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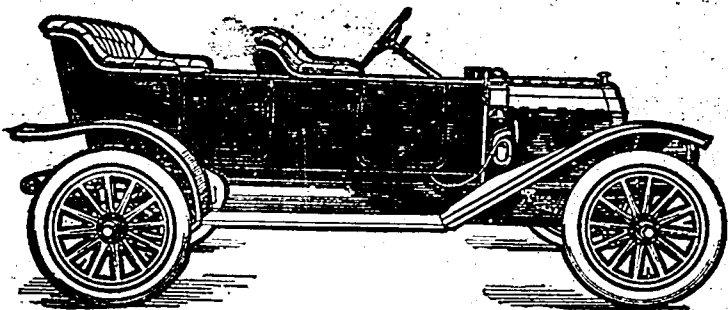
FROM Detroit, Mich.

Ayer Auto Station, Ayer, Mass.

Flanders "20" again made clean sweep. Awarded first and second, all the prizes there was in her class, in Sunday's reliability run Minneapolis to Helena, Montana. Hardest contest any light car ever entered, 1390 miles over mountains and plains. Worst roads in America. And it rained most every day. Mud to the hubs. The two Flanders were only cars in her class to finish with perfect scores and only one other car of any price, Marmon \$2700, finished perfect. Cars penalized included Packard, and Stoddard-Dayton, Abbott-Detroit, Amplex, Maxwell, Cole, Krit, Hupmobile and other small fry. This is second great victory for Flanders "20" in a month. Other was the perfect road score in the little Glidden. No other \$800 car on earth can stand up with Flanders "20" in hard road work and in the last contest she went out of her class and trimmed the \$4000 fellows.

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AYER, MASS.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Mrs. Margaret Goulburn announces the marriage of her daughter, Janet Margaret, to Frank Henry Gale on Monday, July 31, at Providence, R. I. Mr. Gale is a Harvard boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gale. He has been for some time located at Pawtucket, R. I., in the employ of the Pillsbury flour people as a traveling salesman. Miss Goulburn has been to Harvard several times and is very popular with the friends she has made here. The young couple will make their home at Providence, R. I.

James L. Whitney attended on Wednesday the annual meeting and outing of the town clerks of Worcester County. The outing was at Fitchburg and Mr. Whitney reports a very pleasant day.

R. M. Lindley went to Chelsea on Wednesday to take charge of the remains of Henry W. Hersey, who died at the soldiers' home on Tuesday, aged seventy-six years. The body was brought to Still River and the services were held on Thursday.

Horace K. West, formerly of this town, but for the past three years located at Bangor, Me., in the employ of Brown, Durrill & Co., of Boston as a traveling salesman, has bought out a dry goods business in Richmond, Me., and will open a thoroughly up-to-date store in that place at once.

Mrs. Jeremiah Mongovin had a close call on what might have been a serious accident on Thursday of this week. While under an apple tree in her back yard a large limb overburdened with fruit broke from the tree and fell carrying her down and pinning her to the ground by the arms and legs. She was pretty well bruised and thoroughly frightened. Only by a seeming miracle did she escape being struck in the head. Dr. Royal attended her and she is doing well.

Franklin M. Hynes, our rural carrier, is taking his annual two-weeks' leave of absence. George E. Hardy is substituting for him during his vacation.

Benjamin F. Wyman of Lancaster is with his wife for a month's outing at their cottage on Bare hill pond. They have as a guest this week, William A. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Harrod of Lexington are visiting this week with their mother here, Mrs. A. M. Harrod.

Gordon A. McCleary has purchased the coach business of William Hanna and will assume his duties there on September 1. Friends of Mr. Hanna, who have ridden over the route with him during his nineteen years of service, will regret to see him relinquish the place to another, while they will be pleased to know that he is to take a much needed vacation and rest. Mr. McCleary is well-known and liked and no doubt will receive the patronage which he solicits.

Miss Annie Reed has returned from her vacation trip to Pigeon Cove. She reports a good time.

Miss Clara E. Sears was in Boston last week, motoring up from Nahant, where she is located for the mid-summer with her mother, Mrs. Knyvet R. Sears of Beacon street, Boston. Miss Sears looked especially smart in a dark blue cheviot gown, with large, flat, white sailor hat and trimming of blue ribbon. Her waist was an exquisitely fine one of white lingerie, elaborately embroidered. She wore her hair low in her neck, with a large black ribbon bow confining it.

Mrs. Edward Scott and son Hermon Hosmer, of Somerville, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hussey during the past three weeks. Mr. Scott, who has spent the week-ends with his family, expects to join them soon for the remainder of the month.

Still River.

The annual village and Sunday school picnic will be held at Turner's shore, Bare hill pond on next Thursday, and the usual invitation to all who are interested is given to be present.

The frescoers have finished work on both auditorium and vestry of the church and services will be held in the vestry on Sunday.

Death.

Word was received on Tuesday evening of the death in Chelsea, at the soldiers' home, of Henry W. Hersey, who went there from Still River only a short time ago.

Mr. Hersey has been a great sufferer from cancerous trouble for the past year, and his friends, who are many, only feel thankful that his sufferings are at an end. Mr. Hersey

was 75 years and 11 months old. He served through the civil war in the First Massachusetts Cavalry, Company G.

The funeral was from the home of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Atherton, on Thursday afternoon, Rev. L. H. Morse being the clergyman to officiate. The casket was draped with a large flag, and there were a lot of flowers.

Mr. Hersey was a man who will be greatly missed, a thoroughly good-hearted friend and neighbor. Burial was in the family lot at Harvard.

BOXBOROUGH.

About Town.

Mrs. Albert Hartwell returned on Monday from a ten-days' trip to New York, where she visited relatives.

A peculiar accident, which resulted in the death of a farm horse owned by Albert Littlefield, happened on Monday. The horse was being driven along level ground when a bone in its leg broke, making it necessary to kill the animal.

Taxpayers of this town are glad to learn that the tax rate is to be \$2.30 per \$1,000 less than last year, being \$10.50.

Farmers have started sending their early apples and pears into market. The dry weather has affected the crops to some extent, but prices are good.

There was a lawn party held on Wednesday evening, August 9, in the library building on Boxborough hill. The party was for the benefit of the library to buy books and make some necessary repairs. The mystery table was in charge of Mrs. Charles Knight. Mrs. Ernest Bartheaux had charge of the candy table; Mrs. Fred Durkee presided over the grab bag; Mrs. Chauncey Robbins was chairman of the ice cream committee. The entertainment consisted of songs by the Misses Griffin, Arthur Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Salmon; reading by Mrs. H. W. Graves. After the entertainment dancing was enjoyed by the large party until midnight.

Mrs. Susan Smith and family of Chelmsford and Miss Davis of Somerville spent Sunday with Mrs. Shattuck.

The railroad commissioners have ordered a gong placed at the Boxborough crossing.

Geo. F. Brown
RELIABLE CLOTHIER
AYER, MASS.

Opportunities for Big Savings at Our CLEAN-UP SALE

Our Mid-Summer Clearance Sale of the past two weeks has been most successful and our store has been visited by a host of satisfied customers. We find, however, that we still have many lines of warm weather goods on hand which must be disposed of at some price before the close of the season. Many of these lines have received a still further cut in price in order that they may sell quickly. This is done in carrying out the well-known policy of this store of "No goods carried over from one season to the next."

Men's and Youths' Suits

The balance of our stock of Men's and Youths' Spring and Summer Suits, Sizes, broken, a few of a kind, all sizes in something.

One lot of Odd Suits, sizes 31 to 38, were \$8.47, now..... **\$5.47**

One lot of Suits, sizes 32 to 42, regular \$10.00 and \$12.00 suits, reduced to..... **\$7.47**

One lot of Suits, sizes 33 to 42, suits from our regular \$15.00 and \$16.50 lines, price reduced to..... **\$10.47**

One lot of Suits, sizes 34 to 42, regular price \$18.00, mostly suits from A. Shuman & Co., now reduced to..... **\$12.47**

One lot of Suits, sizes 35 to 42, suits from A. Shuman & Co., that were splendid values for the regular price, \$20.00, now reduced to..... **\$14.47**

Straw Hat Bargains

Any Straw Hat in our store can now be had at a big reduction from regular prices. Cloth Hats at a cut price also. All must go.

50c. Straw Hats for Men, now..... **39c**

\$1.00 Straw Hats for Men, now..... **50c**

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Straw Hats for Men, now..... **\$1.00**

25c. Straw Hats for Boys and Children, now..... **15c**

50c. Straw Hats for Boys and Children, now..... **25c**

25c. Cloth Hats for Children, now..... **19c**

50c. Cloth Hats for Children, now..... **25c**

25c. Peanut Straws for Men, Women and Girls, now..... **17c**

Lot Odd Straw Hats, all grades, for Men, Boys and Children..... **10c**

Boys' Knee Pant Suits

Ages 8 to 17

The balance of our Summer Fancy Suits for Boys now at cut prices.

\$3.00 Suits reduced to..... **\$1.98**

\$3.50 Suits reduced to..... **\$2.50**

\$5.00 Suits reduced to..... **\$3.47**

\$1.00 Khaki Suits, ages 4 to 14, reduced to..... **79c**

\$1.50 Khaki Suits, ages 4 to 14, reduced to..... **\$1.00**

75c. Blue Denim Suits, braid trimmed, ages 4 to 12, now..... **39c**

MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS

One lot Cotton Hose, Tan or Black, 15c quality, now..... **9c**

One lot Boys' 25c. Golf Caps, now..... **19c**

One lot of Men's Police Braces, now..... **15c**

UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

We are offering several lines of Summer Underwear at cut prices.

All our regular 25c. quality of Men's Balbriggan and the Black and White Mixture Shirts and Drawers, price reduced for this sale to..... **19c**

All our regular 25c. quality of Boys' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, price reduced for this sale to..... **19c**

Our regular 50c. quality of Men's Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers now go for..... **35c**

The well-known Porosknit Underwear for Men, regular 50c. grade, price reduced for this sale to..... **35c**

Porosknit Boys' Underwear, regular 25c. goods, price for this sale..... **19c**

Porosknit Union Suits for Men, regular \$1.00 goods, price for this sale..... **79c**

CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS

Sailor Blouse and Russian Blouse with the Sailor Collar Suits are now greatly reduced in price.

50c. Suits now reduced to..... **35c**

75c. Suits now reduced to..... **49c**

\$1.00 Suits now reduced to..... **69c**

\$1.25 Suits now reduced to..... **69c**

SPRAGUE'S RUSSIAN WASH SUITS

Made with the new patent coat

\$1.00 Suits now reduced to..... **53c**

\$1.25 Suits now reduced to..... **\$1.00**

\$1.50 Suits now reduced to..... **\$1.19**

Men's Outing Trousers

Every pair in store now at a reduced price

\$2.50 Trousers now reduced to..... **\$1.98**

\$3.00 Trousers now reduced to..... **\$2.25**

\$3.50 Trousers now reduced to..... **\$2.50**

\$4.00 Trousers now reduced to..... **\$3.00**

Neckwear

One lot 50c. Four-in-hands now..... **29c**

One lot 25c. Four-in-hands now..... **17c**

One lot Wash Four-in-hands now..... **9c**

IMPORTANT NOTICE—This store will close every Thursday at 12 o'clock noon from July 6 to Sept. 21.

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS A YEAR.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Owing to the fact that at the time the Congregational Sunday school went to Canobie lake for their annual picnic, a number of families, for various good reasons, could not attend. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Osgood arranged for another outing. This supplementary picnic took place at Nabnasset pond on Thursday of last week, and proved most successful and enjoyable. About fifty were in attendance and the day was spent in boating, playing baseball, croquet and a picnic dinner at noon. Ideal weather conditions added their full share to the day's outing.

Miss Bertha H. Norris of Ayer was a guest in town on Sunday and attended at the Congregational church.

Miss Hazel B. Hartford is enjoying a week's stay at Silver lake, Newton Junction, N. H., the guest of Miss Dorothy Jaques.

A real estate transfer of much interest this last week, is the sale by George E. Gould of his place to John P. Wright. Mr. Wright has been trying for some time to secure a home for himself and family in Westford and he is to be congratulated in attaining this centrally located property, consisting of a good set of buildings and about four acres of land. Mr. Gould plans to vacate as soon as possible, but has not fully planned where he will locate. His removal from town means the loss to the community of a useful and capable man.

Mrs. Effie Bennett Cann and little two-months-old daughter of Somerville, are visiting at the parental home.

At the next meeting of the grange, August 17, there will be one of the speakers from the state grange and special music is being arranged for. There will also be business of importance to transact, making arrangements for the entertainment of the North Middlesex Pomona grange, which meets here early in September. Let the members rally to a good attendance after the vacation.

The next three Sundays, beginning tomorrow, will be the vacation at the Congregational church. There will be no morning service, but the evening service at seven o'clock will be sustained under the auspices of the C. E. society. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace will spend part of the vacation at Northfield. Among summer guests it was pleasant to have in the congregation last Sunday morning were Mrs. Martha Taylor Howard and Mrs. Edward Atwood.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher and son John are expected home this week-end, after several weeks' sojourn at Framcestown, N. H., and Ludlow, Vt.

The H. V. Hildreths were at camp over Sunday and Marden Seavey was the guest of Leon Hildreth.

Mrs. Katherine Allen and Madam Allen have been guests this week at H. V. Hildreth's.

Frank P. Hawkes and son Wesley of Malden visited at A. W. Hartford's during the week.

Mrs. Alvin Fisher and Miss Clara Fisher are spending the month of August at the Fisher camp, Forge pond.

It was a keen, alert game played between Westford and Townsend last Saturday afternoon at Townsend. The Westford team won the game with a score of 4 to 3. A good delegation from Westford went up to enjoy the game. Today, August 12, the Westford team plays with the Shirley team at Ayer, and those interested are quite on the qui vive as to the outcome of the afternoon's sport. Each team has a game to its credit, and this is to be the rubber game. A good number are planning to attend from here.

A meeting in the interest of socialism was held in the town hall on Monday evening. The speaker was Ex-Representative Carey of Haverhill, who presented the cause well. Between seventy-five and one hundred were in attendance. Edmund Baker was instrumental in making the arrangements and carrying out the details of the affair. A special car brought and returned passengers from Brookside and West Chelmsford.

Tax Rate.

At last the assessors have received the state tax, the legislature having adjourned. This state tax amounted for this town to \$2,300, county tax \$2,166.95, and highway tax \$162.50. The assessors have given the warrant to the collector and he has issued his bills.

The total tax levy is \$31,245.18. The amount on real estate \$20,354.35, and on personal property \$9,087.97, and the moth tax \$334.56. The number of poll taxes is 734. The tax rate per \$1,000 is \$14.20 against \$16.00 last year. This decreased rate is especially due to increase on personal property.

