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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The hot wave has caused quite a large number of Hollis horses to succumb, some of them requiring the services of a veterinary.

William Woodin, who attended a business college in Boston during the winter, has secured a position in the gymnasium of the Boston Young Men's Christian Union for the summer.

Severe Storm.

On Thursday afternoon, July 6, Hollis was visited by a severe thunder shower which did considerable damage. The storm was worse in the center, north and east parts of the town. The church was struck, tearing boards off in several places. Across the street the lightning entered the store of Matthew Jameson, shattering both show cases completely and destroying part of the contents. Beyond Silver lake, an immense tree was completely shattered and ob-

structed travel for several hours the next day. Telephone poles and wires were laid low, and it took the men nearly the whole of the next day to repair them. One large tree was struck and laid across the highway just below Andrew Jewett's at South Hollis. Three houses at South Hollis felt the slight shocks from the lightning.

Telephone Changes.

Ayer—William A. Wright, residence, changed to 136-12; W. Wright & Son, changed to 28-12.

Groton—William H. Whitehill, 68-4.

Townsend—B. A. Nutting, changed to 24-11.

AUCTIONS.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction on Saturday, July 15, at nine o'clock a. m., fifteen cows and heifers at the farm of R. Y. Nelson, Boxborough.

On Saturday, July 15, at one o'clock p. m., William A. Deland, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the personal property and all the standing grass at the residence of the late William R. Neat, Mulpus road, Shirley.

Cool - Summer - Wear

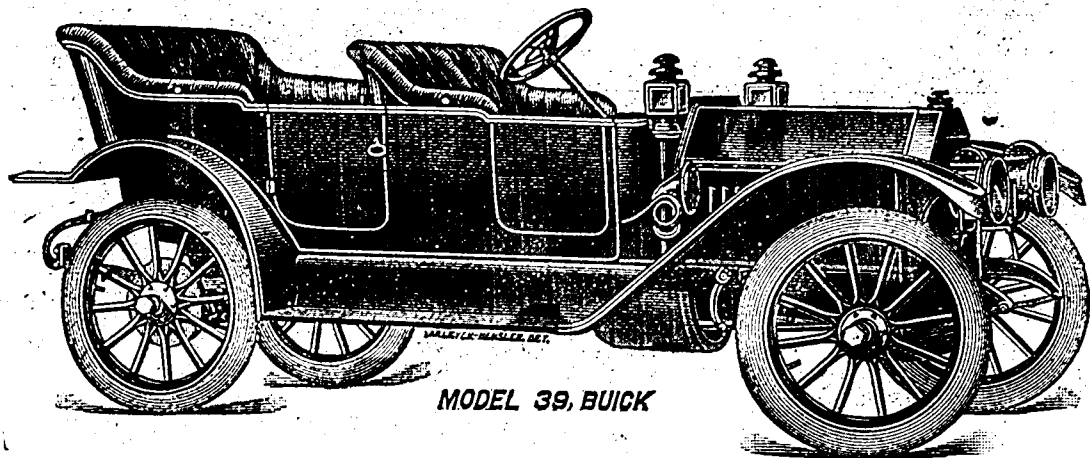
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DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

Miss O'Herron, sent out by the free public library commission, is at work at the library, cataloguing and introducing a new charging system. She is assisted by the librarian and a number of the young people.

Mrs. Helen Leighton and daughter Frances are visiting at George Butterfield's.

Mr. Brownell of Oriole college, Oxford, is at Mr. Menut's. His travels have not led him to experience anything like the present hot wave, even in China, where he taught for two years. Mr. Brownell holds a Rhodes scholarship and will return to England to continue his studies.

The drought is exceedingly severe as none of the showers seem to touch this town.

Items of Interest.

Dean Swift, having been solicited to preach a charity sermon, mounted the pulpit, and after announcing his text, "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," simply said, "Now my brethren, if you are satisfied with the security, down with the dust." He then took his seat, and there was an unusually large collection.

An unclaimed island has been discovered in the Mississippi river. The island is charted officially on the records of the government surveys as Island No. 23 and is located in Charleston county, Mo. The island was occupied in 1885, by a man named John Randolph, but he abandoned it because the high water had inundated his cornfields.

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WESTFORD.

About Town.

H. E. Fletcher & Co., stone quarry contractors, are busy furnishing stone for a large addition to the Lowell Gas Light Company's buildings.

The thunder shower on Monday afternoon that furnished lightning to strike the farm buildings of Goldsmith Conant in Parkville and furnished a cloudburst of rain to go with it, furnished only fourteen drops of rain for one farmer in Stony Brook valley. Thirteen drops went on the farm and one fell on his hot neck while hoeing and zizzled like a hot stone.

A swamp fire is burning near the residence of Mrs. Sarah Drew on the Boston road. Between dry stumps and peat it comes near beating the sun in heat. The town sprayer has been called to spray it out, but so far its resistance has been stout.

The Unitarian church will close for vacation after next Sunday.

Charles Whitney has moved the small barn that occupied front place near the larger and newer barn to a plub level west view of his dwelling house, and proposes to add wings and gradually wing his way into the poultry business.

John A. Taylor is gathering the benefits of being guest of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Whitcomb of Newton. Prof. Whitcomb was formerly connected with Miami university, Oxford, Ohio.

Millard F. Sawyer, master of Grotton grange, and Mrs. Sawyer visited the Old Oaken Bucket farm on Sunday afternoon, which resulted in S. L. and W. R. Taylor visiting Grotton grange on Tuesday evening.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm is having sweet corn for dinner today, seventy-seven days from planting.

Miss Frances Bannister is spending school vacation days by the cooling waves of Swampscott.

Henry M. Kable has kept dry weather wet by irrigation and as a strawberry specialist he harvested \$700 worth, while others were raising red strawberry leaves.

The Steeles, Mervin F. and family, have gone to Canada in the interest of reciprocity with the weather, and are visiting relatives.

Deaths.

Mrs. Elizabeth Scott Wilson died at her home on the Carlisle road on Thursday evening, July 6, after a long and painful illness. She was of sturdy Scotch descent which she exemplified in sturdy, positive opinions and actions at all times. She fostered no neutral opinions and was not an admirer of the principle in the life of society. Trained in the Scotch reverence and daily reading of the bible, she maintained this daily discipline through life. Her home life was regulated by those qualities and transmitted to those who "rise up and call her blessed." The funeral took place from the home on Monday afternoon, Rev. David Wallace conducting the service. The singing of "Jesus lover of my soul," and the "Christian's good night," was by Elizabeth and Jennie Kimball and Rachel and Florence Wilson, grandchildren of the deceased.

Besides her husband, John Wilson, she leaves four children—James D., J. Arthur E., Florence Wilson and Mrs. George A. Kimball and ten grandchildren. The bearers were James and Arthur Wilson, George A. Kimball and George Wright. Burial was in Fairview cemetery under the direction of David L. Greig, undertaker.

Dr. George E. Harwood, who died in Worcester after several years' illness, was in early life a resident of Westford, the son of Ephraim A. Harwood, living at Brookside. He attended the Nabasset school and later the Stony Brook school, where the writer was schoolmate with him, and rounded out his education at Westford academy. Burial was at Fairview cemetery on Thursday afternoon in charge of David L. Greig, undertaker.

Thomas H. Murray died on Wednesday morning at his home on the Concord road after a long and painful illness from dropsy. For several years he had been section foreman on the Nashua and Acton railroad and was a member of Westford grange.

Center.

Friends of Miss Mabel Rand, a former teacher at the academy, will sympathize with her in the illness and disappointment she has recently had to undergo. Miss Rand had made all plans and preparations to go to Europe during the long vacation and very shortly before the time for sailing, was taken very seriously ill and underwent an operation for appendicitis, and the weeks that were to have been spent in travel will have to be spent in the hospital and convalescence.

Harold W. Hildreth has returned from an enjoyable vacation spent in Maine.

During the severe shower on last week Thursday evening with its thunder and lightning, the cable in front of the academy was burnt out. The lightning struck with a sharp report and the fireworks for a few minutes were most spectacular and unpleasant. The heavy cable fell across the trolley wire and then into the street where it was a serious menace to any passing by. The chairman of the selectmen was notified and he got help together, and with lanterns, boards, barrels, etc., that part of the street where the fallen cable lay, was roped off, and men stationed to pa-

trol that part of the street. Word was sent to headquarters at Lowell and in a comparatively short time linemen were on hand and repaired damages. The result was that many subscribers had their telephones out of commission and the service was not very correct for a number of days, but is now back to normal.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright were at H. L. Wright's over Sunday, but went the first of the week to join their son Livingston, who is at a boys' camp at Wolfborough, N. H., where they expect to stay for a week.

Robert S. Young has been quite ill during the week and under his physician's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin H. Foss were in town this week calling on friends. At present they are staying in Lowell.

Mrs. Wallace and Pauline and Rachael; also, Mrs. Wallace's sister, Mrs. Tarleton, and son Grafton, are at Swampscott for a week where Mr. Wallace will join them a part of the time.

Albert E. Prescott is enjoying vacation days at home.

Last week Thursday afternoon, when the heat was at its worst, and every man capable of fighting fire, felt that his own particular task was enough to meet an alarm for fire was sounded which proved to be on land owned by Miss Hildreth. Some of the telephones were out of commission and the church bells were rung in the old-fashioned way. Donald Cameron kindly gathered together a group of fire fighters in his big automobile. After some vigorous work it was controlled. It was reported that a workman had set fire to a hornet's nest earlier in the day and the fire from that smoldered and later broke out and got beyond control.

Those in charge of the events of the Westford A. A. felt that two games of baseball on July 4, were sufficient for that week, but this week the team plays at Milford, N. H., on Saturday afternoon. Owing to the pressure of other duties, A. W. Hartford has resigned as manager of the association and W. J. Merritt will attend to the carrying out of the schedule for the remainder of the season which will be as already arranged. Next Saturday the team again goes to Townsend.

It is sincerely hoped that the recent increase of salaries for the R. F. D. mail carriers will effect our two mail carriers, although they have not at this time received any notice that the one hundred dollars a year additional will come their way. Mr. Wright of route 1, and Mr. Balch of route 2, have been in charge ever since the system was established in town and have rendered a most faithful and satisfactory service.

The selectmen and the property owners along our main street have under consideration at this time a plan for oiling the street to abate the summer dust nuisance.

A Normal course in shorthand by mail is offered to young people in this vicinity. See advertisement.

Picnic.

The excessive heat, the drought and getting the hay crops have pretty much occupied people's attention the last week and readable items for our columns are not too plenty. Each household has had to solve the problem of meeting the great heat and humidity the best it could. It would seem that the weather the last week would at least teach us to meet ordinary hot weather with comparative philosophy.

The weather last week Friday was the one exception with its comfortable temperature and the freshening effect of the good shower the night before and this was fortunate for the annual outing of the Congregational Sunday school. This year the children and their parents and friends went to Canobie Lake park, leaving here on the 7.45 car. The day was spent in enjoying the many attractions of the park, a picnic dinner together at noon and a ball game in the early afternoon. At night a later car on our branch line that had been especially arranged for, met the party at Brookside and brought them home, perhaps pretty tired, but feeling that it had been a most successful outing. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Osgood efficiently looked after the details of the trip.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

A public hearing will be held at the library room on Saturday evening, July 15, at eight o'clock. All citizens who are interested in having electric lights put in their houses or places of business are requested to attend. O. D. Fessenden will be in attendance and will answer any question relative to the cost of lighting and other expenses.

Mrs. Louise Bragg went to St. Joseph's hospital to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fessenden and William Randall accompanied her.

James H. S. Tucker of Nashua and Mrs. Clara of Haverhill, were guests at the Tucker homestead on Friday evening, July 7.

Mrs. George L. Badger of Quincy is at the parental home for the week.

Mrs. Fletcher of Pepperell has been ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill.

Mrs. Walter Parker, Miss Eliza J. Parker, Miss Louise Parker and maid of Lowell are at Four Pines for the summer.

Rev. George L. Perin, D. D., and family of Brookline, Mass., are at their summer home.

Mrs. Ernest W. Nye and daughter Doris, Ruth and Constance of Sandown are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

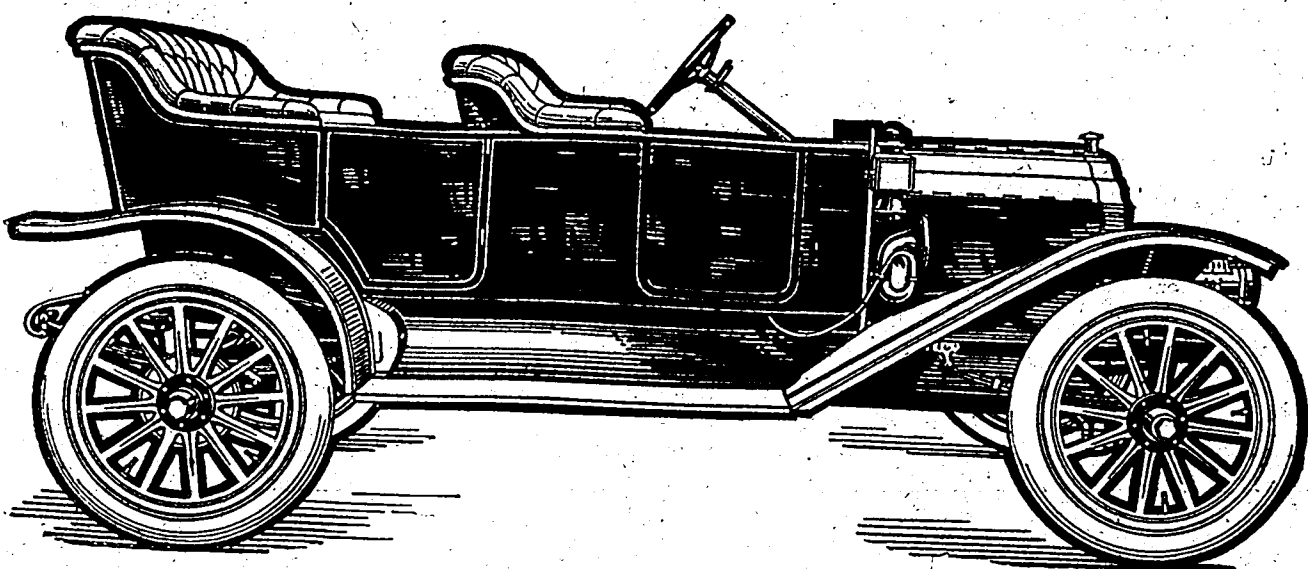
The residence of Mrs. David Hobart and the Methodist parsonage are being repainted.

