resigned in July, 1891. In 1892, Rev. J. F. Albion, of Fitchburg, supplied the pulpit on Sunday afternoons for one year.

Rev. J. E. B. Ford was engaged as minister in May, 1894, and he remained until July, 1897. Rev. C. L. Paddock was the next pastor of the church, commencing his duties in July, 1898, and resigning in July, 1900. Rev. Thomas F. Hart was then engaged in 1904, and remained as pastor until 1905, and at the close of his labors Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker assumed the pastorate of the church and retained the office until the year 1908, time, being highly successful in his duties. During the periods of time that no regular minister was connected with the church, supplies were secured to preach on Sundays.

A Sunday school and Ladies' Aid society has always been connected with the church and a library of about eight hundred volumes is one of the valuable assets of the church for the benefit of the Sunday school and adult members.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary. "Chestnut Burr," the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, registered on a very delightful social event on the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. In response to invitations about twenty-five relatives assembled at their home on Page street, the host and hostess served a bountiful dinner and many interesting incidents that have occurred during the past quarter of a century in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were related. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were also present, and many tokens of love which included flowers, useful and ornamental articles and money, besides a number of postals.

At the close of the feast, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps went to Lawrence making the trip by electric car, which was one of the advantages of transit that has developed in this section since Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were married. They returned home on the following day, Sunday, October 1, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps were married on October 1, 1880, at Westfield, Mass., by Rev. Seth Chandler at the home of Mrs. Phelps on Fredonian street. Two children have blessed their life—Chester, the son, who is now twenty-three years of age, and employed as a carpenter by the same firm as his parents, and a daughter, Miss Gladys, seventeen years of age, who is now in her sophomore year at the Shirley high school.

The family are attendants at the Congregational church, where Mrs. Phelps has been actively identified since childhood. Mrs. Phelps is also a very loyal worker of the W. R. C. of Ayer, of which she is a member. Her husband has been a kind, sympathetic neighbor and friend.

Mr. Phelps is employed as electrician at the Samson cordage works and has always stood ready at all times to assist his fellowmen along the road. He and his wife and family cannot only be classed as mere residents of the town, but "builders" in the community where they command the respect of the townspeople.

To Begin Work Soon. It is expected that work will commence in the course of a few days on the new macadamized road on Main street, which will cost the sum of \$2000, \$1000 of this amount to be advanced by the state. The new road will be commenced about opposite the store of Conant Bros., and be continued as far as the engine house. The road will be twenty-three feet wide and as a consequence will necessitate the removal of the concrete sidewalk for a distance of three hundred feet, and in some places the entire walk will be removed.

The selectmen of the town, with a number of citizens, are of the opinion that the removal of the sidewalk for the purpose just as well, giving the town a much longer distance of new road for the amount of money expended and would last about as long. The road has been stated on good authority that the expense of keeping a macadamized road in good condition will be a continual drain on the financial resources of the town. However, the state highway commission have full authority in deciding what style of road shall be built when the state grants an appropriation for the same.

Death. Francis Evander Merriman, aged 76 years 2 mos. and 18 days, Tuesday, October 15, at 10.30 a. m., at his home on Center road, from the effects of apoplexy, the result of cerebral hemorrhage, after an illness of about a year. Mr. Merriman was conscientious up to a few days before he died and he passed away surrounded by his family. He has had a very notable and active life and has been a permanent resident of this town for the past fourteen years and spent his summers here a total of thirty-one years in town. He has also served the town as selectman, assessor, overseer of the poor, chairman of the board of health and member of the republican town committee. In all these offices he exemplified the highest type of efficiency.

Mr. Merriman was formerly a dealer in whalebone, having an office at 217 State street, Boston, and was born July 27, 1833, in Ashfield, a son of Earl Jefferson Merriman, a whip manufacturer. He passed his boyhood days in Westfield and completed his early education at the academy in Great Barrington, while in Green Barrington he boarded with an editor's family and wrote up local items. In 1864 he went to Boston as a book-keeper and in 1869 he started in the whalebone business with a partner.

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Mr. Merriman was formerly a trustee of the Wilder Savings bank, Boston, and a 1871 Mr. Merriman established a successful business as a whalebone manufacturer and dealer, dealing in the pure article only.

He was one of the fore-

most members of the order of Odd Fellows and has done much to promote its good in the past thirty-seven years. In 1875, he joined Franklin lodge No. 23, D. O. F., Boston, and in the following year he was elected to membership No. 38. Since then he has participated through all the chairs in each body and likewise those of the Rebekah lodge in which he has been very active. He was a prominent member of Canton Shamout No. 1, Patrons of the Husband, and for nine consecutive years was the grand representative of Massachusetts at the meetings of the sovereign grand lodge held as follows: Longdale, N. H., 1882; Columbus, Ohio, 1883; Topeka, Kan., 1890; St. Louis, Mo., 1891; Milwaukee, Wis., 1892; Portland, Ore., 1893; Chattanooga, Tenn., 1894; Atlantic City, N. J., 1895; Dallas, Texas, 1896.

