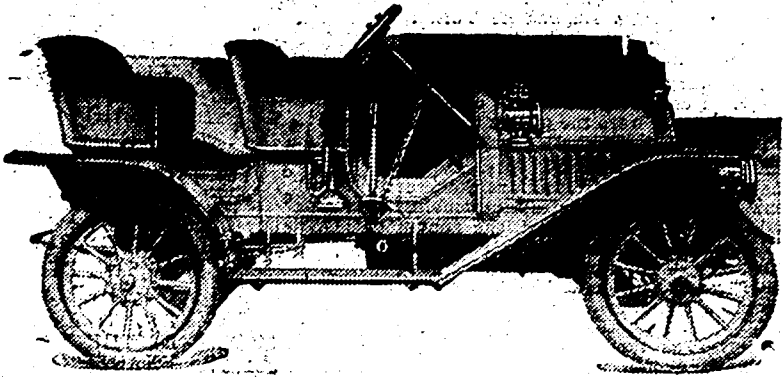


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TOWNSEND.

West. Mr. and Mrs. John Powers and son Oren left Saturday noon for a visit to Mr. Powers' daughter in Marlboro.

Mrs. Naomi Wilder, who makes her home with her son, Walter Wilder of Joslynville, has gone to her former home in Milford, N. H., where she will spend several weeks with relatives.

Earl Craig, who spent his summer vacation at his home here, has returned to Troy, N. Y., where he will soon resume his duties at the School of Technology.

Rev. Lee Niles of Dorchester, who with his family are stopping for a few weeks at the Center, where he was formerly pastor of the Methodist church, occupied the Baptist pulpit very acceptably last Sunday morning and evening, both his addresses being heartily appreciated by his congregation.

Mrs. George A. Wright of Winthrop has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, and she was accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brown, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Boston and vicinity for several months.

Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson and three daughters have returned from spending the summer at Black Island.

Public schools commence Monday, August 30, the regular fall term, and Miss Blanche Sprague, who is to resume her teaching at the grammar school, is expected at her boarding place at G. A. Seaver's Saturday evening.

M. and Mrs. McPhee and children, who have been occupying the upper tenement in Duncan Rusk's house, were compelled to return to their home at Prince Edward Island, owing to the unfavorable condition of Mr. McPhee's health.

Mrs. Ellen Warren, who has been caring for Mrs. Caroline Wilson during the absence of her daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, who is spending the summer in Maine, has returned to her home in Fitchburg, and Mrs. Patch is expected home next week.

F. D. Parsons and family, who have been spending their vacation in Lynn and vicinity, have returned to their home here.

A Family Picnic.

The members of the Stickney family in this and surrounding villages enjoyed a family picnic at Whalom park Friday, twenty-six being present to partake of the dinner, and others joining the party in the afternoon. Those present were: W. O. Loveland and family from Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. John Vose, and Mrs. Elizabeth Stickney and son Louis from Ashburnham, Mr. and Mrs. James Vose and Mrs. Elmer from New York, Rev. Maurice Levy and family from Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Levy from Fitchburg, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stickney and sons Frank and Herman, Mrs. Herman Stickney and baby, Mrs. Ivers P. Sherman and Miss Lois Vose of this village. The affair was informal and heartily enjoyed by all who attended.

Reunion.

Last Thursday one of the enjoyable affairs known as a family reunion took place at the old Joshua Willard homestead, just over the Ashby line, now known as the Lodge place and owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayward, when the descendants of Joshua Willard met and enjoyed a bountiful dinner served under the beautiful elm trees which distinguish the place. Twenty-three were present and participated in the day's pleasure, all the living grandchildren except one, C. Alton Willard of Los Angeles being in the company. Mr. and Mrs. Hayward added much to the pleasure of the occasion by opening their doors to the guests and permitting them the freedom of the house, hallowed to many of them by tender associations and loving memories of by-gone days, and as the guests were departing they tendered to them a hearty vote of thanks for their kindly hospitality.

At the close of the day the company was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Taylor, and supper was served from a table which belonged to Mrs. Taylor's great-grandfather, and set with the old-fashioned dishes belonging to her mother and grandmother. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. George Nichols of Hubbardston, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown of Bedford, Charles Newton and Miss Clara Newton of Gardner, Mrs. E. M. Briggs of Boston, Miss Lucy Willard of Pasadena, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willard, and Mrs. E. C. Willard and children of Ashby, and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis and children and Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence of this village. A hearty vote of thanks was also extended to Mrs. D. C. Taylor, who originated the plan and carried it to its successful termination.

New Advertisements.

A 12x18 Tent, with fly, to rent at reasonable rate. Apply to EDWIN EVANS, Washington St., Ayer, Mass.



The Last Week for Our Annual August Clearance Sale

Our Mid-summer Clearance Sale will soon be at an end. Only a few more days left. During the past three weeks we have clothed a great many Men, Boys and Children, and every one of them received a helping measure of value for his money.

There's lots of good values left, plenty of them, but the time is growing short. Our Fall Goods are already beginning to arrive and we wish to reduce our stock of Spring and Summer wearables to the lowest possible point to make room for the fresh arrivals. Our prices are cut low enough to sell the goods.

The fact that our merchandise is the best offered in this section, is an inducement that attracts all sharp buyers to our store and the very low prices we are quoting now, makes this store doubly attractive.

Note the offerings below and remember its the last week of the sale.

Men's Suits

This lot of Suits comprises the balance of our new stock of Spring and Summer Suits. They consist of Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixture Suits. Many of these Suits are the best and the newest we have. The regular price and cut price tags on each suit. The sizes are broken, of course, but all sizes in something. A saving of from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per suit.

Suits that were \$8.47 now	\$6.47
Suits that were \$10.00 now	\$7.47
Suits that were \$12.00 now	\$8.47
Suits that were \$15.00 now	\$10.00
Suits that were \$18.00 and \$20.00 now	\$15.00
Suits that were \$22.00 now	\$15.00

Young Men's Suits

Ages 15 to 20.

Every Suit at a cut price. Many of them the newest and latest styles and colors.

Suits that were \$8.47 now	\$6.47
Suits that were \$10.00 now	\$7.47
Suits that were \$12.00 now	\$8.47
Suits that were \$15.00 now	\$10.00

Men's Outing Trousers

Every pair at a reduced price. All new and desirable goods.

\$2.50 Trousers now	\$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers now	\$1.98
\$3.50 Trousers now	\$2.50
\$4.00 Trousers now	\$3.00

Children's Wash Suits

Ages 3 to 10.

Right in the season. Every Suit marked down.

50c Suits now	39c.
75c Suits now	59c.
\$1.00 Suits now	75c.
\$1.50 Suits now	\$1.00

Hammocks

Every Hammock now goes at a cut price.

\$2.00 Hammock, now	\$1.50
\$3.00 Hammock, now	\$2.00
\$4.00 Hammock, now	\$3.00
\$5.00 Hammock, now	\$3.75

Underwear

Four special lines of Men's and Boys' Underwear at reduced prices.

Our regular 25c. ecru Bal-briggen, and also the black and White Mixed Shirts and Drawers for Men, reduced for this sale to 19c.

Our regular 25c. ecru Bal-briggen Shirts and Drawers for Boys, reduced for this Sale to 19c.

Our regular 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, reduced for this Sale to 35c.

Neckwear

One Lot Four-in-hands 25c. grade—solid colors, all new goods 2 for 25c.

One Lot Four-in-hands, regular 50c. quality, new colors and designs, while the lot lasts for 25c.

One Lot of Wash Four-in-hands in White and Fancy Colors, 25c. grade 10c., 3 for 25c.

One Lot Fancy Bows, 15c. quality 5c.

Miscellaneous Bargains

One Lot Men's Golf Caps, 50c. grade for 25c.

One Lot Boys' Golf Caps, 25c. grade, for 19c.

One Lot Children's Waists and Shirts, ages 4 to 14, regular 25c. grade for 15c.

One Lot of Children's Wash Knee Pants, 25c. grade, for 10c.

One Lot Men's Police Braces, the kind usually sold for 25c., for 17c.

One Lot of about 50 Pairs of Men's and Boys' Bicycle Pants, former prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$4.00 a pair, we have placed on the bargain counter for uniform price of 19c. pair.

Straw Hats

Every Straw Hat in our store at a big reduction from regular price. They must go.

25c. Hats for Children now	10c.
50c. Hats for Children now	25c.
25c. Hats for Men now	19c.
50c. Hats for Men now	39c.
\$1.00 Hats for Men now	75c.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Hats for Men now \$1.00

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Hats for Men now \$1.50

One Lot of Odd Straw Hats and Cloth Hats for Men, slightly soiled or shop worn, prices ranging from 50c. to \$1.50 on the bargain table for 19c.

Cloth Hats

25c. Hats for Children now	19c.
50c. Hats for Men now	25c.

Shoe Department

All our Tan Shoes and Oxfords for Men, Boys, Ladies and Misses, and many broken lines of all kinds of Shoes and Oxfords are offered at a cut price to clean up our stock and get ready for Fall Goods.

Men's Tan Oxfords

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now	\$2.25
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now	\$2.75
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now	\$3.00

Boys' Tan Oxfords

\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now	\$1.75
\$1.75 Tan Oxfords now	\$1.25
\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now	\$1.00

Misses' Tan Oxfords and Shoes

Sizes 11½ to 2.

\$2.00 Tan Oxfords and Shoes, now	\$1.50
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\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now	\$1.00
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\$1.25 Tan Oxfords now	\$1.00
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Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords

\$2.25 Tan Oxfords now	\$1.75
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\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now	\$2.25
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\$3.50 Queen Quality Patent Lace Boots, good style, also many odd pairs of Patent Oxfords, \$2.50 and \$3.00 grades at \$2.00.

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Saturday, August 28, 1909.

WESTFORD.

About Town.

Ho, ye farmers, bear in mind that the Middlesex North agricultural society is still on earth and doing business with the earth, as the farmers do business with the earth; that horse-racing, chasing, steeple-climbing performance are no longer in it; that the next fair will be held at Chelmsford Center, September 15 and 16. So get a move on your memory and save up some of the soil of your toil, and help out the display of the day. Remember Middlesex North has won out, paid its debts and has a surplus with which to make a sort of tour of the world. It is liable to tour Westford right away.

George W. Hill, on the Cold Spring road, fell from a ladder last week while searching for apples and broke a rib. He acted as surgeon in setting the bone, with a combination of Minard's liniment, butternut pills, lobelia, alcohol and home-made skill.

Mrs. Quincy Day and her daughter Miss May Day, Mrs. Jennette Wright and Mrs. Jennie Hildreth attended the camp meeting at Sterling last week and returned with varied sheaves of inspiration.

Comrade Wesley O. Hawkes and son Frank and selectman Andrew Johnson have returned from the G. A. R. Salt Lake City expedition. Experiences floating on Salt Lake will preserve them good for a long while.