Miss Edith Lindsey of Nova Scotia and Miss Winifred Hanna of Reading are guests of Mrs. Edward Hadley.

Mrs. Emily Bezanon of Marblehead and children are at the Farley Wilkins cottage for the summer.

Edwin C. Tucker is still confined to his room. He was tapped the second

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time on Sunday, and four gallow of water removed.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood has been assisting in caring for Mrs. Shattuck.

Three handsome deer were seen grazing near the residence of Harry Marshall last week.

Forty-seven dogs have been licensed in town this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barnaby and baby; also, Mrs. Barnaby's sister of New York, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carke Barnaby.

Deaths.

Mrs. Elvira L. Shattuck, widow of the late Charles Henry Shattuck, passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Pierce on Sunday, July 9, after a short illness, aged 79 yrs. 9 mos. 9 days. The funeral took place at the Pierce home on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. James N. Seaver officiating and paying a fitting tribute to "Aunt Viva." Mrs. Jennie Boutelle sweetly sang, "Jesus, lover of my soul," and "Good night." A beautiful wreath of roses and sprays of pinks and roses; also, sweet peas covered the casket. The burial was in the Walton cemetery at Pepperell. She is survived by a brother, Harris Gilson of Wakefield, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. L. M. Cochrane of Wollaston; also, several nieces and nephews.

Among those in attendance from out-of-town were Harris Gilson, Wakefield; Mrs. L. M. Cochrane, Carl Cochrane, Mrs. Lulu M. Gifford, Wollaston, Mass.; Mrs. Lulu Magrath, Nashua; George Ball, Miss Bernice Ball, Fremont; Mr. and Mrs. Perley Blake, Pepperell; Mrs. Dana Fletcher, Mrs. Frank Knights, Townsend Harbor.

Mrs. Isabel M. J. Coburn, widow of the late George Coburn of Lowell, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Burge, on Wednesday, June 28, aged sixty-three years. The funeral took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Payson Burge on Friday, June 30. Burial was in the West cemetery, Milford. A sister, Mrs. Payson Burge, mourns her loss.

Lightning Full of Franks.

A severe electrical storm, accompanied by wind, passed over town on Thursday afternoon, July 6. Lightning entered a room at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, coming in at one corner, passing through a picture and going out of the door. The house occupied by Mrs. O'Connell was struck and the glass in the door and windows broken. A bolt struck a maple tree in front of the residence of Willis Ball, passed into the spring, following the pipe to the barn and bursting in the watering trough. Another bolt struck the corner of the barn. Mrs. Blood, the housekeeper at Mr. Ball's, received a severe shock. The large chimney at the ice house was struck and one corner taken off. A crabapple tree at Mrs. Mary Cox's

was another mark; also, a large tree near the swimming hole on land owned by Herbert Corey. A bolt also fell in back of the residence of Edwin Taylor.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Emily Adams and her cousin, Miss Mabel Webber, have gone to Bermuda Islands for a month.

The first shipment of apples this season was made from the station, on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine on Tuesday.

Ralph Conant returned to Chicago the middle of this week.

Rev. E. A. Royal of West Boylston will occupy the pulpit again at the Baptist church tomorrow.

The Congregational church will be closed the next two Sundays and open again the last Sunday in July.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Sargent of Montague City, announced the engagement of their daughter Mabel to Harry W. Ireland of Littleton.

Mrs. William C. Brown has been entertaining a sister this last week.

Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards is filling lecture recital engagements in northern Vermont. On July 7, she gave her lecture, "Life forces in music," before the Memphremagog Yacht club at Newport, last evening a recital at Orleans, and this evening brings her musical season to a close at Passumpsic.

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Church Notes.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the Unitarian church next Sunday morning, the decorations being largely of lilies, a revival of Lily Sunday, which has been one of the pleasant traditions of this school. There will be exercises by the members of the school in recitations and songs.

The Young People's Guild will omit their meetings for the coming seven weeks, taking vacation until the first Sunday in September.

Inspiring Address.

Rev. Edward S. Tead, secretary of the Congregational Educational society, preached at the Congregational church last Sunday to the edification and pleasure of the good number present. In a refreshing and marked individual manner, he outlined the history, aims and achievements of this society in the ninety-five years of its existence. In that period of time it has helped educate 9,700 ministers, given financial support to forty-one colleges, aided many academies and planted other educational institutions in various parts of this country. He assured his audience that he would not repeat his plea here in behalf of the society for forty-eight years, as it would take him that length of time to make one call similar to this on each of the churches in his parish, a district, extending from Boston to Buffalo, N. Y.

Books Added to Reuben Hoar Library: Home life in Spain, Benhuman; Dweller on the threshold, Hichens; An ardent American, Codman; The cabin, White; New nationalism, Roosevelt; Sunshine Annie, Gates; Obvious Orient, Hart; My Mark Twain, Drey; Among friends, Crothers; China's story, Griffiths; To love and to cherish, Hall; Jack Ballington, forester, Moore; Famous scouts, Johnston; Down to the sea, Grenfell; Kitty's conquest, King; My Mark Twain, Howells; Trevor lordship, Barclay; (the) Priest, (the) Anon; Root of evil, Dixon; Broad highway, Farnol; Year in a coal mine, Husband; Robinetta, Wiggin; People's king, Short life of Edward; Study of greatness in men, Holt; Long roll, Larned; Johnston.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SETHS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in and estate of LUCY B. SHATTUCK late of Grotton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, and to the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the said estate, and by the Court, it is ordered that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge and County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of July A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

1442 - F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Michael W. Leahy to Thomas Moore dated March 28, 1906, and recorded in Middlesex (South District) Registry of Deeds in Book 3221, Page 475, and for breach of the condition thereof, will be sold at public auction upon the premises on Monday the thirty-first day of July, 1911, at three o'clock in the afternoon all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely,—a certain parcel of land situated in Littleton, near Littleton Common, so-called, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone wall at land of Nelson B. Conant on the easterly side of the old road leading from Littleton Center to Grotton, and running northeasterly on said Nelson B. Conant's land about one hundred and eighty-two (182) feet to a stone bound at land of the grantor; thence continuing in the same direction in a straight line on land of grantor three hundred and thirty-five (335) feet to land of Conant, Houghton & Co.; thence northeasterly on land of Conant, Houghton & Co., and land now or formerly owned by Albert S. Bradley, four hundred and twenty-one (421) feet to a stone bound; thence northeasterly on land of said Albert S. Bradley about nine (9) rods to the Great road leading from Littleton Common to Grotton; thence northeasterly on said Great road to the old road leading from Littleton Center to Grotton; thence southeasterly on said old road to the point of beginning at land of abovesaid Nelson B. Conant, containing about twelve (12) acres, more or less.

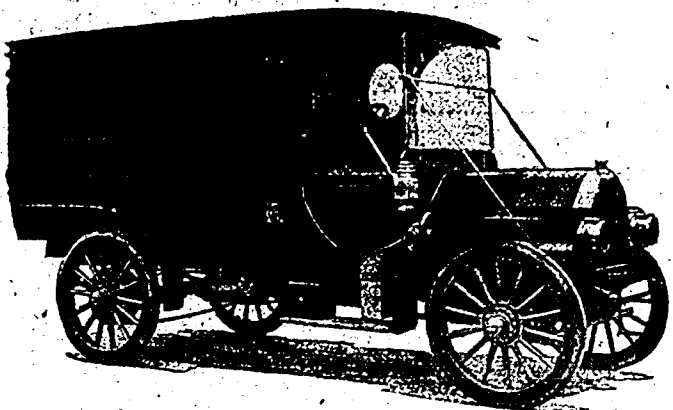
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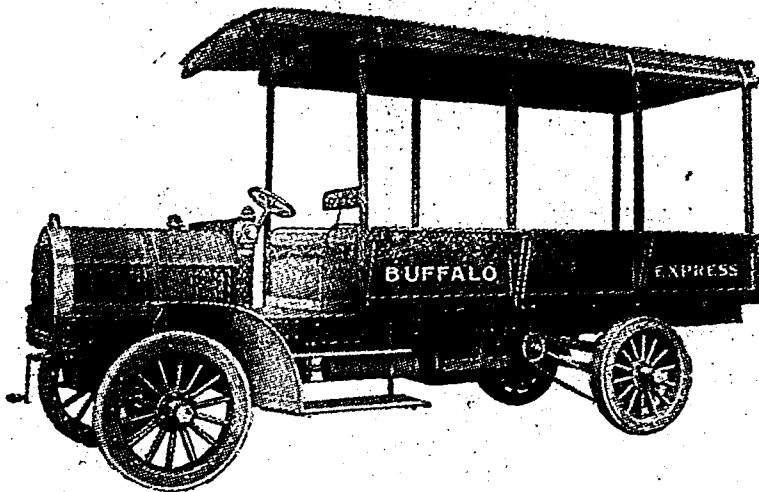


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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of MARIA CORNELL BRUCE late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, RICHARD McELLIOTT, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court, his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer 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 twenty-fourth day of July, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

3142 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of MELVIN A. CHILDS late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, MYRTA A. WOODS, administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of July, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

3143 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

TOWNSEND.

Center. Mrs. Harry Streeter and daughter Marion of Waltham have been at Eben Estes' for the past week. Mr. Streeter joined them here this week. Fred Estes has also been at home.

Nicholas McGuire has been improving the appearance of his new home by repairs on the piazza.

The storm, which we had here on Thursday of last week, did considerable damage, although no great amount of rain fell. The edge of a small hurricane swooped down suddenly and uprooted and blew over many trees in the twinkling of an eye. A large limb of the handsome cutleaf maple in George Wilder's yard was blown over; also, pines belonging to U. S. Adams; an apple tree in Al Richards' yard was uprooted and felled to the ground; trees in Dr. Atwood's orchard and J. L. Farrar's pasture were demolished as were parts of trees in many places about town. The lightning struck in one or two spots around town.

Dennis Coffey of New Haven, Conn., was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Coffey, over Sunday.

Last Saturday morning an alarm was rung in for fire at the Fessenden coal sheds near the railroad track. The fire was discovered burning briskly upon the roof soon after the freight went up. With the aid of fire extinguishers and a line of hose set under their own hydrant, the fire was under control before the steamer arrived.

W. F. Rockwood has a new Buick car which was purchased from E. O. Proctor of Ayer. It arrived in town last Saturday. Miss Gertrude Rockwood is to drive it.

E. A. Blood and John Goring have had the new copper-point lightning rods put upon their buildings. This is the rod which has been so popular in the west, and there has been no known record of any building having been struck, which was equipped with them.

News has been received from Guam, Pacific ocean, of the birth of a little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barnaby on May 3. She is to be called Barbara. The letter conveying the news reached here the latter part of last week, having been on the way all this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Bruce are enjoying a vacation at Rockport, Littleton and Ashby.

The Nashua A. A. will play the second game of the season here this Saturday.

A large delegation from East Weare came by auto last Saturday to witness their baseball team play against

our local nine. For Townsend, Knight and Eastman were the battery, with Bartlett playing third base. During the first inning our boys did not get into trim and four errors were chalked against them and Weare got three runs. Townsend got two and then they straightened into line and soon had the visitors going, finishing the game with a score of 14 to 5.

Miss Florence Copeland of Fitchburg is visiting at Milo Spaulding's.

Mrs. Lizzie Aspinwall is visiting her daughter Leola at Keene, N. H.

Eldon Sanders, accompanied by Mrs. Al Richards, left for Malden recently, where he will visit his grandparents until school begins. Mrs. Richards visited her sister a few days before returning.

Mrs. George Clarke of Main street has purchased the brick house which she occupies of Miss Claribelle Brooks. The sale was made this week Monday.

Joseph Temple, Jr., has moved his family from Fitchburg to the small Wyeth house, recently vacated by Mrs. Mary Blood.

The Fitchburg militia, Capt. Gilson in command, came to Townsend on Saturday afternoon and camped near Dudley's, where they had a pleasant Sunday's outing, returning on Sunday evening.

Rufus Brown, who was operated upon for appendicitis last week Friday at the Massachusetts General hospital, is getting along nicely according to last reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Eastman of Albany, N. Y., who have been guests at George Eastman's, returned home this week Wednesday.

Ralph Bush is visiting his sister, Mrs. Grace Pierce, at West Medford.

Miss Nellie Weston is enjoying a trip to Pittsfield and vicinity. Miss Abbie Green of the West village is caring for her mother during her absence.

Mrs. A. D. Fessenden's house is being equipped with a lightning rod this week.

Those passing over the roads in the Donovan district say that never before have they been in such excellent condition as they are this season, and towards the Shirley line they are equal to a boulevard.

Joseph Searles, who is ill with pneumonia, is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gwinn left this week for a two-months' trip to Cape North, Cape Britain, which is Mr. Gwinn's former home.

Mrs. A. L. Struthers has been suffering from a slight attack of neuritis which has been very painful, but she is now improving.

Miss Helen Miller of Quincy is at Mrs. A. D. Fessenden's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Packard enjoyed a few days at their farm in Ashburnham this week.

Frank V. Noyes, wife and little son have arrived at I. M. Clem's for their summer vacation.

A Normal course in shorthand by mail is offered to young people in this vicinity. See advertisement.

