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TOWNSEND

Center.
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barber have been entertaining as guests this week Russell Walker, of Peabody, and Carl Walker and family, of Springfield. Mrs. Barber's aunt, Mrs. Blood, of Plainville, is also with her as a summer guest. Miss Carrie Walker attended the wedding of her friends, Miss Anderson and Mr. Maggs, in Fitchburg on Wednesday.

Frank Rollins has returned to Townsend hill and to the employ of Aaron J. Hinds.

Miss Alberta Barber has returned from her visit in Holden, accompanied by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sawin, who are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Yernal Barber at Mountain View farm.

The little nine-year-old son of Mr. Leeman, who lives on the Dr. Cole place, met with a sad accident the first of the week by falling off a load of hay, dislocating his collar bone. Much sympathy is expressed for the little fellow, who was enjoying his summer on the farm. Dr. C. H. Holcombe is in attendance.

Miss Ivora Sawin has practically recovered from her recent long illness, which is very gratifying to her many friends.

Mrs. Winnifred Leonard, of Mansfield, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George French this week.

Miss Clara Craig will spend the month of August with her sister, Mrs. Morse, of Tyngsboro, at the latter's summer home in Bath, N. H.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Dr. Charlton's subject will be "A pure mind." Walter E. Wilder will assist the pastor at the union evening meeting. The C. E. Sunday evening meeting at the Congregational church will be omitted until the pastor's return from his vacation.

Alfred Smith, who resides on the Turnpike road, suffered a sunstroke on last Saturday afternoon and has remained quite ill ever since. Thurs-

day morning he was taken by auto to Boston to a private sanitarium for treatment.

V. S. Kalustian, an Armenian, has moved into the Clement block on Main street recently vacated by H. J. Miller, and will open a shoe and harness store. He will also do repairing on shoes and harnesses. Mr. Kalustian was formerly in business in Fitchburg.

Dr. and Mrs. Everett Conter, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Farrar, returned by auto on Thursday to their home in Farmington, N. H.

Miss Bertha Spaulding, chief operator at the telephone exchange, is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation. Miss Helen Higgins is substituting during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Bray left on Monday morning for a two-weeks' vacation which they will spend at Deer Isle, Me.

On Wednesday afternoon at Athletic park the Whalom baseball team met defeat by the score of 3 to 0 at the hands of the Townsend team. There was a small attendance owing to Old Home day festivities in Lunenburg.

Death.
Carl L. Smith, a former resident of this town, who recently committed suicide in his room at No. 157 Warren avenue, Boston, left a note which he penned after taking poison. The note, addressed to a nurse in a Boston hospital, read in substance: "I hurry to write before the poison takes effect. I appreciate too well all you have done in my behalf and it would be cruel to further tax your generosity and energies. You are doing a splendid work, oh, that I could repay, but—." Here the note ended, probably the poisonous acid had done its fatal work.

Mr. Smith made many friends while a citizen of our town, who will feel sorry at this sad ending of his life. He had been out of work and in poor health for a year or more and evi-

dently became disheartened and discouraged.

Several years ago Mr. Smith came to our town, residing first at the Harbor and working for the Spaulding Brothers Co. Later he came to the Center and was employed as clerk in C. W. Hilliard's store. Since leaving town Mr. Smith has resided in Attleboro, Melrose Highlands and Boston. He was a member of the Townsend North Star lodge of Odd Fellows and was also a member of Attleboro lodge of Elks and the Knights of Malta.

The funeral was held in Attleboro on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Harbor Items.
Several people in this vicinity, including Oliver Proctor, who is in his ninety-third year, attended "Old Home Day" in Lunenburg on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. C. Noyes of Malden is a guest of her son, C. L. Noyes, at Sachem villa.

Cyrus Lane was an over Sunday guest of his niece, Miss Claudia Spaulding, at Newport, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Halloran are back again from a month's vacation, delightfully spent at St. John, N. B.

Starting on last Saturday Adney Gray and family with Miss Mabel Campbell and her brother Frederick made an extended motor trip, including Amesbury, Salisbury and Hampton beach, N. H. Mr. Gray returned Monday leaving his family at Amesbury. Miss Myrtle Gray is visiting relatives in Waltham.

On last Tuesday afternoon the As You Like It club spent a delightful afternoon at the home of its president, Mrs. H. B. Adams. The program was largely a musical one, including both vocal and instrumental. Miss Lizzie Whitecomb, Miss Adams and Miss Cushing were among the invited guests.

Stillman Anderson, who has been receiving treatment at Dr. Kilburn's hospital, Groton, for the dislocation of the ischium and ilium bones, has returned to his home in Dorchester. Several days will have to elapse, however, before the removal of the plaster cast and the laying aside of crutches.

Mrs. Charles Mann of Boston is a guest at Nissequassit.

Miss Helen Hinds of Stoneham was a week-end guest of her cousin, Miss Carrie Hager.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, Will McDonald and friends are spending the week at their summer home in Pepperell.

Mrs. Anthon from India was a mid-week guest of her niece, Mrs. Fred Palmer. Mrs. Anthon, who is a companion to her highness, the Maharani Adhirani of Burhwan and who has just visited America in ten years, is motoring through the eastern part of the country.

and instrumental, and will illustrate the temperament and personality of many of the great musical composers. The beautiful orchestral effects by instruments played singly or ensemble are wonderfully reproduced by the diamond disc records. The photograph to be used on this occasion is one of Edison's best. The entertainment is under the direction of the Ladies Aid and to every one is extended a most cordial invitation.

Small Business.
On account of a complaint entered, the Society for Proverbs, usually to animals sent a representative, Mr. Pearson, to investigate the condition of affairs in this vicinity. It would seem that the black list was a long one. We have nothing but words of praise for the great humanitarian principles upon which this society is founded and naught but commendations for the noble work it accomplishes. But like all other great blessings, vituperative persons whose idle capacity is well developed, sometimes attempt to make work of it. The society for a changed through which to vent their malice and ill will.

Mr. Pearson remarked that nearly one-half the cases reported to the society, upon investigation proved to be without sufficient cause. Last Monday, when he stopped at one of the stables on his list, he was told: "This is the fifth place I've visited this morning where there has been no cause for complaint. I've made this trip for nothing." On speaking of another place on his list, "The one who made that complaint did it either through malice or because they knew nothing about horses." The combination of scum and idle hands—or of ignorance.

But the situation is not without humor. At one place Mr. Pearson called the proprietor, thinking the agent was a prospective buyer, tried to sell him his horse. Upon looking the animal over the agent remarked: "He is too good for me."

Wedding.
Great was the surprise of their many friends when they learned of the marriage of George Cummings and Miss Maud Burdett at the Universalist parsonage at Shirley Village on last Monday morning. These two popular young people certainly stood high in the estimation of their friends who were looking forward to an event of this kind, but at a later date. The wedding party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Cummings, parents of the bride, and Miss Hester Burdett, sister of the bride. Two children of the Burdett family, G. Herbert Pinger and sister Gertrude were also present. The officiating was by Rev. J. Proctor, who assisted in the conveyance of the bridal party.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings left at noon from Ayer on their wedding trip. The entire neighborhood is awaiting their return.

The Burdett home, familiarly known as the Old Homestead, is a large house and is being remodeled for two families. One part will be occupied by the bride and groom. Miss Hester Burdett, her mother, Mrs. Sophia Burdett, and the two children, Herbert and Gertrude, will occupy the other part. George Cummings will have the entire charge of the Old Homestead estate. Miss Burdett is serving for herself the garage and a small garden.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.
Miss Beatrice Louise Stimson and Raymond Clifford Lund were united in marriage last Saturday evening at seven o'clock at the home of Rev. Robert M. French. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Lund of Dunstable. After the ceremony the couple left in an auto on a short wedding trip, after which they will reside at the home of William H. Lund. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stimson, and Mr. Lund is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lund. Both have a host of friends who wish them joy and happiness.

A singular coincidence connected with the marriage is that Mr. Lund is one of three brothers who were married within six weeks' time.

Mrs. Nellie (Britton) Shephardson, a former operator at the Times office, has been assisting some at the office during the past week.

Dr. Wallace and family of Nashua are spending the summer at the lake in the cottage owned by Mrs. Lucretia Colburn.

Miss Helen Stickney is working in Brookline in the Stephen Barnaby family.

Miss Shephardson, who spent a few weeks in her relative's at Royalston, Mass., returned to Hollis this week.

Mrs. Flora Ford leaves town Saturday for Waltham, Mass., after a two-weeks' vacation spent here with relatives.

Lawrence Gaudinoff returned to his home in Milford on last Sunday after a visit spent with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hardy.

Miss Alice Lawrence has returned to the home of her niece in Nashua. Mrs. George Marshall, after several weeks spent in caring for Mrs. Merriek Pierce, Mrs. Pierce is quite well again and able to be about and do her own work.

Miss Abby Read, who has been in very poor health for a long time, passed away at her life home early Thursday morning.

Miss Jerry Bell spent last week Friday in Littleton, visiting her sister.

Mrs. William Jenkins, from Pepperell, is visiting Mrs. Henry Goodwin.

Miss Hattie Kendall, who has been living at Andrew Jewett's for the past nine months, has gone to work in Pepperell.

Mrs. William Pierce has been visiting relatives in Concord this week.

Mrs. Willis Hardy's little boy, Donald, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua last week for an operation on his ear.

Mrs. Daniel Goodwin and little girl, Helen Jewett, returned to their home last Saturday afternoon from Nashua.

Miss Mary Gerrish, from Goffstown, is in town visiting some of her old friends.

Rev. Robert M. French and family have returned from Kingstons, and Mr. French occupied the pulpit last Sunday.



OUR ANNUAL MID-SUMMER

Clearance Sale

IS NOW IN FULL SWING

The Mark-Down Season Is Now Here. Big price reductions are now in order on the balance of our Spring and Summer Stock of Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes. It is the well-known policy of this store not to carry over goods from one season to the next. We plan to start each season with a fresh, new stock. We must, therefore, clean up the balance of this season's goods. This in brief is our reason for holding this Clearance Sale each year before the close of the season and while there is still ample time to get the benefit of several weeks' wear.

You will please note that the price reductions are substantial and that they are made from our former low selling prices on high-grade goods. We guarantee our goods the same as when full price is paid. Come early while the assortment is good. We know you will be interested.

MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS

The balance of this season's stock of Fancy Mixtures and Fancy Worsteds Suits—all new and fresh goods. The better grades of Suits come from the well-known house of A. SHUMAN & CO., of Boston. These reductions are made from our former low selling prices. They are genuine bargains.

\$10.00 Suits now reduced to	\$7.47
\$12.50 Suits now reduced to	\$8.47
\$15.00 Suits now reduced to	\$10.47
\$18.00 Suits now reduced to	\$12.47
\$20.00 Suits now reduced to	\$14.47
\$22.00 Suits now reduced to	\$16.47

MEN'S OUTING TROUSERS

\$2.50 Trousers marked down to	\$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers marked down to	\$2.25
\$3.50 Trousers marked down to	\$2.50
\$4.00 Trousers marked down to	\$3.00

MEN'S WORKING TROUSERS

A big lot of Trousers marked down for this sale	
\$1.50 Trousers marked down to	\$1.29
\$2.00 Trousers marked down to	\$1.69
\$2.50 Trousers marked down to	\$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers marked down to	\$2.47

BOYS' KNEE TROUSERS SUITS

Ages 6 to 17	
The balance of our Boys' Spring and Summer Fancy Mixture Suits at greatly reduced prices.	
\$3.50 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$2.50
\$4.00 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$2.98
\$5.00 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$3.47
\$6.00 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$4.47

Odd Knee Trousers

50c. grade Trousers marked down to	39c
75c. grade Trousers marked down to	59c
\$1.00 grade Trousers marked down to	79c

CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS

Ages 3 to 8	
50c. Russian Style Wash Suits reduced to	29c
\$1.00 Oliver Twist Suits reduced to	69c
\$1.50 Oliver Twist Suits reduced to	98c
\$1.25 Magnet Wash Suits reduced to	69c

STRAW HAT BARGAINS

Every Straw Hat in our store is now marked down for a clean-up. They all must go.	
\$3.00 Straw Hats reduced to	\$2.00
\$2.50 Straw Hats reduced to	\$1.50
\$2.00 and \$1.50 Straw Hats now	\$1.00
\$1.00 Straw Hats reduced to	75c
50c. Straw Hats reduced to	39c
50c. Straw Hats for Children now	39c
25c. Straw Hats for Children now	19c
\$4.00 Genuine Leghorn Hats for Men now	\$3.00

Cloth Hats for Men and Children Marked Down

MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS

Men's White Handkerchiefs	3c
Men's Cotton Hose in Black and Tan colors, a regular 2 pairs for 25c. quality, price now	9c
Men's Police Braces, 50c. kind	35c
Men's Police Braces, 25c. kind	17c
Men's Police Braces	13c
Men's Silk Hose, seconds of 50c. quality	33c
Men's President Suspenders	35c
Men's Boston Garters	17c
Boys' Blouse Waists, collar on, 39c. kind	23c
Men's Umbrellas, regular \$1.00 kind, now	75c
Women's Umbrellas, regular \$1.00 kind, with Mission Handles, reduced to	75c
Women's Black Silk Umbrellas, a regular \$3.00 quality, price for this sale	\$1.98

MEN'S SUMMER SHIRT BARGAINS

One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, our regular 50c. quality, price reduced to	39c
One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, laundered cuffs, our regular \$1.00 grade, now	69c
One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, soft cuffs, some with collar attached, regular \$1.00 quality, now	69c
One lot Fancy Coat Shirts, "Arrow" brand, a regular \$1.50 quality, now	\$1.15
One lot Blue Chambray Working Shirts, a regular 50c. quality, for this sale	39c
One lot Boys' Blue Chambray Shirts, 45c. grade	23c

UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

We have taken several lines of our Summer Underwear and marked them down for this sale.	
25c. Men's and Boys' Balbriggan and Dark Gray Shirts and Drawers	19c
50c. Men's Blue and Ecru Derby-ribbed Shirts and Drawers reduced to	39c
50c. Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, special for this sale	39c
39c. grade Men's Nainsook Shirts and Drawers, price for this sale	25c
\$1.00 grade of Men's Derby-ribbed Union Suits, special price for this sale	69c
50c. Boys' Derby-ribbed Union Suits	39c
Porosknit Underwear	
50c. Men's Shirts and Drawers reduced to	35c
25c. Boys' Shirts and Drawers reduced to	19c
\$1.00 Men's Union Suits reduced to	69c
50c. Boys' Union Suits reduced to	39c

SHOE BARGAINS

All our stock of Men's and Women's Tan Oxfords is reduced in price. Also, many discontinued lines in Gun Metal and Patent Leathers for Men and Women are marked down to clean up at this sale.

Men's Tan Oxfords	
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords marked down to	\$2.50
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords marked-down to	\$3.00
\$3.50 Tan Calf Rubber Sole Oxfords, now	\$3.00

Men's Gun Metal Oxfords

Several Discontinued Lines of Oxfords	
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal Oxfords now	\$2.98
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal Button-Oxfords	\$1.50
\$3.50 Gun Metal Rubber Sole Oxfords	\$3.00

Boys' Oxfords

One lot Boys' Gun Metal Patent Oxfords that were \$1.50 and \$2.00, now	98c
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Women's Oxfords

One lot Tan Button Oxfords and Tan Pumps that were \$2.50 and \$3.00	\$1.00
One lot Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords, in Button and Lace, were \$2.50 and \$3.00, now	\$1.45
One lot Gun Metal Oxfords and Colonial Pumps that were \$3.00 and \$3.50, reduced to	\$1.98

Misses' and Children's Oxfords

One lot of Oxfords in Tan and Black Leathers, that were \$1.00 to \$1.50	78c
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Women's Tennis Pumps

One lot of Black Tennis Pumps, Goodyear Glove make, regular \$1.50 quality	85c
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NECKWEAR BARGAINS

50c. Four-in-hands, price reduced to	35c
25c. Four-in-hands, price reduced to	17c
25c. Button-on Tecks, price reduced to	15c
25c. Button-on Boys, price reduced to	15c
15c. Wash Ties, Four-in-hands, now	10c

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WESTFORD

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle have welcomed a little daughter into their home in Tewksbury, last week Thursday, and named Elizabeth Barbara Tuttle.

The J. V. Fletcher library will close at 8:20 instead of at nine o'clock in the evening during the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Taylor have moved from the Center to their new home at Stony Brook, and they will be missed as a village family. Their new telephone number is 225.

Pleasant greetings have been received by the Westford friends from Mr. and Mrs. William C. Roudenbush, on route across the continent to the California Exposition.

Miss A. W. Hartford entertained a group of relatives at her home on Thursday and Friday of this week as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Sebbins, Mrs. Arthur Desjardis and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phelps of Greenfield. After leaving Westford the party went for a trip to the beaches.

Dr. O. V. Wells plans to go the last of this week for his annual vacation, spending the time in a camping and fishing trip on an island on Lake Champlain. Dr. Sherman of Graniteville, takes charge of Dr. Wells' practice during his absence.

A group of members from here went over to Littleton for the band concert last Saturday evening. Several autos and teams filled with passengers went over and were enthusiastic over the fine concert and general management of the affair. Westford people are making tentative plans for a like event in August.

Morning services were held at the Congregational church on last Sunday for the last time previous to vacation which will be for the next three weeks. Evening services will take place every Sunday in charge of the C. E. society. A meeting was held at the vestry on Monday afternoon to make plans for the annual fair in September and on Wednesday a church cleaning bee took place, to be followed by the painting of the vestry floors.

Mrs. Gertrude C. Skidmore gave a very pleasant bridge whist party at her summer home on Friday afternoon of last week with Mrs. John Feeney as accompanying hostess in all the arrangements of the game, decorations and refreshments. There were six tables of whist. Mrs. Skidmore also served a most excellent dancing party on Wednesday at which about forty guests were present.

The body of the late Edwin Flagg, who died suddenly at his home in Frankfort, Kentucky, last week, was laid to rest beside kindred dust in Fairview cemetery. Miss Elizabeth Flagg, an only daughter, accompanied her father's remains to Westford from their Kansas home.

The eighth reunion and annual meeting of the Spaulding Light Cavalry association will take place in Westford on August 1, 2 and 3, during the afternoon and evening. There will be the clay pigeon shoot at the playground in the afternoon and other sports. The annual meeting will be held at the association building at 1:30 and dinner will be served in the lower town hall at six o'clock, followed by an attractive entertainment. The annual meeting this year will be a "grand party" in other words, ladies not invited.

A large crowd from here went over to Townsend last Saturday to witness the annual contest between the Westford A. A. and the Townsend A. A. It is reported as a great Westford loss by the score of 2 to 1.

The township select to learn that Miss Maria Moreland is not coming back to the academy next year in September. Miss Moreland has accepted a more desirable position in Boston, which will also be nearer her own home.

Misses Gertrude and Julia Fletcher entertained the Bridge Whist club very pleasantly at their home Wednesday afternoon. There were six tables for the game, which was played on the spacious closed-in porch.

Mrs. John H. Wright and daughters, Frances and Alice, spent Thursday at Whalom Park with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace and the Misses Pauline and Rachel Wallace.

Mrs. Annie Campbell and Miss Louisa Crosby left on Thursday of this week for an extended trip to their native Prince Edward Island. Mrs. Alice Lambert substitutes for Miss Crosby at Mrs. Augusta Prescott's household.

J. Herbert Fletcher, postmaster, goes on Monday for a two-weeks vacation, spending the first week at Merry Meeting Lake, N. H., and the second week at Lake Cohasset, N. H. Mr. Fletcher is in company with John M. Abbot, Mrs. Fletcher, John M. Fletcher and James B. Hartford carrying on the postoffice and store work during Mr. Fletcher's absence.

Fire.

Shortly after three o'clock last Saturday afternoon word was given L. E. Gater from a passing automobile that the building next to his were on fire. These buildings were at short distance away on the Littleton road and known as the Reinhold Stephen place. Mr. Gater had but a few minutes before returned from Lowell, where he had completed the purchase of the place from the Stephen heirs. When discovered, the fire was in the east end of the barn, but had enough headway so that before sufficient help was at hand the ell of the house was on fire. Though but four members of the fire company could be found, volunteer help was secured. A tree was cut and used to batter down the burning ell and the main part of the house was saved practically intact.