Those paying a tax to the town of fifty dollars or over are given. Owing to the decreased rate this list is considerably lessened from last year:

Abel J. Abbot	\$326.59
Mrs. Alice M. Abbot	231.48
John C. Abbot	231.48
Heirs of Mrs. Caroline Atwood	61.77
Abbot Worsted Co., Graniteville	1905.55
Abbot Worsted Co., Forge Village	466.79
Mrs. B. H. Bailey	56.70
W. F. Batch	50.56
Avon J. Blaisdell	68.95
Heirs of Mrs. Mary E. Brigham	129.71
Augustus Bunce	50.63
John Burbeck	104.59
Heirs of C. M. Cummings	52.61
William H. Decatur	55.60

David Desmond	\$3.63
Matthew F. Downs	69.50
Frank C. Drew	123.91
William C. Edwards	88.27
Miss Louisa Edwards	174.40
John Feeney	57.92
Alec Fisher	50.71
Miss Alvin Fisher	33.85
Miss H. H. Fletcher	174.40
H. E. Fletcher & Co.	326.39
Harry N. Fletcher	105.70
Herbert E. Fletcher	285.32
J. M. Fletcher	112.41
J. Herbert Fletcher	59.51
Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher	53.50
Sherman H. Fletcher	108.99
Mrs. Sarah J. Foster	112.41
H. E. and E. H. Gould	96.94
George E. Gould	59.51
David L. Grell	108.99
Heirs of Nathan Hamilton	56.94
John A. Healy	153.37
Henry J. Healy	65.84
Frank C. Hildreth	89.41
H. E. Hildreth	58.33
Miss Ella F. Hildreth	494.48
Charles D. Colburn	55.02
Heywood & Fletcher	71.83
Edwin Howard	153.37
George O. Jackson	76.91
A. E. Jenne	59.51
H. C. Keyes	171.42
Miss E. E. Leighton	59.51
Joseph Marshall	62.59
Angus Macdonald	124.75
Mrs. George M. McKeon	124.75
Joseph Marshall	62.59
John McMaster	62.59
W. J. Merritt	166.65
Henry J. Murphy	76.20
George E. No. Smith	59.51
H. T. & T. Co.	151.80
H. G. Osgood	55.67
Lewis P. Palmer	156.78
Richard B. Prescott	55.15
Augustus Prescott	52.54
W. O. and A. E. Prescott	77.25
H. B. Read	89.41
Albert Reeves	56.67
Mrs. Rachael Reed	298.47
Mrs. Alma M. Richardson	65.32
Allan C. Sargent	177.32
Frederick C. Sargent	154.72
Sargent's Sons Corp.	299.27
George A. Griffin, trustee for estate of C. G. Sargent	1150.11
H. M. Seavey	61.77
John T. Simpson	62.02
Mrs. Elizabeth Spaine	56.80
Oscar B. Spaulding	523.07
Stony Brook R. R.	65.18
W. Sweetser	129.09
Mrs. N. L. Tuttle	66.53
O. V. Wells, M. D.	67.32
Westford Water Co.	154.07
H. L. Wilson	59.10
W. L. Woods	96.07
Mrs. A. S. Wright	80.14
Hammitt D. Wright	105.64
Walter C. Wright	124.66
Heirs of N. H. Wright	348.16
Lowell & Fitchburg St. R. R.	108.88

Largest non-resident payers are:

J. Henry Fletcher	\$203.51
Brookside Worsted Mills	1229.52
John T. Simpson	62.02
Miss Martini Gaze	407.45

Gifts to the Library.

During the past few weeks Mr. Raymond of Boston, who is well-known here from his former gifts to the town, has favored the library with several specimens from his collection of rare and beautiful works of art. The ten vases and jars, which he has given recently are proving of great interest to those in the community who appreciate such work for its beauty and educational value, and to the strangers who always visit us during the summer. Five of the vases are from China, three of them being of crackle ware, one of ox blood, and one of Confucius ware. Two fine specimens of Japanese satsuma complete the Oriental collection. The remaining three represent the work of European nations by samples of Royal Worcester, French delft and a beautiful German ware. These pieces form a permanent addition to the decorations and will repay careful study.

About Town.

Mrs. Sarah B. Wheeler of Palo Alto, Cal., although eighty years old, is making her annual visit to New England relatives and friends. She called this week upon her niece, Mrs. George F. Snow of West Chelmsford. Other relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stark of Nashua, N. H., brought her down in their auto, coming through Westford Center for the sake of the mountain view and a glimpse at our beautiful village.

Miss Sarah Richardson of the Fletcher farm at Brookside, took a carriage drive to Oak hill, to see the busy and modern equipped stone quarry of Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher & Co. She saw much that was new indeed, and for a woman of ninety-three she manifested much interest in it all. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Ella Wright of Cleveland, Ohio. Augustus F. Whidden, in his usual courteous manner, took them for this drive.

Mrs. Weeks, who is stopping in town, had a most interesting call this week from some relatives in Lowell. There were four generations came out in their auto, the little girls, their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The latter was over ninety-one, and was thoroughly enjoying the drive through the country.

Prof. N. B. Parker of Ricker Classical institute, Me., has been visiting his college friend, J. A. Taylor, and Miss Edith M. Wallace of Nashua, N. H., has been the guest of her college friend, Mrs. Martha Taylor Howard.

W. R. Taylor and J. A. Taylor leave today for a vacation at York Beach, Me.

Amos Polley of the Prairie farm has just completed digging a new well on Francis hill with an aqueduct attachment for watering cattle in the pasture. This makes five wells on the farm, two on Francis hill, and three on the prairie.

A Good Arrangement.

Those usual annual prizes without any blanks, the taxbills, after some delay have arrived for pay. Many towns came to a standstill in declaring the rate of the taxation waiting for the state tax levy by the legislature at its final adjournment. Now either the assessors of Westford are very precocious pupils in taxation, or else assessors in other towns are needlessly careful in proceeding to declare the rate of taxation before the legislature adjourned, for the assessors of Westford declared a tax rate of \$14.20 on a thousand many weeks before the legislature was troubled with ideas of adjourning. This is a perfectly safe method

of procedure, based as it is on the previous years' state tax, which has never varied enough to affect the rate of taxation one mill, and what variation more or less occurs in the state tax is covered by what is known as "overlays," which cannot exceed five percent of the total amount voted to be raised. If Westford voted to raise \$20,000, the assessors would be justified in law in declaring a rate that would raise \$21,500. This would cover any increase in state tax and many other unexpected abatement of taxes, and other unexpected small liabilities. At any rate the assessors of Westford have been in the habit in recent years of going right to the business end of taxation, the rate, just as though there was no legislature to adjourn. And the tax collector who has been legally elected by the people taken his oath, filed his bonds with the selectmen, need not abide the adjournment of the legislature before receiving taxes that are voluntarily delivered to him.

Socialistic Address.

There was an address on the principles of socialism at the town hall, Monday evening, by ex-representative James N. Carey of Haverhill. The audience was not very large owing partly to the fact that the meeting was not properly advertised and then there was the weather and the season of the year. The speaker was fair and dignified in the treatment of his subject and admitted that he had no quarrel with men, but with the system. The vital thought in his address was "The tools of industry belong to the people and not to the few" and he claimed that under socialism, "All poverty and immorality would disappear," which is the equivalent of saying that under the system of socialism those who could never wisely manage the dollars they have earned would suddenly become wise financiers.

Under socialism every man would have an opportunity to develop his mind. What is to hinder it under the present system? If the saloons are crowded to the sidewalk while the public libraries echo for want of an audience, who is to blame, the system or the individual? The prodigals who have taken their inheritance and traded it for hushes have no case against the system.

What socialism needs to be ballasted with more than anything else is more sense rather than more cents. The system of Plymouth Rock is not the creator of poverty or prodigals' sons.

Forge Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are entertaining friends from Lowell and New York.

The Misses Long of Lowell visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton over Sunday.

Fred Longbottom of Arlington Heights visited in the village on Saturday.

Jean B. Jean of St. Albans, Vt., is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Ambrase Snyder of Hartford, Conn., has been spending a few days in the village as guest of relatives and friends.

Miss Clara Valentine of North Chelmsford spent Sunday as a guest of Miss Emily Catchpole.

Miss Eliza Daly returned home on Monday after a very pleasant visit with her nephew, William Daly, of Boston.

John May has returned from New York city, where he has been spending the past week.

Mrs. Mary I. Drake entertained Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson and daughter of Townsend this week.

Miss Grace Lawrence is spending a few days with relatives in Reading. Work was resumed in the Abbot & Company's mills on Monday morning, after a vacation of one week. Until further notice, the combing, carding and wash rooms will run four days a week, the spinning and twisting running five days. On Monday the fifty-four-hour schedule will commence, the mill closing at 5.05 p. m.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus conducted the services held in St. Andrew's mission on Sunday. Mr. Bumpus will officiate at the regular services tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole entertained at their home on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Myers and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason and children, and James Kitchen, all of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dege of North Billerica.

The two little Misses Myers are spending the week as guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver spent the past week with Mrs. Henry Tyler of Worcester.

Miss May Lord, who is taking a course of training at the South Framingham hospital, was the week-end guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord.

Mrs. Thomas Doye and sons of Worcester visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown last week.

Miss Sarah Precious has returned after a pleasant visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Michael Keefe, of Townsend Harbor.

Norman Nicolls of Everett and friend spent the week-end at the Nicoll cottage on Forge pond.

Mrs. Susan Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Goodchild, Walter Reed and son Randolph of Lowell are guests at the home of Mrs. Lucretia Reed. Mrs. Reed celebrated her sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on Sunday, four generations sitting down to dinner. Mrs. Reed is in her eighty-fourth year and is enjoying the best of health.

Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell of Wamesit visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson over Sunday.

William Longbottom of Arlington Heights is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, of Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Jones and Miss Ethel L. Jones of Worcester, returned home on Sunday after a most enjoyable visit of two weeks spent with relatives in this village.

Mrs. Gammon and baby Chares, and Miss Mary Durkin of Lowell, are guests of the Misses Walsh this week.

Percy Wilson spent last week visiting in Bridgeport, Conn., and Providence, R. I.

The firemen's muster held in this village last Saturday afternoon, under the auspices of the John Edwards hose company of the Westford fire department, was certainly carried out in first-class shape, and will be remembered for a long time as one of the most enjoyable gala days ever held.

The village was open to the visitors all day and evening, and every courtesy was extended to all who took opportunity to enter its limits. Forge Village presented a pleasing appearance with its well kept streets and closely trimmed lawns with many floral displays.

The hose house and fire wagon of the John Edwards company were most beautiful in their decorations of flags and bunting and many residences along the line of sports displayed "Old Glory."

Shortly after two o'clock, the hose trials for the Clara Choate Samuels cup were run off. This event had been looked forward to with deep interest for several weeks, for the companies competing from the three villages have many followers who were certain their respective choice would win.

The following members of the Lowell fire department acted as judges: C. D. Foley, starter; Chief Charles Stackpole, Capt. D. J. Hurley, timers; Capt. J. F. McKissock, referee.

The contest called for each team to run one hundred yards with two hundred feet of hose on a roll, lay one hundred feet of hose, make connections to hydrant, attach nozzle and get water. After a most exciting contest the A. R. Choate hose company won out with time at twenty-five seconds. It was a close call as (Westford) E. M. Abbot hose company hit it at twenty-six seconds. The John Edwards hose company came third, time twenty-eight seconds. Each of the teams had their trouble owing to blow outs at the hydrant or nozzle, but all did fine work, however handicapped.

At the conclusion of the hose races, Capt. McKissock announced the result of the different trials, as we set forth, and formally presented the silver cup to the A. R. Choate company. Capt. McKissock also congratulated all three companies and in a neat speech delivered his remarks by saying that of all like events at which he has officiated, that the Westford fire department were the finest fellows he had ever judged. For, as he said, they are good winners and they are good losers, and it was a pleasure for him and his associates to be with them.

The hose company races were run off on Pleasant street, after which the following list of sports were run off on Bradford street:

Boys' half-mile race, prizes \$2 and \$1—Francis Gower 1st, William Prinn 2d.

Girls' 100-yd. dash, prizes \$2 and \$1—Annie Orr 1st, Beatrice Hosmer 2d.

Girls' 100-yd. dash, under 15 years, prizes \$2 and \$1—Emma Woods 1st, Beatrice Hosmer 2d.

Boys' 100-yd. dash, open, prizes \$2 and \$1—George Gower 1st, Frank Connell 2d.

Boys' 100-yd. dash, under 15 years, prizes \$2 and \$1—Stanley Prackneck 1st, William Prinn 2d.

One-half mile, open, prizes \$2 and \$1—Alme Boucher 1st, Joe Spade 2d.

Ladies' boat race, double scull, with steersman, one-half mile, prizes \$2 and \$1—Edith Precious and Helen Lord 1st, Stella Crakin and Mrs. Annie Precious 2d.

Bob Orr steered first boat and William DeRothen the second boat.

This ended the sports of the day, which was on the whole a great success, being very largely attended, many being present from out-of-town, and all enjoying a thoroughly good time.

At 5.30 o'clock an excellent banquet was served in Abbot hall, which was attended by all three companies of the Westford fire department and their invited guests, at the close of which Chief Fletcher, in behalf of the fire department extended his warmest congratulations to the John Edwards hose company for the fine entertainment given and also spoke of the fine feeling of good-fellowship which existed at all times in the different companies. He also extended his thanks to the members of the Lowell fire department for their presence on this occasion, which helped in a great measure towards the success of the affair.

In the evening a social dance was held in Abbot hall, which was very largely attended. The Colonial orchestra furnished music for dancing, and refreshments were served during intermission.

The whole affair was in charge of the following committees:

Sporting—W. C. Precious, chairman; William Goodall, Frank Lowther, J. W. Catchpole.

Dance—Frank Connell, general manager; William Goodall, assistant; John Spinner, floor director; Capt. Edward T. Hanley, William DeRothen, Charles Flanagan, Alme Boucher, aids.

Graniteville.

The Dixwells of Lowell met the Graniteville baseball club on the local grounds here last Saturday in what promised to be one of the best games of the season. Shortly after the game had started, it was found that the much-touted Dixwells were greatly out-classed and Graniteville won easily by the score of 11 to 3. "Jack" Spinner was on the slab for the local team and had the Dixwells completely at his mercy only two hits being made off his delivery and he struck out twelve men. He was ably supported behind the bat by his brother "Dick."

Miss Mollie Devaney of Lowell has been a recent guest of Miss Catherine McCarty.

Miss Mollie Burke and Miss Mary King of Lowell have been week-end guests of Miss Winnie King.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Quinn and son Gilbert of Somerville have been recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Furbush.

At St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning two masses were celebrated by the pastor, Rev. Schofield. He

also announced that the mass book that was recently presented to the church was the gift of Miss Emma Ward of Forge Village, and the cruets used at the offertory were the gifts of Daniel Mahoney of Westford.

Alvin Nelson has recently purchased a Flanders "20" automobile of the runabout type of Robert Murphy & Sons, Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Putney of Needham, with their two sons, Alfred and Willis Putney, are spending a few days at the home of Fred Parker, before taking up their abode in Charlemon, where Mr. Putney has accepted a lucrative position as superintendent of schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McLenna and friend, Miss Clara McCall of Harrisville, were week-end visitors at the home of Miss Lillian McLenna.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarty are spending their vacation in Harrisville.

Mrs. Winnifred Healy and daughter, Miss Mary E. Healy, the popular milliner, are enjoying the sea breezes of Revere.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Carmichael have returned from their vacation very much sunburned, but thoroughly rested.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Sullivan and daughter, Miss Nora, of Marlboro, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Healy.

Miss Fanny McCarthy is enjoying her vacation at the various beaches.

Miss Fanny Counter of Fitchburg, but formerly of this village, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Mamie Healy and Miss Flora Stewart spent last week at the various beaches.

Word has been received here of the death of little Bernadette Dudivior, who with her mother and aunt and brother Russell, have been spending their vacation down in St. John, N. B. Charles Dudivior is employed as chauffeur for Julian Cameron of Westford. When he received word that his little daughter was ill he immediately set off and that was the word that he sent back to Wallace Walsh, brother of Mrs. Dudivior. Much sympathy is extended to the parents of the child by the people of this village.

Miss Anna Harrington of Leominster is spending her vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. Henry J. Healy.

Werley Hawkes, the genial station agent, has resumed his duties this week after a forced vacation of sickness.

Miss Ruth Furbush has returned home after spending her vacation with friends in the Catskill mountains.

Miss Mary Provost and daughter Mary spent their vacation at Revere beach, returning home on Sunday night.

Miss Etta Wall has returned home after spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. Frank D. Riney, at Lowell.

Walter Wright, our postmaster, spent Sunday at Pawtucket, R. I.

Deaths.