Mrs. Merriman who has accompanied him to nearly all of these meetings, was one of the first four ladies of the United States to receive the chivalry of the order of the Patriarchs Militant, which was conferred on her by the grand sire at Los Angeles in 1888.

Mr. Merriman was the chairman for seven years of the standing committee of the Patriarchal branch of Odd Fellows, and as the grand representative from Massachusetts to the sovereign grand lodge, wrote the present installation ceremony which is throughout the whole world. At the session of the sovereign grand lodge held at Dallas in 1896, he was appointed chairman of the committee to re-write the Patriarchal Militant ritual. His associates being Hon. A. C. Cable, U. S. senator, and S. C. Knapp, of Chicago. He was appointed international general of Patriarchs Militant by Gen. John C. Underwood, of Kentucky, who was later grand sire, was lady dante by Grand Sire Stebbins of New York, and Patriarch of the Grand Sire Fred Carleton, of Austin, Texas.

Mr. Merriman was chief marshal of the Big Odd Fellows' parade in Boston in 1898, which was an event that was characterized by all the Boston dailies as never equalled before in the city of Boston. At this parade Mr. Merriman was loudly praised by the governor of the state and mayor of Boston for his management of about 40,000 Odd Fellows who were in line. A reception was also tendered the sovereign grand lodge at which men prominent in the social life of the entire country participated.

Mr. Merriman was also a Mason of high standing, having taken the 32^d. He was made a Mason in Columbian lodge, No. 1, of Boston, in 1879, and was later received by the Royal Arch chapter.

His work in the Odd Fellows' organization attracted the attention of the Masons and he rose rapidly in the order, especially in the chapter of which he was grand master. He frequently he took the degrees of the Scottish rite and Mystic Shrine, and was urged to take responsible positions in an official capacity, but his duties in the order of Odd Fellows required his undivided attention. He also became a member of the Knights of Pythias, of the Improved Order of Red Men and of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, of Boston.

On September 9, 1861, Mr. Merriman married Miss Nellie M. Fletcher, of Westfield, who died at New Orleans in 1875. On July 3, 1877, he married Miss Lucy Jane Smith, of Boston, by whom he has become the father of three children—Francis E. Merriman, jr., Rowell Albert and Earl Cushing. Up to a short time ago the family residence on Clark street was pleasantly situated on an eminence with lawn shade and grandly spreading elm on Mr. Merriman's farm of 160 acres.

Mr. Merriman's life was characterized by sterling qualities of character, integrity and high principles. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, and to all in need who came within the sphere of his life will always stand as a monument to his well rounded and useful life.

His survivors are a wife, Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman and her sons, Francis E. jr., Rowell Albert and Earl Cushing; also, one sister, Mrs. Lucy Russell, of Westfield.

The funeral services were held from his late home on Thursday afternoon, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Ayer, officiating. The Odd Fellows, ritual service was also observed under the direction of J. Edwin Pomeroy, grand of Fredonian lodge, I. O. F.

The remains were taken on Friday morning on the eight o'clock train to Westfield for burial in the family lot. A brief service, also being held there. The floral tributes were beautiful.

News Items. Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will give a course of entertainments this winter in I. O. F. hall that everyone will want to see and hear—The story of the adventures of the Red Men, on November 22; Herbert A. Clark, humorist, musician and singer, on December 31; Peter MacQueen, illustrated lecture on the Panama canal, on January 21; The Players, music and readings, on February 12. Please remember each one is the very best of its kind and keep the dates clear of other engagements.

Mrs. Harry Collier attended the Sunday school convention at Lawrence on Tuesday and Wednesday of the delegates from the Congregational Sunday school.

Guy Cook and Harry Collier went hunting on Tuesday and each shot five grey squirrels and one rabbit, which was the law limit.

Mrs. William Barrett, with young son, of Whitman, former residents, gave a party to the town on Tuesday at the home of Joseph Murphy and the Misses Ann Sophia and Kate Kane.

Arthur Annis has left his position with Lowe Brothers, of Fitchburg, and started to work again for C. R. White, the grocer.

The following attended the Middlesex Union association of churches at Pepperell, on Tuesday: Mr. T. M. Butler, Mrs. Samuel B. Scott, Mrs. M. Louise Butler, Mrs. Louise Livermore, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. Herman L. Marshall, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. Herbert Lawrence, Mrs. Augustus B. Cram, Miss Hazel Rivers, Miss Alice Howe, Harlan B. Howe and Rev. and Mrs. Allen A. Bronson.