We hear of there being \$700 insurance on the place. The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mason, who were absent from home for the day. It was a sorry home-coming for them, finding their household goods all set out across the road from the fire. Mr. Mason lost considerable property in the barn and shed. This house will be remembered as the birthplace of Edwin C. Metcalf, of Andover, N. H., the generous donor to the town of our fine soldiers' monument and the beautiful memorial window in the Unitarian church, the first given in memory of his father and the latter in memory of his mother.

Death.

The community was saddened on last Sunday by the announcement of the death of Mrs. Flora Spinner, wife of James Spinner, at her home on Boston road. Mrs. Spinner, who was aged 78 yrs, 5 mos, 11 days, had been failing health for a long time. Her death resulted from a complication of diseases, asthma being one of the chief causes of suffering. Mrs. Spinner was a native of Scotland, but had lived in Westford for many years. A quiet, home-loving woman, and her death will be keenly felt in the immediate home circle as well as by the wide circle of friends and neighbors. She is survived by her husband, James Spinner, and an only daughter, Miss Mary E. Moran.

The funeral took place from her late home on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock and was largely attended. Rev. J. Sydney Moulton, of Stow, a former pastor of the Unitarian church, was the officiating clergyman and spoke wisely and tender words of sympathy and comfort. Mr. Moulton was the clergyman who united Mr. and Mrs. Spinner in marriage many years ago. The bearers were John Spinner, Edward Spinner, William Cunningham and George Welch. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes. Interment was in Fairview cemetery.

About Town.

William Donnelly, of Westford Corner has purchased the store property of Mrs. Martha Smith on the Bronside, the Smith family having purchased a farm in New Hampshire.

Frank A. MacNutt, brother of Mrs. Frank E. Bickford, of West Chelmsford, and a former resident of the village last on Wednesday evening when it capsized in the Chicago river. He was in the lower part of the vessel at the time of the accident, but managed to crawl through the wreckage and jump into the river, caught a life preserver and pulled ashore in an exhausted condition and sent to the hospital. He was quite unimpaired by the experience, which he says was terrible and beyond description. In a recent letter to Chelmsford relatives he expressed the opinion that the boat contained 3500 people. Mr. MacNutt is a graduate of the Chelmsford high school and went west several years ago to enter the employ of the Western Electric Company, being superintendent of the shipping department and was with the excursion on business.

Mrs. Charles Watts, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of Brookside, was here in West Chelmsford visiting friends last week. Blooded Brook, Milestone hill, lost a valuable young horse last week. After visiting at the old Peletiah Fletcher place on the Lowell road, where it was taken ill, they started for home on Tuesday. Dr. W. E. Fletcher, of Peppercell, but the animal died soon after his arrival.

There will be dancing to the music of the Crescent orchestra at Nabobs every Saturday evening until the weather calls off the dogs.

Congressman John Jacob Rogers was in town on Tuesday invigorating old friendships. His tour included Nashobah, Westford Center, Forge Village, Graniteville and Cambridge. At this last place those present to break forth into the cordiality of the hand-clasp and social chat included Frank and Seth Bannister, Guy and Gerry Decatur, J. W. Fletcher, J. L. Taylor and George O'Brien. Congressman Rogers has lost none of his cordiality for the common people and every-day simplicity.

Miss Sherman has finished working on the Tadmeck farm for W. K. Taylor, where it was estimated to be a shortage of one-twentieth of a ton over last year, not including the meadow sold to Ames Dudley.

The three o'clock electric from Westford for Brookside got stalled by a derailment near Brookside on Wednesday afternoon and were not able to resume operations until darkness had set in, herded the chickens into a serenade.

Mrs. Sarah Bussey is recovering from recent illness at Brookside. Peter Ellfeld, long in the employ of Charles Whitney, has resigned his position.

Sweet corn at the Old Oaken Bucket farm is what won out for eating Monday. This partially offsets the June defeat for early sale. The lawn tennis court at said farm is being to be courted by any residents.

The tennis game at Whitney playground on Wednesday between Taylor brothers and Marden Stacey and Leon Hilliard was won by the former. This is a reverse of a previous game.

Additional Information.

Albion was made in last week's issue, under Laneburg news, of the death of Mrs. Jerome Hopkins, who with her husband, Samuel E. Hopkins, were former residents of the town. A few additional facts might be of interest to her friends. She was of Scotch parentage, the daughter of Peter and Mary Taylor McAlpine, being one of eight children, and was born in Lowell. Her illness was brief and death sudden, due to hemorrhage of the brain. The funeral was from her home in Brookline, where she died, aged seventy-one years, the services being conducted by a lady of the New England School of Religious Culture. She is survived by three brothers, William J. of Lawrence, Alexander and John McAlpine of Cleveland; two daughters, Alice and Carrie of Brookline, the former being remembered as living in a dress and illustration in the high school, Groton, by invitation of the school committee on "The Individual system of teaching." She had accepted a position to teach this new system in Orange, N. J., in October. Mrs. Hopkins was a close cousin to the Old Oaken Bucket farm folks, who attended the funeral on last week Wednesday.

Grange Notes.

There was a small gathering but large enthusiasm in West Chelmsford Grange on last week Thursday evening. The lecturer's hour was fully covered in time and discussion on the important question, "What more can West Chelmsford Grange do for this community?" was started off in vigorous style by J. R. Cole. The next question, "Is the fish and game commission a benefit to the farmer?" in which James Beck, deputy game warden related his experiences and observations, defended the present laws and the commission. Samuel Nash, master, in a remonstrance of the daily paper to the community in real fashioned oratory and continued in a vigorous way, concluding with the thought that the influence of the daily papers would be better if the best that was in it was read. After the regular debaters came the discussion by the Grange and Messrs. Loupin and Vickery of Chelmsford Grange, Hancock of Millbury Grange and S. L. Taylor of Westford Grange called into each other and the subject without boxing gloves and the three questions got quite an upsetting. The next meeting will not be held until the fourth Thursday in August.

Middlesex-North Pomona Grange, as the plans called for, held their annual field day meeting at the farm of Warren A. Sherburne in Tyngsboro last week Thursday. This farm, with the State Chaplain, in a remonstrance will by a brook that outlets into Willow Dale and Mud pond. The situation is lovely, with forest and will flowers and bird and bee life in the frog. The day threatened to keep everybody at home having and then it threatened not to and several hundred left heading to the custody of the clouds. Musky day, but the rain did not North Chelmsford made every one feel like a quick step in feet and spirit. Dinner was served by those who arrived with it and the speaker was State Chaplain, in a remonstrance of the daily paper by the mother of us all. After-dinner speeches were made. Charles A. Wright, of Billerica, as master of Pomona Grange, called to order and read the address of the man, master of the State Grange, who made some telling hits on and against the new Ellis milk bill, which is not a bill. Other addresses were made by State Chaplain, in a remonstrance of the daily paper, Rev. Edwin J. Prescott, of Hampton Falls, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. George S. Ladd, of Stowbridge, and H. Williams, of Boston. Sports of all kinds and sizes, with the above program, furnished mirth to many sizes of people.

Middlesex-North Pomona Grange will treat itself to an excursion by the village on Friday evening, August 6, to the thrifty farm of George P. Greenwood on the banks of the deep peace of the Concord river, through the village to Concord where a hearty rest will be served in Sleepy Hollow cemetery and at other historical resorts, including the farm of Charles W. Prescott, where the government is making history in growing the world's asparagus rust. The trip will include "Nine acre corner," the home of Secretary Wheeler of the Board of Agriculture, home through Acton, Littleton and Chelmsford, and the point first mentioned. It is hoped that the memories of Concord, the home of "Fred the shot heard around the world" and the home of thought at first hand, will induce an excursion with full ranks. Any member of Westford Grange or citizen who has named it as their intention of joining the excursion will excuse the Grange and the Old Oaken Bucket farm folks, and they will be provided with transportation.

A son was born last Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. John Daly, Pond street.

A party of nurses from the South Framingham hospital, including Miss Helen Lord, formerly of this village, are enjoying a camp at Forge pond for two weeks.

Napoleon Milot has purchased the home on Pine street built and owned by P. H. Harrington, of Graniteville. It is reported that Mr. Milot's son Ephraim has purchased a lot of land on Union street and intends building a home there.

Miss Violet Collins, of Providence, R. I., was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hargreaves of Beverly visited their son-in-law, Mrs. M. A. Lowther, on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Stella Carlin is enjoying her vacation motoring through the South. The trip will cover eight hundred miles in distance, the stopping places being New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Miss Carlin expects to spend some time in Virginia before returning home.

Rev. Williston M. Ford, pastor of St. Andrew's mission, is enjoying a vacation of a month. With the exception of the first Sunday in August his mission will be closed until September.

Two local baseball teams played for the championship of the village at Cameron park on Saturday afternoon. The Tigers and the Red Sox. The Sox, however, proved very interesting, resulting in the victory for the Red Sox by only one run. Another game will be played in the near future.

Mr. Fred Davis has been confined to her home by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins held a most delightful social gathering at their home on Sunday in honor of the thirtieth birthday anniversary of their daughter, Miss Ethel M. Collins. Among the guests were Mrs. George Butler and family of Methuen and Miss Lillian Bailey of Lowell. Miss Ethel received many very pretty gifts, including a watch and pin from her sister, Miss Violet.

HARVARD

News Items.

Harry and Alvah Farnsworth, of Cambridge, were in town on Tuesday, renewing old associations. They were former residents here and were very much pleased to meet many of their old friends.

Frank L. Whitney and Master Roland Small, of Kenmore, Vt., are visiting for a month with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Haskell.

The Ladies' Benevolent society spent a very enjoyable all-day sojourn in the city of Cambridge, Mass., on Monday afternoon, August 2. The ladies carried their lunch and Mrs. Wetherbee served them with hot coffee and a desert of raspberries and cream.

Miss Eva Sheehan is visiting this week with Mrs. Rose McDade at Long Island, Portland, Me.

The Misses Sadie and Emily Torrey, of Andover, are guests this week with Mrs. E. J. Day and Miss Emily Hildreth. The Misses Torrey were many years resident here and they find many friends who enjoy having them with them again.

