

HARVARD.

Congregational Notes.

The Willing Workers, a junior missionary organization connected with the Congregational church, holds monthly meetings during the greater part of the year for the purpose of interesting the younger members of the Sunday school in the mission fields of the denomination. The methods employed this year are quite novel and proving intensely interesting to those who attend. The next meeting will be held in the church parlors on Saturday afternoon, November 16, at 2.30 o'clock.

Those who are interested in the matter of lighting the vestry of the Congregational church by electricity will be glad to know that subscriptions are constantly being received for the fund. Enough is now on hand to warrant going ahead at once, and the wiring will be done next week. If general installation is not delayed much longer, the church may be among the first users after all.

It is found that membership in the Boy Scouts of America is limited to those who are twelve years old and over. This shuts out for a few months some of the boys who it was thought might become members of a patrol in connection with the Sunday school of the Congregational church. Because of this it is thought that perhaps the best way at present will be to organize the boys in an informal manner, initiating them into the work of the Scouts as far as possible, but waiting until a few more are eligible before making application to join the national organization. All boys who are interested may confer with the pastor, Rev. H. B. Mason.

A pleasant feature of the Sunday school sessions at the Congregational church this fall is the opening exercise at which a few minutes is devoted to missions. The field this year is China, and is proving quite fascinating to the children. A miniature silk flag, modelled after that of the new Chinese republic, has been introduced, together with a number of dolls, illustrating Chinese people of various classes and ages: a mandarin, a blind boy, opium smoker, etc. In addition there is a life size model in color of a Chinese lady's bound foot. These models and dolls will be shown each Sunday during the present quarter and brief stories told concerning them at the opening exercises of the school.

It will be remembered that some time ago at the Congregational church an attempt was made to give monthly stereopticon lectures illustrating the work of the foreign mission fields of the denomination. These lectures were not continued because the expense occasioned by using calcium light was hardly warranted by the attendance. The introduction of electric lighting will make practicable the resumption of these lectures at any time. The wiring will be so done that an arc light may be used in the auditorium on special occasions or a high-power incandescent lamp at the usual meetings of the Y. P. S. C. in the parsonage. It will also be possible, occasionally, to use the quarterly reviews of the Sunday school in the same way, and the pastor already has plans in progress looking to such use of his lantern.

Miss Reed, chairman of the social committee of the Congregational Y. P. S. C. is preparing for an entertainment to be given at the town hall on the evening of Friday, November 22. Further particulars in regard to this will be made known as soon as possible.

News Items.

E. W. Cottle and Geo. F. Cobb close their houses on Oak hill this week and go to Dorchester for the winter months. Mr. and Mrs. Somers will occupy the Cobb farm house and look after both places.

The ladies of the Unitarian church will hold a church social and supper at the town hall on Friday evening, November 15. Suppers served at six and seven o'clock. The entertainment of the evening is in charge of Mrs. A. F. Leonard. Dancing will follow.

The presidential vote was Wilson 72, Taft 54, Roosevelt 51.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Craggs went to Bethel, Me., on Saturday last for a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Skillings.

Miss Alice Forsyth, of Watertown, was a guest over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Dickson.

Mrs. S. J. Savage, not to be outdone by our friends who boast of raspberries, etc., in November, brought to your correspondence on November 4, a beauty rose blossom that measured three and one-half inches across the face.

Mrs. E. P. Watson has sold her farm on Bare hill to Leon Hall, who takes possession at once. For the present, and while her son Philip is in school here, Mrs. Watson will hire rooms at the Center.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Chauncey Brewer, owner of the Springbrook farms, closed their residence on the Harlow farm on Wednesday and go to their winter home at Boston. Mr. Gabrielson will keep over the Houghton farm and care for both places for the winter.

Edgar P. Cleaves is nursing a very sore foot, the result of coming in contact with that member of a board that went mostly on four wheels.

The house to be occupied by Jere Jones on Lovell lane rests on its new foundation. Although devoid of the chimney in moving, Mr. Jones has kept house, although at times considerably out of level.

Miss Grace Morse is visiting this week with Miss Violet Gray, sister to Mrs. A. D. McLennan, of this town, at Providence, R. I.

Weather conditions were certainly very unfavorable for fair weather on Thursday night. Notwithstanding this fact, however, the ladies of the Congregational church gave their annual fair at the town hall with very pleasing results. The whole affair was carefully attended to, and from the supper through to the last act of their entertainment, everything passed in a very creditable manner. Taking weather conditions into consideration, there was a large attendance.

Two telephone lines have been added in Harvard from Ayer known as line No. 8, which has fifteen subscribers, and line No. 9, which has eight. Changes have been made in the call numbers: Cuthbert Wingham 78-11, Harold G. Brown

16-3, C. D. Keyes 76-4, A. E. French 76-13, H. D. Nally 76-13, Henry Mead 76-12, H. D. Mead 76-16, Mac A. Madden 76-5, all on line 9; S. V. Davis 78-6, A. M. Brown 78-21, Fred St. John 78-31, Levi Gebo 78-11, all on line 8; Mrs. Mongovan 9-3, being a new subscriber.

Stanley B. Hildreth and Mrs. M. G. Hildreth have closed their homes here for the winter and returned this week to Cambridge.

Warner Lecture Course.

The Warner course opened on Friday evening of last week with an illustrated lecture by Donald B. MacMillan; subject, "With Peary in the Arctic." The speaker was given an enthusiastic greeting and was listened to with strict attention throughout his very interesting lecture. The next lecture in the course, which comes on Thursday evening, November 4, is to be one of more than ordinary interest to everybody interested in the progress of science. The subject, "In the year 2000," is very broad. Do the people of Harvard know that Niagara Falls is daily cooking food for families two hundred miles away? That the sun is lighting a man's house in Boston even when the sun does not shine? That you can set fire to iron and steel with an icicle? That you can send the thermometer down to zero by talking to it and dozens of other things seemingly impossible? Don't forget to hear Reno Welbourn on Thursday evening next tell you how these things are done and also show you by scientific experiment just how to do them. This is to be the most interesting lecture in the course from a scientific point of view and all should certainly hear it.

Still River.

Mrs. Nichols of New York was the guest of Miss Alice Marshall recently. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thompson have a daughter-in-law from Chicago visiting them. On Sunday evening Mrs. Scates came with their automobile and took all hands, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Scates and sister and Malcolm D. Campbell to Worcester for dinner and the ride.

It is expected that the secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary society will speak at the Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Catherine Richardson of West Acton concluded her duties as nurse to S. P. Willard Wednesday. Mrs. Peterson of Harvard is now caring for him.

Miss Katherine Lawrence has been the guest of Miss Emily Hildreth of Harvard the past week.

H. R. Harrod is having a hot air furnace installed in his home.

Mrs. Viles has her mother from Mercer, Me., with her for the winter.

LITTLETON.

Commencing Monday, November 11, passenger train number 55, leaving Boston at 1.09 p. m. on week days, which has been running to South Acton, will be extended to Ayer, leaving Littleton at 2.30 p. m. and arriving at Ayer at 2.49 p. m. The train which left Ayer at 4.30 p. m. and Littleton at 4.38 p. m., arriving in Boston at 5.45 p. m., which was discontinued with the last change in time, is to be re-ran, and will run as formerly, commencing the same day.

The next meeting of Loyal Nashobah lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. will be held Monday evening, November 11. A good attendance is desired.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Flagg are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy, born October 28, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Gregory, at the Common.

The members of Mrs. Brown's Sunday school class will hold a sale and entertainment in the Unitarian vestry next Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to five o'clock. The proceeds are to be used for flowers for the church during the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell left home this week Friday for New York city, where they will spend a week. During their absence the Hartwell home will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith.

The Mission Study class of the Congregational society met with Mrs. J. P. Thacher Wednesday afternoon. Miss Martha Kimball had charge of the meeting. Following the devotional part of the program Miss Dodge and Miss Whittier read carefully prepared and very interesting papers on the causes and influences leading to China's break with the past. The text book in use for this year's study is Rev. Isaac Headland's "China's new day." Miss Susie Robbins, secretary, read a faithful report of the last meeting and the subjects of missionary work were informally discussed. The fair will be held on the afternoon and evening of November 11. The meeting closed with prayer by Miss Julia S. Conant.

Charles A. Hartwell is doing good work in grading the pumping station grounds.

The new drinking fountain at the station is proving its worth and causing most gratifying words of appreciation from the many people who frequently use it.

The Woman's club will present the play, "The Little Rebel," the latter part of the year and the cast will be coached by Miss Alice Chapman of Winchester.

Mrs. Adelia M. Parker is visiting her niece, Mrs. Walter Manning in New Jersey. Richard G. Conant was also a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Manning last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden of Somerville recently visited their cousins, the W. E. Conant's.

Miss Ethel Whittier, of Fitchburg Normal school, substituted in one of the South Acton schools two days this week for Miss McCarthy, who was absent through the illness and death of her grandmother.

Rev. H. L. Packard will exchange pupils with Rev. George M. Howe of Groton Sunday.

A good number of our loyal young democrats took occasion to celebrate the victory of their party Wednesday evening by forming a procession and following an impromptu band in a parade through King street from Littleton station to the Common and back, stopping at intervals to serenade some of the leading political men along the route.

Chas. W. Hunt went to Clinton on Tuesday and brought his daughter Florence home in an automobile—day earlier than she was expected when the hospital was quarantined.

Littleton women who attended the Ayer Woman's club Wednesday after-

NEW SUITS AND OVERCOATS

We have the largest line of up-to-date clothing for Men and Boys this Fall we have ever carried. They were made for us by **HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX**, which is the largest clothing house in the country. They are made in all the latest models and colors—Grays, Browns, Blues and Tans in Fine Worsted, Scotch and English weaves.

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We have the Regular cut Coats with soft collars or with velvet collars and we have the long full coat with belts and convertible collars.

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- BOYS' FANCY MIXTURE OVERCOATS, Ages 10 to 17** \$5.00, \$7.47, \$8.47, \$10.00 and \$12.00

Sweaters

The Fall Season is the Sweater time of the year. We are showing a most complete line of Sweaters for Men and Boys; also, for Women, Misses and Children.

We have the regular Coat Sweater and also the Coat Sweater with Collar and Pockets. They come in the regular sweater knit and also in the better grades for men they come in the very heavy Shaker Knit.

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- LADIES' SWEATERS—** \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00
- MISSSES' SWEATERS—** \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50
- CHILDREN'S SWEATERS—** 50¢, 98¢, \$1.50 and \$2.00

AUTUMN DAYS.

And now the scarlet maple gleams
In sales, and on the hills afar;
And all the glorious landscape seems
Like gardens vast with naught to mar.

The sumac waves beneath the trees,
And in the pastures, far and near,
The red leaves in the passing breeze;
And distant hills are bright and clear.

The sturdy oak, in autumn hues,
Stands like a mound of colors rare
Amid the pines' long avenues,
Within the balmy, fragrant air.

And now I think of friends long lost
From all these earthly scenes so
Grand;
From all these scenes, oft tempest
tossed;

Who now are in the "better land,"
Where scenes surpass these autumn
days.

As brightest days surpass the night;
Where all therein God's love displays,
With perfect peace, and fadeless
light.

S. L. WHITE, Beverly, Mass.

BOY WANTED—A Strong, Hustling Boy to do chores about an hour and a half a day, and Saturday mornings, \$2.00 a week. C. A. SHAW, Groton.

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FOR SALE—7 Colony Henhouses 10x20 ft. Double Plow and Mowing Machine. Good condition. J. H. STORER, Groton.

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 ROBERT W. BAKER late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, 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 thirty-first day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
319 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
Rev. Charles P. Marshall, our former Congregational pastor, and more recently of Quincy, began his new pastorate at the Pilgrimage church, Plymouth, the first Sunday of this month. His first service was the mid-week meeting given in the preparatory lecture for the communion on Sunday. At Quincy, their many loyal followers gave Mr. and Mrs. Marshall a farewell reception, presenting them a desk, a clock and a mistletoe bough filled with bolts amounting to sixteen dollars. Beside the presentation there were several well-known speakers who gave addresses.

Mrs. Cyrus Hosmer, of Wakefield, has been a recent visitor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Wright. John Shattuck had a two-day vacation from his duties on the branch line electric last week, and Mr. Cutter served as motorman in his absence, and Edward Clement as conductor.

Miss Alice Howard has been having a vacation at the parental home from her library duties at Lowell. Other recent guests at this pleasant home have been Mrs. James Danforth and Miss Delpha Danforth, of Tyngsboro.

George E. Gould has recently gathered clusters of ripe raspberries from his fields. A pretty sight these late fall days has been a high tree at Homer M. Seavey's covered with blossoming nasturtiums. Not until Saturday night's frost did they succumb to the weather.

At the November meeting of the North Middlesex Pomona grange on last week Friday at Lowell, Westford members sustained their part in the program by taking charge of the dinner at noon; also, Mrs. Perley E. Wright contributed readings and Miss Rachael Wall vocal solos.

A fire which at one time assumed threatening proportions, took place at the J. M. Book place, more familiarly known as the Frank Hildreth buildings, at Long-Sought-for pond on last week Friday about noon. The fire caught in some unknown way in a barn in which corn was being stored. Help was summoned from the fire fighters at the Center and at Graniteville. The barn was totally destroyed and much lively attention was given to preventing further spreading of the flames and saving good work the other buildings were saved. A partial insurance is reported.

Frank C. Wright is having the customary vacation granted by Uncle Sam from his R. F. D. route, and William E. Green is substituting for him as he recently did for Mr. Balch.

Miss Sarah W. Loker spent a part of this week with friends in Boston.

The Luce homestead is having new shingling.

Twenty-two patrons from Westford grange went to Carlisle grange on Wednesday night, which was their annual neighbors' night. They report a fine program and royal entertainment.

