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HARVARD.

News Items.

The nineteenth annual course of the Warner free lecture fund commences in town hall, Harvard, Friday evening, November 12, with Rev. Peter MacQueen on "Africa," illustrated; to be followed Friday evening, November 19, Gov. E. W. Hock, subject to be announced. Friday evening, December 3, Dr. Charles A. Eastman, "The real Indian." Friday evening, December 31, J. Clifford Starbuck, "Nature's message to man." Friday evening, January 14, P. M. Harwood, "Milk," illustrated. Thursday evening, February 24, Whitney Brothers' quartet. Friday evening, March 18, Dr. Thomas E. Green, "The key to the twentieth century." Friday evening, April 1, musical, Gertrude Miller Co. Doors open at seven. Lectures commence at eight.

Arthur T. West received his commission as postmaster and officially assumed charge of the office on Saturday, October 16. Miss E. E. Hersey is instructing him in his new duties.

The Unitarian society held their first supper social on Thursday evening, October 28. Suppers at six and seven o'clock. The entertainment is in charge of Miss John Eigelow, Miss Helen Stone, Miss Ethelyn Russell. Dancing at the close.

Mrs. White will hold the second of her dance parties on Friday evening, October 29. The afternoon class in teaching will be given the hour from seven to eight p. m., after which the evening will be devoted to social dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Hynes have a baby girl born on Wednesday, October 13.

According to latest advices, George La Pointe, who was held for the grand jury at Worcester as an accomplice in the murder of Dr. Stone, is released, and is now at home with his folks here in town. Hearing was held at Worcester on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Agnes Smith of Middletown, Conn., a former teacher here, visited over Sunday with Miss Gertrude Farwell.

W. J. Kerley is having the roof of his house broken into dormer windows, and expects to get several more good rooms for his guests.

An interclass meet between the classes of Bromfield school will be held on the school grounds, October 29 and November 1, at two o'clock. The winner of a point in any event will be awarded a cap with his class numerals. The members of the school have been practicing for the last three weeks and all are in good shape.

The Sunnyside reading of this week, held at Miss Hildreth's, was a very interesting one. Papers were read by Mrs. J. P. Barker, Miss Winnifred Bryant, Miss Gamage, Mrs. A. H. Bigelow and Mrs. Shores. The next and last reading of the season will be held next Tuesday afternoon. Miss Clough and Miss Brown leaders.

Mrs. J. G. Whitney has been ill this week, but is now on the way to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bigelow, with the pastor, Rev. J. P. Sheafe and wife, were the delegates chosen to attend the Unitarian conference at Uxbridge on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Howard D. Stone, auctioneer, will sell for the administrator the personal property and real estate of the late Daniel Joy, Harvard, on Saturday afternoon, October 23, at one o'clock.

NOTICE.—From November 1st, 1909, to April 1st, 1910, as has been our custom for a number of years, our store will be closed every evening except Sat-

urday evening at 8.30 o'clock. Saturday evening at nine o'clock. A. E. Lawrence & Son, Ayer, Mass.

Death.

John Marshall Eaton, M. D., died at his late residence on Thursday, October 21, after several years of failing health and increasing weakness incident to advanced age.

Dr. Eaton was born in Alexandria, N. H., May 13, 1832, where his father, the late J. S. Eaton, M. D., was a practicing physician. Dr. John M. Eaton was educated at the New Hampshire academy and Thetford academy, where the late Hiram Orcutt, D. D., was principal. He attended medical lectures for two years at Woodstock, Vt., and then entered Harvard medical college from which he was graduated in June, 1856. His first practice was at South Deerfield, continuing until 1861, when he was enlisted in the civil war as assistant surgeon to 55th United States colored infantry, stationed in Corinth, Miss., serving until the autumn of 1864, when he was honorably discharged on account of having contracted malaria. Dr. Eaton has long been a member of Post 22, G. A. R.

In the spring of 1865 he resumed his practice in South Deerfield for five years, but desiring a larger field, he sold his practice and purchased the medical business and good will of the late Charles Warren in Milford, where he practiced his profession for thirty-five years, when on account of ill health, sequel of army life and increasing years, he gave up his life work and retired to Harvard, to spend his few remaining years in rest and quiet.

Especially well known was the doctor's skill as a surgeon, which before hospital days made his services in Milford and surrounding towns invaluable. He served as medical examiner of the Milford district for ten years. By nature Dr. Eaton was very genial and companionable, and in the sick room he was especially tender and sympathetic, which greatly endeared him to all his patients.

The funeral will be held at the late home in Harvard on Saturday, October 23, at 1.30 p. m., Rev. F. A. Warfield, D. D., of Milford, officiating, and burial will be in Bellevue cemetery.

Town Meeting.

At the special town meeting held on Saturday evening of last week, when the article to see what action the town would take in the suit brought against the town by H. A. Skillings for \$5000, to recover damages, it was voted to leave the settlement of the question to a board of three arbitrators, non-residents of the town. Before voting it was thought best to hear the two sides of the affair and J. E. Maynard was called upon to state the position of the school committee in the matter, which he did in a very plain and concise manner. Mr. Skillings then gave his views of the case and A. H. Turner also made a few remarks in regard to the matter. That the town as a whole are ready to stand back of their several committees in their actions, when a crisis arises is very pleasing to the school committee, and it is hoped a logical conclusion may be arrived at.

Grange.

Harvard grangers entertained the Worcester East Pomona grange on Wednesday, at the town hall. There was not a large number out, but a very interesting program, both morning and afternoon, was carried out. The morning session was devoted to business and to the discussion of the problems of fruit growing. Spraying with the different mixtures was thoroughly discussed by men who have had a large actual experience. All agreed that spraying was necessary to the production of good fruit. In the af-

ternoon the state ornithologist gave a lecture on birds, useful to the farmers. The pupils of the grammar school attended this lecture, which was of a very instructive nature. Dinner was served at 12.30 in the lower hall. Harvard grange visited Boxborough grange on this week Friday instead of last week as announced.

Still River.

The furnace at the Baptist church has been put in this week and will be used for the first time this Sunday.

Mrs. Susan B. Fenner of Auburn was a caller in Still River, Wednesday.

Miss Laura Brown has a class in drawing in Lowell as well as in West Acton.

Miss Anna Whitney is on a trip to Richmond, Va., but is expected home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cross have relatives from Concord, Vt., visiting them.

E. P. Fairchild of Rutherford, N. J., who bought the Cheney place, and was here during the summer, called here Tuesday.

People at church Sunday were very much pleased to have F. W. Bateman come walking in, without any crutches, using only a cane. Mr. Bateman broke his leg December 23, and has had a hard time getting it to knit, but now that he can get around the house and take short walks out of doors with only a cane, his many friends feel to congratulate him and hope that the time is not far away when he will be able to get around with no artificial support.

It is understood that Mr. Pevear, who has a bungalow built on the North Still River road, has bought the Still River schoolhouse, that the town sold to W. B. Haskell, and that he will move it to his bungalow and attach it to the same, making quite a large house of the two.

Miss Ethel Parker is better, and on Thursday she was taken from the chamber that she had been sick in, down to a bed in the sitting room. She is far from being well, but her friends are glad that she is so much better than she was, and hope that she will gain much faster now.

Water Famine.

The water question is getting to be a very serious matter in Still River, nearly all of the wells are dry, and only those people who have artesian wells or large cisterns are happy. The town pump on the common has only a few pailfuls early in the morning, for the one that gets there first. Wendell B. Willard has a ram that forces water from his pasture to his house, but that is getting low, so that he only gets a small supply, so that unless we get a lot of rain before the ground freezes up, it looks bad for getting water for stock, etc. Even the river is very low, so that it will be hard to get water there, if it should be necessary to do so.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

There has been no school at No. 1 this week owing to the illness of the teacher, Miss Nellie Whittier.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cushman of North Andover have been visiting at P. W. Cunningham's this week.

Miss Susie Littlefield returned to her home in West Acton, last Saturday.

Mrs. Isora Eaton of Swansea, N. H., and Mrs. Kellerman of Ayer were recent guests of Mrs. J. A. Walker. They were formerly the Misses Draper, residents of this town.

Miss Catherine Mead had a very enjoyable trip to Bellows Falls, where she visited Miss Edna Leland, who is teaching a seventh grade room there this year.

Monday Dr. Godfrey took Charles Walt's mother to Boston, to consult Dr. Williams, one of the best specialists in the X-ray treatment for cancer. Mrs. Charles Walt and little boy also went with them to enjoy the auto ride.

Recent guests at R. Y. Nelson's were Miss Helen Thompson of Laurel, Md., on Thursday; Misses Florence Moore and Mary Nelson from Friday night till Monday, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence and daughter the first of this week.

Mrs. W. H. Furbush has been spending the week in Boston, attending the New England fruit show, which opened Tuesday morning in Horticultural hall. Mr. Furbush has entered some fine specimens of Baldwins, Northern Spies and Hubbardstons.

Quite a large delegation from here attended the convention at Groton, Wednesday.

Sam Wetherbee has gone west with a carload of cattle from the quarantine.

Gus Wetherbee has moved into his bachelor quarters at Bide-a-wee.

Eleven from Boxborough attended the grange meeting at Littleton, Wednesday evening.

Miss Mida Cobligh Burns was recently married to Mr. Daisy, a Fitchburg policeman, and the happy couple spent a few days with relatives in town.

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WESTFORD.

About Town.

Among the revival of pleasant memories of old Stony Brook days is the calling on old-time schoolmates and friends of George W. Young of Oregon. He will be remembered as one of the older and genial scholars of the Stony Brook school, sitting in the back seat for large scholars, having as companion in the old-fashioned seats, our respected and venerable townsman, George W. Heywood, who has just passed beyond the allotted three score and ten with the additional ten years for good behavior. Mr. Young was a native of Westford and lived on the place now occupied by the Page sisters near Westford depot. For the past fifty years he has been in Oregon and California, and is remarkably well preserved in temperate habits.

Hiram Dane, an old veteran of the civil war, was attacked at his home on the Dunstable road, at Long Sought pond, by about fifty people in various ways, some with song, some with phonographs, some with declamation, and everybody with a smiling hand-shaking, it being his birthday number seventy. Mr. Dane was face to face in many of the severe battles of the civil war, but ever surrendered to the evening; but on the seventieth anniversary of his birth, surrounded by implements of peace, beside the peaceful waters of Indian rendezvous of early history, he was obliged to surrender to the cunningly prepared flank movement of his friends.

Pheasants were seen helping themselves to apples, bugs and corn on the Old Oaken Bucket farm last Saturday. An eminent writer has said: "Can't you name all the birds without the gun?" Well no, sadly no, more wicked yet don't want to without the gun, no fun. The birds of song and beauty and insect parasite are too closely related to the welfare of mankind to come the cruel act of giving them a name without pain. Let us name and tame them as they sing in the branches, and as a sort of missionary contribution, take right hold dear pheasants of corn and buckwheat. You shall receive a painless greeting, so keep right on eating.

Richard Shea, who works at the Cold Spring farm, stepped off a scaffold of hay about five o'clock last Saturday morning and struck on the barn floor, fracturing one hip and breaking one leg. Dr. Wells was called and accompanied him on the steam cars at 8.45 to the Lowell general hospital. The accident was caused when pitching hay onto the floor, the hay having a pitch tending towards the floor, without the aid of a pitchfork.

Rev. B. H. Bailey, with the aid of his physician, wisely reversed his decision and exchanged with himself last Sunday, instead of the arranged plans at Groton. At present it is planned to reverse the physician, unless there is valid opposition and fulfill previous plans the first Sunday in November.

The Alfred Woodbury farm in Parkerville has been sold to Charles Parker of Lowell. He has a sonship interest in the Parker families, for whom Parkerville was named many years ago.

Harry Dutton of Chelmsford has bought the Hildreth chestnut woodlot of the estate of Alvin Fisher. This lot is located on Rattlesnake hill and south of the residence of Frank E. Hildreth.

The Nabassett school was suddenly closed Wednesday, on account of the sudden death of the teacher's mother, Mrs. Juntenz, in Lowell.

Two names were added to the voting list at Brookside, Friday evening last week, two at Graniteville, Monday evening, and three at Forge Village, Wednesday evening. The last meeting of the board of registrars prior to the state election will be held Saturday, October 23, from twelve o'clock noon until ten o'clock p. m. Remem-

ber this is the day and the last day, try and interest yourself.

Center.

Workmen have been busy connecting the town water supply with the house of Mrs. Andrew F. Wright. This is proving about as much of an undertaking of this sort as they have encountered. The distance from the main is about three hundred feet, and fully two-thirds of this is ledge and rock, and much blasting has been necessary. This is one of the instances where it is a matter of some regret that the water was not connected at the time the main pipe was laid. There have been a number of other takers of the water supply this fall. If any who have had the use of this pure and abundant supply have ever regretted its introduction, we have yet to hear from them.

Miss Alice M. Howard, who recently went to Cotuit as librarian, assumed charge of the library there. It has been at our Westford library that she has acted as assistant and substitute.

Miss Grace Lumbert is in Lowell in her professional capacity at a case of typhoid fever.

Those attending the Middlesex Union conference of churches at Groton, Wednesday, were Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Marshall, H. G. Osgood, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wheeler, Miss Lillian Atwood, Miss Ida E. Leighton and Mrs. Emma A. Day.

A good number of those interested in the social side of the Congregational church activities for the winter met at the home of Mrs. John B. Fletcher's last Friday afternoon and mapped out the monthly socials with committees for the same. Mrs. David L. Greig leads off with the charge of an oyster supper accompanied with a good entertainment for next Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Carver have been enjoying autumn days of vacation in Westford.

Among those enjoying the concert at the Unitarian church, Friday evening, were Miss Jennie Chandler, at her aunt's for over Sunday, also Miss Dora Spaulding Russell of Chelmsford.

Leon Cannell of Melrose was a visitor over Sunday at N. H. Wright's, riding over the road to and from Melrose on his swift, strong mustang pony.

At the next meeting of the Tadmuck club, Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30, Miss Grace Whittemore of Tyngsborough will speak on "Physical culture." It is expected that for the availability of piano for the dumbbell and Indian club drill the meeting will be held in the Congregational church vestry. Notice will be given Sunday.

Robert S. Young has gone to Arlington, where he expects to spend the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Hildreth, who has been spending the summer with her cousin, Miss Ella Hildreth, has returned to her home in New York.

Graniteville.
The devotion of the Holy Rosary were held at St. Catherine's church on Wednesday evening and were largely attended.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held a chicken-pie supper in the church vestry on Thursday evening that proved to be a great success. A pleasing entertainment followed the supper and the whole affair was very enjoyable.

Alvin Nutting, a former resident here, but now located in Rutland, Vt., has been a recent visitor here.

William R. Johnson, a former Graniteville boy, and considered the best baseball pitcher in this vicinity a few years ago, has now a lucrative position with a well-known worsted firm in Camden, N. J., and made a brief business trip to this village this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Harrington visited friends in Leominster recently.