L. Clay, who for fifteen years was superintendent of the Boston Electric Traction, but now of North Dana, is visiting with Mrs. Harriet Dickinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gale, of Pawtucket, R. I., are at George Gale's for a few days. Mr. Gale is a former resident of this village and is now a resident of Pawtucket, R. I.

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A recent issue of the New York Times carried a letter from Nina Larry Dorr, of Boston, begging for funds for the soldiers. "Pans" cheap ones, but please as many as compassion can properly. All over France there are hospitals, open-like hospitals, formerly factories, depots and sheds, where our food, flies abound, and our soldiers' friends, even when a hospital. Yet, oddly enough, there are no flies in these hospitals and it is impossible to procure any flies here. Be kind and ask your readers to help themselves to "live-ants" and send them all they can find. Even in the hospital where mosquitoes torment and infection. Will not all willing to assist with funds, old or new, to purchase these flies? I would be glad to purchase them, and their contribution as soon as possible to Miss Ruth Whitney, who is glad to forward them to the hospital.

Mrs. L. M. Hargreaves' campaign is to spend the subject woman suffrage on Friday evening of this week at 7 o'clock at Harvard. The meeting will be an open meeting to all interested in the side of the woman suffrage question, whether members or not. Miss Ruth Whitney will speak on "Bound not the love with the assistance of the unprincipled." The subject will be on a business meeting will be held at the close of the program.

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acquainted with more than twenty species before the hike was over. Material for breakfast was carried and a camp-fire was held. The menu of the day, coffee, bacon and near Bare Hill pond. It is said that a friendly cow appropriated the last of the bacon and potatoes, but as the owner of the creature has sent no bill for damages everybody feels that somebody else should worry.

In August this camp-fire will go in to camp at Littleton for a week. As a camp-fire on Sunday potatoes were prepared. The theme of the hike is to earn the money for her own expenses, if possible, and several of them have already secured the necessary amount. Such camping expeditions at points away from home is one of the features of the movement and is always looked forward to by the girls with eagerness. Making mackemucks is no exception to this rule.

Church Notes.

At the combined meeting of the Unitarian church and the Sunday school on Sunday morning at 10.45, Miss Celia Baister, of Harvard, who spent some time at the Emerton school in Swansboro, N. C., will show the girls with returning to the tree moss, etc., from that region, and will tell something about what the Unitarian denomination is doing there. The pastor will speak on Rev. B. F. Miles' reasons for returning to orthodoxy. Miss Elvira C. Scorgie, soprano soloist, will sing.

The Unitarian parish picnic will be held at Dickson's landing, Wednesday, August 11. The heads of committees are as follows: Mrs. A. H. Turner, dinner and lemonade; Charles S. Bodwell, entertainment; Walter A. Dickson, boats; A. W. Bryant, tables and seats.

The usual service for public worship will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "A touchstone for truth."

The bible school and Y. P. S. C. E. will continue their regular activities throughout the summer with sessions at twelve and 7.30 o'clock, respectively. The C. E. meeting on Sunday evening will be in charge of Martin Gibson, the subject being "Little the every-day kindnesses. There will be special music.

The Woman's Benevolent society are continuing their meetings through the summer, contrary to the custom of former years. At the last meeting with Mrs. Wetherbee, on last Tuesday, the society had a very pleasant day together with an attendance above the average.

New Advertisements.

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TOWNSEND

Center. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carrigan and little son Howard of Newton have been the home guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Turner for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Whitcomb with Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Howard as guests motored to Manchester on Monday and called on Mrs. Lillian Hildreth Reed of that city.

Mrs. W. G. Taylor of Plainfield, N. J., is enjoying a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Anna C. Taylor.

Last week Friday evening a pleasant family gathering was held at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Hildreth in honor of his seventy-second birthday anniversary. The home was prettily decorated with bouquets of flowers and the evening spent socially with family reminiscences.

Mrs. Albert Patterson and two children, Helen and Dickey, of Moltie, Ala., are spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Greenleaf.

Mrs. W. A. Anger of New York city is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Ball.

The birthday club lawn party will be held on Thursday afternoon, August 5, with Mrs. Mabel Brackett, Old City. Those wishing conveyance are requested to meet at James E. Hart's stable at 1.15 o'clock.

Mrs. George Kendall, of Brookline street, has entertained this week her sister, Mrs. John Martin, and little daughter Esther, of East Pepperell; also a cousin, George Herlihy, and little daughter Rachel, of West Somerville.

Rev. E. C. Charlton was called away on Monday to Brookfield to officiate at a wedding of his former parishioners.

George A. Wilder is making improvements on his residence, Brookline street. The work is in charge of Charles Wilkinson.

The young Misses Helen and Caroline Kendall, of South Boston, are enjoying a visit of several weeks with their grandmother, Mrs. C. W. Hildreth.

Miss Nellie Worcester, of Worcester, was in town during the week-end attending to business matters of her aunt, the late Mrs. L. Mattie Eaton.

On Monday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, there will be a public hearing in the selectmen's room on the petition of the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Co., and the location of poles on Main street at the Center, westerly from Oak street, 34 poles, and on Main street, West Townsend, easterly from Elm street, 17 poles, westerly from Elm street, 23 poles.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wentzell and little daughter, of Worcester, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aden Swicker.

Many former residents of Lunenburg and others from here attended the Old Home Week festivities in Lunenburg on Wednesday.

Miss Louise Teehan, of Manchester, N. H., is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, School street.

The Methodist friends and others, who heard the Rev. Charles Charlton preach recently at the Methodist church, will be interested in his appointment at the naval training station in Newport, R. I.

The Townsend A. A. has secured the Greenville A. A. as the attraction for Saturday's game at Athletic park. Attend the Fitchburg Business College—New England's greatest school of shorthand and business training.

Anti-saloon Meeting. On account of the rain only about fifty attended the meeting of the Anti-saloon league's flying squadron held in the Methodist church on Monday evening.

The speaking and musical program to be given from the bandstand in the common was cancelled. Dr. Charlton and Rev. B. A. Willmott being unable to be present.

Henry L. Weston, of Boston, a summer resident of Townsend, presided at the meeting and introduced Dr. Hall, a prominent Baptist minister of California, who spoke seriously on the important subject of prohibition and of the good the women would be sure to do in this country when all could enjoy "equal rights."

The address of Hon. Eugene Chas. Adams on the important subject of prohibition, prophesying national prohibition within a few years. During the meeting Miss Buckingham sang very fitting selections and at its close Mr. Caldwell spoke briefly on his work with the flying squadron and urged everyone to be united in their interest in this far-reaching cause.

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West.

S. Leroy Shapleigh of Cambridge, who has been enjoying a brief vacation at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster, returned Monday to his business in Boston.

Kenneth Reed has returned from a few days' visit to relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. A. D. Winship spent a few days last week with her daughter in Ayer and her friends in that vicinity.

Miss Florence Austin from Cambridge is spending a few days as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and little son from Winthrop enjoyed an auto trip with a party of friends Sunday to the Framingham Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Misses Hester and Ruth Russell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell of the Center spent a few days this week as guests of their aunt, Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway.

Telephones have been installed in the summer home of Mr. Higgins at the Danvers cottage and at the William Tenney residence on Main St.

Fred Howard from Wakefield was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan the first of the week.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning, taking for his subject, "How do I know I am a Christian?" and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be in charge of the president, Ian Husk, the topic being, "Every-day kindnesses," followed by a sermonette by the pastor on the topic.

Miss Agnes Waite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Waite of the Center, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wares for the week.

Homer Flynn, who accompanied George Hoebuck, chauffeur for Chas. S. Homer, to Frouns Neck, Me., has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Flynn.

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The committee of the arrangements for the Sunday school picnic met on last week Thursday evening at the close of the mid-week prayer meeting and plans were completed to have the affair in the pine grove on the William Adams estate, east back of the parsonage, on Tuesday, August 3, weather permitting, commencing at ten o'clock. Dinner will be served at noon.

The following committees were chosen: Mrs. Ellen Pratt, Mrs. Herman Lawrence and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, dinner com.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hathaway and Charles Hodgman, ice cream com.; Ian Husk, Mervin Hodgman, Clarence Jodery and Mrs. Charles Jodery, sports for boys; Georgiana McKean and Alice Seaver, sports for girls. All the pupils and friends of the Sunday school and all interested in the neighborhood are invited to attend, making this a pleasant out-of-door day for all.

Grover Blanch, from Greenville, N. H., has opened a livery stable in the barn on Elm street owned by Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Miss Emma H. Adams has returned from a visit with friends in Salem and vicinity.

Miss Isabelle Hayward, of Bayberry hill, is visiting relatives in Troy, N. H., this week.

James L. Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent the week-end with his family at their summer cottage on lower Main street.

Mrs. Jean Driver, of Chicago, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellis, of Bridge street, is spending a few weeks camping with a party of friends in Vermont.

Jane Proctor, who has been employed by Mrs. Coffey at the town house, has taken a situation at the Center.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, of Josephston, spent the week-end at their camp at Ward pond, and Mrs. Mary Tucker and family spent Sunday with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry, from Boston, were guests of Mr. Terry's mother, Mrs. L. O. House, on Sunday.

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For summer wear is this charming frock of printed blue and white linen, with trimming of plain blue linen. The gumpie and sleeves are of striped batiste. An attractive sunbonnet of plain and printed linen is becomingly worn.

NEW HANDKERCHIEFS.

Voile is Now Being Used For These Very Necessary Articles.

The newest thing in handkerchiefs—and there are new things in these necessities as well as in any other—those of voile. Of course the finest of voile is used for the purpose, so that it will not be disintegrable to use.

One style of handkerchief is of solid pale pink voile and is bound with a narrow white hem. Blue, lavender and green voiles are used in the same way. A number of the handkerchiefs have a very wide border of white around a solid portion of color.

A very unusual decoration of one voile handkerchief is a figure of a woman dressed in street costume and leading a dog. The latter is embroidered in black, while the figure of the woman is embroidered in a combination of gay colors.

Some of the voile handkerchiefs are ornamented solely with a fancy hemstitched border. Such treatment of handkerchiefs adds great value to them, so that the price of one handkerchief is \$1 or more.

Blocked designs are very prominent in the new voile handkerchiefs. These are separate sections of the material hemstitched into the corner of a handkerchief.