Death.

Mrs. Mary (Eastman) Whitcomb, wife of Silas Whitcomb, died at Marlboro last week Thursday, aged sixty-five years. She had been in poor health for some time, which was caused by heart trouble and dropsy, the excessive heat of last week hastening matters. The body was brought to Townsend and the funeral held at the M. E. church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Robertson officiating. The singing was by a quartet—Miss Stella Farrar, Mrs. Rouby Cowdrey, Herman Clarke and S. P. Robertson. Burial was in town.

Mrs. Whitcomb was a sister of J. W. and George L. Eastman of this town. Her husband is a brother of Dea. George Whitcomb and they formerly resided here on the Whitcomb farm, but of late years Mr. Whitcomb has been a contracting carpenter, and they have lived in various places wherever his work called him. Mrs. Whitcomb's girlhood home was the George Eastman place.

Besides her husband and two brothers, Mrs. Whitcomb leaves a daughter, Mrs. Flora Ladd, of Hollis, N. H.

West Townsend.

Mr. Grant, who has spent the past month with his cousin, Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, has returned to his home at Ross Point, N. Y., accompanied by his aunt, Mrs. Allison, who will spend the remainder of the summer in that vicinity, where she has made her home for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes, who returned from their wedding trip at Walpole, Me., last Monday, were serenaded at their new home in the Justin Hodgman house last Wednesday evening and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by the many friends present.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wares were the recipients of several nice gifts in silver last Wednesday, that being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, and in the afternoon their pastor called upon them and presented them with a purse of silver as a token of affection from the members of the Baptist church.

Miss Nancy Reed has been visiting at the home of one of her schoolmates in Milford, N. H., this week.

Miss Grace L. Seaver of Boston has been spending a few days with Miss Alice Seaver.

Miss Nellie C. Clarke of Boston visited her mother, Mrs. Lucy R. Clare last week.

Oscar Lovering of Waltham has been with his father, C. E. Streeter, at Frank Farrar's, for a few days.

Levi Lawrence of Dunstable has been with William Lawrence for a few days this week.

Miss Minnie Hoag of Boston is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelley of Josselynville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh of Somerville visited Mrs. Mary Foster and at William Thorpe's over Sunday.

Mrs. Conway and daughter Beatrice from Salem are with Miss Bessie Conway at A. J. Manchester's.

Miss Laura Upton from Milton is spending a vacation with Mrs. S. W. Upton and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Fred Estes and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Streeter and daughter from Waltham are camping at Ward pond with Mr. and Mrs. William Mills at their cottage.

Several near prostrations from the extreme heat have been reported during the past week, and a horse belonging to Mr. Winthrop, a junk dealer from Fitchburg, dropped dead on the Fitchburg road about a mile out of the village on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wilson have recovered from ptomaine poisoning which attacked them at the home of Mrs. McKenzie at the Center last week.

The Misses Myrtle and Lottie Hobart spent a few days with friends in Boston last week.

Miss Stella Tucker has entered the employ of the Belgrade Rug Company in Josselynville for a few months.

Mrs. Benjamin has been suffering from a badly burned hand, caused by the accidental overturning of a pot of hot tea at the home of Mrs. Justin Hodgman on last Tuesday.

Roy Kaddy, who has been employed at Patch's stable, has taken a position with his brothers in Boston, and Owen Powers is taking his place in the stable.

The public library will be open for the delivery of books next Saturday afternoon and evening at the usual hours, and all wishing for books will call for cards at the reading-room from 1.30 to 2.30 in the afternoon, and the books will be distributed from seven until eight in the evening as usual.

Preparations are being made for a lawn party and snow ball sale on the grounds of the Baptist church on next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E., and the money will be used toward a payment on the piano used in the vestry. No admission will be charged, but ice cream and cake and lemonade and snow balls will be on sale and a good patronage is hoped for. An informal program will be given by local talent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis left on Tuesday morning for Stoddard, N. H., for the remainder of the summer, closing their residence on Main street.

Fred Rawson and friend from the Goodwill farm, Hinkley, Me., are at the home of Mr. Rawson's mother, Mrs. H. L. Stickney, for a vacation.

Clarence Stickney has an artesian well driven at the Sanders place in Josselynville, supplying water to his barn and also to the house belonging to Charles Stickney on the Ashby road.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tumber has been dangerously ill, but is now recovering.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will preach on

Sunday morning on the topic, "The sower," and in the evening his subject will be "Three fools."

Miss Florence L. Austin is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Clarence Stickney lost one of his team horses by sunstroke last Wednesday afternoon.

A PEEK INTO HIS POCKET would show the box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve that E. S. Lopez, a carpenter of Marlboro, N. Y., always carries. "I have never had a cut, wound, bruise, or sore it would not soon heal," he writes. Greatest healer of burns, boils, scalds, chapped hands and lips, fever-sores, skin-eruptions, eczema, corns and piles. 25c. at William Brown's, Ayer.

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

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MARTHA J. HUNTER and ANNIE B. HUNTER of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of July, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioners are hereby directed to give public notice thereof, publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

3143 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of DELIA McRAE late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MICHAEL D. McGRAIL of Boston in the County of Suffolk, and CATHERINE SHAUGHNESSY of Somerville in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fourth day of July, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-seventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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Saturday, July 15, 1911.

GROTON.

News Items.

Mrs. J. Wootton has returned to Groton after a two-weeks' visit to her friend, Mrs. W. S. Nutter, of Lake View, Worcester, formerly of this town.

George Prescott has fully recovered from the prostration of last week and is about as usual. Mr. Prescott feels grateful to all those who rendered him assistance.

John Boynton has bought out the tonic business of Fred Smith of Westford. Charles Shattuck is running Mr. Boynton's auto, delivering the goods.

There is a shortage of milk in Groton.

The new double tracks on the Boston and Maine is being laid with good progress, reaching at this time north from the station at a point on the railroad not far from the bridge near Mrs. Barrows.

Mrs. J. E. Adams went to Milford, N. H., Monday, as her little grandson, Charles E. Dugas, was taken suddenly ill.

Miss Carrie Stevens was a recent guest of Mrs. P. J. Benedict, concluding her visit on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Dresser, mother of Mrs. George L. Boynton, is visiting another daughter, Mrs. Severance, of Lowell.

Solomon Fletcher is unable to work and is under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Lena Cooper, with her daughter, Mrs. A. Clinton, was an over Sunday visitor of her sister, Mrs. Arthur A. Wood. Her daughter, Miss Lena Cooper, remained for a little longer visit after her mother's return home.

Theodore Everett of the Everett Press, Boston, who, with his wife and two daughters were recent guests of the Misses Vickery of Pleasant street, have concluded their visit, driving over the road to their home in Arlington.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Abram Miller of Champey street, at the Groton hospital on Thursday, July 6.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James F. Stevenson of Champey street on Friday, July 7. The little boy is named Amos Lawrence Stevenson.

James Anderson, who was working in Nashua, was overcome with the heat last week and taken to Nashua hospital. He returned home to Groton last Saturday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Headle of Pleasant street is quite ill. Mr. Headle is assistant station agent at the Groton station.

During the thunder storm of last week Thursday afternoon, a tree on the Pepperell road just beyond Mr. Duprey's, was struck. A fire kindled which smoldered until discovered and the fire alarm given at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The fire company were at work there until two o'clock on Sunday morning. The fire had burned a foot deep on account of the dry condition of the ground.

Herbert W. Mason came home on Monday afternoon on account of the serious condition of his father, S. R. Mason. He is on a furlough from the U. S. S. Idaho, now at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Miss Hutchins, in a letter from her friend, Mrs. Douglass, of Seattle, Wash., hears that in that city on July 3, the people were wearing their winter coats.

Miss Mary A. Dunphy left on Monday for Hyannis to attend the summer Normal school session. Miss Lillian Kane also left Monday for the same school.

Mrs. Helen Eddy Christensen is accompanying her husband, Arthur O. Christensen, coming north from Mexico. At this time of writing they are in New York city. At their place of residence in Mexico, Mrs. Christensen was the only white woman among seven hundred inhabitants. During the recent rebellious times, Mrs. Christensen saw people shot down in the streets. At one time Mr. Christensen was arrested. These experiences were most thrilling and what no other Groton girl ever passed through.

Miss Clara Smith is spending her vacation at the home of her aunt, Miss M. J. Shattuck.

The young son of James Griffin of Ayer, was operated on for appendicitis last week Wednesday at Groton hospital. He is making a good recovery.

Arthur J. Clough of Lawrence academy, with his family, are stopping at Sandy pond.

Mrs. Charles Dodge of Hollis street is having town water introduced into her house.

Abel Lawrence was overcome by the heat while working in his garden on Monday. His condition was such as to require the attendance of his physician. According to the latest reports he is getting along comfortably.

A horse owned by Harlow & Parsons of Ayer, while on the Groton route, was overcome by heat last Tuesday, but was able, after resting in the barn of E. C. Clark, to return to Ayer later in the day.

E. O. Proctor of Ayer, has sold a Buick roadster to H. H. Richards, a master at Groton School.

Mrs. J. E. Adams returned home from Milford, N. H., leaving little baby Dugas better from his illness.

Miss Irene S. Peabody returned home last Monday from a two-weeks' visit in Cambridge. While there she attended the class day exercises at Harvard.

Albert B. Farwell and family from Winchester are at the Chapman cottage in Chicopee row.

Dr. H. B. Priest, associate medical examiner, was called on Wednesday to view the remains of a man found in that part of Shirley called Tophet. The unidentified man had been dead about three months.

His furlough having expired, H. W. Mason returned on Thursday to the ship Idaho at the Philadelphia navy yard, leaving his father more comfortable than when he came home. The Idaho sails soon to join the fleet at Provincetown.

Miss Fannie E. Woods was called on Tuesday to attend the funeral of a friend in Dorchester. Miss Woods found the heat almost unbearable, the most intense ever experienced.

William H. Whitehill has just had erected a new Sampson windmill with a steel tower. It is placed over the same well where Mr. Gilson had his wooden tower and mill.

The thermometers in Groton run up to 100° above zero this week, sometimes a degree or two below or above according to varying conditions or situations. All animal and vegetable life is panting for lower temperature and a good fall of rain. The pastures and gardens are drying up to this time early Wednesday morning, no relief being in sight.

Arthur G. Fuller was a victim of the heat last week, being, we hear, prostrated by it.

A consultation of Dr. Priest and Dr. Kilbourn in the case of S. R. Mason was held last Saturday. The report was not favorable.

Four Italians, laborers on the railroad, were overcome by the great heat last week and taken to the Groton hospital.

Rev. C. W. Loomis of Ashby will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday in exchange with the pastor.

At the regular meeting of the grange on Tuesday night there was a small attendance owing to the extreme heat, but all who heard Samuel Taylor of Westford speak on "The magnitude of the universe," were glad to endure such heat in order to listen to the interesting address which was instructive as well as interesting to a very high degree. The grange sang their song "Old Glory," and further exercises were dispensed with.

George Prescott, who was overcome with the heat last week, was out again in a few days, but using necessary care about the high temperature.

Mrs. Boynton heard from her son William by letter which was written on board the boat and dated July 4. He reported that they had made so far a good trip and a much more enjoyable one than he and his comrades had anticipated on board the cattle boat.

Chief Riley made a raid on Augustus Moulton on Wednesday night.

Miss Phyllis Roache is spending a pleasant vacation with her friend, Miss Louise Boynton.

Mrs. C. Z. Southard left on Monday morning for the White Mountains.

Miss Mildred E. Gilson, Miss Doris Peabody and Miss Mildred Brown have decided to take the entrance examinations to Simmons college for this coming fall.

Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods and children are going to spend the month of August at Fortune's Rock, Me.

Mrs. J. H. Manning, writing to friends in Groton from Colorado Springs, says they are having a fine time, and on that day of writing had climbed Pike's peak.

There is a man in Groton, who says, speaking of his bee experiences, that at one time he was stung so badly that he lost all his rheumatism, all his asthma and all his religion.

A Normal course in shorthand by mail is offered to young people in this vicinity. See advertisement.

A Letter.

In a letter received from James R. Hawkes at Roque Island, Me., on Thursday, July 13, he says:

"We are surprised to learn of the intense heat in Groton. While you were having it 102° and 103°, Mrs. Hawkes and myself were toasting our shins before a fire in a good old-fashioned fireplace with plenty of birchwood so cheery and bright. We came here on June 30, leaving Monument Beach on June 29, and as yet there has been no day that has been uncomfortable—just warm and lovely weather. We find the water just a little too cold for bathing with pleasure—no night but one or more blankets are necessary. We are right on the water's edge; we do not want to send a shiver down any one's back, but according to the account in the Landmark, some of you would like one."

There are about 1500 acres in this island. They have quite a large farm with a lot of stock, sheep and poultry. So much of the woods is kept cleared of small stuff that they are beautiful to go through and one can enjoy a fine drive of two or three miles through deep woods.

The cliffs, beaches and caves all around the island are more beautiful than words can describe."

Mrs. Hawkes adds her pleasant words telling of the superb fishing where the finny game weighs anywhere from three to twenty pounds. Lobsters and clams are secured in abundance. A sail daily in a yacht for two hours going around the bay is delightful. The scenery is also delightful and altogether our recent chairman of Groton board of selectmen and his attractive better half are having fully as comfortable a time as they would have in the torrid heat of old Groton.

West Groton.

Henry Powers of Lynn is visiting his aunt, Mrs. E. P. Shores.

Mrs. M. J. Shepley of Waltham is the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. W. F. Lane.

Miss Mary Doran of Fitchburg

visited friends in the village on Wednesday.

Harold Strand of Fitchburg is at home on his vacation.

Allen Sedley and family of Boston, coming by automobile, visited their summer home here on Sunday.

John Humiston of Jaffrey, N. H., coming on Saturday, has been a guest during the week of his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell.