The upsetting of a carload of lumber on the tracks of the Stony Brook railroad, near North Chelmsford, caused effective delay to traffic on last Tuesday evening. Regular commuters and others were much inconvenienced thereby and had to get home as best they could. Those depending on our branch line electric on its late trips, got the electric at North Chelmsford and Mr. Sheddock and Mr. Cutter waited their car at Brookside for them, not getting to the Center for the last trip until after seven o'clock.

Westford has a right to feel on the map politically with two of its good citizens being represented. Our worthy sage of the Stony Brook Valley, Samuel L. Taylor, as republican member of the house of representatives, and Edward Fisher most deservedly advanced to the Massachusetts senate.

A conference of workers of the Congregational church was held at the parsonage on Wednesday evening. The social service of the church's work for the winter was discussed as well as its vital spiritual needs, the result of which will be effective work in both directions.

Otis Day at last Sunday evening's meeting, gave a good report of the Massachusetts State E. convention which he recently attended, as a delegate, at Brockton. All the salient features of the addresses and the three days' convention as a whole were given in a way that many an older church worker could not do, and those present appreciated so good an account.

Under the auspices of the Westford Board of Trade, there will be an address on next Thursday evening at the town hall by Paul D. Sargent, acting director of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Office of Public Roads, entitled "The value of trained supervision over road work." This address which will be accompanied by stereopticon views, will be free to all and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present. There will be a special car to accommodate those who attend the lecture. The car will leave Brockton at 8:05 and leave after the lecture at 9:45 o'clock. Ladies are invited to be present.

John Wilson and his daughter, Miss Florence Wilson, are visiting relatives in Chococott, Ohio.

Doing Good Work.
The Westford telephone exchange did good service in giving election returns to its subscribers on Tuesday until late into the night to interested voters. The regular operators were supplemented by an extra helper from the central exchange in Lowell. This called for much additional work, but was cheerfully and capably met as a once in four years' occurrence. Speaking of our local exchange, the new system has had a chance for a good trial and relations between the individual subscribers and central office established. Quick and courteous service is the established rule. Ringing off after each call is getting to be the proper habit. Now a require-

ment from headquarters in Lowell is that each subscriber call the party wanted by number and not by name. With an obliging resident operator who is familiar with the personnel of the subscription list it is one thing, but in case of sickness or for any reason a substitute operator is at work. It can readily be seen it would be difficult and poor service result. Therefore, subscribers will please make it a rule to always call by number as a requirement from headquarters, and in the interests of ultimate good service.

Tadmuck Club.
The regular meeting of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon at Library hall. The season's study of Holland was interspersed with an afternoon given to the subject of "Universal suffrage." The quotation for the afternoon was "The old order changeth, giving place to new." This subject may surely be of timely interest and was ably presented by the speakers of the afternoon. Mrs. David Wallace argued for the affirmative most capably and all the more creditably when those who knew her best well understood that her sympathies were in the negative. Mrs. Goldsmith Conant presented a scholarly and interesting statement for the negative side, and the papers were supplemented with remarks and discussion from the audience. Many informing phases of both sides of the question were brought out and a hearty vote of thanks was given both speakers for their treatment of the subject. No vote was taken on the merits of the question, but in the conservative atmosphere of the membership it was hardly necessary.

A response to the recent letter of greeting to our club from the president of the Buenos Ayres club in South America was voted to be sent by the secretary.

Beginning with the next meeting it was voted to commence the meetings at 2:30 instead of three, owing to more limited daylight for the present.

About Town.
The next Sunday evening service in the Orthodox church by the local W. C. T. U. Mrs. Janet Wright, president. Mrs. A. R. Brigham, from state headquarters, will give an informal talk on "Temperance." Music will be given suitable to the occasion.

Rev. L. B. Weeks exchanged last Sunday with Rev. Graniteville, of Carlisle. Next Sunday Mr. Weeks will preach on "The wandering Jew, the miracle of the age."

The Woman's Alliance of the First Parish church will meet with Mrs. George T. Day on Thursday afternoon, November 14, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips gave a birthday party to Mrs. Phillips' sister, Miss Ethel Whitney, at their home near Westford station. It was a large gathering from Lowell, Westford and the surrounding towns. Games, plays and other distasteful offerings made it a speciality evening of cheer.

Norman Phillips has closed his engagement of labor at the Cold Spring farm and secured a position in Lowell.

W. R. C.
The W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting with the president Mrs. Janet Wright, on Wednesday afternoon, twenty members and six visitors being present. The president gave a paper relative to the state convention held in Boston last week. This was followed by an interesting address of the same subject by the secretary, Mrs. H. M. Seavey. It was voted to donate the organ of the union, "The Message," to the reading-room of the J. V. Fletcher library as a constant contribution. It was further voted to donate a Thanksgiving box to the Flower mission in Boston. As entertainment, Mrs. Blaney responded with instrumental music and the gathering joined in song. Mrs. Perley E. Wright contributed humorous readings and Miss Gladys Fletcher followed with instrumental music. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held in December with Mrs. S. L. Taylor.

Election Day.
Election was quite quiet and was quite an event in quieting some of national range. It is to be hoped that the quieting of the individual will not extend to the high tide of business prosperity. The vote in town was not free from some of the surprises of the universal nature of this year. The vote was as follows: President, Taft 148; Roosevelt 122; Wilson 98; governor, Walker 173; Bird 90; Foss 114; lieutenant governor, Luce 159; Walsh 111; Cosgrove 65; congressman, Rogers 126; O'Sullivan 122; good 44; senator, Fisher 206; Walsh 128; Macy 34; representative, Taylor 12; Carney 123; Tuttle 50. Mr. Taylor carried five towns out of six and is soothingly satisfactory in this year of progressive mixup and cut up. Kindly remembrance in general to all, for and against, but a sort of special kindly remembrance to those who clung to the rickety at the foot of the ticket.

Graniteville.
Alfred Hughes met with a rather peculiar accident here a few days ago. He, with a companion, was out shooting squirrels, and having shot one in a tree the squirrel clung to one of the branches and refused to drop. Mr. Hughes climbed the tree to shake it off and the limb gave way, throwing Mr. Hughes heavily to the ground, a distance of some twenty feet. He struck with such force that his left arm was broken close to the wrist. Dr. W. H. Sherman set the injured member and Mr. Hughes is now forced to take a vacation for a few weeks.

While putting out a small fire that started in a clothes closet at the house of Mrs. Hannah Harrington on Sunday evening, Edward Riney burned his right hand very badly and will be unable to follow his work as carpenter for several days.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company held their regular meeting in Healy's hall on Monday evening. Business of a routine order was transacted, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. George Gilson on Thursday afternoon and formed plans for a sale and supper that will be held in the church vestry in the near future.

Election day, with its many surprises, is now passed and gone, and the people can once more settle down to the ordinary state of affairs and breathe easy for the time being.

Westford will have two men in the state house in Boston next year. Samuel L. Taylor is the newly elected representative, while Edward Fisher goes a step higher, being elected by the state of senator for the ninth Middlesex district. Mr. Fisher certainly deserves promotion and great things are expected of him during the coming sessions on Beacon hill. John D. Carney, of Ayer, Mr.

Taylor's opponent for representative, received a good vote in Graniteville, and for a new man did very well throughout the district.

The family of F. L. Furbush are expected to move in their new house on Broadway in a few days.

Forge Village.
The annual parish meeting of St. Andrew's church was held on Friday evening, November 8, instead of the week before, as previously reported. Many from this village attended.

"The mishaps of Minerva" will shortly be given here by the Y. L. S. C. for the benefit of the bath house fund. The houses are nearly paid for, and with this final entertainment they will be clear of debt. It is hoped that a large audience will be on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of Groton, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Blodgett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett.

Miss May Lord, of the South Framingham hospital, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord.

Miss Emily Collins entertained a party of friends at her home on Halloween night. Refreshments were served and the evening passed in games and music.

Miss Emma Murray is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Morton, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of Groton, last Monday.

The Boys' club of the M. E. church of Graniteville, and other young friends, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson on Thursday evening of last week. The form of entertainment was a Halloween party, and a merry affair it proved to be. The rooms were seasonably decorated and presented a fine appearance, especially the dining-room, in its dress of black and yellow, candles, jack-o'-lanterns and pumpkins. Jack-o'-lanterns glimmered at every window and witches, black cats, etc., formed other decorations. A bountiful supper was served, after which games and merry-making continued until after midnight.

The home of Mrs. M. A. Lowther was the scene of a merry party on Halloween night. The party was acted as hostess to her friends. The autumn foliage and floral decorations were very pretty and made the home very attractive. Refreshments were served and games and music enjoyed until late in the evening.

A little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Healy on Wednesday morning.

Miss Eliza Daly, who has spent the summer at the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. William Daly, of Pearl street, Somerville, has returned home.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.
The Athletic association met in the lower town hall on last Saturday evening, and judging by the reports of the secretary and treasurer they have had a very successful season, and have a very good cash balance in the treasury.

The many friends and neighbors of George V. Barrett, both in Ayer and Lunenburg, were saddened to hear of his death on last Monday morning. The news was unexpected, as Mr. Barrett had been gradually failing in health for some time, with no hope or prospect that he could ever be well again. During the civil war he served in Co. H, 23rd Massachusetts Infantry, and several of his old comrades survive and were present at his funeral on Thursday.

Rev. W. H. Teale, of Brookline, filled the pulpit at the Congregational church on last Sunday morning in a most acceptable manner. He took for his text, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Mr. Teale did not come as a candidate, but was sent by the bureau of supplies from Boston. A candidate is expected on Sunday, who comes well recommended by Principal Woodbury, of the Fitchburg high school, as he is an acquaintance of his.

The W. C. T. U. held its annual all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Laura Makover on Thursday of last week, to work for the sailors. Eighteen ladies were in attendance and eighteen comfort bags were made, and material prepared for filling all of them. Two new members were added to the union. A fine chicken-pie dinner with all the "fixins" was served by the hostess, to which all did ample justice. The dessert was contributed by the visiting ladies, and was varied and abundant.

Rally.
The progressive party held a grand rally at the town hall on Monday evening. There was a very good attendance of the voters of the town and quite a number of ladies; also,

Being A Housekeeper Is Some Fun

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many pupils from the high school. The military band was in attendance and played in front of the hall, while the audience was gathering. The square was illuminated with red fire, which produced a very pleasing effect. A large delegation came from Fitchburg and Leominster in a special car, which was illuminated and decorated with flags.

The speakers were Hon. Frederick Fosdick and Dr. James Ross, of Fitchburg; Frank E. Kinsman, of Leominster; Mrs. Cecelia White, of Boston, and Frank Fenno, of Westminster. All were very enthusiastic for their candidates and all agreed that Mr. Roosevelt was the man of the hour, the strongest, purest, brightest man in the field, and the man of all others to guide the ship of state safely to harbor.

The quartet of singers who had been advertised for campaign songs did not show up, although copies of a song to the tune of "Marching through Georgia" were distributed through the audience and all were expected to join in the chorus. However, the military band interspersed several selections very acceptably.

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PUBLIC HEARING.
Notice is hereby given that the State Board of Charity will give a public hearing at Room 35, State House, Boston, at two P. M., on the 18th day of November, 1912, in the matter of the incorporation of "The Ayer Hospital Association" under the provisions of Chapter 125 of the Revised Laws, as amended by Chapter 181 of the Acts of 1910.
STATE BOARD OF CHARITY,
By Robert W. Kelso, Secretary.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

A vagrant was arrested in town on Tuesday about noon time by Thomas C. Burch, special officer. He gave his name as James Donaldson, twenty-four years of age, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. His general appearance was such that he gave the women and children of the town quite a scare. He solicited state bread from the store of Brockelman Bros. and butter from the home of Mrs. John H. Logue, and with an empty tin which he had found by the roadside secured water. He appeared to be an inoffensive fellow and without doubt his laziness was the cause of his condition as he was apparently in good form physically. In the Ayer court on Wednesday morning he gave his name as James Donaldson and was sentenced to the state farm at Andover for an indeterminate term.

The Shirley high school football team will play the Ayer team at Ayer on Saturday afternoon, November 9, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Porter, of Berkeley, Cal., in company with Mrs. Porter's sister, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, connected with the Dodge Lumber Company, of San Francisco, and is the son of A. W. Porter, a former well-known resident of this town.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold their monthly supper, entertainment and social in the church on Wednesday evening, November 12. Supper will be served from six to 7.30, followed by the usual entertainment. The ladies will hold a sale in the church on December 11, of which due notice will be given.

A chimney fire at the residence of Augustus D. Cram, Center road, on Monday afternoon at about two o'clock was discovered in the nick of time, and in all probability saved the residence from serious damage by fire. Mr. Price, driving down Center road, observed sparks issuing from the shingles of the roof near the chimney and stopped and notified the inmates of the home. An alarm of fire was immediately rung in, but by the time the department arrived the fire had been extinguished. Aside from the burning of a few shingles no further damage was done.

The coming event of interest in Shirley is the marriage of Miss Ruby Felch to Edwin Roy Smith, of Plainfield, N. J., a former resident of this town. Miss Felch has tendered her resignation as stenographer in the office of the C. A. Edgerton Company, to take effect the latter part of next week.

The fire department was called out on Tuesday at about 12.15 to extinguish a brush fire in the rear of Jerome Wheeler's house. About fifteen acres of brush land was burned over on the so-called Munson lot. The all out was sounded at about two o'clock.

A Shakespeare club has been organized in town by Mrs. Elmer H. Allen and will meet every Tuesday afternoon from four to five o'clock at the home of Mrs. Edwin H. Conant. Mrs. Andrew Pratt, of Fitchburg, has been engaged as teacher. The first play to be taken up by the club will be "Macbeth." The following is a list of the members: Mrs. Hobbs and Madams Horton, E. Edgerton, Wells, M. Hazen, M. Conant, Lilly, Miner, Phelps, Byram, Ely, Miner, Campbell, Page and Wright. The latter three are connected with the Industrial school.