Not only are women's handkerchiefs made of voile. It is used also for men's handkerchiefs, and the colored borders on them are just as gay and attractive as those of the smaller kerchiefs.

PIE PLATE AND SHADOW HATS

Odd, Chic and Exceedingly Becoming Are These Midsummer Creations.

As the days grow warmer new fashions are launched, but those which do appear are no less attractive and sometimes show greater thought and originality than the features displayed in the fashion festivals at the beginning of the seasons.

Odd, chic and exceedingly becoming are the new pie plate and shadow hats. The pie plate hat has a reasonably large brim, about the edge of which is an upturned frill of plaited malines, giving the appearance of a crinkly ple. The shadow hat is even more fascinating, for it veils at times the eyes. At least it does so when the head is bent. This shadow hat is nothing more than a straight brimmed sailor, the brims of various widths, according to choice, about which is placed a flat fold of malines, black or white.

The fold is about two inches in width, and, being placed with its center along the edge of the hat brim, an inch extension of the fold is then upon either side of the brim edge. This makes a sort of little transparent wall about the hat above the edge of the brim and a smooth curtain like band below the edge. The very smartest people are wearing these hats.

NECKWEAR OF COLORED TULLE

Colored tulle is being used for neckwear, the favorite manner of arrangement being a crushed fold of it about the stock collar, ending with a large chou at the back—a reminder of the old Gibson styles. Plain silk crepe and cuffs upon blouses of plain crepe de chine are new and effective, particularly for morning street wear. These plaids are medium in size and appear in many bright colors. They are sometimes made in one with the blouse, but oftener, for practical laundering reasons, are detachable.

FARM BOYS IN BASEBALL.

Managers Think They Outclass the City Bred Youngsters.

"The other day I inquired of a major league manager what class of young men he wanted for his team," writes Hugh S. Fullerton in Farm and Fireside.

"Give me the farmer," he replied instantly. "The chances for his falling victim to the temptations of baseball are fewer. He may not be as well posted as to city ways, but in one season you cannot tell the difference. They come larger, stronger, live cleaner and think more clearly than city boys do. Besides, the majority of them have the right idea in view. They want to get money to buy a farm."

"Twenty, yes, ten years ago the major league baseball teams were recruited almost entirely from the larger cities. Cincinnati led in production for years, then Boston, then St. Louis. A dozen years ago 50 per cent of the major league players hailed from New England and from the Atlantic states. Now more than 60 per cent of all major league players come from farms or from small villages, and the farms produce a greater number of good players than come from any other place."

"Rube Waddell, Rube Marquard, Rube Ellis, Rube Benton—a score of rubes have shown in major league baseball, and their nickname once was one of ridicule. Not now. Managers of major league baseball teams are looking for rubes, and when they say Rube they mean, not the unsmooth or the awkward recruit, but the clean cut, clean living boy from the farm."

WHERE THE MAIDS WOO.

Capturing a Husband in India is an Ordeal at Times.

It would be a great mistake to imagine that there are no countries where the bashful bachelor does not have to wait and be wooed.

In the Torres Straits Islands, for instance, it is the height of bad form for a young man to make the first advances in wooing. Even after the preliminary steps, which consist of the exchange of bracelets, everything is not plain sailing. A girl sends a message to a young man to meet her, and if all goes well she urges him to name the day. When matters have gone as far as this it is no longer necessary for him to play the part of the modest.

If you wish. Then they go home and tell their relatives, who promptly celebrate the occasion by a general melee. Among some of the rude tribes of India the woman's courtship is a less agreeable experience. If the man of her choice does not respond she takes a jar of rice beer and sits down in his house. The women of the family know what the rice beer means, and if they do not want the marriage to "come off" they are allowed to use any means short of personal violence to eject the fair wooer from their doors. They may put pepper in the fire, drench her with water, or load her with opprobrious epithets, but to gain the man of her choice the lady has only to hold out for some two or three hours and the bridegroom is hers.—Detroit Free Press.

Power of Lyddite.

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In Futures.

The Studio Club of New York is a home for young women—naturally single young women chiefly. Not long ago the girls were assembled in the hall to hear a lecture. A young matron, a member of the board, rose to make some announcements.

"Next Tuesday," she said, "Mrs. Blank will talk to you here on the subject of 'Marriage.' Those of you who heard her last year will remember how helpful her talk was."—New York Post.

Genius as They See It.

"I have known several poets who realized that genius really means hard work," says the hard times philosopher, "but you can't get the big majority to test it by plowing their way over a twenty acre field. They would sooner see an umpire knocked out with a baseball bat than bruise the innocent breast of a field flower with a cold, unfeeling plowshare."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Witch's Trick.

At Peel, in the Isle of Man, it is related that a witch said once the herring fleet would not return. Every ship was lost, and she was rolled down the hill in a barrel set with spikes. The grass has never grown since in the barrel's track.

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three nephews, Arthur H. Crak, also of Baltimore, Rawson and Carl Underwood, of New York."

Sumner R. Mason, of the Western Electric Co., was one of the passengers on board the Eastland that tipped over on the Chicago river last Saturday morning. His mother received a telegram from him that same afternoon telling her that he got out of the boat.

C. S. Lyman, of Hudson, has been elected superintendent of schools in Groton.

The following are the pulpit supplies at the Congregational church during the pastor's absence in August: August 8, Rev. W. W. Loring, D. D., of Boston, secretary of the Congregational Church Building society; August 15, Rev. W. A. Richmond, of Fort Fairfield, Me.; August 22, Rev. F. G. Akker, of Pawtucket Congregational church, Lowell; August 29, Rev. C. W. Loomis, of North Leominster, formerly pastor at Ashby.

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West Groton. Mrs. A. W. Lamb is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Austin, of New York, also her niece, Miss Ruth Austin.

Mrs. John Lisco with her two little sons have been for several weeks with her parents in Hennington, N. H. Eugene Smith left on Wednesday of last week for a visit in East Walpole and his older brother Gregory on Friday for a stay with relatives in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dudley are entertaining Mrs. Dudley's sister and little daughter from Yarmouth.

Albert Robinson has returned from a week's visit in Hyde Park.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge left town on Tuesday and will spend the month of August with their daughter, Mrs. George G. Galt, at 19 Taconic street, Pittsfield.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Webber returned on Sunday from their trip to Providence. They are entertaining Mrs. Lewis of Boston, Mrs. Fernald returned from Boston on Monday.

Mrs. Matthew Robinson and family spent Thursday at Whalom.

Mrs. A. F. Bates is enjoying a visit with relatives in Fitchburg, as is also her mother, Mrs. Andrew Jarvis.

An item in last week's report was accidentally omitted in printing. It referred to the illness of Mrs. Hattie Seams at Groton hospital, following an operation on Monday for appendicitis.

Phillip Smith is substitute R. F. D. carrier on route 2 and is now taking the place of Milo Harrington, carrier, who has gone on his vacation.

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AYER

To the Editor:

I desire to say a few words through the columns of your paper about our town park, which some incidents of the annual field day of St. Mary's parish seem to me to render timely and appropriate. It is clear to me that the part of some of our people either a misconception of the nature and purpose of the park or a deliberate intention of ignoring and trampling upon the rights of the public therein.

The park belongs to the town in trust for the public. It was bought and paid for by the town's money for a public purpose. It is dedicated to the public recreation. It is for all the people—not for any particular class of people, and the benefits derived from its use cannot lawfully be bought or sold. It is under the control of a board of three park commissioners elected by the town who are authorized by statute to make rules for its use, which are a violation of which is punishable by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Subject to such rules, every person has the right to enter the park freely and enjoy its benefits. Neither the park commissioners nor other persons have any right to charge an admission fee to the park. To permit such a charge would be to permit the acquisition of a special tax upon those who use the park for the benefit of those making the charge.

These things are probably known by many, if not by most, of our people, certainly by the park commissioners. Nevertheless, when I went to the park last Saturday afternoon, I found the entrance guarded by several men who acted for all the world as if the park were private property. They literally held up every grown person who came along and collected twenty-five cents in exchange for a tag which bore, in addition to some advertising, the words, "Wear your tag. Badge of good fellowship."

Looking through form to substance and disregarding the subterfuge of the tag, it cannot be denied that the public was practically excluded from the park last Saturday afternoon and presumably in the evening also, though I was not there. In the evening unless an admission fee was paid for the benefit of St. Mary's parish. And this was done under the eyes of two of the park commissioners who are dear friends of mine and public-spirited citizens of high type. I regret to say, however, that they were not equal to the occasion and did not display that firmness which is sometimes called moral courage. They permitted, or at least tolerated, what I know they did not approve.

I am aware that this communication may be offensive to some and is likely to be misconstrued by others. It is written in no unfriendly spirit, however, but in the performance of what I believe to be a public duty in view of the conduct of the park commissioners, and in the belief that the public rights in the park as elsewhere should be maintained without compromise and at any cost. It is intended to call the public attention to the fact that this is the second time that this field day has been conducted in this way and that it promises to be a serious occurrence if the park commissioners do not do their duty. And the matter will not stop at that. For if St. Mary's parish is making contributions "allowed to get away with it," then shall we draw the line? Every other parish in town, every association, every society, every individual has an equally good right to contribute "voluntary contributions" of those who go to the park. Why shouldn't our ball team sell pictures of Ty Cobb or Hans Wagner and the amount of the proceeds be used to purchase the hat modestly during the game without suggesting how much each spectator should "voluntarily" put in?

I know many persons who say that the cause was a good one; that no one should object to paying his share; that the money will go to the church; and that nearly all who went to the park were willing to pay a quarter. These things, in the main, may be conceded, though one needs be no more sceptical than the management to doubt whether the contributions would be either unanimous or uniform if no form of compulsion were used. But these things are beside the point. The same line of reasoning would justify the contributions that are prohibited. It ignores the matter of principle—of law—of right.

Every fair-minded man can be glad that this day at the same hour, Sunday, "Love." A reading-room is maintained by this society where the bible and all authorized Christian Science literature may be read or purchased. All are cordially invited.

CLEARANCE SALE

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We find on looking over our stock that we have much more merchandise than usual at this time of the year and in order to "clean up" in preparation for next season's merchandise already purchased we must sacrifice profits and part of the original cost on the balance of our Spring and Summer Stock.