Death.
Mrs. Jerusha Blood, widow of the late Gilman Blood, died at the home of Mrs. L. A. Blood in this village on Friday morning, October 15, aged 87 years, 8 months and 6 days. She was born in the south part of Westford. Her married life was spent in Groton. At her husband's death, eighteen years ago, she came to reside with Mrs. L. A. Blood. In February, 1907, she suffered a slight paralytic stroke, and gradually failed until death relieved her. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Mary Ann Kitchen of North Billerica, aged ninety-five; Mrs. Hannah Bowers of Dover, N. H., aged eighty-five; and Mrs. Martha Hayward of Chicago, aged eighty-two years. The funeral

took place from the home of Mrs. L. A. Blood in this village, on Sunday afternoon, and was well attended. The services were held at the house and were conducted by Rev. S. H. Armand of the M. E. church. There was singing by Mrs. Armand, who gave "It is well with my soul" and "Some sweet morn," in a very effective manner. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

The bearers were Fred Worthen, Mr. Russell, H. E. Gould and Edwin H. Gould. Burial was in the family lot in Groton, Rev. S. H. Armand conducting the committal services at the grave. Undertaker Rockwood of Groton had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Forge.
Loyal Self-Help lodge, No. 7026, I. O. O. F., M. U., will hold their eighteenth annual ball in Abbot's hall, Forge Village, Wednesday evening, November 3. Music by Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell.

John Cavanaugh, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cavanaugh, has been seriously ill with diphtheria at his home on Pleasant street, but at time of writing is rather better, and there is hope for his recovery.

Miss Nora McDonald of Bradford street is also sick with diphtheria.

Mrs. James Wilson is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

William C. Walter and Miss Edith Precious were hastily summoned to Lawrence by illness of their father, William Precious, Wednesday evening, but they were glad to find him much better when they reached him.

The choir of St. Andrew's mission will be the guests of St. Andrew's choir, Ayer, Saturday evening, October 30th.

The members of the choir are making preparations to hold an experience party in the near future. Several members of the parish will assist. Myles Collins will serve a lobster salad supper at his home, Saturday evening, which will be followed by a clam bake, prepared by William Weaver at his home, Pond street. The proceeds will be for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Prescott of Cliftondale were week-end guests of his father, E. H. Prescott.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Mrs. E. K. Adams has been stopping with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Smith of Stow.

The annual fair of the ladies' circle of the Unitarian society will be held next Friday, October 29, afternoon and evening, with a supper and the many attractions at such a time always on hand.

Rev. W. C. Brown will speak before the guild on "Religion and socialism."

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hosmer with their little boy, spent Sunday in Berlin with her sister and family.

Mrs. Hattie Whitcomb of Somerville is here at her son's, N. H. Whitcomb, for a few days.

In the Unitarian church last Sunday morning, Professor Chisholm of the Tuskegee Institute, Ala., spoke very interestingly of the work done there. There are now ninety-six up-to-date well equipped buildings, the work on them all being done by the students, and every one receiving a diploma is master of some trade, and of over six thousand students that have been enrolled there, all have become people of education, intelligence and self-supporting.

Mrs. Favor's grandmother, Mrs. Smith of Leicester, was with her last week.

Mrs. Pickard's daughter, Miss Mabel of Boston, was with her last Sunday.

Miss Abbie McNiff went back to her school last Monday.

Reciprocity day of the Woman's club will take place next Monday in the Unitarian vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patch were among the guests at the Masons' banquet last Monday.

Miss Mildred Flagg began this week to attend the Concord high school.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Phenix Baker has purchased of James Hills the farm known as the Greenwood farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Keniston of Lovell, Me., moved to C. J. Bell's last week to take charge of his milk house. Mr. Douglas Volk, the celebrated artist, is to come to Hollis to board for a short time with Mrs. J. B. Spaulding to complete a picture of the five Keniston children, which was commenced in Lovell.

The marriage of Miss Celia Baxter of Nashua to M. Cary Wolbridge of Milford is announced. Miss Baxter was a Hollis girl, graduating from the Hollis high school with the class of '99, with eight others, every one of whom are now married.

Hollis Woman's club met Wednesday evening with Mrs. A. C. Colburn. The evening was observed as a Halloween social, with a paper on Halloween in customs, some of which were practised.

About Town.

Mrs. H. B. Stephens of Greenville, Conn., has been boarding at Grand View farm.

George A. Field and wife of Newton Center, Mass., returned home on Friday, after several weeks spent with Mrs. N. M. Shedd.

W. W. Mason and wife of Melrose Highlands, Mass., Mrs. C. W. Young and Mrs. F. F. Lamson of Newton, visited at T. B. Mason's, on Thursday.

Marcus Gates of Nashua visited his aunt, Mrs. J. E. Wood, over Sunday.

Arthur Gilman and wife left town for Brooklyn, N. Y., on Wednesday, after spending the summer here.

Miss Agnes F. Tenney visited her friend, Miss Lulu Sargent of Nashua, last week.

Thomas H. Robson of Charlestown returned home on Saturday afternoon, after spending two weeks at Maple Crest.

T. A. Greenleaf and wife are away on a two weeks' vacation visiting numerous places, including Boston and Portland.

Edward W. Carter of Roxbury has been spending three weeks in town.

Mrs. William E. Hardy and children, Ralph and Anna of Arlington, are visiting Mrs. Hardy's mother, Mrs. R. E. Tenney.

Mrs. J. E. Wood and Miss Edith Mason visited Miss Nellie J. Wood of Groton on Sunday.

Mrs. Evangeline Muzzev was in Boston Wednesday, attending the food fair.

At the regular grange meeting on Tuesday evening, Deputy Kimball of Greenville was present and the fourth degree was exemplified for him.

Harvest supper was enjoyed and the following program given: Reading, Mrs. Inez Strong; essay, Miss Bertha M. Hayden; song, Miss Belle I. Gilman; question, "What would the world be without the kicker?" piano solo, Mrs. Florence C. Ladd.

Auctions.

John A. Pinigan, auctioneer, will sell on Tuesday, October 26, at ten o'clock a. m., a lot of horses, wagons, buggies, carriages, harnesses and stable supplies, belonging to J. L. and H. D. Hodgdon, stable keepers and carriage dealers, Depot Square, Bedford.

There will be a trustees' sale by auction of the entire household goods, tools, wagons, harnesses, and everything about the place, belonging to the estate of the late Captain Charles H. Ranlett of Billerica, on Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30, and Monday, November 1, beginning each day at nine o'clock a. m. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell on Monday, November 8, at one p. m., the poultry, hogs, engines, incubators, brooders, bone and meat cutters, and in fact, everything belonging to a well-equipped poultry plant; also quite a variety of household goods, the property of A. M. Munro, proprietor of the well-known Medfield hennery.

Webster's New International Dictionary.

The G. & C. Merriam Company of Springfield, Mass., have just issued Webster's New International Dictionary, based on the international of 1890 and 1900. The revision has been so radical and complete as to constitute a new book. The work has been in active preparation for many years by a large staff of experts, assisted by the contributions of eminent specialists, under the general supervision of Dr. W. T. Harris, recent U. S. Commissioner of Education. The number of words and phrases defined has been greatly increased, mainly from the fresh coinage of recent years both in popular speech and in the various arts and sciences. The revival of early English studies is recognized by such an inclusion of obsolete words as to give a key to English literature from its earliest period. The title-words in the vocabulary are more than doubled in comparison with the old international, now exceeding 400,000. The number of illustrations is increased to over 6000. The book contains more than 2700 pages. But the publishers desire to emphasize the quality of the work, calling attention especially to the thorough scholarship in all departments and the fullness of information under important titles. By ingenious methods of topography and arrangement, the increased amount of matter is contained within a single volume, perceptibly larger than its predecessor, and no less convenient for the hand and eye.

Year Book of the New England Farmer.

The publishers of the New England Farmer, Brattleboro, Vt., are publishing a valuable book for farmers under the above title. This work will contain: A Farmer's Almanac; Daily Memorandum and Cash Book; Directory of Agricultural Organizations; Fish and Game Laws; Milk Standards and other Dairy Laws and Regulations; Dog Laws; Lists of Fairs; Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations; Herd Book Associations; Weather Forecasts; Gestation Tables; Common Laws of Wills, Deeds, Contracts, Estimating Tables; Weights and Measures; Interest Tables; Breeding Tables and much other information valuable to farmers and others. This will be a book which every farmer in New England should own. The price is fifty cents per copy, prepaid. If taken in connection with the New England Farmer the price will be 1.25 for both. Orders sent to the publishers, Livery & Co., Brattleboro, Vt., will receive prompt attention.

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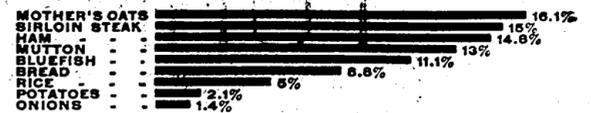


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TOWNSEND.

Center.

There will be an extra meeting of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona Grange No. 3, at the Townsend Free church, Wednesday, October 27. It is to be a rally day. There will be a business meeting from 10.30 to 11.30, after which the meeting will open to the public and all will be welcomed who wish to attend. Everyone is requested to bring a box lunch and hot coffee will be served at noon. An excellent literary program has been prepared for the afternoon, consisting of several papers to be read, speaking, singing, etc., and a social time will be enjoyed. Places to put up teams will be supplied.

A hand car operated by a gasoline motor engine was observed passing through here for the first time Wednesday. There were three men besides the road master upon it. It went along much more easily than when under hand operation.

A little daughter was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ballou, Sunday, October 17.

Miss Lillian Hildreth, who has been temporarily in charge of the postoffice at Harvard, has been assigned by the Civil Service Commission, to duty in the Waltham postoffice.

Word was received that a little son was born October 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Piper of Spencer. Mr. Piper will be remembered here as being at one time one of the fastest sprinters on the T. A. A. baseball team.

Cards were received in town this week announcing the wedding of Dr. George Clarence Parker and Ethel May Graham, which occurred at the bride's home at Stoneham, Thursday, October 14. Miss Graham is a niece of Mrs. Luella Jennerson's, and often used to visit relatives in town.

Deaths.

Mrs. Samuel Gillis died at her home, Thursday morning, October 14, after a lingering illness, aged 58 years, 11 months and 2 days. She had been in feeble health for some years, and then until the last year improved so that she was able to do her household work. During the last year of her life she has steadily failed until the last. Mrs. Gillis was a home body and was very fond of working in the garden and among her flowers, of which she had many. She leaves a husband and one daughter by a former marriage, who will mourn her loss as wife and mother. The funeral was held at her late home last Saturday, October 16, Rev. V. H. Wachs officiating. Mrs. V. H. Wachs sang a selection. Members of the Townsend grange, P. of H., of which she was a member, were present at the funeral. The burial was in the family lot.

Miss Alice E. Smith died Wednesday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith on Bow street, aged 33 years, 8 months, 15 days. Miss Smith has been ill since last April, when she was taken to a Boston hospital and later brought to her home here for treatment. She has been a patient sufferer from neuritis and complications. The funeral will be held at her late home, Saturday afternoon, at 2.30.

Wedding.

The following clipping, taken from a Providence paper of October 7, will be of interest to many:

Charles Robert Lang of Attleboro and Miss Helen May Wilbur of Broad street, this city, were married at the Church of Emanuel, at Chestnut and Clifford streets, at seven o'clock last evening. Rev. T. J. Keith, pastor of the church, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by Rev. William Raymond of North Attleboro.

The bride's gown was of white silk with French embroidery, and she carried a shower bouquet of white bride roses. The maid of honor, Miss Grace Wilbur, the bride's sister, wore white embroidered mulle and carried a bouquet of daybreak pinks. The bridesmaids, Miss Gertrude Wright, Miss Jennie Walsh, Miss Ruth Mellor and Miss Annie Warner, carried yellow chrysanthemums. The flower girl, Miss Ruth Wilbur, a sister of the bride, was dressed in pink silk and carried a basket of white roses. The music comprised the "Bridal chorus" from "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's "Wedding march," played by Miss Rebecca K. Greene, organist at the church. Roy Wright of Townsend, Mass., was best man, and the ushers were Fred O. Wilbur and Leonard Wilbur, brothers of the bride, and Fred Ashmon and William Wharton.

Guests were present at the wedding from Georgia and from Boston, Newport, New Haven and neighboring cities and towns. Mr. and Mrs. Lang will be at home Wednesdays in November, at their home, 19 Fourth street, Attleboro.

Entered by Burglars.

While Mrs. Angie Lang was visiting at Attleboro recently, the house of Mr. and Mrs. Estes, where she was staying, was entered by burglars carrying dark lanterns. They entered by a sink room window, passing through the dining room and the room occupied by Mrs. Lang. Mrs. Lang, who was awake, spoke and arose and lit a lamp, and the burglars hearing her, rushed out hitting against furniture as they made their escape. Mrs. Lang informed the rest of the family, but nothing was taken, although there was quite a sum of money in the house. Roy Wright of this town was also staying there, but his room was unnoted.

Slashed.

William J. Miner of West Townsend, who works in Fitchburg, was stabbed in the face, Thursday night, last week by a man named Kalle Neimi. He was slashed with a knife, the wound extending across the forehead and down the right side of the face, nearly to the point of the jaw. In addition to this cut the trouser of the right leg was ripped open for about a dozen inches, and two holes were punctured in his coat. His brother, Fred Miner, who went to his assistance, received a seven-inch gash on the left breast, which just touched the skin, ripping through the coat, vest and two shirts. In addition to this gash another one about three inches long was found in the back of his coat on the lower left side, which would have proven very

serious if it reached the spot aimed at.

The stabbing and subsequent arrest took place up near the upper common about eight o'clock in the evening and attracted a large crowd of people, who assisted the officers in their search and investigation. According to the stories told to the department by the Miner brothers they had been in the saloon at 403-405 Main street, and as they reached the sidewalk, they were accosted by Neimi and two companions, who, without warning, started in to carve them up. It is alleged that the Miners and some Finnish people had an argument in the saloon.

Fred Miner sprang to his brother's assistance and was met with a wicked jab from a knife, which ripped open his coat for seven inches. This jab was enough for him, and thinking discretion was the better part of valor he turned and ran towards the pool room with the angry knife wielder in pursuit. As he ran the knife caught him in the small of the back, but didn't reach the skin. By this time a crowd had gathered and the man with the knife ran off and was afterwards arrested.

William Miner was turned over to Dr. D. S. Woodward, who dressed his wounds and had to have twelve stitches taken in the wound in the face, which was a deep and ugly one.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe enjoyed part of last week at Mont Vernon and Temple.

Services will not be held at the Congregational church, Sunday, October 24. The pastor, Rev. Warren L. Noyes, preaching at Hartland, Vt., a former pastorate.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes attended the meeting of the American Missionary association at Burlington, Vt., this week.

Mrs. Emma Gray of Nashua was a guest at the Sawtelle homestead last Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Brown conducted the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting last Sunday evening.

Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker and daughters have been at Inncroft and have entertained Dr. and Mrs. Frank Dearborn and Miss Katherine Dearborn of Nashua, Arthur Carter and Frank Bennett of Pepperell.

About forty enjoyed the conversation social at the Congregational vestry last Friday evening and light refreshments were served.

Five theological students from Boston university are to conduct union meetings at the Congregational and Methodist churches, November 19 and 20, and assist at the services of both churches, Sunday, November 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sweet, Mrs. Sarah Corey, Mrs. Belle C. Hall, Miss Jessie Corey, Miss Blanche Hall and Walter Corey enjoyed Thursday, October 14, at Boston, attending the food fair.

Alpha A. Hall is exhibiting some handsome Delaware potatoes that weigh two and one-half pounds apiece, twenty-five making a bushel.

Mrs. Mary Abbott of Stanstead Plain, Canada, is a guest at the Seaver homestead.