H. E. Lindall is spending the second week of his vacation at his home here.

Mrs. George Woolaver and three children—George, Annie and John, are spending the summer with relatives in Nova Scotia. Mr. Woolaver will join her later.

William Gay of Groton is working in the papermill and boarding with Mrs. Mitchell. Renald Fernald is employed for the summer by Bixby-Webber Company. These two young men were graduates of Groton high, class of '11. Mr. Fernald is at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. S. Webber.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young, with daughters Gertrude and Grace, and son Arthur; also, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon are occupying the Wheeler cottage at Long pond during their vacation.

Horace Sprague of Denver, Col., visited friends here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindall of Roslindale are visiting their son, H. E. Lindall.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby and daughter Ruth returned from their vacation on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley returned last week from a Vermont trip. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley and son were recent visitors in Beverly.

A painful accident was experienced by Andrew Blood last Sunday, when, about midnight, he essayed to move from one chamber to another and stepping into space instead, landed in the hall below. Dr. Priest was quickly summoned and pronounced no bones broken, though a multitude of sprains and bruises makes moving extremely difficult. Mr. Blood is to be congratulated upon his escape from more serious injury.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Fifteen of our young men took an auto trip to Revere beach on Wednesday evening. They enjoyed the trip very much, but the after effects were not so agreeable. Some of the boys say it was the lobster, but whatever it was it is "never again" for some of them. "Shute" was the only one who proved immune to the dissipation.

To the "Night before boys," Mr. Thayer wishes to say that he will greatly appreciate the return of his Acme harrow or the information as to where he can find it as he is fighting weeds and can use it to good advantage just at present. This seems to be only a reasonable request, and if not incumbent on the boys then why not?

Mrs. H. L. Norton and children returned from a European visit of three years, in the Franconia, on its last trip. Mr. Norton returned with them, having made the trip over, starting on May 16, on the Ivernia, which was wrecked at Queenstown. They are here to spend the season at Green-croft, their summer home, on the Ayer road. They were accompanied by Fri. Hoffing, a graduate German teacher. Mrs. Daniel S. Howard of Brockton, Mrs. Norton's mother, is visiting them.

William Savage and wife from New York city are out on a two-weeks' vacation, and are spending a part of it with his mother, Mrs. S. J. Savage, here in town.

While alighting from an auto in which she had been pleasure driving, Mrs. Mary Farwell fell and broke a small bone in the hip joint which will confine her to her bed for two weeks or more. Mrs. Farwell's recovery is necessarily slower on account of her advancing years.

Mrs. N. C. Howell, Mrs. H. O. Hoffman and her children, and Mrs. Fred Howell, who have been at Harvard for the past few weeks, have returned to their city homes.

Miss Emily Whitney is visiting with her uncle and family, Luke Farmer, at Allerton.

Mrs. F. R. Preston and Merrill Preston visited this week with the former's sister, Mrs. Paul Morrison, at Barnet, Vt.

Harold Stanley Pollard, who is with Mr. Pulitzer, owner of the New York World, at present in Maine waters, took a few days' leave of absence from his work and visited here with his father and household.

On Thursday, July 6, occurred the death of Florence M. Barrett, aged 43 yrs. 4 mos. and 24 days. She was the wife of Henry Barrett, who is section foreman at Harvard station. She has been an invalid for several years. Funeral was at the home and burial was at Ludlow, Vt.

The Ladies' Picnic club met at the Memorial rooms on Wednesday.

Rev. Lyman Greenman and family from Yonkers, N. Y., are taking their usual summer vacation at their cottage on Greenman's Island, Bare hill pond.

Fred Wetherbee, Jr., is here with his parents for a few days. He came on Wednesday from New York with his motor cycle to escape the hot wave in that city. He expects to return next week.

Will Bagster of Somerville is visiting for this week-end with his grandmother and aunts at Mrs. Thomas Bagster's.

Daniel Sheehan, Jr., who has been in Canada the past few weeks as chauffeur, was at home for Wednesday and Thursday of this week. He leaves again for work this week. His party came from Montreal by the way of New Hampshire to Maine, through eastern Maine, stopping at Old Orchard to Boston. He has enjoyed his trip exceedingly.

Last Sunday, Richard Crossley and Everett Morse rode their wheels to Worcester and took dinner with friends of the former, returning the same day, they having covered about sixty miles.

The farm property of the Crossley brothers on the depot is for sale.

Prof. and Mrs. Leonard have closed their house here and are spending their vacation with relatives in Needham and Cotuit.

STILL RIVER.

There was a short thunder shower here on Monday afternoon, and the lightning struck the ground near the Herbert Atherton barn and set fire to the dry grass, and but for the fact that Chester P. Willard was going to his barn on a load of hay and happened to see the flash of lightning and saw the smoke and was able to get onto the job at once, there would have been a big fire as the barn would have caught in a few minutes. With the high wind and everything so dry, it would likely have burned several houses before it could have been stopped.

Masons from Clinton came on Wednesday and repaired the ceiling in the Baptist church so that now all is in readiness for the frescoers to come and decorate the auditorium and vestry.

Elsie and Esther Smith are visiting their aunt in Lynn for a few weeks.

William Hart has given up his position on the Still River-Boston milk car and Fred Haynes is running in his place.

On Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Viles returned from a fortnight's visit in Maine.

Frank P. Dyer and family of Arlington are occupying the Gerry cottage for the summer.

A. H. Seaver and family of Arlington are now occupying their bungalow. Mr. Seaver underwent a very serious operation in the winter and has been a very sick man, but now that he has got where he can breathe the pure air on Prospect hill, he is gaining every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newell and two children of Springfield were in Still River on Tuesday afternoon. Still River is Mr. Newell's native town.

Mrs. H. D. Stone has an aunt and grandniece from Toledo, Ohio, visiting her.

SHIRLEY.

Brush Fires.

One of the largest brush fires Shirley ever had took place on Thursday when five hundred acres of brush land and young growth was burned over. The fire started in Lunenburg in the rear of the Trembley farm and spreading rapidly the alarm was sounded in Shirley at nine o'clock in the morning, and before night the second and third alarms were rung in calling for more men to stop the onward march of the flames. Fire warden John E. L. Hazen, realizing the seriousness of the situation, secured the services of nearly one hundred men from the two factories, the C. A. Edgarton Co., and the Samson Cordage Works.

The fire spread into Lancaster and was wending its way eastward toward the Shirley Industrial school when a large force of boys from the school, under the supervision of the guards, turned out to fight the fire. The area of the burned district was fully three miles, extending from the reservoir, taking all of Tophet swamp, Cowdrey hill and all adjoining land. Fully three hundred or more men in the afternoon were engaged in fighting the fire and residents of Lancaster road, the Sanderson, Linderberg and Parker families were busy packing their furniture, making preparations to move out their goods. The C. A. Edgarton Company held their trucking teams all the afternoon near these residences to offer any assistance that might be needed.

Those engaged in fighting the fire included the Lancaster, Lunenburg and Shirley fire departments, assisted by the boys from the Industrial school and about 150 or more of the residents of Shirley. The men all worked well and at four o'clock on Friday morning had the fire at every point under control, the heavy dew during the night helping materially in checking it. However, a number of men were kept in the fire district on Friday, to prevent, if possible, any further serious results from its breaking out again.

The Woodville fire also broke out again on Thursday morning, this time on the Dodge place. The expense to Shirley in fighting these two fires within the past two weeks will figure up to hundreds of dollars.

Center.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. Henry F. Groat on next Thursday afternoon.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stanton were week-end guests at John Cobleigh's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson welcomed a baby daughter to the family on July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Gooch and family left on July 7, for Casco Castle.

Mr. Poland has just had a new telephone put into his house, 19-14; also, Mr. Dudley and Mr. Parker.

Mrs. Henry Lawrence and Helen have gone to Maine to visit the Wilson family, who formerly lived across the road from them. Mrs. Lawrence left her youngest daughter, Ruth, with her grandmother, Mrs. R. V. Nelson. They are to enjoy a two-weeks' stay.

Mrs. Willard Fowler has returned to her cottage with her family consisting of Ethel Fowler, Clarence Fowler, Rudolph Willard and Mr. Fowler. We have just learned that the accident of the Federal express at Bridgeport, Conn., July 11, was being driven by a new engineer in Mr. Fowler's place, while he was taking a vacation of a much needed rest.

R. V. Nelson is to sell his cattle on Saturday, July 15.

Miss Flossie Moore has been visiting at Mr. and Mrs. Bartheaux's.

There was a very good attendance at the prayer meeting held at John Whitcomb's, considering that it was a very hot night.

Miss Mildred Hazer has returned to her home in Somerville, the rest staying for another week.

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Mrs. Priest is steadily improving. Miss Lillian Garlich is spending her summer vacation with Ella Furbush. Miss Mary Hager has gone to Harvard to assist in the care of Mrs. Mary Farwell who broke a bone in her hip recently. Mrs. Farwell is eighty-eight years of age.

Cost of Planting Orchards.

It will be of interest to the people of this vicinity who are thinking of establishing orchards in the near future to know the cost of starting and caring for young orchards. One of the purposes of the demonstration orchards established by the Massachusetts Agricultural college is to collect data on the cost of the various operations connected with orcharding. Eight orchards have been planted thus far, and while the cost of planting varies in different places, owing to the types of soil and labor conditions, the data available covers nearly every condition found in the state excepting where land has to be cleared.

The cost of preparing five acres of land and planting the trees thereon varies from \$40 to \$59.75. This variation is easily explained. In the first instance the land has been in plowed crops the year previous, the men to do the planting were more accustomed to that kind of work and the owner was more continuously in direct charge. Most of the orchards were established for less than \$52. The orchard on which \$59.75 was expended for preparing the land and planting, was established on land that had been in sod for some time and was sufficiently stony to make the digging of holes a difficult task. Then, too, the land was prepared and trees planted with hired help, at a cost of fifty cents per hour for man and team, and seventeen and one-half to twenty cents per hour for man. In all cases the cost of labor was figured at prevailing prices. As in all orchard operation the cost depends largely upon the speed at which men work and where the owner is present who is also a good manager of men, the cost can be greatly reduced. In one case where representatives of the college were present, with a crew of five, four

of whom were inexperienced, four acres of an orchard were stacked out in perfect lines in all directions and 130 trees planted in less than eight hours.

Basing the estimate upon the results obtained in the demonstration orchards, it is possible for anyone to establish orchards with hired help in almost any part of the state at a cost not greatly exceeding \$12 per acre for small areas and proportionately less as the area increases. Where extensive orchards are being planted it is possible to reduce the cost of preparation and planting to six cents per tree when planted twenty feet apart.

Another interesting bit of information that has been obtained from the demonstration orchards is the cost of the operations incident to the first year's growth, and the possible returns from associated crops planted. The data from three orchards shows the cost of caring for trees and the associated crops to vary from \$75 to \$156, and the value of the associated crops was sufficient to cover the expenses that the net cost of establishing and caring for the orchard one year, which included preparation of the land, planting the trees, and a reasonable fertilizer bill, was under four dollars per acre. In the other orchard, one acre of strawberries had been planted the year before and with the other associated crops yielded a net profit of twenty-five dollars per acre.

Without doubt, an orchard started in Massachusetts and given proper care can be made to pay for itself and yield something in the way of interest on the investment before the orchard comes to bearing.

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AYER.

News Items.

Mrs. Charles Thayer of the Highlands, Washington street, left on Saturday afternoon, July 8, for St. John's, Newfoundland, where she will make a stay of two months with her parents. On the eve of her departure a large number of friends were present to wish her voyage to "Aunt Hattie," as she is lovingly called by the regular boarders, who, while being glad she is to take a much needed rest, will miss her kindly smile and cheery welcome.

Wesley W. Brown, started on Monday for Hampton Beach, where he will spend his vacation of two weeks. His place at his father's lunch wagon is being taken by Frank Donahue.

F. R. Prone of Boston has returned to town and will make his home with his brother, James Prone.

Chief of police Beatty received word on Monday that four girls had escaped from the Lancaster Industrial school, and also one boy from the Shirley Industrial school. No trace of the girls could be found, but the chief received word on Monday afternoon that the school authorities had received information from the Fitchburg police that William Skelton, the missing boy, had given himself up to the police of that city.

Miss Grace E. Downing left on Wednesday for New Hampshire where she will remain several weeks visiting relatives and friends in Laconia, Weirs and New Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Beverly have as guests this week, Mrs. Dudley Hollis and Miss Alice Hollis of Bermuda.

The Unitarian Alliance will have their outing at Whalom on Wednesday, July 19, taking the ten o'clock car.

George A. Culver claims he lost a pocketbook containing over eighty-five dollars last week Friday evening. He made some purchases in the Union Cash Market and went out. After a time he came back saying he had lost the money. No trace of the lost articles have yet been found. Mr. Culver offers a reward to the finder of one-half of the amount.

John L. Griffin, the thirteen-year-old son of James E. Griffin, is at the Groton hospital, where he is making a fine recovery from an operation for appendicitis performed by Dr. Hopkins last week Wednesday. The boy is expected home within a few days.

Miss Lena Clark returned on Tuesday from the Groton hospital where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is now at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Connors of Shirley street, where she is improving quite fast.

Mrs. Elvira L. Shattuck, who died in Brookline, N. H., last Sunday, and her husband, C. H. Shattuck, formerly lived in Ayer. Mrs. Shattuck was employed in the tailoring shop of the late R. T. Bartlett, and her husband was proprietor of a hotel where the Taylor house now stands, over forty years ago. Mrs. Shattuck died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Pierce, of cerebral hemorrhage. Her age was 79 yr. and 9 mos. The funeral was held on Tuesday, Rev. James N. Seaver officiating. The funeral was at Walnut cemetery, Pepperell. Mrs. Shattuck is survived by a brother, Harry L. Gilson of Wakefield, and a sister, Mrs. L. M. Cochrane of Wollaston.