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are really the lowest you'll find anywhere. You're not expected to rush in and buy anything whether it fits you or not. We expect to fit you and satisfy you as perfectly as we do when the goods are priced at regular prices.

Look over the following List of Bargains and Come Early while the Assortment is Good

MEN'S SUITS

- The balance of our stock of Summer Suits, the new Varsity Models of different styles in Fancy Mixtures and Worsteds, from Hart, Schaffner & Marx and the Thompson, Snow Company.
- One lot of Suits, fancy mixtures, regular price \$19.00 **\$7.47**
- One lot of Suits, fancy mixtures and worsteds, regular price \$12.00, marked down to **\$8.47**
- One lot of Suits, from the Thompson, Snow Co., in mixtures and worsteds, regular price \$15.00 **\$10.47**
- One lot of Suits, fancy worsteds and chevviots, from Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and Thompson, Snow Co., regular price \$18.00, now **\$13.47**
- One lot of Suits, neat patterns in fancy worsteds, mostly from Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago, regular price \$20 and \$22, marked down to **\$15.47**
- One lot of Suits, fine worsteds, from Hart, Schaffner & Marx, regularly \$23, \$24 and \$25 grades **\$17.47**

MEN'S TROUSERS

- All broken lots of our famous "Dutches" Trousers, all sizes and patterns, to close out for the following prices:
- \$5.00 Trousers marked down to **\$4.15**
- \$4.00 Trousers marked down to **\$3.15**
- \$3.50 Trousers marked down to **\$2.85**
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BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS

- The balance of our Summer Stock of Boys' Fancy Suits to close out at the following prices:
- \$3.50 Suits with knickerbocker trousers **\$2.47**
- \$4.00 Suits with knickerbocker trousers **\$2.85**
- \$5.00 Suits with knickerbocker trousers **\$3.47**
- A few Boys' \$4 and \$5 Suits, straight pants **98c and \$1.35**
- One lot of Boys' Knickerbocker Trousers, 50c value **39c**

BARGAINS IN SUMMER SHIRTS

- One lot of 50c Summer Shirts, with or without collars **39c**
- One lot of \$1.00 Stag and Congress Shirts now **79c**
- One lot of \$1.50 "Cluett" and "Arrow" Shirts now **\$1.15**
- One lot of Men's Working Shirts, 50c value, now **39c**
- One lot of Men's Working Shirts, 50c value, now **42c**

NECKWEAR

- One lot of 25c Four-in-hands for **17c**
- One lot of 25c Washable Ties for **15c**
- 50c Four-in-hands, Cheney Silks and flowing ends **33c**

Special Sales in Discontinued Lines of Hosiery, Suspenders, Bathing Suits, Etc.

BARGAINS IN STRAW HATS

- All Straw Hats, Men's, Boys' and Children's, to close out at the following prices:
- 25c value for Men and Boys, marked down to **19c**
- 50c value for Men and Boys, marked down to **39c**
- \$1.00 value for Men, marked down to **75c**
- \$1.50 and \$2.00 value for Men, marked down to **\$1.00**
- \$2.50 value for Men, marked down to **\$1.50**
- \$1.50 Cloth Hats for Men, marked down to **98c**
- \$1.00 Cloth Hats for Men, marked down to **75c**
- 50c Cloth Hats for Men and Boys, marked down to **39c**
- 25c Cloth Hats for Men and Boys, now **19c**
- 25c Children's Straws now **19c**
- 50c Children's Straws now **39c**
- \$5.00 and \$6.00 quality Panama Hats, to close out for **\$3.50**

BOYS' BLOUSES

- One lot of Boys' 50c. Blouses, with or without collar **39c**
- One lot of Boys' 25c. Blouses, with or without collar **19c**

UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

- One lot of Men's and Boys' Balbriggan Underwear, 25c value, marked down to **19c**
- One lot of Men's Balbriggan Underwear, 50c value, marked down to **39c**
- One lot of Men's Porosknit Underwear, 50c value **35c**
- Boys' Union Suits, 50c quality, marked down to **39c**

SHOE BARGAINS

All Tan and Black Oxfords for Men, Ladies and Children at bargain prices. Also, odd lots of Gun Metal and Patent Leather Shoes and Oxfords for Men and Ladies.

Men's Oxfords

- One lot of Men's Gun Metal Oxfords, \$3.50 value **\$2.50**
- \$3.50 and \$4.00 Men's Patent Shoes and Oxfords **\$2.50**
- Men's Gun Metal Oxfords, Crosssett and Walkover—
- \$4.50 quality marked down to **\$3.75**
- \$4.00 quality marked down to **\$3.25**
- \$3.50 quality marked down to **\$2.95**
- Men's Tan Oxfords, Crosssett and Walkover—
- \$4.50 quality marked down to **\$3.25**
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- \$3.50 quality marked down to **\$2.50**
- One lot of Men's Tan Pedspeeds, \$3.50 value, now **\$2.50**

Ladies' Oxfords

- One lot of Ladies' Tan Oxfords—
- \$3.50 value marked down to **\$2.75**
- \$3.00 value marked down to **\$2.25**
- \$2.50 value marked down to **\$2.00**
- One lot of 30 pairs of Ladies' Walkover Oxfords, Tan and Gun Metal, \$3.50 value, to close out for **\$1.85**
- One lot of 30 pairs of Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords, Black and Tan, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$4.50 values **\$1.00**
- \$3.00 Ladies' Pedspeed Oxfords, Juniper Sales, now **\$2.25**
- \$3.50 Ladies' Tan Rubber Sole Oxfords now **\$2.50**
- \$2.50 Misses' Pedspeed Oxfords, Juniper Sales, now **\$2.00**
- \$2.50 Misses' Tan Oxfords, Rubber Soles, now **\$2.00**

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or conducts oneself to the annoyance and discomfort of others a suitable rule and penalty are desirable. For instance, the man who dug up the base line on the ball field with a pick and shovel to make the ground soft for the broad jumpers should be fined the limit to teach him more respect for public property. John M. Maloney.

News Items.

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The main program of races and sports was run off under the direction of the N. E. A. A. U. Matt Leary, of East Boston, had general charge of these events and was assisted by Bart Sullivan, coach of Holy Cross college, and an instructor at the Charlesbank gymnasium, Boston.

Mrs. Augusta D. Scruton has returned from a visit in Greenfield.

Mrs. Harvey W. Winslow and children are visiting relatives in Lyme, N. H., and Wilder, Vt.

Miss Sarah T. Tuten, treasurer of the savings bank, is having a vacation.

Miss Alice Luddington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Luddington, of Third street, has returned from a visit in Milford.

Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Adams, of Atlanta, Ga., paid a recent visit with Mr. and Mrs. George B. Felch, Mrs. Adams was formerly Miss Cora A. Hardy, of Ayer, and for several years has been a resident of Atlanta.

O. K. Pierce, his sister, Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson, and Miss Amy Nixon are at Fairview cottage, Sandy pond, for the rest of the season.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet in the church parlor on Wednesday evening, August 4, at 7.30 o'clock. A full and prompt attendance of members is desired as important business is to be discussed.

Miss Avis Chandler, of Grove street, left on Tuesday for a visit of three weeks with relatives in Providence, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zoller and boarders are to have the Taft cottage at Sandy pond for two weeks, commencing this week Saturday. Charles, E. Perrin and family returned from a month's vacation at Sandy pond on Thursday, where they occupied the Donlon cottage.

For other Ayer items see opposite page.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

While fishing in the Nashua river on Wednesday Waldo Farnsworth caught a trout weighing 2 1/2 pounds.

Ethel and Doris Knowles are spending Friday and Saturday of this week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch in Ayer.

Mrs. McPherson, who was taken to the Clinton hospital last week Thursday for an operation, has not been operated upon as yet. The operation will be performed as soon as the physicians think her physical condition will permit.

Truman Nickerson, who is at the Clinton hospital, recovering from the effects of electric burns, is holding his own with a slight chance for the better.

A tug-of-war team from Shirley five members work like to challenge a tug-of-war team from Ayer, the contest to take place on Labor day afternoon.

The Shirley hose company has challenged the Hartwell and Page hose companies of Ayer to a contest on Labor day morning.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Binney on Monday. The groom, George Cummings, and the bride, Maude Burdett, are both well-known people of Towhee and Harbor and Cape Corner sections of the town. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the Universalist church of Shirley.

Miss Blanche Sawyer is spending a two-weeks' vacation with relatives and friends in Boston and Greater Boston.

Miss Frances Herson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Herson, spent a few days this week with Mrs. Pettinelli in Providence.

The following disposition of the cases for zoning on Lord's day on the Phoenix property was made in the district court in Ayer, the complainant being officer Thomas C. Burdett, Lewis and Frank Kennedy and John K. Kelly against the Lord's day, all fined two dollars; Walter and Charles Bobin, John Buklerewicz, Joe Parzekaniz and John owners, for being present, all fined two dollars; Mike Andrews, gaming on Lord's day, placed on file.

Rev. E. L. Halfacre left on Monday afternoon for Newberry, S. C., his old home, where he will spend the month of August. He will return in season to occupy his pulpit at the Universalist church on the first Sunday in September.

The erection of the new bandstand in Depot square was commenced on Tuesday morning. It will be constructed of cement, E. H. Longley, of Ayer, having charge of the work, and the cost will be about \$225. Considerable discussion has taken place relative to the location, but out of justice and fairness to those who had charge of selecting the site, Depot square was selected because it was the most central part of the town. It was a health proposition pure and simple, and the committee worked for the best interests of all in making the selection.

The Shirley A. A. held a meeting on Tuesday evening. Frank Dales was chosen as manager and Harry O. Bangas as assistant manager. Mr. Daley will have full charge of the baseball team and also act as coach. The Shirley team will play the Westford team in Shirley on this week Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Much interest is being evinced in this game as the Westford team is the champion of the district and an interesting game is anticipated.

James P. Tolman passed away at his home in Newton on Wednesday morning. Mr. Tolman suffered the effects of a shock last March from which he never rallied. He was president and business manager of the Samson cordage works of Shirley and his death will be a distinct loss to the town, where for a period of about thirty years he has been identified with the Cordage Company. For many years past Mr. Tolman and family spent their summers in Shirley, where he owned a quaint New England home. He was an ideal American in characteristics, always the kindly, unassuming gentleman.

