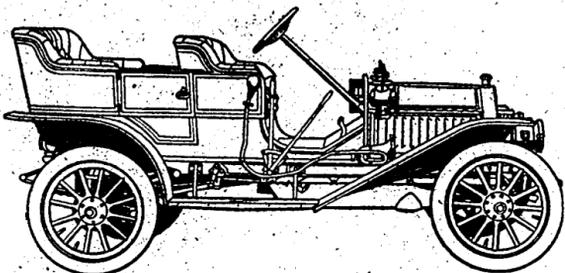


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### NOTICE

At a meeting of the Republican Town Committee on Monday, September 12, the following vote was passed: Voted, that pursuant to a vote of the Republican caucus, notice to be given by publication in the next issues of Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, that the Committee will receive names of candidates for delegates to the various Republican Conventions of 1910 and for membership on the Republican Town Committee of 1911, who desire to have their names appear on the ballot, to be used at the Republican Caucus, September 22, 1910, until nine o'clock a. m., on Monday, September 19, 1910, at the office of the Chairman, Elisha D. Stone, Page's Block, Tel. Republican voters must request in writing the placing of each name upon said ballot.  
Republican Town Committee,  
ELISHA D. STONE, Chairman,  
EDWARD A. RICHARDSON, Secretary,  
Ayer, Mass., September 12, 1910, 111

### Items of Interest.

It is reported that plans are under consideration by the Boston and Maine railway for the elimination of coal and oil-burning locomotives in the Hoosac tunnel in Massachusetts. Should the change be made, a power plant will be established near South Adams, the tunnel will be lighted and ventilated by means of electricity, and only electrical engines will be used to draw the trains through the tunnel.

The Y. W. C. A. is having a most gratifying growth in the larger places in the country. Since January, 1907, fifty-two new buildings for the use of associations have been erected.

The French cavalry, says the "Army and Navy Journal," astonished Marshal Kawamura, of the Japanese army, who contrasted it with the Japanese cavalry; which he confessed, were poor in quality, the soil and the breed of horses not conducting to conditions which permit of the rapid evolution of cavalry masses. The marshal was astonished by the smartness and rapid maneuvers of the horse artillery. He was surprised by the great extent of the area available at Chalons, and said that in Japan, there was nothing at all comparable to it.

The permanent population of Alaska at the present time is estimated at some 40,000 whites and 25,000 natives; about half the latter are Eskimo in the region adjacent to Bering Sea and the Arctic Ocean.

Mrs. Everett Parker of Richmond, Ind., twenty-eight years old, is said to be the youngest grandmother in the country. Mrs. Parker's great-grandmother is ninety years old.

In the whole of Australia there are now about 2,200 dentists. The majority of these dentists were educated in the United States.

### PREVENTION OF WRINKLES.

How to Refine Skin and Build Up Tissues With Cucumbers.

It is easier to prevent wrinkles than to get rid of them, and if women would remember this there would be fewer lined faces and much of the effect of age would be kept away. Cucumbers are inexpensive and one of the best things that can be used.

The method of extracting the liquid is always the same, and it is better to make a small quantity at a time to have it always fresh. The vegetable is carefully washed and sliced, peel and all. It is then put into a saucepan with just enough water to cover and is gently simmered until the mass is mush-like. An hour is none too long for this, the secret of having the best juice being in having all the strength extracted without allowing the liquid to boil away. When cold it is squeezed through muslin and then run through a fine strainer. Cucumber essence is made by adding an equal quantity of high proof alcohol to cucumber juice.

A cream highly recommended as a tissue builder and skin refiner is made of two ounces of sweet almond oil, five ounces of cucumber juice and one and a half ounces of the essence, an eighth of an ounce of castile soap reduced to powder and one-third of a dram of tincture of benzoin.

The soap and essence should be put into a quart preserving jar and tightly covered to stand for twelve hours at least. During the time it should be shaken more or less constantly. The cucumber juice is added when the soap is dissolved, and the liquid is then turned into a basin. Into this first the almond oil and then the benzoin are gradually added, whipping all the time with a silver fork. The mixture when complete should be a creamy mixture. It is best to put it into several small bottles, those not in use being tightly corked. It should be shaken before applying. This lotion dries into the skin when well rubbed on. It may be applied morning, night and through the day, being used as a substitute for cold cream.

An astringent mixture of cucumber is to add a teaspoonful of tincture of benzoin to two ounces of the juice, rubbing this in after applying cold cream. This is to be regarded as a bleach and astringent and not as a tissue builder.

### HANDLING OF EGGS.

How to Keep Them Fresh and Obtain Fancy Prices.

The business of producing eggs can be made more profitable if care is taken to keep them from spoiling, according to A. G. Phillips, who has been conducting experiments for the United States department of agriculture at Manhattan, Kan. The experiments of Mr. Phillips have been carried on for the purpose of learning how to keep eggs fresh. A paper on the subject written by him was published in a recent bulletin of the department of agriculture.

"The consumer is willing to pay from 1 cent to 5 cents more a dozen for eggs that he knows are good than for eggs that he knows nothing about," Mr. Phillips writes. "To obtain top prices eggs must be uniform in size, quality and color. Uniformity in color is not very important. Small eggs are excluded and unusually large ones as well. Uniformity in quality calls for absolutely clean eggs, that have been gathered promptly after being laid, kept in a cool, dry place and marketed within three or four days after laying.

"Eggs must not be thin shelled. If they are they are liable to break and soil all the rest in the box. Dirty eggs should be used at home. A dirty egg if used at once is as good as any, but it will not keep well, because the dirt will be transmitted through the shell. It will also spoil the clean eggs kept with it. To the farmer who sells absolutely good eggs it will pay to put them up in cartons with his name printed on the side. Customers will learn to know that eggs with his name are good. It should be remembered that it will take time to work up a demand for selected eggs, but when people are once convinced that they can be depended on they will not only call for them, but will tell their friends."

## Boys' School Suits

### How's the Boy's Clothes?

If there is anything in the world that will make the opening of school easy for the boy, it's a New Suit. We've wonderfully Good Boys' Clothing—strong material, perfect fitting, strongly sewed and buttons firmly fastened. Good Clothes all the way through.

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Our Showing of New Fall Fashions for Young Men and Men is now ready. The styles are very attractive and will appeal to the good dressers in this community. Our clothes come from the best makers and are made by expert workmen. The clothes we sell are distinctly of the better sort—the very Clothes you like.

Come in and let us show you the new things for Fall Wear.

### YOUNG MEN'S SUITS

\$8.47, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$18.00

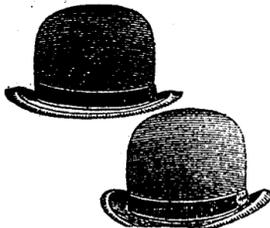
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## FALL HATS The New Fall Hats Are Ready.

We have the correct blocks in both the Stiff and Soft Hats. The new Fall Derbys in all the new blocks made by the best makers of Hats in the country. The Young Man will find his College Telescope in the new block and the new colors. They are handsome.

### Our \$1.98 Derby

Is the Best Hat Ever Sold for the Money

Stiff Hats, - - \$1.98, \$2.50 and \$3.00  
Soft Hats, - - \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.98 and \$2.50  
Boys' Soft Hats, - - 50c., \$1.00 and \$1.50

Also, a Full Line of FALL CAPS for Men and Boys.

Prices, 25c. and 50c. each.

## WANTED, CIDER APPLES

We shall be ready to receive Apples on Monday, Sept. 26, and would call your attention to the improvement recently made whereby 10 wagons can be unloaded at one time without delay.

The same liberal and courteous treatment, as heretofore, will be extended to all.

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**PEPPERELL.**

### Historic Pepperell.

This sketch that was written for the last high school graduation by Miss Gladys Shattuck of the class, is printed in this issue by request of many interested in our town, who have been with us a few years only, and appreciate how much of value there is in placing occasionally within reach of strangers, a few facts relating to the town's past history, and particularly where there is such a store of incidents and deeds of which we can justly be proud.

Manifestly, it is impossible to review in detail the history of Pepperell in the time of my disposal. Therefore, I will sketch a few of the most important events in the history of our town. No doubt there are many in the audience who are entirely familiar with what I have to say. If there be any such among you I ask that you bear with me kindly.

Pepperell, like many other Massachusetts towns, was not founded by direct settlement from the mother country, but was an offshoot from the town of Groton because of political disagreements. The part of Pepperell lying west of the Nashua river and north of the country road as far as called a century ago from Groton to Townsend, was set off as a distinct parish in the year 1742 and called "Groton West Parish." On April 12, 1753, "Groton West Parish," was made a district by an act of the Great and General Court in answer to a petition by the inhabitants and named Pepperell. This name was adopted in honor of Sir William Pepperell of Kittery, Me.

On September 25, 1746, it was voted to give the Rev. Joseph Emerson of Malden, Massachusetts, a call to settle in the gospel ministry in this parish and to give him one hundred and twenty pounds settlement, sixty-two pounds, ten shillings salary yearly, and thirty cords of firewood, cut and delivered at his door.

In the year 1767, the district took preparatory steps to build a new meeting-house which was dedicated March 8, 1770. Mr. Emerson preaching the sermon. This church is still standing and is now known as the Unitarian church, but when it was first built it was called the First Parish church. During the twenty-nine years of Mr. Emerson's ministry he baptized eight hundred and seven persons, admitted one hundred and ninety-six to the church and solemnized one hundred and seventy-three marriages.

Fifty-eight years after the death of Mr. Emerson, the church in Pepperell became destitute of a minister, and so on the nineteenth of January, 1828, Rev. Charles Babbidge was invited to accept that office. He continued in the ministry at Pepperell in much peace and harmony for over fifty years.

The ravages of the Indians had nearly ceased in this vicinity before the settlement of Pepperell, but fears and alarms had not entirely subsided, for Mr. Emerson says, that after his settlement in the ministry, his parishioners carried their weapons to the house of worship. Soon the time arrived which put to test the valor and courage of the Pepperell soldiers.

William Prescott, son of the Hon. Benjamin Prescott, though born in the centre of Groton, moved to that part of it called the "Gore," which formed a part of the district of Pepperell, before he was twenty-one years old. In 1774 he was appointed colonel of a regiment of minute-men enrolled in Pepperell, Groton, Hollis and other towns in this vicinity.

On the morning of the memorable nineteenth of April, 1775, a messenger rode from Concord to Pepperell, alarming the inhabitants on the way with the news that the regulars had come out from Boston, had killed eight men at Lexington and were fighting in Concord. Col. Prescott immediately gave orders to the companies in Pepperell and Hollis to march to Groton and there join the Groton companies. So quickly was the Pepperell company armed, equipped and on their way, although five miles farther from the point whence the messenger started and consequently later in receiving the news than the Groton companies, they arrived at the Groton parade grounds before the companies there were in readiness to accompany them.

After a halt of a few minutes they again marched on in advance of the Groton companies. Col. Prescott hastened on with his company, to Concord and thence to Cambridge, but did not overtake the British detachment on their retreat.

After the battle of Bunker Hill, Col. William Prescott became weary of the war and returned home to take up the peaceful employment of cultivating his paternal acres. Among the relics of the colonel's home there is nothing to be seen which more forcibly recalls the hero of Bunker Hill than the brass-door-knocker so often used by the old soldiers when calling upon the colonel, their leader; and the rude arm-chair, with its wooden seat in which Col. Prescott was in the habit of sitting when he entertained his friends by the fireside. Pleased with his guests the good man learned to glow.

And quite forgot their vices in their woe.  
Careless their merits or their faults  
His love e'er charity began.  
Thus to relieve the wretched was his pride  
And even his fallings lean'd to virtue's side.

I find this extract in a letter from Dr. Babbidge, read on the centennial of Col. William Prescott's death:

"There is one consideration that may afford you consolation: you

will never again receive a letter from one, who, like myself, played in his childhood in and out of the redoubt on Bunker Hill. It still remained precisely as it was when Prescott left it, and when Warren moistened it with his blood.

The patriotism of the women at the time of the Revolutionary War "which tried men's souls," should not be passed over. After the departure of Col. Prescott's regiment of minute-men, Mrs. Prudence Wright of Pepperell, Mrs. Job Shattuck of Groton and the neighboring women, collected at Jewett's bridge over the Nashua river, between Pepperell and Groton, clothed in their absent husbands' apparel and armed with muskets, pitchforks and other such weapons as they could find. Having elected Mrs. Wright their commander, they determined, that no foe to freedom, foreign or domestic, should pass that bridge. Soon there appeared one on horseback, supposed to be treasonably engaged in conveying dispatches to the enemy. By the command of Sergeant Wright he was immediately arrested, unhorsed, searched, and the treasonable correspondence found concealed in his boot. He was detained prisoner and sent to Oliver Prescott, esq., of Groton, and his dispatches were sent to the Committee of Safety. This place is commemorated by a stone tablet placed near Jewett's bridge, now commonly called the Covered bridge.

There are also other places in Pepperell where stone tablets have been erected to commemorate historical events. The one placed near the so-called Coon tree marks the trying place of Burgoyne's officers after his surrender. Here they were allowed to meet once a week.

The tablet placed on the road to Primrose commemorates the place where Jacob Ames met his death, the last white man killed by the Indians in this vicinity.

After this west side had been set off as a parish, a number of the parishioners petitioned the town of Groton for the means of supporting a school. The petition was granted on condition that a schoolroom should be provided without expense to the town. This condition was complied with and the town granted £13 6s 8d. On November 2, 1778, the town voted to raise £400 for schooling.

About the beginning of the year 1834, a number of Pepperell men, wishing to have a school of higher grade than the common district school, in which both boys and girls might get a better education, and where young men might prepare for college, formed an association for the purpose of erecting a suitable building and procuring the necessary means of instruction. At different meetings of the association, officers and committees were chosen and so earnestly was the work pursued, that, on the tenth day of June, following, a handsome and convenient building was completed by Dr. Cutter, the contractor accepted by the proprietors, and the school was opened with appropriate religious exercises under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Erasmus D. Eldridge, they being the first teachers of that school. This school was kept in what is now known as the grange hall, although sometimes called the old Academy building.

Let us do our work as well.  
Make the house where gods may dwell,  
Beautiful, entire and clean.

**WESTFORD.**  
Centre.  
Miss Mary E. Drew is at home again after a three weeks' sojourn at Annisquam.

Miss Raynes will be the supervisor of music in the schools of this town this year and Mrs. Brackett of drawing, the same as last year.

Mrs. Nellie E. Carlin recently entertained her son, William E. Carlin of Marlborough, N. H. Mr. Carlin took particular pleasure in visiting at the Congregational parsonage. Rev. Mr. Wallace was a former pastor at Marlborough and Mr. Carlin an attendant at his church.

