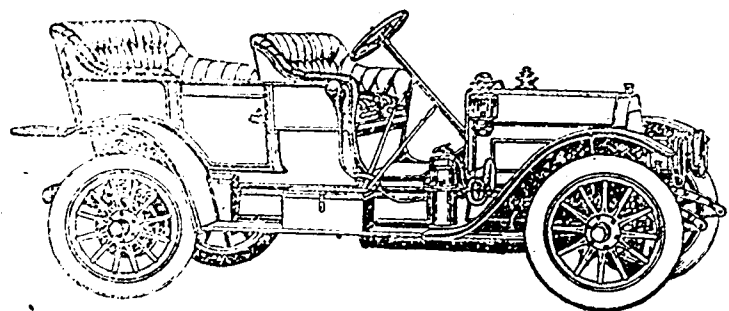


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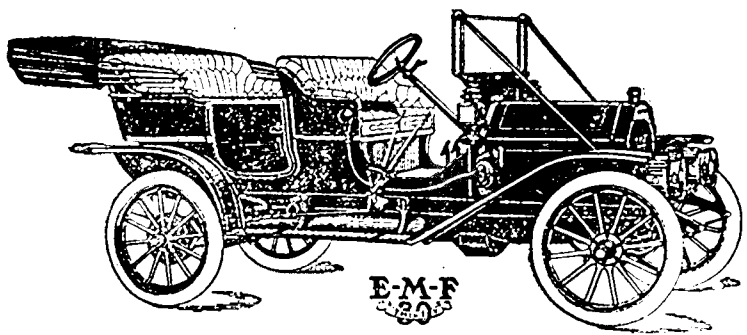
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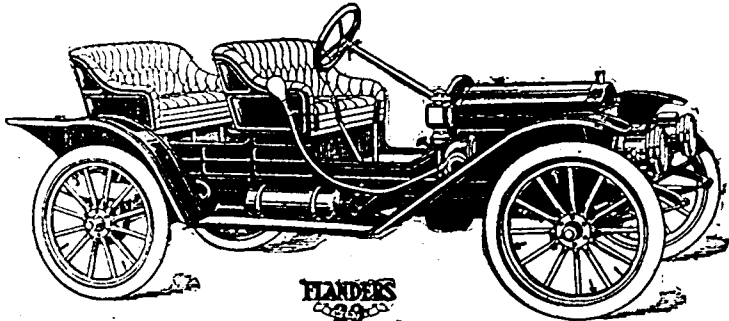
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SHIRLEY.

Entertainment.

The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church, Wednesday evening was a very pronounced social success. A large number sat down to enjoy a bountiful and delicious supper. The entertainment given under the direction of Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce was simply immense. Every seat in the vestry was occupied and a large number were standing, unable to obtain seats. The program of entertainment commenced with vocal selections by Mr. Gerrish of Groton who was excellent and responded to encores. The second number was a mandolin and piano duet by the Misses Gladys and Bertha Love.

The entertainment concluded with the very funny and laughable farce, "Chums" with Mr. Libby, Mr. Esterbrook and Dr. Branigan of Groton, Miss Perry of Ayer, and Mrs. E. E. Edgerton of Shirley, in the cast, all doing finely, keeping the audience laughing from start to finish. It was unquestionably the most successful church affair Shirley people have witnessed for some time past. A goodly number were present from out of town.

Bowling.

McGinnis and Collyer's teams played a good match game at the local alleys Tuesday evening. McGinnis' team won the game, taking the first string with eleven pins to the good and the second single by thirty pins. Collyer's team did some good bowling on the last string, scoring 447. Abel Morin of the winning team was the fast bowler of the evening, rolling 94, 90 and 102, which gave him a total of 286. B. Bodah came next with a score of 272. The summary:

COLLYER'S TEAM.			
White	67	79	97—243
Pomfret	75	83	87—245
Leopold	81	85	102—268
Cook	84	83	81—248
Collyer	93	82	80—255
	400	402	447—1250
MCGINNIS' TEAM.			
Gately	82	84	74—240
Bodah	87	92	93—272
Morin	94	90	102—286
E. O'Neill	86	81	81—248
McGinnis	68	81	77—226
	411	432	427—1271

News Items.

An entertainment consisting of readings and music will be given in Odd Fellows' hall, Shirley on Monday evening, April 25, under the auspices of the Altrurian club in aid of the club home fund. The following artists will appear: Miss Nellie Dean of Boston, pianist; Miss Ellis of Boston, violinist; Mrs. Ada Briggs Webber of Littleton, soloist; and a well-known reader from Boston.

Carl Yanich leaves town first of next week having accepted a position in Jersey City.

Mrs. E. H. Allen leaves for Washington, D. C. Saturday of this week, to attend the D. A. R. convention.

The annual meeting of the Helping Hand society of the Congregational church was held in the vestry of the church, Wednesday evening. At the close of the business session the president, Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon served refreshments. Games were also enjoyed by all present and the evening was pleasantly spent.

Miss Nina Holbrook has been confined to the house with the gripe.

Mr. Park, who is eighty-eight years old, is confined to his bed, his sister, Mrs. Bond is assisting in caring for him.

Mrs. Samuel Sandlin, who went to Boston to the hospital last week, was operated on for gall stones Tuesday, Dr. Pierce being present.

Mrs. Thomas Whitaker, who has been in Middlebury, Vt., with her sister this winter, has returned and is stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Edith Vanchette.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snell went to their summer home at Ford Pond last week.

This paper is the paper to insert your advertisements, for the reason that it cannot escape the eyes of the thousands who read this paper from week to week. No "bogus" circulation.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—One Pair Work Horses Weight 2,400 lbs., a good cheap team Also four other good using Horses ADAMS' STABLE, Groton, Mass. 1131

FOR SALE—Choice Seed Potatoes F. D. LEWIS, Groton, Mass. 1131

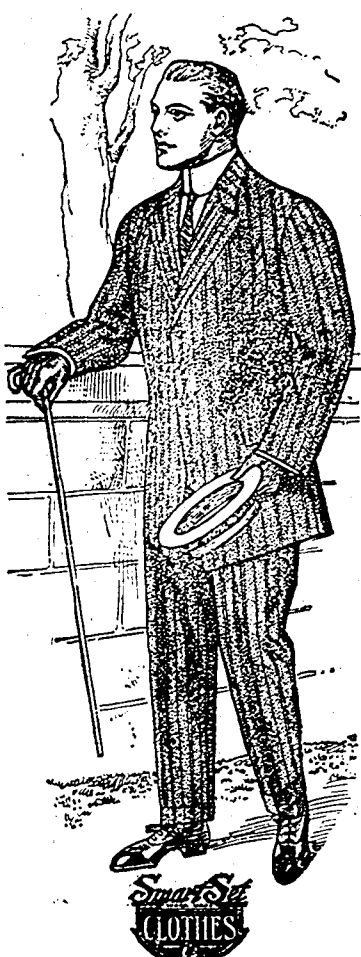
FOUND—Silver watch on Fletcher Street, April 6. J. H. WHITCOMB, East Main Street, Ayer. Charges to be paid by owner proving property. 1131

WANTED—A good girl to take care of children and to do work about the house. Must have good reference. Apply in person. S. M. NATHAN, opposite Fairview Farm, No. Leominster, Mass. 3011

PEKIN DUCK EGGS for hatching. 75 cents a setting. GEORGE H. STEWART, Pepperell, R. F. D. Townsend Harbor, Mass. 2130

Will be sold by auction on Saturday, April 23, at two p. m., the F. A. Patch pasture of sixty-five acres in Boxborough, near No. 3 schoolhouse.

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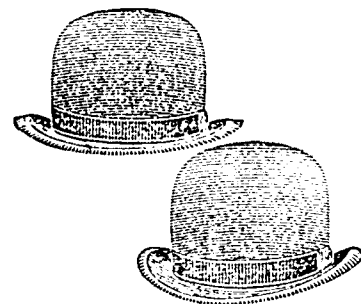
We are now showing the New Spring Styles in the highest quality of CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS and HEADWEAR for Men, Boys and Children. We are now ready to show you the New Spring Models from some of the leading makers of GOOD CLOTHES in the country. Our display is certainly an unusual one and we cordially invite every Man and Boy who is interested in good things to wear, to call and see the new Spring Fashions.

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Young Men's Suits,	\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00
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We carry several other makes and we are offering some exceptional values in both Soft

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Derby Hats,	\$1.98, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Soft Hats for Men,	\$1.00, \$1.50 and \$1.98
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Also, a very complete line of Men's and Boys'

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in all the New Shapes and Colorings. All are very handsome.

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BUTTERINE FROM 15c. to 25c.
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6 lbs. TRIPE, 25c.
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50 acres, 200 apple trees and variety of other fruit, cosy cottage with piazza and splendid shade trees, 50-foot barn with cellar and silo, pine timber and cord wood; good neighbors near and only a strong mile to center of town. \$2500.
Handy Village Home at \$1200, on your own terms. Good garden spot, hen house and yard, barn and neat 6 room house and shed in good repair. Town electric light in front, on a main street near all village conveniences.
27 Miles to Boston on State road, 60 acres, 9-room house, 80-foot barn, windmill, some pine. Only \$1800 for quick sale.
If you want something better in any line of farming or for country home, don't fail to call on me. I have them from \$500 to \$30,000, and from 1 to 200 acres.
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Commissioner's Sale of

REAL ESTATE
In Townsend, Mass.

By virtue of a warrant dated March 10th, 1910, given by the Middlesex County Probate Court to E. Alonzo Blood, of Townsend, in said County, as Commissioner to make partition of certain real estate hereinafter described among the tenants-in-common thereof, whose names and shares are as follows: Lendall U. Clement, Albert M. Richards and Arthur D. Barber, each one-third (1-3), there will be sold by public auction at the house of Thomas J. Smith, in said Townsend, on Wednesday the 14th day of May A. D. 1910, at two o'clock in the afternoon, a certain parcel of land in the Northwesterly part of said Townsend, containing one hundred thirteen (113) acres more or less, and bounded:
Beginning at a stake and stones on Chestnut Hill, so-called; thence North about 46° East, bounded by land formerly of one Hodgman, One Hundred Sixty-Eight (168) rods more or less to a stake and stones at a way; thence North about 44° West about Eighty rods to a stake and stones; thence North about 35° East, bounded in part by land formerly of Samuel Warner, about Sixty (60) rods to a stake and stones at the State line; thence North about 82° West on the State line Eighty-Four (84) rods to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of John Richards; thence by said Richard's land South about 33° East about Fifty-One (51) rods to a large oak tree marked; thence South about 71° West Eighty-Three (83) rods more or less to a stake and stones by an oak stump at a stone wall; thence South about 19° East about One Hundred Eleven (111) rods to a stake and stones by a pitch pine stump; thence North about 64° East Fifty-Six (56) rods to a stake and stones at a corner; thence about 27° West to land formerly of one Richards about Ninety (90) rods to the place of beginning.
The premises will be sold subject to taxes assessed or to be assessed for current year.
A deposit of \$200 will be required at the time and place of sale. Other terms made known at time of sale.
E. ALONZO BLOOD,
Commissioner.
Townsend, Mass., March 25, 1910. 3431
SETTING EGGS FOR SALE.—White Rocks, Buff Rocks, Barred Rocks. Eggs from choice Hens, 50c. a setting of 13. S. P. MORGAN, Ayer, Mass. 4228
FOR SALE.—Cottage, seven rooms, small stable, fruit, one-half acre land, two minutes walk to station, near Pleasant and Bolton. Inquire at 2 Pleasant street, East Pepperell, Mass.

HARVARD.

Town Meeting.

There is to be a special town meeting at the town hall on Saturday evening, April 23, at eight o'clock to act on the following articles:
1. To choose a moderator.
2. To see if the town will reconsider the vote taken at the regular April meeting in regard to selling the lot of land known as Brookside.
3. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sign an agreement indemnity to the commonwealth for liability incurred in building a new section of state highway to connect the piece now in Harvard with the Boxborough line.

News Items.

After fifteen years of active work as superintendent of the Harvard, Shirley, Boylston and Bolton school district, Charles L. Clay is to leave before to begin his work with the Dana-Prentiss school district. Mr. Clay will reside at North Dana, where he is locating a tenement. Aside from his school work, Mr. Clay has been active in the church, the grange and the social life of the town where his leaving will leave a vacancy not readily filled. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clay enjoy the confidence and esteem of the townspeople with whom they have been so closely connected the past years. They will be long remembered for the faithful performance of duty.

S. N. Lougee has sold his farm in Old Mill district to Walter H. Roberts of Malden, a law partner of Ex-Gov. Brackett, who will take possession June 1. We also hear that his hobby in farming is Swiss cattle. While the people here will be pleased to welcome such a man and his motives among us, yet it is with regret that we are to lose the families of S. N. and W. S. Lougee. Both have worked themselves into the social life of the town to such an extent that their loss will be greatly felt.