Phillip E. Hocquard, of Concord, a former resident of this town, has accepted the position of private chauffeur for C. F. Edgarton, of Concord, president of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., of Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gorham and son George, of Rutland, Vt., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Burno.

Mrs. Sarah Crossman observed her birthday on Tuesday and was the recipient of a large number of postcards, pretty gifts and flowers. The young ladies in Miss Park's department of the C. A. Edgarton Company and also the ladies' organization of the town presented her with flowers which helped to make the day most pleasant and enjoyable. Mrs. Cross-

man has been confined to her home for the past five months with sickness with only slight improvement in her condition.

Mr. and Mrs. James Benoit; also, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chaisson and Lucy Perry, all of Lawrence, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Chaisson last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCoy have moved into their new house on South street.

The second whist party of the season for the benefit of St. Anthony's church will take place on October 23, at St. Anthony's hall. It will be held under the auspices of the Children of Mary.

Last Sunday the parishioners at St. Anthony's church paid their annual visit to St. Anthony's cemetery immediately after vesper service.

Miss Mary Chaisson, who has been employed at Athol for the past three months, was a visitor at her home in Shirley the first of the week.

At the regular meeting of the members of St. Jean held on last Sunday it was voted to hold their meetings in the future on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7.30 in the evening instead of on Sunday.

Altruism. The Altruism club held a reception on Thursday afternoon of last week in the Congregational vestry, the first meeting of the season. After a short business meeting Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield, of Littleton, was introduced by the president, Mrs. Mary M. Nickless. The directors had secured Mr. Fairfield as the speaker of the afternoon, who selected for his subject, "James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet." Mr. Fairfield gave a short account of Mr. Riley's early life, who was of German-Irish descent, simple in education, a fond of scribbling poetry from childhood. Mr. Fairfield then recited several of Riley's most humorous poems in his own humorous conception of the common sense and pleasing poems, giving great pleasure to those present.

The room was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves and scarlet flowers, adding warmth and cheer to the room. A fine lunch was served of cake, sandwiches, coffee and ice cream. The entertainment and hospitality committees had the lunch in charge—Mrs. M. J. Conant, Mrs. Clara H. Miner, Mrs. Mary E. Lilly, Mrs. M. Harris, Miss Lura A. White, Miss Mary A. Gleason, assisted by the teachers of the school, the Hoosier teachers, Mrs. M. W. Hazen and Mrs. Cora F. Wilbur poured.

The club has been incorporated during the summer and a charter obtained, which will be presented at the next meeting. The new year book is full of interesting subjects and many talented speakers, and the members look forward to a busy and prosperous year.

Center. Miss Ruth M. Graves and Alta Graves spent the latter part of last week with relatives in Boxborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed, of Wollaston, with a party of friends, spent the week-end at their summer home.

Four from Shirley attended the Unitarian conference at Stow on last week Thursday. They were Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, Mrs. Mary Tucker, Dr. Elsie Schenck, Miss Agnes Holden.

The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be held on Tuesday afternoon, October 22, at the home of Mrs. Henry W. Farrar at North Shirley.

Mr. Little, of New Hampshire, was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Little, over Sunday.

Ernest Bohanon is out with an Indian motorcycle, purchased last week in Lunenburg.

Mrs. A. S. Burnham closed up her house at Woodsville last week and returned to Revere for the winter.

Notices have been posted recently announcing the division of the town into two precincts, A and B. Precinct A includes the Center, East and North while precinct B includes the rest of the town. In the coming state election the ballots in precinct A will be cast in the town hall as usual, in precinct B the ballots will be cast in the engine house at the village.

Miss Rae Carpenter, of Boston university, was at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. J. Carpenter, at the North, for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, of Brookline, spent the latter part of last week at their summer home on Center road.

Dr. Ellen E. Schenck, of Center road, went as delegate to the meeting of the New England Associate Alliance held at Concord, N. H., on last week Thursday.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 19, at the home of Mrs. Clifton Derby, of North Leominster, was a guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

The last meeting of the Alliance, which was held in the First Parish church parlor, was not largely attended, but proved very interesting. The program was furnished by the members who brought items of religious intelligence. The hospitality committee served lunch and tea. Four members of the Alliance attended the neighborhood meeting at Littleton last week.

Miss Smith, of Fitchburg, was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Smith, over Sunday.