Edward Leland, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Leland, a popular young man of this village, passed away at his home here on Monday afternoon, aged 22 years and 7 months, after a long and lingering illness. He leaves to mourn his loss, his father and mother, a sister, Mrs. Ellery Darling of Dedham, and three brothers, Allan G. of Limerick, Me., Fred J. of Dedham and Henry of this village. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning at 7.30, and he was buried in St. Patrick's cemetery, Lowell. Undertaker O'Connell had charge.

Miss Alice Gillson of this village is spending her vacation in New York with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. William Gillson.

Firemen's Muster.

The firemen's gala day, given under the auspices of the John Edwards hose company of the Westford fire department, was held in Forge Village on last Saturday afternoon and evening under conditions that were considered in every way ideal. Shortly after two o'clock, the principal event of the day, which was the hose trials for the Clara Choate Samuels cup, was run off. This event had been looked forward to with deep interest for several weeks, for the companies competing from the three villages, Westford, Forge Village and Graniteville, have many followers and everyone was anxious to have their own town win. After a spirited contest, in which each team had three trials, the race and cup was won by the A. R. Choate hose company of Graniteville, who did the trick in twenty-five seconds.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Edith Martin of Lewiston, Me., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Read.

Work commenced on the state highway last week Thursday, commencing at the line between Nashua and Hollis on the north road. D. F. Pierce is in charge.

Miss Henrietta Drake of Lowell, Mass., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Gale.

Rev. Mr. Lumley of Northford, Conn., occupied the pulpit in the forenoon and evening last Sunday. His subject in the morning was "One shepherd and leader," a very able and tender sermon.

Otis D. Goodwin of Lynn, Mass., is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation, with his relatives in Hollis.

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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mrs. Charles W. Houghton and Miss Elizabeth Houghton and little niece spent the day on Friday at Mrs. Mary Houghton Holt's in Belmont.

Miss Marion Hartwell of Somerville, teacher of physical culture at Wellesley college, was last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell.

Miss Florence Whitcomb is visiting in Plymouth with her room-mate, Miss Marjorie Bittinger, who has recently been a guest of the N. H. Whitcomb family.

The W. E. Edwards family of King street, will move to Waltham this week. It present plans mature.

Littleton people who joined the grange picnic are Henry Robbins, Josephine Foley, Fred Read, the Case sisters, Edward B. Bigelow and E. W. Maxwell. Henry Robbins was the "lost and found" officer as last year.

Camp Peasant, better known as the W. L. Kimball camp, has been taken to its utmost this last week. Besides Mr. and Mrs. John W. Harlow and Charles Woodis, assistant postmaster of Orange, was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. E. H. Priest, on Sunday, coming and returning with Rev. E. H. Brennan in the latter's automobile.

Rev. John Maleck of Cambridge, a former pastor of the Unitarian church in Littleton, has passed his examinations to the bar.

Warren Flag is working as fireman on the New York Central railroad. His run is between Allston and Springfield. Mrs. Flag is with her sister, Mrs. Gregory, at present, but will move soon to Allston.

Mrs. James Goucher of Lynn has been visiting Mrs. Harris Steele.

A very pleasant union service with communion was held by the three societies at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. Revs. H. L. Packard and O. J. Fairfield shared in the different parts of the service and Dea. James F. Moore of the Unitarian church, Dea. William H. Tenney of the Baptist, and Deacons Thacher and Conant of the Congregational officiated in the celebration of the Lord's supper. There was a good attendance.

Mrs. Annie Hume entertained as her Sunday guests her niece, Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., and a grandniece, Miss Hardy, of Presque Isle, Me.

Mrs. F. S. Pingry has gone to Temple, Me., for a week or two. During her absence Mr. Pingry's sister, Mrs. Eliza A. Sanderson of Ayer assumes the responsibilities of the Pingry home. Mrs. Pingry's trip afforded a variety in the way of transportation, including a drive, a railroad trip, a ride in the steamer, followed by a trolley ride, then steam cars, concluding with a drive.

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o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting will be entirely informal and will be held upon the lawn if pleasant.

About Town.

Last Monday, Miss Emma Tenney, with Miss Clara Shaw of Belmont, went to Northport, Me., for a two-weeks' vacation.

During the past week, the Lovejoy family of Cincinnati, Ohio, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, took an auto trip to Harwich, for a few days' outing, and during their absence, the carpenters screened in Mr. Whitcomb's new piazza.

Mr. and Mrs. Patch, accompanied by Miss Ewings, took a ride to their brother's, Mr. Whitney, in Lexington, in their new auto.

William Seaver of New York city made a short visit the past week with his aunts, the Misses White.

Benson Priest is here from East Orange, N. J., surveying for the new town water system.

Mrs. Gertrude Houghton and little boy will remain a few weeks longer at her brother's bungalow in Kennebunk, Me.

Worthy of Mention.

We think the noteworthy charity work done by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gregory is not generally known here. For several seasons they have taken poor little children from the country week of the Young Men's Christian Union. This summer they were asked to take the poor crippled children from one of their schools where there are one hundred and fifty crippled ones, some of them not more than six or eight years old.

The work is entirely undenominational, as they have Protestants, Jews and Catholics. They come in groups of twelve and this is the fourth this year, some staying over two weeks. That means many little ones made happy and healthy.

They will have them until the middle of September and they all thoroughly enjoy their country week's outing. They are weighed when they come, also when they leave, and every one gains some, one as high as seven pounds. Some are on crutches, many are in plaster casts and all are crippled.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory have no children and would enjoy doing for these children, taking them riding and boating. They are the picture of happiness as they ride singing through the street and many of them will hold in lasting remembrance the pleasure given them.

Some are so destitute they have not even a change of clothing, and it would be a worthy charity for our mothers here to give them clothing. Last year the King's Daughters fitted out a little boy and his sister, and some who saw them were well repaid by their beaming eyes and smiling faces.

Charity begins at home and these little ones are certainly in need of it. The writer can vouch for the facts as she called and saw them.

A Peculiar Argument.

The Boston Post of August 5, publishes a wall of misery from the Brockton Shoe Manufacturers' association against the passing of the farmers' free list bill which would admit boots and shoes free of duty. The cry of terror declares "the situation serious," and predicts all kinds of terrible things which will happen to the shoe business if the bill is not vetoed by the president.

The statement goes on to say that the market will be flooded with foreign made shoes, causing a demoralization of the industry here. Shoe men of Brockton will have to move their plants to Canada to do business. American workmen will be hired to go abroad to work in foreign factories and bring the foreign made shoes up to the American standard and the deuce generally will be to pay.

In the course of the argument the statement is made that American manufacturers have invaded the foreign markets and have been successfully selling shoes abroad.

While not claiming any profound knowledge of the tariff question it seems pertinent to enquire why, if American manufacturers are now able to pay freight and selling expenses to foreign countries and establish a profitable trade in competition with the foreign manufacturers in his own backyard, they should not be able to compete with these same gentlemen on the home grounds without the aid of a high protective tariff.

Again if wages here are so much higher and conditions so much better why will American workmen go to foreign countries to teach the inhabitants thereof to make good shoes.

There really seems to be some holes in this argument. One does not have to know a whole lot about the intricacies of the tariff question to understand that every man Jack of the whole protected lot will jump instantly to the rescue of his infant industry and lie like a gentleman to save his special graft the moment it is threatened.

The sturdy fishermen on the cape were stricken with despair when the reciprocity treaty was prepared but they are still catching fish and we predict that the Brockton shoemen will still make shoes even if they go on the free list.

V. T. E.

TOWNSEND.

Baseball.

Westford won out by one run in their rubber game which was played here with Townsend last Saturday. The game was a pitchers' battle and the winning run was made in the ninth inning, thus it was no one's game until the last man was out. The visitors came up with the strong aggregation they had before which was still further strengthened by two new players at second base and right field.

Townsend kept its regular team and held the players down until the last, playing the visitors to a standstill and getting two earned runs, while the visitors' runs resulted from the local boys' errors.

Westford got the first run, scoring when Knight threw badly to catch Cameron at second. The home team tied the score in the second when

Teehan got one of his three-baggers and Whitcomb's hit to right brought him in. They got two more runs in the third inning on hits by Keeffe, Bartlett and Eastman, and Teehan's grounder and Lancy's sacrifice. The visitors tied the score in the fifth, on O'Neil's two-bagger and Hayes' single, and their final score in the ninth was got by Spiller hitting a grounder, taking second on Keeffe's overthrow and scoring on Welch's single.

The local boys tried hard to win in the last of the ninth, but the great fielding of the visitors kept them from first base. Swicker and Hartford contributed the star catches of the game. There were about six hundred people present. The summary follows:

WESTFORD A. A.										
Hayes, cf.	ab	r	h	tb	po	a	e	l	o	o
Hartford, 1b.	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron, 2b.	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Swicker, ss.	4	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Welch, 3b.	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Piper, 2b.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sebastian, c.	4	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Fanning, 2b.	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
O'Neil, p.	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	31	4	5	6	27	3	2	2	2	2

TOWNSEND A. A.										
Keeffe, ss.	ab	r	h	tb	po	a	e	l	o	o
Bartlett, 2b.	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0
Eastman, 3b.	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Teehan, cf.	4	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Whitcomb, 1b.	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Swicker, cf.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Parker, 1b.	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Knight, p.	4	0	0	0	9	2	1	0	0	0
Totals	35	2	4	7	27	19	2	2	2	2

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Westford A. A.: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
Townsend A. A.: 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Three-base hit—Teehan. Two-base hit—O'Neil. Struck out—By O'Neil 11.
Knights 6. Stolen bases—Eastman, Teehan, Whitcomb. Sacrifice hits—Hartford, Lancy 2, Piper. Hit by pitched ball—Whitcomb. Umpire, M. Grall. Time—2hrs. Attendance—450.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clarke of Lynn are at George E. Clarke's this week.

Miss Arlene Wilder of Fitchburg is at Noah Wallace's for a short visit.

The T. R. and T. club of Billerica, who lately trimmed the Hand Car A. C.'s in a nineteen inning game, are the attraction here this Saturday.

They have also trimmed the same club in a ten inning game, while the Hand Cars have got the best of the Westfords, so we are up against a strong club, evidently, this week.

A large delegation left for the union church picnic at Pepperell Springs on Wednesday morning, in spite of the lowly weather, the two large teams and the smaller teams being packed to their utmost capacity, and the overflow went in the large team from West Townsend. More of the grown up people drove down in the afternoon and an enjoyable day was spent by all. Games were played and there were athletic sports and racing contests. The sun came out by the time they arrived, dispelling all fears of a rainy day.

Suffragist Meeting.

A meeting in the interests of woman's suffrage was held on Mrs. A. J. Atwood's grounds last week Friday afternoon at four o'clock. The speakers were Miss Hall of Lowell, who is doing the pioneer work in this district, and Mrs. R. T. Fitzgerald of Boston, who is especially interested in the pure food laws. About fifty were present, besides three men, and settees and chairs were placed in the orchard, it being a perfect day.

Mrs. Fitzgerald argued that women should vote because they were held responsible for home conditions, pure food, clean houses, health of children, the wearing apparel of all, and the sanitary conditions, which all of these she could control to a great degree in olden times, before these things were all taken from the home to the factories. Now that food is made in shops, fruit preserved by factories, meats cured by trusts, clothes made in sweatshops, the water supply and sewerage conditions in the hands of the public she believed she should have a right to vote on these great questions equally with men, now that she could not control them in the home as of olden times.

She said in substance, as women are needed in the home to act as a perfect balance wheel to the home life, so was she needed in the great public house-cleaning. Miss Hall spoke of voting as an education to women which would broaden her views of life. After the speaking refreshments were served by young ladies.

West Townsend.

Today the Eclipse engine company and their engine will go to Winchester to attend the firemen's muster. The company will be conveyed to the scene by automobiles hired from Fitchburg, and the engine will be driven over the road by a team and driver provided by T. J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan have left for a protracted visit to relatives in Maine, closing their house on Main street till after the first of September.

G. B. Champney and daughter from Fitchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. Bowen on Stevens hill.

Mrs. Luther Blood, from Mason, N. H., is acting as housekeeper for Perry W. Sawtelle during Mrs. Sawtelle's illness.

Mrs. Daniel McKenzie, from the Center, has been stopping with her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Wilson, of Bayberry hill.

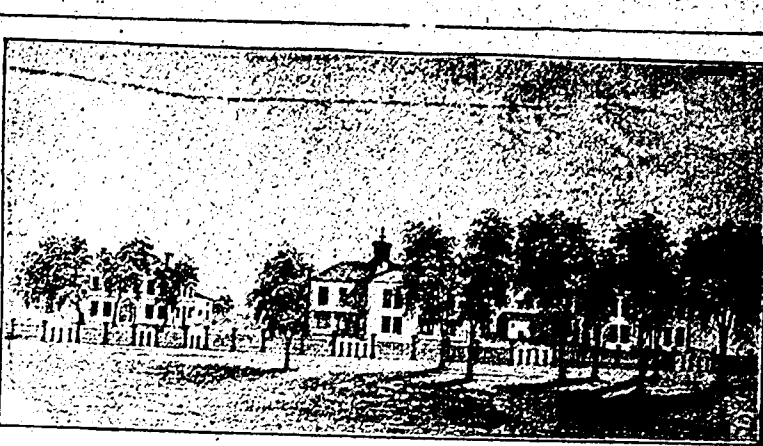
William Riker of Lunenburg, a formerly resident here, visited relatives in town last week Thursday.

Mrs. Warren Hadley of Charles-town is visiting Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

The Pratt family, who have been stopping at the Squanncook hotel, have returned to their home in Stoughton.

R. H. Willard, from Boston, spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Monroe of Troy, N. H., visited their daughter, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, at the parsonage over Sunday. Harold Monroe, from Providence, R. I., is a guest of his sister also.



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It must be borne in mind that many of the boys had to work every spring and summer, and they let no opportunity pass for recovering the lost ground. It is possible that the names of some who attended in the years in which the registers are missing, may not appear at all.

For the first portion of the list of scholars, the years of enrollment given is based on a probable attendance at the age of five years.

