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### TOWNSEND.

Center.  
Miss Blanche Colby, of Concord, N. H., has been the guest of her brother, Mark Colby, the past week.

The Birthday club held a picnic on Thursday on the site of the first schoolhouse on the hill east of the town. Seventeen members and guests enjoyed the outing.

Clipping.  
The following is taken from a recent issue of the Peterboro, N. H., Transcript:

Fortunate indeed is any party which finds a candidate for high office who needs no platform, who is a platform in himself. Doubly fortunate is the republican party in this year of our Lord 1914, to be favored with such a condition in the candidacy of Roland H. Spaulding, of Rochester, for governor.

After all the schemes and suggestions led to democratic success in 1912, the fact remains that there is but one solution of the difficult problem and that is the nomination by the republicans of men who appeal to the progressive element in the state, without at the same time alienating the "regulars." Such an one has been found for the head of the ticket in the person of Mr. Spaulding, and his announcement of his candidacy, made only after long tugging and at much personal sacrifice, has gone as far as any single event could towards clearing the atmosphere for the coming campaign in New Hampshire.

Roland H. Spaulding was born in Townsend Harbor, Mass., March 15, 1873. His father was Jonas Spaulding, who was engaged in the lumber business and later entered the fibre manufacturing business in a small way. Jonas Spaulding had a mill at Frymont, N. H., nearly half a century ago and conducted a most successful business there. The mill is still standing and is owned by the Spaulding, Frost Co., which is still controlled by the Spauldings and managed by Stephen Frost.

When Roland was about twelve years of age the family moved to Townsend Harbor, where he attended the Phillips academy, graduating in 1893. He then went into the business of his father with his brothers.

The boys took hold of the small fibre mill at Townsend Harbor and soon had greatly increased the business and began to branch out. Eighteen years ago they came to Milton and built a mill for the manufacture of fibre board which has been run ever since. About fifteen years ago, having purchased the water rights and a large amount of land at North Rochester, they built a large mill for the manufacture of fibre board and counters for shoes, which are made from the fibre board. A large amount of money was put into the plant and it proved a success from the start. The counter business was especially successful and this was originated by the sons.

Later the Spauldings added two other concerns to their business here, the Kennebunk Manufacturing Company, which makes all sorts of novelties from the hard fibre, and the Spaulding, Perkins Company, since merged in the J. Spaulding Sons Company, which makes the bottom and roving cans. In Rochester the concern employs about 250 hands. Recently the Spauldings have erected a huge mill at Tonawanda, N. Y., and they are interested in a mill at St. Louis.

Practically all of the large financial resources of the three brothers is the result of their own ability and hard work. Three able business men have never made their way to the front in the old Granite state.

Ever since the establishment of the business at North Rochester, Roland Spaulding has made his home there. He attended strictly to his business and for a long time took no active part in politics. He finally came into political life, as a good citizen and from a sense of duty, without political ambition personally of any sort. He always stood for the best interests of Rochester, morally and in a business way, and has been a big contributor to all public enterprises, even subscribing heavily to manufacturing projects that would tend to injure rather than benefit his concern, in order to boom the city.

Mr. Spaulding's first practical experience with political conditions in New Hampshire came about as a development of his business affairs. At the session of 1907, the Spaulding, Jones Company, a concern consisting of the three Spaulding brothers and their engineer, Ira W. Jones, came before the legislature with a request for permission to build a huge dam on the Merrimac river, near Reeds Ferry and thus to develop the water power there for electrical purposes, a development which would have meant great things for the business of the state. But the project was opposed by the united corporate interests of New Hampshire, interests which at that time vastly more power at Concord than they have today.

The struggle began. At first it seemed an unequal one. Three young men pitted against the great controlling political interests with resources apparently unlimited! But these three young men were not quitters. They knew not the fear of defeat nor the awe of the mighty. They simply came with a cause which they felt to be just and grit and determination undaunted. Moreover, they had resources, both mental and material, and it was soon evident that instead of a struggle between David and Goliath, this was a genuine war to the giants.

It is easy to imagine what a fight of these proportions between combatants of this description would have meant in the old days and what it might have meant even in that year of 1907, with unscrupulous leaders. But these young men were something more than strong, determined, resourceful, untrifled. They were square and they were honest. At their very entrance into the arena, much as their success meant to them in a financial way, they gave their ultimatum to their attorneys: "Spare nothing in the way of legitimate expenses of the fight, but not one cent for bribery or corruption, direct or indirect." It was a surprising declaration to politicians of the old school, but a fore-runner of the better days of purer politics which are on the way and towards which not a little progress has already been made.

The history of his famous bill is still fresh in the recollection of New Hampshire people. Despite every obstacle that could be put in its way by its hitherto invincible opponents, despite the bidding of the bosses, it finally passed the house and was sent to the senate. A majority of the latter body was said to be pledged to vote in its favor, but in secret session it was killed by a close vote. The man who was Roland Spaulding's introduction into practical politics. Later on, a man of his qualities was naturally attracted to the progressive cause. He admitted a good fighter. He wanted purer political conditions. He wanted advancement and betterment for the state and nation. He believed in Robert P. Bass and those associated with him and in what they stood for. He allied himself with them and the progressive cause and was gladly received into their councils. He was a strong asset.