The Loyal Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, Wednesday afternoon, October 27.

Little Miss Velma L. Taylor, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Taylor, celebrated her sixth birthday, Thursday, October 14, by entertaining eighteen of her little playmates. The afternoon was a happy one and enjoyed by all. Ice cream and cake were served. The little hostess was remembered with many gifts.

Elizabeth Wilkins, Katherine and Ruth Lancy are ill with diphtheria. The board of health have closed the South primary school and requested the parents to keep their children at home.

Freeman Wright has a fine display of farm products to exhibit at Peterboro next week at the annual exhibit of the Horticultural society.

The fiftieth anniversary of the Methodist Episcopal church will be observed, Wednesday, November 10. The exercises will be at the Methodist church in the afternoon and evening, and the banquet at Tarbell's hall. Banquet committee: Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye, Mr. and Mrs. David Fessenden, Mrs. Ellen Sweet, Mrs. George Betterley, Morton Campbell, Miss Mabel Popple.

A delightful musicale was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe, Tuesday evening, by L. R. Renaud of Boston and local talent. Light refreshments were served. The proceeds are to help defray the expense of renovating the church organ.

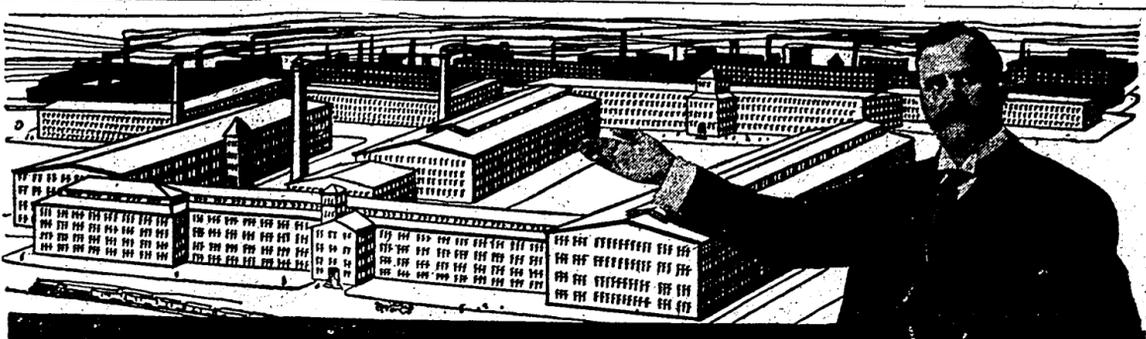
Mrs. Emma Valedge is to fill the position of organist at the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence are at Hillcrest for a short stay before commencing their professional tour for the winter.

Wednesday evening, October 27, is sister's night at the local grange.

Delightfully Entertained.

The members of the Sunbonnet club were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Emma Valedge, Friday, October 15. Dinner was served in the barn, which was very attractive with its decoration of autumn leaves and flags. The table was daintily set and the menu a tempting one, each member contributing to the bill of fare. The hostess, gowned as an English lady in waiting, gracefully welcomed all. Aunt Dinah delighted us when she appeared with her basket filled with crisp popped corn and her face wreathed in smiles. The Colonial dames kept all busy hunting for their court plaster patches, but repaid in sweetness when they passed their snuff boxes filled with old-time confections. The red cross nurse was solicitous of the health of all and helped to make "lasting impressions." Mrs. Bertha Brown gave an excellent essay on the origin and work of the red cross. Mesdames Clara Russell, Della Hill and Hattie Pierce gave readings; Miss Alice Parker an old-time recitation, with wonderful rapidity. Mrs. Emma Valedge sang a quaint Chinese solo, and Mrs. Grace Dodge referred to the Sunbonnets in sweet notes, and Mrs. Ella Tucker told the story of the



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Vahey and Foss stand for **TARIFF REFORM** which will increase the commerce of Massachusetts and the nation; reform which will protect the rights of the East without offending the West; reform which will start the shops and factories of this state humming; reform which will not be throttled by the Republican Machine; reform which will reduce the cost of living and result in real benefit to the working man and his family.

Mr. Foss knows from practical experience of nearly 30 years, as a manufacturer and an employer of labor, the baneful effects of high tariff on New England exports and imports. Mr. Foss will fight for tariff reduction that will mean a full dinner pail for the working man, more comforts in his home and better clothing and shoes for his wife and children.

Vahey and Foss believe in CANADIAN RECIPROCITY which will give us such raw materials as lumber, coal, iron and wood pulp at lower prices; reciprocity which will increase our own food supply and make it possible for American operatives to remain in their own home towns without struggling to make both ends meet; reciprocity which shall say, "Live and let Live" to Canada and augment friendly relations with our Canadian neighbors.

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Mr. Voter, Speak out with your ballot. Give no aid, either directly with your vote or by your silence, to the misguided and unjust administration of the Lodge-Draper machine. Get out from under despotism and corruption by voting for the platform of Integrity and Progress.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of William A. Beckford, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by William S. Beckford, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the first day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

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

314 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Patrick Desmond, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Warren H. Fairbank, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the second day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Herald, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, WILLIAM T. FORBES, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this sixth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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Saturday, October 23, 1909.

GROTON.

News Items.

William A. French of Westbrook, Me., joining his wife and infant son, is with them visiting Mrs. Shelby Sawyer. They went the latter part of this week to visit Mrs. French's brother, Ernest L. Sawyer, at Winchendon, after which they will go to Rindge, N. H., where there will be a family reunion of Mr. French's relatives.

Rev. Henry A. Cornell will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church, Sunday, October 24.

Mrs. Mosely Gilson is visiting Mrs. A. W. Hart, at Newport, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood of Lunenburg spent last Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rockwood.

Miss Nellie M. Fitch of Malden, coming last Saturday, has been a guest this week of Mrs. Hemenway.

Guy Swallow and Lewis Woods went to a husking party at the old Swallow homestead, in Dunstable, last Saturday night. The boys got back the next day, reporting a good time with about fifty at the husking.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Millard F. Smith and Mrs. Raymond, Mr. Smith's sister, have been ill with colds and bowels trouble, which has been quite prevalent.

Frank B. Patterson is the newly-appointed janitor at the Unitarian church.

Two extremes in styles of conveyances met at Z. Eitch's mill one day last week, when an auto from Nashua, bringing its passengers for a drink of sweet cider, met there some boys bringing apples in a handcart, to be exchanged for the sweet juice.

Last Saturday afternoon Groton school was defeated in the game with Harvard-Fresh played in Groton; score 9 to 0, in favor of Harvard. The same afternoon Lawrence academy won in a game with Marlborough team, played here on Shumway field; score, 28 to 0.

Mrs. Lucas, a professional nurse of Waltham, was a guest this week of her niece, Mrs. George Hodgman.

Clarence J. Hemenway has given up his position as baggage master at Groton station and started in Wednesday as brakeman, and Michael Denahy, son of Jeremiah Denahy, takes Clarence Hemenway's place as baggage master.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Woods went Tuesday to Reading to spend the day with their friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Day Totten.

The Groton friends of Mrs. Voorhies and her daughter, Mrs. J. Atherton Richards, were pained to hear of the latter's illness from typhoid fever at a hospital in New York.

Miss Susie H. Shattuck had a bad fall Monday, which shook her up, bruising and laming her severely, although the doctor found no bones broken or other injury.

A dramatic entertainment and dance will be given by Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U. in Squannacook hall, West Groton, Thursday evening, October 28, commencing at eight o'clock.

On Sunday Thomas Brennan fell, breaking a rib, which punctured his lung, and he is in a serious condition. His family cannot account for the accident, as the apples had been gathered and there was no occasion for the use of a ladder to their knowledge.

Groton High school, Fernald captain, played the first Monadnocks of Groton School, Wednesday afternoon. Score, 5-0 in favor of Monadnocks.

Groton School won a victory over Lowell Textile, Wednesday afternoon. Score, 22-11.

Next week Tuesday night will be neighbors' night with Groton grange. The Littleton grange will be the neighboring visitors.

Arthur H. Mason attended the Y. M. C. A. banquet at Fitchburg, Thursday night.

Jeremiah F. Ryan returned to his parents' home from the Massachusetts General hospital, Tuesday night, improved in condition and able to be out on the streets, but has not yet resumed business.

Charles H. Torrey, carrier on route one, rural free delivery, has been off duty for over a week suffering from bowel trouble, which has been so widely prevalent in town as to amount to an epidemic. E. D. Howe is substituting for him.

Miss Mary L. Hutchins is another who is suffering from the epidemic, and being an invalid is much reduced in strength by the illness.

The Groton friends of James P. Rutledge, formerly telegraph operator at the station here, sympathize with him on the recent death of his father.

The funeral of Eleanor L. Ferden, the three-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ferden of West Groton, was held last Saturday afternoon, with interment in Groton cemetery.

Miss Lora Sherwin received friends Wednesday, that being her birthday anniversary.

The body of Mrs. Jerusha (Wiley), widow of Gilman Blood, was brought here for interment last Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Blood, who died in Graniteville, Friday, October 15, aged eighty-seven years, was united with the Groton Baptist church by letter, March 1, 1872, and resided in this town until some years after the death of her husband, but for the past had made her home in Graniteville. The burial was in the old cemetery by her husband's grave.

George S. Knapp of this town has a fine exhibit of apples at the fruit show in Boston, and he has taken fifty dollars in prizes.

The popular Dorothy Dix entertainment will be given in town hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church, on Thursday evening, October 28. Don't miss it.

The Groton brass band has in view a unique public entertainment, for which they have secured the town hall for Tuesday evening, November 4. More about it next week.

William P. Wharton has received back his fine new wheel, which was taken a few weeks ago while he had gone into the postoffice. Last week Wednesday it was sent to Mr. Wharton by American express from Boston. Whether the culprit just borrowed it to go to Boston or whether he stole it and through fright or a troubled conscience returned it to its owner, doesn't yet seem to be known.

The balloon from Fitchburg, Wednesday, came Groton way, and landed on Capt. M. P. Palmer's hill.

W. H. Bruce and Frank F. Waters are to have their houses wired for electric lighting.

NOTICE.—From November 1st, 1909, to April 1st, 1910, as has been our custom for a number of years, our store will be closed every evening except Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A. E. Lawrence & Son, Ayer, Mass.

W. R. C. Inspection.

The annual inspection of E. S. Clark, W. R. C., took place Tuesday afternoon, October 19. The inspector, Mrs. Hayward of South Framingham, has been department chaplain for several years, but this is her first visit in town. She spoke of the pleasure it gave her to come to Groton, and in her remarks complimented the corps on its work and the officers on their efficiency. A pleasant social hour followed the work, in which cocoa and sandwiches, a variety of cake unexcelled, and ice cream were served. There was an unusually good attendance of the members and every officer was present.

In connection with the work and preceding the luncheon was the installation of a new member, Mrs. Bessie A. Sherwin. There are now forty-six members in the corps.

Hospital Notes.

Dr. I. J. Wetherbee, a well-known dentist of this town, was taken to the Groton hospital last Saturday night, suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis. It was a critical case, and had not the operation been performed that same night, would doubtless have proved fatal, as the appendix was in a gangrenous condition.

Miss Bertha Marshall of Pepperell, a sister of Mrs. Sherwood, was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital Tuesday forenoon.

Mrs. Fred Gale, who underwent an operation some ten days ago, and also Mrs. Wagner, have returned to their homes from the hospital.

In the case of Mrs. Russell, mentioned last week in this column, the operation revealed that the case was hopeless. The intestinal obstruction was a gallstone as large as a small pullet egg, which had passed through the gall duct into the small intestine and was lodged there. There were perforations of the bowels and there was also other intestinal trouble.

Death.

Mrs. Josephine (Whiting), widow of the late Winslow Russell of Shirley, died here at the hospital of Dr. Kilbourn, Friday night, October 15, aged sixty-three years.

Mrs. Russell was a member of the Baptist church in Shirley, and with the delegates from that town attended the meeting of Wachusett association in West Townsend, October 5. On the following day she left home for a visit with relatives in Salem, where she was taken sick, rapidly growing worse. It was thought best, as an operation seemed inevitable, to have her removed to the hospital in Groton, and Dr. Kilbourn was summoned and the removal successfully made, arriving by auto Thursday night. On Friday forenoon an operation was performed, but the patient never rallied from the effects.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, at the house of C. H. Torrey. The bearers were from Shirley, and Rev. W. H. Desjardins, pastor of the deceased, officiated. Shirley friends were in attendance; also Mrs. Blanchard of Salem, at whose home Mrs. Russell was visiting when taken sick.

One son and wife and granddaughter, an only sister, Mrs. Simms of Haverhill, are the immediate relatives surviving. Mrs. Greenwood and Mrs. C. H. Torrey of this town are sisters-in-law. The burial was in Groton cemetery, where the husband and two children were laid.

Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parkhurst, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Parkhurst, went last week Tuesday for a visit to their oldest brother, Jacob Parkhurst of Dunstable, who has been a life-long resident, and on that day reached his nineteenth anniversary of his birth, in the old town. His relatives found him in his usual health able to enjoy their visit.

In the afternoon his son, Lyman V. Parkhurst, chairman of the board of selectmen, took the visitors for a drive about the town, viewing the many improvements made within recent years. Particularly striking is the new elegant town house—the Sarah R. S. Roby memorial—which is fitted up, heated and lighted in the modern and improved methods. This contains the library, reading room, etc. Then the large center schoolhouse, where all the children of the town attend is a recent innovation. They also visited the cemetery with its interesting and beautiful monuments. A number of houses of the city residents are very attractive. They found also in other particulars that their neighbor town of Dunstable is not a back number.

Conference.

The Congregational church gave cordial welcome, Wednesday, to the Middlesex union conference, composed of twenty-four churches. It was a grand meeting eminently successful in every particular. From the opening exercises at 9:30, in the morning, to the closing at 4:15, in the afternoon, there were no dull moments. Earnestness and deep interest and faithfulness were manifested in all the proceedings.

The praise service and solos were effective and pleasing, in the last

solo given, "The voice of Jesus," the singer was at her best and called out expressions of appreciation. Besides the regular speakers, a short time was given to Prof. Frank P. Chisholm of the Tuskegee institute, who urged its claims.

During all the eloquent addresses one heard not so much of Congregationalism as christianity, and through all there was no word derogatory or in criticism of other churches, but rather an urging on of the denomination to keep step in the front rank with those who work for the betterment of mankind. There were near 300 in attendance through the day and 263 guests at dinner.

The beautiful October day, with its mild but bracing air, added to the attraction of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was extended by the guests to the entertaining church, the moderator, the ladies who had provided the bountiful dinner, the officers, and the Boston and Maine for courtesy in holding trains, etc. The next association will meet with South Acton church, April 20, 1910.

Concert.

The concert for the benefit of the District Nurse association, on October 14, was well attended, although the entertainment committee were sorry that the musical people of Groton did not more fully appreciate a musician of Mr. Hadley's ability. Mr. Hadley is of national reputation as a cellist, and his name upon a program should have drawn a larger audience in an educational town in New England. Any comment here upon his art would be carrying coals to Newcastle, for his breadth of tone and masterly command of his instrument in every detail speak for themselves to those who heard him and to those who did not words would be idle.

Miss Wilbur contributed pleasantly to the evening, as did Mrs. Underhill and Mrs. Fletcher, and all three ladies deserve their heartiest thanks for so gracefully and acceptably filling the thankless position of "lesser lights." Mrs. Baker, the accompanist, merits especial mention for her really remarkable skill in supporting the soloists.