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Saturday, October 19, 1912.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

Frank Messer and John Fredericks went gunning on Friday morning and in some way Mr. Messer's gun exploded or went off prematurely, shattering his right arm. He was taken to Dr. Lovejoy's office and after a casual examination by the doctor he decided that it would be much better to take him to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, for further examination. He was taken there in the doctor's auto. At 1:30 on Friday afternoon, Dr. Lovejoy left his patient comfortable, amputation being deemed not necessary. His usual good health is in his favor.

The new iron bridge is being placed in position over the Nissitissit river near Parker's mill, thereby necessitating the closing of the road at both Mill street and the Nashua street corners. On Sunday morning an automobile coming from Hollis road evidently failed to see the sign, "Bridge closed; persons passing at their own risk; turn to the left," which last was only intended for pedestrians, and attempted to pass the obstruction by running on the sidewalk. In the darkness the driver evidently failed to notice the hydrant and the car hit it squarely, breaking it completely off. The car was not badly damaged, but a lady occupant of the rear seat was thrown forward, injuring her wrist. The names of the parties could not be learned. The water in that vicinity was rather deep in some places, before it could be properly shut off.

Mr. Winnie Fisher and children expect to go to live at Lynn soon, as her stepmother, Mrs. Evans, is now living there.

F. B. Simmons was able to resume work at the Pepperell card shop on Monday after an enforced vacation of some weeks as the result of a fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins returned to their home on Pleasant street on last Saturday after spending a two-weeks' vacation with relatives at Centre Conway, N. H.

Miss Josie Steeves, who will be well remembered by the many friends she made during her sojourn here some months ago, came from Lynn on last week Friday to visit relatives over the holiday, Saturday and Sunday. She was taken ill on Saturday and the physician summoned pronounced it a case of appendicitis, demanding instant attention. Early on Sunday morning she was hurried into Boston in Bennett's auto, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Amy O'Neal. An operation was performed the same day, from which she rallied, and on Tuesday the reports of her condition were as favorable as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Koch were happily surprised on last week Friday evening at their new home in the Tucker house, twenty-five or more of their friends gathered in spite of a heavy shower, to give them a tin shower and genuine surprise. The affair was well planned and a complete success. Refreshments of cake and cocoa and the nearest to a turkey and a thoroughly good house-warming enjoyed until a late hour.

C. C. Miller of Malone, N. Y., with his daughter, Mrs. H. B. Stevens, and granddaughter, Miss Janet Stevens, have been visiting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, Miller's sister, on the South road. They return home on Friday of this week.

A. G. Pike started for Burnt Island, Me., on Monday for a ten-days' trip, duck shooting.

Miss Margaret Burns visited her parents over Saturday and Sunday, returning to her home in Boston, where she has a position in R. H. Stearns'.

Fire was discovered early on Wednesday morning at the residence of George T. Keyes, and an alarm was telephoned to the engine house and rung in from the nearest house. The fire originated from a spark, apparently, falling on the roof and fanned into a flame by the high wind which was then blowing. The fire apparatus very quickly was on the way, but the fire was speedily gotten under control by fire extinguishers and the apparatus was stopped at the foot of the avenue leading to the house, and the "all out" sounded. The damage was reported as slight.

Rev. Harry Shattuck, pastor of the Second Avenue church at Portland, Me., came on Monday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Mary Shattuck, of Franklin street.

Mrs. E. E. Handley is visiting relatives this week at Mansfield.

Miss E. L. Fitch, of Malden, was a visitor at the Methodist parsonage with Mrs. R. Stratton this week, coming Friday.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett is expected home soon from Gardner, where she has been staying with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Blood. Her friends will be glad to learn that she is somewhat improved in health, as it was known that she was suffering from indigestion or nervous trouble when she went away.

Mrs. M. L. Bartlett was given a little surprise on Monday evening by the members of the Ladies' Whist club, of which she is a member. The occasion was somewhat of a nature of a farewell, also, as Mr. and Mrs.

Bartlett intend to remove to Springfield this month.

Charles J. Bell, of Hollis, N. H., has added the Thomas milk route to his already long list of customers.

It is reported that A. F. Parker has purchased the hardware stock of the late E. F. Brigham, and a change is also being made for in the grocery line of business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lawson spent the holiday last Saturday and also Sunday with relatives at Haverhill.

During the high wind of Tuesday afternoon a large balm of gilead tree was blown down in the yard of Mrs. Sarah Patch on Nashua street. The little Davis boy had a very narrow escape as he ran across the year only a moment before the tree struck.

Mrs. David Robinson, of Nashua street, was threatened with pneumonia last week, but is now convalescent.

Quite a party of young folks drove to Westford on Thursday evening to visit that grange. Among them were Miss Alice Deware, Miss Edna Kirtledge and Miss Blanche Supernault.

Mrs. Margaret Rand, of Ayer, has been visiting Mrs. Frank Messer this week.