Many are preparing to take in the auto races on the boulevard at Tyngsboro and Lowell, Labor week. Be careful and don't get taken in the mile-a-minute rapids.

William R. Taylor is spending vacation hours at Christmas Cove, Me.

State Police Investigating.

State police have been at Brookside during the past week, looking up evidence in regard to the attempt to set fire to the barn of George W. Bussey. The evidence so far seems to indicate that it was not an act of ill will, but the freak of an insane person who once lived at Brookside and was arrested a few years ago for assault with a revolver, and has since served time for assault with vitriol in Lowell. There is evidence to show that he was seen in the vicinity of Brookside on the evening of the fire and afterwards seen hurrying towards North Chelmsford. If this proves to be the right party, charge the act up to opium. Mr. Bussey has interviewed the selectmen, insurance agent Capt. Fletcher and others in an attempt to prevent so much lawless fishing, lawless setting of fish fires, lawless harvesting of crops, lawless tramping generally. The writer had a profitable experience in lawless harvesting of crops. Between darkness and hurry in digging a peck of potatoes, a dollar bill was dropped. Keep on, gentlemen, and harvest the whole field on that basis, and brush right by "Trespass" notices. You shall never go into court as long as your unintentional liberality continues.

That Mr. Bussey has been vexatiously annoyed in various ways there is no room for doubt. Even the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway harvested his butternuts, don't you know. They harvested \$125 worth with one bump of the car. But there have been many aggravating bumps in small ways to make it seem justifiable to bump somebody against the law.

Baseball.

Another one of those Waterloos for the Westford team at Fitchburg last Saturday 12 to 1. Just barely a run. A picked team, a good team; don't understand the why of it and don't want to think about it. But think of Nashua this afternoon; that is just where the real game of the season is going to get a playing, with the Westford team best three in five. So far, it is a case of tie, tangle, and this is to untie tangle.

The game last Saturday along the curved banks of the Stony Brook as it moistens the lily land of the Talient farm was won by the Pelham team 2 to 1, or increasing the dose 10 to 5. The Pelham team was partly talented and the Talient team was all talented. Under this combination nature seems to be reversed, and the more talents there are the less ability.

A Pleasant Gathering.

One of those good, old-fashioned hearty, wholesome, help-yourself gatherings, was laid out and carried out with none of your begrudging, stingy bearers about, at the farm homestead of Charles W. Whitney, on the Lowell road, last Sunday. Nearly two and one-half dozen people contributed to happiness as they talked, walked, read, ate watermelons, peaches, plums, poultry and drank Massachusetts standard milk of the twelve per cent. solidly brand. It certainly was as handsome a sight as any post garden, this garden of hospitality and appreciative response. Mrs. Whitney, the mother of Charles W., who has been ill and under the care of Dr. Wells, is getting well and going right along, as though eighty-five years were not so very much to lug about.

Center.

Mrs. A. H. Sutherland and family, Mrs. Nelson Tuttle and family, Mrs. Jacques and daughter, Dorothy, Miss Grace Bennett and Miss Annie Blodgett, making thirteen in all, went for

a day's outing to Baptist pond, South Chelmsford, Tuesday. This number was unlucky in number, for the weather was ideal and the day was full of enjoyment. There was boating on the pond and at noon a fine picnic dinner. This was supplemented with corn and potatoes roasted most successfully over an outdoor fire. The party drove home in the cool of the evening and voted it a most successful summer outing.

Mrs. Mary E. Mitchell and Miss Sarah A. Pear of Cambridge, Mrs. Homer M. Seavey's mother and aunt, are visitors in the Seavey household.

There is a set of photographs at the library from the Library Art club illustrating the rise of sculpture. Many of the pictures are early Grecian, arranged in chronological order and are particularly instructive and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Stone have enjoyed a visit from Mr. Stone's sister, Mrs. Baxter Kimball of Norwich, Conn.

Mrs. G. S. Cushing and daughter Marion of Medford were guests during last week at their cousin's, Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford.

Miss Florence Carr and George Cameron were guests over Sunday at A. H. Sutherland's.

Mrs. Eliza Carter and daughter Adith have been enjoying a visit in Providence, R. I., and Miss Ruby Carter has been visiting in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilkinson and two little children of Methuen have been spending the week with Mrs. Wilkinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland.

William A. Woodward, J. Herbert Fletcher, Aaron and Alfred Tuttle, went to Boston Wednesday and from there down the harbor for a day's deep sea fishing.

The John P. Wrights are moving this week to their new home in Lowell, much to the regret of their many Westford friends. They have been most, deservedly popular during the years they have been in town and take with them very sincere good wishes for happiness and prosperity in their new environment.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Spaulding and Mrs. Francis B. Prescott are spending a week in Maine with headquarters at Portland, making various shorter trips from there.

Town clerk Edward Fisher, with Mrs. Fisher and baby Helen, are having a well-earned vacation, spending part of the time at Mrs. Fisher's home in Swampscott, and the rest at Camden, Me.

Mrs. C. H. Wright, Miss Edith A. Wright, Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth, Mrs. Quincy Day and Miss May Day have returned from an enjoyable time at Sterling Junction camp grounds.

The single service at the Congregational church Sunday evening was well sustained and was conducted by H. G. Osgood, the subject being "The lessons from prayer." Mr. Marshall will have returned from his vacation and the morning service will be resumed the first Sunday in September.

At the next meeting of the grange Thursday evening, September 2, the evening's program was to have been a lecture by E. H. Forbush, state ornithologist. The grange lecturer has received word that Mr. Forbush cannot come until the first meeting in November, and the program for these two meetings will be reversed. The material for next Thursday evening will be of special interest to the sisters. There will be a discussion of the following topic: "Should there be a system to housekeeping?" and papers on the subjects, "Sunny side of farm life," and "Things worth while for the farmer's wife." With the advent of cooler evenings a good attendance and a ready participation in the session is desired.

Only a little more than a week more and the fall term of the schools will open. Both the academy and the William E. Frost school are receiving a thorough cleaning ready for the reopening. The teaching force at the academy has William A. Woodward at the head, with Miss Edith Babbitt of Fitchburg, and the new teacher who takes Miss Bartlett's place is Miss Lawrence from Campello. Miss Bartlett, who is pleasantly remembered, goes to Exeter to teach. At the Frost school Miss Fisher is the principal, and Miss Cushing and Miss Grant return the same as last year, and Miss Burnham of Essex takes Miss Platt's place.

Mr. and Mrs. Alford and daughter Mollie of Arlington have been spending a week with Dr. and Mrs. Wells.

Miss Alice Howard has been entertaining a number of classmates from Simmons college at her home.

Miss Ruth Fisher has been spending a week at Southbridge.

Miss Clara Fisher is spending the month of August at Harpswell, Me.

The John Fishers are at "The birch" at Forge pond.

Graniteville.

Charles Martin of West Chelmsford and Miss Mary T. Dunn of Dracut have been recent visitors in this village.

Annual Picnic.

The annual picnic given under the auspices of the parishioners of St. Catherine's church was held at Hillside park, this village, on last Saturday afternoon, and a large number were in attendance. The many people from out of town took advantage of the fine weather conditions and joined the merry throng, in which the time was spent very pleasantly in reviewing old friendships and taking in the many attractions of the grounds. The social event was the baseball game between the Brookside club and the Graniteville Blues. As the local club was very anxious to maintain its standing as the leader in the Stony Brook league, and the Brookside were equally desirous of getting out of last place, the result was a finely played game that was finished in less than one hour and thirty minutes, and in which the Graniteville Blues won by the score of 4 to 2. Ripley pitched a fine game for the visitors, the few hits that the locals made off him coming in at just the proper time to score runs. Flodin in left field played a good, consistent game, his fielding being a big factor in keeping the score down for the opposing team. Pope and Swanson also did good work. For the locals the battery

work of McCarthy and Ledwith was all to the good, Tom keeping the hits well scattered, while "Bill" nailed every man that attempted to steal second, besides getting in his customary two-bagger. The fielding of DeJoe was as usual up to a high standard, he pulling down several difficult high ones that were labelled for extra bases. Buckingham showed that he had his eye with him by finding the ball for two pretty bingles and just at the period of the game when runs were very much needed. The rest of the boys played good, fast baseball, and, taken on the whole, the game proved to be highly interesting. The Brookside boys are a fine bunch of fellows, and although the locals felt it their duty to win, the visitors showed the proper sporting spirit by being good losers, and the best of feeling prevailed throughout.

On next Saturday the Blues play the Iroquois club in Lowell.

After the ball game the other sports were run off with the following results: 100 yards, open, Pope first, Ledwith second; hop, step and jump, Will Wright first, 36 feet, 11 inches; Pope second, 36 feet, 4 inches; broad jump, Edward Riney first, 8 feet, 8 1/2 inches; Flodin second, 8 feet, 5 1/2 inches; boys' race, Gower first; Gagon second. The four race followed, in which twenty-five small boys struggled for pennies and nickels that were placed in a bag of flour, dumped on the ground, and it was found very hard to pick a winner, as several of the boys were seen "fishing" while the crowd were eating supper.

This ended the sports, and the time was then taken up in visiting the side attractions. The cane stand in charge of Will Wall, Joe Riney and Ed. Riney did a rushing business, while Joe Wall made all sorts of promises to all those that would only throw three balls at the "niggers" head. The fishing pond in charge of the young ladies was also well patronized, and at 5:30 o'clock an excellent supper in charge of the ladies of the parish was served under the trees. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marchione had charge of the tonic and were kept busy, while cigars, peanuts, potato chips and ice cream fountains passed throughout the afternoon. Rev. J. J. McNamara was present during the afternoon and took a deep interest in all that was going on.

In the evening a social dance was held in Healy's hall. The Imperial orchestra of Groton, U. H. Barrows director, furnished excellent music for dancing, and at intermission refreshments were served in the lower hall. The dance was very largely attended, many being present from out of town. The whole affair was a great social and financial success, and reflects great credit on the committee in charge.

Death.

Miss Marie Lefebvre Milot, wife of Joseph Milot, died at her home in this village after a brief illness on Saturday morning, August 21, aged sixty-two years. Besides her husband, she leaves six sons, Arthur, Comé, Donat, Denis, Idion, Ceriac, and two daughters, Edouardina and Alphonsine. The deceased had a wide circle of relatives and friends in this vicinity that sincerely mourn her loss. The funeral took place on last Monday morning at eight o'clock and was largely attended. At 8:30 a funeral mass was celebrated in St. Catherine's church, the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, being the officiating clergyman. The choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, sang the Gregorian chant. There were many beautiful floral offerings. The bearers were the five sons and son-in-law, Philip Canton. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery, this village.

Forge.