The committee take pleasure in announcing that the proceeds of the concert netted \$52.45 for the association.

LITTLETON.

Escaped and Capered.

One of Thacher & Ireland horses objected to being harnessed Wednesday, made his escape from the Ireland barn, and capered about to the disgust of his pursuers, jumped the fence behind the buildings and plunging into the muddy meadow below, was with the exception of his head soon lost to sight. The difficulties that followed were so great that the attempts to rescue the animal seemed all but useless. By the aid of another horse the runaway was finally drawn from his slimy bed, a sight to behold. He was content to follow meekly and obediently the commands of the master, and entered the querry a sadder but a wiser animal. It is feared that he may suffer considerably as a result of his wilful experience.

Well Represented.

This Orthodox church was represented at the Groton conference, Wednesday by fourteen persons. The delegates were pastor, Sunday School Superintendent, Miss Sanderson, Mrs. C. A. Kimball and Mrs. Frank Dodge. Among the speakers was Professor Frank P. Chisholm of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, who spoke so eloquently and entertainingly at the Unitarian church last Sunday. It was expected that Mr. Chisholm would occupy the Orthodox pulpit tomorrow, but the engagement has been cancelled. The enterprising young professor has collected quite a sum from liberal-minded citizens of Littleton for the aid of needy and worthy scholars in the institution that he represents.

News Items.

Clifford Shedd of Leominster and Miss Nellie Smith, daughter of James E. Smith of Littleton, will be married in Ayer by Rev. P. J. Shedy, Sunday evening, October 24. They will make their home for the present in Nashua, N. H., with Mr. Shedd's sister, Mrs. Hager.

Mrs. C. R. White will hold another of her popular assemblies in town hall, Saturday, from seven to eleven o'clock. Between seven and eight o'clock there will be an opportunity to learn new steps.

The Littleton Woman's club will observe Reciprocity day next Monday afternoon. The entertainment will consist of a literary and musical program, followed by a social and afternoon tea.

Regular Sunday morning services at all the churches at 10:45 o'clock. Guild meeting at the Unitarian vestry at seven p. m. Leader, Rev. W. C. Brown. Subject, "Religion and socialism."

C. E. subject for Sunday evening, "Why some men and women do not succeed in life." Leader at the Baptist church, Miss Augusta Smith, Leader at the Orthodox church, Rev. Paul G. Favor.

The annual fair of the Unitarian Sewing Circle will be given in the vestry, October 29, afternoon and evening.

P. Corning Edwards of Springfield was in town Monday.

Miss Nellie Houghton has been visiting Mrs. Josephine Kimball Woodbridge of Arlington and Mrs. Prouty of Somerville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Cleaves and daughter Lena and two cousins were the guests of Mrs. J. H. Kimball, Tuesday.

Mrs. Calvin Howard has been visiting her son in Concord, N. H. While there she saw Mrs. Mabel Mason Fickett, whom she reports as slowly improving. Mrs. Fickett sent pleasant greetings to her many Littleton friends.

Miss Florence Whitcomb entertained her Sunday school class and high school class friends at a jungle party, Friday evening.

Miss Mabel spent last Sunday with her mother at the J. T. Warren home on Foster street.

Mrs. Minna Tenney Peck is delivering lectures in New York and South Lancaster, Conn. Hon. Arthur Peck

The Newton Theological Seminary quartet gave an excellent concert at the Baptist vestry Wednesday night, under the auspices of the Lincoln class. One of their number gave readings of a highly entertaining character. Rev. H. B. Drew is one of the quartet. The Cynthian orchestra also contributed several much appreciated selections. Ice cream, cake and candy were sold. Net receipts amounted to about twenty dollars.

Rev. H. B. Drew entertained the young people of his parish last Saturday by taking them on a chestnut excursion. After gathering a good amount of nuts they returned to Superintendent Webber's, where their pastor furnished a steaming oyster stew. Later the children enjoyed games and a good time generally.

Miss Mildred Flagg entered Concord high school Monday.

The cattle at the United States quarantine have attracted much attention the past few weeks. Ten days ago there were 108 head in the barns. Many have since been shipped to their owners. Several carloads of sheep have been placed in quarantine this week.

Mrs. Frederick Newell, who has recently visited Madame Lucy Harwood for two weeks, returned to her home in Brewster, last Friday. Mrs. Newell holds Littleton and its people very dear and always anticipates with genuine delight, her occasional visits to the town where she and Mr. Newell were most hospitably received by the Unitarian society at the beginning of his pastorate many years ago.

Conductor John H. Kimball completes his vacation of two weeks today, and will return to his duties Monday.

Miss M. H. Kimball spent the first of the week in Ware, where she taught for ten years. While there she attended the wedding and reception of a former pupil, Miss Effie M. Spencer, a graduate of Wellesley, 1908. During Miss Kimball's absence Mrs. Austin T. Kimball filled her position in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conant of Shirley were Sunday guests of Littleton relatives.

Mrs. P. G. Favor entertained her grandmother, also her brother and his wife over Sunday.

Richard Conant of the Lowell Textile school was at home for Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Prouty returned to their homes in Littleton for Sunday.

Mrs. Leroy Jewett and little Ruth went to Lowell last week Friday. Mrs. Jewett was called there to care for her mother, both of whom had been sick in bed for several days.

Mrs. M. E. Somes passed away, Thursday afternoon after a long illness, caused by a complication of diseases. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock.

The lecture advertised by the grange for last week Thursday evening was postponed on account of the lecturer's illness. This is the second postponement that he has been obliged to make here. The first was occasioned by an injury received. Mr. Forbush will make a third attempt to give his stereopticon lecture sometime in December.

The grange observed neighbor's night, Wednesday evening. A very good number was present. Grangers from Harvard, Boxborough and Westford were in attendance. Charles L. Clay of Harvard gave a lecture on "A trip through the west." He exhibited specimens of plants and minerals collected from different sections. Much interest was manifested in his instructive address. The closing feature of the evening's entertainment was an oyster supper which was evidently enjoyed.

is also appearing on the New York lecture platform.

The first missionary meeting of the season was held at Mrs. Everett Kimball's, Wednesday afternoon. The study of the gospel in Latin land was taken up. Mrs. Kimball, Mrs. Webber, and Mrs. Godfrey were the speakers.

The Lincoln class held their regular business meeting at the Baptist parsonage Monday evening.

NOTICE.—From November 1st, 1909, to April 1st, 1910, as has been our custom for a number of years, our store will be closed every evening except Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A. E. Lawrence & Son, Ayer, Mass.

TOWNSEND.

Center. Several of our townspeople attended the annual banquet and public installation of the St. Paul lodge, A. F. and A. M., which was held at Ayer Monday afternoon. Dr. R. S. Ely of West Townsend was installed worshipful master. All reported a delightful entertainment.

The D. of V. will have a fair, supper and three-act comedy, "Miss Fearless & Co.," Friday afternoon and evening, October 29, at Memorial hall.

The diphtheria quarantine was lifted Thursday, there having been no new cases for two weeks. The library will be opened this Saturday, the churches will hold services Sunday and schools will begin again next Monday.

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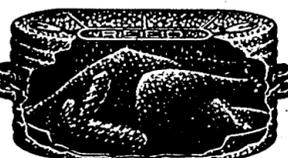
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AYER.

Wedding.

Wednesday noon, October 20, took place the marriage of Leonard Spaulding Bigelow and Miss Adah Belva Lyman, both of Ayer. The ceremony was performed in Danvers by Rev. Edward H. Brennan, late pastor of the Unitarian church in Ayer, at his home. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lyman. George Fillebrown of Ayer was best man and the bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Grace Boyce of Malone, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow are on their wedding trip through New York state, and on their return after Friday, November 5, will for a few days receive their friends at the home of the bride's parents. Many beautiful gifts have been received.

A Family Party.

Wednesday, October 13, 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Spaulding's beautiful home, situated on the shore of Flanigan's pond, amid a brilliant blaze of foliage, was handsomely decorated with all that nature provides, ready to receive the guests of Mrs. Spaulding, who kept coming all the forenoon, until at noon, a bountiful dinner was served to twelve. The afternoon was spent in renewing "Ye olden times." After having a group picture taken, the party departed for their homes in Fitchburg, Leominster, Ashby, Townsend and Whitman, declaring they had had "The time of their lives," and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding many years of happiness in their new home.

A. W. C. Meeting.

The program of the Ayer Woman's club was in charge of the Topics of the Day section, Mrs. Susan Barker, chairman, and consisted of a song, "A southern lullaby," by Mrs. Viell, Miss Etta Green, accompanist; "The admirals of the air," Mrs. Shattuck; mandolin duet, "College medley;" paper, "The Isles of Shoals," Mrs. Barker.

Mrs. Church and Mrs. Barker were elected delegates to the autumn meeting of the federation at Brockton, November 11.

Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly, president; Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Shattuck, Mrs. Sargent, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Whitney, Miss Madolin Whitney, Misses Clara and S. Adelaide Blood attended the lecture on "Household problems," by Mrs. Ellen Richards before the Altrurian club of Shirley, Thursday afternoon.

November 7, "The Dorothy Dix Hall" children of Boston will give a public evening entertainment.

The next board meeting will meet with the president, Mrs. Nina M. H. Beverly, Friday evening, October 29, at 7.30. Martha A. Mason, corresponding secretary.

Football.

The seventh and eighth grades beat the Freshmen's 25 to 0, Monday afternoon. The lineup of the seventh and eighth grades was: Paul McGuane, l.e., capt.; Leo Coughlin, c.; Maurice Alexander, q.b.; David Hubbard, l.h.b.; John Crowley, f.b.; George Reed, r.f.b.; Archie Maynard, l.g.; Ralph McGuane, r.g.; George Crowley, l.t.; Ralph Griffin, r.t.; Nelson Sherman, r.e.

The Ayer Hustlers played the Eleven Stars Thursday afternoon and defeated them by a score of 5 to 0. The lineup of the Hustlers was: Walter Sullivan, capt., q.b.; Jerome Ryan, r.g.; Edward Dwyer, r.e.; Walter Cullen, l.e.; Ralph McGuane, l.h.b.; Ben Emmet, f.b.; Edward McGuane, l.t.; George Crowley, r.h.b.; John Pender, r.t.; Joseph Pender, r.t.; Richard Hurley, l.g.

The Song Recital.

A very choice entertainment of a high order was enjoyed by those who were present at the song recital given Tuesday evening by Edwin N. C. Barnes in Page hall. Mr. Barnes is a fine singer, and in the dozen songs that he gave there was good opportunity for the display of his excellent ability. He was well supported by Master Joseph Gewitz, the violinist, whose selections were heartily endorsed, and by Miss Bernice E. Wright, the reader, who greatly pleased an audience that wanted to hear more from her than the encores she kindly gave. Mr. Barnes is to teach in Ayer this season. The young ladies who acted as ushers were Misses Agis Burns, Esther Stone, Hattie Hume, Edith Perry and Madolin Whitney.

News Items.

The parishioners and friends of Rev. J. W. Thomas gave him a genuine surprise on Monday evening, October 11, in the church vestry, it being the occasion of his birthday. He was remembered with many substantial tokens of the esteem of his people. After remarks by Deacon Washburn, a social hour was enjoyed and light refreshments were served by the ladies.

It is Ellis B. Harlow who has purchased the H. A. Stone place, corner of Holmes and High streets, of Mrs. Stone for a residence. The price paid is correctly reported as \$4000.

George J. Burns Hook and Ladder Company are arranging for their annual masque ball, which they are to hold in January. That this will be the event of the season their reputation as entertainers leaves little doubt in the minds of all.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bernard Connors moved Monday to Fitchburg. Mr. Connors is a machinist and holds a lucrative position with the Putnam Machine Co. of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bancroft of Woburn were the guests over Sunday of Judge and Mrs. Atwood. Mr. Bancroft was superintendent of the tannery when owned by the Alley Bros. and Griffin Place, and he left here about sixteen years ago, and has resided in Woburn ever since, employed in the making of leather.

Albert Hopkins, youngest son of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, is ill with infantile paralysis.

He has been a very sick child, has been visited by a specialist and is under the care of his trained nurse. He has no use of his lower limbs. This trouble among children seems not to be fully understood. It is making many mothers of little children anxious, and there are several cases in town. It is prevalent all over the country.

Married in this town at the Baptist parsonage, October 14, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Harry L. Johnson and Miss Ethel May Delong, both of Littleton.

The services in the Unitarian church on Sunday, October 24, will be conducted by Arthur Evans Wood of Harvard university. Hour of prayer, 10.45, to which all are cordially invited. Sunday school session at twelve.

Twenty-two members of the Congregational society attended the conference at Groton, Wednesday.

Miss Mary E. Riley, recently employed at the Public Spirit office, was in town Wednesday and Thursday. She has attended a linotype school in Boston since leaving here, and goes next week to Andover, where she has a position as operator of a linotype machine in the office of the Andover Townsman.

Sunday, October 24, will be observed as harvest day at the Baptist church. Harvest sermon at 10.45 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas. Sunday school at twelve. Harvest Sunday school concert at six in the evening.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell a lot of household furniture and personal property by auction, belonging to Mrs. Olive A. Hosley, near the poor farm, on Saturday, November 6, at one p. m.

Mr. Reynolds went to the Clinton hospital, Wednesday, to see his wife and Mrs. Reynolds expects to return Saturday, October 23.

E. A. Richardson has purchased of Mr. Taft the summer house known as "Shady cottage," on the left side of the road to the many summer cottages at Sandy pond. He is filling the low places about the cottage and is going to put Shady cottage in repair for next summer.

Fred W. Hosmer is putting on an addition to his bungalow at Sandy pond, a room 12x13, for a kitchen, which will make it more convenient for those who occupy it during the summer months.

Rev. L. E. Perry spoke on Sunday last in Concord Junction, giving an address on the Sagamore Beach summer institute held last July, which he attended, Rev. S. N. Adams of that church taking Mr. Perry's work here.

On Sunday morning, at 10.45, in the Congregational church the pastor, Rev. L. E. Perry, will take for the subject of the service "Inward peace and outward trials." At seven o'clock the subject of the service will be "The life of Abraham."

Vesta Rebekah lodge worked the degree on three candidates at their last regular meeting Wednesday evening.

Miss Mildred Newcomb, Edward Wilson and Fred Wilson, all of Fitchburg, were guests of Miss Edith C. Lyon over Sunday last.

The executive board of the Woman's club meets Friday evening, October 29, with Mrs. Nina Beverly.

In the report of the Unitarian fall last week the names of the following persons who helped were omitted: Misses Pauline Sherwin and Marion Proctor at the handkerchief booth; and Miss Avis Burns and Mrs. Edwin Evans, who had charge of a fancy table very tastefully decorated with autumn leaves.

There will not be services at the M. E. church, Sunday, October 24, but services will be resumed as usual, commencing Sunday, October 31.

Mrs. Cowles, who is at Eliot hospital, Commonwealth avenue, for treatment, after the surgical operation for gallstones, where she went October 4, is getting along nicely and sitting up.

An Epworth league has been organized in the M. E. church and the officers elected Wednesday evening, at a meeting at the home of S. J. Andrew are Philip R. Andrew, president; Mrs. A. D. Stroud, Miss Blanche Farrar, Miss Nina Durgin and Miss Claire Perry, vice-presidents; Miss Ethel Andrew, secretary; Mrs. George Cobb, treasurer; Miss Florence Watson, pianist.