Mrs. H. C. Winslow has decided to remain in town for the winter instead of removing to Leominster, as was formerly reported.

News Items.

Miss Margaret Park is at Miss Ann Jewell's for a short vacation from her duties at the Waltham hospital.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge bagged two partridges on Monday. A good start for the week.

Mrs. L. P. Shattuck, of Townsend street, is still confined, but her health is an attack of sciatica, but enjoyed a surprise party to her aunt, Mrs. Lamb, on last Saturday.

A flock of forty wild geese were seen on Friday of last week very near the ground and flying north. Another flock was seen on Sunday of six or more.

William Dennen and Henry Gray start the last of the week for East Rindge, N. H., for their coats that have pastured there for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrow that were burned out on Wednesday of last week are to winter at the Walter E. Page farm. The Page place is one of the best in town, having been overhauled from cellar to garret, with two large piazzas, and painted white. The stable has been sheathed and a long line of cow tie-ups put in. Col. Greenhalgh and family, when there, occupy two tents with a cook house close by.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright and daughter, of Waltham, are to winter at the McDonald farm on Townsend road near the Willows. Mr. Wright is in poor health and had to get away from the salt water.

Mr. and Mrs. Callum (Gladys Thomas) returned on last week Friday to their new home at St. Albans, Vt.

Leon Whitcomb, while returning from his work at Sartell's mills recently saw a fox killing one of his chickens quite near the road.

Willis Perry is stopping with his sister, Mrs. W. T. Hobart, of Elm street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harmon and Miss Bertha Farnsworth left on Monday to spend the winter in Florida.

L. C. Blood is out after a severe attack of asthma.

H. W. Lawrence, of West Townsend, has about three hundred barrels of apples, the best that have been seen for years.

A. F. Parker has purchased the hardware business of the late E. T. Brigham. It is understood that Mr. Parker will transfer the stock to his store.

It has been reported and is now confirmed that the Buffalo Shoe Co. of this town, contemplates moving their shoe factory to Buffalo and thus be nearer their large tanneries and other interests in that city. It is understood that the factory here will be on the market in November.

The very sudden death of Mrs. Lawrence Morgan occurred at her home, Fairview farm, near the Pepperell and Townsend line on Tuesday. Mrs. Morgan was in her usual health until Sunday, being taken suddenly sick and dying on Tuesday. The deceased leaves her husband, Lawrence Morgan, the R. R. F. mail carrier of Townsend Harbor; a son, Enos Morgan, of Fitchburg; three daughters—Harriet, of New York; Mildred, of Boston, and Ruth, who attends the Pepperell high school.

Fletcher called to congratulate them upon the twelfth anniversary of their wedded life. Many useful presents were received at the party. Mr. Fletcher. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Fletcher served ice cream and cake, and Mrs. A. C. Stewart assisted her.

The L. S. C. branch of the Unitarian church will hold its annual harvest supper at Central hall on Thursday evening, October 24, at 6:30 o'clock. At eight o'clock there will be an entertainment by the kitchen orchestra under the direction of Madame Kitchennette Breadboard Bowman. This will be followed by a social hour.

A jury in the federal district court at Boston, before Judge Morton, Wednesday, returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Rafaela Scipione, formerly proprietor of a fruit and cigar store at East Pepperell, for concealment of the assets of the trustee in bankruptcy, George W. Reed, of Boston attorney, and making false oath to his bankruptcy schedule. The court allowed thirty days for the filing of exceptions.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell post office for the week ending October 14: Edward H. Atwood, Mrs. John Lathrop Brown, Sarah Clara Wrenn, George A. Daves, Miss Florence Dudley, Miss Hanley, Miss Eva Kimball, Miss Mattie Landon, Mrs. Ernest B. Merson, Miss Bertha Pipe, Konis Josef Stusz.

Enthusiastic Rally.

Over three hundred attended the progressive party rally held in the opera house on Monday evening under the auspices of the Progressive club of this town. The attendance of a good many ladies gave that certain sign of success as well as of progressiveness so positive when the women are interested. Years ago when Mr. Pepprell called attention to the sex as brave as she, held him prisoner and taking from him his orders and dispatches, delivered them to the Yankee headquarters she proved this was patriotic progressive Pepperell, and today we find them aiding and helping the great progressive movement of the country.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, O. A. Merrill, who in a few words called attention to the fact that the meeting had come together for a purpose—a great and significant movement, and that he would informally introduce the speaker, Mr. Pepprell, as little time as possible. Mr. Alfred N. Fessenden, of Townsend, candidate for state representative from this district.