The ladies' sewing circle held a very successful bazaar supper at Recreation hall on Wednesday evening, August 18. The supper was served from 6:30 until eight. A large number was present, including many of the summer friends who are sojourning on the shores of Forge pond. All did ample justice to the tempting array of the good things set before them. Rev. T. L. Fisher, pastor of the church, and Paul Roberts of Ayer, were among the out-of-town guests. After supper a social hour with dancing was passed. A very pleasing incident occurred during the evening when Mr. Fisher announced the kind friend who loaned the money to build the sheds for the mission. It was with pleasure we found it was William Burnett, who has worked for the building of the society long and well.

Mrs. Colbert of Boston has been the guest of her brother, D. Hanley and family, for a few days.

Mrs. Prince and daughter with her sister, Mrs. Rigby of North Chelmsford, and Mrs. Sheehan of Leominster, were in the village Tuesday afternoon and with Miss Catherine Hanley were renewing old associations of their early school days.

George Holt and daughter, Miss Charlotte, are visiting his sister, Mrs. R. D. Prescott.

Henry Story of Hudson is spending his vacation with his brother, R. D. Prescott.

A very pretty home wedding took place Wednesday afternoon when Geo. Weaver, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, and Miss Jessie Wilson were united in marriage at the parental home of Miss Wilson. Rev. Mr. Mathews of Lowell was the officiating clergyman. The bride was attired in white liberty satin. Her sister, Miss Lena Wilson, attended her, while Walter Precious was best man. There were many neighbors and friends present, and the many and beautiful presents show the esteem in which the young people were held.

The Forge Village Lions were defeated by the West Chelmsford team on the home grounds Saturday afternoon; score 7 to 4. A large number of people from the village and West Chelmsford were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blodgett welcomed a little daughter to their home, "The Ridges," August 19. Mrs. Blodgett was formerly Miss Bessie Lees of this village. Mr. and Mrs. John Baker also welcomed a little daughter August 24.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wyman and daughter are visiting at her father's, William Burnett's, for a short time before returning to Camden, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Normington, Mrs. Alice Carrick of Worcester, also Mr. and Mrs. William Baker and Mrs. William Rossley of the same place, were week-end guests of Mrs. M. A. Lowther.

Mrs. Walter Fletcher of Bridgeport, Conn., is visiting friends in this village.

A. W. Carlin of Gardner made a short call upon his parents Wednesday afternoon.

John Edwards is very ill, but at the time of writing seems a little better. Mrs. Catchpole gains very slowly.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Evelyn Whitcomb Hosmer, the seven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hosmer, who died of pneumonia early Wednesday morning, August 18, was buried in Westlawn cemetery, last week Friday. Funeral services were held at the house at two o'clock, and Rev. C. A. Drummond officiated in his usual sympathetic and comforting manner. Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and Mrs. Mattie K. Priest sang with exceptional tenderness "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "Nearer, my God, to thee." The services were largely attended, and silent yet sincere sympathy was further expressed by the large number of beautiful floral tributes.

Rev. John F. Mallick will occupy his former pulpit at the Unitarian church, Sunday, August 29.

Miss Alice E. Chapman of Winchester and Brant Rock put onto the Brant Rock stage last week, "The Cameron pride," which was given here last December under her direction. The cast was taken from the summer residents of the place, who reflected upon themselves and Miss Chapman great credit.

Mrs. C. F. Johnson visited friends at Brant Rock last week.

Miss Emma Hutchinson has recently spent several days in Amherst, N. H. Clifford Smith is enjoying a vacation, part of which he is spending at home.

Miss Marion Hartwell and friend, Miss Williams of Dorchester, both teachers of physical culture at Wellesley college, have been the guests of Miss Hartwell's aunt, Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, at Glen-Knollwood the last few weeks.

Mrs. Annie Smith is sojourning in the White Mountains and shares her delight with her Littleton friends as much as possible through attractive postcards.

We are glad to note the continued improvement in Mrs. M. E. Somes' condition. According to present accounts she is sitting up several hours daily.

Prof. Charles Whiting of Cambridge, who has for the last twenty years been an annual summer visitor in town, presided at Congregational church organ last Sunday evening and gave and received much enjoyment from this favorite musical instrument, which has throughout his long life responded to the touch of his fingers and reproduced the melodies of his own soul. Rev. Paul G. Faver began a series of sermons on the bible at the evening service.

George A. Kimball, civil engineer of the Boston elevated company, came in his automobile to Littleton Sunday, taking with him his wife and children, Herbert, Elizabeth, and Mrs. Woodbridge. All attended the Congregational church, which Mr. Kimball attended when a boy.

John Sheedy, the Groton grocer, and his family are in camp at Spectacle pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant have arrived east and are spending a part of their honeymoon at A. F. Conant's.

Mrs. Favor is entertaining her mother and Miss Christine at the parsonage.

The Houghton-Hayward families held a delightful reunion in the Hayward Hartwell camp and pine grove, last week Thursday and Friday. Seventy-three were present the first day and fourteen the second. Among those present from some distance were E. H. Hayward, formerly of Ayer, and John Houghton and wife of Gardner.

Five carloads of Guernsey cattle have arrived from England and been unloaded at the U. S. quarantine this week.

Miss Henrietta Ewings, Mrs. Arthur Whitney and her daughters Louise and Eleanor, started Monday on a carriage drive through interesting sections of Vermont.

Harry Steves has given up his position with Thacher & Ireland and has gone to visit relatives in Portland, Me. H. C. Eastman has been engaged to fill the position made vacant by his departure. Frank Hibbard is also working for Thacher & Ireland.

Everett Kimball with his brother Frank is taking a week off. They are sojourning in Vermont, looking for something fancy in the nature of horseflesh, and incidentally enjoying a much needed vacation. Rev. H. B. Drew is attending to business in the store during Mr. Kimball's absence.

Edward F. Chamberlain has been in town for several days. He expects to take his family back to their home in East Orange, N. J., next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sturtevant, friends of the Chamberlains, have been in Littleton for several days this week.

Mrs. Marie S. Sandellus sang two of her beautiful solos in the Baptist church last Sunday morning.

Miss Gladys Kimball is visiting her friends the McCoy girls, in Westford. Mrs. Lizzie Hendley of Pepperell has been the guest of her brother, J. W. Ireland, for a week past.

There will be a food sale at the Baptist vestry Saturday afternoon, August 28, from 2:30 to five o'clock.

The Cynthian orchestra enjoyed an automobile ride with A. H. McDonald through Concord, Lexington and Arlington, to Boston and back through Cambridge, Watertown and Waltham last Monday.

Members of the Sanderson family attended the funeral of Mrs. Luke Blanchard at West Acton, Monday.

Miss Florence Bartlett attended the wedding of her friend, Miss Lella Skelton of Somerville, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and son Herbert, and daughter Marion, returned Monday from Kennebunkport, Me.

The George F. Brown family will move to Cambridge September 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown, who have spent the summer with their sister, Miss Jane Brown, will return to their home in Boston the first of September, and Miss Emmagene Turner will resume her household duties in Miss Brown's home.

Miss Margaret McArthur and Mrs. Dane and daughter Elizabeth, of First street, Lowell, were the guests of their cousin, John A. Kimball, Monday.

Mrs. Everett Kimball, Mrs. E. F. Chamberlain, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sturtevant had a delightful automobile tour with A. H. McDonald, the popular chauffeur, Tuesday. Their course was through Harvard, Still River and Lancaster to Clinton and back through Boylston, Sterling and Leominster. They pronounce the touring car and its driver as nonpareil.

The Peter and Hartwell Whitcomb families enjoyed an outing at Long pond Wednesday. Henry A. Robbins and family of Newton were present, coming in their new automobile.

Mrs. Fred Reed has been appointed by the Massachusetts highway commission to count all touring cars, runabouts, single carriages and teams, excluding carts and wagons, that pass over the Great road by her home in a single week, beginning with last Sunday morning and ending this Saturday night. Last Sunday there were 210 autos and forty teams that she counted.

Richard G. Conant will lead the C. E. meeting at the Congregational church Sunday evening, and speak on "Two prayer lessons." "Home missions. Our cosmopolitan population," is the subject of the Baptist C. E. for Sunday evening, and the meeting will be in charge of the missionary committee.

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Littleton, August 24, 1909.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Worcester ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Solon W. Whitney, late of Harvard, 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 Harriet E. Whitney of Harvard, in said County of Worcester, without giving a surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the fourteenth day of September, A.D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, WILLIAM T. FORTNER, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.
Sworn JOHN W. MAWNEY, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Annie J. Patterson, late of Townsend, in said County, Middlesex, deceased.

Whereas, Mrs. J. Dix, the administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented or allowed the second account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the thirteenth day of September, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

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

Sworn W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Ayer, Mass., August 11, 1909.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Ayer, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1909, at ten o'clock, A. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

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NOTICE is hereby given that bank books No. 8124, 8125, 8126, and No. 8704, North Middlesex Savings Bank, have been lost; payment stopped thereon and application made for new books. Any person coming into possession of these books will please forward them to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass. 3550

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

Whereas, at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D., 1909.

On the petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Groton, in said County, praying that Martin's Pond road, in said town, from the property line between land of Charles H. Berry and land of Lawrence Brooks, easterly to the property line between land of said Brooks and land of Arthur W. Shattuck be relocated, it was adjudged that said relocation is of common convenience and necessity.

Said commissioners, therefore, give notice that they will meet at the Town Hall in Groton on the twenty-seventh day of September next, at 10.45 of the clock in the forenoon, to locate accordingly.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.
August 10th, 1909.

A True Copy. Attest:

A. A. FILLEBROWN,
Deputy Sheriff.

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

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court, for probate, by Adeline M. Burgess, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

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

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

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

JOHN W. LAWRENCE, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Luanana C. Reed, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

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

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

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

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTYRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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TIME TABLE.

Issued June 21, 1909.

(Subject to change without notice.)

WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for

Boston via Tewksbury and Reading

to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles-

town—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as

week days. Return—Leave Sullivan

Square—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—7.45 a. m. and

every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m.

to Boston via North Billerica, Billerica

Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winches-

ter and Medford to Sullivan Square

Terminal, Charlestown—6.25, 6.55 a. m.

and every 30 mins. until 9.55 a. m.

Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.35 a. m.

and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 9.32 p. m.

Lawrence—6.15, 6.45, 6.40 a. m. and

every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sun-

days—7.10 a. m. then same as week

days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6.20,

6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. un-

til 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m.,

then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex

Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m.

and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m.

Sundays—5.38, 6.03 a. m. and every 15

mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave

North Chelmsford—5.20, 5.55, 6.30, 6.57,

7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until

11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—

8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03

p. m.

Nashua—6.15 a. m. and every 30

mins. until 10.15 p. m. Sundays—7.15

a. m. then same as week days. Return—

Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every

30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. Sundays—7.55

a. m. then same as week days.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18,

6.04, 6.55 a. m. and every 15 mins. un-

til 10.43 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sun-

days—8.18 a. m. and every 30 mins.

until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave

Tyngsboro—6.20, 6.57, 7.03 a. m. and

every 30 mins. until 10.23 p. m. then

11.33 p. m. Sundays—9.03 a. m. and

every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

THOMAS LEE, Supt.