Mrs. Edmund B. Winterbottom is confined to her home with sickness.

Miss Ella F. Tewksbury, of Lexington, a former assistant high school teacher of this town, arrived on Friday of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, to be their guest until Monday.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening, November 12. Supper will be served at 6.30 o'clock in the vestry under the direction of Oliver W. Balcom, William Cram, Frank Park and Kenneth Horton. At the close of the supper an hour address will be given by Frederick W. Kirt, of Fitchburg, on "A Trip to Panama and the West Indies."

Samuel B. Scott, of Chapel street, is very critically ill with acute indigestion, his grandson, Ralph, being caring for him. Mr. Scott is eighty-four years of age, which fact makes his illness very alarming to his family and friends. His son Fred, and wife, of Rotterdam, N. Y., arrived on Wednesday to remain with his father until a change takes place for the better.

The third whist party of the season will take place in St. Anthony's hall on Saturday evening, November 9, under the auspices of the Holy Name society.

Rev. J. H. Cote attended the third district convention of the Union St. Jean Baptist of America at Hyde Park last Sunday.

W. Lloyd Allen, of Boston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, was received as a member of the Old South Congregational church, Boston, on last Sunday morning. His mother, Mrs. Allen, was present to witness the ceremony.

George Seaver, of Malone, N. Y., has accepted the position of day watchman at the factory of the C. A. Edgerton Company, succeeding Jerry Muehrner. Mr. Seaver, whose family consists only of his wife, who is now in Malone, N. Y., is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Chesbrough, who are relatives.

Miss Inez McMurray spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Boston.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting on Monday evening.

Morton E. Lawrence started last Sunday for Washington, D. C., where he has accepted a position in the express office of that city.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held a very interesting meeting on Monday evening with Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook. Some time was taken up with correspondence and discussion, then Miss Hobbs introduced Mrs. Mary E. Lilly, who read Joseph Lincoln's laugh provoking story. The cruise of the red car. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by her daughters, Misses Annie and Nina. Miss Annie Holbrook, presided at the piano for the Massachusetts songs. The first of the four entertainments "The Gales" in songs and stories of the Redmen will be given on November 22.

Miss Margareta S. Hastings, principal of the high school, spent the week-end at her home in Brookfield, and Miss Lena Fuller, the assistant high school teacher, spent the week-end at her home in West.

Charles McCarthy, of the Shirley Cash Market, in company with his mother, is spending a few days this week in New York city.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant attends the convention of the Woman's Board of Missions, which takes place in Andover on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Mrs. Conant is the secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions, and is one of the official delegates from that organization.

Social.
The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held its regular monthly social in the vestry on Wednesday evening. A very fine bill of fare was served under the direction of Mrs. H. E. Lawrence, assisted by Mrs. Wilbur, Mrs. Miner, Mrs. A. B. Cram, Mrs. Frank Park and Miss Nina Holbrook. The waiters were Evelyn Miner, Rena Churchill, Elaine Love and Emma Knowles. Following the supper an entertainment was given under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Conant, the program being as follows: Piano solo, selections, J. M. Leopold; piano duet, Gladys Annis and Sarah Stevenson; recitation, Richard Lilly; cornet and piano, Edward Balcom and Gladys Phelps; sketch on suffragette, Kathleen Miner and Earl Wear, accompanied by Mrs. Sylvester Chesbrough on piano; reading, Mrs. Frank Snell, recitation, Mrs. J. A. Dearden; reading, Mrs. A. L. Wright.

A goodly number were present and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

Halloween Party.
Shirley went on record as having one of the most enjoyable Halloween parties last week Thursday evening that the town has experienced in a decade past, and was held in the vestry of the Congregational church under the auspices of the C. E. society. The townspeople, especially the younger element, turned out in force and entered into the spirit of the occasion with a determination to make Halloween an event of merit that would not soon be forgotten.

The vestry of the church was weirdly and attractively decorated, consisting of Jack-o'-lanterns, black cats, corn and corn stalks, with streamers of black and white crepe paper extending from either side of the room and the electric lights being shaded in such a manner as to give the desired Halloween effect.

In the northwest corner of the vestry was a fish pond, which constituted a large covered tent with a sign placed on the same which read "Catch your own fish and reduce the high cost of living, only five cents." This proved a source of curious amusement and resources of the pond were soon exhausted. This was in charge of Mrs. Collyer and Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook.

In the southeast corner of the vestry was the witch's tent, C. Russell, who was taking the part of the witch, and the sun of one on the charged. The many wonderful predictions to the children created quite a lot of fun. A guessing table in charge of Abbott Bronson, and a candy table under the management of Miss Sarah Stevenson, Miss Alice Horton and Miss Gladys Annis were both well patronized. The following then contributed to a brief entertainment: Piano solo, Miss Margareta S. Hastings; recitation, Master Richard Lilly; reading, Mrs. Martha Conant; piano solo, Miss Sarah Stevenson; recitation, Master Albert Dearden.

An apple biting contest was then participated in by Miss Nan Love, Misses, Misses Alice Horton, Miss Gladys Annis and Miss Rheta Lennox. This gave full measure of fun to old and young. Refreshments of coffee, doughnuts and cheese were then served to all present under the direction of Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. A. A. Bronson, Mrs. H. W. McCoy and Mrs. G. S. Wells.

The evening's event was in charge of J. Albert Dearden, chairman, assisted by Russell Miner, Lester James, Mrs. H. W. McCoy and Flora Shepard, who some weeks ago planned this unique Halloween party, and with hard work coupled with genius, brought it to a successful issue.

Election Results.

More than ordinary interest was evinced in the state election in Shirley on Tuesday, forty-nine votes were cast in precinct A and 207 votes in precinct B, making a total vote cast of 256 out of a registered list of 320. The town house, Shirley Center, was utilized for precinct A and the following were the election officials: Howard Fuller, warden; William McCormick, clerk; William Barnard, John H. Stickney, Ralph Evans and George Buxton, inspectors. At this precinct polls opened at 7.15 a. m. and closed at 2.15 p. m., and the vote was announced at 3.24 p. m.

In the village of B, at the engine house in the village, the polls opened at 7.15 a. m. and closed at 2.30 p. m., and the following served as election officers: Jeremiah H. Flynn, warden; Arthur G. Dunn, clerk; Joseph H. McClellan and Roderick E. Cassaway, gate tenders; Harry Collyer and Thomas S. Gately, ballot clerks; Thomas J. Gately, ballot box; Walter Knowles, voting list checker; Harry H. Lynch, Leon Mudgett, Michael Gionet and Harry Barnard, counters.

At 1.30 p. m. a special town meeting was held in precinct A, to take action relative to the extension of the electric lighting system through the Center. Only twenty-one citizens were present. Selectman Edward J. Stevens was chosen as moderator under article one and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 2. Voted to extend the electric street lights from the end of the present line near the home of Frank B. White on Center and Parker roads to the junction of Parker road and Little Turnpike.

Article 3. Voted to give the board of selectmen authority to wire the town house at Shirley Center for electric lights and that the town appropriate a sum of money sufficient to meet the expense of same.

Article 4. Voted that the town extend the electric street lights from the end of the present line near the house of J. H. Maylin on Benjamin road to the entrance to the grounds of J. P. Tolman. It was also voted that G. M. Hallon give the right of franchise in extending the electric light system in the town of Shirley.

The following is the vote in detail: President, Wilson 83, Roosevelt 81, Taft 73; governor, Foss 87, Walker 91, Lucie 82, Cosgrove 53; secretary, Lantry 86, Wood 75, Donahue 66; treasurer, Stevens 81, St. Coeur 62, Keith 59; auditor, White 88, Carens 63, LaRiviere 53; attorney general, Swift 82, Anderson 68, Newton 54; congressman, fifth district, Rogers 85, O'Sullivan 77, Osmond 56; councilor, sixth district, Simpson 84, Hogan 71, Hunter 56; senator, eighth district, Barlow 77, Drawbridge 74, Draper 62, Swift 82, Anderson 68, Newton 54; representative, twelfth district, Kendall 75, Reed 74, Fennell 67; county commissioner, Williams 108, Fairbank 51; county treasurer, Hayden 103, Royle 62; on amendments—disqualifying persons from voting, yes 98, no 23; taxation of wild and forest lands, yes 107, no 21; pensioning laborers, yes 72, no 47.

Center.
Johnson, of Waltham, is spending a few days at the home of her brother, Harry Stone, on Parker road.

Miss Priscilla Sweetser spent the latter part of last week with Miss Dora Burnham at Revere, and attended the production of the Revere high school play, "The Senior," on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moulton have returned from their wedding trip to Bermuda. After December 1, they will be at home to their friends at their new home in Belmont.

Miss Rae S. Carpenter, of Boston University, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LaParrest J. Carpenter, at North Shirley.

Mrs. Clifton Derby, of North Leominster, spent last week Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

D. F. Carkin has recently purchased an automobile from Roderick Cassaway at the Village Inn.

Mrs. Norman R. Graves is confined to her home with illness, under the care of Dr. T. E. Lilly.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moulton spent Sunday with Mrs. Moulton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Farnsworth, at North Shirley.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a very pleasant meeting last Saturday afternoon with Miss Ruth M. Graves. Miss Margaret Little held a very enjoyable Halloween party on last Saturday evening for a party of about twenty friends from Shirley and vicinity. The evening was spent in playing Halloween games and doing Halloween tricks. Delightful refreshments of ice cream and candy were served, ornamented by little raisins and clove mice. Those who attended were Howard M. Longley, Edith P. Longley, Edna Holden, Ernest Bohanon, Margaret Longley, Kenneth Longley, Robert H. J. Holden, Ruth M. Graves, Eleanor Longley, Earl M. Graves, Ralph Graves, Thomas H. Evans, William Woods, Mildred Evans, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Little, Miss Cella Smith, Russell Drury, Margaret Little, Mr. and Mrs. Philip E. Little.

Miss Edna Holden spent Friday and Saturday of last week with friends in North Leominster.

A Halloween party was held in the town hall on last week Thursday evening under the management of the Matrons' Aid. It was well attended and proved to be very successful. The first part of the evening was spent in playing Halloween games, and during the latter part the evening dancing was enjoyed with music by a three-piece orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mudgett and J. Edward Adams. Ghosts, fortune telling, a grab bag and other Halloween features were in evidence throughout the evening. Refreshments of cheese, sandwiches and gingerbread were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedell, who have been visiting Miss Elsie Kirby for the past two weeks, left on Friday for a short visit with friends in Lowell. From Lowell, Mr. Bedell will return in order to be able to vote at the national election. Mrs. Bedell will make a short visit in Lowell and will later return to Miss Kirby's for a few days before leaving for her home in Vermont.

J. Robert Evans, of Bowdoin college, arrived home on Saturday evening for a short stay with his mother, Mrs. J. W. Evans, in order to be present at the national election.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Clifton Derby at North Leominster, on Tuesday, November 12.

George Farnsworth, at the North, has recovered entirely from his recent illness.

Mrs. E. G. Fairfield, of Littleton, preached one of her finest sermons in the First Parish church on last Sunday. Rev. A. J. Rich, of Berlin, will supply the pulpit on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
Miss Lydia Farnsworth, secretary at Amherst college, spent the week-end with her sister at Mrs. Cunningham's.

Robert Poland, Arthur Goodard and Benjamin Hayward, three of our pupils in the senior class at Concord high school, attended a Halloween party in Lincoln on last week Friday evening given by a classmate.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee and Mrs. Ernest Bartlett are visiting a relative, Mrs. Frank Byam, in Chelmsford, this week.

The largest vote for many years was polled on Tuesday, Roosevelt receiving 36, Wilson 21 and Taft 19 votes. It must be some consolation to our townsman, George Burroughs, that as candidate for representative, he received a large majority of votes in his own town, although defeated in the district.

Mrs. Shattuck, Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Edith Littlefield and Miss Laura Brown attended the meeting of the Woman's club at Ayer on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Adams is planning to spend most of the winter with friends in Lynn.

Miss Waterman was more seriously hurt than was at first thought, and is in a hospital in Providence, where it will be necessary for her to remain for several weeks.

Miss Maud Kathan gave a very enjoyable Halloween party to her friends here and elsewhere on last Saturday evening. The guests were arrayed in sheets, pillow cases and masks. The barn was converted into a dance hall for the occasion and hunting for your partner, who wore the magic number, made much fun. Dancing and forecasting the future by all the old and new Halloween tricks, followed by refreshments, made a delightful evening.

The dance at the hall on Thursday evening of last week drew a large party. The decorations were elaborate. Black cats and witches were much in evidence and when the dance was at its height, quite unexpectedly to the guests but skillfully planned by the committee, the entire canopy of crepe paper descended on the dancers, entangling them in a maze of many colored streamers.

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GROTON.

News Items.

The Groton Improvement society will meet on Monday, November 11, at 3:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Wallace Brown.

Gen. and Mrs. William A. Bancroft were on Thursday of last week on the Oceanic after a six-weeks' trip to Europe. Part of the time was spent with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Haviland, in Limoges, France.

The Groton sewing school will be held Saturday afternoon, November 16, at two o'clock, in the town hall. All over six years are cordially invited to come.

Miss Mary Hart is at Groton hospital, a patient under Dr. Priest's care. She was operated on for appendicitis by Dr. Goodwin, of Clinton, on Thursday of last week.

Miss Gertrude Forbes was operated on at the Groton hospital on last Sunday morning by a specialist, Dr. Mixer, of Boston, for appendicitis and some complication.