Daniel W. Fletcher returned from his vacation trip last Saturday night. Moth superintendent, D. W. Mason, is still after the pests. In spite of all that can be done, the moths are very numerous. The elm leaf beetle is particularly destructive and many elm trees bear plainly the marks of these destroyers.

Superintendent Louis H. Cushing of the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway, with Mrs. Cushing and their son Harold, are spending a vacation at Harwichport. During Mr. Cushing's absence the affairs of the road will be conducted by H. W. Green, president, of Gloversville, N. Y.

Mrs. William E. Wheeler intends to leave for Old Orchard, Me., today to join her daughter, Miss Lillian Wheeler, who is at her cottage for the season.

T. J. Driscoll of Boston, who was found guilty of the theft of an automobile, the property of Edward O. Richardson, formerly of Ayer, was given six months in the Suffolk county house of correction, the first of the week.

Benjamin Raymond, a resident of this town about thirty years ago, died at the home of his son, Edward Raymond, in Roxbury last week Tuesday, aged ninety-seven years. Death was due to the infirmities incident to age and the intense heat. While a resident here, he was engaged in the business of a market man, carrying fruits, poultry, etc., to the Boston markets. He taught a short time at the Sandy pond school, and also at the Woods Village school in his younger days. The remains were taken to Littleton for interment last week Friday in Westlawn cemetery. He leaves two sons—Edward of Roxbury, and George of Holyoke.

Misses Alice and Marguerite Rand are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Frank Messer of Pepperell. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Rand.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chaffee and son of Holyoke, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Webb.

Miss Mabel Gray of Malden is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Edward J. Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Viall are on a vacation to points in the western part of the state and through the Berkshire hills. Their daughter, Miss Violet Viall, is spending her vacation in New Hampshire, and the four younger children at Melrose.

Chester E. Lord has been transferred to Worcester, where he will be engineer on a switching engine.

Mrs. Henrietta S. Roe and daughter, Miss Nettie B. Roe, left last Saturday for the Isles of Shoals, where they will spend their vacation. During Miss Roe's absence, her place at the bank will be taken by Miss Alice P. Sanderson.

The alarm from box 5, shortly before one o'clock on Thursday afternoon, was for a fire that destroyed the pigery and about three tons of hay, the property of S. J. Andrew, which is located near the Greenville branch tracks.

Huntley S. Turner left on last Saturday for Boston, and on the following Monday left that city on a pilgrimage to Rochester, N. Y., by the Arab Patrol and members of Aleppo Temple, the occasion being the thirty-seventh annual session of the imperial council. The pilgrimage was in charge of noble George E. Marsters of Boston. Mr. Turner will make the return trip by the way of Lake Ontario, the Thousand Islands, St. Lawrence river and rapids, and Montreal, arriving home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Williams are spending a ten-days' vacation at Great Chebogue Island, Casco Bay, Me. Their son Mason is staying at Camp Becket for the summer.

Last week Tuesday night, as Mrs. Fred Simonds was hurrying to get the nine o'clock electric car at Shirley for Ayer, she stumbled and fell heavily on the concrete at the depot and received a severe shaking up and several bruises.

Eva Lillian Washburn, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Washburn, died at the home of her parents on Wednesday afternoon, after a two-weeks' illness of tubercular meningitis. She was a native of Fitchburg, where she was born on September 2, 1890, and six years ago came to this town with her parents. Besides her parents, she leaves three brothers—Albion A., Charles L., Kenneth E., and one sister, Gertrude E. Washburn. The funeral was held at her home yesterday afternoon at three o'clock.

The class of 1908 of the high school, held a reunion at Canobie lake, N. H., on Thursday. The party left in the 10.05 a. m. electric car on the Lowell and Fitchburg road. Those who attended were Leroy C. Smith, Misses Inez Briggs, May Briggs, Blanche L. Farrar, Julia Hooley, Mary Moore, Bertha Stone, John Ryan and Warren Winslow.

Mrs. George L. Osgood, three children and maid, leave this Saturday for Sullivan, Me., on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lord. Mrs. Osgood expects to return next Tuesday, to accompany Mr. Osgood in his auto the last of next week for a visit there, to be absent for the rest of the summer.

The friends of Miss Lillian F. Leahy gave her a shower last week Friday evening, in honor of her approaching marriage. The presents included cut glass, silver and linen. A social time was enjoyed on the lawn and refreshments were served.

The ladies of the Baptist church conducted a successful lawn party on the church grounds on Wednesday evening. Light refreshments found a ready sale during the evening and everyone present enjoyed themselves.

Charles Sherwin resumed his place at the store of L. Sherwin & Co., Monday, after ten days' absence owing to an injured knee.

A wreck occurred in the railroad yard on Monday night in which eight cars were smashed. The local car inspectors, in charge of foreman M. P. Cole, cleared the tracks after working nearly all night.

Walter Reddick and James Walsh of Somerville were arrested in Greenfield on Monday for breaking and entering a freight car of the Boston and Maine railroad. They were sent to the Concord reformatory. These boys were among the number who were arrested about four weeks ago here for threatening to do bodily harm to a freight conductor on the Fitchburg division who ordered them off the train.

Some one entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simonds between last week Monday morning and Friday noon and stole a sum of money belonging to Mrs. Simonds. No trace of the thief has been found.

Dwinell-Moore Co., who have been conducting a grocery store in Phelps building, dissolved partnership last week Friday. Mr. Moore retires from the firm owing to poor health. Mr. Dwinell will carry on the business.

Mrs. Charles H. Hardy, who returned from Nashua Hospital last week, had a second operation on Monday of this week on the ear. It was a critical piece of work, and she is in a very feeble condition at present, but the operation, performed by Dr. Jack, an ear specialist of Boston, was very successful and her friends have great hope of rapid improvement. She is comfortable today. She has a trained nurse. The first operation was done at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, where she was for about three weeks.

Mrs. W. B. Cotton has been made much more comfortable for a week or more by living in a tent which has been placed in the yard at her home. She occupies it day and night. She is quite feeble, but has enjoyed being out-of-doors during the excessive heat.

Miss Doris Fletcher went to Ludlow, Vt., yesterday, where she will spend a fortnight with her aunt, Mrs. George Moore.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending July 10: Cliff Collins, Mrs. Harry Dunphy, Lan Fartersbrk, Jan Novicki.

A normal course in shorthand by mail is offered to young people in this vicinity. See advertisement.

At the Congregational church the pastor will speak at the morning service on "Seeking God," and at the evening service at 6.30, on the character of Moses.

Sandy Pond.

The cottages at Sandy pond are now about all occupied. Those at the different places are: Woodbine cottage,

A. J. Clough, principal of Lawrence academy, Groton, with his wife and daughter, Shady cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Dunphy of Shirley and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Silberberg and their five children are at the McNevery cottage; Lawrence cottage, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence of Hoboken, N. Y., and their families; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Kenison and son Lawrence are at Camp Rocky Point; Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Puffer and daughter, Miss Mabel Puffer, are at the Puffer cottage; at Shady Camp are Misses Edna Smith and Mabel McColister of Ayer, and Miss Edna Hamilton of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Monroe are at Cossey cottage for the remainder of the present month; Mrs. E. Z. Nutting and son Wendell of New York city are at the Nutting cottage; E. E. Sawyer and family are at Camp Ta-Kit-E-Z for the season; Mrs. Clarence Coolidge and children are at the Culver cottage; Mrs. Mary Hume and her two daughters have rented the Donlon cottage for two weeks, beginning today; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson and family are at their cottage for the season; Henry Blood and family of Fitchburg are at the Beckford cottage; O. K. Pierce and sister, Mrs. Lucie Richardson, are at the Boston Ice Company's cottage; William Brown and family moved into his cottage on Monday for the season; William Sherwin and family are also at his cottage for the season; H. H. Green and family are at the Sesame lodge, arriving this week; at the Bruce cottage are Wallace A. Brown, Thomas Altken and Edward C. Leonard of Groton and their families.

A Visit to Hoosac Tunnel.

As the guests of the Boston and Maine railroad, a party of two hundred newspaper men from all parts of the state visited the Hoosac tunnel on a tour of inspection on Tuesday. The party, headed by T. E. Byrnes, Frank Barr, vice pres.; E. A. Ryder, secretary to the president; Howard A. Moulton of the press department of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and other officials, left the North station in Boston on a special train at 8.30 a. m., stops en route being made at Ayer, Fitchburg, Gardner, Athol, Orange and Greenfield.

Upon reaching North Adams, the party had dinner at the Hotel Wellington, after which a trip was made by trolley to Zylonite, where the immense plant generates electricity for the tunnel works.

This arrangement has doubled the capacity of the tunnel, and as the Fitchburg division was limited in traffic to the capacity of the tunnel, it has been a great benefit to that division.

So much has been written about the tunnel that the roads officials decided to give the "boys" an opportunity of seeing the famous bore that has saved so much time for the western trains, and the outing was of an educational, as well as a social nature.

Later the return trip to Boston was made on a special train, arriving at Ayer at 7.30 p. m.

Wedding.

Frank J. Lehan and Miss Lillian F. Leahy were married at St. Mary's church last Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. P. J. Sheedy, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Miss Annie Leahy, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Joseph Wiley of Medford was groomsmen. After the ceremony the wedded couple left on their wedding journey by train for Boston, many friends being at the railroad station to see them off. Mr. Lehan was formerly in the employ of the state as gypsy moth superintendent, having a district comprising the surrounding towns with Ayer as his headquarters. The bride is a graduate of the high school class of 1906, and since that time has been employed at the telephone office. Mr. and Mrs. Lehan will make their home in Lubec, Me.

Convention.

The seventeenth annual convention of the National Jobbing Confectioners' association was held in Boston on July 12, 13 and 14. On Thursday, J. H. Manderschied, the candy man, was a guest of the Lowney Chocolate Co., at their office, Commercial and Hanover streets, where a banquet was served, after which the party was taken to Mansfield to visit the extensive grounds and factory of the Lowney Co., dining at the Mansfield tavern, owned by the company.

Friday, Mr. Manderschied attended the banquet given by the company at their headquarters and enjoyed a trip to Point Shirley. Over one hundred of Lowney's salesmen are enjoying these outings. E. O. Richardson, formerly of Ayer, being one of the number. Henry H. Greene of Dorchester, who spends his summers at Sesame lodge, Sandy pond, is treasurer of this company.

District Court.

The case of John A. Hart, proprietor of the New Union house, charged with maintaining a common nuisance, was continued from last week Friday until July 24, at the request of his counsel, Lyman K. Clark. The case of William Moore of the Globe hotel, charged with a similar offence, was continued from last Saturday until today. James Shaughnessy, who until recently was proprietor of the Taylor house, was arrested in Framingham on Monday at the request of the local police department. After the recent liquor raid at the above hotel, Shaughnessy suddenly disappeared. He was released on \$200 bail. He appeared in court on Tuesday and he was held for trial today under the same bonds.

Thomas Bast, James Motst, Michael Denes, Albert Hone, Aaron Orner, John Korst and Joe Denes, all of Westford, charged with indecent exposure, were in court last Saturday. Their cases were continued until today.

Fines aggregating \$175 were imposed on Michael Di Pietro and his wife, Mary Di Pietro by Judge Atwood last Saturday morning. The two defendants were arraigned on the charges of violation of the liquor law and in addition Di Pietro was charged with an assault on Officer J. H.

D'Connell, who was one of the police who made the raid at Pietro's house on July 4. They pleaded not guilty, but were found guilty. Each was fined \$75 on the liquor charge, and in addition Di Pietro was fined \$25 for assault on the officer. Sentence was suspended until October 8.

David Gordon of Boston was found guilty of peddling without a license at Shirley, Thursday morning, and was fined ten dollars.

William A. Cooper of Townsend was found guilty of a violation of the milk law and in court on Tuesday the case was placed on file upon payment of the expenses of the case, amounting to eleven dollars.

Augustus N. Moulton of Groton appeared in court on Thursday morning, charged with drunkenness and a violation of probation. He was found guilty and sentenced to the house of correction for thirty days. He appealed and was ordered to recognize in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the next term of the superior criminal court at Lowell, on the first Monday after the first Tuesday in September. He was unable to furnish sureties satisfactory to the court and was taken to the house of correction at Cambridge to serve his sentence. After he reached the county penal institution he withdrew his appeal and was taken back to Ayer on Friday morning when the original sentence was imposed and he was again taken to the house of correction to serve it.

For years the legislature and the courts have been trying to make the probation system effective and productive of good results to the state and the individual in whose behalf the law was passed. In order to meet these ends, the courts feel it their duty to so act in regard to those who violate the provisions of their probation that they will not do so again, and that speedy and effective punishment shall be meted out to them when they fail to fulfill their terms of their probation.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Maria Shaw, this week.

Gladys Kimball is keeping books for Conant & Company at Littleton Common during the summer vacation and boarding, at Mrs. Miller's.

Miss Jennie Sawyer, telegraph operator at Littleton station, has entered into cooperative housekeeping with Miss Eleanor Hill, postoffice clerk, at Superintendent Hill's home.

Rev. William J. Cloues, former pastor of the Baptist church, has accepted the position of librarian at Newton Theological seminary, and will take up his new duties this fall. Another of our Baptist ministers held the same position some time after leaving his parish in Littleton. That was Rev. Mr. Morton.

Mrs. D. G. Houghton and auto guests, Mrs. G. Edward Prouty, Mrs. Harry J. Smith, Mrs. James Ireland and Miss Elizabeth McNiff, rode to New Boston on Tuesday and on their return trip they were accompanied by Mrs. Carl Dodge. Richard Conant was chauffeur.

Goldsmith Conant's house was struck by lightning on Monday during the electrical shower. A fire broke out but was put under subjection by the use of chemicals. The damage was small.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Flagg have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their only child who had been frail and sickly from the time of his birth, seven months ago to the date of his passing, last Monday. Funeral services were held at Mr. Flagg's on Wednesday, Rev. H. L. Packard officiating and offering words of comfort and spiritual support to the bereaved parents. The remains were laid to rest in a bed of beautiful flowers, the kindly and sympathetic token of friends.