Mr. Fessenden spoke of the progressive movement and what it meant, not only in the state, but the entire country, particularly as to the tariff, which had always been a political instrument, but which by the progressive party is to be treated as a business proposition and to be dealt with as such. He pointed out the fact that in their revision upward they were elected to office on promise to reduce the tariff. Nor as the democratic party intended in their promise of tariff for revenue only. He drew a picture of the tariff as well as loss financially to the entire country under the democratic tariff reduction under Grover Cleveland and stated it was the purpose of the progressive party to reform the tariff by restoring it to its original position by placing the same under a commission of business men, and not in the hands of lawyers interested in monopoly and trust tariffs.

Mr. Fessenden then appealed to the voters to take their consideration of their duty to their country and not any party loyalty or hereditary political faith, and vote on the great business standing of the country.

Mr. Fessenden spoke of an incident of fair play—characteristic of all good Americans— which occurred when he was a soldier fighting at Vicksburg, and then introduced Hon. Frederick Fosdick, Ex-mayor of Fitchburg.

Mr. Fosdick was applauded several moments before he could speak. He related a few particulars of his having been a republican for over forty years and that the Chicago convention was the turning point in his life, and that he was now a democrat. He related the robbery and dastardly treatment of the people's rights were too much for him to continue with any such party. He explained in regard to the steal of the California and Massachusetts delegates—making these two out of the many. His explanation showed that the California delegates were as much stolen as was the \$14,000 from our bank here a few years ago and the Massachusetts delegates even worse for he, Mr. Fosdick, was declared by Chairman Root to be absent because he answered to the roll call but refused to vote, and the name of his alternative called because he was in favor of it.

Mr. Fosdick's entire remarks were full of honest endeavor to show the true side of this great question and that Roosevelt and the progressive party were our life and salvation. He said that Lincoln was in that great epoch in the history of our country, and he succeeded in convincing everyone present, if applause is any measure of the feeling of the audience.

The next speaker was Rev. Robert W. Drawbridge, pastor of the Congregational church here, who stated he was not in politics—he was obeying the call of fellow citizens to a duty which was no more than in accord—the conservation of human right and liberty, and he should do all in his power to get back to the people their rights and in every way possible combat the evils so evident today and which so prominently brought home to us in the wave of unrest sweeping over the country. He praised the memories of Washington and Lincoln and showed how similar, though different, the perils of today are to those from which the country had been brought safely by those great men and how it was proving that our leader, Mr. Roosevelt, is capable, and shall lead the country out of its present peril.

The last speaker was Walker Jones, from Boston. Coming from the headquarters of the progressive party, he was in a position to tell the audience much of the success of the movement, but as his time was short he made a short address which was full of interesting facts, contradicting many of the slanders spread over the country by the enemies of Col. Roosevelt and showing that the harvest of truth had contributed to particular condemnation, but showed that Wilson's campaign is getting plenty of support from the trusts. Mr. Jones held the interest of all and closed his remarks by asking the audience to carefully consider the questions of the ballot and they would surely vote the entire progressive ticket.

After the applause had subsided, "America" was sung by all, and the first progressive rally in Pepperell was a decided success.



Rev. R. W. Drawbridge

Membership Increasing.

Pepperell is certainly on the live line. The Progressive club formed a few weeks ago has grown at an unprecedented pace, now numbering in the hundreds. Each town in this senatorial and the representative districts is alive with progressive work and talk. Everywhere is seen the Bull Moose and the spirit and work of these progressives inspires with the earnestness and certainty typical of successful movements.

When such a man as Robert William Drawbridge, of this town, is the man for senator in the eighth Middlesex district, the progressive party nominee, it should assure all doubtful ones that the progressive tide is rising higher every day. When such men as Mr. Drawbridge consent to throw influence and work into the progressive movement, there is only one answer—it will win.

Mr. Drawbridge is a native of this state. His boyhood was spent on a farm, four years in a machine shop, earned his own education, graduated from Worcester academy, Brown university with special courses in economics, prepared for the ministry at Newton Theological institution, pastor of the Congregational church here. He has been active in town affairs, a member of the school committee, public library trustee, District Nurse association and other departments. He will certainly be sustained by a heavy vote here and looks a winner.

Wedding.

Miss Bess Josephine Robbins of Acton and Lieut. Kenneth Thompson Blood of Concord, a son of S. Thompson Blood, a native of Pepperell, were married Wednesday evening in the Union church at Concord Junction by Rev. Edward B. Hayes of Acton, assisted by Rev. Silas R. Adams, Lieut. Blood in 1911 took the examination for the coast artillery corps, U. S. A., and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in March, 1912, and is appointed lieutenant. He is stationed at Fort Munroe, Va.