The Universalist church held its annual picnic at Whitton park last Saturday, about seventy-five attending, making the trip by electric cars. Dinner was served at one o'clock, tables being arranged near the lake. At the close of the dinner the amusements at the park was a pronounced factor of enjoyment. The pastor, Rev. E. L. Halfacre, and J. Edwin Pomfret, were kept busy in the entertainment of the young people. Most of the party returned home in the early evening, the anticipated pleasures of the day being fully realized.

A band of zepines arrived in town on Monday and will be located here but for the timely arrival of Officer Burrill, who ordered the delegation to move on. They departed in the direction of Londonderry.

Miss Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ames Parker, observed the tenth anniversary of her birth Monday with an outing at the home of her aunt, Miss Miller Parker, at the Center.

John H. Will went to the Massachusetts General hospital last Saturday to remain for a few days for observation. Mr. Will, if not operated upon, will return home.

The Congregational church held its annual picnic at Whitton park last Saturday, over one hundred making the trip by special car. The entire party all sat down to dinner in the deer park at twelve o'clock. The teachers and officers of the Sunday school very pleasantly played the role of servers. The attractions and amusements at the park were taken advantage of and the day as a whole was one of pleasant memories. The pastor of the church, Rev. G. E. Woodman, presided at the dinner hour and the superintendent of the Sunday school, Joseph H. McCallan, had general charge of the day's outing.

Mrs. J. H. Maylin left last Saturday for a two-weeks' vacation in Westmoreland, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, of the Industrial school, are spending a few days at Oak Bluffs.

Miss Eva Eibel, of Malden, is spending this week with her cousin, Mrs. John H. Will, Harvard road.

Willard G. White, chief engineer of the fire department, was tendered a reception in Engine hall last Saturday evening by the members of the fire department, who presented him with a gold watch fob. Refreshments were

served and the evening most enjoyably spent.

A lawn party will be held on the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Provoost this week Saturday evening and will be a preliminary to the field day being planned by the parishioners of St. Anthony's church. Mrs. Provoost will also have a table at the ball game Saturday afternoon, when the Shirleys cross bats with the Westford team.

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Death.

Moses Chaisson, aged eighty-five years, passed away last week Friday morning at eight o'clock at the home of his son, John J. Chaisson, Leominster road. During the winter of 1912 Moses Chaisson was stricken with a shock which incapacitated him from employment or work of any kind. He sustained a second shock about five weeks ago which proved to be fatal, as since that time he gradually began to fall until the end came. The deceased was born in France, P. E. I. He moved to this country with his son in the spring of 1890, and had been a resident of Shirley since 1908. The survivors are: wife, Mrs. John J. Chaisson, William of Tishish, P. E. I., and Joseph, assistant superintendent of the Bay State railroad, Chelsea; a daughter, Mrs. Maseine Aronson, Shirley; also, six grand-children and 19 great-grandchildren. The funeral took place last Sunday afternoon with services being held at St. Anthony's church at three o'clock. Rev. Rosario Richards officiating. The bearers were Alise Gionet, Joseph Landry, Phileas Bulger, Peter Boucher, Amos Marion and Joseph Thomas. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.

The following ministers are announced to fill the pulpit at Trinity chapel for the remainder of the summer: August 1, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; August 8 to August 29, Rev. Francis Webster, of Waltham; September 5, Rev. Howard A. Erickson, of Shirley and Brookline; September 12, Rev. Samuel G. Babcock, suffragan bishop of Massachusetts.

A party of five from Shirley, Harry N. Brown, Lewis Bradford, William Thompson, and Charles Graves, and Henry Crowe, attended the meeting of Bolton Grange on Monday evening, going in Lewis Bradford's automobile. The occasion was Monday night, Boxborough Grange, furnishing the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, Clyde and Alta Graves spent Sunday in Boxborough at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams, of West Roxbury, were visitors over the week-end at the home of Albert Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, of Townsend, were guests last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Charles Longley.

Miss Annabelle Doherty, of West Groton, was a visitor over the week-end at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby.

Mae Bradford is spending a week with relatives in West Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Almond Wing, of Brookline, spent last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Wing's father, Albert Adams.

Mrs. Ella Biedman, who underwent an operation several weeks ago at the Clinton hospital, has recovered sufficiently to return to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman.

Charlie Longley, of Millbury, spent the week-end at the home of Mrs. Charles Longley.

Gilson Blake, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday and at the home of Mrs. Anna C. Erickson, on Sunday afternoon with the Chautauqua association, who were in Clinton on Saturday night and in Gardner on Monday night.

Mrs. Mary L. Fuller, who recently suffered a shock, is reported to be improving rapidly.

The Catawunamug Camp-fire Girls went on a walking trip last week Friday afternoon through Lunenburg and back.

Mrs. J. C. Ayers is now able to be up and about after her long illness of many weeks.

The Center baseball team goes to West Groton this week Saturday afternoon to play the West Groton team and a return game will be played on the home grounds on the afternoon of August 7.

Rev. Everett Burkett preached an excellent sermon on the subject of "Prayer" at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon the service will be conducted by Rev. Arthur L. Bumpus, of Brooklyn, N. Y., formerly of St. Andrew's church, Ayer. Mr. Bumpus is too well known for need any recommendation to the people of the Center, and it is hoped that all will make it a point to be present to greet their former pastor.

A motorcycle belonging to John Farrar, at the North, was stolen from his home one night last week but on account of lack of gasoline was abandoned by the side of the road near the home of Oscar Haradon. Nothing is known as to the guilty parties.

Miss Ruth M. Graves went to Boston this week for a short stay where she will attend the 15th anniversary celebration of the town.

the town and is receiving many signatures from the voters. At this meeting the board organized, choosing John Woodred as chairman. They will be in session on the next three Saturdays, July 31, August 7 and 14, from seven to nine o'clock in the evening.

The body of Mrs. Jennie M. Hopkins was brought from her home in Boston to Lunenburg for interment in the family lot in the North cemetery. Mrs. Hopkins was the widow of the late Samuel Hopkins, former residents of this town, loved and respected by all who knew them. They are survived by two daughters, Misses Alice and Carrie Hopkins.

A town meeting will be held on Monday evening August 2 to act on a petition of the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company for leave to cross the highways with the Townsend line. Settlement has been made with Prof. F. H. Beal and now the company can follow its originally intended route across the Estabrook property between the State and Chase roads.

Misses Nellie and Fannie Jones left their cottage at Lake Winnepesaukee on Monday and came home to spend Old Home Day in the old home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Palmer, of Topsfield, and other friends are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Taylor.

George and John Bennett, of Boston and Lexington, are visiting their cousins, Augustus and William Harley, and their children, in Lunenburg.

It is reported that upon good authority that Augustus Taylor has sold his farm in the Mulpus district and that Arthur Rockwood is the purchaser.

Machion Heath, of Brockton, an old-time resident of this town, now residing at West Groton, is spending Old Home Week with his son John and family.

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Death. The body of Eugene Holman was brought into town last week for burial in the North cemetery. Mr. Holman was a former resident of Lunenburg and brother of Charles Holman, son of Mrs. Warren Leonard by her first husband, and nephew of Miss Julia Kemp. He had been failing in health for some time and it was thought a change of climate might prove beneficial, and he left his home in East Templeton and went to visit a married daughter in West Groton. But it was too late, disease was too firmly established and he continued to fail. A telegram was sent his wife, who started at once to go to him, but he passed away at five o'clock on Monday morning, she arriving there in the afternoon. Accompanied by her son she returned to her home, bringing the body of her husband, and on Wednesday afternoon a funeral was held in the town hall. The last sad rites were performed. 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It Did Not Turn Out Exactly as Expected.

By JOHN Y. LARNED

"Alec, one of the most dangerous things in the world is to interfere in a love affair. I am not going to interfere exactly. That's not the right name for it, but I am your brother, and since you are going to take the matrimonial leap in the dark I venture to suggest a test to be applied to the girl you are about to marry."

"Mildred Huntington needs no test. She is perfect in every respect." "Granted; but will not a proof of this add to your comfort? I will not deny that Mildred is perfect in every respect. She may be this and yet under certain circumstances think it advisable to marry some other person than you."

"What do you mean?" "You know how hungry our American girls are for foreign titles." "Some of them." "Suppose Mildred should meet a British earl, a French duke, an Austrian or Italian prince, and he should propose to make her his wife, are you sure that she would stand by you?" "Perfectly."

"Then there is nothing to be said." This dialogue occurred at a hotel in Maine. Alec and Fred Winston were members of a party that had been together there for several weeks, and the men were about to finish their outing by a hunt in the vicinity of Moosehead lake. Several of the girls were disgruntled at being deprived of what they considered the best part of the season's pleasures—camping in a wilderness—and demanded to be taken on the hunting trip. The men demurred, but so persistent were the women that they finally triumphed. More elaborate preparations were made, a chaperon was obtained, and instead of returning to civilization the party, consisting of five men and four women, started for the wilderness.

"Fred," said Alec the morning of their departure, "I wish you hadn't put that notion into my head." "What notion?" "About testing Mildred. I don't like to do it, but the temptation is becoming irresistible. I shall make the test as soon as we get home." "You mean when you get where you will find a man to play the part of a titled aristocrat?" "Yes."

When the party reached their camping ground and had settled themselves in their temporary canvas home, Fred Winston, who had made up the party, announced that they must have a guide and he was going out to find one. Setting out, he soon came upon a party of hunters who were about to leave the woods and asked if they had a guide who wished another job when they released him.

"There's a chance for you, Hawkesworth," said one of the party. "A man about thirty years old asked some questions about what was required and when informed said that he wouldn't mind taking the job. Having gathered his belongings, he bade goodby to his friends and started to camp with Winston. Hawkesworth was an Englishman, and Winston noticing his British accent conceived the idea of using him to make the test he had proposed to his brother upon Miss Huntington. "How would you like," he said to the guide, "to play the part of a nobleman?"

who regarded Hawkesworth with curiosity were desirous to know how they should address an earl, and were told that they might call him what they liked so long as they didn't call him anything above Tom Hawkesworth.