Miss May Russell of North Bennington, Vt., was an over Sunday guest of Miss Bertha Norris.

The John P. Wright's have returned to their winter home in Lowell, after a pleasant sojourn on Prospect Hill summit. The genial John and his family are always sure of a cordial welcome from their Westford friends.

Samuel H. Balch, carrier on R. F. D. route, No. 1, is enjoying the customary vacation time allowed by Uncle Sam, and Warren E. Carlin is acting as his substitute on the route.

Fred A. Hildreth came up from his home in Malden to attend the funeral of his comrade, Gilman Stone, and acted as one of the bearers.

Miss Grace Lambert is at home again after spending the summer at Cohasset in her professional capacity in a summer hospital for children. Miss Lambert's little nephew Georgie, who was recently ill with pneumonia, is convalescing nicely.

Wright & Fletcher's and J. Herbert Fletcher's stores will be closed hereafter at 7.30 on Thursday evenings.

Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler is enjoying a few days' vacation with relatives in Taunton and Newport, R. I.

Inadvertently the name of Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford was omitted last week from the group who are now enjoying Niagara Falls, St. Lawrence and Toronto trip.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher attended the funeral of a cousin in Belmont, Wednesday of this week. The circumstances of the death were particularly sad. He was drowned while canoeing on the Charles river. He was able to rescue the companion who was with him, but afterward was too exhausted to hold out until help came even though he was an experienced swimmer.

Mrs. Nelly P. Draper and daughter, Miss Lillian, are the guests of Mrs. H. V. Hildreth.

of this park and playground be fully realized.

The funeral of the late Gilmer Stone was held at his residence Saturday afternoon of last week at two o'clock, and was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives. The veteran association was well represented, demonstrating as always, the tender tie that exists between these comrades. All the bearers were veterans. There was a beautiful profusion of flowers with their testimony of regard for the departed and messages of comfort to the living. David L. Greig had charge of the funeral arrangements.

**Death.**  
A tragic sequel to the funeral of Gilmer Stone, in a comparatively few hours after, was a second coming of the grim visitor to this household. Mrs. Baxter B. Kimball of Norwich, Conn., a sister of Mr. Stone and his senior by a number of years and his nearest living relative, besides his wife, was found dead in bed the following morning. Mrs. Stone's sister, Miss Leighton, went to call Mrs. Kimball and receiving no response to her rapping on the door entered and found her dead in bed. The doctor was hastily summoned and he said she had evidently been dead a number of hours.

The long journey and the grief of her brother's death had been too great a tax for the aged woman and heart failure resulted.

The body was later removed to her Norwich home. She is survived by a son, Dr. Kimball, with whom she made her home.

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mrs. Stone and Miss Leighton for this double bereavement in their home.

**Church Notes.**  
Mr. Wallace gave his hearers a good sermon last Sunday, directed particularly to the teachers and students, it being near the beginning of the school year but of interest to all thoughtful listeners. His appreciation of the bible as a foundation of all that is best in literature was especially well elucidated.

Prior to the evening service a meeting was held for the consideration of a formation of a new Christian Endeavor society to consist of the really young people. The result is that such a society will be started with what seems a promising outlook.

The ladies of the society are busy with preparations for their annual agricultural fair to be held on September 23. Mrs. Belle Harrington Hill, who has made many friends here with her clever impersonations will be the special entertainer of the evening.

**About Town.**  
The Boston and Maine railroad are building a new sidetrack on the Stony Brook road from West Chelmsford to Brookside. This will convenience long freights.

Lowell and North Chelmsford typhoid fever has spread westward and Westford way as far as Brookside, at the bungalow cottage of Neise Nelson.

The dance at the town hall on Friday evening of last week, while not largely crowded, was pleasantly crowded. The Colonial orchestra of Lowell furnished the jingle for foot movements.

William J. Parfitt has sold cows, hens and field crops and expects soon to move onto a farm at Hopkinton, N. H.

Mrs. Elizabeth Nesmith, wife of George W. Nesmith, died at her home in Parkerville, on the Concord road, last week Thursday morning. The funeral took place Sunday forenoon, Rev. David Wallace conducting the services. The bearers were George W. Nesmith, Harry L. Nesmith, W. H. Kent and Wayland F. Balch. Burial was in the family lot in Burlington.

The Unitarian church, after a vacation of sixty-three days, lengthened several times for church repairs, will resume Sunday services tomorrow. The newness of the interior, a rested choir, a minister fresh with an observing attitude, should welcome a large congregation who are sleepless.

Lawyer James Stuart Murphy and children from Lowell have been delving for health the past week from the cool depths where hangs the "Old oaken bucket," near the pine tree shades of Francis Hill.

The prosperous and progressive that hold farming up to a high key at "Fairview," (not the cemetery), where the Greigs hold the earth to its promises, have been busy these hot September days putting in steam heat. It will be ready when the mosquito gets his bites all in and the frost bites take the place in the play.

The first arrival was a Miss Pitt and a Parfitt, and for further bill of particulars inquire of Mr. and Mrs. William Parfitt, Chamberlain corner.

There was a large non-sectarian clambake camp meeting exercises held at Nabasset pond last Sunday.

A light frost was reported by pumpkin vines and other tender conductors of low temperature on Thursday morning, along the banks of the crooked Stony Brook.

**Forge Village.**  
Services were resumed at St. Andrew's mission last Sunday afternoon, and Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton School conducted the services. Next Sunday afternoon Rev. Mr. Birchhead of Groton School will occupy the pulpit, services commencing at 3.30. Sunday school will reopen September 25.

Joseph A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Bourassa, their only child, died last week Friday morning, after a severe illness of cholera infantum, aged six months and four days. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon. Burial in St. Catherine's cemetery, Graniteville. This is the second child Mr. and Mrs. Bourassa have lost with the same complaint.

Wilbert E. Parsons disposed of his household effects last Saturday afternoon and will return to Vancouver, Wash., shortly, where he intends to settle.

Miss Theresa Lowther will entertain the members of her Sunday school class next Saturday afternoon at a picnic which will be held at Hollingdale cottage on the shore of Forge pond.

Mrs. Joseph Bennett, Jr., and two children have returned home after a visit of several weeks spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vicar of Stafford Springs, Conn.

A daughter was born Saturday, September 10, to Mr. and Mrs. John McNiff.

Mrs. Lewis Caisse and two children of Leppinister is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carlin.

John Edwards has been confined to his home the past four weeks with a poisoned hand. He cut the little finger of his right hand while at work at the Chandler planer company at Ayer, and blood poisoning set in. It is feared that he may lose his finger.

It is said that Joseph McDonald has purchased the Bradley farm.

Miss Lillian Rose is attending the Lowell normal school, where she is in the graduating class, going to and from school on the electric, returning to her home in Belmont Saturdays.

Miss Gladys Daly is attending Fitchburg high and Miss Mabel Sanborn is a pupil at Ayer high. Miss Evelyn Fernald returns to Vassar college next week.

**Graniteville.**  
The Graniteville baseball club visited North Chelmsford on Saturday afternoon and in a hard fought game in which everything was in doubt until the ninth inning, met with defeat at the hands of the North Chelmsfords, the final score being 8 to 7. The loss of the game was due mainly to the costly errors made by the local club at critical stages of the contest, but even at that the Graniteville club came near winning out and threw a great scare into the North Chelmsford fans by their fast work in the final inning.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Sherman of Damariscotta, Me., have been recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Sherman of this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Defoe are now taking in the sights at Montreal and they intend to be absent for several days.

Miss Margaret E. Horan of Charlestown has recently returned home after having spent a brief vacation here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Healey.

The date for the Foresters' anniversary dance has been set for October 14, in town hall, Westford.

The local fire company was called out on Sunday afternoon to subdue a brush fire on land owned by Benjamin Caunter, back of the ball grounds. Between three and four acres were burned over before the fire was gotten under control.

Mrs. John J. Dunn of West Chelmsford has been a recent visitor here.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church had a very successful food sale in the church vestry last week Thursday evening.

**SHIRLEY.**  
News Items.  
Miss Lizzie Pedreau has left town to reside in Berlin, where she has accepted a position.

at the forming of the Manufacturers' Export association, which represented companies with an aggregate capitalization of \$300,000,000. Mr. Allen was elected a director for three years.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jandreau is critically ill with pneumonia. They recently lost a girl aged eleven years, who died of complication of diseases.

A. G. Dunn of Medfield has purchased the Harding M. James farm, located on Clark road. Mr. James and family will locate on a farm in Maine or New Hampshire.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold a missionary meeting in the vestry on Thursday afternoon, September 22, at three o'clock. There will be a missionary address, followed by a supper at 6.30. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. L. C. Case of Acton, subject, "Burmah."

Fred Sawyer has left the employ of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., and started on Wednesday for California, where he intends making his home.

Rev. D. M. Lackrow will preach in the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon, September 16, at 2.30.

**Death.**  
Mrs. Sarah Lawson, eighty-one years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albina Love, Wednesday, September 14, from the effects of bronchitis and other complications. Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Bronson officiating. Mrs. Lawson had resided in town for about a year and was born in New Brunswick. The remains were taken to that Province for burial by her daughter, who is the only survivor of eleven children. Mrs. Lawson was a member of the Baptist church in the town from whence she came.

**Baseball.**  
The Tigers were completely outclassed in the game with the Shirley's last Saturday afternoon on the new ball field and no game in recent years has attracted such intense local interest. About seven hundred witnessed the contest and the superior playing of the Shirley team was a pronounced feature of the game and it was one of the best games Shirleyites have ever seen played here, being full of bright, snappy plays from start to finish.

It was evident after the first innings that the Tigers were doomed to go down in defeat and they finally, as was fully expected, lost the game by a score of 6 to 2.

For the Shirley team the work of Warner, Stebbins and Polly cannot be too fully commended upon as it appears from recent games the members of other teams trying to pilfer second on the throwing arm of Stebbins, the catcher, have met with disaster. That this young man is eligible for faster company has been proven since he joined the Shirley nine. That he can be over-looked by the scouts of the neighboring leagues seems impossible.

It was clearly brought out in the contest of Saturday that pitcher Eddie Warner is a little too fast for the bushes in this section. His debut in faster company can be expected at any time.

Last, but not least, comes the remaining members of the Shirley nine who in the game of Saturday, proved their backing substantial to any pitcher. Owing to the unreasonable demands of the manager of the Tiger team, the Shirley team will not go to Leominster for a return match.

The following is the score:

SHIRLEY.		TIGERS.	
	ab r bh a po e		ab r bh a po e
Tudsborg cf	5 0 1 0 0 0	LaBurr 3b	5 0 2 6 0 1
Sheddy 2b	4 1 0 1 0 0	Gallordet lf	4 0 0 0 0 0
Polly 3b	3 1 0 0 1 0	Bourdit 1b	0 1 0 11 0
Collyer p	3 1 0 0 1 0	St. Cyr rf	3 0 1 0 2 0
Burrell rf	2 1 0 0 0 0	Lueller ss	4 0 2 0 0 0
Connors cf	0 1 0 0 0 0	Colliver p	1 2 4 2 0 0
Collyer p	0 1 0 0 0 0	Plouffe p	4 1 2 0 1 0
Rufanage ss	3 0 0 2 1 0	Casse 2b	4 0 1 2 1 0
Stebbins c	3 1 1 2 13 0	St. George c	4 0 0 2 5 0
Warner p	2 0 1 2 0 0		
Totals	31 6 5 11 27 0		

The last game to be played at home this season will take place Saturday, September 17, on the new ball field with the Townsend A. A. team. The game is scheduled for three o'clock.

**Centre.**  
Harding M. James, Clark road, has sold his farm to A. G. Dunn of Medfield. The farm has forty-two acres, with a fine set of buildings, and was purchased by Mr. James of Merrill L. Raymond, twelve years ago. The new owner, Mr. Dunn, is to take possession later in the month, and will continue the milk route so successfully carried on by Mr. James. The sale was made by Edward Bliss of Ayer. Mr. James intends to purchase another farm and has looked recently at extensive farm property in New Hampshire. The removal of Mr. James and family from Shirley will be regretted, for they have been active in every good work during their residence here.

Mrs. Albert Adams celebrated her birthday at her home last Monday. Several of her neighbors and friends called during the afternoon with congratulations and presents. It was also the wedding anniversary of her son, Edward Adams, who, with his wife, spent the day with his father and mother.

Mrs. Josie Ramsdell, who many townspeople will remember as an old resident, visited here last Sunday.

Charles Longley of Millbury spent the last of the week with his father, C. A. Longley.

Most of the farmers in the Centre have sold their apples for one dollar a barrel on the trees.

The W. C. A. girls have left the Mary Anna home. This is the last of boarders for this season.

Edward Randall is visiting with Mrs. C. E. Lynch.

The engineers for the State Highway commissioners are surveying the section of Parker road, which the town voted at the last annual town meeting to repair.

**Grange.**  
At the next meeting of Shirley grange there will be an exhibition of fruit, vegetables and flowers. All members are urged to bring their best specimens and the judges appointed by the master will award blue ribbons to the best in each class. Anyone wishing for further particulars will refer to the master or lecturer. Mrs. Ella D. Rice of Leominster, who holds the office of Pomona in the State grange, is expected to be present and speak.

An entertainment followed by a social and dance will be held in the town hall, September 23, under the auspices of Shirley grange, consisting of a farce, "A precious pickle," and one or two other short sketches, readings and songs and musical selections.

Ice cream, cake, lemonade and candy will be on sale after the entertainment and a table of useful articles will be on sale at four o'clock in the afternoon.