HARVARD.

News Items.

While stripping a thirty-five foot pole, located near the brook below Pine Hill last Saturday, Lincoln McLean met with an accident, saving his life almost by a miracle. The pole tipped in the soft mud and fell. McLean was strapped to the top and came under the pole striking in the mud and water. He was removed to the home of H. A. Skillings, and later taken to the Massachusetts general hospital, where he is doing well. He was severely bruised, but no bones were broken.

Lillian Hazelton of Waterville is visiting with Mildred E. Morse.

Charles Wetherbee and wife of Detroit, Mich., spent a few days recently with his brother, Fred Wetherbee, and family. They made the trip through from Detroit by auto. Leaving here they go to Bath, Maine, where Mr. Wetherbee has a son.

Schools open on Monday, August 30, with the teachers as follows: First primary, Miss Brooke of Chelmsford; second primary, Miss Nourse of Bolton; intermediate, Miss King of Harvard; grammar, Miss Putnam of Hyannis.

Joe Ford is working at Fiske Warren's as all-round man at the mansion.

Miss E. E. Hersey is booked to arrive in New York city from her tour abroad on Sunday, September 5, and will arrive at Harvard on Monday.

Mrs. F. E. Hartshorn, who has spent the summer at Newtowne, Conn., has arrived home.

Leon Damm of Somerville, whose family are here for the summer, arrived Wednesday for a week's vacation.

Charles L. Clay and family, who have been away in New Hampshire for the summer, arrived home on Monday last.

Gertrude Farwell has been on a visit to Miss Agnes Smith at her home in Cambridge.

Miss Lillian Parker accepts a school in Gleasondale, where she will teach the coming term.

Irene McMahon from Groton visited last week with Dorothy West.

The King's Daughters will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, September 2, at 2.30 o'clock, at the Memorial committee rooms.

George McMahon has gone to East Boston to work. He has entered a machine shop to learn the machinist's trade.

Miss Mae McDermott of South Boston is staying for two weeks at Nellie Mongovin's.

Miss Hennessey of Cambridge is visiting for a few days with her sister here, Mrs. Jerry Mongovin.

Misses Beatrice and Ruth Savage, daughters of Charles Savage of Leominster, who have been visiting for a few days here in town, returned home on Wednesday.

Shoboken.

Miss Nellie Easton, Miss Edna Draper and Robert Draper of Camden, N. J., have been visiting the past week at W. S. Dudley's, Prospect Hill farm.

Robert Hamilton, with his sister Margaret, were at Pine Knoll cottage last week.

Miss Eunice Hodges of Marlborough is at Camp Wheelock, Shaboken lake.

Masters Alley Perlman, Clinton and Nelson Wright, Worcester, are occupants of Perlman's cottage on Shaboken lake.

Mrs. H. A. Dickinson visited Fitchburg last Sunday, making the trip in an automobile with her son, George Dickinson, of Manchester, N. H.

D. H. Dickinson reports he will finish his hay before snow falls. He cut and got in the first load of the second crop Monday.

A faggot party was one of the novel and interesting amusements at the lake this week. It was held at Camp Wheelock, all the campers taking part. A jolly good time was reported.

Nelson Hart of West Townsend visited E. J. McLaughlin to fish in the nearby ponds. On Friday of last week they both went down the harbor on the King Philip fishing, and Mr. Hart was in luck, catching a five-pound haddock.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Miss Irene Berry and Frank Gates of Worcester were recent guests at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Miss Edna Leland of South Framingham was at C. E. Mead's the first of the week.

Miss Mary Nelson has been spending a few days with her sister in Fitchburg. From there she goes to Clinton to visit Mrs. B. O. Hazen.

Several from her attended the funeral services of Mrs. Jerusha Morton Blanchard, widow of the late Luke Blanchard, in West Acton, Tuesday afternoon.

Louis Houghton, who was on the battleship Missouri in its famous trip around the world, was a recent visitor at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Parker went to Nantasket Thursday to spend the rest of the week.

Mrs. Warren Hayward and Bennie have gone to stay with Mrs. Lena Hayward Searles for the present.

Mrs. Wilson with her daughter and two sons, and Misses Mabel Lawrence and Mabel Wetherbee, went to Lexington park Tuesday.

Miss Eva Stearns, who has been with Mrs. Robbins all summer, left Monday for a two-week vacation with friends in various places before returning to her school in Pawtucket.

Albert Goding and Charles Veasey of Stow are at work at No. 1 schoolhouse whitening the ceiling, painting the walls and putting the room in good condition for the opening of school in September.

The campers returned from Nagog Monday well pleased with their outing. They were in O. Knowlton's cottage instead of F. R. Knowlton's as stated last week.

Lake Superior is the largest body of fresh water in the world, and its area is about equal to that of Ireland.

BOSTON LETTER

Chairman McLeod Seems to Be a Hustler For Democrats

GREAT ACTIVITY IN CAMPAIGN

Coughlin's Candidacy for Governor—
Return of Fitzgerald—J. Stearns
Cushing Conceded Councillor Nomination

There has been considerable activity in the political field in the last week or more. The near approach of the caucuses has started all the politicians on both sides of the political fence working.

Evidently Chairman Frederick J. McLeod of the Democratic state committee has been busy for several months past. He has made a very careful campaign, organizing the city and town committees of the state and getting them into the best possible shape. It is somewhat remarkable, but in the great majority of towns he found no organization whatever. Evidently there has been none since the year 1908, when Colonel William A. Gaston was a candidate for governor. There was also a dearth of records and other data in regard to these committees. He also discovered that the state committee had been in the habit of ignoring all but a few of the large towns, and whatever was done in the way of campaign work was evidently in the cities and these few large towns.

Chairman McLeod thinks it difficult to diagnose the political situation at the present time, and does not feel inclined to make prophecies. On the other hand, he is not willing to admit that the Democrats have no show, so he declares that it is difficult to get any forecast on the result of the vote. He believes there is more evidence today of a breaking up of party lines among the Republicans than ever before, at the same time admitting that the Democratic party has been in that condition for three or four years. He thinks the result of this breaking up will be apparent in due time. The oracle at Delphi could not have framed an utterance more oracular than that.

The greatest activity at the present time is seen in the contests for the various nominations. In all the districts where there are such contests, there is the greatest activity on the part of the candidates. The most effective political work that is being done in a general way is in the line of registration in Boston. A good many thousand voters have moved since the last election and, to locate these, get them listed, and have their names registered as voters, has occupied the earnest attention of the Republican city committee. In the neighborhood of ten thousand voters have moved since 1908. To find where such voters have gone, mail letters calling attention to the necessity of registering, and similar work, makes business brisk at the headquarters.

The Democrats will have a field day on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 28, at Squantum, when the Young Men's Democratic club of ward twenty has its summer outing. Congressman Joseph F. O'Connell is the leading spirit in this club, and will preside, while the speakers will be Chairman McLeod of the state committee, President James Donovan of the Democratic city committee, James H. Vahey of Watertown, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, and several congressmen from New York and Pennsylvania. All the candidates for the Democratic nomination for mayor have also been invited.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant is announced to speak on Thursday, Sept. 2, at the summer outing of the Young Men's Republican club of Dorchester. This will be his first speech since the passage of the tariff bill, and it is assumed that he will say something of more than ordinary interest in regard to the features of that measure, and the benefits it will bring to this commonwealth.

Some interest has been aroused by the announcement of the candidacy of Mayor John T. Coughlin of Fall River for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. It is not generally believed, however, that Mayor Coughlin will be able to capture the nomination. There are a good many Democrats who do not care particularly for Mr. Vahey, but it has been conceded, in a way, that the nomination should come to him this year, and that will have some weight in deciding the question, without doubt.

Mayor Coughlin is reckoned among the conservative leaders of the Democratic party and he has generally had very little use for the progressive element which seems to have control of the organization at the present time. The return of John F. Fitzgerald to Boston has given added zest to the mayoralty campaign. Mr. Fitzgerald declares that he is a candidate regardless of which plan of city government is accepted by the voters. He is quoted as saying that he will run under any old plan. When he left for Europe, the trial of two of his subordinates while the mayor had just been completed, and both had received sentences on the charge of defrauding the city. In that trial Mr. Fitzgerald failed to remember nearly everything about which he was asked. District Attorney Hill openly charged him with attempting to "throw" the government case. His friends were

nearly a unit in advising him not to enter the mayoralty contest. It was believed when he sailed, shortly after, that he would on his return to Boston announce his withdrawal as a candidate. He has not done this, but is apparently as much of a candidate as ever. Nobody believes that he could win under the caucus and convention plan of nominating the candidates. He has announced himself in favor of the other method by which anyone securing the names of five thousand voters may run for the office of mayor. Under that plan he probably believes that he might win, if there was a sufficient number of candidates in the field to divide the vote of the opposition. He has the open hostility of President Donovan of the Democratic city committee, and it is believed that the city committee as a whole would oppose his nomination.

Thus far he is the only active, hustling candidate for mayor in the field. Mayor Hibbard is expected to announce his candidacy before long, while there appears to be considerable doubt whether James J. Storrow will allow the use of his name. President Donovan is believed to be for Mr. Storrow or ex-Congressman Joseph H. O'Neill. The Good Government association is for Storrow if he will consent to be a candidate. There are various other names mentioned, but these are the ones which command attention at the present time.

In the second councillor district, Mr. J. Stearns Cushing of Norwood is now unopposed for nomination as the Republican candidate. Both the other candidates, Representative Herbert W. Burr of Dorchester and ex-Representative Arthur P. Russell of Quincy, have formally withdrawn from the contest, pledging their support to Mr. Cushing. This, of course, means the nomination of the latter by acclamation in the councillor convention.

In the Boston councillor district, the Third, there is no one now in the field for the Democratic nomination with the exception of ex-Representative William F. Murray of Charlestown. It seems at the present time that no other candidate will care to enter the field at this late date. This district is as strongly Democratic as the second district is Republican.

FOOT OF THE HORSE.

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Early Attention to Young Stock.

Most owners of large breeding establishments of racing stock are fully alive to the importance of supplying conditions under which the feet of their young stock shall have every chance of proper development, padlocks of sound turf or dry porous mud, well shaded and well watered. With careful housing in roomy, loose boxes, on comfortable dry straw beds, surroundings are provided under which nature seldom fails to supply this valuable stock with such feet as in all probability will never, unless afterward abused, give the animals or their owners any cause of trouble. I find with many small breeders the last consideration very frequently is the condition and care of the feet of their young horses, says W. R. Gilbert. Many times I have seen promising two and three year olds with ragged, split feet and growing into all shapes but the right one when the most simple early attention would have prevented disease or deformity.

Instances are easily forthcoming as to the influence of surrounding conditions upon foot development. Place two foals at birth under quite opposite conditions, each having good feet. Tie



READY FOR THE SHOE.

one on wet meadows, where its feet are seldom or never on firm ground; the other upon dry uplands. From the meadows you have soft, flat, weak feet, while upon the uplands they have grown a good shape, tough and durable in texture.