Partial list of pupils previous to 1851, is as follows:

Bartemus, Anna, 1849-51.
Davis, Charles B., 1856.
Barnum, Walter, 1849-51.
Burgess, Louis, 1856.
Chase, William A., 1856.
Cushman, Nathan F., 1844-45.
Cushing, Susan, 1848.
Cushing, Harriet, 1844.
Davis, Betsey, 1798, G. A. 1804.
Davis, Lucy, 1798, G. A. 1803.
Dickson, Philip L., 1828-42, G. A. 1829.
Dickson, Henry A., 1842.
Dickson, Walter E., 1843-44.
Dickson, Almira A., 1843-44, G. A. 1841.
Dickson, Mary E., 1843-44, G. A. 1841.
Dickson, Caroline S., 1850, L. A. 1854.
Dodd, Mary Ann, 1833-42.
Hart, John Carroll, 1838-42.
Hunn, Mary Jane, 1849-51.
Farnsworth, Elizabeth, 1797, G. A. 1804.
Farnsworth, Claudius B., 1820, G. A. 1824.
Farnsworth, Luke, 1790, G. A. 1795.
Farnsworth, Mary, 1835-45, G. A. 1845.
Farnsworth, Amos, 1797, G. A. 1800.
Farnsworth, Ralph, 1800, G. A. 1805.
H. C. 1821, Dartmouth, G. A. 1829.
Frost, Ebenezer H., 1820, G. A. 1829.
Frost, Samuel Bailey, 1825.
Frost, Solomon Gilman, 1826, G. A. 1843.
Frost, Sarah Young, 1829, L. A. 1846.
Evans, Harrison D., 1844.
Hazen, Eugene, 1844.
Hazen, Hattie, 1849-51.
Hazen, Eveline, 1849-51.
Haven, Albert, 1849-51.
Hopkins, Ebenezer, 1804, G. A. 1808.
Hopkins, Judethan S., 1805, G. A. 1809.
Hopkins, Dorcas, 1810, G. A. 1815.
Hodgman, Nancy W., 1845, L. A. 1849.
Hodgman, John E., 1845.
Hubbard, Eliza, 1826, G. A. 1837.
Hubbard, Calvin Patterson, 1836, G. A. 1838.
Hazard, Martha A., 1845.
Hazen, Elizabeth, 1841.
Hazen, Benjamin F., 1842, L. A. 1850.
Hazen, William H., 1845.
Jafford, Sarah E., 1840.
Mayer, Mary, 1849-51.
Keyes, William L., 1851.
Lund, Emma, 1849-51.
Lawrence, Curtis, 1804, L. A. 1812.
Lawrence, Edward A., 1818, G. A. 1826.
Lawrence, Eliza, 1806, G. A. 1812.
Lawrence, Lucy, 1801.
Lawrence, Lucy Maria, 1820, G. A. 1827.
Lawrence, Mary W., 1823, G. A. 1840.
Lawrence, Susan F., 1832, G. A. 1840.
Lawrence, Susan, 1799, G. A. 1812.
Lawrence, Thomas, 1797.
Mead, Martha E., 1850, L. A. 1851.
Moors, James, 1788.
Moors, Benjamin, 1790, G. A. 1800.
Moors, John P., 1825, G. A. 1830.
Moors, Joseph E., 1826, G. A. 1842.
O'Brien, Nancy, 1849-51.
Pollard, Alfred, 1826, G. A. 1837.
Pollard, Luther, 1825.
Pollard, Thomas, 1827, G. A. 1837.
Pollard, Walter, 1826, G. A. 1837.
Pollard, Albert.
Pollard, Lucy, 1820.
Pollard, Mary J., 1822, G. A. 1839.
Pollard, Sarah A., 1839, G. A. 1845.
Pollard, Agnes B., 1840, L. A. 1847.
Pollard, Louisa E., 1835, G. A. 1840.
Pollard, Warren.
Pollard, Betsey D., 1820, G. A. 1827.
Pollard, Luther, 1849-51.
Rae, Nelson, 1836.
Rae, Mary Jane, 1828.
Shattuck, M. Adelaide, 1846.
Stone, Sophia, 1820.
Stone, Emily, 1820.
Stone, Henry L., 1820, L. A. 1850.
Stone, Sherman, 1820.
Stone, Sally, 1780.
Stone, Lydia, 1783.
Stotter, Lucy, 1787.
Stone, Levi, 1789.
Stone, Betsey, 1791.
Stone, James F., 1792, G. A. 1809.
Stone, John, 1797.
Stone, Samuel, 1802.
Stone, James Franklin, 1823.
Stone, Harriet E., 1824, G. A. 1837.
Stone, Anna Maria, 1827, G. A. 1838.
Stone, John W., 1829.
Stone, James Franklin, 1831, G. A. 1840.
Stone, Levi Augustus, 1834.
Stone, Henry L., 1836, L. A. 1850.
Stone, Valancourt, 1834, G. A. 1843.
Stone, Maria, 1849-51.
Sawtelle, Nathaniel, 1803, G. A. 1813.
Sawtelle, Ephraim, 1803, G. A. 1813.
Tucker, Josephine, 1849-51.
Wallace, William, 1849-51.
Willard, Alfred, 1845-51.
Willard, M. Almada, 1846, G. A. 1845.
Willard, Alma, 1845, G. A. 1845.

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Saturday, August 12, 1911.

GROTON.

News Items.

Rev. H. A. Cornell of the Baptist church expects to exchange pulpits with Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer on Sunday morning, August 13.

At the grange meeting on Tuesday evening, the program was in charge of the stewards, and Mrs. Whitehill read an able paper on "Poultry, best varieties," followed by various speakers, viz.: William A. Woods, George S. Knapp, Elmer Sawyer, Mrs. Ella Gilson, a solo by Mother Elmer Sawyer and a reading solo by Dora Bailey completed the program.

Miss Ethel Bruce is at her camp at Sandy pond.

Horace Rockwood is giving his newly purchased house a coat of paint.

Miss Helen Moore has moved into her new house and Mrs. Minnie Moore has taken the tenement vacated by Miss Helen over the store.

Edward Roach is moving into the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Moore. Quite a moving line.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown, with friends, are taking a two-days' trip celebrating their marriage anniversary.

Rev. Edward C. Hayes of Acton will preach in the Union Congregational church on Sunday, August 13.

Miss Gertrude Forbes, went to Sharon on Tuesday for several weeks' visit.

Mrs. Endicott Peabody, who has been spending the year abroad, was called home some weeks ago owing to the failing health of her mother, who has recently died.

From the Fitchburg Sentinel, of August 8: "A number of Groton people are feeling rather sore over the result of the races at the park, Saturday. A local horseman, who had an entry in the 2.27 class, tipped off some of his former Groton townsmen that his horse was going to carry away first money in that event. Incidentally, they wagered a bit of good change and then sat back in the grandstand and saw their favorite eat the dust of seven faster horses in two of the three fast heats.

George B. Pierce, assistant district traffic chief of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company at Hyde Park, was at Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck's the past week, completing a trolley trip of several miles.

The tax bills are later than usual in being presented, owing to some difference in state tax. They will soon be out, however, and the rate will be \$10 per \$1,000.

Miss Annie Riley, our district nurse, is taking a vacation through the month of August.

Miss Lillian W. Kane, who has been teaching the Butler intermediate grade for some years, has accepted a more lucrative position at the Groton School.

The next meeting of the W. R. C. will be on Tuesday, August 15. A full attendance is requested by the president as inspection will take place on October 3, and it is necessary to put in considerable work in order to be among the numbered ones.

The traveling picnic, taking in a trolley ride to Boston via Lexington, and a moonlight sail to Portland, returned on Wednesday morning, having a most delightful time.

William F. Gleason, a former resident, but now of Gardner, is in town visiting relatives and friends. His two daughters, Doretha and Naomi, are also in town.

Miss Mary Ella Greenwood will board in town after the household effects are disposed of.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rose and their little daughter Bertha, left on Monday morning for a three-weeks' stay in Maine.

Mrs. Dresser, Mrs. George Boynton's mother, has returned from a month's stay in Lowell with another daughter.

Mrs. Mosley Gilson and Miss Annie Gilson are enjoying themselves on the Maine coast.

Mr. and Mrs. William Adams have hired the tenement recently vacated by W. J. Charlton and are keeping house there.

Charles Woolley, who it was reported about town as very much worse, is as well as he has been for the last year and a half.

William L. Gilson of Millbury was a visitor in town over Sunday, stopping at James T. Bennett's.

It is reported that fifty men were working on the bridge near Mrs. Barrows' on last Sunday, raising it a foot and a half, taking advantage of the day when there was less travel than on week days.

Arthur Fuller's camp at Long pond was burned on last week Friday. The fire was supposed to be of incendiary origin.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dilbert made a visit to their son, Joseph Dilbert, in Millis, last week.

Thomas O'Connell of New York is visiting his cousin at Mr. and Mrs. Dilbert's.

The household goods belonging to the late Mrs. C. B. Greenwood, will be sold at auction at her late residence on Saturday, August 12, at ten a. m.

Coming East.

William P. Fitch of Mason City, Iowa, is coming east to be at the marriage of his daughter Helen to Harold McLaughlin at Manchester, N. H., on August 15.

Mrs. William P. Fitch has been staying for over a year at Manchester, N. H., with her four sisters, who have had sickness in the family. This is the reason of the daughter's marriage taking place at Manchester. After the wedding the newly married couple will sail for Europe, making an extended trip, after which they will return to go to Chili, S. A., where Mr. McLaughlin will be engaged for a while in business.

William P. Fitch is a native of Groton, where many old friends remember him well. He is a nephew of Zachariah Fitch of this town.

Death.

Sumner Redway Mason, a well-known and respected citizen of this town, and a member of E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., passed away at his home here on Saturday morning, August 5. He had endured a period of failing health followed by months of illness from a complication of diseases. He was born at Huntville, Ala., October 13, 1845, the eldest son of the late Rev. S. R. Mason, D. D., of Cambridge. During his infancy his parents removed to Tennessee, after which to Lockport, N. Y., where his father was pastor of the Baptist church for several years, and after which was settled as pastor over the First Baptist church at Cambridge for sixteen years.

It was in the public schools of this city that the subject of this sketch received his education, followed by private instruction fitting him for college. But while a student his heart responded to the call of his country and he enlisted at the age of eighteen years in Company G, Sixtieth Massachusetts regiment. This regiment saw active duty and for months was given the post of guarding, with some exciting experiences, a large camp of prisoners.

After an honorable discharge at the close of his term of enlistment, he re-enlisted, but the war, having drawn to a close, his regiment was disbanded. Naturally of a mechanical and scientific turn of mind, his preferences were carried out for a life's vocation. Mr. Mason served an apprenticeship of three years at Terre Haute, Indiana, and afterwards took a position in the same place and also served as engineer on a steamer. It was when clearing a section of government land in Wisconsin that news of his father's death by railroad accident reached him and soon after he returned east.

Mr. Mason has lived in Groton for the past thirty-five years, where he married and has had a family of seven children for whom he had the deepest affection to which they responded with a fond and respected love.

He was a man of high ideals and lived a pure, clean life. Unassuming and quiet, he yet had a warm place in the hearts of his fellow citizens. He was a member of the Baptist church, with which he first united in Terre Haute, Ind.

Mr. Mason is survived by his wife and six children—Sumner R. Mason of Chicago, Mrs. Fred O. Parker of Pepperell, Herbert W. Mason of the United States navy, Arthur H. Mason and Misses Eleanor and Gladys Mason of Groton, and three grandchildren; also, a mother, two brothers and two sisters.

A few who have watched me sail away will miss my craft from the busy bay. Some friendly barks that were anchored near me, and some loving souls that my heart held dear in silent sorrow will drop a tear. But I shall have peacefully furled my sail in Moorings sheltered from storm and sale.

And greeted the friends who have gone before to the unknown sea to the unseen shore.

The funeral was held from his home on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. H. A. Cornell officiating and speaking words of highest commendation in regard to the life and character of the deceased. There was a large delegation of friends and neighbors present, thereby showing their respect and esteem. The singing was by members of the W. R. C.—Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Sherwin, Mrs. Whitehill and Mrs. Woolley. The hymns were among his favorites, "Just as I am without one plea," "Shall we meet beyond the river."

The services at the grave were conducted by members of the G. A. R., their burial service being most impressive. The singing of "We shall meet but we shall miss him" was the close of the service. The bearers were Thomas Gilson, Warner Southard, Henry Shattuck and John Condon, all old comrades of the G. A. R., whose ranks are fast thinning out and soon the last soldier will have crossed the river.

Among the beautiful floral tributes were the following:

Wreath, gladioli, glorioxa and calyx, the family wreath, pink Killarney roses and lilies, mother, pillow, roses and lilies and sweet peas, from brothers and sisters; spray of lilies, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Parker; wreath, lily and purple asters, Mrs. Mary Poland and Rodney F. Poland; cut flowers, Clara L. Hutchins; purple and white asters, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby; wreath, yellow gladioli and lily, W. R. C.; wreath, phlox and gladioli, Mrs. E. H. Barrows; wreath, pink lilies and lily, G. A. R.; floral piece, roses and white asters, Mr. and Mrs. John Gilson; white rocket and mignonette, Mrs. John Condon; wreath, gladioli and sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lewis; floral piece, asters, Margaret F. Crow; sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gay.

The Witch of the Well.

From a suburb of Chicago there comes a tale of our old New England, which to my knowledge has not been recorded in the traditions of old Groton.

At Sandy pond, now in Ayer, there is an old homestead for several years occupied by one Joseph Baggin, and before him by Aaron Wright, under whose ownership was included the shores of Sandy pond now covered with summer cottages at Shoreacres. The old buildings have long since disappeared, but about sixty feet from the location of the farm house there is an old well as was usual at all well established homes.

This well was in use away back in the middle of the eighteenth century and perhaps earlier. It is covered with a large granite slab in which is a circular opening sixteen inches in diameter. Through this opening water for household uses was drawn up by a bucket attached to the up-right rod of the now almost obsolete well sweep.

A tradition has been handed down for several generations in the Frost family, occupants of the place since

early Groton days, until 1801, when Solomon Frost died there, leaving a widow, Sarah or Sally, and two sons, Levi and Solomon who were minors over-fourteen years of age in 1813, as the probate records show.

Rev. Timothy Prescott Frost of Evanston, Ill., informs me that his father, Timothy Moors Frost, as a child and lad until he was about fourteen years of age, lived with his uncle, Solomon Frost, at this farm and soon after the latter's death left Groton and went with his father, Joseph Frost, to Vermont.

The story of the bewitched well as told by Rev. Timothy Prescott Frost, a man now about seventy years of age, originated when his great grandfather was in the prime of life, and making the usual computation, this must date back as far as the middle of the eighteenth century and probably earlier.

The delusion of witchcraft had obtained a strong hold among the early colonists and Groton was much wrought up over certain "examples" in its midst during the years 1671 to 1692, when the "Salem tragedy" terminated this atrocious persecution. No doubt in the minds of the country folk these traditions lingered and perhaps were held up as a bugaboo for the misbehaving youngsters and any unexplained happening or incident would be attributed to such a person or the old lady, whom in her delusions they thought bewitched.

But as to the story, which after this preamble is as follows:

At the time mentioned, somewhere near the middle of the eighteenth century, there dwelt on this farm a Frost family, having as an inmate of their home an old lady named Andros. Of her the father of our informant related that it was believed that she had been accused of being a witch and that she had some kind of a compact with the devil and occasionally had visits from his satanic majesty. At such times her room would be lighted by some sort of supernatural illumination and the members of the household, who peeped in through keyhole and crack, would hear her side of the conversation with her strange visitor, but could see no second person.

The particular event which made an impression on the minds of the succeeding generation, was when at one time, the Frost boy, a young lad, came into the house dripping wet and said that in drawing water at the old well with its great sweep, he had been unable to let go of the long wooden rod to which the bucket was attached and had been drawn down through the circular opening into the well and water. The rod was bewitched and the same influence caused him to still retain his hold and up he came with the next uplift of the sweep, right out through the opening of the well curb.

His downfall and uprising was attributed to the old lady and such has been the tradition handed down from father to son in the family.

The house which was in ruins several years ago, will be remembered as a very old one and the well only remains as a relic of what was once a prosperous homestead.

EDWARD A. RICHARDSON.
August 1911.

West Groton.

Miss Sylvia Lawrence left home on Tuesday, planning to meet her sister Ruth in Brookline, and accompany her to Melville, R. I., for a stay with a college friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, accompanied by their three younger children, Ethel, Jessie and Stanley, visited out-of-town friends recently.

Miss Elsie Tarbell is spending part of her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Humiston, in East Jeffrey, N. H. Miss Tarbell has resigned her position with Hollingsworth & Vose Co., in whose employ she has been employed for some time.

Miss Beattie of Somerville, a graduate nurse from Cambridge hospital was a recent guest at M. F. McGowan's.

Mrs. Talmage Kierstead is entertaining a young friend, Pearl White, of Yonkers, N. Y.

Born, on Saturday, July 29, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gill.

Mrs. John Dugan of Leominster, with her younger children, Catherine and Raymond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. G. Harrington.

At last reports, Edmund Blood was recovering slowly from his serious attack of heat prostration. During the week following his seizure he was attended twice daily by his physician.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell lately entertained her son, George Mitchell, of North Rochester, N. H., and three children, Jessie, Florence and John. Mrs. L. G. Strand, sister of Mr. Mitchell, also entertained the same guests.

Charles Balcom has started repairs on the Thompson house lately purchased by his father, William Balcom, of Milford, N. H. The shed now attached to the house will be taken down and a new one erected adjoining the barn. A steel ceiling is being placed in the kitchen and there will be many minor changes and repairs. H. Spaulding is assisting in the work.