At the meeting of the Unitarian parish Monday evening, it was voted to accept the resignation of Rev. Edwin Evans, to take effect not later than January 1, 1910.

In response to an invitation from the Altrurian Woman's club of Shirley to hear Mrs. Ellen H. Richards speak on "Household problems," the members of the Woman's club, who attended that meeting on Thursday were Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Nina Beverly, Misses Clara E. and S. Adelaide Blood, Mrs. Clara F. Hill, Mrs. A. M. Sargent, Mrs. Sarah G. Shattuck, Mrs. Nellie Whitney and Miss Madolin Whitney.

Miss Lizzie McCarran, who has been on a visit with her parents in Springfield, N. S., for the last four months, returned to town last Saturday, and a friend came with her from the same town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wilson and little boy of Manchester, N. H., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy N. Lawrence, coming last week Thursday. Mr. Wilson before going to Manchester was manager of the telephone headquarters here. Mr. Bissell, the present incumbent, taking the place of Mr. Wilson.

The socialist party was held on Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, in lower town hall, and twenty-one in all were present, and two of those were women. Rev. Edwin Evans introduced the speaker of the evening, James F. Carey, ex-representative of the state legislature. Mr. Carey belongs in Haverhill and is a self-made man. He is truly an orator, and it is seldom one listens to a more interesting and fluent speaker. Illness compelled to stop before his speech was ended.

The last meeting of the registrars of voters is held today, Saturday, in the selectmen's room, and registration will close at ten p. m.

H. A. Bixby, conductor of the Lawrence train from here, who resided on Third street, in Mrs. Woods' house, for some time past, has vacated the premises and stored his furniture, tak-

ing his meals at the Ayer Inn. W. A. Richardson, who has been summering at his house at Sandy pond, has moved into the Mrs. Woods' house, recently occupied by Mr. Bixby and his daughter's family.

George H. Brown returned last Monday from Eliot hospital, Commonwealth avenue, Boston, where he went three weeks ago last Thursday, to be operated upon for appendicitis. The operation was performed the next day, Friday, after he arrived there, and he was confined to the bed for two weeks. He is feeling nicely, and his many friends are glad to see him again at his store.

Wallace R. Small, employed in the garage of R. Murphy & Sons, met with a painful accident, Thursday morning, about eight o'clock, by having the large bone of the right forearm, near the wrist, broken, the bone almost protruding through the skin. It was done while cranking a 40-horse power Packard. It kicked the crank fly back, striking his arm with considerable force. It will be some time before he will be able to resume work. The broken bone was set by Drs. Cowles and Hopkins.

Mrs. Charles Brown, who has been spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Warren Brooks, Tomahawk, Wis., is going to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Flora Vermille, Ocean Park, Cal.

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice, October 18: H. P. Cummings Court; Miss Flora Cameron, Thomas F. Gately, R. Gildroy, Katherine G. Lyons, Patrick Ropes, F. H. Rugs, H. Ryder, Sully & Son, C. W. Young.

A Busy Place.

At the National Express Co.'s office here there are eleven men employed by the agent, Mr. Scripture, and with messengers, seventeen in all, three are employed at night and early morning.

During this month Eddie Morin went to his home in Leominster, and K. Q. Buddington, who was with the express company for five years, is working for the Boston and Maine as fireman, spare running, from Deerfield. The other new men are B. S. Forbes from Troy, N. Y.; Lester Goddard, Fitchburg; George Scott, Groton; and Theodore H. Clark, Ayer.

All connected with the express office are gentlemanly and courteous, which is very much appreciated by the many patrons of the National Express Co.

It is a busy place and the greatest rush is on arrival and departure of trains, at eight in the morning, between twelve and one, and six in the evening. A very large quantity of express matter is handled in transferring from train to train.

District Court.

John O'Donnell of Pepperell, charged with drunkenness, was in court October 15, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Daniel McKenna of Ayer, charged with disturbing the peace at Pepperell, October 9, was in court October 18, was tried and found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Thomas W. Cogan of Ayer, charged with the larceny of a watch at Ayer, April 16, was in court April 20, case continued to October 20, on trial he was found guilty and ordered to pay in court eight dollars in restitution of amount received for watch, and a further fine of twenty dollars.

Napoleon Richards of Townsend, drunkenness at Ayer, October 19, was in court October 20, tried, found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Installed.

The newly elected officers of Bancroft Royal Arch Chapter were installed Tuesday evening by excellent companion, Charles F. Johnson of Littleton as follows:

John F. Lentz, high priest; E. O. Proctor, king; H. H. Proctor, scribe; G. G. Osgood, treasurer; E. H. Bigelow, secretary; S. N. Lougee of Harvard, chap.; W. E. Murphy, capt. of host; C. F. Johnson, royal arch captain; A. F. Fillebrown, prin. journeyman; A. F. Woodbury, master 3d veil; J. W. Brown, master 2d veil; H. S. Turner, master 1st veil; L. Cushing, sen. steward; J. W. Hutchingson of Littleton, jr. steward; O. K. Pierce, tyler.

Quite a number of companions were present and a banquet was served in the banquet hall by E. H. Bigelow, caterer.

Plouffe Held.

Wednesday, October 20, both the prisoners, Plouffe and Lapointe, were brought before the grand jury at Worcester, charged with the murder of Dr. H. N. Stone, September 13, and who were arrested, Saturday, September 18.

It was found that there was no bill against Lapointe, and he was discharged. The evidence given was sufficient to find a bill against Plouffe of murder in the first degree, and he was remanded to jail at Worcester, to await trial.

It was given out at the examination, Wednesday, that Dr. Stone's wallet was found by Officer A. Fillebrown, September 23, over the door behind the horses, in the Davis barn, occupied by Plouffe, in which there were several notes against different parties to the amount of a number of thousand dollars.

Before the murder Dr. Stone had shown Charles H. Stone the wallet containing the notes and money, and which Mr. Stone described at the hearing at Clinton before the wallet was found.

Prof. Whitney reports that he found human blood on the rope found in the carriage room, and which was tied about the box of apples, on the whip and on the three stones that were found near the body of Dr. Stone, and blood on the box which Plouffe identified as the box Dr. Stone had the apples in.

Howard, the nine-year-old boy of the late C. B. Davis, recognized the whip as that which Plouffe had.

Moving Picture Feature.

"A dash to death" is the title of the special feature picture to be shown at Page hall, in addition to the regular program, on Saturday evening, and it is a film that stands by itself as one of the greatest achievements in moving picture realism. The story of the film itself is a wonderfully interesting one, but the climax, in which a high touring car dashes over a cliff 300 feet high, with a renegade Italian nobleman as its driver, turning over and over, striking a projecting ledge half way down, when the boiler explodes,

and lands at the bottom, an unrecognizable mass of smoking wood, iron and rubber, provides an example of realism never before attempted in motion photography. The climax of the film actually defies description and it must be seen in order to be appreciated. An opportunity to witness this superb film, with its sensational feature, will be afforded Biograph patrons Saturday night.

The story deals with the unhappy marriage of an American heiress to an Italian nobleman, who is obliged by her parents to renounce her love for a young American to whom she is engaged. The honeymoon is scarcely over before the Italian duke shows his true character and commences to abuse his wife. The daughter cables a story of his outrageous conduct to her father, who, in his distraction, turns for aid to the discarded suitor. The latter at once starts for Italy, and upon his arrival finds the so-called nobleman in the act of striking his former sweetheart.

A terrible fight ensues in which the Italian is worsted, and attempts to stab his rival and then flees in his big touring car, the American jumping in his machine and giving chase. For miles and miles the race follows over hills and dangerous roads, until, just as he is to be overtaken, the Italian loses control of his machine, and dashes headlong over a 300-foot cliff, machine and all, being buried in under the wreck of his car at the foot, after a most sensational descent. The Pallid Italy, but that doesn't detract any from the realism of the picture, in which a \$3000 automobile is completely wrecked in order to get the desired effect.

The illustrated songs will be, "Dream of me and I'll dream of you," "Sweetheart," and "You're a stinky thing." Both these songs have beautifully colored slides and are very popular.

A complete change of program next Wednesday night with a feature film that the management have secured that is of unusual merit, and that has created more or less of a sensation upon its appearance in the realm of motion photography.

New Feature.

In connection with the moving picture entertainment to be given next Wednesday evening in Page hall, there will be introduced a novel attraction. At the conclusion of the second picture there will be shown on the curtain the picture of one of our town citizens as seen in every day life, with head obscure. This picture will remain on the canvas for three minutes, giving the audience ample time to make up their minds who it might be. The person guessing the correct answer will have the privilege of purchasing from one of our town merchants, merchandise to the value of \$1.50, to be paid by the management. If there are no correct solutions to the picture it will again be shown the following Wednesday evening. Guesses will be only allowed those purchasing twenty cent tickets and slips will be furnished to record the guesses. This not only furnishes interest to the audience but tests your observing qualities. The first correct answer received at the close of the program will be announced in this paper next Friday night.

NOTICE.—From November 1st, 1909, to April 1st, 1910, as has been our custom for a number of years, our store will be closed every evening except Saturday evening at 6.30 o'clock. Saturday evening at nine o'clock. A. E. Lawrence & Son, Ayer, Mass.

To the Editor:

Sir: I saw in your October issue that Charles Mahan was made ill by partaking of food in which poisonous ptomaine was contained. It is certainly appalling to learn how rapidly ptomaine poisoning cases have increased since the enforcement of the Pure Food Law. There have been in the United States since the enforcement of this law, 562 cases of ptomaine poisoning, 562 of which were fatal. Prior to the enactment of the Pure Food Law borax and boron compounds were used on meat, fish, fowl, oysters, etc., consequently such food, which rapidly becomes contaminated, was kept in a hygienic, healthful condition.

The Pure Food Law compels truthful labels on all articles, packages or containers of food. A truthful label, however, upon meat, fish, fowl, oysters, etc., will do no good, when the food is so spoiled, so that conditions are favorable for the propagation of poisonous germs. Thus, while the Pure Food Law compels truthful labels, it does not, on account of prohibiting preservatives, insure that food will be kept in a pure, healthful condition; neither does it prevent perishable articles of food from deteriorating, when in the consumer's hands, to become a menace to health and life.

The authorities should realize the above facts and amend the laws so as to permit the use of such non-injurious preservatives on all articles of food that favor the propagation of poisonous germs. Yours very truly,

H. J. HARRIS.

New York, Oct. 18, 1909.

Chipping.

Hon. John H. Cole, Speaker of the House in 1906, in which Mr. Bennett served, has the following to say in his paper, the Andover Townsman, of Friday, October 15, 1909:

"It is good to say a word or two of the new man who is from the House to the Senate. One of them comes from the Cushing district, and he is a string district, so-called, running from Saugus clear up to Lowell. Frank P. Bennett, Jr., has won the contest, as he well deserves to, and he is bound to be a stronger man in the Senate than he was in the House. In the writer's experience of six years in the House, the men who surpassed Mr. Bennett as debaters and clear thinkers would not number a half dozen, and he is bound to take a commanding place in the Senate."

SHIRLEY.

Deaths.

Mrs. Elizabeth Howard Pohlman, aged seventy-two years, passed away at the Cushing hospital, Brookline, October 12, following an operation for cancer.

Mrs. Pohlman has been sick for the past six months, and while the nature of her sickness was a serious one, her death came unexpected. She was born in Edwardsville, N. Y., and for the past three years has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Henry O. Dow of Shirley, her husband dying over twenty years ago.

Mrs. Pohlman was the mother of six children and is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Clark Dunn of Ogdensburg, N. Y.; Mrs. Carl Partridge of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. A. C. Redden of Mills; and Mrs. Henry O. Dow of this town; and two brothers, J. A. Ames, of Gouverneur, N. Y., and C. W. Haggart of Fargo, N. D.

Mrs. Pohlman was a member of Sedgwick relief corps of Spokane, Wash., and was also a member of Christ Episcopal church of Morris-town, N. Y.

Funeral services were held in Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Mrs. Josie A. Russell passed away at Dr. Kilbourn's private hospital, Groton, Friday evening, October 15.

Mrs. Russell left Shirley October 6, to visit relatives in Salem apparently in her usual good health, and while enjoying this visit was suddenly stricken with sickness, which was diagnosed by her physician as gall stones, from which she has suffered more or less for the past three years. An operation was advised immediately in order to save her life, and she entered the hospital Wednesday, October 13, and was operated upon the following Friday morning.

Dr. Kilbourn, assisted by Dr. Priest and Dr. Lilly, performed the operation.

Mrs. Russell survived the operation and fully recovered from the effects of the ether, and it was thought by the physicians that her chances were fairly good. Her son, William F., was with her during the day, and thinking that her mother was as well as could be expected, left the hospital shortly after five o'clock. On reaching his home a telephone message informed him that his mother was fast sinking, and immediately returned to the hospital to learn that his mother had passed away at 6.30.

Mrs. Russell was the widow of Winslow Russell, who died in Shirley eleven years ago. She was sixty-three years of age last March and was born in Mason, N. H., and has been a resident of Shirley thirty-five years, and for many years has resided in her own cottage on Munson avenue.

Mrs. Russell was a mother in every sense of the word and her noble, kindly life will always stand as a monument to her character. She was loved by all whose privilege it was to know her. A cloud of gloom was cast over the town when the sad news became known.

Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at the home of her sister-in-law in Groton, Mrs. Charles Torrey. Rev. W. H. Desjardins, pastor of the Baptist church, where the deceased was a member, officiated, and paid a glowing tribute to her life.

Burial was in the family lot, Groton cemetery, the pall bearers being H. F. Burrage, C. A. Ford, J. M. Stevenson, Walter Knowles. Among the many rich floral tributes was a handsome wreath from the employees in the leather department of the C. A. Edgarton Co.

Mrs. Russell was the mother of two sons and one daughter. Freddie died the year he was born, in 1864, and the daughter, Alice, born in 1868, died in 1875. The surviving son, W. F., has always been very devoted to his mother. She leaves a brother, who resides in Wilton, N. H., and a sister who lives in Haverhill; also one grandchild, Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Russell.

Center.

A balloon passed over Shirley Tuesday and another Wednesday, both moving the same general direction, south by east. They seemed to be moving slowly and were no more than 1000 feet in the air.

"Husking bee" was held at Homer Holden's, Saturday evening, October 16. About twenty-five were present and had a good time hunting for red ears by the young people was most enjoyed. A fine supper was provided by the hostess.

The "Matrons' Aid," which is an auxiliary of the grange, will hold a fair and sale at Grange hall, Friday afternoon and evening, October 29. The fair will be conducted along the lines of the old town fairs, and contributions of vegetables and fruit are solicited. There will be a large display of fancy and useful articles for sale, guessing contests, etc. An entertainment will be provided under the charge of Mrs. Flora Holden. Refreshments will be provided, so all come and have a good time.

Grange.

A regular meeting of Shirley grange was held at Grange hall, Tuesday evening, October 19. The fourth degree was worked upon a class of four candidates. It was Fitchburg night at the grange, as they were invited to be present and furnish the entertainment, which they did in a most satisfactory manner. Special mention might be made of the reading by Miss Annie Andrews, for as an impersonator she is easily in the front rank. A pantomime entitled, "Wanted a wife" was finely rendered and furnished much amusement. A fine supper was provided in the dining room below. George Farmer had charge of the arrangements and everything was most satisfactorily carried out. After the supper a recall to the hall was in order, and speeches were made by the master of Fitchburg grange, Past Master Hill of Fitchburg grange, and others. Visitors were present from many different granges to the number of eighty and a profitable evening was enjoyed by all. Complaint was made by many of the inadequate transportation facilities between Shirley Village and the Center, many being obliged to walk.