The best stable treatment is simple cleanliness and occasional dressing with good oil. In fact, treat the horses' feet in the same way you would your best harness.

If a young horse with sound feet be taken from a dry pasture he will be at for shoeing at once, so far as the feet are concerned, but a colt should have his first training lessons in the stables and not in the shoeing forge and when quiet to handle should be shod.

I am sure that certain kinds of bedding are a cause of unsoundness in the feet of horses. I have not yet met with anything so good as wheat straw. The damp portions of litter should be removed daily and the animal exercised on hard ground. Each morning the litter should be carefully looked over and the dry portion removed to the sides of the box and every particle picked out of the feet.

Sawdust from the fir or pine order, I believe, has a damaging effect on the hoof, but that from woods such as elm, ash or oak is a fairly good substitute for straw.



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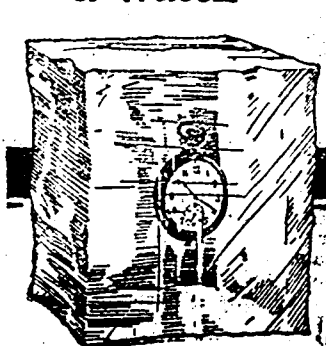
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Saturday, August 28, 1909.

GROTON.

Accident.

Last week Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. William Gale, William Stone and his daughter, Miss Mary Stone, were driving to town to attend the band concert, they experienced an accident with serious results. This is the story as we have heard the account.

Mrs. Gale and Miss Stone occupied the front seat, the latter driving. The gentlemen were on the back seat. All went well until the breaching hitting the usually steady old family horse's heels, he began to get uneasy and ran. This was on the road near Mr. Raddin's, and when Mr. Gale, reaching from his seat behind, caught hold of the reins, one of them broke; the horse went up a bank, overturned the wagon, and as the women were thrown out, somehow they were underneath the horse, which went over too. The men escaped injury by jumping or in some other way, we have not exactly heard how. But Mrs. Gale suffered a compound fracture of her leg, and Miss Stone was hurt across the chest. It was feared internally.

Mrs. Gale was taken to the local hospital, where she is being cared for. Her injury is worse, as the broken limb is one that was previously affected. An attempt was made to take Miss Stone to her people in Leominster in an auto, but we hear that she had not left town on her journey before she fainted and they turned back with her to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, where she is at present.

The horse is supposed to have been harnessed a little carelessly, as it was not given to running.

Obituary.

Dr. Potter was born in Groton, where he lived as a boy, and with others of the family was interested and an occasional visitor here. His brother, George W. Potter, and daughter, visited the Dodges and other Groton families a year or two ago. Their father and mother are buried in the family lot in Groton cemetery. So highly was the late Dr. Potter esteemed that the editor of the local paper, West Palm Beach, Florida, noticed particularly his death in the following editorial, besides the obituary, both of which spoke the feelings of his many patients and wide circle of friends and relatives here and elsewhere at the north:

"By the death of Hon. R. B. Potter, M. D., which occurred on Tuesday at Jacksonville, where a painful operation had been performed upon him, the medical fraternity lost one of its brilliant members, his family a loving and beloved brother, his close admirers a faithful and true friend and physician, and his country, county and home city an honored and honorable son."

"What the late Dr. Bull was to New York and the whole country, the late Dr. Potter was to all who knew him throughout the east coast of Florida. His services as a skilled physician and surgeon were always at the disposal of the sick and injured. It was never a question of fee first and services afterwards, but 'can I alleviate pain of suffering humanity?' Rich and poor, white and black, gentle and simple, will hold the name of the deceased with reverence in a niche of their inmost hearts as long as they live."

"Dr. Potter 'had the kind heart' and spent his whole life in doing good to others. His kindly face and sweet, unselfish and unassuming disposition, has cheered many a family and many a home in their sorrow and rejoiced with them when they rejoiced. Those who had the privilege of his services in severe cases of sickness say his kindly smile and gentle step on entering the sick room were like a benediction and their fears were at once allayed and the cure begun."

"Men like Dr. Potter are hard to lose. He was of the salt of the earth. His family, patients and friends mourn his loss. But should they not rather rejoice as those who believe that he has 'fought the good fight; that the battle is won' and that his reward will be at the entrance of the Great Beyond—'Inasmuch as thou didst it to the least of these my brethren thou didst it unto me. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

Dr. Potter's funeral service was held at the home of his brother, Geo. W. Potter, with interment at Woodlawn cemetery, West Palm Beach.

News Items.

Rev. E. J. Helms of the Morgan Memorial chapel, Boston, who is doing a large work in reclaiming and helping the lower classes in the South of Boston, will occupy the pulpit of the Union Congregational church, on Sunday morning and evening, August 29. The morning will probably be the usual service, but in the evening he will give a detailed account of his work in the city, and no doubt it will be full of information and very interesting.

Sybil, the second daughter of Hon. A. P. Stone, formerly of Groton, fell from the piazza at Keewadin lodge, Lovell, Maine, recently and broke her arm. Mr. Stone was in Groton last Sunday. The parents brought the child to Cambridge for medical care.

All boys and girls who have gardens, either at home or at the Lawrence playground, are invited to exhibit their produce at Horticultural hall, Boston, Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5. Prizes will be given for best and largest exhibits of vegetables and flowers. They should be sent Friday, September 3. The express will be paid by the Horticultural society.

Samuel P. Williams, who sustained a shock last October and whose condition was thought to be irrecoverable, was out for quite a lengthy drive last Monday, his son, S. H. Williams of New Haven accompanying him. They went on the Lowell, Martin's pond and

other roads, the first drive for over ten months. The other day Mr. Williams, who is interested in all town affairs, made a visit to the selectmen's room and saw the new town vaults. It seems a wonderful recovery, especially for a man of eighty-one years.

Poles to be used in the electric lighting have been dropped at intervals along different streets. These poles are said to have cost three dollars apiece.

Robert W. Bixby is spending several days this week at S. R. Mason's. His sister Irene is visiting her aunt and cousins, Mrs. Fred O. Parker and children, in Pepperell.

Ernest L. Sawyer of Winchendon, formerly of Groton, son of the late Shelby Sawyer, was the caterer at the Westminster 150th anniversary celebration, serving dinner on Wednesday of this week to some five hundred or more in a mammoth tent spread for the occasion. William N. Southern of this town was Mr. Sawyer's principal assistant, with many waiters.

Mrs. Carl Wagner has moved to the upper tenement of Mr. Frazee's house on Elm street.

Mrs. J. E. Adams was called to Athol Wednesday by the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parkhurst spent last week Thursday with their daughter, Mrs. Rockwood, and family, in camp at Spectacle pond. Mrs. Geo. Boynton, going on the same day last week, spends this week there, and also Miss Elizabeth Clark, stenographer of Boston, is spending for two weeks' vacation at the Rockwood camp.

Rev. H. A. Cornell of Lowell will preach at the Baptist church Sunday, August 29.

Everett C. Williams is recovering from an illness which required the close attention of his physician.

Barbee A. Miller is sick, having an attack of dysentery.

Miss Clara Smith is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Lucius Smith, and other relatives at the home on Common street.

Mrs. B. J. Crowley has gone for a week or ten days' visit to her friend, Mrs. W. H. Smythe, in Egypt.

Mrs. Kirby, who has been keeping house and caring for the children of her son-in-law, Rev. Charles W. Turner, left permanently with her two daughters on Wednesday, after a long and appreciated work in the family. Mr. Turner has secured the services of Mrs. Lucy Evans as housekeeper.

Work on the dam across the Nashua by the Nashua River Paper Co.'s mill commenced last week and is progressing.

Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle was taken dangerously ill the first of the week with heart trouble, causing great anxiety to her relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Trayne made a trip, driving over the road, up to Milford, N. H., Monday.

Rev. E. J. Helms, minister of Morgan Memorial, Boston, will supply at the Congregational church on Sunday, August 29. The children's work at Morgan Memorial is of great interest. The children are taken in their babyhood at the day nursery, go when old enough to the kindergarten, then to the unsurpassed industrial school, etc. Connected with this work is the summer fresh air camps, where children are taken from filthy, corrupt streets and introduced to a beautiful new world.

Mrs. Susie B. Condon went to Boston Thursday, joining her daughter, who is visiting the Galvins in the Dorchester district.

Howard G. Tuttle was called home Monday from Boston by the very serious illness of his mother.

The Hollingsworth & Vose company of West Groton have commenced on the building of two tenement houses, the cellars being completed. Out of town parties have the work. Some fifteen or twenty carpenters are said to be busy on the job.

William H. Whitehill, Warren Winslow, Elmer Sawyer and Miss Edith A. Floyd were initiated into the Groton grange Tuesday evening, the first and second degrees being worked by the grange officers and the men's degree staff in the usual successful and interesting manner.

Rear-Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, who is accused by his wife and step-daughter of poisoning his six-months-old son, the sensational story running in the daily papers at the present time, is well known in Groton. The admiral spent considerable time here, visiting his mother, and at other times. If we mistake not, Groton was the native town of his mother, Sarah Brazer Eaton, and here her life closed. His name appears as a student of Lawrence academy in 1857.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osgood of Champey street visited in Milford, N. H., last week. Returning home, they left last Sunday to attend a family reunion at Gardner. Mr. Osgood, who is one of Uncle Sam's veterans, met at this gathering with his three surviving brothers, like himself old soldiers of the Civil war. There were in the Osgood family five sons, all of whom were soldiers in the Civil war. One has joined the army of the great majority.

Miss Ellen E. Potter of Palm Beach, Florida, arrived in town last week for an extended stay here, probably until winter. She makes her home while here with her cousin, Mrs. Elizabeth Ames. Miss Potter is the sister of the recently deceased Dr. R. B. Potter, a short obituary notice of whom was given in this column a few weeks ago.

Miss Florence Nichols with her pleasing personality made a favorable impression on the large audiences assembled to hear her speak on the work of the Woman's college at Lucknow, India, when she spoke at the Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening. In a quietly forcible way Miss Nichols showed the good that had been accomplished, and the great opportunity for future good work in that field.

Mrs. Arthur Tuttle passed a more comfortable day Thursday, giving hope of recovery. The trouble has been diagnosed as a kidney affection with probable complications.

Mrs. Skinner of West Roxbury and Miss Stoddard of Peabody were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Frazier and the Frank and Allen Patterson families.

Work on W. V. Bixby's new tenement house began this week.

H. Robins Sampson left Thursday, taking the train at Ayer for Omaha, Neb., where he enters a counting room of the Union Pacific to begin learning railroading as a profession. This seems an exceptionally fine opening for a young man.

Rev. G. M. Howe made a flying visit to the parsonage Monday night, leaving Tuesday to attend the anniversary celebration at Westminster, which was his boyhood's home.