**NOTICE—As is our custom from October first to April first, our store will be closed every evening, except Saturday evenings, at six o'clock, Saturday evening at eight o'clock.**  
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**New Advertisements**  
FOR SALE—As I am to make a change in location, would like to dispose of my piano at low price for cash at once. AGNES B. SAUNDERS, Washington Street, Ayer, Mass. 111

**FOR SALE—A Kitchen Stove, a Chandler, with three Lamps, and a Woodshed with Springs. A. HEINZ, Park Street, Ayer, Mass. 111**

**NOTICE—Luther and Dexter Page, sons of Abel Page, who died in 1841 in Ayer, please communicate. Urgent business. Address JUSTIN SPAULDING, Ayer, Mass., Box 6. 111**

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
I wish in this way to express thanks for the kindness shown my beloved wife during her illness; for the sympathy and kindness shown me since her death; also, for the flowers, the singing, the attendance and every assistance at the funeral.  
DANIEL N. PRESSEY,  
Groton, September 13, 1910. 11\*

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
To the neighbors and friends for kind deeds and words of sympathy during the long illness and death of our loved one to the pastor for comforting words; the singer for sweet songs at the funeral service; for the beautiful flowers contributed and all who in any way assisted or helped to lighten our affliction, we tender our sincere thanks.  
MR. and MRS. WARREN W. NUTTING  
and Family.  
Ayer, Mass., September 14, 1910. 1\*

**FOR SALE—A Corning Top Burey, all in good shape; also, One Good Sleigh. JOHN C. AYERS, Shirley Centre, Mass. 452\***

**APPLES WANTED—Hand Picked Gravensteins, McIntosh and Baldwins for Cash on Delivery, at FLAGG BROS. CANNING FACTORY, Littleton, Mass. 612**

**GIRLS WANTED—Steady Work for a few more Women and Girls at FLAGG BROS., Littleton, Mass. 612**

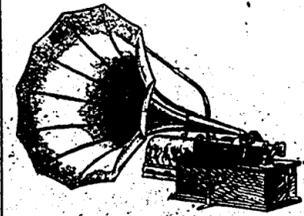
**WANTED—A Middle-aged Woman for Housework and a Girl for adults. PUBLIC SPIRIT OFFICE, Ayer, Mass. 521\***

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**TOWNSEND**

**Centre.**  
James A. Willard had a shock on Main street Fitchburg, Monday night, and was assisted into Eastman's drug store, where he was attended by Dr. F. H. Thompson. Later in the evening he was removed to the home of a friend in that city. Mr. Willard and Mr. Adams, both of Townsend, drove over to visit Post 19, G. A. R., which they joined on Memorial day.

Mrs. Rufus Brown is spending a few weeks at Reading, with Rev. J. E. Waterhouse.

Mrs. Leander Jeffs and Hattie Smith were chosen as delegates to the state Sunday school convention, which is to be held at North Adams, October 4 to 6.

Rally day at the Congregational church will be observed on September 25.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge and little daughter are enjoying a two weeks' visit at Plymouth with Mr. Eldridge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Eldridge.

Harold Morse left this week to attend Amherst Agricultural college, and Rodney Lancy will enter the Worcester Polytechnic this fall.

The Young People's club are to give a reception to the Townsend A. A. and friends at Memorial hall on Tuesday evening, September 20.

Charles A. Craig of Sandusky, Ohio, was a guest of R. G. and A. N. Fessenden this week.

Rev. Edward Porter of Dorchester occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday.

At the grange meeting on Monday night, an excellent paper was read by Mrs. Emma F. Seaver upon the "U. S. life saving service," and also a discussion upon the question "How far are the misfits in life responsible for the failures?" was opened by T. E. Flarity and A. N. Fessenden. The question was put in the form of a debate and came out a tie by vote of those present. A piano solo by Prof. A. G. Seaver was much enjoyed.

The Nashua A. A. won the rubber game from our home team here last Saturday in a closely played game up to the sixth inning when the visitors succeeded in bunching their hits and getting four runs that inning. Knight pitched a fine game up to this inning, when the large score made then by the opponents and a wild throw by Whitcomb rather took his courage for the remainder of the game: However, the team as a whole played gamely against the heady Mulvanity and his strong support. The score was 5 to 2. A two-bagger and a three-bagger were credited to Parker and Eastman, and Miller and Teehan hauled in two difficult catches.

Mrs. Hattie Smith of Worcester was a recent guest at Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Richards and Charles W. Hildreth will attend the national encampment of the G. A. R., to be held at Atlantic city, N. J. They will leave first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Piper are enjoying a vacation at Willard, Me.

S. G. Wilson of Hill City, Kansas, was the guest of his nephew, Charles Wilson, this week. Mr. Wilson left this town about thirty-one years ago.

**A Spill of Crockery.**

A team from the west village which was tied near the Centre school building on Monday afternoon, was considerably demoralized by the horse becoming frightened suddenly, either by an automobile which was slowly passing, or by all at once becoming aware of the rattling of dishes that had been stowed into the back of the wagon. These were taken from the banquet room in Odd Fellows' building and were to be used at the West Townsend muster this coming Saturday. The horse broke away from where it was tied, craped the wagon around and made tracks across the fine lawn in front of the residence of Mrs. A. L. Fessenden, scattering broken dishes promiscuously. The clatter and dust soon attracted the driver, who was after another relay of dishes, to the scene, and the horse after ridding himself of the troublesome noise, calmly waited to be caught upon the top of the meeting-house hill.

**West.**  
Ralph H. Willard, who has been spending a week's vacation at his home here, has returned to his duties in Boston.

Samuel Wilson from Hill City, Kansas, a former well-known business man of that, is enjoying a visit to the east and has been spending a number of days with relatives in this place and New Ipswich, N. H.

Mrs. Lucy Thompson, who has spent the summer at her home here, returned Thursday to her home in Shackelford, Mo., for the winter.

Rev. George Ringrose and wife from Dover Plain, N. Y., are visiting their son, Rev. S. D. Ringrose.

Mrs. Gardner of Boston is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell of Josselynville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby and family have returned to their home in Winthrop, after having spent the summer at their cottage in Josselynville.

Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson has been visiting relatives in Newport, N. H., the past week.

Miss Stella Tucker has given up her position in Leominster and taken a place in the Belgrade Rug Factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan have returned from their summer sojourn in Maine and opened their home here.

Rev. George Ringrose of Dover, Plain, N. Y., occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday morning and in the evening the pastor preached a special sermon to the Eclipse engine company, who attended in a body, on the subject, "A still alarm."

James A. Willard, who has been sick this week, is much better.

**Muster.**

The Eclipse engine company will hold their annual muster and field day on Saturday, September 17, at Farrar's ball ground, and the usual enjoyable time is anticipated. At 10.15 a. m., there will be a parade of the fire companies, escorted by the Townsend



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**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**  
Rev. O. J. Fairfield closed his pastorate in the Unitarian church of Ware last Sunday, and begins his new pastorate in Littleton tomorrow. Since accepting the call to this church he has received an invitation to become pastor of a church in Keokuk, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Fairfield were recently presented a set of sterling silver spoons by the women of the Alliance and others of the Unitarian church of Ware.

Miss Clara Fletcher has returned to her school in Mattapoisett and Miss Marion Flagg to her school in Newton.

Miss Jennie B. Sawyer, telegraph operator, is spending the first week of her vacation at Sabago Lake, Me. Her predecessor, Mrs. John Alden, is taking her place at the wire.

Mrs. Fred Reed has been for four weeks at her former home in Prince Edward Island. Her brother, William Chapel, who has recently recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia, accompanied her on her return to Littleton.

Frank Farmer has a power threshing machine in use at his place, and is glad to have any of his friends who are interested call in to see its magnificent work.

The Arts and Crafts society will meet with Mrs. S. E. Abbott for the first meeting of the season on Friday afternoon, September 23. Miss Amsden, the instructor, is expected to be present.

The knights and ladies of King Arthur court will soon be accommodated for their lessons at the Union school building.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith had a pleasant auto excursion along the North shore recently. She has also spent several days at Cohasset.

Miss Hayes of Waltham is a guest at Charles L. Smith's.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Brennan have returned from their European trip. They were the guests of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and Mrs. E. H. Priest on Tuesday.

Miss Gladys Kimball has entered Titton academy. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Everett Kimball, to her new school home.

George F. Stone started on Monday morning with eleven cows for the Clinton fair. He also has a prize winning brood of young turkeys in the fair.

Recognition services for Rev. Harrison L. Packard, the new pastor of the Congregational church, will be held in that church on Wednesday evening, September 21, at 7.30. The address of the evening will be given by Dr. F. E. Emerick of the Home Missionary society of Boston. Rev. Paul G. Favor of Harvard will extend greetings. Rev. H. B. Drew of the Baptist church and Rev. O. J. Fairfield of the Unitarian church will take part in the service. At the conclusion a reception will be given to Rev. and Mrs. Packard in the vestry.

**About Town.**  
Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell and baby, with her sister, Miss Sleeper, have gone to Manchester, N. H., to visit their grandmother.

The drinking fountain at the Common, given by B. S. Hager, is being put in place.

Guests at the A. T. Kimball home last Sunday from Lowell, were Mr. and Mrs. King, and Mr. Beacro from Charlestown.

Miss Lucy Houghton returned on Wednesday to Wheaton seminary at Norton.

Last Saturday evening, in the vestry of the Unitarian church, Rev. W. J. Lawrence, a former pastor, now president of the American Unitarian Sunday school union, gave an exceedingly interesting talk on Sunday school work and he had the close attention of the audience.

Roger Priest left on Monday for Amherst, where he has entered the Agricultural college in the freshman class and Walter Bosreau the same day left town and has entered Clark university at Worcester.

Last week Friday, D. G. Houghton went with his daughter, Miss Edith, to East Orange, N. J., where she is to engage in teaching. Mr. Houghton returned on Monday night.

On Tuesday, A. C. Whitney and his family left their summer home, "The wilderness," where they have been for several weeks, to their home in Lexington.

The topic for discussion of the Christian Endeavor guild of the Unitarian church on Sunday evening, in the vestry, will be "Abraham Lincoln," and Roland G. Houghton is the leader.

**NOTICE**—As is our custom from October first to April first, our store will be closed every evening, except Saturday evening, at six o'clock. Saturday evening at eight o'clock.  
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**LUNENBURG.**

**News Items.**  
A young minister, made his advent at the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday morning, September 14, weighing ten pounds. It is needless to say that he was gladly welcomed by his fond parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Burt. Their many friends and parishioners will be glad to know that both mother and son are doing nicely at present.

The W. C. T. U. held its annual meeting and election of officers at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Warren on Friday afternoon, September 15. Reports from the various superintendents were read and approved, after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. W. R. Proctor, president; Miss M. F. Hadley and Mrs. W. F. Aker, vice-presidents; Mrs. S. A. Warren, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Kinney, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Longley, superintendent of departments; Mrs. J. E. Longley and Mrs. L. H. Jones, Loyalty Temperance Legion; Mrs. Laura M. McGovern, Methodist club; Sarah Harrington, Congregational; Mrs. J. E. Longley, women's meetings; Mrs. L. H. Jones, mothers' meetings; Mrs. L. H. Jones, soldiers and sailors; Mrs. M. E. Kinney, literary society; Mrs. Sarah A. Harrington, settlement work; M. F. Hadley, town farm; Mrs. W. R. Proctor, alternate; Mrs. A. Warren.

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**Registration of Voters**



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

Thursday, September 16, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.  
Saturday, October 22, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.  
Saturday, October 29, 12 m. to 10 p. m.  
Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, October 29, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1910. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

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Saturday, September 17, 1910.

### GROTON.

#### News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. George I. Crocker returned to Providence, R. I., this week after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Shattuck.

E. O. Collier visited his son, Edmund D. Collier and family, at West Somerville last week.

Frank A. Woods left Tuesday to resume his studies at Worcester academy. His mother, Mrs. F. F. Woods, accompanied him to Worcester.

The Nashua river paper mill here is shut down for some few weeks or so.

Miss Phyllis Gay left last week to resume teaching at her former position in Brockton.

Miss Lucy Raddin left home last week for Everett, where she takes her same school as last year.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Northrup and children returned on Monday to Somerville. They have passed the summer in Groton, occupying their bungalow near Mrs. Northrup's old home.

There have been a number of apple-buyers in town within a short time. One of these buyers was from Illinois. Good prices were offered.

The closest competitor of G. S. Knapp on his exhibit of apples at the Clinton fair on Wednesday was Mr. Derby of Leominster. Mr. Knapp and Mr. Derby were the closest competitors also at the New England fruit show in Boston last fall.

A chestnut log was sawed at Z. Fitch's mill by Ansel Shattuck on Wednesday which netted over seven hundred feet of lumber. This is unusual in this locality for these days.

Forty-three tickets to Clinton were sold at the Groton station on Thursday.

George S. Knapp was awarded prizes on apples exhibited at Clinton fair as follows: First prize on Baldwin, Bellefleur, Wealthy, Talmay Sweet and King; second prize, collection of best twelve varieties, and second prize on McIntosh Reds, Palmer Greening and Gravensteins; sweepstake prize on best twelve apples.

Lawrence academy opens for the school year on Wednesday, September 21.

George L. Moison, Frank F. Waters, John Moyle and F. F. Woods were among the many from Groton who attended the Clinton fair on Thursday.

Arthur Sargent, who lives on the Ayer road and has a milk pump, was hit by the engine of the paper train, so-called, due at 6.11, at Flanagan's crossing, on Tuesday morning. The horse was killed, the milk wagon badly wrecked and milk spilled freely. This was certainly a misfortune, but Mr. Sargent and his two boys who were with him escaped except for a nervous shock, and this was indeed fortunate. Mr. Sargent and family moved to Groton from Rutland, not long ago.

Miss Laura Smith of Dorchester, who has been boarding at B. A. Miller's, was operated on at the hospital here on Monday for appendicitis, the case being an urgent one. The patient is doing as well as can be expected.

Among the passengers who sailed on the Cunard steamship from East Boston on Tuesday afternoon were Miss Elizabeth R. Peabody, Miss Helen Peabody, Miss Rose S. Peabody and Malcolm Endicott Peabody, children of Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton school. These young people go abroad for study at different places in London and elsewhere.

Mrs. McKay Twombly and her daughter, Miss McKay Twombly, up from Newport, were guests Monday at Groton Inn. They came on a business visit to Groton school, where her son, H. McKay Twombly, Jr., was a student, and who met an untimely death by drowning at a lake in New Hampshire, soon after graduating at Groton school.

Mrs. Clara Brown, of Boston, was called to the hospital by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Martha Tarbell, who underwent an operation at the hospital here. Mrs. Brown was at Groton Inn on Tuesday.

Miss Lena L. Tuttle left last week Monday to assume duties as teacher of the grammar school at Bosworth, N. H.

Myron P. Swallow and son, Guy Swallow, George S. Knapp and son, Lewis Knapp, and John Moyle, Jr., were among those from Groton who attended the Clinton fair on Wednesday.

Will the members of E. S. Clark W. R. C. please bear in mind the notice given that Mrs. Wood, president of the corps, earnestly requests a full attendance at the meeting on Tuesday afternoon, September 20, at 2.30, to prepare for inspection.

Thomas Edward Cleary, son of Thomas H. Cleary, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Clinton hospital on Wednesday afternoon. The young man had worked all Tuesday night at the papermill where he has been employed, but taken ill went over to Clinton hospital on Wednesday morning, operation followed in the afternoon. Reports are given of his favorable condition.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Paulhus on Tuesday, September 13.

Walter Dodge has completed the wiring of the Unitarian church vestry for electric lights.

Miss Isabelle Woods, returning some few days ago from a visit in Manchester, N. H., went to Cambridge, where she is working at her trade in a millinery store.