At the regular annual meeting of the school committee, John E. Maynard was chosen chairman; A. T. West, secretary and supply agent; Dr. H. B. Royal, care of building and transportation, who is also school physician; J. E. Maynard, financial secretary.

On Sunday morning at the Unitarian church, Rev. W. Delos Smith will conduct the usual service.

Those who feel interested in the movement of Prof. Leonard toward a new gymnasium building can find opportunity to express themselves on paper at the postoffice. All names that can be obtained are desired.

Miss Louise Freeman of Needham is attending Bromfield school and living with her cousin and wife of Prof. Leonard. Miss Freeman is an accomplished violinist and is giving valuable service to the B. M. C.

James Riley, who has been working for W. S. Dudley the past year, is to be the iceman for this season. He commenced work with George E. Bagster, April 12.

Ruth M. Bagster from Maynard, where she is teaching school, was home over Saturday and Sunday last.

Alfred Willard, who has spent the winter at Fairhaven with his daughter Bertha, now Mrs. Harry Wright, is back in town and at his home for the summer.

There will be a social dance at the hall this week Saturday evening, for the Chemical Co., Kerley and West managers. The parties in the past have been more than expected by the company and this week the management will endeavor to put in still better music and if possible a better social time. All are welcome.

Louise Atwood and daughter of Fitchburg visited over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Gale.
Leon Dadmun of Somerville was in town recently with a man expert on wells, locating a water spot on his house lot recently purchased from the farm of A. T. West on Lover's Lane. He will commence operations at once. Mr. Dadmun sails for Italy with his cameras, May 4, on a business trip, but his family will spend their summer here on his new possession.

Edgar W. Cottle, with a view to combining comfort with the antique, is re-arranging under the skilful direction of Irving Morse, the rear section of his summer home on Oak Hill. The new plan of rooms and stairway adds much to the style and comfort of the place.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dill entertained as weekend guests, the former's brother and wife from Waltham. Mr. Dill is connected with the postoffice department of that city as assistant postmaster. Miss Charlotte Tufts of Boston suburbs is also a guest at the Dill home.

Miss May Donnelly of South Boston is taking a short rest from her work and staying at the farm of Mrs. Jerry Desmond on Bare Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Bigelow, Jr., are entertaining as a guest the former's sister, Miss Fannie L. Bigelow.

Miss May Hiscock has moved her household goods into the south tenement of the farmhouse on the Slade farm.

Miss Susie Whitney is improving but more slowly. She expects to be home before long.

Edwin Savage is working in Fitchburg taking his brother Louis' place, who is census enumerator in Fitchburg for ward four.

Miss Pauline Hildreth of Butternut Farms, N. H., Miss Mary Hildreth, proprietor, is visiting with Doris Ripley for a few days.

Miss Mary Davis returned home on Tuesday afternoon from the Memorial hospital at Worcester, where she has been under treatment for several weeks. During her stay there she underwent two operations of a critical nature. Her friends consider her recovery due only to the best of care and a strong, robust constitution.

Arthur H. Turner very generously placed his automobile at her disposition and with Mr. and Mrs. Davis, she returned that way, thus elimin-

ating the changing of cars and carriages. Though still very weak Miss Davis feels no ill effects from the trip and glad to be at her home again.

The last game of the season with the usual banquet was given at the I. O. O. F. hall by the Evening Whirl club on Tuesday evening, April 12. There was an unusually full attendance and everything was conducive of a good time. The prizes were won as follows: Ladies' first prize, Helen Dickson; booby, Mrs. Jennie Dickson; gentlemen's first, F. B. Shores; booby, Mrs. A. F. Ripley. Special mention should be made of the supper which was exceptionally well gotten up.

Lawrence G. Shores of Chicopee Falls is staying for awhile with his cousin, William F. Shores.

Quite an extensive forest fire raged Sunday and Monday in the Shaboken district, running over a great number acres of woodland, doing considerable damage. Nearly every available man was called into action. Several valuable wood lots and some cut lumber was in danger. The light rains of Monday night served as a check to the spreading of the flames.

George E. Morse is out with his new Cameron 1910 car, a two-seated covered car and a dandy.

Mrs. Mary Baker, who was substituting for Miss Willard at the library on Wednesday, slipped and fell while attending to the work there, dislocating her left hip and bruising the ligaments. Dr. Royal attended her and she is resting comfortably with only a matter of time when she will again be out.

William Savage is visiting for a few days at Hudson with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jennison.

At the regular meeting of the I. O. O. F., on Monday evening, it was voted to observe the anniversary of the order, April 25. Rev. A. A. Bronson of Shirley has accepted an invitation to address the meeting. Members are at liberty to invite their friends. A lunch will be served.

The First Congregational Unitarian church at its annual parish meeting, elected the following officers:

Moderator, Arthur H. Turner, clerk, James L. Whitney; standing committee, Walter F. Dickson, Arthur W. Bryant, Albert H. Bigelow, treasurer, Arthur H. Turner; investment committee, three years, Harry F. Whitney; finance committee, Mrs. A. W. Bryant, Mrs. A. H. Turner, Mrs. C. C. Hapgood; music committee, Mrs. H. H. Gale, Mrs. H. F. Whitney, Mrs. A. H. Turner; flower committee, Mrs. J. E. Maynard, Mrs. C. T. Gale, Mrs. A. H. Bigelow, Mrs. Harold D. Bigelow, Henry H. Dickson, Walter A. Dickson.

School Entertainment.

Principal A. F. Leonard of Bromfield seems always to have an eye for some improvement in the educational and athletic line. He is now, with the help of the boys, constructing a tennis court at the school grounds and expects to have, when completed, a thoroughly up-to-date court.

Friday evening of last week the pupils of the Bromfield gave to the townspeople an exhibit of what they are doing in athletics under the tutelage of Mr. Leonard at the town hall. The program was music by the Bromfield Music club, boys' dumb bell drill, fencing by C. Webster, M. Campbell and Earl Turner, won by Turner, the match being close, none of the contestants finding it easy to score a point.

Boxing by Kent Royal and M. Campbell, Campbell winning on science, although the long reach of Royal was a hard matter to evade.

Wrestling by the bantams and the star event of the evening by H. Dickson and Goodrich, Dickson winning by superior weight, although he found his opponent a slippery customer. The work of both brought out the applause of the crowd.

Boxing by Ellery Royal and W. Desmond. The first two rounds were exhibitions of remarkable science by both boys. Desmond was given the decision in the third, his extra weight and strength tiring his adversary.

Wrestling by Madden and Sheehan, a close match won by Sheehan.

Wrestling by Kent Royal and Earl Turner and won by Turner. In this event Turner showed his superior strength, when at the last Royal had him by a half Nelson, Turner bridged, Royal being unable to break him down and in getting a new hold lost the match.

The last event was a drill by the girls of the school.

Between the regular events the boys did stunts. W. Houghton took all in his class of contortionists.

Prof. Leonard by special request and wholly unprepared gave an exhibition with the heavy Indian clubs.

One pleasing feature was the fact that with only two exceptions the boys kept their heads perfectly even when they were getting the worse of the contest.

The music, which was continuous throughout the evening, was also of a very entertaining character.

The net sum of sixty dollars was realized, this to be expended entirely on the athletic work at the school.

Mock Town Meeting.

On Tuesday, April fifth, a large number of Harvard grangers met as notified by the warrant issued by the committee, Edward J. McLaughlin and William B. Willard, to settle the town affairs for the ensuing year. The grange was opened in the usual manner and after disposing of regular business the meeting was put into the care of the lecturer who instructed Mr. McLaughlin to proceed to open the town meeting.

After all who wished had voted for the town officers, the articles of the warrant were read. These numbered thirty-seven and of the most remarkable character.

Article one was to choose a moderator for the meeting. Alfred Fuller was chosen by a large majority and was conducted to the chair by Mr. McLaughlin amid great applause and demonstration. Mr. Fuller assumed the leading of the meeting in a graceful manner and performed his duties in a dignified and most acceptable manner, adding much to the merriment and success of the meeting. He had a very taking way of pacifying excited and unruly debaters, and his suggestions as to the disposition

of various articles were most humorous and convincing. Altogether he "takes the cake" as a moderator. Excitement over some of the articles attained such heat and the discussions were so fervent that at times it looked as though one of the voters would have to be ejected, but Mr. Fuller stilled the troubled waters and the Reed was not broken, but allowed to remain on premises of good behavior.

There was a heated discussion on the following article: To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be used for the suppression of the mosquito-biting insect, commonly known as the mosquito, or pass any vote of votes thereon.

This question was ably sustained, but the moderator suggested that if a concrete article on the protection of the large birds carried, the mosquito question would be settled.

Having traveled quite extensively, Mr. Fuller has a remarkable understanding of human nature and knows when "there is a crowd," so when the article concerning the conveyance of the grange Belle was to be left to a committee of three he quickly helped the parties interested to an amicable agreement, and the grange Keyes he took off successfully.

Now and then when the excited male voters, paused in their heated debates long enough, some of the ladies would raise a timid voice and try to get a hearing. Finally Mr. Fuller realizing the one-sidedness of affairs, moved that the ladies be allowed to vote exclusively on two articles. As these were rather insignificant, the ladies did not respond quickly, some feeling, to use a familiar expression, "their rights had been trampled on." One lady to conciliate matters moved that the remaining articles be laid on the table to allow the ladies to provide some pockets on the sides of the gowns, as she had noticed at town meetings the speakers always thrust the hands into side pockets and it was inferred there must be some inspiration gained thereby.

After the arduous work of the meeting, refreshments were in order. On this question the ladies always gain a hearing and with wise forethought had provided boxes of delicate viands which were auctioned to the highest bidder. One especially fancy box fell to the rightful gentleman and one fine box sold for two dollars and ten cents. Inside of the box was the name of the lady who prepared it and the buyer sought her and shared his purchase. Much good wholesome wit and merriment was the order of the evening.

The grangers wended their way home proud of their talented orators, whose great modesty forbids us to name, and feeling assured that the town would now go safely and economically through another year, with the article on raising such sums of money as necessary for the town expenses "laid on the table." Mr. Peary could be allowed to give his one thousand dollar lecture in the near future. The constables would be provided with "a comfortable lodging place" on the night before the Fourth. A new subway and Bare Hill pond enlarged and the mosquito suppressed, summer boarders would flock to our beautiful town as never before.

Clipping.

From Leslie's Weekly, Thursday, March 31, 1910.

Son of a redskin warrior who was slain in battle with the white man, Sherman Coolidge, full-blooded Apache Indian, has for twenty-five years been an ordained minister of the Episcopal church. He is now in charge of the Church of the Redeemer at Shoshone agency, of two chapels among the Arapahoes on the Wind River reservation, and of St. Luke's church, at Shoshoni, in Wyoming. On the death of his father, Sherman was adopted by General Charles A. Coolidge, who reared him as one of his own children. From childhood he showed an inclination to study for the ministry and to spread the gospel among his own people. Sherman Coolidge is a graduate of Shattuck Military school and of Seabury Divinity school. He took a post-graduate course at Hobart college. It was while he was engaged in missionary work among the Indians that he met and married Miss Wetherbee, daughter of Gardner Wetherbee, a New York millionaire. She, too, was interested in the welfare of the Indian. Physically he is a fine specimen of the lithe, stalwart Apache—tall, erect, full-chested. His mental equipment is excellent, and his influence on the lives of his people has been remarkable.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE.—Rose and Single Comb Rhode Island Red Eggs from prize winning stock. \$1 per setting. H. L. STONE, Shirley Center. 4230

FOR SALE.—I brought down two Vermont Horses. One of them is for sale seven years old and a good one. J. R. HAWKES, Groton, Mass. 4231

FOR SALE.—Second Hand Rubber Tanned Light Driving Harness. M. W. SARGENT, West Street, Ayer, Mass. 4232

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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 ALFRED WEATHERBY, 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 MARTHA J. WEATHERBY, who prays that letters testamentary thereon be issued to her, the executrix therein named. You are hereby cited to appear at Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if 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 paper of Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said day, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to known persons interested in said estate, seven days at least before said day. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of April the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. W. E. ROGERS, Registrar.