Still, Mr. Spaulding is not the sort to follow any leader, with his leadership is toward an end of which he cannot approve. He is a man who does his own thinking, though tolerant of those who honestly differ from him. So in 1912, after carefully considering the situation from every point of view he became convinced that it was for the best interests of the country to have President Taft renominated rather than Theodore Roosevelt, and from that time on he was a loyal supporter of the former. He had acted conscientiously and patriotically, not because he had personal ambitions, not because it was easier, for he would much have preferred to continue with his old friend and associate, Governor Bass. He gave to those who differed from him the credit of being actuated by similar motives. He did not break with his former associates, as far as personal relations went.

He recognized their right to their own beliefs and they recognized his absolute sincerity as well. Personally, he is as friendly as ever with the radical progressives and they respect his honesty and independence. Because of his prominence in this attitude he was selected as one of the delegates to the last republican national convention, as a recognition of the Taft progressive element in the party in the state. He made many friends and admirers by his associations there. Mr. Spaulding is democratic in the extreme and a most approachable person. He is as independent as possible and inclined to look at all sides of a question before making up his mind. But once it is made up, he pursues his course regardless of the personal consequences.

Two years ago there was a strong movement to make him the candidate for governor but he absolutely refused. This year, it was only with the greatest reluctance that he was drawn into it. And it has been a patriotic duty, rather than from personal ambition, that he has consented to allow the use of his name. But once in the field, there will be no turning back. Roland Spaulding and no half-hearted fight to lead the party to victory. And once elected as governor, as he will be, in the opinion of nearly all well informed men in New Hampshire, he will bring to the duties of the office all the calm, trained, sane business judgment that has made his own business grow to such gigantic proportions.

It is the sort of governor that New Hampshire has been looking for. Sometimes, the office does seek the man, even in these days of direct primaries. This is one of the times. And it has sought the right man in Roland Spaulding, one whose administration will be a big success and redound to the glory and honor of New Hampshire and the good of her taxpayers.

### HARVARD.

News Items.  
The Grange will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, July 21. Subject, "Points to consider if you were going to buy a farm." Semi-annual roll call. Current events by Miss Grace Morse.

The Harvard ball team played West Groton, A. A., on Bromfield grounds last Saturday, Harvard winning by the score of 9 to 2. Jack Whittemore pitched the game to his credit for Harvard and Herbert Dickson did excellent service behind the bat. The game for this week which was to have been with the Shirley A. C. has been cancelled by the Shirley team, so that there is to be no game this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bagster returned home on Wednesday after a ten-days' visit with relatives in West Pownal, Me.

Our rural carrier, Frank M. Hynes, is enjoying his annual two-weeks' leave of absence. Guy B. Schultz is substituting for him.

It will be of interest to the townspeople here to know that Rev. Jason G. Miller, who was ordained as pastor of the Congregational church here several years ago, and now pastor of

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PEPPERELL.

About Town. A union meeting of the three protestant churches was held last Sunday evening at the Congregational, vestry... Mrs. F. H. Parker is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Glover, of Leominster...

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rowe have moved into the Bancroft house on Townsend street. The property is all ready. Mrs. Frank Messer has returned from Laurel, Del., arriving here on Wednesday evening...

affected and the muscles of his face. Dr. Qua was summoned but gave little encouragement that he would recover as he had suffered two slight shocks previously. Toward night he passed into an unconscious condition from which he was revived, passing away at two o'clock on Saturday morning.

Miss Ruth Smalley, Miss Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Little, of Revere, were guests at Mrs. A. S. Burnham at Woodville on Sunday. Mrs. Little is spending the week with Mrs. Burnham.

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BOXBOROUGH News Items. Friday evening, July 10, the Grange held an open meeting at the home of the lecturer, Mrs. George Burroughs. The large piazza and grounds were lighted by Japanese lanterns. A musical program was given, consisting of mandolin duets by the Viets sisters, and solo by Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb...

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town. Walter Converse who works for Lester J. Hayden, cut some of his fingers with a jack-knife so badly that it was necessary to take him to St. Joseph's hospital to have them dressed.

HARVARD.

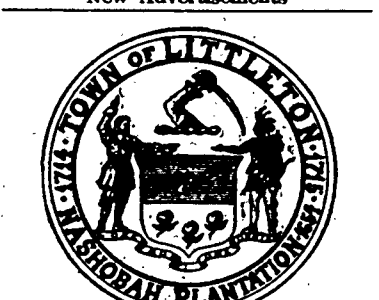
Still River. Last Sunday Rev. Mr. Speed, pastor of the Clinton church, preached the pulpit here in exchange with Rev. L. H. Morse.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fashionable women in St. Petersburg are painting gray lines on their faces and eyebrows, creating geometrical designs are the commonest patterns. This revival of the idea of the old beauty patch was introduced by the Russian woman painter, Nathalie Gourtchakoff.

SHIRLEY.

News Items. Miss Rheta Lennox, one of the office staff of the Samsom cordage works, left town this Saturday for a week's vacation at her home in Jefferson, N. H.



NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS Chapter 102, Section 143. Revised Laws directing the duly appointed officer to forthwith kill or cause to be killed all dogs within the town which are not licensed and collared according to the provisions of this chapter...

New Dustless Broom Covers. Many housewives do not possess the so called "string" long handled mops for hardwood floors and still cling to the old fashioned method of fastening a more or less disreputable duster over the broom when they use it on the floor, or they may use the broom for cleaning walls in the same fashion. For such women the new broom cover would be of especial interest.