Winthrop L. Sheedy left Tuesday to enter the sophomore class at Williams college.

Mrs. Charles Taylor of New Haven, Conn., will make her home in Groton with her daughter, Mrs. Francis Marion Boutwell.

Carl A. F. Lawrence, son of Wm. A. Lawrence, leaves early next week for Dartmouth college, where he enters the Freshman class.

Miss Gladys Mason began teaching in Pepperell on Monday, grade two and three in Groton street school.

Arthur C. Tuttle is having a larger crop of apples than ever before. His son, Clarence A. Tuttle, with his corn harvester, finished work at James Lawrence's on Tuesday. He has filled the silos at the town farm and for Thomas Aitken on the A. A. Lawrence farm for this season.

The report is that Miss Clara Endicott Sears has sold her beautiful Groton estate, Riverdale farm, and that the purchaser is a young man, a large real estate owner from Brookline, and that the gentleman and his wife, a young couple, will come to Riverdale farm this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Balcom expect to move to Harvard at least as early as next spring. They were over there last week to look for a tenement. Mrs. Balcom has been engaged to have the charge of Miss Sears' new house in Harvard when completed, as she has had charge of her home here in Groton.

Miss Marlon Blood, commenced teaching in grade one, Groton street school, Pepperell, on Monday.

Miss Elizabeth M. Whitehill left home last week Saturday to take position as teacher in Winthrop.

Mr. and Mrs. Nowill, the new owners of the former Willis farm on the Ayer road, have arrived from Brewster, N. Y. Their household goods came on Tuesday and they are getting well settled in their new home with which, so far, they feel well pleased. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Nowill, their mother, and their two children. Mr. Nowill's occupation was before this, a druggist in Brewster. One of the children attends the Moors school.

Miss Mary Dunphy left home last week Saturday for Chichester, N. H., where she is teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck broke camp on Monday after a week's stay at Oakridge camp, their outing place at Cow pond meadows.

The Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a church fair on afternoon and evening of October 13.

Groton school opens for the school year on September 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntley N. Spaulding of Boston, accompanied by their sister, Miss Mason, who is recovering from illness, and her nurse are guests at Groton Inn, to stay two or more months. Their chauffeur, Carl Tarbell of Rochester, N. H., is also at the Inn.

Miss Isabelle Woods is visiting her sister, Miss Lottie Woods, at Beachmont.

Rev. Byron F. Gustin of Amherst was in town on Wednesday to look after his property, the farm on the road to Pepperell, the former home of his parents and their family.

The Alliance will hold its first meeting of the season at the home of the president, Mrs. F. A. Sherwin, on Thursday, September 22, at three o'clock. A full attendance is desired to complete arrangements for the winter's work.

The following is the list of flowers sent in to Mrs. Daniel Pressey's funeral last week Thursday:

Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst, two bouquets; Mrs. Dennis Toomey, asters; Mrs. Lucy Evans, cut flowers; Mrs. Anna Kemp, cut flowers; Mr. and Mrs. George Barlow, man, asters; Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell, gladioli and asters; Miss Lottie Floyd, cut flowers; Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, asters; Mrs. H. W. Whitman, asters; Mrs. H. Smith, asters; Mrs. M. Heber, asters; Mrs. Leon Bailey, asters; Miss Clara Bailey, asters; Nashua River Co. Paper-mill, wreath of pines; Lizzie's husband; Baptist church, Japanese iris; Mrs. Hemenway, asters; Mrs. Belcher, asters; Mrs. Warren, wreath; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pratt, spray; Mr. and Mrs. C. Stone, spray; Mr. and Mrs. G. Bailey, spray; Mr. and Mrs. L. Bailey, spray; Mr. and Mrs. W. Kierstead, spray; C. Stone, asters.

Wedded.

Miss Emma Irene Clark and Frank M. C. Fowler were united in marriage at high noon on Wednesday, September 14. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Clark of Common street, and was performed by Rev. George M. Howe, using the double ring service. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present.

The bride was crowned in white silk and wore a veil caught with lilies of the valley. She carried a bouquet of the same beautiful blossoms and was attended by her two young nieces, the Misses Audrey and Katharine Brown of Northbridge. They were very sweet flower girls dressed in white, carrying one a basket of flowers containing the ring; the other a bouquet.

After the ceremony and congratulating were over, light refreshments were enjoyed, following which the newly-wedded couple and friends took carriages for Ayer. There taking the 2.45 train, they arrived later at Roslindale, where a reception was given them in the parlors of the Baptist church, beautifully decorated for the occasion. Between two hundred and three hundred greeted the bridal party and a most bountiful collation was served by a caterer. The bride is a well-known Groton young lady educated in the public schools and Smith college and has taught. The groom has a position in Boston. They were generously remembered with gifts from their many friends. After an extended wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Fowler will make their home in Roslindale and be at home to their friends after November first.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

Lawrence academy will resume work Wednesday, September 21, and a good enrollment is expected. Nearly all the old boys are expected back and several new boys will be present.

Graduates of last year will enter the following colleges: Harvard, Yale, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Dartmouth, Tufts, Vermont, Cornell, University of Illinois and Colorado School of Mines. Lawrence is able to send on certificate to all schools that accept a certificate. This privilege has been secured since Mr. Clough, took charge of the school and was brought about largely by his activity and earnestness.

The new members of the faculty are the following: Percy C. Judd (University of Vermont) mechanical drawing and descriptive geometry. Leroy J. Cook (Tufts) French and German. Miss Helen E. Parker (Smith) English and Latin.

A good football schedule has been arranged, and Captain Carpenter feels confident that Lawrence will be able to do good work on the gridiron.

The first football game of the season is scheduled for October first, with the Cambridge Latin school.

Tennis Tournament.

Groton defeated Littleton in tennis doubles, three straight sets, Tuesday morning on the Groton courts, before a large and enthusiastic gallery. Needham and Stebbins represented Groton, while Lovejoy and Whitney represented Littleton.

It was exactly 9.30 when referee Bruce called play and from then on their was excitement until the match was finished, including several brilliant rallies. Needham and Stebbins played consistently throughout the match, both steadying down at critical moments. They only losing off serve each during the match.

Lovejoy and Whitney were a bit unsteady at times, but as a whole played well. The following is the score in detail:

Set 1. Games. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
Needham and Stebbins 4 4 7 2 4 4-6  
Lovejoy and Whitney 1 1 2 5 4 2 2-1  
Set 2. Games. 1 2 3 4 5 6  
Needham and Stebbins 6 4 4 4 4-6  
Lovejoy and Whitney 4 2 1 1 1 1-0  
Set 3. Games. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12  
Needham and Stebbins 2 4 2 4 4 7 6 7 4 4-7  
Lovejoy and Whitney 6 0 5 2 9 2 2-5  
Scorer and referee—Bruce. Basemen—Priest and Douglas.

Birchleaf Skeletonizer.

During the past two weeks the State forester, F. W. Rane, has received scores of letters from different parts of the State inquiring into the cause of the damage to the birch trees, mention of which was made in this column last week. His reply is that the insect causing the damage is known as the birchleaf skeletonizer, (Bucculatrix canadensisella). The present outbreak is not unprecedented as a similar condition existed over a portion of Massachusetts and New York in 1901. Little is known concerning the life history or habits of the insect. After giving a description of its size and some other particulars the State forester says:

"No permanent injury to the trees is likely to follow the attack of this insect, as the past has shown that its outbreaks have been quickly suppressed by natural enemies."

Grange.

It was Pomona and Ceres evening at Groton grange on Tuesday night. The program, which, well carried out, was very entertaining and was as follows: Reading, Mrs. P. J. Benedict; song, H. W. and P. R. Mason; pantomime, "Wanted a wife," Misses Mabel Kierstead, Verena Adams, Pansy Howe, Bertha Farnsworth and Dr. E. B. Branigan; recitation, Miss Eleanor Mason; bell solo, H. M. Adams.

Presentation of gifts to the members recently become brides, Mrs. Leroy Converse and Mrs. Charles Wright, by Rev. H. A. Cornell. The gifts were nice linen table-cloths with napkins to match. The hall was tastefully decorated with flowers and crepe paper, yellow and white being the color scheme. Ice cream and cake passed around in a pleasing close of the program. The names of five new candidates were proposed.

West Groton.

Mrs. G. W. Lewis of Edgewood, R. I., former resident of this place, was a guest at Mrs. Martha Tarbell's from Wednesday until Saturday of last week.

Rev. D. F. Gustin of North Amherst was in town last Monday and called on several former parishioners.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman are enjoying an auto trip. It is Mr. Bixby's intention to visit the various leather-board mills in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCurdy and son Royden of Dorchester, have been recent guests at Charles Bixby's.

Miss Olive Tarbell has returned to Brookline, accepting a permanent position with the firm by whom she has been engaged as substitute employee.

Mrs. L. C. Roy, accompanied by Mrs. Fred Blood and little daughter Ruth, has recently enjoyed a trip to her parents' home in Westmoreland.

Delwin Shepley of Sheldon, Vt., was in town last Sunday, accompanied by his young brother-in-law, Thomas Raymond, who has completed arrangements to enter the academy at Exeter this fall. They started on the return trip Monday morning, expecting to cover the entire distance, two hundred and fifty miles, in one day by automobile.

Miss Lillian Harrington is a guest of her sister, Mrs. William Williamson of Walpole.

The Misses Helen and Beatrice Harrington of Ayer, coming Saturday, were over Sunday guests at Mrs. Augusta Harrington's.

J. E. Jenks of Washington, D. C., is visiting at G. S. Webber's.

R. H. Burgess spent last Sunday at his home here, but returned to Maine on Monday.

The Misses Alice, Ruth and Helen Humiston of East Jaffrey, N. H., visited their grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, Miss Helen remaining till the following Sunday.

So far as known, West Groton people who have attended the aviation meet are: A. H. Thompson and his son Provost, G. S. Webber, Mr. Shores, Mrs. M. F. McGowan, Miss Olive Tarbell.

Hon. and Mrs. R. Drummond of Stellarton, N. S., while traveling through the States, made a short visit last week with their niece, Mrs. H. D. Bowles.

Mrs. H. E. Lindall is entertaining a former schoolmate, Miss Justine Welton of Hyde Park.

The schools opened last week with sixty pupils. The seating capacity of the upper room is inadequate to provide for the thirty-three pupils enrolled in the grammar and upper intermediate grades. In the lower intermediate and primary grades there are but twenty-seven pupils, the smallest number enrolled for some years. The entering class numbers six.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence has lately entertained her sister-in-law, Mrs. Warren Seavey who has been spending the summer in this country. Mrs. Seavey's husband is instructor in a large school in San Tien, China, and she is soon to rejoin him there. The return journey will occupy six weeks.

An eleven pound boy was welcomed into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright last Tuesday.

The Misses Lawrence are both engaged in teaching, Miss Ruth going this week Saturday to her position in Bethlehem, N. H., while Miss Sylvia is substituting in the seventh grade, Groton.

A dozen young people, nine of them boys, form the West Groton contingent at the high school.

### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Mrs. R. M. Lindley has her sister, Miss Hattie Osborn of Waltham, visiting with her this week; also, her nephew, Master Wendell Osborn.

Rev. Henry B. Mason is taking the balance of his vacation and visiting with friends in Hubbardston. Mrs. Mason and Miss Harriet Mason are with friends at Wakefield.

Next Tuesday evening, the grange will confer the third and fourth degrees on a class of candidates. Harvest supper will be as customary on these occasions and all patrons are requested to assist the feast committee in this matter.

Miss Christine Webster has returned to her school duties. She is engaged as teacher in the public schools at Springfield.

Alfred W. Cobleigh has sold his farm on Oak Hill to H. Crooker of Cambridge, the friends of Thomas Dolan and now occupying the property of Mrs. S. M. Sawyer.

Harvard grangers put in an exhibit of fifty-five boxes of apples at Worcester East fair at Clinton, forty-five varieties in all.

Mrs. J. Macklin Beattie, who has been for several weeks at the Kerley house, goes this week to the canal zone, Isthmus of Panama.

Mrs. May S. Hescok is home again after spending several weeks with relatives and friends at South Victory, Vt.

#### Still River.

Last Saturday evening Misses Esther Stone and Edna Flanders gave a party to their friends, William B. Willard, Benjamin Keyes, Warren Harrod, Adelaide Fairchild, Ethel Parker, Edna Robinson, Ethelyn Russell, Madeline Russell, Herbert Vaughn, Walter Haskell, Alfred McClintock, Eleanor Haskell and Ralph Whitney of Worcester. Each of the party represented some noted person and they paired off and each tried by questioning the other to guess whom they represented. After five minutes they were changed to others and so each had a try at all of the others. The game of whist was played for an hour, then supper was served, after which there was music.

The republican caucus will be held in the town hall, Harvard, on Wednesday evening, September 28, at eight o'clock.

W. B. Haskell commenced making cider at his mill on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Laura Brown had a friend from Baltimore, Md., visiting her on Tuesday.

Mrs. Clara Brown visited friends in Westboro on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

NOTICE—As in our custom from October first to April first, our store will be closed every evening, except Saturday evening, at six o'clock. Saturday evening, at eight o'clock. A. E. LAWRENCE & SON, Ayer.

### TOWNSEND.

#### Centre.

Mrs. F. B. Higgins and Marshall are visiting at Waterville and Vassalboro, Me.

Mrs. Etta Saunders has been quite ill this week, but is now improving.

#### Wedding.

Charles A. Stickney of Townsend Hill and Miss Emily Pierce of Cambridge were united in marriage at the home of George Pierce, the bride's brother, at Pepperell, Wednesday afternoon, with just the immediate family present. The ceremony was performed by the groom's nephew, Rev. Morris Levy of Newton, and a reception was held at the house with refreshments following. Clarence Stickney of Nashua then took the newly-wedded couple by auto to Mr. Stickney's home on Townsend Hill. Neighbors and friends then gave them a rousing reception and a purse of money was presented them, Mrs. Vernal Barber doing the honors for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Stickney had many beautiful presents. Miss Pierce has been a trained nurse for several years and made her home in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Stickney have the best wishes of all their friends for a happy life, as was suggested by the singing of "Home, sweet home," before the party returned after a pleasant evening.

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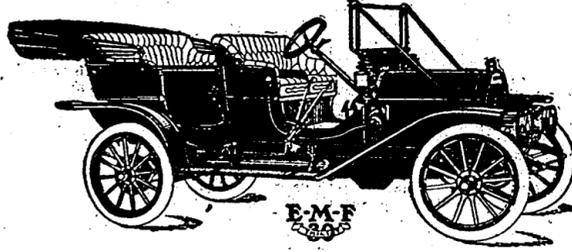
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### AYER.