The additions to J. T. Shepley's house are completed and the entire cottage is receiving a coat of paint by Roscoe Ferdon. A steel ceiling has also been placed in the dining-room.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blood attended a wedding in Gardner on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby attended the funeral of Sumner Mason of Groton on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill are visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Carl Strand, bookkeeper for Hollingsworth & Vose, is away on his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb returned from their auto trip last Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Lamb's sister; also, by another sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Austin.

Mrs. G. H. Bixby is undergoing a

serious attack of dyspepsia, her long-time enemy. Mrs. Clifford Bixby of Waltham is with her, accompanied by little Dorothy. Mr. Bixby spent Sunday at the parental home.

Miss Addie Rudolph is receiving the congratulations of friends on the favorable result of her late surgical treatment at Groton hospital. She was able to return to her home at W. V. Bixby's last Tuesday afternoon.

A number of families in this village who have pleasant memories of a lad who has visited here at various times, will be interested in the following item: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby and daughter Ruth attended the wedding in Nashua, on Tuesday afternoon of Mrs. Bixby's nephew, Paul Astwood Weldon, of West Somerville, to Miss Lena Burke of Nashua. About fifteen guests were present at the ceremony, performed at the home of the bride's parents. After their return from a wedding journey, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon will reside in Somerville.

It is currently reported that one of our young bachelors has joined the benedictines, and that Miss Florence Craft of this village has recently become Mrs. Avery Hartwell. It is understood that the young people are with Mr. Hartwell's sister, Mrs. Lewis Tatman, waiting the completion of the new house on Bixby street.

Little Emma Hancock of Swampscott is visiting her cousin, Mrs. G. S. Webber. She is an older sister of the little Catherine, who returned to Groton relatives last week.

Mrs. John R. Draper, who was formerly Miss Cora M. Fallon of this village, is in Lincoln, N. H., where Mr. Draper has been situated for the past year, holding a desirable position with the Henry Paper Company of that town.

There will be a band concert on the lawn at Squannacook hall on Wednesday evening, August 16. The funds were raised by F. L. Blood by subscription. The Lunenburg band has been engaged.

Recaptured.

As James Hill was returning home from the paper mill last Saturday afternoon his attention was attracted by the peculiar appearance of a man who seemed to be trying to effect an entrance into the summer cottage of Mr. Trofater, of Boston. Engaging the man in conversation Mr. Hill became convinced that he was mentally unbalanced and telephoned Officer Riley of Groton, who responded promptly. The man was traced to Shirley, where he was taken. He was later identified as a patient who had wandered from the asylum in Worcester, and was returned to that institution. Though quiet and apparently harmless, yet the people who knew of the event felt relieved when it was known that he was in custody of the officer.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. John M. Burr, from Burrville, Conn., has been visiting her friend, Mrs. Charles Wilson of Leominster road.

Master John Logue is enjoying a vacation of one week with relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Inez Sawyer and family will next week occupy a cottage at Sandy pond. A couple of invited guests will also join them. Mrs. Sawyer's family will consist of her son Fred, and daughters Miss Blanche and Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce, who is employed in the office of the C. A. Edgerton Co., and next week takes her annual vacation.

The Sunday school of the Universalist church will hold their annual picnic at Whalom on Saturday, August 12. All who intend going will board the 10.15 a. m. electric car from Shirley. It will be a basket picnic and plans have been made for all who attend to sit down all together for dinner at one o'clock. A good time is anticipated and all connected with the church are very cordially invited.

Suffragist Meeting.

Miss Carpenter of Brookline and Miss Hall of Fitchburg gave brief addresses on Thursday afternoon on the lawn of Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, on the principles of equal suffrage for women. A goodly number were present. Both ladies addressed a large gathering again in the evening at 7.30, on the vacant lot opposite the postoffice, a good representation of men being present, in fact for a small town the audience was a large one who gave respectful attention to the remarks of both speakers, who were very conservative in their statements and this coupled with the fact that they were persuasive and convincing talkers added to their ability to hold the attention of their hearers. At the close of their short remarks they were loudly and vigorously applauded.

It was plainly evident from the interest manifested that both speakers made a good impression if nothing more. Cards will later be distributed to be signed by men who are in favor or against women's suffrage. Literature was also freely circulated by the speakers, giving reasons why women should exercise the use of the ballot.

Merle and Pearl Thelma, twin sisters, of Kennebunk, Me., resemble each other so much, it is said, that their mother has to tie a ribbon on one of them to be able to tell who is who.

AYER.

News Items.

A meeting of the members of the Congregational church was held last week Friday evening to take action on the report of the church committee which was appointed to confer with a committee of the Methodist church with a view to closer union between the two religious bodies. The report of the committee was discussed at length. It was finally voted not to accept the recommendations of the committee and that the committee be discharged. Augustus Lovejoy was moderator of the meeting.

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Landras Hyrtos, a Greek employed at the tannery, was found unconscious at his home on Monday morning. Dr. Bulkeley was summoned and gave medical treatment. When the patient recovered consciousness it was discovered that he had been in a fight and severely beaten. He was found after he had returned from a visit to Lowell. He was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, on Thursday afternoon for treatment.

Mrs. E. W. Carley has as guests, her three sisters, Mrs. Frank Wenner of Washington, D. C., and Misses Ruth and Flora Ward of Galesburg, Ill.

Rev. William F. Cahill and Carroll C. Boone of Baltimore, Md., were guests of John H. Hooley last week.

Miss Marion E. Farnsworth, daughter of Charles L. Farnsworth, is to enter the Northfield seminary at East Northfield, this fall. She intends to leave here September 9.

Elopement.

The elopement of Miss Julia Estelle French, a millionaire heiress and daughter of Amos T. French, a New York multi-millionaire, and John E. P. Gerahy, employed as a chauffeur in a garage in Newport, R. I., which has filled prominent space in the Boston dailies for the past few days, possesses a decidedly local interest owing to the fact that the runaway couple were married at Central Village, Conn., by Rev. L. E. Perry, a former pastor of the Congregational church here.

The eloping couple were closely pursued in an automobile in an endeavor to stop the marriage, but their pursuers were unsuccessful in their hunt. The fugitives arrived at Central Village, Conn., at two o'clock on Wednesday morning and went to the hotel there. They awoke the proprietor and asked him where a minister could be procured to perform the marriage. The proprietor informed them that a Mr. Perry, a former pastor of the church at Killingly, Conn., was in the house and probably would accede to their request. The clergyman was aroused from his slumbers and was apprised of the business of the eloping couple.

As they had not the necessary license, they went to the town clerk at Central Village, who was also awakened, and the necessary document procured. They afterward went back to the hotel where the ceremony was performed.

The bride is a niece of Mrs. Elsie French Vanderbilt, and is eighteen years of age. The groom is twenty-one. They were located at Springfield on Thursday evening.

Mr. Perry, who performed the ceremony, left here last fall, to assume the pastorate of the Congregational church at Hudson, N. H. He had formerly been pastor of the church at Killingly, Conn., as above stated, and was well-known in that vicinity. He was away on his vacation when the above incident happened.

Successful Raid.

Chief of police Beatty, deputy sheriff Fillebrown, officers O'Connell and Smith of Ayer, chiefs Riley of Groton, Monteth of Pepperell and Patch of Townsend, raided the Park hotel in Townsend, early last Sunday morning for intoxicating liquors and were very successful. They found four gallons of whiskey in two pigs and three bottles, fifteen gallons of lager beer in 140 bottles, twenty-nine pint bar bottles, three whiskey glasses, one tumbler, one bottle opener and about one-half bushel tin bottle stoppers. The above goods were taken to the police station here. The order of notice is returnable on August 26. The proprietor of the hotel, James L. Farrar, has been summoned to court this morning to answer to complaints of illegal keeping and exposing for sale and maintaining a common nuisance.

Fatal Accident.

Wilfred R. Belair, thirty-two years of age, was fatally injured while at work as brakeman in the railroad yard at East Deerfield last Saturday night. The accident occurred while he was coupling a passenger and freight car. He was picked up and every effort was made to get him to the Hampden County hospital at Greenfield, but he died before reaching there.

Mr. Belair came here from Greenfield about two years ago and worked here for about a year as brakeman in the railroad yard. A year ago he went to work in the East Deerfield yard, where he was employed until the time of the accident.

The body was sent here on Sunday. The funeral was held at Gardner on Tuesday, the bearers being members of Merrimack lodge, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen of Nashua, of which the deceased was a member.

He leaves his widow and eight children—Emma, Arthur, Rose, Leonie, Edith, Mabel, Evon and William Belair, all of Ayer; also, his mother, Mrs. Mary Belair, two brothers, Joseph and Clifford Belair, and one sister, Mrs. George Bouthol, all of Gardner.

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AYER.

News Items.

Senator Frank P. Bennett, jr., of Saugus, has had papers filed in behalf of his candidacy with town clerk, Guy B. Remick. Mr. Bennett is out for the nomination as a candidate for the upper branch of the state legislature for a third term.

Chief of police Sampson of Lancaster, was in town last Saturday in conference with Chief Beatty, regarding the request to be held in the death of Fred L. Flagg, who was killed in that town last week Monday night.

Mrs. John B. O'Connell, jr., formerly Miss Elizabeth O'Brien, who has conducted a successful millinery business since she bought out Mrs. Dunklee, wishes to dispose of the business as added household duties since the death of her mother makes such action advisable.

The sensational ball game of the season will be played by the Shirley A. A. and Westford A. A., on the public park grounds in town today. Game called at three o'clock. No admission will be charged and the public are invited to be present. Dr. Sullivan will umpire the game.

Miss Madeline Donlon, with friends, is at the Donlon cottage, Sandy pond, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Lougee are making a visit this week to relatives in Brockton.

There will be a social dance given by the D. Y. W. Y. K. club in Page hall on Monday evening, August 14. Music by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell.

Ayer Automobile Station are making deliveries on their 1912 models, Flanders "20" fore-door touring cars, and the fore-door E-M-F "30."

Work has been commenced on a tar concrete sidewalk between Charles H. Hardy's barn and the junction of Nashua and Washington streets on the northern side of Washington street.

Mrs. George A. Cole and daughter, Miss Bertha M. Cole, and Mrs. Byron Murphy and daughter, Miss Hazel Murphy, left on Thursday for Raymond, N. H., for a visit.

Mrs. John H. Carter of Portland, Me., a former resident, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Reeve.

Mrs. A. W. Gardner returned on Monday to her home in Sanbornville, N. H., after a visit of two weeks at the home of Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood.

Mrs. Frank E. Healey was taken to the state hospital at Worcester on Monday evening by Dr. Bulkeley in an automobile. She has been in poor health for some time and was stopping with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Spaulding.

Hon. George J. Burns left on last Sunday evening for a business trip through the west, going by way of Montreal, Chicago and Denver to San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal. On this trip he will visit some of the principal railroad shops in the country. He expects to be gone a month.

U. H. Barrows received a telephone message yesterday afternoon that his son, Fred B. Barrows, was in the Hart private hospital, Boston, sick with typhoid fever. The younger Mr. Barrows has been playing in the orchestra at the Hotel Thorndike and was taken to the hospital last Monday. His father was unaware that he was sick until he received the telephone message referred to above, and started at once for Boston.

The Flanders "20" has been entered for the Dead Horse hill climbing contest at Worcester, Saturday, August 12. Watch the Flanders "20."

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bales and family are at Wilton, N. H., this week. Miss Marion Winslow is with them.

The inquest on the death of Fred L. Flagg, who was killed last week at Lancaster, was held in the district court room at Clinton Friday morning. Chief Beatty, Thomas Toohy and Louis N. Bird were the witnesses summoned from here.

George A. Felch and Joseph McCarthy returned Tuesday evening after a trip to England, which they made on a cattle boat leaving Boston July 8. They spent their time visiting London, Liverpool and Manchester, England.

The funeral of Raymond G. Kellerman was held from his late home last week Friday afternoon. Rev. Richmond Fisk, D. D., of the Unitarian church officiated. The interment was at Woodlawn cemetery. The bearers were Harry M. Sargent, F. W. Chase and Herman Huebner of Groton and Emery Clark of Newton Highlands.

Miss Maude Whitcomb and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitcomb, are spending a three weeks' vacation at Peak's island, Me. During Miss Whitcomb's absence, her place at the postoffice is being filled by Miss May Briggs.

Miss Dorothy Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stone on the Harvard road, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Groton hospital on Monday. She is getting along finely.

Mrs. H. K. Nutting and son Clifford visited with her aunt, Mrs. H. E. Perham at Oxford over Sunday. Mrs. Nutting is making an extended stay with her father, Joseph H. Richardson.

Mrs. E. J. Cady and Miss Elizabeth Vinton of Chicago are guests of O. K. Pierce. They are daughters of Capt. H. J. Vinton, a half brother of Mr. Pierce.

Miss Nellie Huntington has been absent from her duties as telegraph operator at the union station on account of illness for the past two weeks.

Rev. L. E. Perry of Hudson, N. H., a former pastor of the Congregational church, was in town over Sunday on his way to visit friends in Connecticut. After making a week's visit there he will return and with his family spend the remainder of his vacation at Cataumet till September 1.

At St. Andrew's church Sunday the service will consist of morning prayer and sermon by the vicar, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, at eleven o'clock.

Herbert L. Whitman, who recently resigned as principal of the high school, left town Wednesday for his new home in Sandwich. The furniture was shipped the same day. Mrs. Whitman and daughter Imogen left on Thursday and will join her husband in that town. Mr. Whitman will begin his duties as superintendent of schools in a district of which Sandwich forms a part.

To Enlarge Its Plant.

The officials of the Haynes-Piper company were here last Saturday on their annual inspection of their plant. They propose to have a new building erected providing that satisfactory arrangements can be made with Mr. Phelps with regard to the price of the land necessary for that purpose. Negotiations to that end are now under way. If a price can be agreed upon that will be satisfactory, the company will at once begin the construction of a building, which together with the present plant will be the largest of its kind in the New England states. Work on the building will be rushed so as to have it ready for the usual fall grinding of apples.

The company is now preparing for the coming apple season and when the improvements now under way are completed, the plant as it now stands will have a capacity of fifty percent over that which it has at present.

The new work will be done by local men and will give employment to a large number of hands. A complete sprinkler system will be installed and this together with the added water pressure due to the erection of the new stand pipe will give first class fire protection.

Friday morning Mr. Phelps said

that the price set on the land was agreeable to the Haynes-Piper company. The land has been staked out and the building is expected to begin as soon as the papers are passed. The plans also call for a cold storage plant.

District Court.

Chief Beatty, deputy sheriff. Fillebrown, officers Mullin, Smith, all of Ayer, Chief Goodwin and officers Hooper and Logue of Shirley, and Theodore and Eugene S. Barry of this town, raided the premises occupied by George Shioke in the old lockup building and Nicholas Lekas and G. Chiericas on Bligh street on Thursday forenoon. They found forty-one empty lager beer bottles in two cases, two empty kegs and a whiskey glass in the house occupied by Shioke. The cases were called yesterday morning and were continued until next Friday morning for trial.

There was also found in the house occupied by G. Chiericas a bundle of finished skins which it was thought might be taken from the tannery. George Chaknapos was charged with the theft. Eugene S. Barry identified these skins as the firm's property and recommended that the court discharge the prisoner, which was done.

Frank Sculley of Ayer was sentenced to two months in the house of correction on Monday morning for breaking glass in a building.

To the Editor:

I notice in your paper of July 29, an article from the moth superintendent, D. W. Mason, in regard to the elm beetle, which he claims is my work to exterminate. Now I have no more to do with the elm beetle, as he calls it, which is not a beetle, it being a bug, and the young are moths and come under the moth superintendent

to exterminate. He was furnished with six hundred and fifty dollars at our April town meeting with which to suppress the moths on our shade trees of this town.