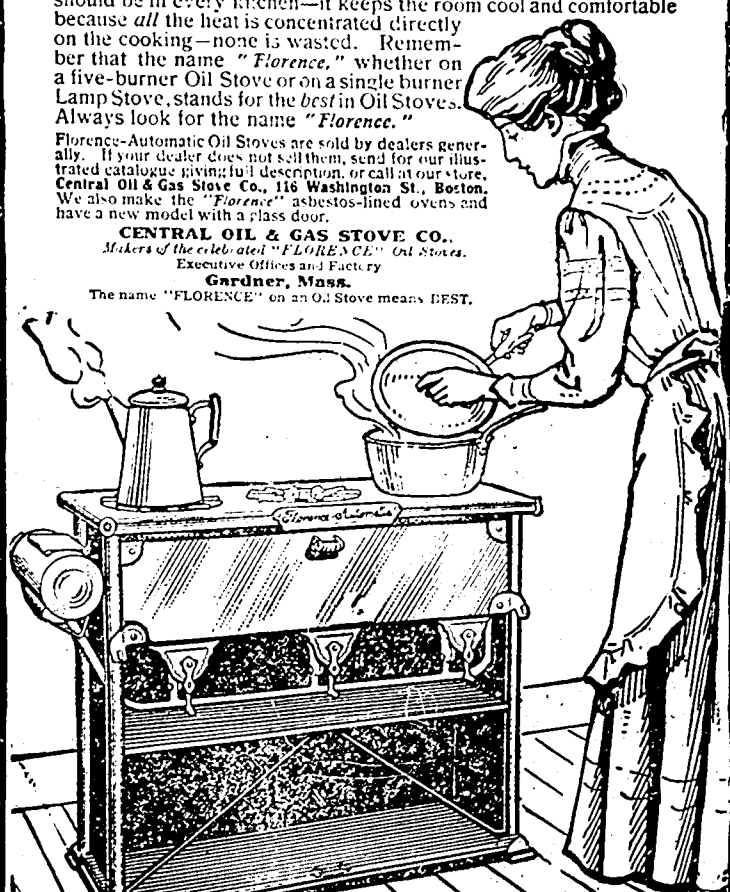
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GROTON.

The Portable Saw Mill.

Learning incidentally while calling at R. M. Erving's studio and workshop that he was going to take pictures of the portable sawmill that has attracted so much attention, we asked him to gather some interesting facts for this column. This mill is from fifty to sixty feet in length and has been operating during the past four or five months in the easterly part of Groton. From three lots, the Shattuck and Riddin lots, it has sawed 700,000 feet of lumber mostly pine boards and planks. Some chestnut was made into railroad ties. It has employed some twelve to fourteen men beside choppers, averaging in all some twenty men. These have mostly boarded and lodged themselves. It has been quite a picturesque settlement. One man has piled the lumber sometimes 17,000 to 18,000 feet a day with the assistance with what is called a sticking jack. There are huge piles of sawdust as a matter of course where there has been so much industry. Many visitors have visited the premises. E. H. Russell, the owner of this mill, has been operating for O. R. Spaulding of Westford, who bought the lots. His son, R. D. Russell has been the engineer. By the way this son through his mother is a direct descendant of the historical Hannah Dustin, his second name being for this Dustin ancestor. It took three weeks to set up this mill but it will take only three days to take it down. Mr. Russell expects to get through this week or next.

Temperance Meeting.

The temperance workers of the Northwest Middlesex Union feel that the meeting held here in town hall last week Thursday, was exceptionally interesting. The program was carried out as given. Rev. S. W. Cummings gave a fine address in the morning and Frank P. Bennett, Jr., in the afternoon. Among other things Mr. Bennett explained all about the "Bottle bill." Mr. Bennett is a direct descendant of one of the old Groton Bennetts, his ancestor being a Thomas Bennett. It is forty-eight years since this temperance union was organized and as far as known but one of the original Groton members, Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck remains. Two others present, Geo. W. Sanderson and George W. Stewart of Ayer were also original members. The gavel used in calling these meetings to order is made from pieces of wood, one piece from each town comprising this Middlesex Northwest temperance union. The piece from Groton was taken from the bar, long since discarded, but for years in use at Groton Inn. In looking over the progress made in the cause all these years the workers feel glad and take courage for the future.

News Items.

The Groton Improvement society will hold a food sale in the lower town hall on Friday, April 22.

C. A. Shaw is very ill with, it is said blood-poison. One of the children of his family has the whooping cough.

Lawrence Brooks is having thousands of young trees set out on his farm, on that hill, part of which belonged formerly to the Samuel A. Shattuck place.

G. H. McKee has just completed a new and quite sizable chicken house, making four or five on his place.

Rowan Allen presented his wife on Tuesday, April 12, a birthday present of a new Conway piano.

There was a brush and field fire at Peter Fallon's, Wednesday. The fire company was called out to subdue and keep it from spreading. It is so dry that such fires are quite alarming, as likely to run rapidly. We have not heard whether there was much damage at Mr. Fallon's.

Mrs. Charles Parson, who has been the guest of Mrs. Thomas Clough for several weeks has returned to her home in Lynn.

Lawrence academy opened Wednesday for the spring term.

James R. Hawkes, Dr. W. A. Gobie, James Fraser and Daniel Whalen have been to Woodstock, Vt., on a business trip. They brought back some very nice horses.

The body of Elida King, who died at a hospital in Newburyport, was brought here for burial Thursday at 10:30 a. m. Rev. H. A. Cornell officiated at the funeral service at Groton cemetery. She was the elder of the two girls who lived here with their mother, Mrs. Kirby, while she was housekeeper for her son-in-law, Rev. C. W. Turner.

The Association of Congregational churches will hold their spring meeting at South Acton, Wednesday, April 20. The delegates chosen to attend are Mrs. E. P. Shumway, Frank D. Lewis, Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck.

Alonzo E. Willis has sold his farm on the Ayer road to a New York party who is going to run a large dairy farm.

James Rowe has sold his place on Whiting avenue through an agency, receiving it is said, a very satisfactory price for it. His nephew, William Nutter and family, who have been living with Mr. Rowe, are going to move to Worcester.

Five more have made application for membership. Groton grange is flourishing.

Mrs. Lucina Gilpatrick, widow of Stillman Gilpatrick, and her son, Sidney Gilpatrick, administrator, will sell the home place on the Great road, and other property by public auction. It is said that they will leave Groton, to make their home elsewhere.

Groton grange had an interesting meeting Tuesday night. They voted to admit seventeen candidates who applied for admission and their names are:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Farwell, Mr. and Mrs. George H. McKee, Mrs. George Knapp, S. Evans, Wallace A. Brown.

Groton people are very sorry to hear of the illness from pneumonia, of Dr. S. W. Fletcher of Pepperell.

Mrs. Forrest Stiles, (Miss Nellie Lury) is at the home of her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lury. Mrs. Stiles is somewhat out of health having recently passed through a trying affliction in the death of one of their children. Much sympathy is felt and expressed for her by Groton friends who hope she may speedily recover.

Mrs. George Hodgman went the first of the week for a short visit to her daughter, Miss Genevieve Hodgman at Wellesley.

D. R. Steere and Thomas Gilson of E. S. Clarke Post, attended the meeting of the Mass. Department G. A. R., held in Boston last week.

Fred A. Sherwin, one of the leading business men of the town, bought the land and buildings, situated at the junction of Hollis and Common streets, belonging to the estate of H. C. Corey and sold by public auction, Thursday p. m., April 7.

Mrs. Appleton H. Torrey is very ill with a severe attack of the grippe.

E. F. Doherty is planning to go soon to his old home in Prince Edward Island.

The Unitarian church sociable held last week Thursday, was a successful affair, netting eighteen dollars.

Charles H. Gerrish is the census enumerator for Groton.

Thomas F. Donahue is drawn as juror for the April term of court, sitting in Cambridge.

Miss Fanny Blood, who has been in Millbury, is in Groton for a few days this week at her sister's, Mrs. Fred W. Coburn.

Miss M. T. Cleary went Monday to teach school at East Weare, N. H.

There was a practice game of baseball between a town team and the high school nine last week Saturday, the score ending 3 to 2 in favor of the town team. The latter has had to stand a lot of jollying for not making a better score against their younger and more inexperienced opponents.

The selectmen have organized with James R. Hawkes as chairman.

The E. S. Clark Post and W. R. C. will attend worship at the Baptist church on Memorial day.

The school committee organized by the choice of Dr. H. B. Priest as chairman and George T. Stevens as secretary.

Dr. Eames, occupying the Dr. Bristol house, has decided to return to Boston the first of May as he finds it too great a tax upon his time and strength to go back and forth every day.

S. F. Davis, last Sunday, appointed Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck, Miss Hazel Gibson and Miss Elsie Shattuck a committee to prepare a program for Children's day.

Henry Hollenbeck is going to work for Thomas Aitken. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Percy Hollenbeck, will go soon with her children to Bridgeport, Conn.

The W. R. C. meeting, April 19, will open at four p. m., instead of 2:30, the regular hour. After the business meeting of the corps, supper will be served at 6:30. The invited guests are the G. A. R. Post and families of the corps members. A literary program will be rendered later in the evening appropriate to the day.

Groton school students returned from their vacation Tuesday night.

Mrs. Alice B. Kendall who has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. M. Howe, left Groton for Lowell, Monday.

There will be a Neighborhood meeting of the Young People's Guild societies at the First Parish Unitarian church here on the evening of Sunday, April 24. Rev. Abbott Peterson of Lancaster will address the meeting. The neighborhood gathering comprises the guilds of Groton, Pepperell and Littleton.

Mrs. Salvadge, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was in town Tuesday, calling on Mrs. M. W. Shattuck and visiting places in town of interest to her. Mrs. Salvadge has been a teacher in Brooklyn for thirty or thirty-five years and soon retires on a pension.

A special meeting of the trustees of Lawrence academy is called for this Saturday at the academy building. Major M. P. Palmer and Rev. G. M. Howe have been appointed by the Historical society to care for the markers of the graves of the soldiers of the Revolution and of 1812. Some of these markers have been broken down.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Jr., of Milton, recently sailed for Europe from New York.

Envelopes were distributed last Sunday morning at the Congregational church for the annual collection for home missions.

Alanson Mason has just taken a position as fireman of the switch engine on the Boston and Maine, at the Ayer yard.

Lawrence Brooks has bought the Mrs. John Benedict place on Hollis street. Mrs. Benedict will make her future home with her daughter, Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman have made arrangements to move to Ayer the first of next month. This will be much more convenient for Mr. Hodgman who works for Harlow & Parsons.

Principal John H. Manning was called to Beverly last Sunday by the serious illness of his mother.

Rev. P. H. Cressey preached at Lancaster in exchange with Rev. Abbott Peterson last Sunday.

There will be a supper and entertainment at the Baptist church on Thursday evening, April 21.

The Groton Sewing school closes its winter session this Saturday afternoon, with the usual good time party. This sewing school has been a real and lasting blessing to the Groton girls who have attended. They learned the use of the needle as otherwise they were not likely to do, as busy mothers do not always take the time to teach their girls. School duties and recreation necessarily fill many hours. This school was started

by the kind thought and act of Mrs. John Lawrence, some eight or ten years ago and with the same kindness and interest she has seen that it should be continued ever since. A number of other Groton ladies have actively assisted in keeping it up.

Major M. P. Palmer attended the meeting of the Mass. Dept. of G. A. R., and of the Loyal Legion held in Boston last week, Wednesday. The Loyal Legion, as everybody knows, is made up of the officers who served in the Civil war. Maj. Palmer inviting Dr. D. R. Steere, commander of E. S. Clarke Post, to go with him, attended the Loyal Legion banquet held in the evening. They report almost as good a time as they had on their excursion to Gettysburg last year.

Lawrence Academy Remembered.

A number of Boston charitable institutions are remembered in the will of the late John H. Pierce of Lincoln, which was filed last Saturday with the clerk of the Probate Court in East Cambridge. The will is dated April 8, 1907, and names Elsie Pierce, a daughter, and Elihu G. Loomis as executors.

After giving away \$150,000 to relatives and friends the residue of the estate is left in equal shares to the Boston Provident Association, Boston Associated Charities, Boston Floating Hospital, New England Hospital for Women and Children, Children's Mission for the Destitute of Boston and the trustees of the Lawrence academy at Groton.

In a codicil is left \$2,500 to the Massachusetts Hospital School for Children, \$1,000 to the town of Lincoln, the interest on which is to be added to the salaries of the town's librarians.

Entertainment.

The high school will give an entertainment in town hall, on Friday, May 6, consisting of "The real thing," a farce in one act. The characters are:

Harry Savage, editor and an advocate of "Realism"

Howard Patterson

Pante Virgil Quillington, an inspiring poet

William Bradley

"Breezy point," a comedy, in three acts with the following characters:

Aunt Lobbs, Dexter, Misses of

Breezy Point, Dorothy Bowles

Elmer Pearl, of unknown parentage

Age Hazel Gibson

Asrael Grant, a workhouse

Mrs. Harderatch, with business propensities

The Harderatch Twins, who "never

let alone"

Nellie and Florence Bywater

Melchite Doonette, manufacturer of catarrh snuff and bitters

Aunt Debby's summer boarders fresh from boarding school: Bernice Vernon, Marion Green, Laura Leigh, Clara Robinson, Edith Norton, Doris Peabody, Charlie Fenleigh, Marguerite Leonard, Fantine, Miss Vernon's French maid

Old Clem, the gypsy

Verena Adams

Little Jill

Max Woods

Bertha Clarke

Children's Gardens.

The Groton Improvement society have selected Mrs. Elizabeth S. Hill to have supervision of the children's house gardens this summer.