There will be an auction sale of furniture and household effects belonging to the late Caroline R. Bancroft at the residence of Charles H. Gerrish on Friday, November 22, at 8:30 a. m. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

Thursday evening, November 21, is the date in the routine of church societies for the Baptist society to hold their first sociable of the season.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church calls the attention of the public to a food sale at their rooms on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. The usual collection of food will be on sale on different tables and also candy and ice cream. In the evening, commencing at eight o'clock, there will be given a comedy, "All about Adam," in three acts. The characters will be taken by Grant W. Shattuck, Mrs. W. W. Whitehill, Mrs. James Harrington, Mrs. W. A. Moore, Miss Marion Hart and Florence Roache. Selections of music will be given during the evening and ice cream and cake will be on sale. A liberal patronage for both afternoon and evening is solicited.

The Groton Improvement society meets next Monday afternoon with Mrs. Wallace Brown at the usual hour.

The food sale held by the Groton Improvement society last week added over fifty dollars to the treasury of the society.

Mr. Bemis, one of the masters at Groton School, is a new telephone subscriber, call 67-3.

The W. R. C. at their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon initiated three new members: Mrs. W. F. Gleason, Mrs. Dora Putnam and Mrs. A. Garcia. One new name was given to be acted upon for membership. The meeting was attended largely and all enjoyed a pleasant social hour together. The president, Mrs. Blanche Brown, gave the ice cream, and for her generous treat was given a vote of thanks. Cake was furnished by the other ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eaton, of Nashua, were in town on Tuesday at the home of her father, F. A. Sherwin.

Arthur O. Christensen, coming on Tuesday, is at the home of his father-in-law, C. B. Eddy. Mr. Christensen has been in New Jersey for the past five or six months.

Miss Ellen Priest went this week Friday to make a visit extending over the holidays at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Lucy Johnston, in Troy, N. Y.

The Neighborhood club held its regular meeting on last week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Joseph Graves. There was a good turnout of ladies making a full attendance. The usual order of procedure was observed. A paper on "Postal savings banks," was read, followed by a discussion of the subject. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, to which all the husbands and other members of the families are invited.

The Misses Sarah and Jennie Longley, teachers in our public schools, attended the funeral of their uncle, Capt. George V. Barrett, at Ayer, on Thursday. Their schools were not in session that day.

Everett Nutting was home from Boston for a short stay this week.

Gravel trains and a large force of men have been busy this week spreading gravel on the railroad going north from the station.

There was a special train from Southboro on Wednesday bringing the St. Mark's team and rosters to the game with Groton School.

Maj. Gen. William A. Bancroft was in town on last Saturday.

Frank Green, engineer at West Groton paper mill, is still a patient at Groton hospital under treatment for an injury to his arm and hand, received at the mill last week.

Dea. and Mrs. Ansel M. Shattuck and daughter Jessie spent a few days last week with relatives in Williamsville.

Daniel Needham, a senior at Harvard, came home to vote on Tuesday.

World's temperance Sunday will be observed at the Congregational Sunday school on Sunday, November 10. The exercises, consisting of special music, readings and recitations, which will be given mostly by members of the intermediate department, will be held during the regular Sunday school hour, and in the vestry. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at these special exercises which promise to be both interesting and beneficial. All interested in the temperance cause are cordially invited to be present.

James B. Harrington has been off duty at Shattuck's store for the past week or more on account of a very sore hand.

Mrs. Wotton has left her position as housekeeper at the Louthrop school boarding house on Powder House road and has returned to her home on Elm street.

The fire alarm was sounded Monday afternoon for a fire in the building threatened to get beyond the control of some half dozen men who were fighting hard to put it out. The fire was located in tall grass on Charles Corey's field. No damage was done.

Mrs. William Clark was sufficiently recovered to return from the Groton hospital to her home on Elm street last week.



MISS ROSE PEABODY

Clipping.

The following clipping is from the Boston Post of Thursday, November 7:

"A rival to Miss Eleonora Sears as the girl athlete of fashionable society has appeared at Groton in the fair person of Miss Rose Peabody, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody.

Miss Peabody has already become so proficient with the clubs and terms pertaining to golf that her friends are urging an entry in the next Country club championship matches, and she is very fond of tennis, riding and other sports.

Miss Peabody is the social favorite of Groton. She is well-known to Boston society, where she frequently appears as a bridesmaid.

Her father is head master of the famous preparatory school for boys at Groton and has officiated at many prominent weddings at that place and in Boston.

Since the return of the family from abroad in August, hardly an event has taken place in the social calendar in which Miss Peabody has not been requested to take an active part. At the wedding several weeks ago of Miss Jennie Crocker and Shaun Kelly, of New York, at Fitchburg, Miss Peabody was one of the bridesmaids.

We are indebted to Mr. Bemis, of the Boston Post, for the loan of the above illustration.

St. Mark's ever had won this most desired of all games on the school's annual schedule; it was the fifth time in twenty-five years that Groton had been shut out; the third time that St. Mark's has won in two successive years, and the first time that St. Mark's has won three out of any four consecutive football games from its great rival. In the last four years St. Mark's has shut out Groton three times, which takes away some of the sting in the fact that the series between the two schools now stands Groton seventeen victories, St. Mark's seven and one tie.

Groton was outwitted almost to the man, but the team was one of the best defensive eleven the school has developed in years. Capt. Duryee, of Groton, followed the ball well, and his tackling was hard and clean. M. Taylor at quarter also played well.

Duncan, of Groton, made a wonderful punt of eighty-five yards, which was carried by the wind and it sailed over the goal line for a touchdown. Landon, of St. Mark's, kicked well.

Crocker, the Groton left end, who weighs 110 pounds, played a marvelous game against the heavy St. Mark's team. He followed the ball closely, and whenever he tackled the St. Mark's player was sure to topple over. The summary:

ST. MARK'S GROTON SCHOOL
Graham, G. Smith, Adams, Hadley, Cunningham, ...
Groton: ...
Score—St. Mark's 17, Groton 0.
Touchdowns—Pinckard, Landon. Goals from touchdowns—Kent 2. Goal from field—Jorge, Empire—Burleigh. Replays—Pendleton, Linesman—Bankhart. Time—Four 15 m. periods. Attendance—1000.

Election Day.
There was a large attendance at the town meeting on Tuesday and great interest shown by the voters in the national and state elections. Henry W. Whiting was chosen chairman of the meeting to consider the article relative to re-building the Red and Squannacook bridges. It was voted to leave the matter with the road commissioner to investigate and report at an adjourned meeting two weeks from Tuesday night. The result of the voting was as following:

President, Roosevelt 151, Wilson 115, Taft 115; governor, Bird 138, Walker 138, Foss 97; lieutenant governor, Luce 141, Cosgrove 113, Walsh 106; secretary, Langry 148, Wood 109; Donahue 94; treasurer, Stevens 150, Keith 102, St. Coeur 87; auditor, White 146, LaRiviere 99, Carens 94; attorney general, Swift 145, Newton 107, Anderson 92; congressman, fifth district, Rogers 172, O'Sullivan 101, Osgood 92; councillor, sixth district, Simpson 148, Hunter 104, Hogan 94; senator, eighth district, Barlow 143, Drabright 119, Draper 97; representative, Kendall 165, Fessenden 108, Reed 99; county commissioner, Williams 220, Fairbank 100; county treasurer, Hayden 192, Royle 82; on the amendments, disqualifying persons from voting, yea 161, no 53; taxation of wild or forest lands, yea 155, no 67; pensioning laborers, yea 116, no 107.

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, who have occupied one of the Wood cottages on Mill street, have moved to Voss into an upper tenement of the Doherty boarding-house.

Mr. and Mrs. LaBraque and two children are occupying the Bixby-Webber tenement. Mr. LaBraque is employed by W. Bixby.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell moved this week from the Hartwell place on the back Groton road, to the Strand cottage on Mill street, lately occupied by Ernest Hartwell. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell have exchanged tenements with the Mrs. Powell, and are now occupying the home place.

Fay Thompson, a former resident here, was in town this week.

Miss Adele Sparrell, of Belchertown, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. A. H. Thompson. Miss Sparrell is to spend the winter with an aunt in Rochester, and will continue her piano study which she finds of absorbing interest.

Mrs. J. L. Nutting, of Westford, is visiting at H. Spaulding's.

Mrs. G. S. Webber, going on Tuesday, spent several days with friends in Boston and vicinity. Mrs. Rebecca Webber, of Ayer, was in charge of the house during her absence.

Mrs. A. J. Bartlett and Mrs. E. A. Bartlett, of Malden, were week-end guests of Mrs. R. W. Bliss. They were joined on Sunday by their respective husbands, who came by auto. The entire party left on Sunday evening.

The school children, by attending one long session on Wednesday, were given an opportunity to attend the great local football game of the season, Groton School vs. St. Mark's.

Elmer Small, who has been seriously ill with rheumatism, is convalescing very slowly, being unable to sit up in bed for a short time. It is understood that one wrist is practically useless, but it is hoped that this affliction will be but temporary.

The many friends of Miss Olive Tarbell will be glad to learn that she is making a good recovery from her serious illness of pneumonia.

Earl Sleeper is confined to his bed as the unfortunate result of a severe strain.

Lewis Tatman is suffering from a painful foot which was injured at the paper mill. The great toe was quite badly cut.

The Campfire Girls' club has been started at Groton with great enthusiasm. A camp connected with it is called the Squannacook Campfire of West Groton. As only a limited number is allowed for membership, those whose names are first received will be accepted, the others being placed on a waiting list. Miss Elizabeth Sewer Hill is chief guardian of the Campfires, or director. Though still far from strong physically, Miss Hill is fully able to do this work, having assistants for the more active duties.

Home mission week, November 17 to 24, a rally of all the protestant churches in the United States, will be observed by extra services of special interest in our church on different evenings of that week. A fuller notice may be expected in the next issue.

An entertainment consisting of the farce, "An old maid's wooing," will be given by members of Groton grange, under the auspices of Squannacook hall on Friday evening, November 22. A dance will follow, with music by Thayer's orchestra. Ice cream and cake will be on sale. All are cordially invited.

Clipping.

We believe the following clipping will be of interest to those of West Groton who have taken interest in the school and home gardens of the children, which was taken from the R. F. D. News, of Washington, in a recent issue:

"The Department of Agriculture will soon issue an interesting publication entitled 'Some types of children's garden work,' from Pittsburgh to the Pacific coast in the public schools of the largest cities. The bulletin is number 252, Office of Experiment stations."

We quote just a few lines from its introduction: "Teachers now need to view the garden from a higher plane, its relation to daily living, its effect upon character development, its place in the curriculum, and its relation to other subjects in the course of study. Therefore, in making this report, such facts have been taken a more prominent place than the ones that may be obtained from text books."

SHIRLEY.

Altruistic Meeting.

The Altruists were highly entertained at their club room Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Emmons Crocker, of Fitchburg, general federal secretary, who gave a very spirited and interesting report of the biennial held at San Francisco last June. Mrs. Crocker introduced her subject by describing the delightful trip across the country and of the royal welcome received on arriving by the club women. Mrs. Crocker said that this national organization must grow, that so many people meeting together was an inspiration and it is hoped that the next biennial would be on a still higher plane.

Fitting tribute was paid to Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, of his presence with her and of her last illness. Mrs. Crocker's earnest talk held the ladies attention for over an hour.

At the business meeting two new candidates were admitted to membership—Mrs. Lindenburgh and Mrs. Hooper. The ladies voted to send jellies and fruit to the Parker Memorial for Thanksgiving as had been their custom for several years. Committee appointed to have charge were Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells and Mrs. Hattie L. Conant.

A light collation was served by the Hospitality committee.

The president, Mrs. M. M. Nickless with five other ladies attended the day of the Attleboro Women's club and spent a delightful afternoon with the members. Also, the president with other members attended the Ayer Woman's club birthday party, which was held as a Reclipsing and program. A very fine program prepared of vocal and instrumental music of high order and rare talent and readings from members of clubs of surrounding towns. A dainty lunch was served and social chat closed the meeting. Their birthday cake was a specialty.

Center.

C. C. West has sold his standing pine to parties in Pepperell.

Miss Elsie Graves, of Roxborough, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Ruth Graves.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid association at the Soldiers' home, Chelsea, on Thursday, at which there was a large attendance, Miss Helen M. Winslow, of Cambridge, who is lecturing to women's clubs in Massachusetts in behalf of the campaign to obtain widows' pensions, made an inter-

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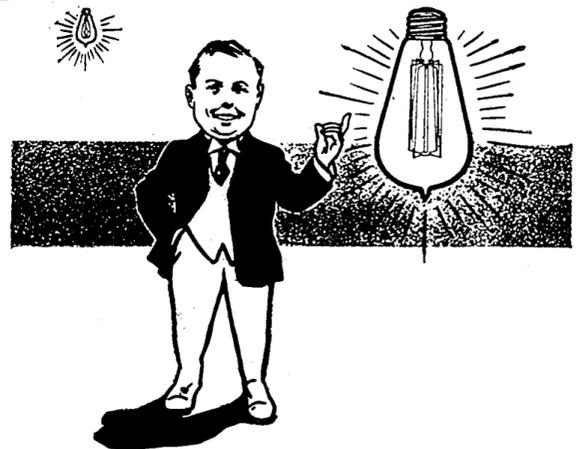
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Mrs. Mackay and daughter, Miss Constance Mackay, who have been at W. E. Barnard's the greater part of the summer, left this week for the winter.

Grange. Shirley grange held an interesting meeting on last Tuesday evening at which the third and fourth degrees were conferred on Mr. and Mrs. William Fleet, Elmer E. Wilkins and Ralph Graves. The work of the third degree was done by the ladies' degree team, with Miss Margaret E. Evans as master. This degree was conferred in a very commendable manner and special credit must be given Mrs. Evans, for the ritualistic work was excellent. The fourth degree was conferred by the regular officers in a manner that also deserves credit.

It was the largest attended meeting of the year, visitors coming from Roxborough, Pepperell, Lunenburg, Ayer, Leominster and Harvard, making about 125 present.