The maid of honor was Miss Julia Estabrook Lawry of East Orange, N. J., a cousin of the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Pope of Concord, Miss Marjorie Proctor of Nashua, N. H., Miss Isabel Daniels and Miss Helen Wood of Acton and the flower girl was Miss Frances Shaw. The best man was Prentiss W. Blood, brother of the groom.

A reception in the vestry followed immediately after the ceremony.

Methodist.

Services will be held at the Methodist church on Sunday as follows: Rev. P. R. Stratton will take for his subject at 10:45 a. m., "God's unsearchable riches," and at seven in the evening, "Jonah's gourd."

The devotional meeting of the Epworth society will be held at six in the evening. This will be mission study rally day, and the leader will be the pastor.

Star and conference meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30. At 8:30 the Sunday school teachers and workers will meet in the vestry to study the lesson for the coming Sunday.

Plans are under way for a Halloween social to be held in the vestry on October 31.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
Last week Friday evening was neighbors' night at the grange and a good number of the neighboring granges were represented, although the weather was very unfavorable. Bolton grange furnished the entertainment, which consisted of music and a two-act farce, after which supper was served. The next meeting of the grange will be on Monday evening. The members to each bring the white elephant they most desire to get rid of.

The first meeting this season of the West Acton Woman's club was held in the Baptist vestry on Monday afternoon. Sixteen new members were represented, although the weather was very unfavorable. Bolton grange furnished the entertainment, which consisted of music and a two-act farce, after which supper was served. The next meeting of the grange will be on Monday evening. The members to each bring the white elephant they most desire to get rid of.

Miss Waterman, who has been in Providence for three weeks, has returned.

Mrs. Philip Cunningham entertained a friend, Rosa Schram of Atlantic City, the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bigelow and Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Bigelow and daughter of Norwood came up by auto last Saturday, taking a picnic dinner in library hall and calling on old friends.

On Sunday Mrs. John Whitcomb entertained her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown of Grotton, and daughter at dinner, after which the Browns took the family to an automobile ride through Concord.

The marriage of Samuel Wetherbee to Ruth Harrington took place at Kendall Green on Wednesday evening. Those who attended from here were the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Wetherbee, and his three sisters, one of which, Mabel, was one of the bridesmaids, Ralph and Ira Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barreau, Mabel Livermore and Henry Walker.

The same evening Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robbins attended the wedding of their niece, Bess Robbins of East Acton to Kenneth Blood of Concord Junction. The wedding was at the Union church, Concord Junction.

A number of our enthusiastic baseball men went to Boston Wednesday to see the flag game.

Miss Grace of Shirley is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Hibbard Graves, this week.

Mrs. Harry Adams went to Lynn Saturday with her friend, Helen Stuytevant, who had spent the week with her.

HARVARD.

News Items.
Mrs. Mary A. Tuttle, widow of Samuel J. Tuttle, died on Thursday of last week at her home in Dorchester after having been in ill health for several years. She was in her ninety-first year and succeeded to the inheritance of old age. Mrs. Tuttle was before her marriage Miss Mary A. Russell, and she was born in Dublin, N. H., the daughter of Reuben Russell, of Harvard, and Nancy (Woolson) Russell, of New Ipswich, N. H. Mrs. Tuttle is survived by a daughter, Miss Mary E. Tuttle, who made her home with her in Dorchester.

L. Kingston Savage is at work with his men putting concrete piers under the Fleke Warren boathouse at Bare pond. Iron gratings are to take the place of the wood work which was formerly around the base of the building.

The senior class dance of the Bromfield school will be given at town hall on Friday evening, October 25. Proceeds are for the senior class trip to Washington in June, 1913. Everybody invited to assist in making the affair a success.

George E. Bagster has sold the roan horse out of his matched pair of workers to a party in Waltham. We are informed by Mr. Bagster that he received a very substantial price.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley G. Smith of Worcester were guests over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard.

Harvard grangers attended the neighbors' night meeting at Ayer on Thursday evening, furnishing a part of the entertainment.

Almira Steele, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Harris A. Steele, warden and matron at the town farm, died Monday evening at the Children's hospital, Boston, October 14, after undergoing an operation. Since the death of her mother last year the little girl has been with her uncle and aunt, who have cherished her as their own. In fact all who came to know her came to love her as she was a child of very lovable nature and her death is a sad blow to her relatives and friends.

The Worcester East Pomona grange met at Harvard on Wednesday last in an all-day meeting. Patrons were present from this and surrounding towns to enjoy the program of the morning and afternoon sessions. Dinner was served by Harvard grange.

There seems to be considerable protest against closing the depot road for repairs, making it necessary for teams to haul apples and coal to go down by Wrangham's crossing and up by W. E. Craggs. Both roads are hard for team work and the selectmen have taken a hand to see if the road cannot be closed in two sections so that the public may have the use of the one part while the other part is under construction. The work is being done on the piece of road near the Crossley residence and also between John Madigan's and the depot.