Any boy or girl under seven years of age can compete in these gardens. Seeds will be distributed either by the teachers in public schools or on application to Mrs. Hill.

Prizes will be awarded at the close of the season. Plowing and harrowing can be done by some older persons, but planting and care of gardens must be done by the children. There will be no school gardens this year.

Last year in addition to the usual prizes received by the children from the society, two boys received prizes from the Garden Magazine proprietors, a magazine published in New York. Competitors sent note books and photographs of gardens. Frank Woods and Paul Wilson received prizes.

We hope a number of children will try to see what they can do this year in their own gardens.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The spring term at Lawrence academy opened Wednesday. Nearly all the boys are back from their vacation, and one or two new ones are expected.

Next week will be a busy one with the baseball team, as games are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, Holy Cross Prep.; Thursday, St. Joseph high; Saturday, Tufts second. These are strong teams, last year Lawrence won from St. Joseph high in the fourteenth inning. The schedule of games for the entire season, which is printed in another place is a very strong one, and the public may be sure of good sport. As it is an expensive schedule the management will appreciate any help that may be given.

The academy boys will give a dance Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the team. Music will be furnished by Noonan's orchestra of Boston.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

At the school committee meeting, Tuesday afternoon, Frank Hill of Norwood was chosen for superintending of schools in place of Mr. Webber who resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hager of Gardner have been here at his old home lately, looking after affairs.

Tuesday afternoon the annual Back Log Sunset party, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Woodbury, will be given in the town hall, music, Hubbard's orchestra of five pieces. Supper in charge of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hosmer.

Child labor will be the topic upon which Roland Houghton will speak before the guild on Sunday evening, April 17, in the Unitarian vestry.

Friday morning, April 15, Mrs. M. J. Priest and Mrs. Janet Jacobs left for an extended visit with their children in East Orange, N. J.

The King's Daughters' circle wish to correct a statement in last week's issue, that they had given fifty dollars to Ingleside, when it was only five dollars.

Whittie Robbins, son of Henry A. Robbins of Newton, walked from his home to his grandfather's, P. S. Whitcomb, leaving about eight p. m., arriving here a little past noon. He is a junior in Harvard college.

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You will find every garment made from soft evenly woven, fine muslin or nainsook, and trimmed with fine hamburgs.

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News Items.

A large force of men worked on the railroad crossing at Littleton station Monday, repairing the track and regrading for the convenience of automobiles and pedestrians(?)

Miss Helen Warren of South Acton has been visiting relatives and friends in town this last week.

Fred C. Hartwell has lost his valuable new sorrel horse. Death was caused by brain trouble.

Lycium Entertainment.

The last entertainment in the lycium course was given last Tuesday evening. Home talent night always means a crowded house and this occasion was no exception to the rule. The operetta, "Jack, the giant killer," given by the children and the youths of the town, under the able supervision of Mrs. A. B. Webber, teacher of music in the public schools, pleased the enthusiastic audience who expressed their delight through repeated applause. The Cynthian orchestra discoursed fine music and the entire program was one long to be remembered by all who were present.

New Spring
MILLINERY

We wish to call extra mention to our Flower and Draped Straw Turbans, \$5.00

Geo. L. Davis, 26 Main St., Ayer

Five carloads of cattle from the Cymric steamer were shipped to the U. S. quarantine in Littleton, Thursday.

New Advertisements.

SITUATION WANTED-To do general housework. Apply at Public Spirit Office.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to those who assisted in any way during the funeral of Eliza M. Hobart.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE S. CARLETON, Hampton, N. H., April 10, 1910.

FOR SALE-A New One-Horse Farm Wagon. OWEN KEEGAN, Pearl Street, Ayer, Mass.

AYER.

New Business.

The directors of the Handy-Dandy Co., are D. L. Chandler, E. W. Carley, Edward Burns of Ayer, John H. Trayne of Groton and Eugene Murphy of Fitchburg and organized with the choice of Mr. Chandler as president; Mr. Carley, vice-president; Mr. Burns, treasurer; Mr. Trayne, secretary. The company is an Arizona corporation, with a capital stock of \$250,000. It has been organized in the town to manufacture the Handy-Dandy toilet articles, including tooth brushes, dentifrice and a leather case of vest pocket size to carry them in. The brush has a metallic handle and removable cap with a compartment for carrying a small bottle of dentifrice. The company, it is said, have given an order for 5,000 of them to be made right away.



Benjamin Taft.

Benjamin Taft Heads Princes.

From the Boston Daily Globe, Saturday, April 9:

After a three years' term as sovereign prince of Giles F. Yates chapter, P. of J., 16th degree, A. A. S. R., illustrious John E. Pierce retired Friday evening and was succeeded by Benjamin Taft, who was promoted from the second station. The annual convocation took place in the Masonic temple.

A committee of these past sovereign princes were named to escort the newly-elected head to the chamber: Geo. S. Carpenter, John M. Raymond, Thos. Kellough and William H. Puffer. The induction was made by the first named.

"Dear old Ben," said Sovereign Prince Pierce, in receiving his successor, "you are to be congratulated in having been chosen to head this grand old body. You have every vote. All I can say is that if one half of the courtesy, kindness and consideration showered upon me falls to your lot—and I am sure you will have every bit as much—then your path will be as smooth as possible for man to make it."

The incoming sovereign prince declared that he felt as proud as could be at having been given such an honor, and he desired to assure them of his heartfelt gratitude. The past work of the council, he said, had been looked up to and he realized the great task ahead of him to sustain that reputation. He would do his best and felt confident that his associates would second his endeavors.

More than the ordinary sentiment attached to the installation. The ceremony was performed by illustrious John M. Raymond, who had conferred the grades of the council on the latest to take its chair, while the marshal was illustrious William H. Puffer, who had appointed him to office.

Congratulations were extended to the new head of the council by his predecessor, who offered best wishes, with the hope that prosperity, peace, harmony and fraternal courtesy would prevail, as it had in the past.

Bouquets were presented the installing officer and the marshal.

The 16th grade was conferred in full form and ceremony upon a score of aspirants, with John E. Pierce and George C. Thatcher in the principal stations, Sovereign Prince Taft being unable to officiate, as he is suffering from throat trouble.

Recital.

At the recital given by Miss Nina G. Fletcher, the talented violinist, at Page hall, next Thursday evening, Miss Mary Fletcher, contralto, and Ernest Harrison, accompanist, will assist. Miss Nina Fletcher has been twice to Paris studying with the most celebrated artists of the day and last winter gave a recital there that the critics gave great praise for her artistic playing and a number of the leading papers of this country gave extended notices of her success abroad. It has been a number of years since she has played before an Ayer audience and no doubt she will receive a most cordial greeting, as her wonderful ability certainly deserves it.

A piano will be sent here by the Miller company of Boston, expressly for this occasion. All seats will be reserved and go on sale next Monday morning at nine o'clock, at Hill's drug store. The following is the program:

Sonata	Tartini
O rest in the Lord	Mendelssohn
Out of my soul's great sadness	Frantz
The quest	Smith
Larghetto	Nardini
Menuetto	Beethoven
Serenade	Scambatti
Gitarre	Mozzkowski
Thy beaming eyes	Macdowell
A little winding road	Ronald
Vous dansez, Marquise	Lemaire
Habanera	From Carmen
Romance	Grieg
The bee	Schubert
Spanish dance	Sarasate
Hungarian dance	Brahms-Joachim
Angels' serenade	Braga
With violin obligato	

Taking the Census.

Rev. A. D. Stroud has been appointed census enumerator for Ayer and he commenced taking the thirteenth census Friday, April 15.

The enumeration will cover all of the forty-five states and two terri-

ories of the Union proper and also Hawaii and Porto Rico. Alaska, Philippine Islands and Guam will not be included, as special arrangements are made for numbering the people of those dependencies.

Under the statutes governing the work the entire enumeration must be completed within a month, and in the cities the work is limited to fifteen days. It is expected that some of the returns from the cities will be received as early as the first week in June, but the exact population of the entire country will not be determined before some time in September. The census officials will, however, know within a few thousand of the number long before the close of the summer months. They will be able to reach a substantially accurate conclusion by their payrolls, but this will be more or less speculative, and the figures will not be given out.

The mere getting of the information will cost the government the pretty sum of \$5,500,000. Of this amount, \$4,500,000 will be paid to enumerators, and the remaining million to supervisors. With a few exceptions the enumerators will be paid on the basis of the work done. In the country the remuneration will be from twenty to thirty cents for each farm reported, while the pay for names will range from two to four cents.

Less Hours and Higher Pay.

Officials of the Boston and Maine railroad and representatives of the conductors and trainmen of the road signed the new wage agreement Tuesday. The agreement calls for shorter hours and an appreciable increase, affecting over four thousand operatives. An important feature was the adoption of the minimum monthly wage scale to conform with the statutes of Massachusetts. The basis of agreement between the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and its operatives was followed in other particulars.

For ten days president Lucius Tuttle and General Superintendent Charles E. Lee of the corporation have granted interviews to the representatives of the men, Vice President L. E. Shepard of the order of railway conductors and Vice President Sines of the brotherhood of railway trainmen. Every point in the requests of the men was threshed out in the conferences and the announcement of the signing of the document was given out Wednesday.

Establishing a ten hour day as a standard, the wage schedule adopted is as follows: Passenger department, conductors, .0268 per mile; ticket collectors, .0215; baggage men, .0155; brakemen, .015. The through freight crews will receive the following pay: Conductors, .0363 per mile; flagmen, .02525, and local brakemen, .0242. Local freight rates are: Conductors, .03975; flagmen, .028, and brakemen, .027.

A system of hourly rates will be in force among the yard crews, the rates being as follows: Yard conductors, 34, 33 and 32 cents an hour for day work and 36 and 34 cents for night duty; yard brakemen, 31, 30 and 29 cents for day work and 33, 32 and 31 cents for night work.

Operatives affected by the new agreement were jubilant over the fact that the road was the first in the East to grant the requests of the men without the polling of the members of the two organizations relative to a strike. Mutual felicitations abounded on all trains and many words of praise were heard for the committee and the officials who brought the new raise into effect.

This new wage and time schedule will go into effect Sunday, April 17.

News Items.

In September of last year the Boston and Maine railroad established a telephone train dispatching system on the line between Boston and Fitchburg, Mass. This system proved so satisfactory that the railroad is now about to equip two new divisions with telephones. One of the divisions consists of a 95-mile line, from Concord to Woodsville, N. H., and the other of a 70-mile line, from Concord to White River Junction, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord, parents of Mrs. G. L. Osgood, who have been here through the winter, left Thursday for their home in Sullivan, Me.

Special meetings will be held in the Baptist church beginning Sunday, April 17, and continuing through the week. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. Willard E. Waterbury, evangelist, from Boston, who will speak twice next Sunday, at 10:45 a. m. and seven p. m., and every night through the week at 7:30, except Saturday. The hymn books of Mr. Alexander, the great singer in the Chapman meetings, will be used. All are welcome to these services.

As the result of what the management regarded as an attempt to secure an unfair advantage, notice has been given to the shoe machinery people to take out the work that has been done at the Chandler Planer shop during the past several months.

The next meeting of Geo. S. Boutwell W. R. C., will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 19, at 2:30. All members are requested to be present.

The following is the committee appointed by L. K. Clark, moderator at town meeting, to investigate fire conditions, fire protection and water pressure and report at some future meeting: William Brown, Wm. I. Sherwin, T. Frank Mullin, Harry Draper and Frederick Whitney. The committee appointed to revise the by-laws and suggest additions thereto and amendments therein and report at some future meeting are John M. Maloney, L. K. Clark and L. A. Carman.

The selectmen have organized with E. D. Stone chairman and J. M. Maloney, clerk.

Rev. A. D. Stroud is to go to Newton Highlands the coming week. He was assigned to that place by the M. E. conference held at Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bickford of Townsend will move to Ayer in a couple of weeks, and will occupy the tenement in the house of Jerome W. Wright on East Main Street that is to be vacated by Augustus Lovejoy in three or four weeks. Mrs. Bickford is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow.

Louis Lapointe has nearly completed a new house in Shirley for John Donovan, Grove street, this town, who expects to occupy it when ready. The house is on the adjoining lot where he has another house, that he had built for him sixteen years ago by Mr. Lapointe.

Thomas K. Fisher, son of Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Fisher, left Friday, April 15, for St. Paul school, Concord, N. H., where he is a scholar.

Bennett Sanderson, son of Judge Sanderson, left Tuesday for Groton school.

Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, vicar of St. Andrew's church left Thursday morning for South Dakota, at the invitation of Bishop Johnson, to attend a Memorial service, and will return May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Burns returned Tuesday night from their trip to California.

Mrs. Brown had a whist party on Wednesday evening. Those present were, Dr. and Mrs. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. H. M. Turner and the host and hostess made up the two tables. Mrs. Fox won the first and only prize. Dainty refreshments were served.