#### News Items.

Dr. Butterfield, L. H. Cushing, G. L. Osgood and H. S. Turner went Tuesday in the auto of G. L. Osgood to the aviation meet at Atlantic, enjoyed the trip, the meet, but did not "aviate," and returned in the evening all right.

The annual exhibit of children's garden products will be held in the lower town hall next Friday afternoon and evening. All children who have gardens may bring their exhibits to the hall Friday morning. Everything should be carefully marked with exhibitor's name, and should be accompanied with plates and vases for displaying the exhibits. Prizes will be given for children's garden products. Exhibits of vegetables and flowers are asked from any who are willing to help this exhibit. Admission is five cents. School children will be admitted free between four and five o'clock.

Carl Moses will return to the Friend school in Providence on Tuesday. Miss Kathleen, his sister, accompanies him, but Mrs. Moses will remain here for a while.

Engineer Thorpe was here on Wednesday forenoon and made an official visit with the water works committee, T. F. Mullin, William Brown, Frederick Whitney, William U. Sherwin and Harry R. Draper, in the inspection of the work recently done by the board of water commissioners and engineers and he will report at a later date.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held in their hall here on Monday evening, September 19, at 7.30 o'clock. Arthur D. Prince, district deputy grand master, will make Caleb Butler lodge an official visitation. Work E. A. degree, Banquet at 6.30 o'clock. The afternoon of the same day Arthur D. Prince will make an official visitation to St. Paul lodge.

John Harrington, who resides in the Carl Dickinson house on Cambridge street and employed at the Chandler-Planer shop is to have a house built for him on Jackson street, which is well under way.

Samuel Griffin, his wife, wife's mother, and his large and fine family of children, who have occupied the Mill's house on Prospect street for a number of years, will move to Mitchellville in the house formerly occupied by Mr. Lyman. It is just the place for his large family and with the premises there is considerable land and Mr. Griffin will till the soil during his spare moments.

Phillip Delano has given up for the present of going to the Amherst Agricultural college and has secured a position at the express office at the railway station.

Clarence Moore, who has been in the employ of L. Sherman & Co., for the past seven years, gave the firm notice of his leaving and Mr. Moore, in company with L. G. Dwinell, expect to open their store in Mr. Phelps' building, corner of Main and West streets, before many days and will carry a line of groceries, hardware, and other goods usually found in a country store.

Augustus Lovejoy, E. D. Martell, D. H. Dickinson and may be other members of the G. A. R. post here will leave for the annual encampment of the G. A. R. at Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. P. D. Sampson, a former resident of this town, has spent the week with Mrs. Benjamin Telford, and incidentally has taken in about all the surrounding towns in her Studebaker 30.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Stratton of Prospect street was very pleasantly surprised by eleven of her friends. Flowers and other tokens were received as pleasant reminders of her birthday.

The schools opened this week with a large attendance especially in some of the lower grades. The third grade was so large it was found necessary to return the fifteen that came from the Shirley street school to that building, where this year there will be three grades. This makes only thirty-two in that building, the two lower grades in that school being unusually small.

The attendance thus far is: High school 85, eighth grade 39, seventh grade 49, sixth grade 42, fifth grade 44, fourth grade 47, third grade 50, Washington street primary 52, Shirley street primary 32, East Main street primary 32, total 472.

Lewis Sargent, son of William M. Sargent, has entered this week upon his second year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Ray Spencer, son of W. G. R. Spencer, returned on Wednesday to his school in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The musicians have returned, Charles Milliken from Salem Willows and Richard Kittredge from York beach.

The Unitarian Social Gathering met Tuesday afternoon with the vice-president, Mrs. C. P. Beverly, and made plans for their annual sale and harvest dinner to be held in the vestry of the church on Tuesday, October 18. Committees for the various departments of the work were appointed.

The grand lodge was represented by Grand Vice Warden Curtis A. L. Hubbard of Winter Hill lodge, Somerville, and Grand Guide Charles F. Anderson of Shine and Leather lodge of Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parsons and Herbert Allen in Mr. Parsons' auto leave next Sunday or Monday for the south shore, bringing up at Brant Rock, where they will spend a week, returning on Monday, September 26.

A social dance will be given by the Page Hose Company, No. 1, in Page hall, Friday evening, September 23. Music, Thayer's orchestra. Floor director, Martin Scullane; aids, Daniel Donahue, Joseph Markham, William Hurley, Frank B. Sullivan, Frank Hurley. Dancing from eight to twelve.

Mrs. Mary J. Farr went to Centre Harbor, N. H., on Monday, to remain this week as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason, at their summer home in that place.

Capt. George V. Barrett, who has been laid up for a month or more with indigestion and heart trouble at Lunenburg, where he is still residing, is very much improved in health, and is again about and attending to his business.

The democrats are to meet in caucus in lower town hall, on Tuesday evening, September 27, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the democratic state, councillor, congressional, county, district attorney, senatorial and representative conventions of 1910, and for the purpose of electing democratic town committees.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy leave Boston on Monday morning, September 19, for Atlantic City, N. J., to attend the national encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. After the encampment closes, Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy are going to Washington and Gettysburg, and shall be absent about two weeks. Mr. Lovejoy is an aide-de-camp on the staff of the department commander and Mrs. Lovejoy is a department officer in the W. R. C.

The inquest on the death of Dr. Claude A. Grenache, who was killed in the automobile accident on Wednesday night, September 7, at the West Main street crossing, was held on Thursday forenoon in the court room before Judge Atwood and the following witnesses testified: Roger Taft, G. B. Tobieson of Pepperell, Dr. Cowles, E. E. Sawyer, A. A. Filiebrown, and railway employees, Thomas White, Perley A. Downing, Charles E. Chamberlain, A. W. Hurd, H. C. Noyes, Everett C. Sabin.

Officer Beatty left Monday for Natick to spend his vacation of two weeks with his father and relatives.

Charles P. Littlehale of Tyngsboro and J. F. Laiviere of Southbridge for violation of motor vehicle law at Pepperell, were in court on September 10, and on trial both were found guilty and fined ten dollars each.

John Davenport, who a few weeks ago had his watch stolen at the transfer shed, together with about five or six dollars in money, recovered the watch at a pawn shop in Worcester, where it was pawned for about seven dollars. The watch is worth about forty dollars and the chain attached about ten dollars. The sum of money taken has not as yet been found, but Mr. Davenport has a fairly good idea where it went to.

The electric cars of the Lowell and Fitchburg Electric railway commenced on Wednesday to use their track extension on Main street, but it was only for a short time as the wheels of the electric tore up the edges of the cement between the track bordering the rails. It is being repaired.

Joseph K. Quackenboss, telegraph operator at the railway station here, returned last Monday from his vacation trip of ten days with his relatives who reside near Montreal.

A. A. Filiebrown, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Saturday afternoon, September 24, at 1.30, the estate of Sarah M. and Rufus E. Fletcher located on East Main street, consisting of a dwelling-house of ten rooms, stable, garage, and several buildings, together with valuable property and a good chance for investment.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending September 12: E. M. P. Corbin, Blanche J. Wright, Charles G. Wright.

#### Death.

Frank W. Nutting, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Nutting of this town, died Friday afternoon, September 9, at Worcester City hospital, aged 18 yrs., 10 mos., 22 days.

While working as an apprentice for Mr. Delaney, a builder of that city, he fell from the icy roof of the house he was shingling on the morning of February 17, a distance of thirty or more feet, striking the frozen ground with great force, severing the spinal cord, and other internal injuries, causing paralysis of the limbs below the break.

He was at once removed to the City hospital in an unconscious state, and his name placed on the dangerous list, where it remained until his death.

He patiently and hopefully bore his sufferings through all the weary months, and when told there was no hope for his recovery, cheerfully gave up his young life to Him who gave it.

We are consoled with the thought that he is with Him, safe and secure, enjoying the life He has prepared for those that love Him.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock in Memorial chapel at Leominster. Rev. William G. Richardson, pastor of the M. E. church, officiating, who spoke words of comfort to the bereaved and read a selection from Longfellow, "The silent land." "Beautiful" was sweetly sung by Mrs. E. L. Geldert. The pall bearers were Lewis, George and Willie Nutting, and Harry Thomas, all cousins of the deceased.

The flowers sent and placed around the casket were many and beautiful, and following is the list:

Pillow of white carnations, asters and gladioli; family; spray of pink and ferns. Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Thomas; spray of purple asters and feverfew. Hope church Brotherhood; large wreath of pink and roses. J. J. Delaney; spray of asters. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Nutting; spray of white carnations and ferns. Mrs. Martha Rand; spray of magnolia leaves and pink asters. H. P. Boutelle and family; spray of asters and ferns. Avery Smith; bouquet of mixed flowers. Mrs. Jennie Gillon; lavender and white asters. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lowe; large spray of pink asters and ferns. O. K. Pierce, Mrs. Flora Pierce, and Mrs. L. S. Rich-

ardson; mound of mixed flowers. George Little; wreath of autumn leaves and flowers. Mrs. Laura Barton; spray of magenta asters. Mrs. Dupee and Miss Belle Briggs; mound of variegated asters. Mrs. and Mrs. William Landry; bouquet of sweet peas. Mr. and Mrs. M. Daley.

The funeral was in charge of Undertaker Richardson, and the remains were placed in the family lot in Evergreen cemetery, Leominster. In that world of fadeless bloom, Where no blight of age can come; Where the angels' guard shall keep, He is sleeping—let him sleep.

#### To the Editor:

Ex-President Roosevelt's letter to the editor of the Waltham Daily Free Press-Tribune, published on the last page of this paper, denying in emphatic terms the most important feature of William H. Wilder's campaign, should be sufficient to convince every fair-minded Republican of Mr. Wilder's unreliability and his disqualifications for the nomination to which he aspires.

I have observed Mr. Wilder in two previous campaigns and my estimation of him and his methods is borne out by the disclosures in Mr. Roosevelt's letter. As chairman of Harry L. Pierce campaign committee, I had no hesitation in declaring that the reported interview with Mr. Roosevelt was a fake. Mr. Starbuck, who was of that opinion, immediately wrote to Mr. Roosevelt, enclosing the clipping giving the version of the interview as put forth by Mr. Wilder's manager. The story of the interview was obviously false that it was a reflection on Mr. Roosevelt, whose letter shows that he has lost none of his emphasis.

GEORGE J. BURNS.

#### A Clam Bake.

One day, the first of the week, several members of the Sons of Veterans drum corps gathered by invitation at the home of their fellow member, John C. Davenport on Groton road, to partake of a clam bake served in the grove adjoining his home. John has a novel way of baking clams peculiar to himself, and in a short time had a large quantity of these quiet denizens of the shells steaming hot and done to perfection. The menu consisted of clams, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, sliced cucumbers, etc., every member of the party doing ample justice to the appetizing viands, and thereby showing their esteem and appreciation of an excellent fish peddler, first-class cook, and last, but not least, a most generous and hospitable host.

#### Auto Accident.

Sunday night, September 11, at about 7.20 o'clock an automobile owned by a party from New York, when approaching the crossing at the upper end of West Main street ran into James O'Brien, who is flagman at that crossing. Mr. O'Brien was out at the crossing to flag a train leaving the station here for the west and was struck by the auto, knocked down, and dragged about six feet under the machine which was run into the shanty. The car was not damaged very much, having the two search lights on the front of the car broken, but no other damage was done. Mr. O'Brien was dazed when taken from under the car and upon regaining his senses wanted to know what the car was doing in the vicinity of the crossing. He was taken to his home which was but a short distance and there was examined by Dr. Hopkins.

Mr. O'Brien has been unable to attend to his duties at the crossing and has been confined to his bed since Sunday night and is pretty well shaken up.

The party left immediately after he was taken home and did not leave their names or anything to indicate where to find them, but the number of their car, 8305, New York, was secured by one of the bystanders. One of the members of the party took the names of a number of those present, but failed to give their own. George J. Burns was present immediately after the accident and his name was taken by them.

They evidently were tourists on their way west, and in the auto were two men and two women.

It was a narrow escape of the two men in the flagman's shanty, that is near the crossing, when the automobile butted into it and pushed it one side, shaking up the inflated and excitable individuals.

#### A Very Close Call.

Last Tuesday morning as Arthur E. Sargent of Groton, one of the several milkmen who retail milk in town, was attempting to cross the tracks at Flanagan's crossing, his horse was struck and killed by the engine of the paper train due here at 6.11, and the forward part of his milk cart was smashed into kindling wood. It is a wonder that Mr. Sargent and his two sons—David, aged twelve and Ralph, nine, escaped from being instantly killed. The engine tore the forward part of the milk cart from the doors on each side, about the middle, leaving the rear part on which Mr. Sargent was still seated with his two boys, escaping with hardly a scratch. It was so sudden that the shock left them so dazed that for a few moments they were wondering what had happened.

As soon as the engineer could stop his train, he backed up and took Mr. Sargent and his two boys to the railway station here. The crossing where the accident happened is about half a mile east of the station. The horse was fearfully mangled and carried a number of feet from the crossing, where it was afterwards buried. The milk cans and bottles were scattered in every direction, but some of the glass bottles were not even broken.

Ever since Mr. Sargent, who with his brother, purchased the milk route of the late C. B. Davis, has passed over this crossing, coming from Groton over what is known as the old Groton road, which leads to Flanagan's crossing, he has always, as he thought, taken due care, knowing that the newspaper train, so-called, was due at the crossing, either before or soon after he had passed over it.

There are no gates at this crossing, but there is and has been for years a flagman stationed there. The flagman, Mr. Maloney, gets at the crossing to flag the trains at about 6.30 in the morning.

It was a very severe nervous shock to Mr. Sargent and his boys, who as-

set him on his milk route in town, but he expects to so far recover to attend his route the forepart of next week. His brother has been attending to it since the accident.

The horse was a noble steed and a young one, for which Mr. Sargent paid three hundred dollars for, but valued him much higher. With the smashing up of the milk cart, harness and loss of milk cans and bottles, it will amount to five hundred dollars or more to replace.

The main agent of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad was in town on Wednesday, viewing the premises where the accident occurred.

This is the third accident that has occurred in town in less than two weeks.

#### Resigned.

Hon. Lucius Tuttle, who has been so long president of the Boston and Maine system has resigned and he has been granted, at his request, a leave of absence until the annual meeting of 1911. During his long term of service he has made the Boston and Maine system what it is—leaving the Fitchburg, securing western connections; the Concord and Montreal; bought outright the Portland and Rochester; secured control of the Maine Central; consolidated with the Maine Central; the Somerset, Washington County and Portland and Rumford Falls roads; unified the whole transportation system of northern New England; increased the gross receipts from \$17,834,974 to \$43,357,175; saw the operating expenses increase from \$10,560,580 to \$31,336,324; developed the dock system and the transoceanic trade until the road now controls eighty percent of that done out of the port of Boston. Charles S. Mellen has been elected acting president with all the powers of president.