Altrurian Club.

The Altrurian club met at their room, Thursday afternoon, for the first time this season. Meeting called to order by the president, Mrs. M. W. Hazen, and the minutes of the last meeting read. All other business was suspended to receive and listen to Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, teacher of chemistry in the school of Technology, who had been invited to be present and address the club on "Household problems." Mrs. Richards was well posted on the puzzling subject, having been taught all kinds of housework, commencing at the early age of thirteen. She stated that one's muscles needed to be used and strengthened from early life to be able to carry out the problems of life. The new helps and improvements she thought added greatly to one's pleasure, but more work, although the present generation had more opportunities for outdoor interests, and the question was asked, "How can we make our time serve us best?"

Ten minutes were given for discussion. A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Richards for her instructive and interesting talk. A large delegation was present from Ayer, Littleton and Fitchburg.

Business was resumed and three new candidates was voted in as members of the club. The chairman of the entertainment committee, then announced that they would hold a rummage sale at the club room, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening, October 27 and 28.

A Night Hawk Baby.

"Don't you ever put the baby to bed?" an astonished visitor at last exclaimed after the better part of the evening had worn away and the child of six months was still sitting up, looking cheerfully. The young mother laughed. "Oh, yes," she explained with serene wisdom. "We put baby to bed at 12 p. m., and he sleeps until 12 m. Then he has his bath and goes out in the gocart and sleeps most of the afternoon. Haven't you known many mothers who simply sacrifice all their time to the babies while they are little? I made up my mind before baby came that he would have to conform to our ways, not we conform to his. He has just as much sleep as babies who go to bed at 6 and sleep until 3, and he doesn't interfere with our evenings. We can take him with us when we go out or we can go feeling that he will be perfectly happy while we are away, because he won't cry for mother until midnight. We're regular night hawks, and so is baby."

The visitor was speechless. "Don't you think it's a good system?" the mother continued. "We think it is splendid."

"I think," the visitor answered in noncommittal tone, "that it would take a New York mother to invent the system."—New York Press.

The Truth Forced Home.

"I'm afraid," she sighed, "that I'm getting old."

"Why?" he asked.

"When I go to the grocery now the clerks don't nearly break their necks trying to beat one another in getting my orders."—Exchange.

New Advertisements.

E. P. HUTCHINGS has moved his Barber Shop to 74 East Main Street, Ayer, where he will be pleased to see his old customers and as many new ones as may come. 315

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Francis Butterfield, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate by Julia E. Holden, who prays that she be appointed executrix thereof; the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of November, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of Lydia R. Hudson, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court

ATTACKS UPON EUGENE FOSS

They Are Made In Attempt to
Becloud Real Issues

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE MAN

Became One of New England's Most Successful Business Men After Making Own Start in Life—Doing What He Can to Change Laws Which Hurt Massachusetts—Refuses to Bow to Republican Machine

It seems a pity that political campaigns cannot be carried on fairly and honestly instead of being turned into a bitter warfare of personal abuse.

But instead of discussing issues and principles the attempt is always made in late years to becloud these issues in a torrent of personal abuse, misrepresentations and absolutely malicious misstatements.

Take for example the attacks upon Eugene N. Foss. The Republican press and the Republican leaders picture him as a very wealthy man, obsessed by an inordinate desire for notoriety, who has sought office through lavish expenditures and, failing to obtain success in the Republican party, has gone over and bought a place on the Democratic ticket where he will once more be in the limelight and where he hopes, by financing the Democratic campaign, he can by some hook or crook, land in an office.

He is laughed at, sneered at and misrepresented. Called an easy mark for designing men who need some one to open a barrel and let them dip their arms down to the shoulders into real truly money. "Foss has a bug for office," says one man, and the next one laughingly agrees with him.

He has been held up as a dreamer, an office-seeker, an "angel" to finance political campaigns, a turn-coat, "at last Foss has gotten into the party where he belongs." The Foss that the Republican machine holds up to public gaze is all these things and more. They even use harsher terms in describing this man, and the Republican machine man's conception of Eugene N. Foss is a composite photograph of an easy mark, a disappointed and disgruntled office seeker, a man craving notoriety, and a Democrat who has at last been run to earth and unmasked.

That is the picture. Not a flattering one, it must be admitted. But, nevertheless, present it to ten Republican machine men, and nine of the ten will at once recognize it as the Eugene N. Foss they have held up to them.

Even such a paper as the Boston Transcript, reliable in everything but its politics, doesn't hesitate to make absolutely false statements about Mr. Foss. It speaks of him as living in Cohasset to escape paying taxes in the city of Boston, this statement being made to offset Mr. Foss' declaration that an income tax was the most equitable form of taxation, in that it levied taxes in proportion to the ability to pay.

Mr. Foss has a beautiful summer home at Cohasset overlooking the blue waters of the Atlantic, but it is not and never has been his legal residence. His home is in Jamaica Plain, he has for years and years been an actual and bona fide resident of Boston and he is today. He has never sought to avoid the payment of taxes of any description that have been fairly assessed to him. And although this fact could be easily obtained by inquiry at the city hall in Boston, the Transcript has not hesitated to deliberately state, editorially and otherwise, that which it knew to be false because of its dislike for Mr. Foss.

Let us now look at the real Eugene N. Foss. Starting in life with his own way to make, we find one of the most successful business men in all New England, owing all that he has to his own exertions and his business ability. We find a man who has built up vast enterprises in this commonwealth, who is even now engaged in starting a big industry in East Boston which will employ thousands more Massachusetts people. When his big works at Jamaica Plain burned, he was told by business associates that he must not think of rebuilding in Massachusetts, as the tariff laws were a handicap to him so far from his supply of raw materials. "Build in Pittsburg," he was told, "be near your base of supply; save your freights on your raw material. You can't have free coal or free iron and hence you should get next the base of supply."

Then it was that the real Eugene N. Foss showed up. "I have men who have been in my employ for a quarter of a century. They own their own homes, they are educating their children, their associations are here and they are rooted to the soil of Massachusetts by church, social and many ties. I can't and I won't uproot them, take them off to Pennsylvania and transplant them, at their time of life, into a new and to them strange country. If the laws of the United States handicap manufacture in Massachusetts, I am going to do what I can to change those laws."

And the busy man of affairs turned to politics, not from a desire for of-

rice, not for personal gain, not for a craving for notoriety, but animated by a high purpose to benefit the public.

"He couldn't get elected to office in the Republican party in spite of his barrel, so he's gone over to the Democrats."

Is there any sane man or woman in this whole commonwealth who doesn't know this to be untrue? If it had been simply an office that he sought, he could have bought it and paid for it with much less money than he has expended. If he had gone to Senator Lodge as the head of the Republican machine, and said: "I want to go to congress. I am going to be 'regular,' I have no ideas of my own but I will follow the leadership of the Republican machine and I will give my check for \$50,000 to the party treasury," would he have been turned down?

But when Foss ran for office he ran on a platform of principles, each and every one of which were for the best interests of Massachusetts, but which the Republican machine opposed for reasons perfectly obvious to thinking men today. So Foss was knifed, was refused help, had to carry on his own campaign, and preferred to lose rather than to abandon issues that in his judgment and the judgment of thousands of others, meant a restoration of industries here that have been driven away from Massachusetts.

He has advocated a downward revision of the tariff, and while he himself as a manufacturer would suffer a reduction in his protection, he was big enough to see that in the end business conditions would be vastly improved. He saw the constant tendency towards the higher cost of living. His close contact with wage earners made him wonder how the average man could make both ends meet. Personally it makes absolutely no difference to him whether he pays 25 cents a pound for butter or a dollar a pound, whether eggs are 46 cents a dozen or 26 cents a dozen, and whether meats are high or low, nor what the cost of cloth and good clothing is. But he realized that this was not true of 95 percent of the people, and that this carnival of high prices meant privation and distress. The people had been promised tariff revision downward to lighten their burdens and they found instead that the cost of food, of clothing, of every necessity was at once heavily increased on the passage of the Payne-Aldrich bill.

The Republican party in Massachusetts was absolutely controlled by Senator Lodge, who pushed this bill through and who declared that the "consumer was a myth." No hope for redress there. By using the only weapon at hand that could be made effective, he accepted the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant governor in the fall knowledge that if elected this fall, the whole nation would take it as a rebuke to the Republicans for the Payne-Aldrich bill, and that such action on Massachusetts' part, with the great middle west in open revolt against the party for its violation of its pledges, would force the Republican leaders to modify those schedules now unjustly and unnecessarily placed on all that enters into the necessities of life, so that these intolerable conditions would no longer prevail and the people could once more find it easier to make the weekly income pay the household bills.

It is not the office he is after and never has been. He is a big business man, who believes in investing his money at home, in building up New England and particularly Massachusetts industries. If he craved notoriety the history of his life in the business world would make him a dominant figure in business affairs.

BRYAN INDORSES BAY STATE PLATFORM

Congratulates Democrats of Massachusetts on Stand They Have Taken. William Jennings Bryan is watching the Massachusetts campaign with the deepest interest, and is sending words of encouragement to the Massachusetts Democracy. In The Commoner Mr. Bryan most heartily commends and endorses the Democratic state platform, and his sympathies are with Messrs. Vahey and Foss very strongly.

"The Democratic convention of Massachusetts has adopted an excellent platform. The first plank deals with the tariff question and demands an immediate reduction of tariff duties on the necessities of life. It also contains a plank opposing imperialism and favoring the popular election of United States senators and direct nominations.

"In addition to these planks and some good planks on the labor question, it declares for the election of only those candidates for the legislature pledged to the ratification of a constitutional amendment for an income tax." The Democrats of Massachusetts are to be congratulated upon the stand they have taken on these questions, and especially are they to be commended for insisting that candidates for the legislature shall be pledged to the ratification of the income tax amendment.

"The opponents of the income tax have counted on all of the New England states to oppose the amendment, but they are likely to be disappointed. Among the mass of the people the sentiment is strong in favor of the income tax, and it would not be a matter of surprise if a number of Republican candidates for the legislature were left at home if they refuse to promise to ratify the income tax."

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Thousands upon thousands of families who have not been regular eaters of Quaker Oats will begin on the first of November and eat Quaker Oats once or twice every day for thirty days of this month; the result in good health and more strength and vigor will mean that every other month in the year will find them doing the same thing.

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While you are trying this see that the children get a full share. Quaker Oats is packed in regular size packages and large size family packages.

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Breathe Hyomei over the germ-ridden membrane, and it will kill the germs, and cure catarrh.

There is no other way—you must get where the germs are before you can destroy them.

And when catarrh germs have disappeared other things will happen; there will be no more hawking; not even in the morning; that offensive breath will disappear; there will be no more obnoxious mucous, or coughing, or sneezing, or huskiness of voice, or difficulty in breathing. All these disagreeable accessories of the demon catarrh will disappear, and as they go the glow of health will return, and all the strength and energy that was formerly used in combating the inroads of catarrh, will bring back your vitality and ambition, will make a new, healthy, happy being of you in a few weeks.

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SIBLOIN ROASTS, 16c. lb.
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BONELESS CODFISH, 3 lbs. for 25c.
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WASHING OF CURTAINS.

How to Clean the Lace Varieties at Home and Save Money.

Curtains sent out to the cleaners for washing cost a pretty penny that can be saved as well as not by doing them at home. Shake and brush the curtains to remove all dust. Make a good suds of white soap, cold water and a little borax. Lay the curtains in it and let stand for several hours or overnight. If curtains blackened by a soft coal atmosphere are put into warm water, as is sometimes advised, they will be grimy to the end of their days, no matter what is done afterward to bleach and clear them.

Change the cold water once or twice during the soaking process, working the curtains up and down in it and squeezing between the hands to get the dirt out. Now put into clean warm suds with ammonia or some of the washing fluid added and squeeze and sop until the curtains are clean. Never wring curtains by hand. Simply squeeze, which does not stretch the mesh, or lay on a strip of cloth and put carefully through the wringer. Rinse in several waters to which a little borax has been added, then put through hot, moderately thick starch. If cream colored, add a little strong coffee. If you have a drying frame, and this is a great convenience, set in the air and pin the curtains to it point by point, drying two or three curtains on the frame at the same time. If you have no frames, lay clean sheets on the floor of an unused room and pin the curtains on it square and true, fastening with a pin in each point, or if some must be skipped do so at regular intervals. It is a good idea to attach in pairs, pinning the scallops of the two curtains together.

To make starch for curtains take a large clean pan with no symptom of rust and put in it a half cupful or more of starch, according to the number of curtains to be starched. Add cold water to mix to the consistency of thin cream, then pour in boiling water from the teakettle in a thin stream, stirring constantly to avoid lumping. Add a teaspoonful of kerosene or stir with a sperm candle kept for this purpose and cook until clear.

How to Make a Divan Comfortable. Every one does not know that a wide divan is made more comfortable by having at its back two huge hard pillows that will support the softer ones. It is usual to heap up a great variety of these extra soft ones on a large divan so that any one sitting or reclining may arrange them according to one's comfort. These are needed, it is true, but they also need a support. The wall is usually too far back from the front edge of the divan to serve. The two large pillows made of the material which covers the divan are not only comfortable, but artistic. They may be stuffed with excelsior into coarse muslin or ticking, then covered with the chosen fabric. They look better with a heavy cord around the edging. If the end of the divan is against the wall as well as its side a third pillow may be used to give an added framework to the little pillows. This is not an expensive trick, but if a housewife ever tries it she will never let the divan go without this part of its equipment.

How to Fector Sick Chickens.

The following is an excellent remedy for sick chickens, says a chicken fancier: One teaspoonful of permanganate of potash in one quart of water. Take other water away from them, and when they become thirsty they will be glad to drink this. It is a cure-all. I had two hens that were sick. They became very thin, and in time they died. Another hen started to go the same way, when I heard of this remedy. In two days' time there was a slight improvement, and before long she grew strong, and the color in her comb became brighter. Since then I have had no more trouble with sick chickens. Try it.

How to Make a Good Filter.

A homemade and economical filter that will filter the water satisfactorily is made from a flowerpot and charcoal. Take a large, clean flowerpot and put a sponge or a piece of clean moss over the hole in the bottom. Fill the flowerpot three-quarters full of equal parts of clean sand and charcoal. Over this lay a cloth large enough to hang over the sides of the pot. Pour the water into the cloth, and it will come out of the hole in the bottom of the pot clean and free from germs.

How to Wash Dress Shields.

Many think it is impossible to wash dress shields in other than cold water. They should first be dampened with cold water and covered with white soap rubbed into the covering. Put them into a basin and pour very warm water over them and let them stand until the water begins to cool, then scrub with a stiff brush. Rinse in cold water and let them gradually dry away from artificial heat. Do not attempt to press them.

How to Mend Rubbers.

Thin spots in rubbers or wading boots can be mended at home by applying a cement made from 5 cents' worth of rubber dissolved in benzine or chloroform. Keep the bottle containing the cement tightly corked. Wet first with benzine for an inch or more around the hole and scrape until clean and a new surface is exposed, then apply the rubber with a brush as quickly as possible that it may not harden.