H. E. Bliss, real estate agent, has recently sold Dr. Rogers' place in Harvard to Judson Macrae of Newton, the Vining place in Groton to Montague Chamberlain; the A. E. Mills farm in Groton to Mrs. C. M. Norwell of Brewster, N. Y.; H. L. Clarke farm in Shirley to W. N. Comstock, Derry, N. H.; Michael Kelley place, Groton, to J. S. Rowell; Danvers, the S. N. Lougee farm in Harvard to Walter H. Roberts, Malden; the farm of Prof. Weiner in Harvard to H. W. Putnam of Lexington.

An electric car was here Thursday belonging to the Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, equipped with the bond testing machine, and the car and men connected with it were here to test the rails of the Lowell and Fitchburg Electric Railway Co., to see that they were properly bonded and that the connections were good and in working condition.

The Y. P. R. U. Sunday evening in the Unitarian vestry, was addressed by Superintendent of schools, F. C. Johnson. His subject was "High living," and was illustrated by the experiences of Paul, Lincoln and Christ. The music was a vocal solo by Miss Nina Phillips and hymns by the Union.

The Unitarian Social Gathering served a fine supper Tuesday night in their vestry. Committee in charge: Mrs. Austin Lawrence, Miss Emma Butterfield, assisted by Mrs. Edward Murphy, Mrs. Herbert L. Whitman, Mrs. Charles E. Sherwin and Miss Millie Beverly.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church served a supper in their vestry, Wednesday evening, in charge of Mrs. A. M. Sargent, Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, Mrs. Harry Stone and Mrs. Charles Hassam.

The Art class of the Woman's club met Friday evening with Mrs. Caroline B. Wyman. The program included picture study and papers on "Greek vases," by Mrs. Carrie Lynds and "The Fay yom" by Mrs. Barker.

The sewing school has its annual exhibit, Saturday afternoon, April 16, at 2:30 in the upper town hall. Everyone is welcome, and all who can should come and see what the children have done this winter. The children of the school will be served with refreshments at the close of the exhibit. At the closing work session of the school last Saturday, there were seventy-five children present.

The Ayer A. A. play their opening game of baseball with the West Chelmsford team at Nutting grove, Tuesday afternoon, April 19, at three o'clock.

GROTON.

West Groton.

Herman Gilchrist of Allston, a former Tarbell school boy, was in town for a few days this week, visiting relatives. Mr. Gilchrist is head book-keeper for the S. S. Pierce establishment, Brookline.

Frank Brown of Manchester, N. H., arrived here last Wednesday from a winter's sojourn in Florida. His calls on relatives and friends were necessarily brief, as he left on Thursday for Sheldon Springs, Vt., where he is employed by the Missisquoi Pulp Co.

Henry Kittredge of Leominster, coming last Saturday, remained over Sunday with friends.

Alan Sedley of Boston was at his summer home here last Saturday.

J. T. Shepley, who has been for some time in Sheldon, Vt., has returned to his home here.

Ralph Wheeler of Westmoreland, N. H., was a guest for several days this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. L. Roy.

Mrs. Herbert Brown and son Elbridge, coming Thursday, are guests of Mrs. Roscoe Ferden, Mrs. Brown's daughter. Master Elbridge assisted his former schoolmates in the cantata repeated Friday evening.

Maude Kittredge of Harvard visited her mother, Mrs. Parkhurst, this week.

Mrs. Frank Worster, terminating a two weeks' visit, returned to her home in Fitchburg on Thursday, accompanied by her daughter Lois, also by her mother, Mrs. M. E. Williams, who is under treatment by an oculist of that city.

Miss Blood of East Groton is spending some days with Mrs. R. H. Burgess.

The next meeting of the L. A. society will be April 21, with Mrs. L. G. Strand.

The Sunshine club, by delaying their Easter offering till last Monday, were able to send five dollars to the Seaman's Friend society. The next meeting of the club will be on April 23, place of meeting not fully determined.

Friends of Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge were sorry to learn of her indisposition this week, but are glad to know that she is reported as more comfortable.

The literary class met for its final session with its instructor, Rev. J. T.

Trowbridge, last Monday evening. With an exception all members were present and a pleasant hour was enjoyed in the study of Holmes. The work during the winter has been pleasing and instructive, and it is hoped may be renewed when the heat of summer has passed.

The infant son of George Woolaver is, at time of writing, in care of a physician.

Last Tuesday was Band of Mercy day at Tarbell school. The grammar department followed the program advised and furnished by the humane society of which this band is an auxiliary. Less difficult work was prepared by Miss Bixby for her little people. Among the visitors was Mr. Trowbridge, who spoke interestingly to the children.

Surprises seem to be in order recently at Bonnie Brae. On Friday of last week M. V. Bixby reached a milestone on life's journey. That, in itself, was not surprising, as he has encountered several of them before. A real surprise was ushered in, however, with the evening lights, when sisters, brothers and several other relatives and friends gathered with merry greetings and other pleasant reminders of the day. A birthday cake and other dainty refreshments were served during the evening.

The long desired splitting of telephone line 18 is accomplished. The residence of Mr. McCormick in Shirley, the West Groton station, store of M. F. McGowan and residences of L. G. Strand, H. Spaulding and A. H. Thompson have been transferred to the new line 104, on which are the paper mill and the residences on Bixby hill.

A Long Journey.

On Thursday of last week Frank Huniston, a lad of fifteen, son of Dr. Frank Huniston of East Jaffrey, N. H., arrived in this village on horseback and called upon his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell. He had started on a journey to Somerville, from thence to Winchester, where he was to hunt up two carriages bought by the doctor and bring them, one to Leominster, the other to his home in Jaffrey.

This seemed a large undertaking for a boy of his years, unacquainted with the roads over which he must travel, and a stranger in the towns where the business was to be transacted. Perfectly at home in the saddle, however, and a self-reliant boy, he started on with good courage and on Sunday noon returned to his grandmother's with vehicles safe and sound, having passed the previous night in Acton. Monday morning he started for home and doubtless reached there safely.

A Supper.

Next Tuesday evening, if all goes well, so say the Ladies' Aid, they'll serve to every visitor best salads ever made—potato, chicken, cabbage, egg, with dressing creamy, fine, and all the nice et ceteras that with them best combine. And if a salad cool and crisp, to you does not appeal, good, hot baked beans will then be brought with just as hearty zeal. And next, a literary treat in hall just overhead, the pastor then will serve to all who like thus to be fed. Sir Walter Scott will hold the floor, with verse of martial tone and you who taste this treat will say, no better have you known. Games and music, a right good time, will please the children too. They have a place in these affairs just as their elders do.

April 19, yes, Patriot's day, our fathers' fought and bled that we in later, peaceful times, may eat and laugh instead. So, unlike Beatrice of old, for like her would be rougher, 645, remember, sharp, we bid you "Come to supper."

SHIRLEY.

Altrurian.

The annual meeting of the Altrurian club was held on Thursday afternoon, April 7, at the home of Mrs. Martha J. Conant, who has kindly opened her house every year since its organization for the reception of the club members on this annual gathering.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Mary W. Hazen and the reports of all officers were read and accepted, showing good account of the work of the year. Kind mention was made of those dear ones who have passed away since the last annual meeting, Mrs. Juliette E. Brown and Mrs. Cynthia H. Colburn.

Miss Edith Conant sent greetings and flowers from her home in the west that she might be remembered at this time. The calendar of the year have been varied and interesting receiving commendation from the State Federation president.

The business meeting having adjourned, the president called for the election of officers for the coming year. A printed ballot had been prepared and the following officers were re-elected: Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, pres.; Grace A. Holden, vice-pres.; Miss Martha M. Kilburn, sec.; Mrs. Mary J. Harlow, treas.; and a new director for three years, Mrs. Hattie W. Evans.

The hostess invited the members to remain for a social hour and a bountiful and appetizing lunch was served with fruit salad and coffee by the hospitality committee. Mrs. Martha A. Holden and Mrs. Julia F. Kilburn poured and a very happy meeting closed for two weeks.

Woodsville.

Mrs. Hattie Homer of Ashburnham, has been visiting at her old home with her sister, Mrs. Mary Howard.

Edward Wheeler, who has been for the last year at the Dodge place, has moved to Ashby Centre, where he has obtained a good position.

Alva Carr of the firm of Warren and Carr, lumber dealers, of Carlisle, has moved into the Farnsworth house. All who can, should go down to see his lumber camp.

Charles Houghton, who has been suffering from an attack of the grippe, is much improved.

Mrs. Jennie Morse is improving rapidly from her all-winter's illness.

Herbert Holden lost a horse Friday, April 8.

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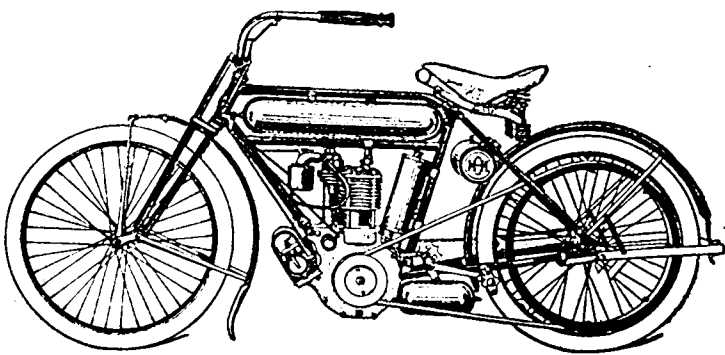
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TOWNSEND.

Center.

Mrs. Addie Whidden of Waltham was at Mrs. Emily Barrett's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Christy Gates and two little sons, of Waltham are at George Gates'.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the T. A. A. held last Saturday evening: R. T. Eldridge, pres.; W. W. Copeland, vice-pres.; T. E. Flarity, sec.; R. G. Fessenden, treas. and mgr.; Harry Whitcomb, asst. mgr.; A. N. Fessenden, J. J. Morse, F. B. Higgins, A. Dudley Bagley and John J. Piper, council. It was voted to call the new baseball grounds at George Eastman's field, Athletic park.

The Anson D. Fessenden Camp, S. of V., and the Phoebe Weston Farmer, tent, D. of V., have united in inviting the members of the Townsend Memorial association and their wives, and also all sons and daughters of veterans not belonging to the orders, and the Townsend grange, to an old-fashioned tea-party, to be held at Odd Fellows' hall, Tuesday evening, April 19. The guests are invited to dress in ye olden style.

H. B. Hildreth has bought the yellow house on Highland street, formerly owned by Fred Parker and will fit it up for a tenement house.

This town is sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Beckford of "old city," who have sold their pleasant little home and moved to Ayer. Charles Allen of Lunenburg has purchased the property, according to reports.

Rev. Percy C. Davis of West Roxbury occupied the Congregational pulpit last Sunday and next Sunday it will be filled by Rev. Asher Anderson, D. D., of Boston. There was no service at the M. E. church last Sunday as the pastor attended the conference at Westfield.

John Graves has accepted a position in Leominster at Whitney's carriage shop and his mother will also go to Leominster for a while.

Pastmaster T. E. Flarity inspected the Leominster grange, Friday evening, April 9.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, Thursday afternoon, April 7.

Miss Mabel Warner of Somerville, was in town this week getting her house in readiness for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace, who will soon occupy it.

The officers for the High School Debating society were elected last week Friday, as follows: Harold Morse, pres.; Victor Swicker, vice-pres.; George D. Mason, sec.; Thomas Rogers, treas.; Miss Ella Wilder, Miss Amsden Mason, Miss Welch, literary committee.

Four excellent papers upon the noted men and women of the past and present belonging to Massachusetts were read at the grange Monday night by Mrs. Hattie Misner, Mrs. Icaia L. Cowdry, Richard T. Eldridge and H. Warren Seaver. There were quite a few present and Pepperell and Lunenburg granges were represented. Current events were in charge of Dr. A. J. Atwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cowdrey entertained Mrs. Cowdrey's brother, Judson McMackin of Lancaster, last week and a friend of his, Ralph Estes, of the same town.

Mrs. H. Warren Seaver was recently a guest at Mr. Hefflon's at Winchester, a former high school principal here, and also visited friends at Somerville and Everett.

Town Meeting.

The officers elected at the annual town meeting held Monday were as follows:

Moderator, T. E. Flarity; selectmen, overseers of the poor, assessors and board of health, John A. Arlin, Edgar Campbell, Ed. A. Craig, school committee for three years, Mrs. Emma F. Josselyn, A. S. Howard, Dr. H. B. Boynton, constables, Fred Patch, Michael O'Brien, W. A. Cooper, highway surveyors, S. M. Farrar, J. J. Smith, J. E. Donovan, tax collector, F. B. Higgins, auditors, R. B. Adams, T. E. Flarity, T. J. Harvey, sextons, J. L. Farrar, Justin C. Hodgman, trustees for public library for three years, W. Z. Sherwin, tree warden, Levi R. Richardson, park commissioner for three years, A. N. Fessenden, public weighers, T. S. Adams, J. W. Eastman, R. T. Eldridge, R. G. Fessenden, A. C. Josselyn, Chas. E. Moulton, I. P. Sherwin, H. L. Whitecomb, fence viewers, and staves, N. J. McGuire, A. F. Stickney, H. L. Whitecomb, fence viewers, R. H. Savage, A. F. Stickney, F. W. Stickney, surveyors, W. A. Cooper, T. E. Flarity, C. B. Stickney, Elmer Wallace, H. L. Whitecomb, committee for suppression of sale of intoxicating liquors, A. N. Fessenden, Walter E. Wilder, A. H. Bumstead.