After the degree work a march was played and the merry gathering was led to the banquet hall, where a gen-

uine old-fashioned baked bean supper was served under the direction of Harry N. Brown. The repast consisted of rolls, baked beans, brown bread, pickles, cake, squash, pumpkin and apple pies, cookies, doughnuts and coffee. After the inner man had been heartily fed the members returned to the grange hall.

At this time the master, A. A. Adams, requested the assistant stewards to escort Mr. and Mrs. Derby to the master's desk. When they reached his desk, the master in a few well chosen words, presented them with a valuable present in behalf of Shirley grange. Mrs. Derby was formerly Miss Etta Holden, of this town, and was quite taken by surprise, but thanked the master and members of Shirley grange and gave all a cordial invitation to call on them at their home in Leominster.

The remainder of the evening was enjoyed by several speeches and addresses by visiting members. The meeting closed at about 11:45, ending the best social meeting of the year.

The grange has never been in better condition socially or financially than at present. One application for membership, three applications by demit cards and several more on the way, make Shirley grange's prospects brighter than it has been for some time past. The literary programs are excellent and steadily getting better with each meeting and more progressive.

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The Election.

Last Tuesday, election day, the polls were opened at 5.45 a. m., and closed at four p. m. A total of 219 votes for the day from a local standpoint of view was the large vote given the candidates of the progressive party for president, vice president and governor, all of whom secured a plurality of the votes cast. The remainder of the state ticket, with three exceptions, was carried by the democrats. Governor Foss fell sixteen short of the vote for Mr. Bird, the progressive candidate, the vote being 194 and 178 respectively.

An unusually heavy vote was cast, a total of 532 out of a registration of 615 being polled. The election officers were: E. Sherwin, J. H. O'Brien, A. P. Richardson, H. G. Turner, W. L. Preble, J. J. McGuane and P. H. Hooley.

Roosevelt and Johnson, progressive candidates for president and vice president, received a total of 219 votes, 178 by Wilson and Marshall, their democratic opponents. The republican candidates were a poor third, Taft and Sherman securing 105 votes.

John D. Carney, candidate for representative in the eleventh district, received the high vote of 215 in Ayer, a plurality of seventy-five over his nearest rival, Samuel L. Taylor, of Westford, who received 140 votes.

Edward J. Fisher, Westford, for the past two years representative in the eleventh Middlesex, and this year a candidate for senator, again showed his reputation as a vote getter in Ayer by defeating Macey, his progressive rival, by eighty-two votes, the figures being 215 and 134, while Walsh, the republican candidate, received but 115.

A great deal of interest was shown in the election by many private citizens getting the returns. The telephone company had its full force of operators at work and they handled the vast amount of matter transmitted to them in an excellent manner.

The vote followed: President, Roosevelt 210, Wilson 118, Taft 105; governor, Bird 194, Foss 178, Walker 117; lieutenant governor, Walsh 221, Cosgrove 129, Luce 127; secretary, Donahue 169, Langtry 138, Wood 135; treasurer, St. Coeur 79, Stevens 147, Keith 121; auditor, Carens 165, White 143, Lalliviere 121; attorney general, Anderson 171, Swift 143, Newton 125; congressman, fifth district, O'Sullivan 158, Rogers 158, Osgood 130; councillor sixth district, Hogan 174, Simpson 134, Hunter 132; senator, seventh Middlesex district, Fisher 215, Macy 134, Walsh 115; representative, eleventh Middlesex district, Carney 215, Taylor 140, Tuttle 126; county commissioner, Williams 201, Fairbank 175; county treasurer, Hayden 197, Royle 149; on the amendments, disqualification of voters, yes 200, no 72; taxation of wild or forest lands, yes 200, no 47; the pensioning of laborers, yes 202, no 111.

Halloween Party.

Miss Marion Proctor and Miss Hazel Wright gave a Halloween party on last Saturday night to a company of friends at Sandy Pond schoolhouse. The invitation was to the sign of the Black Cat. This was found in its place and in due form. It created some merriment. The evening passed in games and dancing and refreshments. Those present were beside the hostesses: Reginald MacDonnell, Stanley Sawyer, Frank Palmer, Victor Filkins, Charles Tullin, Jack Sanderson, Thomas Walsh, Daniel Brown, Clarence Young, Richard Hill, Wilbur Hart, Frank Brown, George Woods, William Barrett, Evelyn Sanderson, Pauline Sherwin, Eleanor Lillian Baker, Bertha Walsh, Evelyn Glynn, Doris Fletcher, Flora Cole, Pearl Carley, Hortense Sawyer and Natalie Bigelow. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murphy. There was lots of fun and a good time for all.

A. W. C.

There was a very interesting meeting at the Woman's club Wednesday afternoon. The club birthday was observed and also reciprocity day. The program was in charge of Mrs. Sarah D. Barry and Mrs. Belle R. Osgood. It was largely musical with some reading. The numbers were very fine and well rendered by talented artists. The program included a piano solo by Miss Pearl Carley; vocal solos, "Angel's serenade" and "Berceuse de Jocelyn" by Miss Mildred Sanders; these instrumental selections by the trio—Theodore W. Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Barry, "Salut à l'Amour," "Ave Maria Stella," "Serenade," "Mouset musical," "Barcarole" and "Poupee valsaute." All the above artists are Ayer people.

News Items.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Carrie Lowell attended the Baptist State convention on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week, returning the following Friday night.

The twenty-fourth annual party given by the Hartwell home company will be held in Page hall on Thanksgiving night, November 28. Crosby's singing orchestra will furnish music. Dancing from eight to one o'clock. Refreshments served.

There will be a regular meeting of the Social Gathering in the parlors of the Unitarian church on Tuesday afternoon, November 12, at 2.30 o'clock. The ladies are requested to bring their thimbles and scissors. A baked bean supper will be served at six o'clock to which everybody is invited.

Ayer council, K. O. C., conducted a very enjoyable dancing party in Page hall on Tuesday evening. Elections were announced from the stage.

A goodly number were out to the meeting of Ayer Grange on Thursday evening despite the inclement weather.



CAPT. GEORGE V. BARRETT

Death.

Capt. George V. Barrett, one of our most prominent and honored citizens passed away at his home on Washington street at 12.30 o'clock on Monday morning after an illness of several weeks. The cause of death was arterio-sclerosis.

He was born in Boston on July 10, 1837, and was the son of Varnum and Susan Willard (Longley) Barrett. At an early age his parents moved to Lunenburg, where his boyhood was passed. His education was gained in that town, at Blanchard academy, Pembroke, N. H., and at Lawrence academy, Groton.

Captain Barrett was a student at Lawrence academy, Groton, when the war broke out. He enlisted April 15, 1861, in Co. B, Sixth Massachusetts Volunteers and was accredited to the town of Shirley. He went to Washington, D. C., a week after his regiment, then went to the Relay House and accompanied Gen. B. F. Butler when he took possession of Baltimore and arrested Marshal Kane.

The regiment was employed in guarding the bridge and railroad from the Relay House to Harper's Ferry. Through his three months' term of service expired in July, his regiment was retained until August, when he came home and was mustered out.

In September he re-enlisted as a private in Co. H, Twenty-third Massachusetts Volunteers, and encamped at Lynnfield, where he was promoted to second sergeant. On the arrival of the regiment at Annapolis, he was taken sick with the measles and was cared for in the naval academy used as a hospital. There was no bed and just two knapsacks for a pillow. His regiment joined in Burnside's expedition to Roanoke Island and was the first to land. Orderly Sergeant Barrett was in one of the first boats wading ashore in the water wading deep.

They flanked the enemy by passing through a swamp heretofore considered impassable and captured the island and many prisoners. Mr. Barrett was detailed as sergeant to discharge on the shore the captured guns, requiring two or three weeks' time. Then on to Newbern, which was captured in the same manner. Sergeant Barrett was walking beside Capt. Wesley C. Sawyer, and the rebel cannon ball that took off the captain's leg must have passed between the legs of his companion. Six months were given to provost duty in Newbern. He was made sergeant major in November, 1862, and two months later, second lieutenant in Co. F, and received fifteen days' furlough.

He was at Batchelder's Creek three months, then in Newbern, then Hilton Head and at the first bombardment of Fort Sumpter, then back to Newbern. He was at one time bearer of dispatches to General Foster at Little Washington, with an escort of twenty men and a negro guide. In October, 1863, he was made first lieutenant in Co. E, and later in Co. H.

In 1864, he was with Grant in his "On to Richmond campaign," particularly in the battles of John's Farm, Walthall Junction, Gaines, Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Mine Explosion and Fort Crater. One hundred days were spent in the trenches before Petersburg, under fire night and day, and during this time he acted as adjutant.

Capt. Barrett's term of service expired in September, 1864, he came home. He was detailed once as brigade quartermaster, but did not accept. At the last of his services he was appointed captain, but was never mustered. He was honorably discharged from the service on April 25, 1865, having taken part in twenty-eight engagements.

After the war he was captain in the sixth and tenth militia regiments. He was presented with a cavalry sabre and a bayonet by his fellow soldiers, the gun being burned in the Grand Army quarters on Merchants' row in 1872.

Capt. Barrett is a past commander of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., a member of Heckman's Red Star Flying Brigade and of the Roanoke association.

After the war he came to this place, then called Groton Junction, and was employed first as baggage-master at the railroad station, which was at the time in charge of our former well-known townsman, E. Dana Bancroft, who was station agent for several years.

Later, Captain Barrett was billing clerk in the local freight office, and ticket agent. In 1878, he represented the district composed of Ashby, Ayer, Townsend and Shirley in the state legislature. After leaving the railroad station he purchased the express business of Charles Keyes between Ayer and Boston, which he conducted for a few years in connection with the coal business, he being in partnership in the latter undertaking with George A. Lovering.

He sold out his express business to the late Robert Hume, and Mr. Hume later sold out the business to the American Express Company, of which he became local agent. The Charles Hall, of Groton, started a new express business between that town and Boston, taking in Ayer. Mr. Hall afterwards went west, leaving the business to George A. Lovering. Mr. Lovering sold to Oren N. Kidder, who now conducts it under the name of Kidder's Express Company.

Later, Captain Barrett was deputy sheriff of Middlesex county, which position he held till he entered the custom house, Boston, in March, 1883. This latter position he held continuously until his death. He was also the second town clerk for the town of Ayer.

Captain Barrett was a past master of Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., and past commander of Jerusalem Commandery, K. T., Fitchburg, and a member of the Mystic Temple, Mystic River. He was also a grand officer of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., of this town, and a past commander of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., of Ayer, and a member of the Loyal Legion.

He was married to Miss Nellie A. Johnson, of Lunenburg, on August 5, 1876. She died on November 18, 1896. Since her death her sister, Miss Mary Johnson, has acted as his housekeeper.

The funeral was held from his late home on Thursday afternoon. The remains were taken to the Congregational church at 1.30 o'clock, where services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Whittle. Rev. Edward H. Brennan, of Ware, a former pastor of the Unitarian church, and a warm friend of the deceased, in a few words paid a high tribute to his deceased friend's worth. It was the largest funeral held here in many years. The church was filled to overflowing before the services began, and many extra temporary seats had to be provided. People representing every class in town, and many from other towns, were present to show their last mark of respect and esteem for the estimable personal qualities of their deceased friend.

Following the religious ceremony, the beautiful and impressive Masonic service was performed by Warren L. Preble, master of Caleb Butler lodge of this town, assisted by Stephen N. Lougee, chaplain.

After this ceremony the remains were taken to the Shirley Center cemetery for interment. The pallbearers were S. Bassett Dickerman, Edward E. Sawyer, H. E. Evans and Joseph Kyle, all members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V. The honorary bearers were E. E. Stone and Robert H. Irwin, respectively representing Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., and Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., Augustus Lovejoy and Frank Lovejoy, representing George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., and Joseph G. Edgerly and Charles A. Moran, representing Jerusalem Commandery K. T., of Fitchburg.

The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., Jerusalem Commandery K. T., Fitchburg, and Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., all of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body. The members of Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. of V., named in honor of the deceased, also marched in a body. The George S. Boutwell W. R. C. were represented at the funeral by a large delegation. A delegation from the custom house, Boston, who had been associated with the deceased for many years, also attended the funeral. The floral pieces were numerous and very beautiful.

A vocal solo, being accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Lamoreaux. A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, November 11. Right Worshipful Herbert E. Fletcher, district deputy grand master of the twelfth Masonic district, will make his official visitation. Work—E. A. degree. Banquet at 6.30 o'clock.

Patrons of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company, who wish to take cars at Lowell to connect at North Chelmsford, must bear in mind that unless they take cars at the corner of Merrimack and

Bridge streets in that city instead of at the corner of Merrimack and Central streets, they will continue to get left.

A petition for a recount of the votes cast for John J. Hogan, Joseph L. St. Coeur, John E. Carens and George W. Anderson, candidates for councillor, treasurer, auditor and attorney general at the election on Tuesday, was filed with Guy B. Kemick, town clerk, on Friday.

Luther S. Phelps, of Somerville, who was a former resident of Ayer, and employed at the cooper shop of Augustus Lovell, is now at Buena Vista, Fla., where he will spend the winter. He has been at Miami, Fla., and says that there it is a fine climate, thermometer 76° to 86°, sunshine every day, no fog, fine sea bathing.

Beginning Monday, November 12, the following changes will be made in the M. & N. train service: The train leaving Boston at 1.03 p. m. for South Acton, will be extended to Ayer, stopping at intermediate points, due at 2.40 p. m.; a new train will leave Ayer on week-days only at 4.30 p. m.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met at the home of Mrs. Eugene Barry on Thursday afternoon and was entertained by Mrs. Barry and Miss Elizabeth Wyman. Appropriations were made to the Alliance branches at Atlanta, Ga., and Fort Fairfield, Me., also, for the recent repairs on the organ and for the conference dues. It was also voted to transfer the pledge for the district nurse to the hospital association with the expectation that the latter would do the work expected of the former. The program of the meeting was selections on the Victoria and a very interesting paper by Mrs. Eugene Barry on her recent trip to Jamaica and Cuba. Refreshments were served by the hostesses during a very pleasant social hour following the program.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance, in response to an invitation from the Y. P. U., will give the program before that organization on Sunday evening at six o'clock. The leader will be Miss Rebecca Pierce.