William F. Conant's children and housekeeper, Mrs. William Wright, and her daughter Mildred, are at the A. F. Conant home.

Mrs. Edward F. Chamberlain and daughters and Miss Perse Jacobs of East Orange, N. J., arrived in town on Monday.

Misses Annie and Esther Dodge of Cambridge have been visiting relatives in town this week.

The Littleton grange went in a barge to Pepperell on Wednesday to attend the annual field day exercises of the North Middlesex-Worcester Pomona.

Miss Lora Barnes of Gili, has been the guest of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMurtrie are living in one of the Harvard Shaker houses.

R. P. Morse has bought a small farm in Tyngsboro and moved his family there.

The long period of excessive heat was attended by many prostrations among people and the lower animals. Horses suffered much and there were many fatal cases among the barnyard fowls. George L. Priest lost twenty-two hens and George W. Whitcomb lost forty-three. Other poultry men lost a few of their birds.

During the thunder shower last week Thursday evening, Arthur Drew's camp, Grand View, was struck by lightning and considerable damage was done. A screen door and a window casing were torn off, and in every room the floor was covered with slivers of wood. Although the lightning played about in every part of the cabin and approached within two feet of the dining table where the family were eating, no one suffered anything more than a slight shock, and no heavy damage to property followed.

Hon. and Mrs. Frank A. Patch arrived home on Wednesday after touring 1500 miles by auto into western New York. The automobile was never for a moment out of commission, and everything went well. They describe Vine Valley as a prosperous section of country with plenty of wheat, grapes and cherries, but the hay crop there has suffered as it has here for lack of rain.

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brought to town last week Friday and laid to rest in Westlawn cemetery. Mr. Raymond was a former resident of this town, but for several years past he has lived with his son Edward in Roxbury. Death was due to the intense heat and old age. He had nearly reached his ninety-eighth year. Besides his son in Roxbury, he has one son George in Holyoke.

Death.

Mrs. Orin Wing entered peacefully into rest last week Thursday night after about three years of gradual decline. She was eighty-one years of age and had been married sixty years of the day before her death. During her long illness she received the affectionate and most faithful care of her daughter Susie, who has been almost constantly at her mother's bedside.

Funeral services were held at her late home on Sunday afternoon, Rev. O. J. Fairfield officiating.

Besides a husband, Mrs. Wing left five children—Susie and Herbert at home, Arthur of Lowell, Mrs. Mansfield Nixon and Mrs. Corcoran of Ayer. She is also survived by six grandchildren, and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Robbins, Mrs. Hattie Whitcomb and Mrs. Puffer.

The deceased was, previous to her marriage, Miss Lydia Sprague, one of a large family, well-known and highly respected for nobility of character. She was a devoted wife and mother, an ideal home maker, and a truly worthy and deserving woman.

About Town.

Monday, Edward Chamberlain and family of East Orange, N. J., came to their summer stopping place, Mrs. Jacobs' rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been here to his grandfather's, Charles Houghton, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenough of Derry, N. H., were over Sunday and Monday visitors at his brother's here, A. F. Hopkins.

Mrs. Amy Wakefield has gone to Toppan Beach, near Bath, Me., for several weeks' stop, where her brother-in-law, Judge Hardy, has a summer cottage.

Mrs. Hattie Whitcomb, from Somerville, came to town on Saturday for the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Lydia Wing, Sunday.

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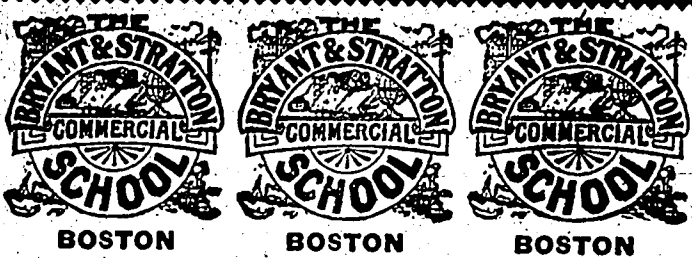
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The exposition is to be held to commemorate the completion of the Panama Canal, connecting the Pacific and Atlantic. From all indications it will be by far the greatest World's Fair ever held.

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SHIRLEY

Center. A. A. Fillebrown sold the standing grass on the Henry M. Holden farm at public auction on last Saturday. The standing grass on the Buckminster place at the North was sold at auction on the same afternoon.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a special meeting on the common on Friday afternoon of last week to decide about the annual fair. It was decided to hold the fair either on August 3 or 4. There is to be an entertainment in the evening, followed by a social dance. Marian L. Holden was elected secretary of the Guild to fill the place of Ruth M. Graves, who has gone to Cottage City for the summer.

Porter Adams of Boston spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Elsie Holden, Ruth Graves and Robert Evans left town on Saturday for Cottage City, Oak Bluffs, where they have obtained positions in the hotel run by Elsie J. Bohanon of Nashua. They are to stay all summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longley of Lowell were guests of S. LeRoy Longley over Sunday.

Florence Barbour of Wollaston is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed.

Arthur W. Smith of Wollaston occupied the pulpit at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon. Rev. A. A. Bronsdon of the village will give the address on Sunday, July 16, at 2:15 p. m.

Mrs. Ware of Brookline spent Saturday at her house here. Mr. Ware is still very ill, but is slowly improving.

Forrest Wing, who has been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, has returned to his home in Roxbury.

Dr. and Mrs. Giles and Mr. and Mrs. Smith and son of Chelsea were guests of Harry Stone for the weekend.

The Misses Shaw and party of friends are spending a short vacation at the house owned by C. C. Lane of Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and little granddaughter, Eliza J., who have been staying at Elsie Kirby's, left last week for Andover.

Dr. Savage of Boston spent last week with Elsie Pray at the Barnard cottage.

Rufus Hardon of Lynn spent Sunday with the Burnhams at the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray are spending several days this week in Boston.

Mary Howard at the East is confined to her home with a very severe illness and is under the care of a nurse.

Edna Willis of Boston has arrived at her house at the North to spend the summer.

Beatrice Pray spent last week with friends in Swampscott.

The Burnham family of Revere arrived at their house at the East last week to spend the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carson and two children of West Groton moved into their recently built house at the North last week.

Mr. Goddard of Waverley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Wilkins, making the trip on a motor-cycle.

Mr. and Mrs. Park of Lowell and Miss Ella Hillpott of Frenchtown, N. J., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth on Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid was held with Mrs. Norman R. Graves on Tuesday afternoon. There was but a small attendance on account of the hot weather.

Mr. Bartlett is entertaining his niece from Everett this week.

Etta Holden spent the last part of last week visiting friends in Leominster.

Rev. Lyman B. Weeks delivered a fine sermon at the First Parish church on Sunday morning, July 9.

The next meeting of Shirley range will be held on Tuesday evening, July 18. The lecturer's hour will be "Miscellaneous evening." A feature of the program will be a roll-call, "What constitutes a good neighbor?" New officers will have to be elected to fill the places left vacant by Elsie Holden, Ruth Graves and Robert Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden and Mrs. Alice E. Cummings attended the state grange field day held at the Pepperell Spring Water grove on Wednesday, July 12. Mrs. Cummings, together with the other Graces of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange, had charge of the tables at the grove.

James Mackaye, an instructor at Harvard college, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye.

Mr. and Mrs. Little of Revere spent Sunday at the Burnhams. Miss Little, their daughter, is to spend the summer with Dora Burnham.

William A. Deland of Wincendon will sell all the personal property and standing grass on the William R. Neat farm at public auction on Saturday, July 15.

The Alliance held their regular meeting with Mrs. Hill on Flat hill last week. On account of the extreme hot weather, the attendance was not as large as usual. Mrs. Elmer H. Allen of the village entertained the members with a very able paper on "Peace." The paper proved to be one of the most interesting ones of the year and the Alliance greatly appreciates Mrs. Allen's kindness in consenting to give it under such unfavorable weather conditions.

A picked team from Shirley played the Industrial school nine at the Industrial school grounds on Saturday afternoon, losing by a score of 7 to 1. The batteries were for the Industrial school, Perdy and Pringle for seven innings, and Coffin and Mulvaney for two innings; for the Shirley team, Emerson, Bohanon and Chesbro. A feature of the game was Perdy's pitching, securing twelve strikeouts in seven innings. Emerson made the one run for the Shirley team in the second inning.

Forest Fire.

One of the worst forest fires that the Center has ever experienced broke out on Friday and lasted for four days, destroying a large amount of property. The fire broke out on Friday morning and is supposed to have started from a large white oak tree which was struck by lightning the night before. The Shirley fire department were called and got it under control after about ten cords of wood had been burned and about ten acres of brush land burned over. On Friday the fire was wholly confined to the land at Woodsville owned by L. J. Farnsworth. The portable mill was located on this land last winter and the whole lot is covered with rows of brush, four or five feet high, making a regular fire trap.

On Saturday morning the fire broke out again and raged all day Saturday in spite of the efforts of the fire department and about sixty volunteers. Fifty cords of wood was burned and nearly one hundred acres of land burned over, all being the property of L. J. Farnsworth. On Saturday morning the fire started toward the mill and basket shop of Henry Farnsworth in fifty-foot jumps, but was finally stopped after hard fighting.

Sunday, the fire department was again called out for the same fire. Several acres of land known as the Dodge pasture were burned over before the fire was gotten under control.

On Monday the fire again started up, burning a fine young growth of white pine belonging to Henry Dodge. The shower of Monday afternoon dispelled all danger of a fresh breaking out.

L. J. Farnsworth and Henry Dodge are the losers, everything being a total loss. On Saturday the heat was so great that in some places even the dirt-burned and oak trees six inches in diameter were burned through and fell to the ground.

Clipping.

Sad news was received here when a telegram arrived last week announcing the shooting of Otis Evans. Later telegrams announce that he is getting better and is able to sit up. Mrs. Evans and daughter Mildred left town on Tuesday for Irwin, Pa., to get Otis and bring him home when he is able to travel. The whole story of the affair is told in the following clipping from the Republican Standard of Irwin, Pa.:

"Tony Yuditky, a striking miner and said to be a deputy sheriff, has been arrested and lodged in jail at Greensburg with a charge of felonious shooting lodged against him, and may be held to face the charge of deliberate murder. His victim is Otis Evans, son of John Evans, who is about twenty-four years old and lives with his parents at North Irwin.

The story of the affair, as given in this paper, is as follows: Otis Evans is one of North Irwin's well-known young men and is employed by the Pennsylvania Gas Coal Company as a member of the engineering corps. This department has not been very busy of late and consequently Evans was serving in the employ of the company as a watchman or deputy. He was accompanying a wagon load of men to Claridge from Pennsylvania, where they were going to play a return game of baseball with the Claridge team. The party arrived safely, played the game, had a good time on the Fourth and were returning home close to 6:30 p. m. When the wagon passed the Union hotel at Pennsylvania, Tony Yuditky is alleged to have drawn a revolver and deliberately shot into the crowd on the wagon.

Evans was sitting on the end and received the bullet from this discharged gun. It entered the left side, under the heart and forced its way below the collar bone. The man dropped and his comrades on the wagon hustled him to the Westmoreland hospital at Greensburg, where he now lies in a precarious, although conscientious condition. The bullet has not been probed for, the attending physicians not caring to do so on account of the patient's condition. He has made a public statement to superintendent A. P. Cameron, stating that Tony Yuditky is the man who shot him. Evans states that he thought the fellow was at first fooling, it being the Fourth, and suspected it might be a blank cartridge he was shooting off. But alas, the bullet came forth and soon blood was streaming from the wound.

The affair has caused a great deal of indignation and additional bitter feeling. It was stated by some that the men on the wagon started the trouble, but Mr. Cameron says he has many witnesses on different sides who will say and prove that the men on the wagon said not a word and attended to their own business. If Evans dies, his assailant will be charged with murder. Otherwise he will have almost as serious a charge to face.

As soon as Mr. Cameron heard of the trouble he left his home where he was enjoying the Fourth with his family and was out all night on the case. He regrets the affair very much on the eve of the trouble being settled by the association, and can assign no reason why the thing should have occurred. Evans' parents are almost prostrated over the affair. Mr. Cameron says that Evans was one of the most trusted men in the employ of the company and has hundreds of friends; that he was as clean a young man as ever stood in a pair of shoes."

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News Items.

Rev. A. J. Covill of the Rollstone Congregational church, Fitchburg, preached a fine sermon last Sunday morning, exchanging pulpits with Rev. A. A. Bronson, who preached at Mr. Covill's church in Fitchburg.

Mr. Brooks has severed his connection with the farm known as the Brooks & Davis farm on Lancaster road. Mr. Brooks sold out his interest to Mr. Davis, who will now operate the farm alone.

Frank H. Wheeler and family are spending the month of July at Scituate Beach, where they have rented a cottage.

Miss Lena Gately spent over Sunday in Worcester with her sister, Miss Abbie Gately.

Mrs. Louise Fisher of Alanson, Mich., has arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. Huldah Pomfret, to remain for the summer.

At the regular meeting of the St. Jean society, held last Sunday, three new members were initiated.

Mrs. Jeremiah H. Flynn, private stenographer for C. F. Edgerton, has just commenced on a three-weeks' vacation which will be spent in Springfield and Ashburnham.

James Gonet of Royalston was visiting friends in Shirley last Sunday.

Miss Lydia and Lea Brault of Salem were visitors at the home of Arthur Bassett last week.

Miss Lucy Chaisson of Lawrence spent the week-end at the home of John J. Chaisson.

Frank Snell has placed a new steam launch on the lake at Fort Pond, the "Chick-a-dee," and is doing a good business, many visitors at the grove taking the trip around. As usual, there are many fishermen at the pond for the bass and some good catches are being made. Winfield Weeks is operating the steam launch for Mr. Snell, who intends building a new boathouse for the launch. Mr. Seale of North Leominster has put a new motor boat in the pond, locating it at the island.