The illness which made it necessary for Miss Fannie E. Woods to go to the Groton hospital last week, was an attack of rheumatism, also severe tonsillitis, from which we are glad to say she is making a good recovery.

The marriage of Chester A. Hill to Miss Doherty, both of West Groton, has not yet been noticed in print. It occurred on July 28.

The Boston Post gold-headed cane has been presented to Almon Black, who was eighty-five years old last April. Mr. Black is Deacon Thomas Clough's father-in-law. There was no ceremony in the presentation.

Mrs. Daniels, the grandmother of George H. Cook, visited at Charles Woolley's on Tuesday, then returning met Mrs. Cook and two children at Ayer, when all took passage for Freeport, N. H., where Mrs. Cook and children will spend a couple of weeks. Mrs. Daniels is well-known here, especially in West Groton.

Baseball.

The Groton Alerts were again victorious last Saturday, thus making their winners of nine games in succession. The Nashua Reserves put up a good game, the score being at the close 5 to 4. The following is the full score:

GROTON.		ab	h	po	a	e
McDonald, rf	.....	1	0	0	0	0
Brace, cf	.....	1	0	0	0	0
Sampson, of	.....	0	1	0	0	0
Donahue, lb	.....	0	1	0	0	0
Bowker, 2b	.....	1	3	1	1	1
Lawrence, if	.....	0	1	1	0	0
Needham, ss	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Cook, 2b	.....	1	1	0	1	0
Stebbins, c	.....	2	1	1	0	0
Mason, p	.....	0	0	5	1	0
		6	7	10	5	1

NASHUA.		ab	h	po	a	e
McAfee, ss	.....	1	1	0	1	0
Woodward, 2b	.....	3	2	1	1	0
Woolley, lb	.....	1	8	1	0	0
St. Jean, if	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Reynolds, 3b	.....	1	2	3	0	0
Gaudette, c	.....	1	5	2	0	0
Bywater, rf	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Shea, cf	.....	0	1	0	1	0
Dane, p	.....	0	1	2	0	0
		8	24	9	4	0

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Groton 1 0 0 0 3 0 1 2 5
Nashua 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 0 4
Runs made by McDonald, Donahue, Bowker, Lawrence, Cook, McAfee, Gaudette, Shea, Dane. Two-base hits, Bowker, McAfee, Woolley. Three-base hit, Stebbins. Stolen bases, Bowker, Cook, Stebbins. Reynolds, Gaudette. Base on balls, off Mason, off Dane 2. Struck out, by Mason 3, by Dane 5. Sacrifice hits, Cook, Sampson, Woodward, Woolley. Hit by pitched ball, McDonald, Donahue. Umpire, Wright. Time, 1 hour, 45 minutes.

This Saturday afternoon the Alerts go to Townsend to play.

SHIRLEY.

Deaths.

Mrs. E. T. Clark, nee Sarah E. Collins, passed away at her home on Harvard road Tuesday morning from the effects of paralysis of the spine, a consequence of kidney trouble.

Mrs. Clark was the wife of E. T. Clark, head farmer at the Industrial school for boys, and has only resided in Shirley since last June. Her death came as a shock to the entire community, as she was only taken sick last Saturday. Dr. Lilly was called in on the case and upon his recommendation a consultation of physicians was held, consisting of Dr. Cowles of Ayer and a former family physician from out of town. A trained nurse was also in attendance, and everything was done to save or prolong life, but a higher power ruled it otherwise. Mrs. Clark has had similar attacks of sickness before, but has always rallied from the effects.

Since coming to Shirley Mr. and Mrs. Clark and young son have attended services at the Congregational church, where during the short period of acquaintance they were highly esteemed. Mrs. Clark was a devout christian lady, and her quiet and gentle personality, coupled with strong force of character, left its reflection upon all who came into her presence. She was born in Westminster March 3, 1870, and was married March 13, 1895.

The survivors are a husband and son six years of age, and a brother, J. W. Collins of Westminster, Vt. Funeral services were held at her late home Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. A. Bronson officiating. The church quartet rendered appropriate selections, and the floral tributes were choice and numerous. At the close of the service the remains were taken to Westminster Vt., for burial in the family lot. Rev. A. A. Bronson, by request, accompanied the mourners to the last resting-place of deceased.

Miss Elizabeth J. Moran died last Sunday at Cushing hospital, Roxbury, and was operated upon August 16 for tumor. She realized after the operation that the end was near and made all arrangements for the disposition of her personal effects.

Miss Moran was successfully operated upon at Cushing hospital five years ago for tumor and she gained strength rapidly after the operation, and it was thought that her cure was permanent. She was widely known in Shirley, being assistant in the home of Mrs. Ellen C. Lynch of the Center since 1890, first entering the home when M. Andrew Lynch was connected with the Boston fire department, and has remained in the family ever since.

Miss Moran was born in Fort Kent, Me., December 10, 1870, and moved to Grand Falls, N. B., when a child, where the remains were taken first of the week for burial.

Miss Moran was very actively identified with the Shirley grange and also the social life of Center Shirley. Her sunny disposition and ready wit made her a welcome guest at all times and places.

Mrs. Lynch has been an invalid for many years past and the loyalty of Miss Moran to Mrs. Lynch under all circumstances testify to her noble character.

When the sad news of Miss Moran's death spread through the town it created profound sorrow, and much sympathy was expressed for Mrs. Lynch in the loss of such a trusted companion and friend.

Delightfully Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holden entertained forty-two of their friends at a clambake at their summer home, Robbins' pond, last Sunday. Mr. Holden's cottage is situated in an ideal spot, facing the pond, surrounded on either side by shade trees.

The bake was in charge of an experienced chef. One long table was placed out on the lawn in front of the cottage, and promptly at one o'clock the guests were all seated around this table, which was bountifully laden with appetizing viands both substantial and dainty. A competent corps of waiters catered to each individual want, and at the close of the feast it was the unanimous verdict of the guests that it was the best-served clambake they had ever attended.

The scene was made one of beauty and splendor by the picturesque surroundings of nature. The afternoon was very quietly but pleasantly spent in social intercourse, the entire party leaving for home at five o'clock; not unmindful of the cordial hospitality accorded them by the genial host and hostess. Friends were present from Littleton, Ayer, Lunenburg, Harvard, and also Mr. and Mrs. John Kirby and young son of New York city.

Balloon Lands in Shirley.

The balloon Massachusetts, which made the ascension from Fitchburg last week Friday at 5.30 p. m., landed on the farm of William Jubb in Shirley. The balloon covered the distance of ten miles in twenty-three minutes. The balloon was in charge of the pilot, Charles J. Glidden, with one passenger, Harry C. Clayton, the fifteen-year-old son of Prof. H. Helm Clayton of Boston. The highest point was reached as it passed over Whalom at an elevation of 4000 feet, when nine carrier pigeons were liberated by Mr. Glidden. A number of friends in automobiles followed the balloon from Fitchburg and were right on the landing spot when the balloon descended. After the landing was made Mr. Glidden and young Mr. Clayton, in company with a number of friends were driven to Stirling Inn in automobiles, where supper was served. The balloon was returned to Fitchburg.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team was defeated by Gardner at Gardner last Saturday afternoon, score 3 to 2. The Shirley players lost the game through errors, as Warner and Woodcombe, their battery, were the only ones who played good ball. It was evidently an off day for the Shirley team. The score:

GARDNER.		ab	h	po	a	e
Conroy, ss	.....	2	0	0	0	0
Flint, if	.....	3	0	0	1	0
Goggin, cf	.....	4	0	0	0	0
Case, 2b	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Murray, lb	.....	2	0	0	1	0
Tappin, c	.....	4	1	2	3	1
Greenwood, 3b	.....	3	0	2	2	4
Oliver, rf	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Hall, p	.....	3	0	1	1	0
		23	3	5	7	9

SHIRLEY.		ab	h	po	a	e
Sibley, rf	.....	4	1	0	0	0
Connor, ss	.....	4	1	0	0	0
St. George, 2b	.....	2	0	0	1	0
Gaudette, cf	.....	0	1	0	0	0
Collier, lb	.....	4	1	1	2	1
Cook, cf	.....	4	0	0	1	0
Labuff, 3b	.....	4	0	1	2	2
Woodcombe, c	.....	0	0	0	0	0
Warner, p	.....	3	0	0	1	8
		33	2	4	7	24

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Gardner 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 3 3
Shirley 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 2

Two-base hits—Tappin, Greenwood, Collier, Labuff, Gaudette. Stolen bases—Murray, Tappin 2, Greenwood 2, Connor 2. Sacrifice hits—Conroy, Flint, Murray. Bases on balls—by Hall, St. George; by Gardner, Conroy, Greenwood. Hit by pitched ball—Warner. Umpire, Murray. Struck out—by Hall, Connor, Cook 3, Whitcomb 2, St. George 2, Labuff; by Warner, Flint, Murray 2, Goggin 2, Oliver, Hall, Umpires, Tappin and Wallingford. Time, 1 hr., 45 min.

Bowling.

The Shirley bowling team defeated the Fitchburg team at Whalom, last week Friday evening. It came as a big surprise to the Fitchburg team, which has been leading the league since the opening of the season, and was looked upon as sure winner in the league's series of games, which soon closes. However, the game was a close one, the Shirley team winning the first two strings by close margins. Harry Collier of the Shirley team and Chainey of the Fitchburg team tied for honors, both finishing with a total of 266, which were highest individual scores of the evening. The defeat of the Fitchburg team may be the means of changing the aspect of affairs, as the Dry Goods team of Fitchburg now has a good chance of winning at the close of the league series. The summary:

FITCHBURG		ab	h	po	a	e
Chainey	.....	85	92	59	266	
Herlitz	.....	84	86	72	242	
Lawrence	.....	81	71	81	233	
Coleman	.....	87	77	86	260	
Hawthorne	.....	79	75	80	237	
Totals	.....	426	404	408	1238	

SHIRLEY.		ab	h	po	a	e
McGuinness	.....	89	81	79	249	
Sleeper	.....	80	75	65	220	
H. Collier	.....	84	83	89	266	
F. Collier	.....	82	79	82	263	
Totals	.....	425	405	386	1228	

Altirians.

The Altirians have been busy through the summer months, seeking wild flowers and beautiful offerings from the gardens, which have been arranged in small bouquets by the different committees, and then packed in large baskets and sent to the mission homes of Boston every Friday, where they are distributed among the poor and at the hospitals, and we are told they seem to be appreciated.

The club was recently recipient of a check of fifty dollars from our generous and thoughtful citizen, C. F. Edgarton, who is ever ready to assist in any worthy object. The club highly appreciated the kind gift.

The Civic committee have been busy looking after the planting of young trees on the roads, hoping they may sometime add to the beauty of the town.

The club calendars have been prepared and will soon be out, and October will begin an active year.

Bowling.