How to Clean a Silk Blouse.

A good way to clean a silk blouse is to let it soak in petrol for an hour, then hang it out in the sun to dry. Iron it, and it will look like new.

Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE

In Shirley, Mass.

By virtue of license of the Middlesex County Probate Court, dated September 15th, 1909, granted to Levi B. Tuttle, as Administrator of the estate of Ann Nelson, late of said Shirley, deceased, there will be sold by public auction on the premises below described, on Monday, the First day of November next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Shirley, on the Easterly side of the road from Lunenburg to Ayer, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises at said road; thence Easterly as the fence now stands past the dwelling house to the corner of the wall; thence Southerly, as the wall now stands, past the barn to a corner of said wall; thence Westerly, as the wall now stands, to said road; the east three courses bounding on land formerly of Samuel Farnsworth; thence Northerly by said road to the point of beginning; containing about One-Fourth (1/4) of an acre.

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Other terms made known at time and place of sale.

LEVI B. TUTTLE,
Administrator of Estate of
314 Ann Nelson,
Ayer, Mass., October 7, 1909.

Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a license from Probate Court in and for the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, granted on the 27th day of April A. D., 1909, to John L. Boynton of Pepperell, in said County, as administrator of the Estate of Henry C. Corey, late of Groton, in said County and Commonwealth, deceased, there will be sold by public auction on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of October, A. D., 1909, at two o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises hereinafter described, a certain lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the Southerly side of Martin Pond Road, in Groton Center, Mass., containing about four and one-half acres, bounded and described as follows:

"Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of said premises at a corner of land of Hon. George S. Boutwell, at the Southerly side of said road; thence Easterly by said road about twenty-seven rods to a stone post set in the wall near an apple tree; thence Southerly in a straight line about thirty-five rods and two links to a stake and stones at a pond hole at land of said Boutwell; thence Southwesterly by land of said Boutwell, about thirteen and one-half rods to a corner; thence Northwesterly by land of said Boutwell about forty-four and eight-tenths rods to the place of beginning."

One hundred dollars to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. Other terms and conditions made known at time and place of sale.

JOHN L. BOYNTON,
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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In Shirley and Groton, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frank R. Haddon, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established by law and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated February 28th, A. D. 1906, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds in book 3217 page 50, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house, in said Shirley, upon the premises first below described, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of November, A. D. 1909, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

"A certain farm with a water privilege, together with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of said Shirley, containing Forty (40) acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the road leading from Shirley Center to Littleton, Three (3) rods and Eight (8) links Easterly by land late of Joseph Estabrook; thence running Northerly Twenty-Seven (27) rods and Nineteen (19) links to the Southeast corner of land of Eunice Jenkins; thence Northerly 2 1/2 East Fourteen (14) rods and One (1) link; thence North 7 1/2 East Eighty-Six and One-Half (86 1/2) rods by land late of Edward Blood, North 55 East on land late of Thomas Whitney Twenty-Four (24) rods and Seven (7) links; thence South 8 1/2 East Twenty-Five (25) rods and Eighteen (18) links by land late of said Estabrook to said road; thence Westerly by said road to the bound first mentioned.

Also one other parcel of land, situated as aforesaid, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a large red oak stump marked X; thence North 1 1/2 West Thirteen (13) rods and Eight (8) links by land late of Moses W. Woods to the center of Millus Brook; thence following said Brook in a Northwesterly direction Twenty-Three (23) rods and Fifteen (15) links to a large rock on the Northerly side of said Brook; thence North 1 1/2 West Twenty-Three (23) rods by land late of said Woods to a stake and stones; thence Easterly by first-named road to stake and stones at land late of said Estabrook; thence Southerly between two parts of a crotched maple tree to Nashua River; thence Southerly by said River to land of Samuel Farnsworth; thence North 60 1/2 West Eleven (11) rods and Twenty-One (21) links to a stake and stones on the top of the ridge; thence South 61 West Thirty-Five (35) rods and Fifteen (15) links to said red oak stump."

"Also a certain other tract of land situated in Groton, in said County, in that part thereof known as West Groton, on both sides of the location of Milford Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad, containing Twenty and Forty-Two One Hundredths (20.42) acres, and being all and the same premises conveyed to me by Mabel R. Richardson, by her deed dated February 26th, 1904, and to be recorded in said Deeds hereafter, to which deed and record reference may be had for a more particular description."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in part payment will be required at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed within ten (10) days. Further terms made known at time and place of sale.

North Middlesex Savings Bank
By Sarah T. Tuten, Treasurer.
Ayer, Mass., Oct. 15th, 1909. 315

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In Pepperell, Mass.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by George A. Mahoney, of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, a corporation established by law, and having its usual place of business in Ayer, in said County, dated October 7th, 1890, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds in book 2006, page 42, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house upon the premises below described, on Tuesday, the Ninth day of November, A. D. 1909, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows:

"A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Pepperell, and bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a stone bound on the Westerly side of River Street at my own land, and running Northeasterly by said Street about Three Hundred and Thirty-Four (334) feet to land of Bridget Foley; thence Westerly by said Foley's land Two Hundred and Ninety-Four (294) feet to a corner; thence Southerly by my own land about Two Hundred and Sixty-Seven (267) feet to the point of beginning. Being all and singular the same premises conveyed to me (George A. Mahoney) by Thomas H. Murray, by deed dated the Third day of September, A. D. 1890, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds libro 1996 folio 499."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in part payment will be required at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed within ten (10) days. Further terms made known at time and place of sale.

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NOTICE is hereby given that bank book No. 149, Elizabeth A. Holmes, in the North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, has been lost, payment stopped and application made for a new book. Any one finding said book kindly return to the Bank, Sarah E. Spaulding, Guardian. 314

FOR SALE.—Haines Bros. Upright Piano; 1 outside door frame with door and screen to fit. One Black Walnut new bed and another bed in good shape. All in fine condition. EDWARD F. COLBURN, Shirley, Mass. 414

WANTED.—A resident, a young woman to assist in the office of the Public Spirit, Ayer.

THE MAN OF ONE IDEA

By B. WINTHROP JONES.
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One morning about fifty years ago a tall man with a black beard, his head bent in thought, sauntered along the bank of a creek in Pennsylvania. An idea had got into his brain, and he could not get it out.

There have been many men similarly infected, but there have been few—a very few—who have worked out their idea successfully.

The man of one idea stopped beside a trench and watched people placing blankets on the water it contained, then taking them up and wringing them over tubs. This was the early method used in gathering petroleum. The oil exuded from the soil and when collected in the trenches, being lighter than water, rose to the surface, from which it was either absorbed by the blankets or skimmed in dippers. The process had been borrowed from the Indians, who used petroleum for liniment.

The man watching the work had seen it often before. Whence came this oil? A vision of a great oil lake lying below the stratum of rock covered by the soil from which the petroleum exuded filled his mind. And why did it come up through the soil? Because of pressure. There was not room for the oil lake in its rock prison, and it was striving to get out.

Then came the thought, if he could bore a hole in the rock the oil would burst forth as water from a hydrant. One morning in the spring of 1857 the man of one idea started from New Haven, Conn., for the banks of Oil creek, Pennsylvania, with a thousand dollars in his pocket, furnished by backers, to be used in drilling that hole. With it he bought an engine and hired an experienced driller. The engine was long in coming, and the driller, convinced that his employer was a crank, finally refused to stand by him. The summer wore away, the money was expended, and the enthusiast's backers, losing faith in him, declined to furnish more funds.

Those who were collecting oil in blankets and skimming it from the surface of water went on with their work regardless of the man of one idea. The people living on Oil creek, passing day after day his uncompleted preparations, considered him a monomaniac—a man who wished to bore down into the earth to find a lake of oil. What more absurd idea had ever got into the brain of man? The stories of Munchausen were no more improbable. The children in the streets jeered him, and their parents tapped their foreheads as he passed.

The winter came on, and the man of one idea found himself facing poverty. His funds both for the purposes of working out his dream and for supporting his family were exhausted. His children needed food and clothing, but shopkeepers declined to give credit to one who was looking for a petroleum lake in the bowels of the earth.

A year passed, during which not a ray of hope came to the man of one idea. Then in the spring of 1859 he succeeded in infecting two others with his delusion, and they provided him with new capital with which to continue his boring. He secured the services of a practical salt driller and his two sons, who possessed a complete outfit of tools to be used in the work.

No sooner had they begun to drill than through the porous soil water poured into their well, filling it with mud and interfering with their work. The drill ceased to bore, but the brain of the man of one idea worked on. He must invent some method of preserving his well. Various experiments he tried failed. Then, securing some cast iron piping, he drove it into the ground that he might bore within it. That it was of cast rather than wrought iron indicates the man's pinched resources. It would not stand the blows necessary to drive it into the soil. After more delay better piping was secured and a section driven in. It stood the hammering, and another section having been welded to it, this was also pounded down successfully. Thus some sixty feet of piping was introduced and bedrock reached.

The obstacle having been removed, the drill was set to work. The man was nearing the attainment of his idea. He drilled but two days when the bit struck a crevice, and, being withdrawn, it was found to be sheared with oil. This was on Saturday night, and operations were suspended to be recommenced the following Monday.

The chief driller, who lived in a shanty near the well, early Sunday morning went on an errand to the derrick house. There he saw a sight that told the story of his employer's success. The oil was bubbling over the piping, running over the floor of the derrick and thence into the ground.

The first idea that entered the mind of the discoverer was that a fluid then worth a dollar a gallon was running to waste. Having arranged for catching the flow, he went and announced his discovery to the man of one idea. And what did this oozing of oil through an iron pipe inserted beneath the rock mean? It meant that a new source of wealth had been opened to the people of the earth destined to produce thousands of millions of dollars, to give light and heat to myriads of people, to be manufactured into unlimited products.

This man of one idea, who drilled the first oil well in Pennsylvania, was Edward L. Drake. A handsome tomb in Woodlawn cemetery, in Titusville, marks his last resting place.

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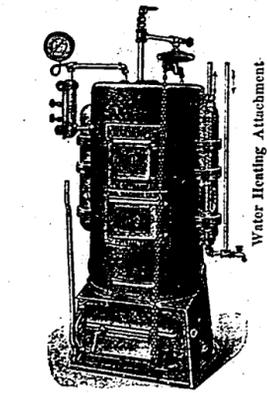
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TIME TABLE.
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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8:45 p. m. Sundays—7:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:15 p. m. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:30 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:30 p. m. Sundays—7:30 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:30 p. m. Lawrence—6:15, 6:45, 7:00 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sundays—7:10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:30 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:30 p. m. Sundays—7:30 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:30, 6:55, 7:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:33 p. m. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:30 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. North Chelmsford—5:30, 5:55, 6:30, 6:57, 7:18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:13, 6:00, 6:55, 7:10 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:45 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—6:40, 6:20, 6:57, 7:23 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. THOMAS LEES, Sept.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE.

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Herbert W. Farnsworth of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Flora M. Hartwell of said Ayer, dated July 10, 1903, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3068, Page 215, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage deed, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises described in said mortgage deed, on Monday, the first day of November, A. D. 1909, at four o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed, to wit:

A certain tract of parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Ayer and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the premises on the Shirley road, so-called; thence Westerly by said road one hundred fifty-six (156) feet more or less to a corner in the fence; thence Northerly as the fence now stands three hundred twenty-six (326) feet more or less to a corner; thence Easterly by the fence one hundred fifty-six (156) feet more or less to a corner; thence Southerly by the fence three hundred twenty-six (326) feet more or less to the point of beginning.

Said premises will be sold without covenants or warranty express or implied, and expressly subject to all incumbrances of record and all unpaid taxes, assessments, betterments and liens.

One hundred dollars will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale; and the balance in ten days from the date of sale at the office of Dallinger & Stearns, 23 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

For further particulars, apply to Charles F. Worcester, Esq., Ayer, Mass.

FREDERICK W. DALLINGER,
Administrator of the Estate of Flora M. Hartwell, deceased Mortgagee.

The Width Was No Greater.

Orville Wright was discussing the many flying men that have sprung up since his brother and he showed the world how flight was achieved. "To fly," said Mr. Wright, "is just to fly, that is nothing. The real thing is to fly right."

"These little fliers, skipping and hopping a mile or two, remind me, with their self important airs, of a railroad-rider of the sixties."

"This railroad called on old Commodore Vanderbilt."

"Commodore," he said heartily, "I want to exchange courtesies with you."



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"He laid the pass on the table. "I'd like to have," he said, "a pass over the Vanderbilt roads in return, commodore."

"The old railroad king studied his visitor with knit brows. "Where is this road of yours?" he asked.

"Out west," was the reply. "Is it a well known road?"

"Oh, a famous road, commodore."

"How big is it?"

"Well, commodore, we are operating on twenty-seven miles this year."

"Twenty-seven miles?" cried Commodore Vanderbilt angrily. "And the Vanderbilt lines are thousands of miles long! And you call that an exchange of courtesies? Here, take back your pass, sir. It's no good to me."

"The westerner thrust the rejected pass in his pocket and clapped his soft felt hat on his head.

"Well, so long, commodore," he blustered defiantly. "Your road may be a little longer than mine is, but it isn't any wider!"

The Real Governor. While Governor Willson of Kentucky was house bound last winter owing to a strained tendon in his leg he was attended by Jim, who had been general factotum to many governors and who was a source of much fun among state-house attaches.

The lame leg caused the governor to move his office temporarily to the mansion, where he received many delegations.

On one occasion, says Lippincott's Magazine, Mrs. Willson had waited luncheon for thirty minutes, and she told his excellency that he must come down and eat with her.

"My dear," said Mr. Willson, "just as soon as I see that delegation of men downstairs I'll be with you."

Mrs. Willson was determined and said, "Jim, you go down and tell them to wait."

"Jim," frowned the governor as that worthy started off to obey the mistress of the mansion—"Jim, you know who is governor, don't you?"

"Yes, sir," grinned Jim, with seeming innocence; "yes, sir. I'll go down and tell the gemmen to wait, sir."

Mark Twain's Ambiguity. Charles Battell Loomis, the writer and humorist, has as sorrowful a face as can be found at a funeral. He seldom smiles and then with a seeming effort that is painful to behold. He was present last winter at a theater party given by Mark Twain to all the Harper authors. After the show the elder humorist greeted the younger with a smile and a handshake, but the mournful visage of Loomis remained unchanged.

"We've met before, Mr. Clemens," he said. "I attended your birthday dinner, but I didn't suppose you'd remember my face."

"Remember your face?" responded Twain. "Why, I'll never forget it. I wish I had it!"—Success.

Patience and Politeness. Count d'Orsay on his first visit to England chanced to be seated at dinner next to Lady Holland. That remarkable and many-sided woman was in one of her imperious humors. She dropped her napkin. The count picked it up gallantly, then her fan, then her glass, and as often her neighbor stooped and restored the lost article. At last, however, the patience of the youth gave way, and on her dropping her napkin again he turned and called one of the footmen behind him. "Put my plate on the floor," said he. "I will finish my dinner there. It will be so much more convenient to Lady Holland."



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Saturday, October 23, 1909.

PEPPERELL.

Center. Miss Annie Boynton of Swampscott is visiting at the home of her brother, Charles E. Boynton on Heald street.