The following appropriations were voted:

Abatement of taxes, \$100; salaries, selectmen, \$375; assessors, \$450; moderator, \$5; town clerk, \$50; treasurer, \$150; auditors, \$40; law department, \$25; registrar of voters, \$15; ballot clerks, \$6; five tellers, \$15; office and general expenses, \$525; care of Memorial hall, \$425; insurance, \$40; printing town reports, \$1910, \$175; town officers' bonds, \$40; chief of police, \$25; constables and special policemen, \$175; suppression of the illegal sale of liquor, \$200; chief of fire department, \$25; firemen's salaries at the Centre, \$200; at West Townsend, \$200; police, \$200; firemen, \$100; fire department incidentals, \$250; teams to fires, \$50; lighting engine houses, \$25; forest fires, \$50; moth extermination, \$400; tree warden, \$100; inspection of animals and meat, \$100; inspection of school children, \$50; use of Fessenden's sewer, \$10; miscellaneous, \$125; street repairs, \$2,000; painting iron bridge at the Harbor, \$75; street lighting, \$1,000; snow paths on sidewalks, \$200; watering troughs, \$13; graveling road at Harbor towards Cape Corner, (balance of last year's appropriation,) \$54; maintenance of almshouse, \$1,100; repairs at almshouse, \$50; support of poor farm, \$1,000; schools, teachers' salaries, \$4,000; superintendent's salary, \$1,000; per diem, \$25; repairs, \$200; incidentals, \$1,400; transportation, \$500; public library, \$247.50; and money refunded the town from the dog license, \$250; town notes coming due, \$1,891.67; \$100 to repair wooden bridge near Clarence Stickney's old mill site. Total appropriations, \$24,471.37, and a balance of \$2,163.19. The town voted on the several articles as follows:

To take a new general valuation of the town. To postpone article 12, re-

lating to changing the financial year of the town to end on December 31 of each year, for one year until the next annual meeting of the town. To amend section 1 of article 1 of the by-laws so that the annual town meeting shall be held on the last Monday in March. To purchase an adding machine for the town officials from the surplus on hand March 1. To instruct the library trustees not to raise the price of lots in the cemetery of the town. To accept the legacy of \$100 under the will of the late John B. Graham for the perpetual care of the J. B. Graham burial lot in the Center cemetery, and the same to be paid the library trustees for the purchase of new library books. To accept the report of the committee investigating the indebtedness and notes of the town. To authorize the tax collector to charge interest at six percent on all taxes not paid by December 1. To direct the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes the same not to exceed \$20,000, as shall be found necessary to meet current expenses of the town, giving the town notes counter-signed by all the selectmen. To pay the two demand notes of A. S. Howard and B. H. Savage, amounting to \$2000, from the surplus account of revenue on hand March 1. A committee of three consisting of Charles F. Worcester, Henry A. Hill and Charles B. Stickney were appointed to confer with U. S. Adams relative to installing Tungsten lamps in the street lighting service and to make necessary contracts relative to street lighting. Voted to extend a vote of thanks to Frank Wells for the new ballot box presented to the town and used at the annual meeting. A rising vote of thanks was also given to T. E. Flarity for his services in installing the new system of keeping accounts, and also a vote of thanks was extended to George L. Whitcomb for his services on the school board for the last twenty-five years, and who declined further service.

The vote on license was no 107, yes 23; last year, no 105, yes 5.

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Forty, a multiple of four by ten, is one of the sacred numbers. The probation of our first parents in the garden of Eden is supposed to have been forty years. The rain fell at the deluge forty days and nights, and the water remained on the earth forty days. The days of embalming the dead were forty. Solomon's temple was forty cubits long. In it were ten lavers, each four cubits long and containing forty baths.

Moses was forty years old when he dwelt into the land of Midian, where he dwelt forty years. He was on Mount Sinai forty days and forty nights. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness forty years. The Saviour fasted forty days and nights before entering upon public life. The same time elapsed between the resurrection and the ascension.—Exchange.

How Roberts Won the Victoria Cross.

Roberts noted that a sower of the squadron with which he rode was in great danger from a sepooy with a fixed bayonet. The contest of sword against bayonet would have ended disastrously had not Roberts intervened and disposed of the bayonet. That was barely done when he noticed in the distance two sepoy's fleeing with a standard. He galloped after the rebels and overtook them, and then he had a close fight for the possession of the standard. He cut down its chief bearer. While wrenching the staff from the man's grasp with both his hands the other sepooy turned his musket on him and fired. The muzzle was within a few inches of Roberts' person, and there would certainly have been an end of him had not the musket refused to go off. As it was, he rode away unhurt with the standard, and for those two courageous and gallant acts in close succession Roberts got the Victoria cross.—Cobban's "Life of Roberts."

The Cows of Muscat.

Muscat is famed as the hotbed of smugglers in the Persian gulf, the nearly desert tribes being regularly supplied with arms despite the efforts of the British patrol. But to the writer, reared on a Missouri farm, the odd antics of the cows of Muscat seemed nothing short of freakish. They actually eat fish. No grass grows, so the wily Arab teaches his family cow to subsist on dates and dried fish. The milk tastes queer to a foreigner, which is probably why the Arab likes it. He also claims it is richer and makes more butter, but most ridiculous of all is the deception practiced on cows when the calves are "weaned." A calfskin or sometimes a goat-skin is stuffed with rags and tied not far from where the mother cow is anchored. This effigy of her late lamented offspring soothes her nerves and keeps her from "going dry," according to Arabic tradition.—San Francisco Chronicle.

A Surprised Lion.

The man eating lions did not always get their own way. Five Sikh carpenters made a staging eight feet high, and on this they fixed their sleeping tent. Each night they ascended by means of a ladder, which they drew up after them. They were warned that it was not high enough, but were content to believe that God was all powerful. One night they left the edge of the ladder projecting beyond the end of the staging. A hungry man eater on the prowl observed this and, thinking he could not find a meal more conveniently elsewhere, determined to try how a carpenter tasted. Calculating his spring, he leaped lightly on to the projecting ladder, which, unfortunately for him, instantly tipped up and toppled over, both falling heavily to the ground. The lion bolted; so did all the men, making for the nearest trees.—From "In the Grip of the Nyika," by Colonel J. H. P. Patterson.

A Test of Friendship.

A gentleman tried the following peculiar way of probing the ties of friendship. He sent letters to twenty-four intimate friends asking for a loan of a pound. Thirteen of the two dozen friends did not reply at all, five declined to lend the money, two promised to send it on the next day and did not do it, one sent his "last 10 shillings," and only three sent the full sum asked for. The supplicant and all the "friends" he had written to are well off.—London Mail.

A Pointer.

The Girl—You're not a bit like a lover. You never say pretty things. The Man—Didn't I say that you looked like a beautiful autumn leaf? The Girl—Well, don't autumn leaves want pressing?—Illustrated Bits.

His Bad Break.

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Whereas ELEANOR F. DESMOND administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at public auction the whole of certain parcels of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the eighteenth day of April A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the Littleton Gleaner, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3129 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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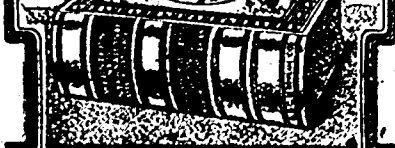
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He Stopped It

By CHAUNCEY WARDWELL
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The king of Prussia—the great King Frederick—was one day walking in his garden with his hands clasped behind him when he heard an "Ahem!" spoken in a soft voice.

Looking up, he saw just above the wall a face. It was a young, round, rosy face incased in curly chestnut locks and visible from chin to crown. But below the chin was only a stone wall. The body was invisible.

"Pardon me, your majesty," said a girl's voice. "I have something to ask your majesty, and if I had taken the proper steps it would be too late to serve the purpose."

"What is it, child?" asked the king. "I have heard that your majesty is greatly opposed to the practice of dueling, so much in vogue just now."

"Surely you do not wish permission to kill any one?"

"Oh, no, your majesty! I wish you to stop a duel."

"Between whom?"

"Captain Fritz Guenther and Lieutenant Carl Hoffman."

"What interest have you in these men?"

"No interest whatever in Captain Guenther. He is a professed duelist. He picked a quarrel with Carl on my account. Guenther is a fine swordsman and would doubtless kill Carl."

"H'm!" grunted the king, noticing a tremor in the girl's voice. "This Hoffman is doubtless either your brother or your lover."

"He is not my brother," said the girl, blushing.

"I see. Well, I shall send word to them both that they cannot fight without my permission."

The girl's head disappeared, and the king went into the palace. There he directed that a royal order be sent to the duellists that they should not fight without his permission, for which they must apply in person.

That evening it was announced to the king that Captain Guenther and Lieutenant Hoffman asked for an audience. The king directed that they be admitted.

"Well, young men," he said when they came before him, "what can I do for you?"

"Please, your majesty," said Captain Guenther, "we wish to fight a duel."

"And do you join in the application?" asked the king of Hoffman.

"I do, sire."

"Very well. The application is granted on two conditions—I must choose the ground and be present at the encounter."

"So high an honor I surely did not expect," said Captain Guenther, much elated.

"Nor I," said Lieutenant Hoffman.

"Will your majesty graciously appoint the hour of meeting?" asked the captain.

"Ten o'clock tomorrow morning," replied the king.

"And the place?" asked the lieutenant.

"In the square directly in the rear of the palace."

The duellists thought such a place very public, especially at an hour when many people would be passing, but neither dared object. So they went away, Captain Guenther delighted that he was to fight in the presence of his king and Lieutenant Hoffman quite sure that his opponent would take all the more pleasure at killing him in the presence of so august a witness.

The next morning the regiment, acting as the king's bodyguard, surrounded the open square in the rear of the palace, where the meeting was to take place. A few minutes before 10 o'clock two carriages drove up to the square, each containing one of the principals and his seconds. An officer informed them that they could not enter the square until after the arrival of the king, so they waited in the carriages. Presently the king, who had been in expecting since early morning, rode up to the square on horseback. The troops made an opening for him, and, returning their salute, he rode on to the dueling ground.

When a few minutes later the duellists were admitted the first thing that attracted their attention was a gallop in the center of the square, he hind which sat their sovereign on his horse. They were puzzled. When they came near to the king both uncovered, and Guenther asked:

"May it please your majesty to tell us what this means?"

"It means," said the king grimly, "that the man who survives will be hanged as high as Haman on that gibbet."

It was not only evident that the king was not favorably disposed toward dueling, but that he would keep his word in the present instance. The two officers retired and spoke to their seconds while the king waited. Immediately the seconds went to his majesty and informed him that the two officers would not think of doing that which their sovereign disapproved. Then the king rode away.

Frederick directed that the name and residence of the girl who had spoken to him over his wall be learned and sent her a letter thanking her for giving him an opportunity to read a lesson to his army. She was soon after married to Lieutenant Hoffman, and the king not only sent her a substantial wedding present, but attended the wedding in person.

After that dueling in Frederick's dominions was rarely practiced and then only with the utmost secrecy.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Mrs. Belle E. Fessenden enjoyed an auto ride from Boston to Brookline, Saturday and returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bouteille celebrated their golden wedding at Milford, Monday evening, about two hundred being in attendance. They were presented with a purse of gold and many other gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Will Bouteille assisted in receiving and the decorations, which were very artistic, were in charge of Mrs. Will Bouteille.

Mrs. O. D. Fessenden and daughter Blanche, are at Everett, Mass.

Mrs. W. T. Boultonhouse, Miss Adelaide Markham of Lewiston, Me., and Charles Boultonhouse of Dorchester were recent guests of Mrs. Albert W. Corey.

Mrs. W. T. Boultonhouse is having improvements made at the Cleveland homestead. A bay window is to be added to the second story.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, Miss Eliza J. Parker, Miss Louise Parker and Hutchins Parker of Lowell spent the weekend and Sunday at Four Pines.

Eldorus C. Fessenden spent Sunday at home from the Fessenden school at Newton, Mass.

Mrs. Hattie Stiles and Miss Josephine Seaver are visiting relatives at Reed's Ferry and Nashua.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham of Milford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett, April 7.

Mrs. W. F. Boultonhouse has resigned as superintendent of the Deaconess Home at Baltimore after two very successful years, and is to resume her work as deaconess in the New Hampshire conference. She occupied the pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday, preaching an excellent sermon. Mrs. Boultonhouse has presented two handsome collection plates to the Methodist church here.