At the meeting of the Y. P. U. on last Sunday evening Miss Doris Fletcher was leader and Miss Pearl Carley was pianist. The program was the story of Prehistoric Israel.

Business is on the increase at the upper railroad yard here and the railroad men are handling daily more cars than ever. Some days the number of freight cars sent out from the upper yard is as high as 180.

Much praise is due the telephone girls at the central station here for their courteous and accommodating manner on the night of the election in so readily furnishing the results of the voting as it progressed to the many upon whom it was so valuable information. So thankful the public were of receiving this news there is no reason why the young ladies' names should not appear in print. They are Susan Daffy, Margaret McCarty, Elizabeth Andrews, Hazel Perry, Nora Cleary, Gertrude Towne, Eva Davenport, Eunice Sanderson, Florence Watson, Margaret Horan, Minnie Leahy, Isora Kelleran.

In front of the stores of Mr. Webb and Mr. Williams there are three great holes which the horses while hitched in front of the stores have made. In its present condition it is a menace to those passing along the sidewalk and especially to the ladies whose dresses are frequently bespattered with the muddy water. For some time the attention of this muddy matter has been called to those in authority to remedy the evil, but nothing has thus far been done. The space in front of the building occupied by Mr. Webb and Mr. Williams should be paved as it is in front of the Page block. Our attention has been called to this muddy matter since the last rain by citizens of the town.

Those in authority have promised at different times to furnish the residents of upper Washington street with a fire hose for fire protection in that part of the town. As winter is approaching would it not be well for the city engineers to take up this matter before it is too late in the part of the town, where a fire hose is much needed, there is valuable property at stake.

An oyster supper will be served at the Sandy Pond schoolhouse on next Tuesday evening from six to eight o'clock.

A series of slight wrecks occurred the past few days in the local yard, at the Willows, and at Graniteville. On Tuesday, two freight cars were derailed in the upper railroad yard, striking the general tracks. On last Monday, two cars left the rails at Graniteville. On Wednesday morning a car was derailed at Graniteville. A Boston bound locomotive running light, struck a car loaded with ice near Graniteville, causing an accident on Thursday morning. Both wrecks were somewhat aged. The local wrecking crew cleared all the wrecks.

A second story is being added to the car inspectors' shanty at the rear of the depot in order to make room for an office for foreman M. P. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Allen attended the funeral of her uncle, Rev. Charles S. Packard, at Watertown on Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Sheldon, a former resident of Pingreeville, now living in Ashby, is expected here about the first of December and will spend the winter with Miss Ella Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren Lamoreaux will move to Watertown for the winter so as to make it more convenient for his work in the office of the Hood Rubber Company in that town. Francis Brown and his sister, Miss Cora Brown, of Pingreeville, have rented the tenement in the Wood house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Lamoreaux.

Mrs. Harvey W. Winslow and children will leave in about a week for Lyme, N. H., and later to Wilder, Vt., to which place they will spend the winter. Mr. Winslow will stay here to look after his business.

Archie Hathaway, chauffeur for Benjamin Taft, finished his duties for the season on last Saturday.

Miss Flora Stuart, daughter of George W. Stuart, and a teacher at the Bridgewater State Normal school, finished her term here on last Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. E. H. Brennan, a former pastor of the Unitarian church, was in town on Thursday. William Landry resumed his work at the Haynes-Piper Company's cider mill on Wednesday after an enforced absence from his duties on account of an accident.

A large crowd from here attended the great St. Mark's-Groton School football game at Groton on Wednesday afternoon. One of the greatest gatherings ever seen at the school, witnessed the interesting contest.

Two new telephone subscribers have recently been added to the present list of those in Ayer, being J. C. Reynolds, 82, and the engine house of the Boston and Maine, 167.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their annual fair in Page hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening. An entertainment will be furnished by the young ladies in the evening.

The senior class of the high school gave a Halloween party in the Civic gymnasium building on last week Friday evening which was a very enjoyable affair. The party, including the guests, numbered twenty-eight persons. The illuminations consisted of lanterns suspended from the ceiling. About the room were jack-o'-lanterns and other features appropriate to the occasion. In one corner was a large pasteboard box cut with the figures 1813, indicating the year that the class will graduate. The figures were lighted up by a candle placed in the box. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing. Refreshments were served.

The permanent trustees of the Ayer public library met and appointed Geo. H. Brown as a permanent trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Hope J. Cowles. The appointment of Mr. Brown, who has taken such an interest in the public library, is a most excellent one.

The exemplification of the Mark Master and Past Master degrees was held with Thomas R. A. Chapter of Masons at Fitchburg on Wednesday afternoon and evening. Bancroft R. A. chapter worked the last section of the Past Master degree and those attending from this chapter were Herbert H. Proctor, A. Paul Filibrown, Edward A. Richardson, Ernest M. Gleason, Frank C. Johnson, Wesley W. Brown, Ellis E. Harlow, Dr. Wiley and J. W. Fletcher of Westford. A banquet was served at six o'clock. The exemplification was in charge of Edward O. Burton, of Clinton, district deputy grand high priest, assisted by Charles J. Dolano, of Worcester, grand lecturer.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending November 4: Milo Blood, Miss Mary Miller, Fred Acre Farm, W. H. Sylvester, M. D.

Concert. The first entertainment of the course of the Middlesex Country club takes place in Page hall on Monday evening, November 11. The concert is by the Barleben trio, Karl Barleben, violinist; Johannes Warnke, violoncellist; J. Albert Baumgartner, pianist, assisted by Miss Margaret Louder Shepherd, contralto. The artists are among the leaders of the country and it will be a rich musical treat, seldom heard outside of the cities. Following is the program:

Trio, Dumky, op. 90. Dvorak. The Barleben Trio. Violin solo, Souvenir de Moskov. Violin solo, Barleben. (Wienlawski) Contralto solo, selected. Miss Shepherd. Violoncello solo, Andante Expressivo. Mr. Warnke. Hungarian Rhapsody, Liszt. Piano solo, Mr. Baumgartner. Contralto solo, Una voce poco fa. (Barber of Seville) Fossini. Miss Shepherd. Violin solo, Faust Fantasy. Gounod-Sarasate. Mr. Barleben. Schuett. The Barleben Trio.

District Court. James Donaldson, of St. Louis, charged with being a tramp, was found guilty on Tuesday morning and the case placed on file. Donaldson was again brought into court by Officer Burrill, of Shirley, on Wednesday for a similar offense in that town. This time he was found guilty and sentenced to the state farm, Bridge-water, for an indeterminate term.

The cases of Edwin A. Shattuck and George F. Munroe, both of Groton, will come up this morning. The former is charged with maintaining a common nuisance and the latter, with violation of the liquor law.

Horace A. Hazard, of Leominster, pleaded guilty to larceny from a building at Townsend on last Saturday evening and was sentenced to the Massachusetts reformatory at Concord for an indeterminate term.

Mike Vovhy, of Westford, was found guilty of drunkenness and disturbing the peace on last Monday morning. The drunkenness complaint was filed and he was placed on probation for six months. On the charge of disturbing the peace he was discharged upon the payment of the expenses of the case.

Henry O. Keyes, of Westford, on Wednesday morning pleaded not guilty to two complaints, one of cruelty to a horse in Groton and one for falling to provide it with proper food, drink, shelter and protection from the weather. He was found guilty and fined twenty-five dollars on each complaint. A large number of witnesses was sent from Groton including members of the board of selectmen and others. The evidence showed that the animal was found dead on what is known as the Lowell road, about two miles from Groton Center, but in the town of Groton.

The matter was called to the attention of the selectmen, who went to the scene. They found the poor animal in a terrible condition with many bruises over the body and bearing other evidences of being abused. The selectmen ordered the horse shot to relieve it of its suffering.

The complaints were made by the Massachusetts Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Charles F. Rowley, of Boston, was counsel for the society and John M. Maloney for the defendant.

Vote in Detail. Representative Edward Fisher, of Westford, for the past two years a member of the lower branch of the legislature, was elected to the senate on Tuesday from the seventh Middlesex district by a plurality of 477. Samuel L. Taylor, of the same town, was elected representative from the eleventh Middlesex district. The vote in detail is given below:

Fisher Macey Walsh D. Prog. R. Acton 98 125 168 Bedford 215 134 115 Billerica 171 82 154 Roxborough 19 27 21 Burlington 40 74 55 Carlisle 58 12 37 Littleton 54 58 74 Lowell, Wd. 9 601 209 159 Reading 204 394 560 Tewksbury 77 57 140 Westford 206 64 128 Wilmington 48 61 160 Lynn, Wd. 6 1350 584 644 Lynn, Wd. 4 40 74 85 Westford 123 60 172 Totals 4421 2493 3944

Carney Taylor Tuttle D. Prog. R. Acton 15 15 14 Ayer 215 140 126 Carlisle 31 24 24 Burlington 193 207 213 Littleton 40 74 85 Westford 123 60 172 Totals 677 763 759

Death. John J. O'Brien, a son of James J. O'Brien, died on Wednesday morning at the Boston City hospital from hemorrhage of the lungs, the result of a severe cold. He had been in the hospital since Friday, October 25.

Mr. O'Brien was born in Groton on June 4, 1877, and came here with his parents when one year old. When he was sixteen years of age he learned the barber's trade in the shop connected with the late Joseph St. Catharina, which is now occupied by Joseph C. Anno. For years he was proprietor of a shop here and left several years ago for Boston, where he has since been employed at his trade.

The body was brought here on Wednesday evening. The funeral was held on Friday morning. A high mass of requiem was said by Rev. P. J. Sheedy, pastor of St. Mary's church at nine o'clock. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

The bearers were Edward W. Hyde, John E. Donlon, R. H. Donovan and William Galvin. Mr. O'Brien leaves three brothers and two sisters, James H. O'Brien, Mrs. Mary E. O'Brien, Mrs. J. B. O'Connell, Jr., and Edward O'Brien, all of Ayer, and George F. O'Brien, of Maynard.

There are many beautiful flowers by Boston and Ayer friends.

Items of Interest. It is estimated that there are about 51,000 breweries in the world, over half of which are located in Germany. Denmark has 187 soldiers to every 10,000 of her population, possessing a larger army in proportion to size in the world.

Sixty thousand of the million and a half inhabitants of Liberia are civilized negroes who have migrated from the United States. Osaka, Japan, has 170 glass factories, the total output of all of which combined would hardly exceed in value the production of any one of the larger modern factories in the United States.

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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Monday afternoon, November 11, is mothers' day in the Women's club calendar. Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beasley, of Boston, will give an address on "Our boys and girls in the home."

J. H. Whitcomb has gone to Maine for two weeks on a hunting expedition with a party of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb, J. H. Whitcomb and Mrs. Paul L. Brown took an auto trip last Saturday, calling on Miss Marion Whitcomb at Mt. Ida Seminary in Newton.

Miss Rachel Cornwell spent Sunday at her home in Rosindale. From the home garden she brought with her a raspberry twig containing fresh looking green leaves and several full sized ripe berries.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Robbins have closed their house at the Center for the winter and have gone to Hotel Vendome in Boston.

Deacon J. W. Thacher assisted the pastor on Sunday in the responsive readings and scripture lesson as Mr. Packard was suffering from severe throat and head cold.

The weekly prayer meeting of the Congregational society was held at Hon. George W. Sanderson's last evening.

The new fountain recently set up at Littleton station bears the inscription: "Presented by the grange, No. 188, to the town of Littleton." It is well arranged to suit the needs of man, horse and dog, and is thoroughly appreciated by those who frequent the station.

Mrs. Florence Wilcox, president of the Woman's club, was in Cambridge from Friday until Monday evening. She attended the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the anti-slavery club, to which she formerly belonged, and also visited another club and enjoyed other social functions.

Mrs. Eugenie Fairfield preached in the Shirley Universalist church again last Sunday.

Glen Salmon, of Fitchburg, visited the N. H. Whitcomb family last Sunday.

Miss Mabel Pickard and Miss Cora Warren, of Boston, were in town over Sunday.

Many families are entertaining mumps and some victims are also suffering from the effects of vaccination. Florence and Harold Whitcomb, Brooks Nash, Hayward Houghton, the Pickard children and the Hathrow children are among the number.

Charles H. Yapp began going to Cambridge on Monday for the purpose of serving on the grand jury. A. T. Kimball assumes the responsibility of collecting and shipping the Newton milk for Mr. Yapp during his brief term in Cambridge.

Sherman H. Jewett and Thomas Stephens have been on the sick list.

Harry W. Ireland has concluded his work in surveying for the Boston and Maine railroad in Vermont and New Hampshire, and with Mrs. Ireland returned home on last Saturday.

Mrs. John Lemley arrived in Philadelphia on last Saturday. After spending a few days in that city she went to Albany, her former home, and is expected by her Newtown relatives today.

Littleton voted to the number of 222 went to the polls on Tuesday. The returns in this town were as follows: President, Roosevelt; Vice President, Davis; Governor, Bird 51; Walker 31; Foss 29; Sawyer 4; Lieutenant-governor, Luce 85; Cosgrove 66; Walsh 46; Martin 4; congressman for fifth district, Rogers 192; Cosgrove 57; Sullivan 42; Carroll 25; secretary of state, Lantriss 86; Wood 70; Donahue 38; Hayes 5; treasurer, Stevens 92; Keith 58; St. Clair 37; Weiss 4; auditor, White 88; LaRiviere 65; Carens 39; McBride 5; attorney general, Swift 86; Newton 65; Anderson 42; Lower 4; senator, Fisher 74; Walsh 74; May 58; representative, Taylor 55; Tuttle 74; Carney 49.