Baldwins are returning from \$2.20 per barrel, according to statements and checks received during the past two weeks by farmers who have shipped abroad.

The annual fair given by the ladies of the Unitarian society will be held on Thursday, October 24, from 2:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m. Supper will be served at six and seven o'clock, with Mrs. A. M. Bryant as chairman of the committee. Entertainment at eight in charge of Mrs. E. P. Watson.

There will be the following tables with those in charge of same: Children's, Mrs. O. A. Fairbanks; domestic, Mrs. J. S. Preston; candy, Miss Evelyn Farnsworth; flower, Miss C. C. Haggood; fancy, Mrs. G. T. Gale; white, Mrs. F. Dickson; gentlemen's, Mrs. A. H. Bigelow; ice cream, Mrs. A. F. Ripley.

Mrs. Isaac Crossley, who is seriously sick at her home, is still in the hands of two trained nurses from the Memorial hospital, but is reported as slightly better.

The registrars of voters will be in session at the town hall on Saturday evening, October 19 from 7:30 until nine p. m., and on Saturday, October 26, from twelve noon until ten p. m., for the purpose of correcting the list of voters and receiving evidence of the qualification of persons claiming the right to vote at the election to be held Tuesday, November 5.

Still River.

The Light, Heat and Power corporation had surveyors at work on the land near the railroad station, getting levels every few feet, and they say that the prospect is that a central power station will be built there which will supply the electric current for Clinton, Ayer and Leominster. Poles and wires are in process of erection to all of these points now.

Emil Savino and family, who have occupied the brick yard house for several years, have moved to West Medford, where he will work for the New England Brick Co. at their yard in that city.

Edna Robinson arrived at San Francisco Friday instead of Thursday of last week, there being several delays to the train.

Mrs. Austin of Boston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Chester Willard.

Mr. A. H. Keyes went to Springfield Tuesday to spend the winter with her son, Lester B. Keyes.

Mrs. Herbert Whitney closed her summer cottage Tuesday and went to her winter home in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Stone attended a Masonic gathering in Hudson Wednesday evening.

LITTLETON.

News Items.
Mrs. Timothy Sullivan, who recently moved to West Acton, died at her daughter Nellie's home Tuesday, after an illness of one week, from the effects of acute indigestion and bloody dysentery. The funeral was held Thursday. Besides her children Mrs. Sullivan leaves an aged husband to mourn her loss. She was highly respected and had many dear friends in this her home town.

Mrs. Packard has been to Clinton to see her sister, Mrs. Speed, and her young child this week.

Lucy Whittier is ill and about to be operated upon for appendicitis at time of writing. Miss Nellie Whittier remained at home from school Thursday, because of her sister's condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb attended the wedding and reception of Miss Betha daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Webster Robbins, and Lieutenant Blood in the Union church and parlors, Concord Junction, Wednesday evening, and report a most magnificent occasion. Mr. Blood is stationed in Virginia.

SHIRLEY.

Mrs. Oliver J. Fairfield, of Littleton will preach in the First Parish church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Alfred Hill is soon to vacate the Edgerton farm on Benjamin road and will move into the old hotel at North Shirley owned by Louis J. Farnsworth. He has secured a position as a teamster at West Grotton.

At the meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were worked on a class of three candidates by the men's degree team and the regular officers. The work was well done and both teams deserve much credit. Two officers were also installed for the remainder of the year. At the next meeting, November 5, the third and fourth degrees will be conferred.

Elmer E. Wilkins is recovering nicely from the injuries received last week in his collision with the automobile driven by Lester Lawton, and is again able to attend school.

George Farnsworth is very ill at his home at the North this week, being threatened with pneumonia.

SAVES LEG OF BOY.

"It seemed that my 14-year-old boy would have to lose his leg, on account of an ugly ulcer, caused by a bad bruise," wrote Dr. Howard, Aquone, N. C. All remedies and doctors' treatment failed till we tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and cured him with one box." Cures burns, boils, skin eruptions, piles. 25 cents at William Brown's, Ayer.

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FOR SALE—A Mare. Good Condition. A. S. BRAXSON, Harvard, Mass., near Poor Farm. 115

WANTED—A Gentleman to work on farm. Best references required. Address, "S," Townsend Harbor, Mass. 315

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Laundry Notice

Laundry called for in Pepperell on Tuesday and delivered on Saturday; Townsend Harbor, Townsend Center and West Townsend collected on Monday and delivered on Friday.

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Registration of Voters

The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

Saturday, September 21, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Saturday, October 5, 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Saturday, October 26, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, October 26, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date unless after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1912.

Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

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