Clarence R. Russell was at New Ipswich last week appraising real estate in behalf of the Boston and Maine railroad.

Ernest Gilson, who suddenly disappeared from town two and a half years ago, has recently returned.

Mrs. Phoebe J. Randall has gone to Maine to spend a few months, hoping to regain her strength.

George M. Rockwood attended the sixteenth annual meeting of the Hillsborough County Game Protective association at Nashua on Tuesday.

Mrs. Ralph Perkins and little daughter Thelma, who have been ill, are reported as improving.

Death.

John H. B. Pierce, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Pierce, died Thursday morning, April 7, after a brief illness of two days with acute gastro enteritis, aged seventeen years, six months. A kind, generous-hearted young lad, always willing to confer a favor. His sudden death cast a sadness over the entire village, especially among his young associates. The funeral took place at the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiating and tenderly referring to Johnnie. Mrs. Minnie I. Holcombe, Chester B. Valdege, H. Arthur Brown and J. Frank Bailey sweetly sang "Nearer my God to thee," "Jesus, lover of my soul" and "Some day we'll understand." Mrs. Emma Valdege presiding at the organ. The local grange attended in a body also the young men. The body reposed in a fawn-colored casket, surrounded by a profusion of beautiful blossoms. Among them was:

A cluster of rosebuds from the family; a mound of lilies, roses and pinks, inscribed "Our friend, from the young people; garland of roses and pinks, Brookline grange; garland of pinks, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodwin; wreath of magnolia leaves and roses, Charles Goodwin; bouquet of sweet peas, Mrs. Annie McKinley; spray of bluish carnations, Wesley Goodwin; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Alpha A. Hall; fancy spray of white tulips, Sunbonnet club; spray of Easter lilies, Wallace Jenness; spray of tulips, Lizzie O'Neill; spray of carnations, Mrs. Elvira Smith; spray of white tulips, Macraeth; spray of roses and pinks, Mr. E. W. Burke and Mrs. Jennie Mahon; spray of pinks, Misses Grace Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noyes; pillow of arbutus, Mrs. Louise Bragg; Mrs. Belle Bailey Fessenden; J. F. Mahon; William Randall; wreath of arbutus, Mrs. Joseph Darr; wreath of arbutus, the little boys and girls, all bespeaking the love of many friends. A father, mother, a sister, Miss Ella May Pierce and many friends mourn his loss. The burial was in the family lot at the South cemetery. Walter E. Corey, Burns Marshall, George Marshall, James Gilson, Ralph Greely and Victor Maxwell serving as bearers. Among those in attendance from out of town were:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, Ashby; Mrs. Goodwin, Charles Goodwin, Wesley Goodwin, George Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Bridget Jewett, Miss Lizzie O'Neill, Mrs. Lulu Smith, Mrs. Mary Bennett, Mrs. Lulu Bennett, Miss Elizabeth T. Fitchburg; Henry Kenney, Charlestown; George Crockett, Worcester.

New Advertisements.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of HERBERT J. HARWOOD, late of Littleton in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOSEPH A. HARWOOD and RICHARD G. HARWOOD of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of April A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Gleaner, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOSEPH A. HARWOOD and RICHARD G. HARWOOD of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of April A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Gleaner, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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TOWNSEND.

West.
Dwight Rawson, who is employed in Leonminster, was summoned to appear before Judge Atwood of Ayer last Monday, for playing highwayman and attempting a holdup on the Fitchburg road last week, and was reprimanded and placed on probation by the judge.

Mrs. Plummer and children from Somerville have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Z. Sherwin.

Mrs. Orde and her sister from Harvard have been visiting their sister, Mrs. George Thorne on the Ashby road this week.

Frank Hamilton of Webster has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Augustus Stevens.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Randall, are visiting the home of Mrs. Brayton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

At the regular meeting of the Baptist society the following officers were elected: Walter E. Wilder, clerk; Perry W. Sawtelle, treas.; Fred A. Patch, Charles Hodgman, Perry W. Sawtelle, Clarence E. Streeter, pres.; Fred A. Patch, col.; Clarence E. Streeter, chor.; Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin, org.; Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence and Miss Elinor Tower, auditors.

Votes of thanks were passed to the chorister and organist for faithful service; to Clarence Stickney for wood supplied and to U. S. Adams for the electric lights. Fred A. Patch was appointed a committee of one to see about disposing of the old piano.

Mrs. Burton Bruce and son, who have been visiting at L. O. Bruce's, returned Monday to their home in Boston.

William M. Lawrence, who is spending several weeks in the south is expected to return Monday.

Mrs. Nelson Hart has returned from a visit to South Framingham to her home in Joslynville.

Leo Russell has left the employ of Clarence Stickney and goes to Cohasset the first of the week to enter a large meat and grocery firm.

Mrs. Mary Foster, who has spent the winter with her grandson in Cambridge has returned to her home for the summer.

Mrs. Fred J. Tenney entertained the Ladies' Whist club at her home on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Fay of Waltham is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith who is in a very feeble condition.

The total number of books distributed from the delivery station at Sherwin's store for the month of March was 303.

Miss Marion Kellogg has been enjoying a several days' visit to relatives in Worcester.

Alden P. Sherwin, clerk at Sherwin's store, spent Sunday with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Mabel Patch has returned from a visit to relatives in Worcester.

The Baptist pulpit was occupied last Sunday morning and evening by Rev. C. J. Harding of Palmer, and Unitarian services were held in Seminary hall by Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. F. Stickney is visiting friends in Fitchburg this week, and Mrs. Frank Hardy is spending a few days with relatives in the south part of town.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of GILBERT HARDY, late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, JEROME BROWNE the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fifth day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Towns' Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOSEPH A. HARWOOD, late of Littleton in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOSEPH A. HARWOOD and RICHARD G. HARWOOD of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without requiring a surety on their bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of April A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Gleaner, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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Lawrence—5.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a

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PEPPERELL.

News Items.

Prescott grange distinguished itself in its production of "The country minister," and they have been invited to repeat the performance in the hall at Townsend Harbor, next Wednesday, April 20. Many who did not attend here are planning a trip to the Harbor that evening.

The state highway commission have allotted the magnificent sum of \$5,000 for the reconstruction of South street, beginning near Primus Hill and extending almost to Townsend street. This splendid good fortune results from the capable work of our fellow-townsmen and selectman, Francis G. Hayes. Mr. Hayes has made arrangements to secure the necessary release by abutters and work will be started very soon. He has also interested Engineer Pillsbury of the state board to come here in a few days and meet our selectmen and make the best plans for the repair of Main street.

G. M. Haskell of Boston, formerly of this town, spent Sunday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Bancroft.

Lyman C. Blood has been ill for a few days with the grippe. Messrs. Tarbell and Lawrence are continuing the work of assessing while the fine weather lasts.

The P. H. S. base ball team has been putting in a very little effort at practice. They will play Groton, April 19. May they win.

The census enumerators for our town are Louis D. Rowland and Thos. Connolly. Their work is from April 15 to May 15. Many farmers have received advance schedules to be filled out and when the officer calls, he is to copy it on his records and return it to the owner. There are fifty-nine questions in this schedule.

Arthur P. Wright has received his commission from President William Taft. Mr. Wright has an enviable collection of commissions received in the past fifteen years from the different presidents.

Mrs. Eliza Maria (Parmenter), widow of James Hobart, died of paralysis at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. George S. Carleton, Hampton, N. H., on Tuesday, April 5. Mrs. Hobart was born in Nashua, February 28, 1830, but had lived in this town for many years. She leaves one son, James F. Hobart of South Bend, Indiana, four grandsons and one granddaughter. Funeral services were held from her late home on Foster street, on Thursday afternoon and burial was in Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. E. F. Fletcher is at the Nashua hospital where she had an operation last Saturday. She is reported improving and expected home in a few weeks.

The meeting of the Babbidge Guild next Sunday, will be led by Miss Emma Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Bowman have moved to Pepperell from Charlestown, N. H., and will live on Park street in the M. L. P. Shattuck house.

There will be a meeting of Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., at their hall, April 19, at three p. m. Board meeting at 2.15.

T. Linsey Crossley of Quebec, formerly with the Nashua River Paper Co., here, has been visiting friends in town the past few days. Rumor has it that cupid's darts bath struck in his heart.

Mrs. A. W. Baird of Worcester is the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Annis, High street.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 21, at 2.30 o'clock. At 6.30 a supper will be served. It will be in charge of gentlemen, and the following committee assures the usual excellent feast: Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, C. R. Bryant, Henry Gray, W. F. Dennen, Geo. H. Shattuck, E. S. Durant, C. H. Miller, H. W. Hutchinson, E. F. Harmon, E. L. Tarbell, chairman. There will be an entertainment at eight o'clock in charge of Miss Ethel Wells and Miss Ellen Miller; drills by the children, dialogues and music special features.

News Items.

The annual business meeting of the Woman's club will be Wednesday, April 29, in Central hall, at 2.45 p. m.

Special attention is the duty of every citizen in this commonwealth who has land enough on which to plant a tree. Governor Draper has proclaimed Saturday, April 30 as Arbor day, and in asking us to do what we can to help preserve and increase nature's noblest beauty, he is kindly reminding us of a duty.

Seley Grant of Dorchester, is at H. F. Hobart's, Oak Hill.

F. H. Ward has sold two houses on High street to A. W. Wright and has purchased of Mr. Wright, a cottage on Mill street. It is also stated that L. C. Canney has purchased from Mr. Ward, the business block on Main street.

The lecture to be given on the evening of May 16, by state forester Rane, is to be a free lecture illustrated by stereopticon, and all expenses for the same are to be shared equally by the Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., and the Pepperell Woman's club. Indeed the suggestions for obtaining the services of the state forester was made by the D. A. R. chapter and the club gladly co-operated with them.

Wednesday's Boston Herald had a pleasing article, and a photo of our townsman, John P. Kerin, who umpired the Boston American vs Harvard ball game in Boston, Tuesday. John is recognized as one of the best in the country, and his continuance with the American league is pleasing to his many friends.

From every section of the town, comment is heard on the good work done by our moth gang under Supt. J. F. Tune.

Miss E. Haynes, Miss Mary Woods, Miss C. M. Shattuck and Miss Helen Pond, all of our teaching staff, went to Hollis, Tuesday evening to hear Will Carleton. It has been a number of years since he was heard in this section, and though much changed in appearance, his readings are not lacking in their power to interest and hold in popularity.

The prize speaking contest and social in Prescott hall, Tuesday evening, April 19, should be the most interesting event of the year. It is certainly a marker and indicator of changes in our town. It is under the auspices of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club who have voted the sum of twenty-five dollars as an incentive to our boys and girls to excel in this long-neglected feature of importance to capable citizenship.

Tuesday morning, Mrs. Child, wife of Rev. D. R. Child, had a narrow escape from a serious accident. As she was getting into the carryall, the horse started before she could get the reins and turning too cramped, upset right near the public weighing scales at the town house. The canopy top struck the scales and was left behind. Mrs. Child was thrown out and badly bruised and shaken up. The horse leisurely proceeded up Park street, not knowing just what damage his sharp turning had accomplished. He was stopped without much trouble and brought back to the stable.

Miss Ethel M. Billings, formerly of this town, was the lucky recipient of a linen shower last Wednesday evening, at her home in Worcester. Miss Anna Mae Shaw was the thoughtful leader. She is also a Pepperell girl.

Gleanings.

Arthur Bartlett, recently of Springfield, has returned to town, and again entered the employ of W. N. Mault. Mr. Mault's customers are all pleased to see Arthur in his old place once more.

John Frossard returned from a business trip to Boston and a visit to his daughter in Somerville on Monday. Mrs. Frossard returned on Tuesday.

Mrs. Idella Ward has moved into the house owned by her on High street.

It is reported that Wm. Marshall of Mill street has bought the house on Pleasant street built by Robert Sherwood. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall expect soon to occupy the house.

Miss Jennie Sharp was called to Littleton on Wednesday on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. Ann Davis of Groton street received her friends on her birthday, April 11. A goodly number were present, who left tokens of love. Dainty refreshments were served. Mrs. Davis also received a shower of post cards.

Mrs. Caleb Richardson of High-st. also celebrated her birthday on Monday, April 11. Besides other gifts she received a large number of post cards. Quite a number of the friends of Mrs. Putnam Webber and Miss Marian visited them at Mrs. McDowell's last week. Mrs. Webber has not been quite as well as usual, but able to get out a little way some of the warm days.

John McCormick is to leave the employ of I. J. Rowell this week. Mr. McCormick moves to Bedford next week, where he is to be employed as foreman in greenhouse. Leslie is working in Taunton.

Austin Saunders is at work for J. A. Saunders.

Mrs. A. A. Blood of Gardner has been in town a few days this week.