The water commissioners have given notice that no more water can be used through garden hose until further notice. The recent fires and the dry spell has reduced the water in the reservoir.

D. M. Travis, city editor of the Fitchburg Daily News, has rented the summer cottage of James E. Richardson at Fort pond until the first of August. Mr. Travis and family occupied the same the latter part of last week.

Charles R. White is confined to his home this week with rheumatism in his feet, making it painful and difficult to walk.

Miss Eleanor Miner has given up her position at the children's hospital, Wellesley hills, and has returned to her home again in Shirley.

Mrs. Michael Shucrowe died at the Massachusetts General hospital on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, from the effects of paralysis of the nerves. Mrs. Shucrowe was taken to the hospital on Tuesday morning.

The Sunday-school of the Congregational church are planning to hold their picnic this year at Cogswell's grove, Fitchburg.

A normal course in shorthand by mail is offered to young people in this vicinity. See advertisement.

Found Dead Man.

The badly decomposed body of a man, apparently about thirty-five years of age, was found on Wednesday morning about 7.30 o'clock, about five minutes' walk from the railroad tracks in the direction of Shirley reservoir from Cowdrey hill. The body was found by Howard A. Terrell, who resides at 8 Fitch Hill road, Fitchburg, his attention being drawn to the body by the actions of a coach dog which was with him.

The body was so badly decomposed that Mr. Terrell did not stop to investigate, but hurried to the central police station in Fitchburg where he reported the matter to Chief Thayer.

The man was attired in dark clothing, wearing a pair of black trousers, black hose and shoes. A black derby hat was lying on the ground beside the body. The body was found in a clump of bushes near a swamp, and possibly had been there for weeks. There was no coat or vest on the body and owing to the fact that it was found lying within the borders of Shirley, Chief Thayer of Fitchburg got in touch with Chief Goodwin, who in company with other Shirley officials visited the scene where the man was discovered.

Dr. Cowles of Ayer, the medical examiner, being out-of-town, his assistant, Herbert B. Priest of Groton, was notified, and after a thorough examination, pronounced it a case of suicide. A broken package of parais green was found close to the dead man and other preliminary points in connection with the finding of the body caused the medical examiner to come to this decision. The man was evidently not over thirty or thirty-five years of age, as his teeth were all good. This was the only clue the medical examiner could get which might solve the mystery of age.

The body was brought to Shirley by Undertaker Wright of Ayer, and placed in the tomb, where it will remain for a few days waiting identification. It is thought the man had been dead about two months.

Mr. Terrell, who discovered the body, was blueberrying which led him into the swamp where the body lay. The man wore a pair of the Shirley President suspenders and the sum of seven cents was found in his pockets.

Razaar.

The bazaar of St. Anthony's parish closed last Saturday evening after a week of splendid patronage. The total sum netted was \$1,000. The following are the list of prizes with the names of the winners:

Lamp, Miss Nellie Casey; rocking chair, Mrs. Laura Boucher; silver bag, Miss Mary A. Joyal; \$5 gold piece, Everett Russell of Athol; rocking chair, Wilfred Savoy of Athol; parlor clock, C. Depotaur; \$10 gold piece, Alex. Bodah; two rugs, Joseph Siebman; bag of flour, Miss Charlotte Bodah; picture of Rev. Cote, Mrs. John Chais-

son; lace curtains, Miss Mary Ann Gonet; pair of shoes, Arch. Simard; gold mounted rosary, Mrs. Anna Boucher; barrel of biscuits, Miss Anita Broidred; collar, Charles Gonet; emerald bracelet, George Stebbins; \$5 gold piece, Patrick A. Gonet; gold mounted lamp, Miss Lena Sideleau; parlor box, Miss Mary Gleason; dinner set, Miss Flora Lozeau; water set, Miss Mary Lozeau; gold watch, Miss Lizzie Hache; gold cuff buttons, John Durand; shopping bag, Mrs. Lamase; sofa pillow, Miss Carona Joyal; silver pillow, Gertrude Day; picture, Miss Leontine Easton; wine set, George H. Hache; fruit set, Judith Thomas; \$5 gold piece, Mrs. Amos Bourgeois; parlor lamp, William Gonet; wine set, Joseph Desco-

teaux; table cloth, Miss Edith Stebbins; fancy clock, Miss Madeline Cormier; fountain pen, Richard Cormier; water set, Miss Vera Day; picture, John J. Chaisson; table cloth, Har-

riet Hache; tray, Miss Aurora Har-

riet; table cloth, Mrs. Anthony Le-

spread, Miss Maranda Tessier; tea set, Mrs. Emily Gouger; ironing board, Mrs. Myrtle Credit; picture, Mrs. Anthony Lepeage; set of dishes, Mrs. Clara Baker; lemonade set, Miss Emily Robert; bed spread, J. X. Desco-

teaux; parlor lamp, Emile Leger; field glass, George Sideleau; \$5 gold piece, Miss Mary A. Joyal; parlor clock, Alex-

ander Gonet; double barrel shotgun, John J. Chaisson; shirt waist, Miss Ag-

nes Marion; looking glass, M. A. Boucher; gold filled watch, Archib-

Simard; gold filled watch, Joseph Forbes; Manchester, N. H. lot of land in Leominster, Miss Mary Moriarty of Fitchburg; contest for the doll won by Miss Laura Sideleau.

Baseball.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARTHA A. PARKER late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES W. PARKER of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of July A. D. 1911, 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 one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

3412 F. M. RSTY, Asst. Register.

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Saturday, July 15, 1911.

PEPPERELL.

Items of News.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Green, Mrs. L. E. Starr and Miss Pansy Howe spent yesterday in Lowell.

Mrs. A. Moody of Lynn is visiting Miss Anna French of Heald street.

Thursday, the Ladies' Benevolent society held a lawn party at the residence of E. L. Tarbell of Park street.

Mrs. Lucy Boynton of Elm street has sold the old Boynton house on Shirley street to Charles Boynton's sister of Lynn, and several men are at work on repairs.

The Frank T. Marston family of Melrose are expected for a month on August 9, while Mrs. George Stewart is visiting her mother who is ill in the Province.

Special care should be taken by those who will wear only nature's birthday suit while bathing in Heald's pond, that they do not intrude themselves upon the more modest feelings of the shore owners who think they have a right for mixed parties to enjoy the vicinity. Heald's pond is closed to all fishing.

Tuesday, the Woman's club held an outing at the Edward Richardson farm.

Those who attended Edmund Blood's grove on July 12, certainly appreciated his kindness and city persons always visit these woods before leaving town.

The grange members were pleased to see Miss Mollie Wilson of Mt. Lebanon street among them again.

The hay is drying up in the fields uncut, and many gardens are an entire failure.

A Buick truck has just been delivered to Attridge Bros., the grocers, by E. O. Proctor of Ayer, which they will use in their business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Burt Bennett of Waltham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Bennett and Mrs. Harriett E. Gutterson the past week.

Chester G. Gutterson of Waltham is visiting his mother, Mrs. Harriett Gutterson.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., met with the Pepperell Woman's club for a basket picnic at the grove of Edwin R. Richardson on Friday, July 11. The pleasant occasion was marred only by the extreme heat which prevented many from attending.

Pepperell Flower mission, organized so many years ago, is still prominent in the thoughtful deeds of our town, and the few remaining members of the original board have never for a day forgotten, some one at least, who needs assistance in some form. Gladly are the words and deeds of cheer sent, and where the substantial are needed they are sure to go. By their faithful and loving service let us all remember the many who need a word of cheer and especially the aged and the shut-ins.

Mrs. Doris Atkinson was taken sick on Tuesday evening as a result of the severe heat, necessitating the services of a physician.

The annual picnic of the First Parish Sunday school will be held at Edwin Richardson's pine grove on Friday, July 21.

The First Parish church will be closed on the last Sunday in July and the first Sunday in August.

Miss Virginia Stockwell of Boston has been visiting Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Child.

Thursday morning, July 13, there were four dead in our little town—Dr. Davis' little baby, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Dow, and a young man who worked for the Keyes and went to the hospital at Groton and was operated on for appendicitis.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending July 10: C. Blanchard, Charles E. Esters, John Gilbert (3), Con Kelleher, W. H. Lang.

Grange Field Day.

Wednesday, July 12, was a hot day for the representatives from sixteen granges to brave the fatigue of a long trip. Master A. A. Adams and wife of Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rockwood of Lunenburg, N. S. Boardman, past masters H. L. Hill and A. Andrews of Fitchburg, Walter Shattuck, master of Prescott, D. S. Crockett, Mason, N. H., and others seated themselves in the cool natural amphitheatre at the Pepperell Springs near the spring house.

Mr. Prescott of Nashua, N. H., told to a cluster of patrons only, some of the work he saw given by the Banner grange of New Hampshire.

Before coming onto the grounds, the extensive dairy and farm buildings of Charles Dennen on Park street were inspected. The speakers of the day came onto the grounds about noon. After a picnic dinner, state master Charles M. Gardner was introduced and spoke on the part that agriculture played in the national economy and urged each to make the most of it. "The doctor serves you, the minister prays for you, the lawyer pleads for you, the farmer feeds you."

He also emphasized the value of community service. This new branch of grange work bids fair to aid largely in many rural sections.

Frank Rane, state forester, spoke of the fitting position for his special topic. He complimented the beauty of the grove in its aesthetic value on the nation of forests. He spoke of the frightful waste allowed in our wooding by carelessness and not reseeded. Mr. Rane was worth the exertion of the trip alone.

George Trull of the Massachusetts State Dairy Bureau made some good remarks, and Rev. A. H. Wheelock was welcomed, who spoke on "Woman and the home." The day was so close that most of the sports were not entered into. The beautiful silver cup and other prizes failed to bring out the contestants. All said they had spent a profitable day.

The evening dance brought out a fair crowd and the atmosphere cooled a little. Mr. Andrews is to be congratulated on his success in such unprecedented weather.

Reception.

"Meet us at eight o'clock at Hovey's corner on Monday July 10." It was Miss Florence Shattuck of Oak hill, and they were there. Slowly they came back to where Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Foss were completely taken by surprise. Mr. and Mrs. Foss commenced the chain of circumstances by stealing a march on his friends when Elmer Foss of Park street and Miss Charlotte Murray of Brewster, Me., were united in marriage by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. This was the surprise reception given him by his Oak hill friends. All had a jolly time, Miss Maude Chinn gave some musical selections and Miss Bertha M. Farnsworth a reading.

After a paraphrased poem to suit the occasion by Miss Florence Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Foss were presented with a butter set. The evening was oppressively warm as the day registered at 112°, and out-of-door sports were resorted to. It was a pretty sight in the clear moonlight under the large elm trees as they flitted about with laughter. It was late in the season but the favorite flower was tulips. Refreshments of ice cream, sherbert and various kinds of cake were served.

Deaths.

Alfred Henry Simpson died at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., on Wednesday, morning, July 12. The remains were brought to Miss Lola Morse's where he had boarded and was cared for until July 4. Mr. Simpson was born in Meriden, Conn., sixty-two years ago July 24, coming to this town over twenty years ago, and was identified with the Burkinshaw knife factory, and he remained with them as long as he was able.

Funeral services were held at eight o'clock on Thursday evening, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating. A large spray of flowers were sent by the knife factory and a handsome basket of flowers from the Melindy family were among the floral gifts. Messrs. Harmon and Mahoney had charge of the body which was sent on the Friday, July 14, early train for burial at the Walton cemetery in the township of Montgomery, N. Y.

Mrs. Mary A. Dow passed away at the home of her son-in-law, William Miller, of Park street on Tuesday, July 11, aged eighty years. She was born in Nottingham, Eng., but came to Pepperell when she was twelve years of age. She went to the house she lived in until four years ago and lived there about fifty-five years.

Mrs. Dow leaves a son, Albert Dow, a daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Fales, both of Adams, and a daughter, Mrs. Clara A. Roberts of Lowell, and five grandchildren, Ellen, William and Ruth Miller of this town, and Arthur and Chester Roberts of Lowell.

The funeral services were held on Thursday at her late home, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating. The singing was by Miss Ethel Wells. The body was placed in the family lot in the Walton cemetery.

News Items.

A party of young people, among which was Miss Anna Mae Shaw was a guest, left Worcester on Saturday for a two-weeks' vacation at "Alcomfort" cottage at Beaumont. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George H. Shaw as chaperones.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Johnson from New York are guests of Mrs. M. H. Johnson on Oak hill.

Mrs. Minnie C. Bray of Tacoma, Wash., is a guest of Mrs. J. A. Saunders.

Kimball Stevens of Newton Center, formerly of this town, died at his home on July 11.

Mrs. Lucy P. Saunders is in Waverley for a few weeks.

A Normal course in shorthand by mail is offered to young people in this vicinity. See advertisement.

THE TAPESTRY WEAVERS.

Let us take to our hearts a lesson—No lesson can braver be—From the ways of the tapestry weavers On the other side of the sea. Above their heads the pattern hangs: They study it with care. The while their fingers deftly work, Their eyes are fastened there.

They tell this curious thing, besides, Of the patient, plodding weaver: He works on the wrong side evermore, but Works for the right side ever. It is only when the weaving stops, and the web is loosened and turned, That he sees his real handiwork,—that his marvelous skill is learned.

Ah! the sight of its delicate beauty, how it pays him for his cost! No rarer, daintier work than his was ever done by the frost. Then the master bringeth him golden hire, and giveth him praises as well; and how happy the heart of the weaver is, no tongue but his own can tell.

The years of man are the looms of God, let down from the place of sun. Wherein we are weaving always, till the mystic web is done.—Weaving blindly, but weaving surely, each man his own life's fate. We may not see how the right side looks: We can only weave and wait.