Hawkesworth, judged by certain attributes, was just the man a woman would admire. There was a natural air of dominating force about him. He was a silent man. It is the man who is always expressing opinions who does not get credit for depth, even if he has it. He who never talks is supposed to be always thinking. Great generals have usually been reticent men.

When the party was made up it was supposed that the women would remain in camp while the men went out to hunt, but they had not been in the woods long before it was proposed that the girls go out with the men to shoot moose. They were in camp costume, which favored the plan, and there were plenty of guns. So the four girls went with the men one morning on a hunting tramp, and it was understood that each girl should be assigned a protector. Fred Winston made the assignments and deputed Hawkesworth to be the guardian of Miss Huntington. On reaching a certain spring where numerous tracks indicated that animals came for water the party scattered, the several couples going in different directions for game. It being agreed that they should meet later at the spring.

As Hawkesworth and Miss Huntington took their departure the lady informed the guide that she wished to shoot a moose and for him to give way to her. He responded that there was no reason why she should not do so provided a moose gave them an opportunity. In time, hearing a breaking of branches, he notified his charge to be ready to fire, and a little later when they stepped out into the open space a large buck moose was seen feeding a few hundred yards from them.

"Wait till he exposes his flank," said the guide. He had scarcely spoken the words before the animal turned. "Fire!" said the guide. Miss Huntington fired, but instead of hitting the moose behind the forehead she inflicted an irritating wound in a nonvital part. The animal, enraged, charged upon them.

Even a skillful hunter may wince at seeing a wild animal coming down on him to crush him. Miss Huntington's legs gave way under her, and she dropped on her knees. Hawkesworth dropped beside her, but on one knee instead of two, and leveled his rifle at the moose. Miss Huntington had no doubt that she would be trampled by the infuriated animal. There was a crack beside her, and the moose dropped, plunging forward at the same time till his nose was within a dozen feet of them.

Then Miss Huntington completed her collapse by falling in a faint. When she came to herself she was in Hawkesworth's arms and he was looking down into her face with an expression that filled her with rapture. If she was to be won by an exhibition of the masterfulness of man there could be nothing more effective than what had taken place. When the two joined the others nothing was said about the adventure except that the inhabitants of the woods. But it was not long before Fred Winston told his brother that Mildred Huntington had fallen before the test to which she had been subjected. It was no news to Alec. He had seen immediately after the hunting party that he had been supplanted. But he did not know that his betrothed's heart had been taken away from him by love instead of her desire for a title.

The party did not long hang together. Alec Winston and his fiancée were evidently at odds, and this threw a damper on the whole party. As soon as a sufficiency of game had been shot the tents were struck. When they took their departure Hawkesworth remained behind.

On the way Miss Huntington made it known to the other girls that her engagement to Alec Winston was broken. When asked the cause she replied that he had offered to release her and she had accepted the offer. Of course the announcement was made to the men by Alec, who sympathized with him, though the girls were not disposed to blame Mildred. In their hearts they felt that an earl was worth more than a commoner any day, and they were not sure but that they would have acted likewise under similar circumstances. It was supposed that the Earl of Bingleton was poverty stricken, but Miss Huntington was rich. The match, if she succeeded in capturing him, would be a good one.

That Miss Huntington had captured the prize became evident during the winter from the fact that cards were issued announcing the marriage of Mildred Huntington and Thomas Lawrence Hawkesworth. Then every one opened his eyes. What did it mean that the groom was announced on his wedding cards without his title? Surely a nobleman would not remain incognito.

Gradually the truth leaked out. Hawkesworth was no earl at all, and long before he proposed to Miss Huntington he disabused her mind of this false impression. He was the son of an English clergyman. Having a taste for woods and waters, he had spent much of his time in American forests, being enabled to do so by a small inheritance that gave him £500 a year. And so it was that a desire to test his fiancée lost her to Alec Winston. He never quite forgave his brother for leading him to make the test, but Fred says:

"What's the difference, Alec? If she did not leave you for a title she left you for a man she liked better."

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Davidson from New York are visiting with Dr. and Mrs. George S. Hazard.

The Woman's club will hold its annual picnic in Miss Arvilla Hardy's grove Wednesday, August 4.

Miss Mary Gerald is spending a few days in town with Miss Abby Plummer. Rev. and Mrs. Austin are spending a few days at the home of Miss Arvilla Hardy.

Donald Hardy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Hardy, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital Friday of last week and underwent a mastoid operation. He is getting along well and if nothing new sets in is expected home the last of this week.

Tuesday evening the Y. P. S. C. E. gave a lawn party on the school grounds, quite a large crowd being present. Candy, ice cream and cake were sold and there was also a mystery table. An old woman or perhaps a witch told fortunes for a small sum.

The Nisittist Camp-fires Nos. 1 and 2 are camping at Silver Lake. Although the first night was stormy and they got rather damp, they nevertheless are enjoying themselves very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris are at their summer home at Silver Lake.

Mrs. Mary Childs, of Mason, is visiting with Mrs. Emma Goodwin.

William Hardy and family of Appleton are spending the summer at the Fletcher homestead on the Pepperell road.

Mrs. Walter Canavan and sister, of Malden, Mass., have returned home after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Canavan.

Mrs. George W. Woodin has returned from her short visit with her daughters in Newton and Beverly, Mass.

The Blue Ribbon brigade are spending the week at Hampton Beach.

About Town. Donald Snow, of Nashua, N. H., spent a few days recently with his friend, Raymond Flanders.

John Preston moved his household goods and family to Nashua last Saturday.

William T. MacMaster and family spent Sunday in Townsend and Fitchburg with relatives.

Leslie E. Locke and family, Mrs. Flora Ord and son Allen and Hazel Lovjoy spent a few days of this week camping out at Rocky pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lund and Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lund and children hired a cottage and enjoyed an outing at Baboosic lake the past week.

Miss Mildred French expects to return to Wheaton college again in the fall.

Elwyn Wheeler played the church organ on last Sunday while Mrs. Florence Ladd, the organist, was away on a vacation, and Perley A. Lund assisted in the choir during the absence of George A. Ladd.

Frank A. MacMaster and family, of Nashua, were in town on Sunday. Some relatives of Stanley Clark are expected to spend the summer at the corner of George A. Ladd.

Mrs. Arthur Fields, of Amherst, who has been very ill, has improved very much of late and is getting quite well again.

Theresa Stickey, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Waltham, Mass., returned home on last Saturday evening. She was accompanied home by her father, George Stickey, who spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin's.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Walter Corey entertained her sister, Mrs. Ernest Tarbell, of Pepperell, last week.

Last week Wednesday Forace Hall, Chester Barnaby and the Misses Mattie Kent and Edith Stickey motored to Boston, from which place they went to the beach to spend the day.

Erle Winslip, of North Pepperell, was recent guest at the home of George Betterley.

Mrs. Clark Barnaby motored to Fitchburg last Saturday and spent the day.

Rev. Mr. Dockrill went to Goffstown last week Wednesday to officiate at the funeral of one of his old parishioners, Mrs. Colby, who died at the age of ninety-one.

Miss Ellen Sawtelle and Miss Mattie Wright have arrived at their summer home for the rest of the season. Miss Sawtelle, who has been ill, is much improved in health.

Mrs. Harry Powers spent a couple of days in Pepperell last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Lavinia Needham, who has been visiting with Mrs. Ellen Sweet, has returned to her home in Claremont.

David Barnaby, of Springfield, Mass., has been visiting his father, Stephen Barnaby.

Miss Edith Lawrence, who has been visiting in Brockton, Mass., has returned to her sister's home, Mrs. Walter Corey.

Prof. Josef Yarrick gave exhibitions at the Connecticut Valley Sunday school and the Epworth assembly on July 21 and 22. He left on Tuesday for a tour of the west, opening in Charleston, Ill., and from there to Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Salt Lake City to the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rockwood have returned from West Acton, Mass., where for the last few weeks he has been working for O. D. Fessenden. They expect to return in three or four weeks.

Rev. Mr. Dockrill officiated at the funeral of Mrs. George Lund in Hollis on last week Tuesday.

Capt. Alexander Taylor has returned from a five-weeks' trip spent at the beach on Cape Cod, visiting with friends and relatives in Boston, Worcester and other places. He also paid a visit to William French at the home of his son Fred in Norton, Mass.

Last week Friday Mrs. Ellen Sweet entertained Edward Needham, of Norwich, Conn., and Charles Needham, of Milford.

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LITTLETON. News Items. Miss Jennie Sawyer, ticket office clerk and operator, is taking her annual vacation of one week and a substitute from North Adams is taking her place. Marjorie Proctor came home from Milford, N. H., last Sunday with her cousin Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner, whom she visited for two weeks. Miss Virginia Sanderson, of West Acton, has been the guest of her cousins at the West End. Judge Loomis and sons, of New Bedford, were welcome visitors in town this week. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Green and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and son Heywood spent Sunday with relatives in South Framingham. Mrs. W. H. Swartz, of New Estate road, underwent an operation at her home last Saturday, from which she is making good recovery. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Aiken, is caring for her and carrying the responsibility of the household. Littleton's annual picnic excursion will be held at Whalom Park on Wednesday, August 4. Excursionists wishing to take advantage of special rates will go to Ayer for the usual price and then take the electric cars. Electric car tickets must be bought of J. M. Hartwell, who has them now on hand. Mr. Hartwell will be at Littleton station in time for those who wish to take the 7.45 train in the morning, and will remain in Ayer until the arrival of the 10.15 train from Littleton, when most of the people will start for Whalom. Tickets are good for any of the electric lines between Ayer and Whalom. Ex-supt. and Mrs. A. E. Webber, of Stoneham, came to Littleton last Saturday and enjoyed the hospitality of the Everett Kimballs and other friends. Laurentia Webber is spending a week with Marcia Wilcox. Miss Gladys Lawton has been the guest of Miss Margaret Thatcher the past week. Hostess and guest have now gone to Marshfield for a visit with another schoolmate. Henry P. Works attended the funeral of his grandson, Wilbur French, last week Friday. The little boy has been suffering from tubercular trouble nearly all his life, and for some time has been in the "cripples' home" at Hyde Park. It was eight years ago that his mother, Mara Works French, died of a similar disease, leaving the helpless babe in the care of his grandmother, who also passed on shortly afterwards.

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