To begin with he picked part of the brown-tail nests and the rest of the nests was left hanging on the trees for seed. He has not sprayed a street shade tree to my knowledge. He has sprayed some brush and private trees with his squirt gun. He has not got a machine suitable to spray our tall trees and so now he is trying to squawk. If he had hired a suitable machine with the money he had the control of for the past two years and sprayed our shade trees in the proper time, they would have been green and handsome now, the same as trees in other places.

Mr. Mason claims he has to do as the district superintendent says. Now the district superintendent has nothing to do with the shade trees of this town, as there are no state roads in this town and the shade trees come under the tree warden, and Mr. Mason has not complied with the state laws as I have them. I trusted that he would attend to the moths as he had the money and was appointed to do his work. If he will look in the dictionary he will learn the difference between a moth and a beetle or bug.

Now there is one thing more. At the April town meeting of 1910, D. W. Mason, Walter Winslow and Calvin Blood were running for tree warden and Mr. Blood was elected and the moths was taken out of the tree warden's hands. Mr. Blood and Mr. Mason applied to the selectmen for the moth warden appointment, Mr. Mason getting the appointment and was accepted by the state. See how he has done his work. Other papers may copy if they wish.

CALVIN BLOOD,
Tree Warden, Town of Ayer.

OUR REGULAR SEASON'S SALE

Commenced Saturday Morning, July 22

ONCE EVERY SEASON we clear up the entire stock; we don't have a "special sale" every week or every month. This is the "once a season" sale; summer goods to be got out of the way of fall goods.

Hart, Shaffner & Marx Clothes

Are among them; such suits as we've been selling regularly all season, now reduced. Other goods, including

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In the same way

HERE ARE THE PRICES:

Men's Suits

Including such makes as Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and Thompson, Snow & Davis Worsteds and Cheviots in All Shades

\$20 and \$22 Suits now	\$15.47
\$18 Suits now	\$13.47
\$15 Suits now	\$10.47
\$12 Suits now	\$8.47
\$10 Suits now	\$7.47

Men's Trousers

All broken lots of our famous "Dutchess," All sizes and shades to close out at the following prices:

\$5.00 Pants now	\$4.15
\$4.00 Pants now	\$3.15
\$3.50 Pants now	\$2.85
\$3.00 Pants now	\$2.45
\$2.50 Pants now	\$2.00
\$2.00 Pants now	\$1.65
\$1.50 Pants now	\$1.15

BOYS' and CHILDREN'S BLOUSES and SHIRTS

50c. value	39c
25c. value	18c

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S SUITS

With Knickerbocker Trousers, Ederheimer, Stein and Widow Jones makes

\$5.00 value now	\$3.75
\$4.00 value now	\$3.25
\$3.50 value now	\$2.75

All Boys' Suits with Straight Cut Trousers at One-Half Price

\$5.00 value now	\$2.50
\$4.00 value now	\$2.00
\$3.00 value now	\$1.50
\$2.00 value now	\$1.00

Men's and Boys' Straw Hats

\$5.00 Panamas now	\$3.50
\$2.50 Straws now	\$1.50
\$2.00 Straws now	\$1.25
\$1.50 Straws now	98c
\$1.00 Straws now	79c

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2 burner	\$1.10
3 burner	1.65
OVENS	
Glass door, 2 burner	\$2.75
SAD IRON HEATERS	
Each	35 cents
LAWN CHAIR SWINGS	
Selected Maple all hardwood, two passenger	\$4.00
Lawn Settees	1.50
Lawn Chairs	1.00
LAWN MOWERS	
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AYER.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman J. Taylor and daughters Stella, Anna and Evelyn started this morning for a visit with relatives at Wallingford, Vt., Mr. Taylor's native town. They expect to be away a week.

Mrs. R. M. Cahoon and two children are making a two-weeks' visit to her mother, Mrs. William L. Deming, in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mason left on Friday for Center Harbor, N. H., their summer home.

Mrs. Horace Hovey has as guests, her grandchildren, Ruth Hovey MacWilliams and Harold Freeman MacWilliams of Newburyport.

Among the passengers on the steamer Betty Alden Tuesday night, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherwin, Mrs. Mary Hume and her daughters Hattie and Margaret, who were returning from a trip to Plymouth.

M. L. Savage was in town on Tuesday evening, coming from Beachwood, Me., where he has been spending his vacation with his family, and started for Montreal that evening to get ready for his western trip, which he will take in a few weeks.

Chief Beatty was notified on last Friday of the escape of John Hill, aged eighteen, and Tony Chapottis, sixteen years, from the state school at Portland, Me. An officer from that institution came here later, but no trace of the missing boys was found.

Unless the taxes are paid on unlicensed dogs on or before today, August 12, there will be fewer canines in town. Chief Beatty has served notice upon all delinquent owners of dogs that unless the taxes are paid at the above time, the owners will be brought into court. This is the last notice that will be issued in the matter.

Chester Tarrant, formerly of Ayer, is visiting at F. W. Moses.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson and family left on Wednesday morning for Provincetown and will return on Sunday or Monday. The distance is 169 miles each way and will be covered by the party in Mr. Richardson's automobile.

The Midgets of Fitchburg easily defeated a picked team at baseball on the town park grounds last Saturday afternoon. The game was one-sided from the start and the locals never had a show to win. The score was 15 to 8.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps and daughter Bertha have spent two weeks at Beachwood, Me. Mr. Phelps returned last Monday and Mrs. Phelps and daughter went to Laconia, N. H., for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Morrison.

Rev. H. A. Cornell of the Baptist church of Groton will exchange pulpits with Rev. J. W. Thomas tomorrow at the usual morning service at 10.45.

Fire. An alarm from box 13 about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning called out the fire department to a fire in the upper front part of the town hall building. The fire was quickly put out after the arrival of the firemen. The damage is estimated at about \$300.

The cause of the fire is unknown, although there are many theories and counter theories in regard to it. An investigation clearly showed that the fire started between the floor of the room occupied by the band on the top story and the ceiling beneath and

had burned the timber over the entrance to the hall, and over the eastern stairway.

We are informed on good authority that the cause of the fire was from a lighted cigarette stub which was thrown into a wooden cuspidor filled with saw dust in the band room. It was thought at the time that the smouldering saw dust had been put out.

From all appearances the fire must have been smouldering a long while, as there was not the least indication of anything wrong until the smoke was seen issuing from the windows in the upper part of the building by George A. Cole, who promptly pulled the alarm. The fire caused considerable excitement for a while until its proportions were known. The post-office at that time was full of mail, and it was feared that the fire or water might do damage to the office and its contents. But neither element did any damage except to the building. The insurance on the building was held by companies represented by Elisha D. Stone and Frank S. Bennett.

New Advertisements.

HOUSE FOR SALE

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Inquirers waiting for less hot air, but we'll soon be able to talk again, so send in your places farmers.

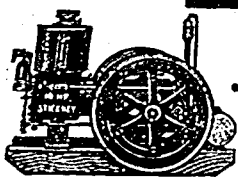
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L. B. TUTTLE, Ayer, Mass.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

By mistake the names of Wesley Weyman, pianist and C. LeRoy Lyon, tenor, were omitted from the list of those who generously furnished the program at the recent benefit concert for the churches of Shirley Center.

Horace Howard of Lexington and Mrs. Blood of Pepperell are staying with their mother, Mrs. Mary Howard, at the East.

Mrs. Dell F. Carlin is receiving a visit from her sister.

Sherwood Ricker of the Boston Journal staff, has presented the S. C. C. C. with a tennis net for unlimited time. Grounds are to be laid out later for a court at Helen M. Winslow's.

Mary Howard is still very sick and under a doctor's care.

The women and children who had completed their two-weeks' vacation at the Mary Anna home, returned to Boston last week. Their places were filled by twenty-five fellows and girls, under the care of Miss Wallace and Miss Richardson. The fellows are camping out in the field near the Mary Anna home and are to play ball with the Center nine on Saturday. They have good voices and are good musicians and have given several open-air concerts on the common.

Otis Evans has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital in Irwin, Pa., and is expected home within a week, together with his mother and sister Olive.

Otis Colburn and George Farmer left on Wednesday on the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange traveling picnic to New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. David B. Scott of Providence, R. I., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley during the past week.

Rev. Percy E. Lyndon was well liked at the First Parish church, Unitarian, last Sunday. A young man of good address and effective delivery. He will preach again on Sunday, August 13, 11:15 a. m.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid is to be held at the home of Mrs. Ardie A. Adams.

Mary Prescott, who was to teach the Center primary school this year, has resigned and is to teach the primary grades in Andover.

Vidol Bean, who has been moving his portable sawmill from the wood lot at North Shirley to Rindge, N. H., had a writ of attachment served on a pair of his horses last week by Chief of police O'Brien of Townsend. Last spring when Mr. Bean was moving his mill to Shirley, he put his horses up at J. L. Farrar's stable, but could not agree on Mr. Farrar's price and so the next morning he drove off without paying at all. They first tried to serve the warrant on Mr. Bean himself, but he escaped them. It was later served on the four-horse team carrying the portable boiler. Mr. Bean settled the whole bill and costs the same day, with the chief of police of Townsend.

Fair.

The fair and entertainment held by the Girls' Sewing Guild on Friday afternoon and evening of last week in the town hall was the most successful in their history. The fair opened at three o'clock in the afternoon, and was well patronized. The tables were in charge of the following: Candy table, Margaret Longley; ice cream table, Marguerite Sargent; lemonade table, Margaret Evans; grab bag, Marion Holden; fancy goods table, Edith Longley and Emma Hubbard.

In the evening, the one-act play, "The Kleptomaniac," was presented to an audience of nearly one hundred and fifty by the girls of the Sewing Guild. The play had been rehearsed very carefully under the direction of Hazel MacKay and the presentation on Friday evening was certainly a great credit to her coaching. The stage was beautifully decorated and all the characters were finely costumed.

Rebecca Chany as Mrs. John Burton, or Peggy, took the leading part and carried it out to perfection. She took the part of an impulsive woman and the ease with which she performed some of the more difficult passages, brought much applause from the audience. Alison Winslow, who took the part of Mrs. Valerie Chase Armsby, a very calm and optimistic widow, deserves much credit for her excellent acting and her calmness and self composure on the stage. Marion Holden as Miss Freda Dixon, and Christine Longley as Mrs. Preston Ashley, or Bertha, took their parts with a degree of excellence worthy of much praise. Ethel Holden as Mrs. Charles Dover (Mabel), an impetuous young woman, just married, and with infinite trust in what "Charles" says, won enthusiastic applause for herself in an exceedingly difficult passage at the last part of the play. Margaret Goodspeed, who took the part of Miss Evelyn Evans, a journalist, and Rachel Carpenter as Katie, Mrs. Burton's maid, did some fine acting and completed the cast of one of the most successful plays ever presented in this hall for some time.

The whole cast were obliged to return for curtain calls by the applause of a very appreciative audience. Hazel MacKay was then called upon the stage and presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in token of the gratitude of the Sewing Guild for so generously giving up her time for the directing of the rehearsals. Howard Longley very kindly acted as usher.

All enjoyed a short social hour, followed by dancing. Percy Coleman of Leominster furnished music on the piano for dancing. Mr. Coleman is a fine pianist and his playing alone was an additional attraction. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were served throughout the evening and fancy articles were on sale. The receipts of the affair were very large, the guild having nearly one hundred and twenty dollars to put in their treasury after all expenses were paid.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

Mrs. F. D. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., was a recent visitor at her sister's, Mrs. Butterfield.

Mr. Weston and family were guests at Mr. Proctor's over Sunday. Miss Ruth will enter Mount Holyoke college this fall.

Prof. Butterfield's family from Worcester are occupying a tenement in L. H. Parker's house.

Miss Mabel Parker and Miss Laura Hall are at Madison, N. H., for two weeks.

James Kendall and family recently took an outing at Nantasket where his brother and family are stopping.

It is reported that the Town Improvement association are arranging for an extensive fair for August 24. Nothing very definite seems to be out, but much is in making.

A church fair is promised early in September.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Austin has invited the ladies to her home for a talk on the Passion Play as she saw it when abroad in 1910. This beautiful place with its finely kept grounds makes a most attractive spot in the village. Its velvety lawns and bright flowers have been refreshing all through the hot, dusty summer.

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E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Me., bodily accuses Buckle's Arnica Salve of stealing—the sting from burns or scalds—the pain from sores of all kinds—the distress from boils or piles. It robs cuts, corns, bruises, sprains and injuries of their terror," he says, "as a healing remedy its equal don't exist." Only 25c. at William Brown's, Ayer.

New Advertisements.

FARM WAGON WANTED—To purchase a second-hand Farm Wagon in good condition. Address, stating price, H. H. PUTNAM, Harvard, Mass., R. F. D. 1148.

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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 WILLIAM G. YAPP, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE YAPP of Littleton, in said 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 the County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of September, 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. McFadden, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

3148 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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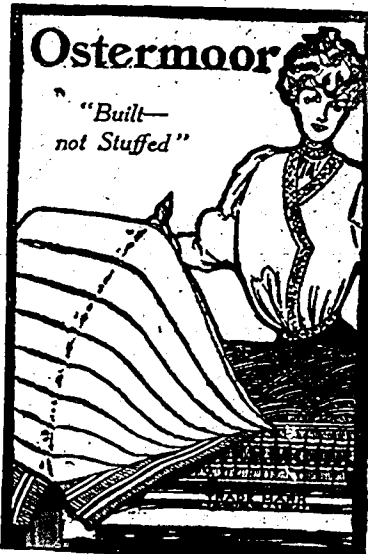
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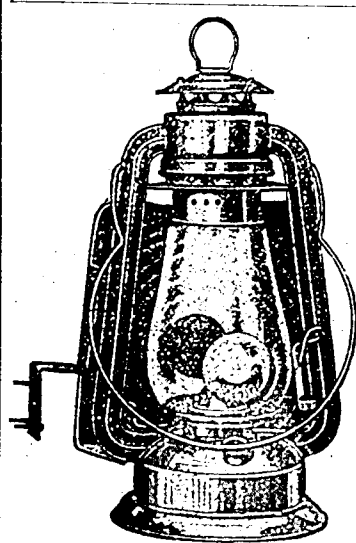
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News Items.

Miss Nan Love, in company with her younger sister, Miss Jessie Love, started on Thursday evening for a few weeks' vacation at their old home, Lake George, N. B.

Ovula Lepage, Jr., aged six years, died on Wednesday at one o'clock at his home on Fredonian street. He was operated upon Monday for peritonitis. Drs. Stimpson and McMurray of Fitchburg, assisted by Dr. Lilly, performing the operation. The boy's vitality was so low that he could not gain strength to survive the operation and consequently succumbed to the inevitable.

A hired man working for C. A. Harris on Clark road, was gored in the face by a cow on Thursday morning, which opened a gash extending from his nose to his lip. Dr. Lilly was called and found it necessary to take three stitches to close the wound.

Joseph Gately and Harry O. Bangs spent last Saturday and Sunday in Boston, enjoying the ball game on Saturday afternoon and other attractions.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, August 14.

Charles R. White left town on Monday morning for Providence, R. I., where he entered Dr. Wilson's sanitarium for treatment of his chronic trouble of rheumatism which has caused him considerable pain and anxiety for the past year. Mr. White intends to remain at the sanitarium about two weeks.

The Shirley baseball team was defeated last Saturday afternoon in the game with the Y. M. C. A. of Lowell, the score being 9 to 7, ten innings being played. The batting of Burrill for the Shirley team and the work of the battery of the winning team were the features of the game.

Charles H. Weare, Jr., in company with his son Earle and friend, Miss Sarah Stevenson, went to York beach to spend the week-end with Mrs. Weare, who is taking a vacation at that place. Master Earle and Miss Stevenson will remain for a week. Mr. Weare returned home on Monday morning.