The Shirley bowling team played the last scheduled bowling match of the season on the Whalom alleys, Wednesday evening, with the Dry Goods team of Fitchburg. The Dry Goods team won the game by taking the last two strings, however, the Shirley bowlers captured the first string by a majority of 37 pins. Frank Collier was the high roller of the evening with a score of 263. Hastings was high scorer for the Dry Goods team, scoring 256. It is safe to predict that Shirley will get the third prize in the summer league series, which will be ten dollars, or two dollars per player. Score as follows:

DRY GOODS.		ab	h	po	a	e
Gay	.....	84	91	78	253	
Whitcomb	.....	83	83	83	233	
Fairbanks	.....	78	78	83	233	
Hastings	.....	77	82	91	256	
Goodwin	.....	79	79	82	240	
Totals	.....	399	413	420	1232	

SHIRLEY.		ab	h	po	a	e
McGuinness	.....	95	70	83	248	
Connors	.....	71	79	82	232	
Day	.....	74	79	87	240	
Collier	.....	88	88	89	246	
F. Collier	.....	118	77	68	263	
Totals	.....	436	388	405	1229	

AYER.

Fitchburg Division Equipped.

The elimination of the telegraph and installation of the telephone in the despatching of trains has been completed on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad. Nineteen way stations are equipped and connected to the office of the despatcher in Boston. The system has been in operation under careful observation since August 7, and has given such general satisfaction that other divisions of the road are expected to be similarly equipped.

One of the novel features of this equipment, which was furnished by the Western Electric Company, was a special apparatus at one station to retain a one-armed telegraph operator at his post. The equipment designed for his use consists of a foot switch and a special telephone set. The device permits free use of his hand to record messages.

It is expected by the Boston and Maine officials that the new equipment will save much time in handling traffic. The installation is similar to that supplied to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Northern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Atchafson, Topeka and Santa Fé, New York Central, Union Pacific, Atlantic Coast Line, the Norfolk and Western, and other roads throughout the country.

News Items.

J. Q. Stuart of Black Earth, Wis., brother of George W. Stuart, came last week Saturday on a visit to his brother and left this week for Chester, Vt., to visit another brother, and to Saxon's River, Vt., to visit a sister before returning to his home in Wisconsin. Mr. Stuart has not been in Ayer since the early sixties, and he said he would not have known the place if it had improved so much. He is younger than his brother George, his age being about eighty-three and that of his brother eighty-six.

John Ryan caught last Monday in what is known as Groton School pond, on the west side of the Worcester and Nashua railroad track, a pickerel that weighed four pounds and dressed three and three-quarter pounds.

G. W. Stuart will start this Saturday for Vermont, where he will meet his brother Quincy, who is from the west, and where they will make a tour of several towns in that state, visiting their sisters and other relatives.

E. H. Hayward, formerly of this town, was here Monday and he and Mrs. Hayward are visiting in Littleton. Twenty years ago Mr. Hayward left for Florida, going there for his health, and a greater part of that time he has been in business in Deland. He has been east for a couple of weeks and leaves by steamer from New York city Tuesday, August 31, for Florida.

Mrs. J. W. Low is laid up in bed with heart trouble and a lame knee. She is attended by a physician and nurse.

Miss Clara Thomas entertained her Sunday school class at the Parsonage last Saturday. Lunch was served on the lawn, and the children spent a merry afternoon, playing games.

Phileas R. Daddelin left Sunday morning for Montreal, en route for Seattle, where he will attend the exposition. He will be away about one month.

Services at the Baptist church next Sunday as usual. Preaching at 10.45 a. m.; Sunday school at twelve; praise and evangelistic service at seven in the evening.

D. W. Fletcher returned Wednesday night from his trip to the Alaska Exposition at Seattle. He reports a very pleasant trip.

Mr. and Mrs. William U. Sherwin and daughters are spending a few days at their cottage at Fort Pond.

Miss Florence Bridgman of Philadelphia is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carley.

Mrs. B. B. Calef of Keene, N. H., was the guest over Sunday of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Barker.

Miss Laura S. Leavitt, Miss Caroline C. Brown and Ralph Brown have gone to Niagara Falls for a week.

Sandy pond continues to be a favorite resort of the townspeople as well as many others. A large number of people were there last Sunday. Among them from the Lowney Company of Boston was a party of five men who came in an auto and spent the day with W. H. Greene, who owns Sesame lodge, the unique log cabin. Mr. Greene is treasurer of the company and among the guests were the president and vice-president.

The Ayer team played the Pepperell team at Pepperell on Thursday afternoon and defeated them by a score of 4 to 3. The Ayer boys played rings around McCord's men from start to finish. There was good playing by McGuane at short, Carrigan and Sullivan at bat, Sullivan hitting out a timely three-bagger, and Dailey in the box. This makes two games out of three for the Ayer team, one of which was played here.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Neill of Beverly, and baby, who came here last week Saturday on a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill, returned to their home Friday, August 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sanderson and son Bennett and daughter Charlotte went, Wednesday, to the White Mountains for a week.

Myra A. Pinder of Lowell has bought of T. F. Mullin, the real estate dealer of Ayer, the Mary F. Messer place on Pearl street, for her brother, M. J. Pinder, a currier in the tannery here, and who will occupy it right away.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance will meet with Mrs. Albert Perkins and Mrs. W. B. Cotton in the church vestry on Thursday, September 2, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Donahue are at Beachmont for two or three weeks. His mother, Mrs. Thomas Donahue, of Pleasant street, is going to visit them for a few days.

Mrs. J. E. Bulkeley and son Arthur left Monday for a few days' outing and will visit Saratoga, Troy, Albany and New York city.

Rev. A. D. Stroud, pastor of the M. E. church here, is to be married, so report saith, Thursday, September 2, to Miss Mildred G. Andrew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Andrew.

David Pelkie of Townsend, drunkenness at Townsend, August 24, was in court the next day and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Mrs. Savage and two children, Mrs. Gertrude Turner and Mrs. H. M. Turner returned from Highgate Springs, Vt., and Montreal Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps and daughter returned Monday from a week's stay at North Scituate.

George H. B. Turner leaves this Saturday noon for a ten-day trip to Montreal and other nearby places on a visit to relatives.

Augustus and Francis Lovejoy attended the annual reunion and picnic of Company H, Seventh regiment at Hollis, N. H., at Silver Lake, August 19. Francis Lovejoy was chosen president of the association.

E. O. Hill, a freight brakeman, fell from a car in the upper yard, Friday morning, and received a scalp wound. He was attended by Dr. Cowles.

Under the auspices of the Methodist society a concert is to be given in Page hall, Tuesday evening, September 14. Master Moritz Rosenthal, pianist of Somerville, is to appear on that occasion. Young Rosenthal played in Boston last winter with marked success for one of his years. Other artists will contribute to this concert. George J. L. Colby of Boston will be the accompanist of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elson H. Bigelow returned the first of the week from Sandy pond, where they have camped for a month.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner, son Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lentz are in the Donlon cottage at Sandy pond.

Miss Alma Cota, employed in the fruit store of Foulus & Co., has gone to her home in Canada on a vacation of two weeks.

The Boston Post of Sunday, August 29, will have a full page of half-tone portraits of some of the recipients of the Post gold-headed canes, and among them will be the half-tone of C. L. Willard, the oldest man in town, over ninety, and possessor of the Post cane.

Adrian Dion, who came here recently from Salem, had the fingers of his right hand caught in the shaving machine at the tannery here Thursday. He came near losing his hand. The fingers injured were scraped to the bones. Dr. Bulkeley was called and dressed the hand. He will be laid up for a few weeks.

Birthday Anniversary.

The summer home of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Pierce at Sandy pond was the scene of a very pleasant gathering Tuesday evening, August 24, when about thirty of their relatives and friends came to offer congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Pierce on her seventy-fourth birthday. It was a great surprise to Mrs. Pierce, who was almost overcome, but she soon recovered and greeted her guests with her usual cordiality. Several musicians were among the company, who contributed generously vocal and instrumental selections. Leonard Howell of Worcester rendered solos on the mandolin, and Ray Greene of Dorchester on the harmonica. A cakewalk followed by Mrs. H. H. Greene and Mrs. W. P. Boutelle of Dorchester, which contributed much merriment to the guests.

Mrs. Pierce was the recipient of a large birthday cake made and presented by Mrs. H. H. Greene. It was handsomely ornamented and bore the dates 1835-1909. Mrs. Pierce cut the first slice and it was served to the guests. Other refreshments were served by Mrs. W. E. Brooks of Somerville and Mrs. Lillian Greene of Dorchester, assisted by Mrs. Lucy S. Richardson, and a social hour was spent. The evening was greatly enjoyed by all present. At its close by Mrs. Pierce's request, all joined in singing, "God be with you till we meet again," and the company departed with wishes for many returns of the happy anniversary, and feeling that it had been a very pleasant and long-to-be-remembered occasion.

Among those present were: Mrs. W. E. Brooks and Miss Mary Baker of Somerville; Miss Marie Nels of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Greene, son Ray and daughter Helen, Leonard Howell of Worcester; W. P. Boutelle and son Carl from Dorchester; Mrs. Boutelle's mother, Mrs. Laura Barton; Mrs. George Barton and two children of Leominster; Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lentz, Henry and Nelson Turner, Fred Hosmer, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pierce and children Kendall and Carol, Mrs. Stella Landry and Mrs. Lucy S. Richardson.

A Frost.

George L. Osgood, accompanied by F. W. Bascom of Worcester, left last week Friday noon in his auto for Sunapee Lake, N. H. After reaching their destination there was such a crowd at the hotels and such poor accommodations that they left Saturday night at 9.30 and arrived here Sunday morning at 3.30 frozen stiff. They lost their way at Milford, N. H., and found they were on the New Boston road. After waking two families they learned the right way. George has located all the signboards on their trip home by frequent observation in the dark.

LITTLETON.

James McLeod, former clerk in Conant & Co.'s depot store, has visited his friends in the neighborhood this week, staying at Miss Ryan's, where he boarded during his residence in town.

Philip Martin, the young man who died from suffocation by gas in his room at West Somerville, Monday night, rented his room of Mrs. John C. Ames, a frequent visitor at the home of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, her cousin, and was first discovered by his landlady.

The Baptist society will hold a lawn party on the church green next Thursday evening, Sept. 2. The committee on entertainment is to be congratulated on securing Mrs. Sandellins, who has already given her services in singing before very appreciative lo-

cal audiences this summer. She will favor the company with solo singing in the vestry at eight o'clock. There will be other singing during the evening. Ice cream, cake and lemonade will be on sale.

The Unitarian picnic at Whalom will occur Wednesday, September 1.

Miss Julia S. Conant attended the reunion of New Ipswich academy at New Ipswich, Tuesday and Wednesday and reports a very pleasant time. Geo. A. Kimball is president of the alumni association and presided at the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, Lucy and Roland enjoyed an auto ride to Barre last week Friday, where they joined Mrs. Houghton's sisters, the Misses Reed, and their cousins, the Howes of Springfield, in a family picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnard and son of Allston were week-end guests at Harry Humes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Frederick Conant have announced the marriage of their daughter, Hope Adgate, to Thomas Compton Walsh on Saturday, August 7. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh will reside at 88 Calumet street, Roxbury.