#### Lighting Encroachment.

A protest has been filed with the gas and electric light commission by the Ayer Electric Light Co. It is against the encroachment of the Connecticut River Transmission Company, and the grounds of the protest are practically the same as they were in the cases of protest against the new company which were made in Fitchburg and Worcester by the local companies. The selectmen of Ayer have granted pole locations to the Connecticut River Transmission Company, and the local electric company is dissatisfied with the conditions given by the selectmen. Under the law which the company has invoked in the case, a protest can be filed within thirty days and then the state board must investigate the matter and give a decision Supreme over that of the selectmen. The action of the town officers can be either denied absolutely, or modified, or approved as it stands. The hearing will be at the office of the state board on a date to be announced soon.

#### Death.

William E. Wood, proprietor of the Mansion house at Greenfield and long proprietor of the depot restaurant here, died at his hotel in Rochester, N. Y., on Thursday, September 8, following an operation for appendicitis on August 31.

Mr. Wood was born in South Acton, fifty-eight years ago, where his father was proprietor of the Glendale hotel. From 1876 to 1880 he was clerk at the Mansion house in Greenfield, and became manager of that house in 1884, and, soon after, came into control of the restaurants on the Fitchburg railroad at North Adams, Greenfield, Athol and Ayer. For a time he was also manager of the Pequoig house in Athol. When he again returned to Greenfield it was as proprietor of the Mansion house. Although Mr. Wood has since kept control of the Mansion house, he has not confined his attention to that alone. For one season he was manager of the Hotel Waldon of Greenfield and three years ago he became manager of the Whitcomb house at Rochester, where he died. In connection with his hotel work he had long been known as a successful caterer. Mr. Wood had a wide circle of friends and the extent of his acquaintanceship is no less than wonderful. The body arrived in Greenfield on Friday morning, September 9.

#### Church Notes.

Rev. Ezra B. Crooks, Ph. D., will preach both morning and evening at the First Congregational church next Sunday. The subject for the morning service will be "The elder brother." The evening service will begin promptly at seven o'clock and end promptly at 9.15 o'clock as an arrangement has been made with the Christian Endeavor society whereby its services will be shortened to forty-five minutes, beginning at 6.15 o'clock, in order that the two services may be more closely united. At the evening service a series of sermons will be given on the great questions in the book of Job. The first question to be considered is "What is the Almighty that would serve him?" All who have other church duties at these hours are invited to attend.

Special meetings will be held in the Baptist church as follows: Rev. D. M. Lacharow, evangelist, will speak on Sunday, September 18, at 10.45 a. m. and at seven p. m., and every evening through the week with the exception of Saturday, at 7.30, and on Sunday, September 19, singing will be a special feature of these services and a cordial invitation is extended to all. Unitarian church services at 10.45. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Fisk on "Seed sowing." The Y. P. R. U. will meet at seven p. m. Miss Evelyn Sanderson, the president will be the leader. The subject will be "Our purpose." The speaker, Dr. Fisk, Sunday school at twelve.

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## Beside the Guillotine

A Break in the Grim Machine Made a Great Difference.

By HERMAN WINFIELD.  
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Truth is so much stranger than fiction that perhaps it is better to state that the main incident of this story actually happened just as it is recorded.

The French revolution had reached that stage commonly designated the reign of terror. Every day the doors of the conciergerie prison opened to let out a number of human beings, not to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," as was enunciated shortly before by the American colonists in their Declaration of Independence, but to suffer death on the guillotine. At first the victims were confined to those who stood for tyranny. The king, the queen, the nobility, royalty and its supporters lost their heads. Then the different factions that had brought about the revolution began to fight for power, and the Conservatives were guillotined by the Radicals. After this whoever desired to get rid of one he wished to remove had but to inform upon him as an enemy to France, and the accused would join the "innumerable caravan" passing under the yoke of the guillotine to his long home.

It was not always an enemy that was to be got rid of. Sometimes it was a friend. That friend might possess something that at his death would fall into the hands of the informer.

There lived in Paris at that time a young couple, Henri and Marie Chateaubrun, who were devoted to each other. Henri when the struggle against oppression began took a deep interest in it, advocating the reforms that were proposed. He and a friend of his, Antoine Boyer, became somewhat prominent as leaders in that quarter of the city in which they lived. Boyer, who was a bachelor, came often to the Chateaubrun to consult with his friend upon the course to be adopted by them in public affairs. Mme. Chateaubrun took a lively interest in the early efforts of the revolutionists to make France a constitutional monarchy and was usually present at the conferences of her husband and his friend.

During these meetings Boyer conceived a passion for Mme. Chateaubrun. For a time he struggled against it, not even acknowledging to himself that he loved his friend's wife. But the time came when he knew that life for him was not worth living without her.

As the revolution proceeded the two friends and coworkers found themselves on different paths. Chateaubrun continued a Conservative, while Boyer joined the ranks of the blood-thirsty Jacobins. The latter did not give up his visits to the Chateaubrun. Indeed, he was not able to keep away from the young wife of his friend. Since neither she nor her husband suspected his love he was always welcome.

And now, the revolution having swept beyond the conservatives, those who had hoped for beneficent results to France, who had worked for the beginning of a better regime, found themselves in the position of enemies to their country. In attempting to stay the flow of blood they incurred the enmity of those who were shedding it. Then it was that Mme. Chateaubrun began to fear for the safety of her husband. She urged him to retire from any further participation in public affairs, to go to a small estate he owned in the country. But, dangerous as it was to continue a contest with the leaders of the mob, Chateaubrun was too much of a man to cease to defend what he considered the best interests of his country.

Fiercer and fiercer grew the mob, requiring of their leaders more and more larger drafts of blood. Mme. Chateaubrun begged her husband to leave Paris. He sent for his friend Boyer, now one of the Jacobin leaders, and asked him what he had better do. Boyer said he would take the matter under advisement and let him know his conclusions.

The day after this interview there was a knock at Chateaubrun's door, and when it was opened a party of soldiers entered and informed Chateaubrun that he was under arrest by order of the convention. In spite of his clinging wife he was dragged away and lodged in the conciergerie.

He demanded—all arrested persons made the demand—to know the charge brought against him. He received no reply till he was brought up for the remembrance of a trial he was given, then was informed that he was accused of conspiring with others to bring the Duke of Orleans across the border and establish him as king. Chateaubrun knew that there was not a word of truth in the charge, but its very absurdity told him that it was a pretext rather than an accusation, and he lost hope at once.

There were twenty-one persons tried the same time with Chateaubrun and convicted on various pretexts. They were all sentenced to be executed on the guillotine on the same day. All were imprisoned in the conciergerie, which was the depot of supplies, so to speak, for the terrible engine of death. The day before the execution Mme. Chateaubrun went to Boyer and begged him to save her husband. He told her that to show favor to one

convicted by the mob's tribunal would be to endanger his own head. She was astonished that he considered the risk in the case of his old friend, but Boyer maintained resolutely that he dare not interfere. From Boyer the wife went to the conciergerie to tell her husband of the failure of her mission and to bid him goodbye. She was taken from the prison and carried home in a swoon.

The next morning a number of carts were backed up to the door of the conciergerie, and a soldier in the prison called the names of twenty-one men who were to go forth to execution. Among them was Henri Chateaubrun. They all walked out to the carts, some of them dragging themselves, some erect, all of them showing in their pale and haggard features the mark of death. Standing in the carts, they were driven toward the Seine and crossed it by a bridge entering the Place de la Revolution, since called the Place de la Concorde. There stood the guillotine with persons to work it ready to lop off twenty-one heads, and there stood a crowd, kept back by soldiers, to witness the grewsome sight. The carts stopped beside the machine, and the victims descended from the carts.

And now began a work that even an implement so well adapted to the purpose found it difficult to perform. Each one of the prisoners, hatless and with his hands tied behind his back, in turn stepped up to it, was laid upon it, strapped to it; the knife fell, his head rolled into the basket, and his body was removed to make room for the next victim. Fifteen of the twenty-one had been executed when the guillotine refused to work. Whether the knife got wedged in the grooves or whether the machinery that raised the ax or that which detached it after it had been raised got out of order doesn't matter. Something had gone wrong, and those in charge of the executions were unable to fix it.

The proceedings were stopped, and a messenger was sent for mechanics to put the guillotine in order. This required time. Waiting is not conducive to discipline. The soldiers who were there to keep the crowd back grew lax, and by the time workmen had arrived people had elbowed their way close upon the remaining six men standing in line waiting for the repairs on the machine that was to make corpses of them.

"Get back!" cried the guards, shoving the crowd with the butts of their muskets.

This was repeated so often and was disobeyed so often that at last very little attention was paid to it. Chateaubrun presently found himself in the first line of spectators. Then, instead of being in the line next the guillotine, he found himself in the second. In the pushing that continued he was wedged back into the third line and at last was at the back of the crowd that was there to see his head cut off.

There was something radically wrong with the guillotine. The men fixing it hammered and pulled and pushed and screwed and unscrewed. Meanwhile the day was ended, and it was growing dark. Chateaubrun, considering the sight of his execution not worth so long a wait, quietly walked away.

The Place de la Concorde is at the beginning of the Champs d'Elysees. Chateaubrun, every moment expecting to be missed, concealing as well as he could his tied hands, his heart beating wildly, passed into the Champs d'Elysees eager to run, but forcing himself to walk leisurely. There he made his way toward in the shadow of the trees. Finally, when he had gone far enough from the scene of his intended execution, meeting a man coming toward him, he said:

"M'sieur, a friend of mine just now, who is a great wag, tied my hands behind my back and ran away with my hat. Kindly unloosen me."

"Certainly, m'sieur; it will give me great pleasure to do so."

Thanking the man who had relieved him of the last mark of being an intended guillotine victim, Chateaubrun went into a side street and was lost. The guillotine was fixed, but there were twenty instead of twenty-one persons executed.

No word of Chateaubrun's escape reached his wife during the day of execution, nor the next, nor the next. Indeed, it is questionable if his absence from the number of the condemned was noticed by the authorities. Mme. Chateaubrun was in the condition of one stunned. Boyer called to see her and found her heartbroken. She told him she wished to die. He begged her to live for his sake, confessing the love he had long felt for her. She was too paralyzed mentally and physically to even consider what he said. Not till some time afterward did she realize that he might have had her husband put out of his way.

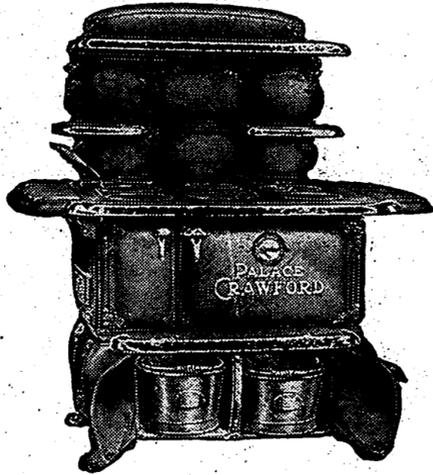
But within a short time a woman stopped at Mme. Chateaubrun's home and told her that her husband was alive in the Netherlands and desired her to come to him. He had not dared write her, fearing to implicate her as a correspondent with an emigre. Without waiting even to announce her happiness to Boyer she set out for the place of her husband's exile, and in a few days he who was supposed to have gone to his long home and the wife who had mourned him were clasped in each other's arms.

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## BROOKLINE, N. H.

**News Items.**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall are at home after an enjoyable outing at Oak Bluffs, North Tisbury, Boston and vicinity.

A new cement bridge is being put in, in place of the wooden plank one, from the postoffice to the hay scales. E. H. Longley of Ayer has the contract for the same.

Miss Marion A. Stiles resumed her school duties at Nashua on Monday and Miss Mary L. Brown returned to her school at Waltham.

Kenneth Russell, who has spent the summer at the Russell farm has returned to his home at Exeter. Mr. Russell accompanied him to Boston.

Miss Mabel Strong of Riverside, Me., George O. Farley, Linden, Mass., Mrs. M. A. Chase, Lynn, and Mrs. Ida Ritchie of Milford, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell.

Mrs. Walter E. Corey and sons, Lawrence, Walter E., Jr., and Elmer W., have been enjoying a vacation at the Lawrence farm at Pepperell.

Mrs. Charles P. Hall of Nashua, William Bennett of Daytona, Fla., and Miss Ella Holt of Milford, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichols and daughter Maxine, who have spent the summer at the home of John Porter, returned to their home at Brookline, Mass., on Monday. Mrs. Bessie Wright of Pepperell accompanied them.

Prescott Grange of Pepperell participated in neighbors' night with the local grange on Wednesday evening.

Rev. James N. Seaver will commence a course of study at the Boston university next week.

The Loyal Workers met at the home of Miss Josephine Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Marion Hobart is seriously afflicted with a painful abscess on her foot.

Rev. George L. Perin and family returned to their home at Brookline, Mass., on Monday.

Mrs. Joseph Cress of Round Hill, Nova Scotia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Frank Gilman.

Miss Mildred is at home from Mt. Vernon, where she has spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham of Milford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett on Monday.

Edward C. Wade, Jr., and Miss Eleanor Wade returned to their home in West Roxbury on Monday.

The grammar school was not in session last week Friday, the teacher, Miss Elizabeth Parker, being called to Milford by the death of her grandfather.

Mrs. Gardner, who has assisted at the Sawtelle homestead this summer went to Portland, Me., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes have moved to the Drew cottage, owned by the J. A. Hall heirs.

Miss Mabel Poppe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Poppe, is at the New England Baptist hospital for treatment. Her many friends wish for her speedy recovery. Favorable reports were received from her on Tuesday.

The Misses Bertha and Florence Sargent of Putnam, Conn., spent part of last week at the Peterson cottage.

## BOXBOROUGH.

**News Items.**  
At the last Grange meeting the first and second degrees were worked with a small class of candidates. Mr. Emerson, a representative of the Patron's cooperative association was present and spoke of the work that was being done. A fruit lunch was served.

Miss Lottie Bowers, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. W. Cobleigh since the first of September, has left for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hemenway of Framingham are to spend the rest of this month at Littlefield farm.

Frank McNamara attends the Littleton school instead of Concord as was reported last week.

Last Sunday morning the early risers thought burglars must have visited the library during the night as one of the large panes of glass in the door was badly broken. Investigation showed a partridge on the floor inside, which had flown through the glass. The bird was alive when found, but had a bad cut in its neck from which it soon died.