There was a select musicale soiree by invitation of Mrs. Charles Heald, last Saturday evening, at her residence. Mrs. Charles D. Hutchinson rendered several solos, and her daughter, Miss Marion Hutchinson, manipulated the ivories in ragtime style. Dr. Marr rendered a song. A very delightful evening was spent. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton attended the state convention of D. A. R., in Springfield, last week, as delegate.

Mrs. Mary A. Foster of Beverly, who has been at the home of Lucius Wilson for a few weeks, returned to her winter home in West Somerville, the residence of her daughter, the last of this week.

The program for October 19 was carried out at the Babatasset trotting park and enjoyed by the sporting gentry. It is hoped that such an affair will encourage effort to raise a fine breed of horses.

Miss Alice Batchelder of Beverly, formerly of Salem, is a guest of her friend, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald.

Mrs. Jessie J. Marshall of Somerville is a guest of her maternal aunts, Misses Eleanor and Josephine Lawrence. She is the daughter of Gilman Taylor and Emma Lawrence.

A daughter was born on Monday, October 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parker.

Elmer E. Shattuck of the force of officers of the Massachusetts Reformatory, Concord Junction, spent the greater part of his vacation at his early home with his sisters, on West street, returning to his home the first of this week.

Mrs. Whitaker and her daughter of Pawtucket, R. I., who have spent several weeks at the Bancroft farm on Townsend street, left on Monday last. Mrs. Lucy B. Page is still at her home there.

Miss Eva Harris has left town to join the family in Chelmsford.

Mrs. Bowman, who has been a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Dudley Child, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Alice J. Spencer, who has been at her early home on Townsend street, since the first of August, returned to her home in Roxbury on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton presented the chapter with a large storm flag on Monday last.

The flag floated from its staff on October 19 in commemoration of the surrender of Yorktown to General Washington by Lord Cornwallis, October 19, 1781.

The experience party of Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., which was held on their charter day, October 19, was a red-letter day in the history of the order. The chapter house was filled by interested friends. After the business meeting was over the members were called on by the regent for their experiences in earning a dollar, for defraying the expenses of the year. Each one told in rhyme how their dollar was earned, which called out considerable amusement. Many letters containing gifts of money were read from non-resident members. After the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the meeting was adjourned to the November meeting.

Mrs. J. E. B. Jewett and M. Luther Boynton are having the town water put into their residences.

Mrs. Lucy Wilkins and her daughter of Nashua have visited at her sister's this week. Mrs. John L. Shattuck's, Miss Anna French is visiting in Lynn, where she is a real estate owner.

Elbert S. Durant won the prize for fastest speed of horses, at the Babatasset park on the 19th.

Mrs. Agnes Kibbee of Somerville has visited her friend, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell recently.

East.

One day last week Frank H. Behrens of Mill street, picked a beautiful Jack rose from his garden. It seemed to be truly the "last rose of summer."

H. P. Hume of Elm street is still picking eatable sweet corn from his garden, which goes to show that summer has lingered beyond what might have been expected.

Miss Laura R. Herrig is filling a two weeks' engagement as first violinist in the Boston Women's orchestra at the Boston food fair.

The exhibition of colts seen at the driving park Tuesday is a good omen of future sport. The lack of enthusiasm among the young people in regard to the new public playground would create a tendency to dispose of this elephant at next town meeting. The driving club patrons have no doubt noticed very little interest among those to assist or even patronize the event which was intended to aid the playground.

Boiler inspectors for the insurance concerns were in town, Wednesday and Thursday, at the shoe factory. No news is said to be good news. The early predictions of these columns in regard to the shoe shop will bear repeating.

Russell Wright was confined to his room Monday with a slight attack of tonsillitis, but was able to be at his work Tuesday.

Both the inside and outside of Stenstream & Deloid's new store is very attractive. Their new telephone number is 65-3.

A lot of new subscribers have been added to the telephone lists this week—19-7, Rev. G. F. Durgin; 19-15, Roberta LePoer; 19-23, Mrs. Ellen LePoer; 103-2, Townsend street school; 103-3, high school; 103-13, Main street grammar school; 27-5, Groton street school.

The annual meeting of the Village aid society will be held at the residence of Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Park street, Friday afternoon, October 29, at three o'clock.

The large posters which have been so conspicuous upon the interior walls of the horse sheds, have been removed and all persons are warned—"Post no bills" inside and out of this centrally located edifice. These walls are to receive a coat of whitewash and the outside a second coat of paint.

The Oxford club announce a dance in Lawrence hall, Friday evening, October 29. Special music.

William H. Mansfield, our popular pharmacist, went to New York city, Saturday, for a business trip, returning Tuesday noon.

Martin Brown, of P. H. S. '07, arrived in town Monday and is at E. R. Richardson's, Jewett street.

F. Kennedy and family of Brookline, N. H., have become residents of our town, occupying the large home on Hollis street, owned by Thomas Graham, known as the Charles Blake place.

Henry Gray claims priority in the dog-raising line. He has on show at his farm seven of the prettiest and most perfectly marked Boston terriers ever seen in this town, and these are not his first experience, for many fanciers have purchased select stock from him.

Dr. William Merrill and T. A. Hayes are now enjoying hunting trips around familiar grounds at home. The other day they experienced an unusually fine day of sport, getting twenty-one birds.

A. H. Wilson, formerly manager of the telephone offices in this district, was in town last Saturday. The same operators at central during his term are still here and the pleasures of renewed acquaintance were mutual.

Last week's account of the football game between Dean academy and M. I. T. contained the names of two Pepperell boys—Roscoe Woodward, son of Addison Woodward, and Roger Robbins, son of Horace Robbins. Both did good work and Woodward's eighty-yard run was a special feature.

Mrs. Luther Holden of Shirley was in town Monday. She has employed John Bartz to connect her home on Main-st. with town water.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cullinan and Miss Mary Cullinan accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salter in their auto to Lowell, Wednesday.

Bert J. Morrow returned last Saturday from his European trip. He looks hale and hearty, and no doubt has brought with him much of value to his business, as well as to his health.

Joseph Donnelly, one of the superintendents at the Pepperell Card and Paper Co., is enjoying a vacation.

The town is to be lighted soon by Tungsten lights on the streets. E. A. Johnson and assistant are changing the system rapidly.

Chief of Police J. Monteth and Officer G. G. Tarbell were at the park, Tuesday, but there was no disturbance, and they, therefore, also had an opportunity to enjoy the day's fun.

A large number of men from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., in charge of H. Farnum, are putting in a new line of poles on Groton street from Railroad Square. A cable is to be run for about one-third of a mile.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice, October 18: Mrs. Annie Andrews, Miss Priscilla Brown, Arneged Carlisle, Mrs. Alice Badwin, George H. Jefferson, Mrs. George W. Kennison, N. Regino Blazel, A. A. Zebrosky.

D. A. R.

Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., spent a most enjoyable afternoon at its chapter house on October 19, celebrating its charter day. After the regular monthly business meeting, the long-talked-of experience party took place when the members brought the money they had been earning during the summer to replenish the chapter treasury.

The roll was called alphabetically, and as each daughter responded in rhyme relating her experience in acquiring the coveted amount, merriment ran high, and laughs and applause were constant. Many and varied were the methods these hard-working women took to earn their dollars; from shamponing to singing, from digging clumps to picking cranberries; some baked, some sewed, some knit, some darned; and one clever member wrote rhymes for the non-poetical ones at ten cents apiece. The result was far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine daughter.

The silver supper was voted by all to be a much easier way to make money than to cook for one. On a table covered with a white cloth were some silver vases containing flowers, silver dishes of bon-bons, and a large silver tray holding a silver bowl, into which each member was asked to put a piece of silver, the equivalent of such an article of food as she would have cooked for a regular supper. The contents of this bowl, added to the results of the experience party, and the amount taken at the door as small entrance fees from all non-members present, and monetary gifts for this occasion from two friends of the chapter, not members, swelled the returns to so near the centenary mark, that great was the rejoicing.

As was voted at a former meeting, twenty-five dollars of this amount are to go towards a fifty-dollar scholarship in the Berry school for mountain whites, in Rome, Ga., to pay the tuition of one boy for a year, the other half of the scholarship being generously offered by a chapter member.

A specially interesting episode of the afternoon was the presenting to the chapter of a fine new storm flag for its liberty pole by Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton.

There were quite a number of guests present, among whom was Mrs. Hortense Dudley Hay, the regent of Deane Winthrop chapter, D. A. R., of Winthrop, who spoke a few words of greeting.

Light refreshments were served, and upon adjourning all agreed that Prudence Wright Chapter had had a most successful and enlivening birthday.

Fire.

The alarm of fire is at all times dreaded, but just what it means to the wife who is alone, far from neighbors and miles from the fire departments, is best illustrated by the case of Mrs. Rowe, wife of Louis Rowe, proprietor of Rowe's poultry farm and hatchery. Mrs. Rowe and child were alone awaiting Mr. Rowe's return from the village bus miles away, where he had taken friends to the depot. She lit a fire in the fireplace, no doubt in anticipation of a cheerful blaze. This was about six p. m., Sunday night, and upon going outside she discovered the roof of the main house on fire. No doubt visions of a home in ashes and worse came before her, but losing no time she used the "ever ready regular," the telephone, and notified central of her trouble, and then set at work herself to throw water on the fire. In a few minutes she again called central and again announced her helplessness with dry wells and no assistance. She was assured that in a few minutes help would arrive and it did.

Operator E. P. McCord was on duty and by the C. Q. D., he asked her to hang up her phone and he would do the rest, and quickly rang up her nearest neighbor, Allan McElhinney, and although he was half a mile away, arrived on the scene with his chemical extinguishers in about seven minutes; soon other neighbors were there with this ever-ready automatic fire fighter, and inside of half an hour teams from the central fire departments arrived, but the fire had been put out, although a hole was burned in the roof large enough for two men to crawl through. Speaking of the incident Fire Chiefs L. P. Shattuck and W. M. Blood are particularly pleased with the practical demonstration of the usefulness of these chemicals, which have been distributed by the town authorities to these outlying districts. This it will be remembered was made possible by a special appropriation at last town meeting; but Chief Engineer Blood also states that the telephone with the class of services in our town is the key to the success of the department in this splendid piece of work, and he also states that a list of places where these extinguishers have been placed will be furnished the telephone office for reference in case of need.

Pepperell Day. About five hundred attended the outing at Babatasset park, Tuesday, in charge of the Pepperell Driving club, a newly formed club. "The first gun fired" so to speak, was the arrival of the Ashby Military band, at A. A. Lawrence's shop, about eight o'clock. Soon after with Mr. Lawrence, mounted on his steed, assisted by David Tierney on his fiery charger, the band was led on a lively march to the park. From that time on the people continued to arrive. About ten o'clock the trap shooting commenced; at eleven the ball game was in progress, and by noon all were ready for dinner, which was served by Fred Dunlap and assistant.

The winners in the shooting events were 1st, Charles Adams, prize, shoot-

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The Samson Cordage works have placed a new fly wheel in their power house.

Services at Universalist church Sunday morning, October 24, at eleven.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lindenberg paid a visit last Sunday to their summer home on the Lancaster road.

Miss Elaine Love has returned home after spending the summer at her home at Lake George, N. B.

Miss Kate Hatch, a former resident, has arrived in Shirley from Lake George, N. B., for a month's vacation with her friend, Mrs. Will Love.

Mrs. Fannie Bond of Freeport, L. I., is visiting her brother, William M. Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, who recently returned from Canada, have taken up their residence in Roxbury.

The S. J. C. sale No. 5, of Societe l'Assomption, will celebrate the third anniversary of its organization, Saturday, October 30, by a whist party contest in St. Anthony's hall.

Rev. J. H. Coté is assisting in Lowell this week for the forty hours' devotion.

Fred McGrath and family left town last week to reside in Leominster.

Miss Nora Arsenault of Lawrence is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. John J. Chaisson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knox spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Lynn.

Misses Nan Love and Inez McMurray spent last Sunday with friends in Boston and Waverley.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will occupy his pulpit as usual at Sunday morning services, October 24, at Congregational church at 10.45. Regular meeting of the C. E. S. in the vestry at seven.

Baptist church services Sunday morning, October 24, at 10.45, and in the evening at seven.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hocquard is critically ill.

Rev. George W. Cooke will preach at 11.15 a. m., at the First Parish church, Shirley Center, Sunday, October 24.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Story, Jr., of Burlington, Vt., and Mrs. C. H. Gerry of Gardner were week-end guests of their sister, Mrs. J. C. Babb.

Mrs. Ralph Harris and Miss Carrie Cutler of Lancaster; also Miss Katherine Lawrence of Nashua, visited at E. S. Baker's recently.

The neighborhood meeting of the Shirley Alliance, on Thursday afternoon, October 14, was well attended. Invited guests from Fitchburg, Leominster, Pepperell, Lowell, Westford, Groton and Littleton Alliances were present and listened to Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatley of Boston, who spoke interestingly upon "The mood of of power." The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Abbie J. Wells on Thursday, October 28. Mrs. Howard Bridgeman will be the speaker of the afternoon.

John Sprague of Harvard road returned home Tuesday from a three weeks' visit with relatives in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Mossman (née Conant) of Fitchburg, are receiving congratulations upon the birth last Monday of a daughter.

Thirteen from the Shirley Congregational church attended the convention at the Congregational church in Groton, Wednesday, and had a very enjoyable day.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a baked-bean supper in their vestry, Wednesday evening, October 27, at 6.30 o'clock. An entertainment will follow the supper.

The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. George O. Evans of Shirley and Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Fitchburg.

Miss Mabel Miner spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miner.

Miss Ada Tate of Roxbury is a guest at the home of Mrs. Will Love for two weeks.

The Matrons' Aid society of Shirley grange will hold a fair and harvest sale in town hall, at Center, October 29. The hall will be open at three in the afternoon. All the attractions of an up-to-date fair will be found, and in the evening there will be an entertainment, including the farce, "A Kiss in the Dark." Following the entertainment there will be dancing. The public is invited to attend and help make the evening merry, and the first entertainment and fair of the society one long to be remembered.

NOTICE.—From November 1st, 1909, to April 1st, 1910, as has been our custom for a number of years, our store will be closed every evening except Saturday evening at 6.30 o'clock. Saturday evening at nine o'clock. A. E. Lawrence & Son, Ayer, Mass.

Sunday School Entertainment. An entertainment of merit and length was held in the vestry of the Congregational church last week, Thursday evening, for the benefit of the Sunday school. Over two hundred were present to enjoy the literary and musical program, which lasted from eight till ten. Nearly all the numbers were heartily applauded and responded to encores.

Annie Holbrook and Eleanor Miner very ably acted as accompanists. The following program was rendered:

School song, Sarah Stevenson, Gladys Annis, Edward Lilly, Harry Annis, assisted by Mrs. Harry Collier and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy; stories, Shipley Ricker; cornet solo, Stanley G. Wells, Blanche Wells, accompanist; reading, Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy; mandolin duet, Bertha Perry and Ethel Andrew; Edith Perry, accompanist; reading, Mrs. Charles Viall, Ayer; solo, Nina M. Holbrook; vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Taylor; song, Mrs. Harry Collier; song, Christine Longley; reading, Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly; piano solo, Gladys Phelps; mandolin and violin duet, Ethel Andrew and Bertha Perry, Edith Perry, accompanist; song, Ruby Felch; reading, Mrs. Charles Viall; song, Mrs. Herbert F. Taylor; closing with the audience singing America.

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