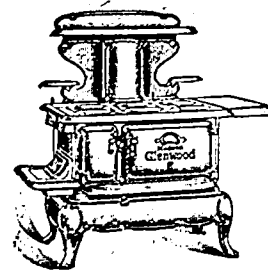
Rev. Putnam Webber tells your correspondent that the people of the Methodist church are to be congratulated upon the pastor assigned them, Rev. A. W. Nelson, late of South-bridge. Rev. Mr. Nelson, a few years ago, was pastor of the Methodist church in Cohituate, where Mr. and Mrs. George McCullough worshipped. After the death of Mr. McCullough, Mr. Nelson accompanied Mrs. McCullough to this town, where the body of her husband was brought for burial. Those who heard Mr. Nelson at that service will be pleased to welcome him to the church and the town.

Mrs. M. Markham returned to Burlington, Vt., on Sunday, April 10; also, the Misses Nellie and Theresa Fitzpatrick to Worcester.

Mrs. P. Drinane of Cross street, who has been confined to the house for some time, is now improving in health.

The drama presented by the members of Prescott grange in Prescott hall, Monday evening, April 4, is to be given by request next week.

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Mrs. Clarence Ryan was taken to a hospital in Worcester on Monday last, where an operation was performed for a complication of disorders. The doctors give very little hope of her recovery.

Mrs. John Craig of Ayer has been a recent guest at the home of Mrs. J. O'Connell on Cross street.

Mrs. J. A. Thibault has been at the home of the Worcester Bros. in Hollis, during the absence of Mrs. Worcester, who has been at the home of the late Dr. Fletcher since his sickness.

Mrs. E. Supernau, who went to the St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua on Monday last, and suffered an operation on Wednesday, is very low at this writing.

Mrs. Bertha Chadbourne returned to her home in Hillsborough Bridge, N. H., on Friday last. Mrs. Charles Goff accompanied her sister as far as Nashua, spending the day with Mrs. Clifford Prescott.

Death.

Edward Fitzpatrick, whose death from congestion of the lungs occurred Thursday, April 7, leaves a widow and nine children to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. The children are as follows: Mrs. Michael Markham and Thos. Fitzpatrick of Burlington, Vt.; Mrs. Myron Murphy, Misses Nellie and Theresa of Worcester; Mrs. M. Drummy, Eddie, Frank and Alice of this town. He also leaves three sisters and one brother.

The funeral was held on Saturday, April 9, at nine o'clock from St. Joseph's church, where a high mass was celebrated, Rev. T. I. Coghlan, rector of the church, being the celebrant, and Miss Lizzie Reagan, soloist.

Besides a large number of friends in town, relatives and friends were present from Burlington, Vt., Worcester, Lowell, Stoneham, Lynn, Leominster, Fitchburg and Groton. The floral display was large and beautiful, and included two sets of pieces from the employes of the Champion card shop, where Mr. Fitzpatrick had been employed. The burial was at St. Joseph's cemetery.

A New Field of Labor.

Rev. Putnam Webber returned from the conference at Westfield, Tuesday. His household goods have been sent to North Andover, the church to which he was assigned at conference being located in that place. Mr. Webber and Miss Marian Webber expect to go to North Andover on Saturday and Mrs. Webber to Salem for a short visit, before going to the new charge. Mr. and Mrs. Webber also Miss Marian, during the four years they have been among us, by their pleasant, genial ways, have made many friends, who deeply regret Mr. Webber's decision to change pastorate this spring. All will be glad to know that Mr. Webber is pleased with the appointment. The church is pleasantly situated and the parsonage a fine one, second to none in Lynn district.

About Town.

Miss Elizabeth Welsh of Augusta, Maine, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck.

It is currently reported that Earl M. Stuart and family are soon to move to the State of Washington, where he has purchased a large farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, parents of Mrs. Dudley Child of Charlestown, N. H., have moved into the tenement house owned by Mary L. P. Shattuck.

Mrs. Milo Shattuck, who has been staying at Dr. Heald's the past winter, moved to Groton on Tuesday.

A soon was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Marshall on Monday morning, April 11.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carleton of Manchester were in town for a few days the past week. Mrs. Carleton was Miss Violet Libbey of this town.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Miss Mary Marvin of Lancaster gave a missionary talk Thursday afternoon, in the vestry of the Congregational church before the Ladies' Circle and their friends. At the close of the address refreshments were served, followed by a social hour.

Miss Lizzie Hache left town Wednesday for a two months' visit with relatives in Caraque, N. B.

Charles Wilson has given up his position as night watchman at the Samson cordage works.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Conant of Littleton, with a party of friends, made an auto trip to Shirley, Thursday afternoon, to attend the missionary address given by Miss Marion Marvin of Lancaster in the Congregational church vestry.

Miss Minnie Hobbs of the Centre is spending this week with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Ida M. Wallingford, who was stricken with paralysis of the left side, two or three weeks ago, is improving. Her many relatives and friends in this and adjoining towns are hoping for her speedy recovery. Mrs. Cooper, her mother, appreciates the kind attention shown her daughter during her severe sickness.

The annual meeting of the Universalist church parish was held in the vestry on Thursday evening, and the following officers and committees were elected:

George O. Evans, clerk; Mary M. Nickless, treas.; R. F. Colburn, B. S. Binney, deacons; Mrs. Hittie W. Evans, collector; R. F. Colburn, T. L. Hazen, George O. Evans, parish com.

It was voted to leave the matter of preaching in the hands of the parish committee.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church parish was held in the vestry on Monday evening. John G. Conant was chosen moderator and the reports of the officers and various committees were read. The following officers and committees were elected: M. W. Longley, clerk; E. H. Allen, sec.; J. G. Conant, E. H. Allen, E. N. Livermore, parish committee; Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. Harry Collier, music committee; Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. E. H. Conant, finance committee; Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, Mrs. John G. Conant, Walter Knowles, membership committee; auditor, Edwin H. Conant. Four new members were received into the parish.

For Cleaning the Town.

A public meeting of the residents of the town was held in engine hall on Thursday evening to consider ways and means for cleaning and beautifying the town. J. E. L. Hazen was elected chairman, and E. H. Allen, secretary.

Mr. Allen informed all present that H. F. Taylor, superintendent of the industrial school, was ready and willing to assist in the work of cleaning the town and if agreeable to the selectmen and townspeople, he would give the use of his teams with forty of the boys from the school and gladly assist in the work.

On motion of Mr. Evans it was voted that the chairman appoint a committee of three to consult with the incoming board of selectmen in regard to this matter. G. O. Evans, E. H. Allen and Walter Knowles were appointed.

It was then voted that this committee be given full power to make definite arrangements in regard to this matter and report at the next meeting to be held in engine hall, Thursday evening, April 21, at eight o'clock, when it is hoped a large number of townspeople will be present to co-operate in this important work. The meeting then adjourned.

A goodly number of ladies was present and took an active part in the business transacted.

Town Meeting.

The town warrant is posted for the town meeting, Monday, April 18.

The candidates for selectmen this year are Edward J. Stevens, Walter E. Mellich and Forrest Hooper as three-year men. George E. Harlow for two years and John W. Farrar and George Stebbins for one year. Stevens and Farrar are the present incumbents. The other candidates are all new men.

Charles K. Bolton declines to run this year for the school committee, and Herbert F. Taylor of the industrial school will be a candidate.

Wm. H. Cram and George S. Wells are candidates for tax collector. Mr. Cram is the present incumbent.

John E. L. Hazen and Henry W. Elzner are the candidates for tree warden.

Henry Brockelman for assessor for three years. John E. L. Hazen three years for overseer of the poor. Melvin W. Longley for two years and William E. Barnard for one year. They are the present members of the board.

Herman S. Hazen, for town clerk and treasurer. Joseph H. McClellan for auditor and John H. Logue, Forrest Hooper and Willard White for constables.

Shirley Center.

John W. Farrar and Elmer Hubbard are suffering with the grippe.

The Matrons' Aid met Tuesday, April 12, with Mrs. Luther Holden.

The girls' sewing guild meets with Mrs. H. F. Groat, Saturday, April 16.

Miss Minnie Hobbs is visiting friends in Boston for the week. Mrs. Edward Farnsworth is taking her place with Mrs. C. E. Lynch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wyman have returned to town for the summer.

Miss Hazel MacKay, a former summer resident, gave a reading of Percy MacKay's play, "Mater," at last week's meeting of the Cantabrigia club of Cambridge. She is a sister of the author. The officers and board of the club and many other club women and guests were in attendance.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Catherine and Thomas Haley of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Mary K. Fletcher of said Pepperell dated March thirteenth, 1894, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, libro 2259, folio 321 and assigned to Augustus Woods of Groton in said County by assignment dated October twenty-fifth, 1895, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, libro 2435, folio 424, for breach of condition contained therein, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction upon the premises, near the buildings thereon, on Tuesday, the third day of May A. D. 1910, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows, viz:

"A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of said Pepperell and on the westerly side of the road leading from H. A. Parker's mills to Pine Orchard School House so called, and containing twenty-four square rods more or less and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the premises on said road at land of Philip Attridge; thence running westerly by said Attridge land one hundred and twenty-two feet to a stone bound at land of heirs of John Sullivan; thence southerly by said Sullivan's land fifty feet to land of Mark Riley; thence easterly by said Riley's land one hundred and thirty-eight feet to the above said road; thence northerly by said road fifty feet to the place of beginning."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and taxes assessed or to be assessed for the year 1910. Other terms and conditions made known at time and place of sale.

FANNIE E. WOODS, Administratrix of the Estate of Augustus Woods.

Groton, April 16, 1910. 3c31

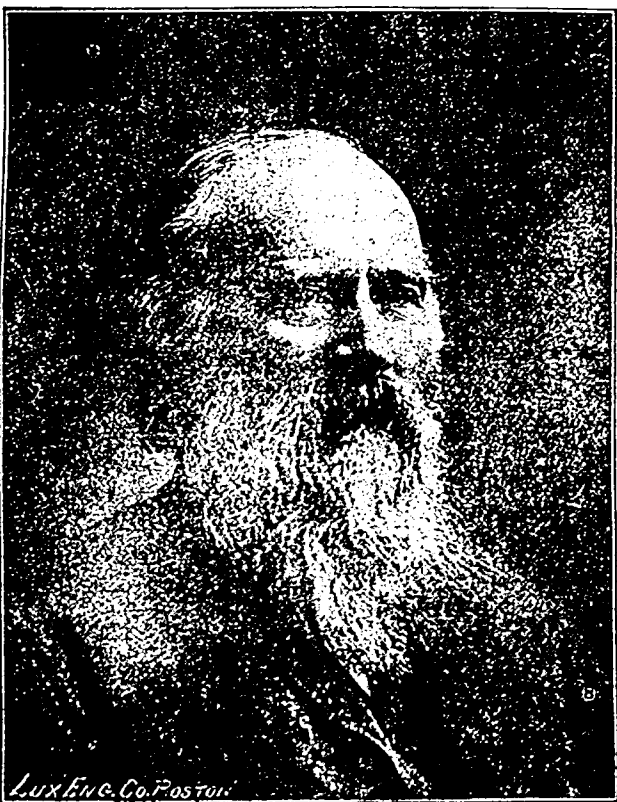
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of FRANCES H. JEWETT, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOHN L. BOYNTON of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of April A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3125 W. E. ROGERS, Register.



Dr. Samuel W. Fletcher

Death.

Dr. Samuel W. Fletcher passed away at his home on Main street, Wednesday evening. And still the reaper gathers, and as we pause and wonder, a few brief moments, we recognize he has gathered many the past year, but with the cherished memory, honored name, or valiant life work can stay the hand, or change the call to the city of rest. And as we pay loving tribute to the memory of this great and good man, his life work reveals how great is the loss to country as well as state and community.

He was born in Groton, August, 1831. He studied medicine and surgery, completing his education in England and Europe. He was surgeon of the 32nd Massachusetts regiment during the war, receiving his commission in 1863. He was in some of the most important battles of that war. His sacrifices of personal comforts and his faithful attention to the wounded, won high commendations. After his discharge from this service he came to Pepperell and practiced his profession. His great kindness, tender sympathies, tireless devotion to public service,

his typical rugged, New England characteristics; place him as one of God's noblemen. A man whom for all heads could be bowed in sorrow. The last few years he has given up active practice, and though some might term him of the old school, he was abreast of the times, continually a student, and made a specialty of ethnology and bacteriology.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. James Walter Smith of London, England. Mr. Smith is editor of the Strand magazine. Word was cabled them Saturday, the day the doctor became ill with bronchial pneumonia. Mrs. Smith took the first steamer which sailed Wednesday morning. Her father passed away that evening. Arrangements are in charge of Roland H. Blood.

He leaves three sisters, Mrs. John L. Boynton, Mrs. E. H. N. Blood of Pepperell, Miss Elizabeth C. Fletcher of Hollis, N. H., and a brother, Andrew M. Fletcher of Groton.

Funeral services at his late residence at the Centre, Thursday afternoon, April 21, at two o'clock. Relatives and friends invited to attend.