Nor evermore need the weaver be troubled with doubt or fear.—Let him look to the great Ideal, the pattern will appear. And when his task is ended, and the web is turned and shown, He shall hear the voice of the Master, saying to him, "well done!" Anon.

GOVERNMENT BY EXPERTS

Seems an Unsuccessful Method
In State Affairs So Far
BOSTON TRACTION MATTERS

Hard to Frame Legislation Satisfactory to All—Republican State Convention October 4—Mayor Fitzgerald's Visit to Europe With Commerce Chamber Men

The time at which the legislature usually adjourns has come and gone but the solons at Beacon Hill are still at work. The legislators this year seem to be neither especially lazy nor especially disputatious. They say they have worked slowly largely because they have realized that there was no use in their getting all their other work done and then sitting round waiting day after day for the governor and his so-called "experts" to make their final reports as to the appropriations for the various boards, commissions and departments.

The governor has the power to transmit the appropriation bills to the house on the first day of the session so that the ways and means committee can immediately begin scrutiny of all items, which has resulted in such careful and economical administration in the past, but this year the governor has seen fit to hold up some fifty of the most important appropriation bills, aggregating over \$5,000,000, until the very end of the session, thus putting the ways and means committee in the awkward situation of either delaying proration or passing upon the various expenditures without proper investigation.

These Are Expensive Experts

The governor has had ten or twelve "experts" at work day after day for over three months now at salaries of from \$25 to \$50 a day, but members say that about the only important recommendation which he has made as a result of their investigation has been that no money should be appropriated for a dairy building in the Amherst Agricultural college, and farmers are so incensed at this niggardly policy in relation to one of the great industries of the state that it begins to look as if the governor would not risk vetoing the appropriation when it is passed by the senate and house.

The bills for these "experts" must be paid sometime and members say when they are paid it will be found that Governor Foss has involved the state in an unnecessary expense of some \$20,000 or \$30,000 and has nothing to show for it but a much belated crop of recommendations, most of which, judging from those already in, will be either unwise or impracticable.

All the members of the legislature were anxious at first to assist the governor in all possible ways in his efforts of economy, but even the Republicans, who stood by him long after he was deserted by the Boston Democrats, are now beginning to weary of seeing him pose as an economical administrator while he is wasting thousands of dollars on "experts" and delaying proration week after week.

The final straw for many members was when the governor sent in a message one day saying that the legislature was wasting time in considering the question of the proper salary for a certain state official and sent in another message the next day saying that he criticized the "policy" of the fish and game commissioners in setting out certain seedlings, a "policy" which it was discovered on examination was an experiment, which had cost the commissioners \$16.50.

Time and again in the last two months the ways and means committee, after careful investigation, has concluded that the report of the expert who examined a department was inaccurate, or that the governor misunderstood and misinterpreted the expert's report in making his recommendations to the legislature, and time after time the house has accented the views of the committee without a single voice being raised in favor of the governor's suggestion.

Boston Traction Matters Interest
Luckily while the legislature is still waiting for the governor to act on the appropriation bills which he is still holding up there are several important matters which it can consider, and one of the most important is that relating to street railway transportation facilities in and around Boston. There are three important questions involved: The first is whether the lease of the property and franchises shall be ratified and extended at a rental of 7 or 7 1/2 percent, or whether the two companies should be consolidated on the basis of preferred 7 1/2 or 8 percent stock of the Boston Elevated Railway company being issued in exchange for the common stock of the West End Street Railway company.

The second question is whether the existing leases of the Tremont street and Washington street subways shall be extended and if so on what terms and conditions. The third

question is whether a new east and west subway under Boylston street, a new subway to East Boston and a new subway from Park street to the South station and thence south to Andrew square shall be built, and if so on what terms and conditions the Boston Elevated Railway company shall be allowed to use them when completed.

These three important questions were referred early in the session to the committee on street railways and metropolitan affairs sitting jointly. The committee finally reported a bill. It provided for the construction of a tunnel to Dorchester, a Boylston street subway and a new tunnel to East Boston and for leases of the same, when completed, up to 1936 at 4 1/2 percent, and for an extension of such leases of existing subways for a further period of not more than twenty-five years at a rental of 4 1/2 percent, and for ratification and extension for a period of fifty years of the existing lease of the property and franchises of the West End Street Railway company to the Boston Elevated Street Railway company, but at a rental of 7 1/2 percent per annum instead of 7 percent per annum.

Republican Members on the Alert
Some of the Republican members of the legislature, thinking that the provisions of this suggested bill did not sufficiently guard the interests of the public, urged that the extension of any leases of existing subways or any new leases of subways to be constructed should be limited to twenty-five years, and that instead of allowing a lease of the West End Street Railway company to the Boston Elevated Railway company at 7 1/2 percent the two companies should be offered an opportunity to consolidate on the basis of 7 or 7 3-10 or even 7 1/2 percent.

The Public Franchise league and the chamber of commerce, assisted by Mr. Louis D. Brandeis, took up the question, and Governor Foss interested himself in the matter with Senators Bennett and Tinkham and Representatives Ellis, Crocker, Cushing and others. Two new bills were finally drafted and introduced by Senator Tinkham, changing the original plan by providing for consolidation of the West End and the Boston Elevated on a 7 percent basis and for an indeterminate lease of subways after a period of twenty-five years after their construction. It looked at first as if the railways had come to the conclusion that it would be wise for them to accept these alterations, but the stockholders' committee of the West End Street Railway company are claiming that the West End stockholders would not vote for consolidation on those terms, and it is doubtful if the time has yet come to force them to consolidate by a threat of revoking their street franchises, so the matter is still in doubt and it will take some days if not weeks before a satisfactory conclusion can be reached.

State Convention October 4

The Republican state convention will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4, the first to be held under the statewide primaries act. The basis of representation for this convention has been fixed as one delegate for the first seventy-five votes cast for governor last fall in each ward of a city and in each town. For each succeeding 100 votes cast for governor in 1910 another delegate will be allowed each ward of a city, and each town shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

The Somerville Republican city committee opened the campaign last week at the Point of Pines with more than 500 enthusiastic Republicans present. It was an auspicious opening of the Republican canvass of 1911. Mayor John F. Fitzgerald has left Boston to make a tour of Europe with the Boston chamber of commerce committee, which he proposes to meet on the other side of the water. His departure on the steamship Franconia last week was made the occasion of an improvised ovation with all the stage settings peculiar to the mayor. He had hardly got out of the sight of land, however, when Harvard college bestowed upon his mortal enemy, ex-Congressman John A. Sullivan, chairman of the Boston finance committee, which keeps a sharp eye upon Fitzgerald, one of its degrees of master of arts.

Items of Interest.

Twelve years ago Louis Reutter caught a pickerel through the ice near his home at Winsted, Conn. He placed a ring made of a horseshoe nail around the fish's tail and put the pickerel back into the water. Reutter, while fishing in the same waters last week, caught the same pickerel. The fish still wore the ring. It is said, but it was hardly discernible, the pickerel having grown to thrice the size it was when first caught.

The Sandwich Island alphabet has twelve letters; the Burmese, 19; the Italian 20; the Bengalese, 21; the Hebrew, Syriac, Chaldean and Samaritan, 22 each; the French, 23; the Greek, 24; the Latin, 25; the German, Dutch and English, 26 each; the Spanish and Slavonic, 27 each; the Arabic, 28; the Persian and Coptic, 32; the Georgian, 35; the Armenian, 38; the Russian, 41; the Muscovite, 43; the Sannil and Japanese, 50; the Ethiopic and Tartarian, 202 each.

Cows are tenderly cared for in Holland. They are blanketed in damp or cold weather in the pastures.

Harold Rockwell, thirteen years old, of Providence, R. I., made a violin in his spare time after school hours from wood obtained from old cigar boxes, and he has just sold the instrument for fifty dollars.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS

Gov. Foss Says State Printing Costs Too Much Money

CONGRESS DISTRICTS ARE UP

Governor's Experts Charged With Gross Inaccuracies—Democratic State Convention For October 5

Governor Foss is still endeavoring to create a system of government by experts. His reports from these gentlemen on various state departments are still coming in, although the time is long past when the legislature should have completed its work, and the individual members thereof gone home. Late last week he sent in a report declaring that the state printing was costing too much money. These experts claim that if smaller volumes were printed the cost of printing and binding would be less. Also that the work cost more than it should. It is doubtful if any one will deny the first statement; however, the various departments believe they are condensing their reports as much as possible and still make them intelligible and that the expense of this work cannot very well be lessened. The experts recommend that some person familiar with printing be employed by the state to co-operate with the authors of the reports, point out reasonable economies and supervise the state publications.

It is one of the functions of the office of the secretary of state to prepare and have printed the acts and resolves of the legislature and also the Blue Book, which contains, in addition to the acts and resolves, the messages of the governor. As Governor Foss has already sent in at least seventy special messages he might have cut the cost of printing by a considerable sum if he had curtailed his work in that direction.

Congressional Redistricting Is On

An order is before the legislature for the appointment by the presiding officers of the two branches of a joint special committee of eight senators and fourteen members of the house to sit through the summer recess and redistrict the state into congressional districts.

Next year is congressional year and before the present members of congress can make plans for renomination they will have to know the bounds of their district. If a special committee should sit during the summer it could report early in the next year, and the bill reported could be acted upon very early in the session.

The Democrats have selected Thursday, Oct. 5, as the date of their state convention, which is to be held in Boston. The date was set by the state committee last week, when some of the members endeavored to have the committee name a state ticket to be supported at the primaries. This endeavor was unsuccessful and unless such action is taken by the committee at some future date, the Democrats of the state will be free to nominate their own ticket in their own way.

Experts Seem Not to Be Expert

The committee on ways and means showed up the character of the reports of the governor's experts at a hearing last week in a spectacular manner. The experts were J. P. Byers of New Jersey and Frederick H. Mills of New York. The report in question was one criticising the state board of charities for its conduct of the charitable institutions of the state. Hon. Leontine Lincoln of Fall River, chairman of the state board of charity, stated that the report of the experts was full of inaccuracies and that in one instance they had made a mistake of \$70,000 in their figures. The message of the governor on the report of these experts cut down appropriations of the state board from \$887,000 to \$344,119.

The charge was made that the report of these experts was grossly inaccurate in the case of the adult poor, where they gave an expenditure of \$330,000, when the actual amount was \$259,265. Dr. F. J. Lewis corroborated the statement of Mr. Lincoln. It was also brought out that the governor himself signed the warrants for the expenditure of money for state charities, notwithstanding his statement in the message that there is no safeguard against the expenditure of money for these purposes.

Standing of Democratic Progressives
The Democrats who form the Democratic Progressives are anxious to have that party ruled out of existence. The Democratic Progressive party was formed last fall to help the Democratic candidate for governor, Eugene N. Foss. As a matter of fact, it did not cut a very wide swath in the campaign. However, it might have served as a life raft for the Democratic party if the breach between Foss, Hamlin and Vahey had not been sufficiently patched up for Mr. Foss to run as the regular Democratic candidate.

Now, however, unless it can be killed it may prove to be an element of danger to the Democratic party.

Consequently, energetic efforts have been made to prove that while the Progressive Democratic party cast enough votes last fall to become a legitimate political party, the effort is being made now to prove that there is no such party. Secretary of the Commonwealth Albert P. Langtry rules that the Democratic Progressive party is still in existence and he proposes to issue nomination papers to the adherents of that party who may wish to use them. The Democratic Progressive party leaders say they will ask for an injunction to prevent the secretary from issuing such papers, notwithstanding the fact that the Democratic party has for many years denounced government by injunction from every stump in this fair land.

Boston's Fireworks Exhibit

For many years the city of Boston has treated its citizens to a display of fireworks on the evening of July 4. This year it advertised to do the same as on previous occasions. The display was given on the Boston side of the Charles river basin and it was so bad and there have been so many complaints from citizens regarding it that Acting Mayor Collins and the mayor's secretary have investigated the matter and concluded that the city was not given full value. Therefore, it has decided that the bill will not be paid, at least until the return of Mayor Fitzgerald from Europe. The display of fireworks last year was extremely poor, and as a matter of fact these exhibitions have not been what they should be for several years. The arrangements with the company which gave the exhibit seem to have been made by Mayor Fitzgerald, as were those of last year.

There some people in Boston who are worried for fear that an effort is about to be made to recall Mayor Fitzgerald. The matter which leads to this belief was a communication sent out by Acting Mayor Collins saying that the practice of paying overtime must be minimized. It was pointed out that this communication came shortly after Mayor Fitzgerald's departure for Europe and after a conference between Acting Mayor Collins and Chairman John A. Sullivan of the finance commission. The friends of the mayor are reported to be much concerned regarding this action. Why they should be, however, plain citizens fail to understand, especially if the overtime dodge for passing money to political friends is being overworked as is generally alleged. At any rate, the mayor's friends are expecting trouble and say they are ready at any moment to cable him that he must return at once and look out for his political fences. The significance of the move is said to lie in the fact that it is the first time an acting mayor has ever attempted to change a mayor's policy during his absence, and that for this reason it may bode trouble to the mayor.

Ex-Congressman Sullivan, as head of the finance committee, has made many efforts to have the municipal administration of Boston conducted in an honest, economical and broad-minded manner. The mayor has never taken kindly to the appointment of Mr. Sullivan to this post nor to his efforts in behalf of civic decency; consequently he has taken occasion many times to try to prejudice the public against Mr. Sullivan.

Items of Interest.

A remarkable species of tree has been discovered about the region of Lake Chad in Africa. In a few years a tract of land planted with young trees of this species becomes an impenetrable forest, it is said. The tree grows from thirteen to sixteen feet in a season. Its foliage resembles the mimosa and its branches are thorny, but as yet the tree has not been classified. The wood can be cut into planks and the natives make canoes of it.

Daniel L. Bowman has attended the United Evangelical Sunday school at Littleton, Pa., for thirty-four years without having missed a session. Jacob B. Young has a record of twenty years' perfect attendance at the same school.

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