The members of the Sodality of St. Ann held their annual meeting last week Friday evening when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. J. X. Desbouteau, pres.; Mrs. Joseph Allen, vice pres.; Mrs. Michael Bulger, Mrs. Richard Cormier, Mrs. Amos Bourjois, Mrs. William Gionet, ex. com. Six new members were initiated during the meeting.

A public meeting was held in engine hall last week Friday evening to make plans for sports and other features of amusement on Labor day.

It was decided to have a hose contest between the companies representing the C. A. Edgerton Co., Samson Cordage works, Shirley Industrial school, and the Shirley fire department. This will be followed by sports for which prizes will be given and a baseball game.

Frank X. Savoy of Athol was a visitor at the home of Edward Gionet last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Chaisson of Lawrence and Peter Gaudet of Yarmouthville, Me., are visiting at the home of John J. Chaisson.

James Gionet of Royalton has been a visitor at the home of Timothy Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Marion were visitors at the home of Peter Boucher the first of the week.

Miss Mary Bernard of Lowell is spending a week's vacation in Shirley at the home of her uncle, John J. Chaisson.

The annual communion of the members of the Société l'Assomption, and the monthly communion of the Children of Mary will be observed at the eight o'clock mass on Sunday, August 13.

Miss Flora Shepard is spending this week at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Harvey, of Fitchburg.

C. F. Edgerton and family of Concord arrived home from their European trip on Tuesday.

Work has commenced in earnest on the bungalow built for Miss Lizzie Shearer, situated directly on the hill to the south of the residence occupied by her mother and family, the site being a very attractive one. The bungalow will be one and one-half stories, 28x38 and contain six rooms and a bath and is being constructed with fancy concrete blocks with asbestos shingles, and will also be equipped with all other modern improvements including a piazza. E. H. Longley of Ayer is doing the concrete work and Lewis Lapointe of Ayer will do the inside finishing and carpenter work. This is the first concrete house for Shirley, and its construction is being watched with interest.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan of Lowell are the happy recipients of a son born on Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Carrigan, assistant at the postoffice, is enjoying a three-weeks' vacation, and Miss Abbie McNiff is substituting for her at the postoffice.

The Massachusetts Workmen, the official bulletin of the A. O. U. W., gives conspicuous mention in this month's edition recently issued of the good work done by D. Chester Parsons, advisory counsel, in the recent enactment by the Massachusetts state senate of the new fraternal bill.

Mrs. Ware is confined to her home with illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Shearer.

Miss Madeline Logue is spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee of Fall River.

carried out under her supervision. However, a nurseryman from Worcester, will set out a hedge. Mrs. Lynch in the environments of her new home and the real pleasure she takes in it has felt and looked decidedly better.

A District Organization.

The first step towards the organization of the lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in this vicinity for the holding of one or more class initiations during the next year was taken on Tuesday night at the A. O. U. W. hall at Fitchburg. Committees of three from Rollstone and Clinton lodges met and formed a temporary organization with George H. Gorman of Fitchburg as temporary chairman, and D. M. Travis as temporary secretary. The other members were Thomas H. Powell of Fitchburg, and David McNellie and Robert Schwab of Clinton.

It was voted that the secretary send letters to the lodges in Princeton, Sterling, Shirley, Maynard, Marlboro, Hudson, Leominster, Worcester and West Fitchburg, to arrange for a district plan of class initiations and that another meeting be held about the first of September at Odd Fellows' hall, Clinton, to effect a permanent organization. The matter was discussed at length, but the details will not be formulated until the large committee representing all the lodges is made up.

The plan is to have these twelve lodges join in a district class initiation plan which has been discussed for some time past and endorsed by the members of the grand lodge staff.

Alliance Meeting.

Mrs. J. P. Tolman entertained the Alliance last week Thursday at her delightful summer home on Benjamin road. She was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Carter, and by her two little granddaughters. The speaker of the afternoon was Miss Helen L. Bayley, who is chairman of the Cheerful Letter Exchange, which is a branch of the National Alliance work. She held the close attention of her audience as she explained the different features of this work which is of untold benefit to the isolates, the shut-ins and those who have no church or educational privileges. She related many pathetic as well as amusing incidents which had come to her notice. The work is entirely unsectarian and the chairman is at the Alliance headquarters, 25 Beacon street, Boston, every Monday and Thursday, from ten to twelve o'clock. It is quite likely the Shirley Alliance will take up this very useful work as soon as a committee can be appointed.

It was voted to have a basket picnic at Whalom on August 17, those who can, going up on the eleven o'clock car. It was also voted to hold the fair on August 31, a committee being given full power to complete the arrangements.

After adjournment a pleasant social hour was enjoyed during which refreshments were served.

Center.

Miss Edith Lawrence of St. Louis, who has been staying at Pepperell, is staying with Etta M. Holden this week.

Etta M. Holden, together with Clifton Derby of Leominster, spent Sunday with Mr. Derby's sister at Pearl Hill, Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and son of Littleton, Mr. and Mrs. Culver of Groton and Mrs. Emma Fuller of Shirley are spending a few days at George Holden's cottage at Robbins' pond.

George Hewes is sick and under the care of Dr. T. E. Lilly.

Miss Isabelle Newton of Wilton, N. H., has been a guest of Helen M. Winslow for the past week.

Marguerite Sargent of Townsend Center spent the latter part of last week with Emma Hubbard.

Merle and Ruby Crockett are spending a short vacation with friends in Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray are spending the entire week at their house in Brookline.

Alison Winslow left on Wednesday for a week's visit with her friend, Helen Shevlin, in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams spent a few days last week with Mr. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Eleanor Devine of Revere is spending a few days with Dora Burnham at the East.

Mrs. Edward Mellish and her two daughters, Marion and Ruth, of West Groton, spent part of last week with Mrs. Mellish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzer Farnsworth.

Mrs. Sara Hobbs of Princeton was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard last week.

Forrest Wing of Roxbury is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, for two weeks.

Rev. F. E. Webster of Pepperell gave a very interesting address on "The transfiguration," at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Webster will occupy the pulpit there for the next three Sundays.

Mary Grout has just returned from a short visit with her cousin, Mary Grout, in Medford.

Elmer Hubbard spent Sunday with relatives in Princeton.

The Shirley Center baseball team are to meet the strong Mary Anna team on the home grounds this afternoon. A good game is expected. The game will be called at three o'clock.

John W. Frothingham of New York city is a guest of Wesley Weyman this week.

Henry Farnsworth, at the East, who has been very ill, has recovered somewhat.

Edna Willis and her niece, Mildred Willis, have returned from a short stay with friends in Fitchburg.

The Y. M. C. A. boys from Boston, who have been spending a two-weeks' vacation at Henry Farrar's, at the East, have returned home and a new party of nine have taken their place.

Etta M. Holden visited friends in Pepperell for several days last week.

Ernest Bohanon is spending a few days with his parents in Springfield this week.

Ora E. Holden is spending a few days with relatives in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. John D. Moulton of Lunenburg is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams.

Henry F. Grout has gone to New York for a stay of one week.

Florence Adams has just returned from a visit with friends in Roxbury and Amesbury.

Edward Farnsworth, at the North, has built a cement fireplace and is going to start a cooping business for making apple barrels.

Harry Hodgman expects to move back again from the village soon, with his family. He is to occupy the house belonging to James Craft of West Groton.

Bertha Salisbury, Marion Rand and Edna Sanborn, who have been visiting at C. E. Goodspeed's, returned on Wednesday to their homes in Wollaston.

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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.

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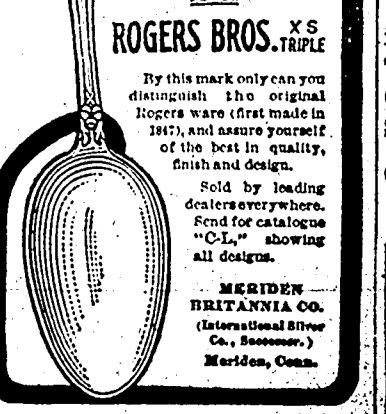
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Items of News.

Edgar Rines of Lunenburg was a visitor here last Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Pillsbury enjoyed three days of last week with friends in Fitchburg and Whalom.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knight of Worcester arrived here on Monday to enjoy a part of their vacation.

Miss Mary Corboy and her brother James are boarding with Mrs. Soule during the absence of Mr. Corboy.

Oscar Kittredge of Cambridge spent Sunday at his home on Tucker street.

John Hayes of Boston visited his mother on Crescent street on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Saunders enjoyed a visit with relatives in Lunenburg over Sunday.

Frank Healey of Nashua is spending a week's vacation with friends in town.

The month of July closed the twelfth year that Andrew V. Pillsbury has been in the employ of I. J. Rowell.

Well McWilliams is going to move into the house owned by George V. Herrig.

Fred Wheeler is working at West Townsend.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phinney of Lawrence are visiting Thomas Phinney on Franklin street.

Mrs. Charles E. Spencer of Roxbury has had a pleasant outing at the Bradford Arms, Sagamore Beach, Cape Cod. She will spend the remainder of the summer with her mother, Mrs. Walter E. Jewett, of Townsend street.

Miss Edith Lawrence, who is on from St. Louis, went on Friday, August 4, to visit her sister, Mrs. Walter Corey, at Brookline, N. H.

Dudley R. Child, who took a special summer course at Amherst Agricultural college, returned home on last week Thursday.

Miss Kate O'Hara and mother from Boston and seven others were guests at George A. Mahoney's last Sunday.

The fire alarm pulled in at box 38 on Monday afternoon for a lost child proved to be a brush fire in Dunstable.

Frank Smith and family spent Sunday at Fitchburg.

The East Pepperell reading-room this fall will have a set of traveling pictures and it is likely to have some books from the state library commission.

Miss Susie Andrews returned on Monday at four o'clock, accompanying Miss Effie Merrill, who has been through a serious operation for her throat and head.

Ernest Melendy is at work for Bert Durant.

Miss Lena Whipple of Boston has been visiting Miss Ida Shattuck of Oak Hill and returned on Wednesday Miss Shattuck accompanying her.

Because the W. C. T. U. are building new headquarters in Boston, the following committee are at work at this branch: Mrs. Nellie Appleton obtains a yard of dimes, Miss Ida Shattuck is the rubber agent, Miss Loella V. Shattuck secures plants for a fair.

Miss Lida Elkins of Brookline street is spending the summer in Nova Scotia.

Miss Louise Hall, from the Equal Suffrage headquarters in Boston, gave a valuable address on Mrs. Elizabeth Heald's lawn on Tuesday, and if women knew more of the facts they would not be so indifferent. Miss Hall is a grandniece of the Hon. Alvah Crocker of Fitchburg.

Mrs. Charles W. Card and son Chester went on last Saturday to Manchester, N. H., and on Monday went to Canobie Lake.

Mrs. Lena Cook of Chelsea, who has been visiting her friends on Brookline street, returned home on August 5.

Miss Helen T. Winslow of New York city is at the home of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Winslow for the summer. They are now spending part of their vacation at Lake Pleasant.

Mrs. Jennie Steele of Springfield is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Annis on High street.

Rev. F. E. Webster of Waltham will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church tomorrow, August 13.

A Victrola concert and dance for the benefit of the District Nurse association will be held in Prescott hall on Thursday evening, August 24. Ice cream and cake will be on sale.

Services in the Unitarian church tomorrow at 10.45 o'clock. Rev. D. R. Child will preach on "Culture and Agriculture."



Napoleon Leonard.

Pepperell Boy Makes Good.

As in many other noteworthy instances, a Pepperell boy makes good in the recent entrance of Napoleon Leonard into the National baseball league, he having been secured by Cincinnati from Columbus, Ohio, of the Association league—which team he has been pitching for this season—and in that same league was Marty O'Toole, who goes to Pittsburgh, under the highest price ever paid for a ball player, \$22,500 is the figure named. Although in cash, the price for Leonard, several good players were given for him by Charles Taft, owner of the Cincinnati team and a brother of President Taft.

"Pep" Leonard is the name he goes by—and he has always been known by that name—as he was born in Pepperell in the house of Napoleon Leonard on Leighton street, and played his first game here on the "acre." His first game of particular in so far as a pitcher's battle is concerned, was in Groton with his home team. Extraordinary, was his opponent, but Manager E. P. McCord of the Pepperell team had made a good selection, and it is well remembered how our boys won by "Pep's" own three-base hit in the ninth when the score was 5 to 3 against them. He later won from Townsend and Milford.

The next season he was pitching for Nashua, which team lost on playing against this town. Manager McCord knew he must get away up to win and secured Barrows, a league pitcher from Boston, without whom Pepperell would have lost.

The Nashua Telegraph of Thursday has an interesting article on "Pep's" record and by their courtesy this photo is used by this paper.

Equal Suffrage Meeting.

The lawn meeting at Mrs. Elizabeth Heald's on Tuesday was a success in sentiment if not in numbers, and a good impression was left. It was a delightful place under the trees, with yellow banners bearing the words in black, "Votes for women," placed against a green vine summer house. It was also adorned with a crimson banner with the same words that had been in use years ago. Mrs. Heald suggested to Mrs. Lucy Boynton that it was about forty years since there was a live suffrage movement in town.

Miss Louise Hall of Lowell spoke very clearly on the subject and then introduced Mrs. Richard Fitzgerald of Boston, president of the Equal Suffrage league at 285 Boylston street, who talked on "True Democracy." Fraulein Stolle told of her unpleasantness at the custom office for being a mere woman and of the rise in position of woman as represented in art. Those hearing her hope to hear her lecture on "Woman's place in art."

A large touring car took the party to East Pepperell and an out-of-doors talk on a chair was indulged in.

Mrs. Stanley McCormick of Chicago, a graduate of the Institute of Technology, Boston, and daughter-in-law to the McCormick of Harvester fame, addressed the audience on the business side of votes for women and had an encore. All of the speakers held the attention of those present except a very small boy.

Wedding.

A pretty home wedding took place on Tuesday afternoon at 12.30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Blood of Gardner, when their daughter, Miss Alice Genevieve Blood, became the bride of Arthur Whitcomb Bartlett of Pepperell.

The home was tastefully decorated with palms and cut flowers, the color scheme being green and white.

Rev. Putnam Webster, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of North Andover, officiated.

Miss Marion E. Webber of North Andover was maid of honor and Ernest G. Bartlett of Boston, brother of the groom, was best man.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk, cut en train, with pearl trimmings. She carried a bouquet of white sweet peas with maiden hair fern. The maid of honor wore a gown of yellow silk chiffon and carried a bouquet of yellow snapdragons.

Miss Anna Thayer of Pepperell presided at the piano and played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the bridal party entered the parlor. During the ceremony Miss Laura Herrig of Pepperell played "O promise me," on the violin.

An informal reception was held after the ceremony and a buffet luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett left town by auto on Tuesday afternoon for a wedding journey. Upon their return they will live at East Pepperell, where they will be at home to their friends after October 1.

The many friends of Mrs. Bartlett here will be pleased to welcome her to town again.

Current Events.

Mrs. Sarah M. Shattuck is at her home in this town, coming from Nashua on Tuesday morning. Her daughter, Mrs. S. T. Blood, came from Concord Junction in the evening.

Mrs. J. E. Andrews of River street is entertaining her sister, Mrs. H. C. Deal, of Boston, and her three children.

Miss Susie Andrews returned from Boston on Tuesday and went on the excursion to Portland and other places on Wednesday.

Miss Effie Merrill, assistant in the Boston public library, has so far recovered from her recent severe illness, as to make the trip from Boston to this town and is with her mother, Mrs. Lucius Wilson, coming from Boston on Tuesday.

Mrs. Edward Blaisdell and three sons are visiting with relatives in Haverhill.