John Lawton, whose boyhood was spent in this town, was a recent guest of Mrs. Louisa Priest. For over fifty years he has been coachman for Mrs. Carey of Milton, who is the daughter of J. Malcolm Forbes.

The Wilson, Dean and McCarthy families, who have been with us through the summer, returned to their respective homes this week.

## HOLLIS, N. H.

**News Items.**  
Mrs. Hunt of Brookline, Mass., succeeds Mrs. Leighton as teacher of the grammar school. Mrs. Leighton taught the school many years, but accepted a position as teacher in the grammar school in Amherst. Her daughter, Miss Frances, attends high school in Milford.

At the primary for the nomination of State officers, September 6, Charles W. Hardy was nominated as representative to legislature by the republicans. Andrew H. Spaulding was the democratic nominee.

Otis Goodwin returned to Lynn, Mass., last Sunday after a four weeks' visit at home. Mr. Goodwin came home on August 15, for a three weeks' vacation. After a few days he suffered from an attack of lumbago which detained him longer.

Woodbury Howe and family left Hollis for their western home, after a two weeks' visit in New England with his brothers and sisters.

Last Sunday at the morning service a special collection was taken for the church in Dunstable, as an expression of the sympathy of this church, to aid that church in its building fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Pierce recently returned from Lakeport, where they made a visit of a week with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ladd.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.  
To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of SARAH A. FIELD, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, HENRY B. HILDRETH, administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of September, 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 all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth fourteen days before the said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, at 3151 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for Boston via Tewksburg and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—7.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.25 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.25 p. m. until 9.55 p. m.) 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Sundays—6.55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—6.32 a. m. and every 60 minutes until 9.32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11.32 a. m. until 9.32 p. m.) Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Lawrence—6.15, 6.15, 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. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.30, 6.50, 7.20 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.30, 6.50, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 20 mins. until 9.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—6.18 a. m. and every 20 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then 11.32 p. m. Sundays—6.03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

THOMAS LEEB, Supt.

# LABOR'S WAGE ABROAD AND HERE

Washburn Discusses This, and Cost of Living

## SAMUEL GOMPERS' STATEMENT

National Labor Leader Says Wages Here are Double Those Paid Abroad in Many Trades—Cost of Living No Cheaper There

Hon. Charles G. Washburn of Worcester is generally regarded as one of the best informed members in congress. He has given an interview to this newspaper regarding the tariff, wages here and abroad, and the cost of living in this country and Europe, which is highly interesting. He says: "There has been a good deal said of late about the increased cost of living, and the Democratic party, united on one issue alone, namely, the desire to get into power, and seeking campaign material, attributes the increased cost of such commodities as have advanced in price, to the Payne tariff bill, enacted in August, 1909. A more absurd proposition could hardly be imagined, but as a campaign issue it may attract votes and if it does so it will suit the present needs of the Democratic party. "It is true that since 1897, when the average of wholesale prices reached its lowest point, there has been a steady rise, sometimes quite abrupt, up to the present time. There was, to be sure, a slight fall in 1901, and again in 1904, but the general and pronounced trend during this period was upward; and it is also true that from 1890 to 1897, to go no further back, the general and sometimes abrupt trend of prices was downward.

**Tariff Was Not the Cause**  
"The Dingley act, which was superseded by the Payne bill, was in operation for over twelve years, and during that time prices were low and prices were high and as the duties remained fixed, of course the fluctuation in prices must have been due to other causes than the tariff. The wholesale price of wheat flour advanced about 23 per cent between 1900 and 1907; during that period under the Dingley bill the duty was the same, 25 per cent. Now an advance in price which takes place while the duty remains unchanged cannot properly be attributed to the tariff, nor can the continued high price of flour be attributed to the Payne bill, for the duty remains the same, 25 per cent. The fact is that upon all food products the duties have either been lowered or remain the same in the Payne bill. To be specific, on flour, potatoes, beans, eggs and all dairy products, the duties remain the same, and on corn meal, salt, cabbage, lard, bacon and ham, pork, veal, and beef, the duties have been reduced from 5 per cent to 3 1/3 per cent. Hides, which under the Dingley bill paid a duty of 15 per cent, are free under the Payne bill and still have advanced in price. Here is an absolute demonstration of the fact that if a duty is entirely removed it does not follow that the price will fall. The duty on boots and shoes, a large item in every household, was reduced 60 per cent in the Payne bill but prices are not lower.

**Beef Prices Due to Shortage**  
"A good deal has been said about the advance in the price of beef, and no one questions the fact that it has advanced, but the advance which occurred under the Dingley bill, which was considerable, and which occurred when the duty remained constant at two cents a pound, cannot be charged to the tariff, nor can the present high prices be attributed to the Payne bill, which reduced the duty to one and a half cents per pound. The fact is that the present high prices of meat products the world over are due to purely natural causes, short supply and great demand, and not the tariff or exorbitant profits realized by those in the business. From reliable sources, I learn that the high points in the supply in the different kinds of food animals was as follows:  
1907—Cattle ..... 72,533,996  
1908—Hogs ..... 56,084,000  
1903—Sheep ..... 63,964,876  
Compared with the current supply the decrease has been as follows:  
Cattle ..... 3,463,996  
Hogs ..... 8,302,000  
Sheep ..... 6,748,876

18,504,872  
"The aggregate decrease of food animals in the United States since 1903 amounts to 18,504,872 head and during that time the population has very largely increased. The decrease in the supply of hogs is actually and relatively larger than of either cattle or sheep, and to that is due the fact that hogs bring nearly twice as much as in 1908, and as much or more as at the high point in 1882. The inevitable consequence is that pork is high and pork is a large item in the bill of fare of the mass of the people. The Payne bill reduced the duty on pork 25 per cent.

**The Tariff and Cottons**  
"Let me give another illustration of the advance in prices due to perfectly natural causes, but attributed by some people to the tariff—the advance of cotton cloth. In this industry, the raw material, cotton, is on the free

list, and has been for years. I suppose we use in our New England mills about 2,000,000 bales, more or less, annually. The bales will average to weigh 500 pounds, so that New England uses, say one thousand million pounds annually. In 1898, the price of cotton averaged about 6 cents per pound. Today, because of the short supply and large demand, it is about 16 cents, an advance of 10 cents per pound over the earlier period, which makes an increase of \$100,000,000 annually, more or less. In the price of raw cotton to the New England mills. Now just what does this mean? Take cotton cloth that runs five yards to a pound, and eliminating the item of waste, if the raw material increases in price 10 cents a pound the cloth must be increased in cost two cents a yard, and the mill must get two cents more and the retailer two cents more and the ultimate consumer must pay two cents more over the counter for every yard of this cloth than he did when raw cotton was six cents a pound. Here is a legitimate increase in price of a raw material, on the free list, due entirely to natural causes, unaffected by the tariff and yet some of the critics of the Payne bill attribute to it the advance in the price of cotton cloth.

**Samuel Gompers on Wages**  
"If any of our wage earners are likely to be deluded with the notion that food, clothing and housing is cheaper in foreign countries than in America, I would like to call attention to an article by Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, which appears in the Federationist for January, 1910. Mr. Gompers wrote this article after he returned from Europe, where he studied the condition of wage earners abroad. He said: "My facts indicate that money wages in America in many trades are double those paid abroad." But someone, replies, I admit that wages are lower in Europe than in America, but it cost less there for food, clothing, and housing. Now let us see what Mr. Gompers says upon this point, and I quote his own words:  
"I believe that I may assert that whether the cost of living in Europe or America is greater to the workman depends entirely on the standard of living he adopts while in America. If he voluntarily lives the life of self-denial in this country that he compulsorily lived in his native land, his outlay in money will remain about the same. Even then he will hardly be able to escape gaining something from the superior supply of good things of life in America."  
"Living is cheap to the wage-earner in Europe only because he does without what in America soon becomes a necessity to him."  
"Meat is usually from 25 to 100 per cent higher in price than in the United States."  
"In no city in Europe did I find rents any cheaper, wages considered, than they run in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Louisville, or in the New England towns not having a boom, or even in many cities of the Mississippi basin."  
"The main conclusion as to housing is the same as that relating to food. If the immigrant to this country is willing to continue living here at the same level he was obliged to accept in his native land he can find it for the same money."  
"No wisdom in a change  
"There is nothing in the present conditions that can justify any well wisher of his country in desiring a change in our protective policy. The Democrats enacted a tariff act, the Wilson-Gorman law, in 1894. It remained on the statute books three years, until, under the Dingley act, confidence and prosperity were restored.  
"No one who remembers the conditions of 1894 wants them repeated. If our people are governed by reason, as I feel sure they will be, the Republican party will continue in power, and will successfully meet changing conditions as it has for the past fifty years, during most of which time it has been in power and has so successfully administered the affairs of the national government."

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In and for the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH J. WAITT, late of Roxborough, in said county, deceased, and her heirs, etc. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES R. TURNER, of Roxborough, in the County of Middlesex, without giving surety on his bond. You are hereby directed to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of September, 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on day, at least, before said Court.  
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
3151 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.**  
In and for the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of OSCAR PARWELL, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, and his heirs, etc. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JONATHAN R. HASKELL, of Leominster, in the County of Worcester, 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 September, 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on day, at least, before said Court.  
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Woman Suffrage Thus Considered by Miss Seawell

## SHE GIVES AMPLE REASONS

Grant of Ballot to Women Would Deprive Her of All Property Privileges, Including Her Right to Maintenance by Husband—Would Also Nullify Many Existing Laws For Protection of Working Women

Molly Elliot Seawell, who is one of the smartest women in America, contributes an article on woman suffrage to the September Atlantic Monthly, to which the editor gives the first place in this number. It is, perhaps, the most powerful and logical argument against conferring the suffrage on women which any woman has ever written, and the advocates of this "reform" will be kept busy for some time in answering it.  
That which will trouble them most is her searching analysis of the actual operation of the suffrage in the states where it has been introduced—Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. The evidence which she quotes from a congressional report proving the prevalence of fraudulent voting among the women of Colorado will be new to most people, and it quite upsets all the arguments about the purifying of government by giving the right to vote to women. Miss Seawell, whose stories and plays are well known, tells how she undertook the support of her family when she was 21 by literary work, how she became "through literature alone" a householder, a property-owner, a tax-payer and the regular employer of five persons. "I can say with positiveness," she added, "that there never was a moment when the possession of a vote would not have been a hindrance and a burden to me."  
The two basic reasons against woman suffrage, according to Miss Seawell, are: "First, no electorate has ever existed, or ever can exist, which cannot execute its own laws; second, no voter has ever claimed, or ever can claim, maintenance from another voter. In the suffrage states these basic laws are for the moment nullified."  
The grant of the ballot to woman would deprive her of all property privileges, including the wife's right to maintenance by the husband. What this means can be appreciated only when the extent of the property privileges now enjoyed by women is understood. The list is thus set down by Miss Seawell:  
"The wife on her marriage does not become responsible for any debts owed by her husband before marriage; the husband on marriage becomes in many states responsible for every debt owed by the wife before marriage. The wife is the sole possessor of her own estate; the husband is not, and never has been, the sole possessor of his own estate, unless there is a pre-nuptial contract. He cannot alienate his wife's dower, either in his lifetime or by his will. A husband's courtesy-right in his wife's estate by no means corresponds in value with the wife's dower-right in his estate. A wife is not liable for her husband's debts; a husband may not excuse himself from paying his wife's debts, even on the ground that they were contracted without his knowledge, or even against his prohibition. The law compels him to pay those debts of his wife which are reckoned justifiable and in proportion to the husband's income and station in life. A married woman is entitled to her own earnings; a married man is not, and never was, entitled to his own earnings. The law compels him out of them to give adequate support to his wife and minor children. The woman seeking divorce from her husband can compel him to pay her counsel fees, and to give her alimony if she be the innocent party, even if he marry again, and this alimony continues until the former wife's death or remarriage. She can also compel her former husband to provide for the support of the minor children. A husband seeking divorce from his wife cannot force her to pay his counsel fees or secure alimony from her, or, if she be guilty, force her to support the minor children, although the wife may be wealthy and the husband may be penniless."  
Now Miss Seawell reasons correctly that all these privileges must be resigned at once by every woman who acquires a vote. A wife upon obtaining the ballot, would have to give up all claim to maintenance upon anyone whomsoever, except upon public charity.  
In this connection, a related consequence of woman suffrage, not mentioned by Miss Seawell, may be pointed out. As the possession of the ballot would deprive woman of all property privileges, so also it would nullify many existing laws for the protection of working women. Laws limiting the daily or weekly work time of women have been held by the courts to be constitutional because women are in the subordinate position of wards of the state.

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PEPPERELL.

Gleanings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker and son Charles returned from their visit to Mr. Parker's brother, Franc Jewett in Brooklyn, N. Y., last week Friday.

Miss Anah Blood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blood, has returned to her school in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smalley and daughter, who have been visiting in Thomaston, Me., have returned to their home here.

Miss Alice Lawson, who had an operation on her throat is well enough to attend school.

After spending the summer at the home of her parents in Warren, Me., Miss Olive Rivers is at her brother's and has returned to her work in the Pepperell Cardshop.

Mrs. Nellie Glover, who has recently been spending a few days with her sister in Farley, returned to town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Denham have rented a cottage at Lake Sunapee, N. H., and are there for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Deware and children are at their home here. Mrs. Deware has been spending the summer at the home of her parents in New Brunswick. Mr. Deware was there for a two weeks' vacation.

Edward Trull, formerly engineer at the shoeshop in this town, has accepted a more lucrative position in Haverhill. His family will move there soon. Elbridge Jewett has taken the place vacated by Mr. Trull.

Mrs. Allen Parker, who was severely bitten on the hand by a horse about two weeks ago, necessitating the daily care of a physician, is now better.

Mrs. Jennie McCullough of Fitchburg, who has been visiting at Mrs. George Shaw's, went from there to Maine, going on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Nichols, who have been at their summer home in Brookline, N. H., for a number of weeks, returned to their home in Brookline, Mass., on Monday and Mrs. Bessie Wright accompanied them.

Mrs. J. O. Bennett is confined to her house with a severe attack of rheumatism.

William Lewis of Lynn, who is serving on the jury in Lawrence, made a flying trip to this town on Tuesday evening. He was the guest of Lincoln Johnson and returned to Lawrence the next morning.

Ray Maxwell returned from his vacation last Sunday which he spent in New Brunswick.

Mrs. Laura Stoddard of Philadelphia is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chester Parker.

Mrs. Clara Wright, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chester Parker, for two months, returned to her home in Prince Edward Island on Friday.

Charles Card has resumed his work in the shoeshop.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Rowell, who have been enjoying a delightful trip to the White Mountains, have returned to their home here.

About Town.