About Town.

Mrs. Eliza McElliot, aged eighty-nine years, died late Saturday evening in Littleton, where she had made her home for the last twenty years. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning from her late home at nine o'clock and services were conducted at the Catholic church in Concord.

Rev. Fr. Flaherty officiating. Interment took place in the Catholic cemetery in Concord. Requiem mass was celebrated Thursday morning at eight o'clock at St. Mary's church in Ayer by Rev. P. Shewdy. Mrs. McElliot is survived by two daughters, Margaret, who made her home with her mother and Mrs. McCarthy of South Acton, besides four grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were in charge of undertaker Edward M. Healy of Ayer.

On last Sunday afternoon, James Jewett, a cousin of Sherman Jewett, was brought here for burial from West Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robbins left last Saturday for their winter's stay with her sister in Melrose.

Miss Alice Howard visited her brother George here on last Sunday. Miss Howard is librarian at Cotuit.

Mr. Leahy and his son are getting the cellar ready for Paul Brown's new house on Foster street.

Miss Emily Harwood will lead the Guild meeting and her topic will be "Why we should read the bible."

Rev. O. J. Fairfield gave the sermon at the ministers' conference in Lowell on last Monday.

Mrs. Helen (Harwood) Bailey and little son returned last Monday to their Cambridge home, having spent most of the summer here.

Mrs. Adeline Knowlton has spent the past week with Mrs. Minnie Kimball.

Historical Meeting.

At the meeting of the Littleton Historical society on last Saturday, the former officers were re-elected, it being the annual meeting no formal program had been prepared, but several matters of interest were introduced by the president, Mr. Harwood. Among them was a communication from the Massachusetts society of the Cincinnati concerning the locating of unmarked graves of soldiers and suggestions for the placing of headstones upon them; also, a memorial from Charles Francis Adams concerning the advisability of having the Massachusetts archives printed by way of preservation. This memorial was signed by the executive officers of the historical society.

The adoption of some method of preserving the muster rolls recently given to the society by F. B. Priest

was discussed and referred to the president to take such measures as seemed to him necessary in the case of these or any papers of value in the possession of the society.

An interesting item of the evening was the report of Mr. Harwood relative to annals kept by Samuel Rogers, son of Daniel Rogers, pastor of the church in Littleton, 1731-2-1782, and now in possession of the Lancaster town library.

Mr. Harwood received permission to copy them through the courtesy of the town clerk of Lancaster, who kindly assisted in the work. While not in themselves of intrinsic value the annals are interesting as disclosing some of the work and varying fortunes of a son of Littleton, born in 1748, among the historical society is greatly indebted to Mr. Harwood for the pains taken to secure the record.

Following an interesting story of the purchase of the story of the diary for the Lancaster Library, Mr. Harwood read his annual report as historian, which thoroughly covered all the points of local interest and history for the year. After some informal talk about the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town the meeting adjourned, the recently installed electric lighting proving a beneficial guide to the lady member who had a mile walk before her.

Mrs. C. A. Hosmer loaned to the society an inkwell owned by her father which had been in the family for 150 years. Reports of the "Benevolent" or "Charitable" society of the first Congregational (Unitarian) church in 1829 were also entrusted to its keeping.

Sixtieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wright observed the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage on Thursday, October 31, at their home in Keene, N. H. They received calls from friends and were given a post card shower; also receiving several gifts. They are both quite well for their years, being able to be about all the time.

Mr. Wright was born in Concord on October 24, 1824, and lived when a boy in Littleton. Later he was employed in the Walter Heywood chair manufacturing in Fitchburg, where he and his family lived for seventeen years. They moved to Keene twenty-one years ago and for ten years he worked for the Keene Furniture Co. At the age of seventy-seven years he retired, but was janitor of the Court Street Congregational church in Keene for several years.

They have two children—Mrs. C. A. Smith, with whom they live, and Charles S. Wright, both of Keene.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

The church was opened for service on last Sunday. A congregation of 130 gathered at the sound of the toned bell that rang out on the frosty air. The pastor, Rev. A. F. Newton, heartily welcomed all and preached, officiating at the communion service also. The singing was much enjoyed.

The postoffice is soon to be removed to the store of W. A. Boutwell, who has been appointed postmaster. George Butterfield having faithfully served for many years, and now retires at his own request.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Current Events.

The election day dinner was served by the ladies of the W. R. C. There were about forty at dinner. The dinner was, as usual, very nice and Mrs. George A. Hale had it in charge.

Frank M. Jameson and family returned to town this week from Malden, Mass., where they had been living and are to occupy the Dr. Bell place.

In account of Tuesday being a legal holiday, Matthew Jameson did not go to Nashua with the washings until Wednesday.

T. Hervey Guething was a week-end visitor in town.

A very pretty picture entitled, "The horse fair," was recently presented to the ladies' parlor in memory of William Arthur Hale, of Cambridge, Mass.; Ernest Duncklee, of Nashua.

Walter A. Lund and wife visited in Shirley, Mass., with Mrs. Lund's relatives recently.

Henry Hale was among the voters in town on Tuesday.

Little Beatrice Pines visited in Nashua last week with her aunt, Miss Lizzie Holden.

Among those noticed who returned to town to vote at the presidential election on Tuesday were Prof. Fred W. Dudley, of the Morrill school at Rod's Ferry; Fred H. Keene; Willis Hayden, of Dover; William W. Sted, of Boston; Robert Ladd, of Lynn; Arthur Hale, of Cambridge, Mass.; Ernest Duncklee, of Nashua.

Archie R. Colburn, who has been spending two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Colburn, returned to his work in Boston on Tuesday noon after having cast his vote for president.

John A. Colburn and family have moved into the cottage owned by William T. MacMaster on the North Pepperell road, and will remain there until their new house is completed.

George A. Colburn has found employment in New York.

The chemical engine company are to give an entertainment on Monday evening, November 18, at which time Novins' mixed quartet will make their first appearance in Hollis.

Tuesday, election day, was a bright and beautiful day, and the voters turned out in large numbers, there being 229 votes cast, which was an unusually large number for Hollis due in fact that the republican nominee for governor, Hon. Franklin Worcester, is a native of this town. When the vote was declared, which was at a late hour, owing to the new way of marking ballots, it was found that the vote cast for president were: Taft 119, Wilson 70, Roosevelt 24; governor, Worcester 175, Falker 39, Churchill 9; Edison L. Hurd, for representative, republican, without an opponent, 117.

News Items.

Arthur Whitaker, of Florence, N. C., gave his aunt, Mrs. E. F. Goodwin, a surprise on last week Friday, making a short visit. Mr. Whitaker lived in Hollis about sixteen years ago. Since that time he has been in various parts of the country. He is a locomotive engineer. He took the train to Mexico during the late war there. He saw there many gruesome sights.

Rev. Mr. Lawson, whose home is in California, occupied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon and evening. His health is poor, but he is trying the New England climate. He came last April and expects to remain until next April.

Mrs. Charlotte Leslie left Hollis, October 31, going to Worcester, where she expects to spend the winter.

Hon. Frederick A. Hubbard of Greenwich, Conn., was a week-end visitor at the home of K. E. Tenney.

Dannie Goodwin appeared at his mother's home very unexpectedly last Saturday afternoon. He represented the football team of the New Hampshire college at Milford, Saturday afternoon, thence to Hollis in the evening.

Miss Hattie Hayden gave an excellent report of the state Sunday school convention held in Dover at the regular session of Hollis Sunday school, Sunday.

The Ladies' Reading and Charitable society met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. T. Guething. At the same place the annual meeting of the Auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Missions will be held. Tea will be served.

The grange conferred the fourth degree at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. The harvest supper was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith.

D. F. Pierce made a visit of a few days to Temple last week.

PORTO RICO'S NEW WONDER.

From far away Porto Rico come reports of a wonderful new discovery that is believed will vastly benefit the people. Hamon T. Marchan, of Barcelona, writes "Dr. King's New Discovery is doing splendid work here. I cured me about five times of terrible coughs and colds, also my brother of a severe cold in his chest and more than 20 others, who used it on my advice. We hope this great medicine will yet be sold in every drug store in Porto Rico." For throat and lung troubles it has no equal. A trial will convince you of its value. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by William Brown, Ayer.

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LAND COURT.

To James Dunn, William Deware, and Josephine Mault, of Pepperell, and Moses P. Palmer, of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth; any heirs, devisees or legal representatives of Harvey F. Courser formerly of Nashua, in the State of New Hampshire, deceased; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Jennie A. Winch, of said Pepperell, to register and confirm her title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Pepperell, bounded southerly by Main Street and there measuring fifty one and two one hundredths (51.02) feet easterly by land of Mary J. Malt and there measuring one hundred sixty and twenty two one hundredths (160.22) feet; northerly by land of James Dunn and there measuring eighty two and twenty six one hundredths (82.26) feet; westerly by land of James Dunn and Moses P. Palmer and there measuring one hundred sixty five and twenty five one hundredths (165.25) feet.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the second day of December, A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fifth day of November in the year nineteen hundred and twelve.

Attest with Seal of said Court.

(Seal) CLARENCE C. SMITH, Recorder.

219 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To a persons interested in the estate of GEORGE E. H. ABBOTT, of Groton, in said County, deceased; Whereas, LAWRENCE PARK, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition praying the Court to determine the amount of money which he may pay for the purchase of the lot in which the body of said deceased is buried and for the erection of a monument thereon, and to whom the same shall be paid.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the eleventh 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 administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each of 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, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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

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Saturday, November 9, 1912.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

Miss Mabel O'Neal has discontinued her work for Mrs. Frank Hamilton and entered the employ of the Mould Shoe Company.

Frank Messer continues to improve and his return from the hospital at Nashua is expected soon. He has already recovered control of the fingers and wrist of the injured arm.

Quite a few of the employees of the Buffalo Shoe Co., recently moved from town, have obtained work in the Mould Shoe Company's shop at East Village. Among these are R. K. Burns, watchman, and Roswell Lawson.

C. Andersen is back in town and has reopened his bake shop on Groton street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doughty of Portland, Me., were recent guests at the home of Forrest Winch on Townsend street. Mrs. Doughty was formerly Miss Shirley Morse and resided in town for a few years. The many friends who made it their business to be present to greet the young bride, were pleased to greet the young bride.

At the recent meeting of the Village Aid society the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. W. F. Dennen, pres.; Mrs. Leon Richardson, sec.; Mrs. C. G. Heald, treas.; Mrs. C. M. Gage, jr., first deaconess. Plans were made, partially, for the usual distribution of baskets at Thanksgiving and also the method of procuring funds for the same. Much good is accomplished by this society in a quiet way and it can well demand the support of all who realize the blessedness of proving "a friend in need."

Wesley Gillespie, a former Peppercell boy, who, since his marriage, has been living in Lynn, is removing his family to Erie, Pa. His little daughter Evelyn is at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, on the South road for the present.

It is rumored that the block belonging to A. A. Tarbell and recently occupied by A. E. Parker, hardware, will be bought by J. P. Upton as a restaurant. Mr. Upton has his present quarters much too small for his patronage. The Tarbell block will certainly make a restaurant to be proud of.

Mrs. Mary Butler of Tucker street, received a message from her brother at Beverly, Mass., where he recently went for his health, that the climate was not agreeing with him and he was failing. Neither she nor her mother, Mrs. Upton, would be able to undertake the journey to Colorado, even if they could expect to reach there in time. They have the sympathy of all.

Miss Annie Gilson is still detained at Holyoke, where she went some weeks ago to assist in caring for her aunt, Mrs. Palmer, who is nearing the end of her long illness.

Elmer Foss is having telephone service installed at the Peppercell garage for the benefit of his numerous patrons. No. 102-3.

Miss Florence Nevins of Lowell has been the guest of Miss Edie Gillespie during the past week.

John Frossard is having electric lights installed in his residence on Cross street. E. A. Johnson has the contract.

George Jenks received intelligence of the death of his only brother at Mobile, Ala., Tuesday of this week.

Miss M. B. O'Neal of Moncton, N. B., is visiting at the home of her uncle, James O'Neal of Groton street.

Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson and son Clyde from Fitchburg were guests over Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall, of Pleasant street.

Horace Patterson of Merrimack, N. H., visited his sister, Mrs. A. H. Harris on Pleasant street over Sunday.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck, formerly of this town but now of Concord Junction, has been a recent visitor among her many friends. She was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Kemp.

Mrs. T. C. Kelly (Laura Herrig) was a recent visitor at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pierce.

E. J. Foss and wife made a weekend visit at Lowell, going by auto. They returned Monday of this week.

The Single Service Co., who have been established in the Blake building, have been removing their machinery and stock this week into John Frossard's shop on Brookline street. Work on these utensils has been practically at a standstill, lately, owing to the fact that the output seemed to exceed the demand. Mr. Gage hopes to start up soon in his quarters.

The All-halloween social at the Methodist vestry last week Thursday evening was much enjoyed by all the young folks who participated. The decorations were very tastefully arranged, being appropriate to the occasion. The usual games were played and much interest centered in the "March of the ghosts." These were impersonated by Misses Carrie Sylvester, Elmer Burns, Ruth Wilson, Elsie Northrup, Alice Marshall, Jennie Deal and Hazel Soule. The prize for guessing who the "ghosts" were was awarded Mrs. Chas. Marshall. Miss Maude Abbott had charge of a candy table which was well patronized and hot coffee, sandwiches and cake were served to all.

Wallace Willoughby and his brothers, Guy and Ray, went into Boston by auto Wednesday. He somewhat expects to take a job there for the winter, although he will not remove his family there, probably until spring.

Center.
 William Stuart, of Sawtelle street, is to move the middle of this month to Townsend Harbor where he is to take a position in Spaulding Bros. mill.