Miss Rachel Ireland of Littleton and Guy Green of Harvard were weekend and over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Handley.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Saunders, and Miss Gertrude Pillsbury, have been spending a few days in Lunenburg with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Saunders.

Captain Palmer is doing some much needed repairing to his houses in "Peanutville," so-called.

Miss Alice McGrath of Boston is spending her vacation in town with her mother, Mrs. Nellie McGrath.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball of Main street started on Monday for a trip to the White Mountains. She expects to be away for two weeks and will spend most of the time in Littleton, N. H., where her uncle has a summer residence.

Royal Thompson and Douglass Deware are spending this week in Lynn as guests of Mrs. George Willett.

The lawn party held on Tuesday, on the Methodist church grounds for the Sunday school, was greatly enjoyed by the young people. Games were played, races run, including a three-legged-race which afforded most sport to the spectators. A supper, including ice cream was served.

The household goods of George Herrig were moved to West Somerville last week Thursday. At present Mrs. Herrig and daughters are staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pierce.

Mrs. Alida Elkins returned on Monday from her outing in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Elkins visited Halifax and other places of interest while there.

Ralph Buck of Fitchburg is clerking for Lane Bros., during the vacation of Ray Maxwell.

Mrs. Henry Bown of Natick, for many years a resident of this town, has been visiting Mrs. Fidolia Buck of Main street for two weeks, returning to her home on last Saturday.

Edwin Bown accompanied Mrs. Henry Bown to her home in Natick last Saturday, returning on Monday.

Mrs. H. O. Shattuck of Franklin street is planning to leave here on Monday for Alton Bay, to visit her son, Rev. Harry Shattuck, and to attend the camp meeting to be held there next week.

Rev. George Sutherland of Saugus will preach in the Methodist church tomorrow evening. Rev. James Sutherland will exchange with his son.

Henry Porter of Orange is again acting as telegrapher at the Fitchburg station in town, after a vacation of two months.

Ralph Lawson, who for a number of months has occupied a few hours each day sealing cars at the Fitchburg station has secured an all day job there, and does not intend to return to school in the fall.

Mrs. Susie Dort is at home from a two-weeks' visit in Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal McWilliams are to occupy the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. George Herrig.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck and son Gerald are spending their vacation at Rye Beach, going in their automobile. They are occupying a cottage with Mrs. D. W. Hazen and daughters of Pleasant street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dunton and family are visiting in Ridgewood, Me. Benjamin Parker is in the express office during the absence of Mr. Dunton.

Miss Emma Haynes, the librarian, is quite sick at her home on Main street. Mrs. Charles Parker is assisting in caring for her.

Mrs. S. J. Baker, Mrs. Frank Jameson and infant son of Hollis, visited Mrs. L. H. Bean this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shephard of Main street attended the ball game at Boston last week Saturday.

Simon Prescott of Lowell is quite sick at the home of his son, Eugene Prescott, of Chapel place. Mr. Prescott is a great sufferer, not having been able to lie down for twenty weeks.

John Phinney, wife and child of Lawrence are visiting at his father's, Thomas Phinney, of Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wentz of New York, who has been spending a few days with Mrs. Neal McWilliams, went to Groton on Tuesday to visit Mr. Hill, brother of Mrs. Wentz.

Nathaniel Lakin of Townsend road, who was so badly hurt a few weeks ago, by being thrown from his wagon, although not entirely recovered is able to be out again.

The wife of Cecil Davis died at Hibernia, N. H., Sunday and was buried on Wednesday in that town. Besides her husband, she leaves two children. Mr. Davis is quite well-known in town, having been employed in the Leighton shoe shop here some years ago. Mr. Davis is a nephew of Ellery Davis, and Mrs. C. M. Bolles.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schneider of Long Island, N. Y., are expected in town the last of this week.

Louis Robbins of Mercer, Me., has returned to his former home in this town, and is at work for his father, George Robbins, of Hollis road. The wife of Mr. Robbins and their two children are expected soon and their household goods are on the way here.

Mrs. S. E. Tucker expects to go to Marlboro on Saturday to visit at the home of her son, Chandler Tucker. Mr. Tucker holds a very responsible position on board the repair ship Panther, now with the fleet in Provincetown harbor.

Miss Annie Leary, formerly of Boston, has closed out her business in town and gone to her sister's in Maynard.

Earl H. Farnsworth has returned from taking a dairy course at Amherst Agricultural college. He had a recommendation before going there for butter making.

Unclaimed letters in the East Pepperell postoffice: Wm. Cassista, Miss Mary Lohre, Francisco Freditt, P. H. Roy, Tony Sullivan, Miss Mary Sullivan.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Miss Mabel Haynes of Waltham is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner.

Prize Winners.

The following is a list of the winners in the various sporting contests at the union picnic on Wednesday:

100-yd. dash—Tied by R. Brown and Cliff Lacey; Rev. S. Ringrose, 2d; Brown won prize by tossup.

440-yd. race for boys under 15—Jas. Keene, 1st; Albert Howard, Jr., 2d; B. Cutter, 3d.

880-yd. event for boys 15 or over—H. Monroe, 1st; Ralph Fletcher, 2d; S. Ringrose, 3d.

50-yd. dash for girls—Eleanor Hill, 1st; Jeanett Newhall, 2d; Winifred Struthers, 3d.

One mile run—David Howard, 1st; Claude Hartford, 2d; Burton Whidden, 3d.

Standing broad jump for boys under 15—Went to Lester Swicker and James Keene, while Harold Morse won the same event for the older boys with 17 ft. 10 in., as his record.

In the shot-put feat he also put the shot 25 ft. 2 in. Charles Howard, 2d; and William Copeland, 3d. 7 in. David Howard also made a record of 34 ft. 6 in.

The obstacle race was won by Harold Swicker.

The owners of the grove and the Pepperell Spring Co. treated the picnickers royally and they received a rousing cheer from the combined schools.

West Townsend.

The Sunday school connected with the Baptist church enjoyed their annual outing on Wednesday, joining with the Methodist and Congregational churches at the Center in a basket picnic at Pepperell Springs. About sixty attended from this village. Stickney's barge leaving the church at eight o'clock and others going in teams and autos. A very jolly time was enjoyed and the school entered heartily into the games and sports, bringing home several prizes.

Tomorrow morning, Rev. S. D. Ringrose will speak on the fourth of his series of sermons on the parables of Christ, "The Leaven," and in the evening Miss Ora B. Craig will address the open-air meeting on the Baptist lawn at six o'clock, giving an account of her visit to the Passion Play.

Mrs. S. W. Tyler of Clinton is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Miss Bertha Boynton is spending a few days this week with friends out-of-town.

Kenneth Reed has returned from a visit to relatives in Boston.

Everett Pierce of Brookline, visited his family at Mrs. House's cottage last Sunday.

Townsend Harbor.

Charles Smith has returned from his vacation and reports a delightful time.

Leon Kendall of Peterboro, has been a two-weeks' guest at Frank Knight's.

Miss Carrie Hager returns to town on next Monday from her vacation with her friends.

Miss Mary Doran is visiting her parents at Dinglewood.

Ralph Conant lately observed his fifth birthday by giving a party to his friends.

Leslie Gray of Brockton is a guest of his cousin, Harold Gray.

Mrs. Lorenzo Doran, with her two youngest children, attended a family reunion in Fitchburg last Thursday in honor of her father's birthday.

Cards have been received at Seven Pines announcing the marriage of Miss Alberta Jones Oliver of Malden, and Clinton Garfield Coburn of Boston. In former years Mrs. Coburn was a frequent visitor at the Cape.

The services of Frank Cutting of Boston have been engaged in the reconstruction of the cottage recently purchased by Mrs. Foss.

Mrs. Strout is adding to the appearance and pleasantness of her home by the building of a broad piazza.

A theatre party from this village and vicinity attended the opera at Whalom on Thursday evening.

Miss Stella Shute, a pathological histologist at the Westborough state hospital, with her brother Ralph of Marlboro, are guests at the old Mansion.

Miss Harriet Lawrence left on Thursday morning for a two-weeks' visit at her home in Maine.

Mrs. Harry Gaze of Cincinnati, the wife of the noted lecturer on physiological and psychological subjects, with her son Emerson, are guests of Miss Marion Dana.

On Monday an auto in passing Chestnut Ridge, ran over and instantly killed a Scotch collie belonging to Will Cooper.

At present there are sixteen summer guests at the Old Homestead.

Mrs. Cummings has returned from Winchendon where she has been with a sick friend for several weeks.

On Thursday noon, Mrs. Adney Gray left town for New Haven, Conn., to visit her sister, whose husband is well-known as the Campkin organ builder.

Mr. Gray, superintendent of the leatherboard mill, had a narrow escape from cutting off the index finger of his left hand with a bench saw two weeks ago. The severe wound

which was extremely painful at first, is healing slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Butler and little son of Cambridge, guests at Walnut grove, are enjoying many of the pleasant rides in this vicinity on their two seated motor tricycle.

Miss Mary Adams is visiting relations in Lowell.

Mrs. Tatro and daughter of Fitchburg are guests of Mrs. LaFountain at Pleasant farm.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

George H. Chandler has bargained for a small farm near the center of Amherst, but will not take possession before next spring.

E. A. Cox and his son, Warren Cox, left Boston on Friday for a trip to Nova Scotia. They will be gone for two weeks or more, and spend not a little time fishing.

Elmer A. Flagg and family started on a camping excursion for Amherst and vicinity on Friday. They will go in a camp wagon and pitch their tent wherever a locality attracts. They will be absent from town a week or more.

E. W. Stone, of New Bedford, has been in town this week.

Prof. and Mrs. Wilmot Mitchell of Brunswick, Me., sail from Boston for England today. They will return in time for Mr. Mitchell to take up his professional duties in September.

Miss Gertrude Johnson is taking her vacation which she is spending at home.

Mrs. Arthur Whitney is ill at her home in Lexington, the result of poisoning from water at the Isle of Shoals, with the prospect of remaining in care of a nurse for a few more weeks.

Miss Fannie A. Sanderson left home on Thursday for Kingston, N. Y., where she will visit the Van Slyke family.

Miss Eleanor Patch of Beverly is the guest of Mrs. Fred A. Hosmer.

The elm beetles are making their destructive work very evident. Although the trees on our highways are in fairly good condition generally, those in fields and woods are noticeably brown and some are nearly leafless.

The sheep have been shipped from the U. S. quarantine this week to Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and other places in the central states. The sixteen men who have had charge of them boarded at Miss Ryan's on Taylor street.

F. C. Hartwell is spending a short vacation in southern New Hampshire towns.

A field day was observed at the Drew-Munson farm last Saturday afternoon. Orchardists from neighboring towns were present.

Judge Sanderson has had his tennis court torn up and reconstructed according to the most up-to-date methods. Marcus Morton and Thomas Fisher are the guests of Bennett Sanderson, and Webster Blanchard of West Acton is at J. P. Thacher's, and the four boys are spending most of their time in tennis playing.

Much interest centers now in the preliminary work on town water. Seven permanent wells have been driven near Whitcomb avenue, and the eighth and last is about to be materialized. The water is proving excellent in quality, containing desirable elements for all purposes. Many people are getting supplies for drinking and find it very cool and pure. The analysis thus far has been very satisfactory. Benson Priest of East Orange, N. J., is making a preliminary survey. The reservoir may be located on Oak Hill near Summit rock. The committee is now looking for a good location on one of the Long pond hills for a standpipe.

The Congregational church is the only one in which services will be held here tomorrow. All are welcome. The collections will be for the Boston Seaman's Friend society.

Miss Susie White of Medford Hillside is a guest at A. V. Moore's. Mr. Moore's daughter, Mrs. Wilford Brodeur, and family from Worcester arrive today for a visit of one week.

The tax rate this year is \$15 on \$1,000. Last year it was \$14.28 4-7.

The Whalom park picnic on Wednesday proved one of the largest and best in the history of Littleton's out-of-town picnicking. At least 165 went on the steam cars and two auto loads rode up to Lunenburg. Everybody seemed happy and no serious accidents happened to darken the picture on memory's canvas. Friends joined the party from Milford, N. H., Leominster and Groton. Among the latter were Mrs. A. W. Turner, A. K. Porter, now in his ninetieth year, Miss Madeline Porter, Mrs. Mary Knowlton Harris, Mrs. M. A. Warner and Mrs. William A. Lawrence.

It is reported that Frank Hibbard and family of Winchester will soon move to Ayer.

Mrs. Faustina Lawrence is entertaining Mrs. Herman Eckhart and another relative from the west.

The P. S. Whitcomb and George M. Lovejoy families went to East Harwich and Provincetown in the touring car last week. At East Harwich they joined the Henry S. Robbins' family in a pleasant reunion. Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Robbins of Littleton were in the company for a part of the week.

Littleton high school experiences another heavy loss in the resignation of Miss Jackson, associate teacher, who has accepted a better position in the Leominster high school. Parents, pupils and all Littleton people who knew Miss Jackson feel keenly a personal loss in her departure from town. She has been with us several years and proved herself an excellent teacher and a beautiful woman whose personality has been delightfully attractive and inspiring to her pupils. She carries the good wishes of her many Littleton friends.

The little crippled children who have been boarding at Alex Gregory's, left town on Thursday afternoon and

a new company came on the same day for a week. This is the third set of children at Mr. Gregory's this summer. Miss Elsie McDonald, nurse, comes frequently to give special attention to some of these unfortunates.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood is at Keene for a few weeks.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes has returned from his vacation and occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Rockwood were at home from Acton, Sunday.

Several of the local grangers attended the field meeting at Pine Island, Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Willey of Pepperell and Harry Powers spent Sunday at the Powers homestead.

The food fair held by the ladies of the Congregational church last week Friday evening was a decided success in every way.

Mrs. Edward C. Tucker is the guest of Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton at Blakesmere, East Pepperell.

Fred and Arthur Hammond of Groton are guests of their sisters, Mrs. Frank Austin and Miss Lizzie Hammond.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey and sons spent Sunday at the Lawrence farm, Pepperell.

Miss Edith Lawrence of St. Louis, and William Lawrence of Pepperell, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

The Sunbonnet club made an informal call at the home of Mrs. G. L. Dodge last Saturday afternoon to remind her that she was soon to reach another milestone and presented her with a Sunbonnet pitcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard were recent visitors at the Deacon Ames homestead at Pepperell.

Mrs. Daniel McKenzie of Townsend, has been a recent visitor in town.

Mrs. Hattie Stiles, Miss Josephine Seavey and George H. Abbott were visitors at Milford and Townsend last week.

Miss Hattie Maynard of Worcester is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard.

(Chap. 578)

An act to require certain vehicles to carry lights at night on public highways and bridges.

Be it enacted, as follows:

Section 1. Every vehicle on wheels, whether stationary or in motion, on any public highway or bridge, shall have attached to it a light or lights which shall be so displayed as to be visible from the front and the rear during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise; provided, however, that this act shall not apply to any vehicle which is designed to be propelled by hand, or to any vehicle while upon any lighted street or highway where street lights are maintained at a distance of one hundred feet apart or less, or to any vehicle designed for the transportation, as its principal freight, of hay or straw while loaded with such freight.

Section 2. Upon the written application and presentation of reasons therefor by the owner of a vehicle, the Massachusetts highway commission may, in writing, in such form and subject to such requirements as it may elect, and without expense to the applicant, exempt said vehicle from the provisions of this act for such period of time as said commission may elect.

Section 3. Any person who, while driving or in charge of or occupying a vehicle during the period from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, shall violate the provisions of this act, shall be deemed to be guilty of a crime, and shall be punished as provided in section six of this act.

Section 4. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect the provisions of any existing statute, rule or regulation requiring lighted lamps on motor vehicles and the obligations of operators or occupants thereof.

Section 5. The driver or custodian of a vehicle shall be deemed to be the responsible party and liable to the penalty as provided in this act for a violation thereof.

Section 6. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars. (Approved June 22, 1911.)

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