The vaudeville entertainment which was to have been given on Thursday evening, September 15, in Prescott hall was postponed until Thursday evening, September 16, on account of the sad accident which appeared the people of Pepperell in the untimely death of Dr. Grenache, the night of September 15.

Miss Wilby returned last week Friday from a long visit with friends in Sheffield, Vt.

Emma Thomas moved into her beautiful new home on Main street last week Friday.

Frank Story of Boston has been in town settling up his affairs before leaving town permanently.

Harry Hutchinson and family have been visiting at White Creek, N. Y., Mrs. Hutchinson's early home.

Annie McKinley arrived Sunday from Lowell to visit her father, Ashby Goodwin.

Mrs. John O. Bennett has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism this week.

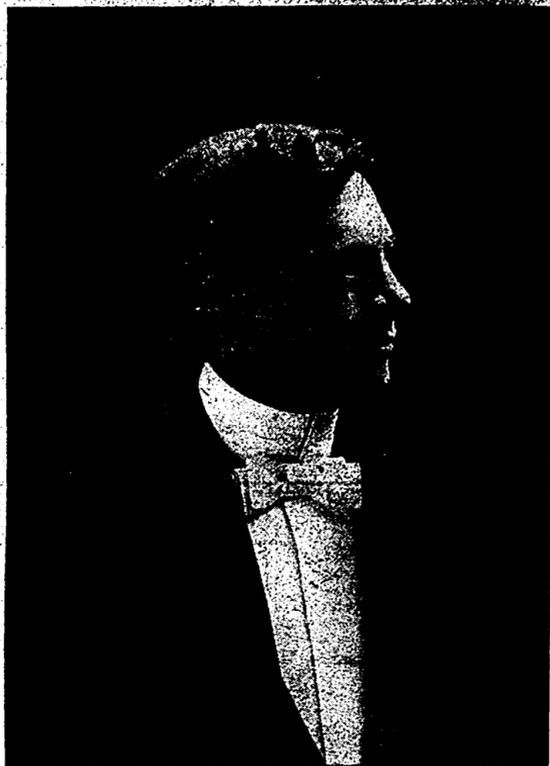
Miss Helen Winslow returned Monday morning to New York after spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Winslow.

Miss Minnie Spragg, the district nurse, enjoyed a visit this week from her twin sister.

Prescott grange visited Brookline grange on Wednesday evening, about forty from here going over in barges. The entertainment was furnished by Prescott grange, consisting of a farce, readings and music. A bountiful supper was furnished by the Brookline grange.

The extension of the water works system to the Berkinshaw Knife factory was completed on Wednesday. The people on Oak Hill street are very anxious to have work begin on their street in the laying of the water pipes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dow returned recently from a five weeks' visit in Princeton, Fitchburg and Shirley. While at her niece's, Mrs. Joseph Lead-



DR. CLAUDE A. GRENACHE.

Obituary.

All that was mortal of Dr. Claude A. Grenache is laid to rest amid tears, weeping and bright flowers—and his funeral will be remembered as one of the largest ever witnessed in town. Ever since the body was brought home, there was sorrowing friends stopping to take a last look at their friend and gaze on that familiar face to be convinced that it was he. For to all it seemed impossible that he, who was so well and full of life's work and enjoyment, should be called to cross the last threshold of life at this time and in so sad a way, and it brings the message straight home to the hearts of all—"Ye know not the day nor the hour." God certainly works in a mysterious way, and his works are always for the best if they bring sorrow and grief or pleasure and happiness.

Prayer and services were attended at the house by great numbers who were of the christian belief of his parents and of his youth. Those of his fraternal affiliations held service at one o'clock Sunday in charge of Rev. A. W. Nelson at the home, and at the grave by Chaplain Albert F. Parker of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., whose members attended in a body, leading the sad cortege and numbered one hundred and forty in uniform. The ritual of this organization contains one of the finest funeral services known to fraternalism and was impressively rendered.

Burial was at Pepperell cemetery, and it appeared as if so great a number had never before attended a burial at this place, for men of all creeds had gathered for this sad goodbye.

In his life Dr. Grenache had been the same to all and had made a host of friends, professionally as well as socially.

Dr. Claude A. Grenache was born at Hudson, Mass., in 1873, graduated from the high school of that town, attended Lawrence academy, from which he graduated, then became a student at Philadelphia dental college, from which he graduated in 1897, afterwards going into business in this town. He built up a lucrative practice and was a favorite with all. The crowds which gathered on the side walks near the home and still more up town at the cemetery, testifying to his popularity. He leaves besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Grenache, a sister, Mrs. I. B. Church of Lynn, and two brothers, Elgin S. of this town and the other in Colorado.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful:

- Wreath of asters, Beacon lodge; I. O. O. F. with emblem of three links; pillow of roses, Irving Blanchard, with white dove bearing a ribbon, with gold lettered in gold; spray of Japanese lilies, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Blood; pillow of roses, asters and pinks with gold lettered, E. S. Grenache; pillow of roses, lilies and asters, with word, "Son"; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Grenache; wreath of roses, lilies and asters, Elgin Grenache of Leominster; basket of lilies and asters, F. J. Andrews; and Willis Whittemore of Lynn; wreath of asters, lilies and roses, bearing a white dove with ribbon in its mouth, bearing the word, "Comrade"; wreath of white asters and gold leaves, Dr. and Mrs. G. Heath; wreath of roses, white club; wreath of kalax leaves, Eben B. Phillips, these were purple with lavender asters for his college colors; wreath of roses, Japanese lilies and green, Mrs. B. M. Wright; spray of asters, F. A. Milan; G. M. Coffin, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dalphe, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leon Lawrence, Mrs. C. A. Conant, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mault, Charles H. Barz, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson and family, Dr. L. R. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Minor, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sewell of Lawrence, factory of James Phelan & Son Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Labeau, Nashua; Miss Edith Gerrish of Worcester; Joseph Grenache and family of Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. Mariboro; John Goshe of Laconia; C. S. Clement & Co., Mrs. A. N. Smith, E. A. Gilson, Groton; Arthur Grenache and family of Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sullivan and family; Mr. and Mrs. James E. Attridge, Fred D. Bennett, F. R. Bennett; harp of gladiolas, Japanese lilies and ivy leaves with word "Asleep," H. F. Powers and Miss Gertrude Willey.

better in Princeton, they picked 450 quarts of blueberries in her pasture.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Woodward, Dr. Woodward of Nashua and Harry Newell of Lawrence have just returned from an auto trip to Bennington, and North Bennington, Vt. They visited a sister of A. S. Woodward, who is in her eighty-second year.

Important changes—fire alarm box 47 has been discontinued from Hollis street in front of Boutwell's residence, and box 46 has been moved from in front of the Charles Stevens place on Prescott street, to the corner of Prescott and Hollis street, near the Linzee Prescott homestead.

Edward L. Tarbell won the cup at the golf links on Saturday in the open tournament. He and Joseph Willey visited the Bellevue club at Melrose and the Commonwealth club at Chestnut Hill last week Friday, and Mr. Willey captured the gross prize at Melrose.

Mrs. Alexander Watson and wife, Olive Dulette of Revere, were recent guests of Mrs. Sarah Patch.

Joseph Lawrence is stopping for a few days with Misses Eleanor and Josie Lawrence.

Mrs. Sarah Patch is in poor health and under the care of a physician.

Mrs. Arthur Blake spent Saturday and Sunday in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright spent Sunday in Nashua as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Page.

The next meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be held at the chapter house on Friday, September 23, at three o'clock. As the delegates to the Massachusetts State conference in Boston, in October, are to be chosen, a large attendance of members is desired. A paper, relative to the writing of "The star spangled banner," by Francis Scott Key, will be read, as part of the afternoon program.

The Babbidge guild will meet in the vestry on Sunday evening, September 18, at seven o'clock. Mr. Child will speak of the motto of the National Union, "Truth, worship, service."

G. H. Bullock, jeweler and optician, has greatly improved his optical parlor by adding new and up-to-the-min-

ute fixtures, an oculometer, being one of the most important additions. A storage battery has also been put in which makes possible the use of the illuminated test cabinet during the day.

On page two, first column, is an interesting historical article of the town of Pepperell.

Mr. McCord, correspondent, says he mailed two letters of news matter, at the postoffice box at the railway station at East Pepperell, Friday morning, and as they have not reached the office at Ayer, the question is, where are the letters?

SHIRLEY.

News Items

Mr. Butterfield, the new superintendent of the industrial school for boys in this town, is a man of wide experience in the management of boys, and he has already made a very favorable impression with all connected with the institution and the boys are very much delighted with the new superintendent. Everything connected with the school is working finely and as never before.

A Lynn contractor is to build the new cottage for boys at the industrial school here and the batters are up and work will begin at once. The large storehouse at the North Village is being remodeled and the work is being done by the boys of the school, to be used, when completed, for a cottage.

Items of Interest.

Roosevelt appears to be sweeping the west two years before the presidential election.

An Illinois legislator says he would prefer to be a grafter rather than a liar, probably because it is more profitable.

The Iowa agricultural experiment station has found out that on railroads running east and west it is necessary to plant different kind of grass on the north side of embankments from the south side, because of the different amount of sunlight that each side receives.

Many of the poor men covet the rich man's wealth, and most of the rich men covet the poor man's health.

AN OBSERVER

By MARION L. BAKER.

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"Something is wrong there," said Miss Eliza Pinkerton, shaking her head. "something wrong! Every one hurrying about."

Miss Pinkerton, aged fifty-five, occupied a house from whose rear windows she could look out upon the back yard of the Pleasants. She spent the rest of the day on guard, but nothing occurred to suggest a solution of the commotion that so deeply interested her. But that night as she was closing the blinds before getting into bed she saw forms moving about near the fence that divided the two properties. Slipping on a wrapper and her shoes, she went down stairs, out the back door and stole along till she was near enough to see what was going on.

What was her surprise and horror to see Evelyn Pleasanton standing beside an old family manservant who was digging a hole in the ground. When it was completed the servant went into the house, returning with a box just long enough and the proper shape to hold the body of an infant. The servant placed the box in the hole, while something white held before Evelyn's eyes indicated that she was weeping. Then the servant filled the grave and replaced the sod evidently to conceal the spot, and the two entered the house. Miss Pinkerton returned to her room swollen with the importance of the secret she had discovered and went to bed, but not to sleep.

"Reginald should know this," she said to herself. "He must know it. It is my duty to tell him. I have no right to permit a young man to marry a girl in ignorance of her true character."

The next morning she sent an anonymous note to Reginald Clemens, giving him a detailed account of what she had seen the night before.

Now, so well-known were the prying instincts of Miss Pinkerton that her house was commonly called the observatory. At first blush, on perusing the note, Reginald's heart stood still. Then, remembering that the "observatory" overlooked the back yard of his fiancée's home, it suddenly occurred to him that Miss Pinkerton had been the observer and writer of the note. The same evening he laid it before Evelyn. As soon as her indignation had subsided she and her lover, after a prolonged consultation, settled on a plan of action.

The next day Reginald called on Miss Pinkerton, secured a confession from her that she had written the note and expressed himself profoundly grateful for the information it contained.

One morning Miss Pinkerton received a note from Evelyn Pleasanton stating that she had a confession to make, trusting to the kindness of Miss Pinkerton's disposition, her honesty of purpose, and asked permission to intrust a secret of importance to her care. Would Miss Pinkerton kindly meet her the next night at 11 o'clock at the fence dividing the two places?

If Miss Pinkerton was pleased at her discovery she was beside herself with delight at the prospect of receiving a confession and being made the repository of a secret. The hours dragged heavily until evening came and heavier still till the clock struck the hour for the meeting. Then Miss Pinkerton passed through her back yard and stood waiting beside the fence.

Presently a rear door in the Pleasanton home opened, and Evelyn, accompanied by the servant who had dug the grave, carrying a spade, came toward the waiting woman. Seeing Miss Pinkerton leaning on the fence, Evelyn said to her:

"I have to thank you, dear Miss Pinkerton, for consenting to share with me the burden of my secret. I have considered that the matter is of sufficient importance to warrant its being placed in the keeping of several other persons. They are coming now."

From the rear door came Reginald Clemens carrying a lantern. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Starkweather, Dr. Arnold and their wives. As the party approached the servant began opening the little grave which had been made a few nights before. While he dug the party stood in silence. Having exhumed the box, he produced a screwdriver for the purpose of opening it. Miss Pinkerton, unable to restrain her curiosity, pushed forward, bent over the box and when the lid was removed was peering intently into it. Evelyn stepped forward and, removing a cloth, uncovered the body of a poodle.

At the same moment Reginald raised the lantern so that its light shone upon not only the dead dog, but the face of Miss Pinkerton. Her expression was a study. It is said that to a drowning person the events of a whole lifetime come up at once. Miss Pinkerton saw at least the lesson of a lifetime. For years she had been prying into people's affairs without a check. In this episode she received sufficient punishment to cover every meddling act since she was a girl.

"Are you satisfied?" asked Reginald, whose indignation had been kept under restraint and whose tone was now cold and cutting.

Miss Pinkerton without a word turned and went to her own room, while the others left the servant to rebury the dog.

That was the last observation made by the spinster from either her back or her front window.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT TO THE EDITOR OF THE WALTHAM FREE PRESS-TRIBUNE.

September 12th, 1910.

My Dear Sir:

The statement purported to be made by me in behalf of Mr. Wilder, a copy of which you enclosed, is an absolute invention. I have made no such statement and none remotely resembling it. Mr. Wilder at his own request called upon me, and afterwards sent a gentleman to see me, who represented himself to be what he called "Mr. Wilder's Publicity Agent." To each of them I listened at length, as to what Mr. Wilder had to say, and had an entirely pleasant talk with Mr. Wilder himself. I explicitly refused to make any statement whatever about his visit, or about his candidacy, and when he asked me what he could say, I told him "nothing whatever" excepting that we had had a pleasant talk, adding that he could say nothing more because I had said nothing. He stated that he was in entire accord with what had been called "my policies," and I said that I was glad to hear it. He is of course entirely at liberty to say that he believes in these policies, but he is not entitled to say that I stated that he was in thorough accord with my policies; I did not say so, because my knowledge in the matter is limited to his statement to me that he was in accord with them, and to my answer that I was glad to hear it. I not only made no statement to Mr. Wilder or to anyone else such as you enclosed, but I said nothing that by any possibility could be distorted into the semblance of taking sides for or against any candidate for Congress in Mr. Wilder's district. You are at liberty to make this public.

Faithfully yours,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

P. S. I enclose copies of three letters sent from this office to Mr. Wilder, explaining the matter.

Mr. A. Starbuck,

Editor, Daily Free Press-Tribune, Waltham, Mass.



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