The dance on Oak hill drew quite a crowd on last Monday night and everybody reports having a very enjoyable time.

The school meeting that was planned for November 1, was held in the town hall on Tuesday evening. Clarence D. Kingsley, an agent of the State Board of Education, spoke of the new methods and opportunities for rural high schools. His talk was both interesting and instructive. This meeting was one of the series that come under the Town Conference.

On last Saturday night the coon hunters were out and bagged three coons. Among the hunters in the party were Mr. Brooks, Mr. Gates, Roy Nutting, A. H. Harris, Robert C. Williams and Shattuck Louis Grout, Charles F. Spaulding.

Many people from town attended the Groton School-St. Mark's game at Groton on Wednesday.

A waltz party was held on Thursday evening in Central hall. The music was supplied by Robbins' orchestra.

Harold Drew returned on Tuesday to Alfred, Me., after a two-weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett.

On November 28, Thanksgiving night, the new M. K. Club of Peppercell will run its first ball in Prescott hall. The committee on the dance are to arrange many decorations. The floor will be in charge of Chester Shattuck, floor director; Russell Wright, assistant floor director, and many of the other members are to assist as aids.

An afternoon tea was held at the home of Mrs. Tucker, Main street, on Thursday afternoon in aid of the First Parish church.

Mr. Pelton, of Hovey's corner, has a twenty-eight pound radish that grew in his garden this season.

Tickets are out for the Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F. annual concert and ball. The music is to be rendered by Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro. A turkey supper is to be served earlier in the evening by the Acoma Rebekah lodge.

There has been a new club formed in Peppercell to be known as the M. K. club. The clubhouse is on River road. The officers of the club are: Russell Wright, pres.; Harold Farley, sec.; Francis F. Fisher, treas. Among the other members are Ralph Shattuck, Clifford Shattuck, Chester Shattuck, Thomas Murray, Donald Jacobs, Ray Willoughby and Gay Willoughby.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Foss spent Saturday in Lowell and returned on Monday.

Mr. Wilkins visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blood on last Tuesday night. Austin Saunders is confined to his home with neuralgia.

Mrs. J. P. Parker has been visiting C. S. Parker for the past week.

Miss Margaret Donnelly spent Wednesday in Nashua on a shopping trip. The autos in town on election day were kept quite busy.

Mrs. T. W. Phinney, who is employed in Stoneham, spent Sunday at home.

Charles Harris, of Lowell, and Horace Patterson, of South Merrimack, N. H., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris over Sunday.

Mrs. Elmer Gilson is caring for her mother, Mrs. Blaisdell, of Lowell, who fell at her home and broke her hip recently. Mrs. Blaisdell is eighty-six years old.

James Williamson, of Manchester, N. H., formerly of this town, was a recent visitor at the home of A. L. Lawrence.

Mrs. F. A. Harrington, Mrs. F. C. Harrington, Mrs. LeRoy Leighton, of Worcester, and Miss Ethel Leander, of Philadelphia, spent the day on Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Drury, coming by auto.

Mr. Carrow, of Sawtelle street, is to move soon up to the Page place, where he has accepted a position to do the farm work.

Election Day.
 Tuesday being an excellent day quite a lot of interest was shown in voting for the town officers and for presidential nominees. The progressive party surely made a good showing, they carrying every office with the exception of one and tying of another, making a splendid showing for a new party. The vote in all, was 208, no 65; an act of pension town and city laborers, was 186, no 105.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church held their regular meeting Thursday evening, November 8, at 2:30 o'clock and the regular harvest supper at 6:30 o'clock.

The executive board of the district nurse association held its meeting on Monday evening, November 4, at the home of Mrs. H. N. Tower. The nurse, Miss Sargent, gave a very good report for the last month, having made forty-four calls. Anyone wishing to join this association or help in anyway would be gladly received.

Mrs. L. H. Bean, a former correspondent of this paper, on leaving this town, where she had long been a resident, located in Billings, Montana, and from there Mrs. Bean has moved to Sheridan, Wyoming, with her daughter.

The Ladies' Social Circle of the Unitarian church will serve a supper, followed by an entertainment on Thursday evening, November 21, in Central hall.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold a meeting on Thursday afternoon, November 14, at 2:30 o'clock at the chapter house. A program appropriate for "Thankful Day" has been arranged for the occasion. Sisters are punctual.

The L. S. C. Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold an all-day meeting in the church parlor on Friday, November 15, commencing at 8:30 o'clock. A breakfast at 10 o'clock is requested. Miss Rogers will lead the meeting and others will read selections.

Obituary.
 Miss Georgianna Elizabeth Patterson, resident of Fitchburg, died at forty-five years and well-known among those interested in charitable work in that city, died on last week Friday night at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Sumner P. Lawrence, aged 42 years and 11 days.

Death came very suddenly and was a shock to her many friends, occurring within thirty-six hours from the time that her illness first developed serious symptoms. Although not in good health for some time, she had been out continuously and was at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening, saying that she did not feel well, but giving no indications that she was about to be stricken with a fatal illness. Physicians were called on Thursday afternoon and heart trouble developed Friday evening, death ensuing just before midnight.

Miss Patterson was born at Peppercell on May 21, 1845, the daughter of George and Hannah (Williams) Patterson. Her parents both died during her infancy and she made her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Williams, at Peppercell, until their death about forty-five years ago. She came to Fitchburg at that time and took up her residence with her cousin, Mrs. Sumner P. Lawrence, and has since had her home with Mrs. Lawrence since that time.

Miss Patterson was a woman of high christian character and showed it in many ways in her daily life. She was especially interested in charitable work and gave much time and labor to helping others, being a woman of a quiet disposition who was most appreciated by those who knew her well and was highly esteemed and loved by all that enjoyed that privilege. She was a member of the Fitchburg Woman's club, of the Fitchburg branch of woman's board of Baldwinville Hospital, ladies of Betsey Ross chapter, D. R., and of E. Victoria Morse Rebekah lodge.

Miss Patterson is survived by no near relatives, with the exception of several cousins, including Mrs. Lawrence, of Fitchburg. The funeral will be held from her late home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock.

Among those who attended the funeral from Peppercell were Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Frazier, Bettrice Wallace, Nolan Blood, Helen Wiley, James P. Parker, C. S. Parker and Mrs. Katherine Pierce.

Methodist Church News.
 There will be services as usual next Sunday at the Methodist church. The pastor will preach at 10:45 a. m. upon "The reasonableness of faith," and at seven p. m. about "Chasing bubbles."

The Epworth league bright hour service comes at six p. m. Subject, "The ungathered harvest." Leader, the pastor.

The quiet hour for prayer and worship is next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. and the study class for Sunday school teachers and workers will meet at 8:30 p. m.

To Hold Re-count.
 Senator Erson B. Barlow, of Lowell, of the eighth Middlesex district, republican, candidate for re-election, had a very close call. His vote in the entire district was 4960. That of his democratic opponent, Henry J. Drap-

er, of Lowell, was 4952. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, of Peppercell, had 2228, and it was the presence of this "Bull Moose" candidate in the field which reduced Barlow's plurality of 1600 last year to a bare eight this year. There will be a re-count. The total vote cast was about 12,000 out of some 20,000 legal voters. The district includes Ashby, Chelmsford, Ipswich, Dunstable, Groton, Peppercell, Shirley, Townsend, Tinsboro and Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 of Lowell. It was Drawbridge's vote in the towns that came so near to defeating Barlow.

LITTLETON.

News Items.
 The batters are up for P. L. Brown's house on Foster street.

Rev. E. H. Brennan of Ware was in town Thursday.

Alexander Gregory has bought of Mrs. S. Emma Abbott the tenement house between the Unitarian church and the Dr. Phelps house. His present plans are to let the house.

There is no organization that is increasing its number in Littleton like the grange. New applications are being received continually. Last Wednesday evening seventeen persons took the first and second degrees. Those received into membership were Superintendent and Mrs. Frank H. Hill, Charles Rossi, Rupert Sanderson, Mr. Holbrook, Edwin Robinson, Richard Dodge, Daniel Healy, Annie Barteaux, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweet, Mrs. J. D. Christie, Mrs. John H. Kimball, V. T. Esten, Misses Emma and Delia Hunt and Kent Ewings. The ladies' degree staff worked the second degree to the admiration of all the spectators. The ladies' degree staff will also work the third degree in two weeks.

John W. Thacher, familiarly known as "Grandpa Thacher," reached the eighty-third milestone in his life journey Monday. Many of his friends, including the King's daughters circle, made pleasant recognition of the occasion. Erect, sturdy, vigorous in mind and broad in sympathy, Grandpa Thacher seems eighty-three years young.

Littleton grange was well represented at the Pomona held in Groton Thursday. Ten members availing themselves of the opportunity to attend. They were Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrows, Geo. H. Cash, Ivo Russell, Mrs. Calvin Howard, Rev. H. L. Packard, Mrs. John Wright and three others whose names have not been ascertained. Mr. Packard gave a talk on his Western trip. Mr. Russell recited two selections and Mrs. John Wright read a five-minute paper on "Woman's work in the grange."

At the annual meeting of the Historical society held last week Saturday evening the former officers were all re-elected. The historian, Joseph A. Harwood, read an exceedingly interesting paper on town history, covering many features that have concerning the town's place in Littleton in the list of extra progressive communities.

Back-log Club Banquet.

The Back-log club held its thirty-first banquet in the dining hall of the Unitarian vestry Thursday evening, November 7. Although the rain fell in torrents the interest and enthusiasm of the club members and their guests were not dampened. A large company was present and after paying the dues members and friends proceeded to the dining-room where the tables were most attractively set and laden with quantities of good things to tickle the palate.

Frank Jacobo presided and thanked the club for continued loyalty. He reminded his hearers of a debt now before them and appealed to their loyal efforts in discharging it. He presented as toast master of the evening, Oliver J. Fairfield, who, in humorous vein and apt phrase presented the following after-dinner speakers: Neighbors, C. A. Kimball; The roof of America, Miss Flora W. Davis; School days, Miss J. Fairfield; The uplift of Littleton, K. K. Priest; The churches, Rev. H. L. Caulkins; The country parishioner, N. H. Whitcomb.

The speakers were listened to with much interest and received well merited applause. The program closed with the usual singing by the company.

SHIRLEY.

Alliance.

A warm welcome awaited the Alliance members and their guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood of Flat Hill, Lunenburg, at the meeting held there last week Thursday. There was an especially good attendance and the roomy old-fashioned house presented a most comfortable and home-like appearance with its decorations of late fall flowers. At the conclusion of the business, a paper on "Patriotism in women" was read by Mrs. E. L. Allen, which brought out many good points, giving special mention to the work of the D. A. R. along this line. The hostess served refreshments and the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Carpenter on November 14. The topic at that time will be "Individual thanksgiving," and is in charge of Mrs. E. P. Miller, who has asked the members to bring items on this subject. A new member will be voted upon at this meeting. The matter of having a food sale at the village will be taken up. A good attendance is desired.

Items of Interest.

It is estimated that one thousand different species of trees contain rubber, though it has been obtained in commercial quantities from only forty or fifty.

Carpets were in use in Ninevah and Babylon, as shown in paintings, in B. C. 1700.

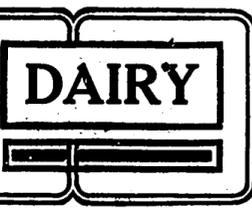
Oysters are so plentiful in the inland sea of Japan that they are sold in the restaurants of that country for five cents per dozen.

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GOOD MANAGEMENT OF COWS

Best Season for Animals to Come Fresh in Autumn—Calves Are Then Easier to Raise.

Major Henry E. Alvord, in the Iowa Homestead, says: "If the prime object is to produce the greatest quantity of milk of the best quality and at the greatest profit from any given number of cows within a year, the evidence is overwhelming that the cows should be managed so as to calve in the autumn months. For like reasons September is the best month



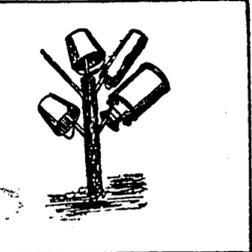
A Well-Bred Calf.

In most parts of the country for a heifer to drop her first calf in order to best develop as a cow, and this almost regardless of the age of the animal at first calving. Calves born in the fall are easier reared and make better cows than those born in the spring or summer. It seems needless to rehearse the stock arguments on this subject, based upon the long experience of successful dairymen, but a brief recapitulation may be useful. The cow or heifer calving in the fall needs the most healthy and nutritious pasture first following the strain and while coming into full flow. Just at the time when some falling off is likely to occur, the animal is brought to the stable and receives good care. The winter feeding and the returns from it may be depended upon to exceed the mid-summer results for a like period. At the stage of milking and of gestation, when another dropping off in the milk yield may be looked for, the fresh pasturage induces a fresh flow, lengthens the milking season and increases the product. December and January are good months in which to control and supervise the service of the bull."

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have been thoroughly washed and scalded, says the Farmers Mail and Breeze. The drawing shows a handy sun rack on which cans, pails and strainers may be conveniently hung. It is just as useful for kitchen utensils. Such a rack may be made from the upper portion of the main stem of a tree, leaving as many stubs of limbs for brackets as will be needed. Or holes may be bored slantwise into any soft wood post and brackets inserted.

Points of a Dairy Cow.

The cow is a machine to convert food into milk. Thus she must have a large middle and strong constitution to insure best results. She must also have a large udder, large milk veins, large crooked milk veins and good sized teats. Her head should be lean and angular in appearance, with the eyes standing out prominently. The neck should be rather long and clean in appearance, the shoulders pointed and the backbone rather prominent. The skin should be loose and soft to the touch.

8-11 Nonpaying Cows.

Very few men will hesitate in disposing of a nonpaying cow if he can be convinced that she is in that class. It is ignorance alone that keeps so many poor milkers as work milking poor cows.

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