M. E. Somes has been given the contract to carry the Newtown pupils to the Center this year at ten dollars each week.

James McNiff, flagman at Priest's crossing, was injured Tuesday morning, while trying to stop Joseph Wright's runaway horse. One shaft cut Mr. McNiff's head and also his side, causing bruises that necessitated surgical aid. Dr. Godfrey was called and bound up the wounds. Unless something unexpected develops, Mr. McNiff will be at his usual post by Monday.

Of Rare Enjoyment.

The candy pull—no longer an affair of speculation and anticipation—will remain in the memory of all the boys and girls and their retinue of gray-haired parents, guardians and chaperons, who accompanied them, as long as time for them shall last, and it will be classified with the social occasions of rare enjoyment.

In the sweet-scented pine grove on Frank Farmer's estate three hundred or more children, young and old, were furnished with entertainment for five hours Saturday afternoon.

A sand heap of generous dimensions, with numerous bright shovels and gay-colored pails gave amusement to tiny tots, a large platform containing miniature household utensils attracted small girls; fish pond, punching bag, return-balls, football, various other ingenious devices held the attention of older children, while in a comfortable place beneath the trees settees were arranged for those who preferred to sit and look on or engage in a social chat. It is estimated that three hundred were present, not half enough to satisfy the generous spirit of the host.

A unique feature of the afternoon was the procession of young children, one hundred and seven in number, that marched en masse back and forth before the older members of the party. With them were several others who carried Japanese parasols or U. S. flags, gifts of their kind host. A happier, jollier little company could not be imagined.

Before the children had tired of these, two employees from the Boston factory began the manufacture of candy within a court set apart for that purpose. All other sports gave way to observation and with characteristic eagerness everyone watched the process of candy making from the time when the ingredients were placed over the bright coals in the open stove till they evolved into the real article and were wrapped in neat paper ready for distribution. Then another line of march was formed and from the ranks not one was missing.

There was candy to right of them, Candy to left of them, Candy all over them, But was a child dismayed?

With lusty cheer they gave vent to their feelings of gratitude to Mr. Farmer, for his renewed acts of generosity and all promised to be present at the candy pull next year.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

William Howard has returned from visiting friends in Westford.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Taylor are at home again from a very pleasant outing on the beach at Provincetown.

Miss Lucy Magovern, who has been spending several weeks with her aunt and other friends in Fitchburg, has returned home.

Mrs. John Magovern was called to Newport Center, Vt., by the death of her sister. She will remain a few days with other relatives there and in that vicinity.

Mrs. Steele, who has been occupying the Butterfield cottage, has moved into the Battles' place near Whalom. Mr. Butterfield and family expect soon to return and occupy their cottage themselves.

Willie Glen is painting, papering and otherwise repairing his cottage home, intending to take possession September 1.

The Methodist society held their annual picnic at Fort pond on Wednesday. As the weather was fine, a large number were in attendance, and report a very pleasant time.

The new library building is rapidly approaching completion. The plasterers expect to finish their work this week, and then will come the glaziers and carpenters, with their finishing touches.

The school committee met last Saturday and engaged Elwin R. Bemis as principal of the high school, and he will enter upon his labors Monday, August 30. He is a native of Belfast, Me., is twenty-nine years of age, married, but has no children, and he will occupy the Jones cottage, lately vacated by Principal Emerson and family.

STILL RIVER.

News Items.

Last Saturday evening the young people of the village had a corn roast in the pasture near the railroad station. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Haskell, Father Stone, Edna Flanders, Miss Cook, Alfred McWhitt, Walter Haskell,

Eleanor Haskell, Helen Stone, Ethelyn and Madeline Russell, Edna Robinson, Hubert Robinson, Nellie Joyce, William B. Willard, Bennie Keyes, Warren K. Harrod, Edith Fairchild, Adelaide Fairchild, Ralph Whitney and others not known to the writer. A large bonfire was burning and much fun was had in roasting the ears of corn, and Mr. Whitney had a large supply of marshmallows, which he toasted in a corn popper, and they were thought to be just the finest ever by the eaters. It was well towards the Sunday morning hours when the party broke up.

A little daughter, Hope Hunter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester P. Willard, Tuesday.

Ethel Parker, Edna Flanders, Miss Cook and Esther Stone went to Whalom park Tuesday afternoon.

Herbert Atherton and family have closed their Still River summer home and returned to their home in Holyoke, going last Monday, a week earlier than they had planned.

H. D. Stone is building a small bungalow for A. H. Pevear of Cambridge, on the lot that he bought of Mr. Coffey three years ago. Mr. Pevear has had a tent there in the past, but now wants something more durable.

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Centre.

Joe Worcester, Miss Mary Worcester of Boston and Miss Japh F. Draper of Watertown were in town over Sunday.

Miss Martha Neil of Derry, N. H., is visiting at Mrs. W. D. Osgood's.

N. B. Spinney's household goods were shipped from here this week. Mr. Spinney is to teach at Medfield this year.

Bert Estes is keeping the account of the number of automobiles and vehicles which pass daily upon the state road in front of the common, from the hours of seven a. m. to nine p. m. This is to be kept up for one week by order of state authorities, in order that they may get some idea of the amount of travel through here. It is hoped that the proposed stone road from Boston to Keene will pass through this town.

Another beautiful, gold-lined silver loving cup has been offered by a generous citizen, to the member of the T. A. A. baseball club having played sixty-five per cent. of the season's games, who will have the best batting average at the close of this season's playing. This, together with the standing offer already made by another generous patron of the ball games here, a gold-lined silver loving cup, for a home run made by any member of the local team, ought to spur the boys on to wield the "big stick" in their most efficient manner.

Frank Miller and family have moved into the Donovan tenement. Their former tenement, the Manning house, owned by A. N. Fessenden, has been moved to a location near N. J. McGuire's. Its former site will be converted into a spacious lawn, enlarging the one around the residence of A. N. Fessenden.

Mr. and Mrs. George Batchelder welcomed another daughter into their home, Tuesday, August 17, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mead are the happy parents of a little daughter, born Tuesday, August 24.

The Grotons will cross bats with the T. A. A. here Saturday, August 28.

Schools begin Monday, August 30, with teachers assigned to schools as follows: Grades one and two, Miss Maude E. Hyde; grades three and four, Miss Martha Harrington; grades five and six, Miss Clara A. Craig; grades seven and eight, Mrs. H. J. High school, principal Wallace S. Hall; assistants, Victor H. Wachs and Miss Elizabeth Hodge. West village: Grades one to four, Miss E. M. Tower; grades five to eight, Miss Blanch E. Sprague. Harbor: Grades one to eight, Miss Vera Robbins; northend, grades one to eight, Miss Flora Williams. Teacher of music for schools, Mrs. Victor H. Wachs; drawing, Miss Emma H. Haynes.

Charlie Howard is visiting in Boston and Worcester this week.

Quite a party of our townsmen enjoyed a fishing trip at Swampscott last week Wednesday. They left from Fitchburg early in the morning, thus being able to arrive at their destination in good season. Among the party were Joseph W. French, W. Cooper, D. W. Farrar, Nilo Woods, Arthur Bliss, Fred Tenney, H. C. Felch, Charles Wilkinson, Herbert Wilson, George Ballou, George A. Wilder, W. Copeland and E. D. Bliss. Harry Felch was the lucky man to catch the biggest fish, a cod weighing over six pounds.

Church Reception.

A reception was held at the M. E. church vestries, Wednesday evening, in honor of the visiting pastors and their wives. An excellent musical program was rendered as follows, interspersed with speeches: Piano solo, Miss Esther Eastman; address of welcome, Rev. V. H. Wachs, pastor; Rev. Maurice Levy gave an interesting account of his boyhood days in Townsend; solo, Mrs. Luther Richards; "A pastor's good time in Townsend," by Rev. L. A. Nies; solo, Miss Hazel Marshall; fraternal address, Rev. F. B. Harrison; duet, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Spofford; readings by Misses Grace and Ethel Upham; Rev. William Hodge told what it was to be a homesick for Townsend. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Ex-pastors and visiting pastors in town were Rev. Leo A. Nies, M. E. church, Dorchester; Rev. Maurice Levy, Newton Center, First Baptist; Rev. William Hodge, North Andover, M. E. church. The local pastors also attended.

West.

It is expected that the Baptist pulpit will be supplied Sunday, August 29, by Prof. Lane of Cushing academy, who has proved very pleasing to his audiences here in former meetings.

Mrs. John McElligott and children from Boston are spending a few weeks at the home of Richard McElligott.

Mr. Blake, who is employed in the stone quarry, met with a painful accident last Thursday afternoon, crushing his right hand very severely in some of the machinery, requiring the services of a physician to dress three

of the fingers, which were badly lacerated.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Tyler and family of Clinton, and George and Ralph Willard from Boston, have been spending a few days at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tenney, Jr., from Shanko, Oregon, are visiting Mr. Tenney's father, William Tenney, and other relatives in this vicinity.

Albert Adams of Providence, R. I., is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Miss M. Elinor Tower, who has been spending a few days with friends in East Jaffrey, N. H., has returned to her home here.

Miss Helen Plummer substituted in the library delivery station last Saturday, Miss Alice Seaver being on a vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan have reopened their home after a few weeks' absence, visiting friends in New Hampshire.

Miss Alice Seaver has been enjoying a brief vacation with relatives in Salem and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quirk of Lynn, who have been spending a week with Miss Emily Orr at her home here, have returned to their home.

Nelson Bruce, who has been spending the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bruce, returned Wednesday to his home in Boston.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ford, wife of the late Herbert Ford, of this village, and her daughter Julia, from Deerfield, are visiting friends in town.

G. A. Seaver, who has spent his vacation at his home here, resumed his duties in Boston the first of the week.

Mrs. Grace Morgan Crozier and two children from Springfield are visiting Mrs. Crozier's father, K. E. Morgan.

Miss M. A. Taft has returned to Lowell after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walker have moved from the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Woods, where they have been stopping since spring, to the Jane Adams farm on Bayberry Hill.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lougee entertained this week Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lougee of Boston; also Misses Agnes and Margaret Vahey of Boston.

Miss May Stebbins, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stebbins, spent this week with friends in Leominster.

Mrs. John Smith of South Boston with two children are spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith of Lancaster road.

Charles Wilson of Harvard road has been confined to his home for the past week with a slight injury to his leg.

Mrs. George S. Wells is spending a vacation of two weeks, travelling through Connecticut.

W. L. Allen, while sitting as a spectator in the superior court Wednesday at Fitchburg, was panelled as a jurymen on a criminal case to fill a vacancy.

Frank Mason of Albany, N. Y., is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Oliver W. Balam.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Vancelle died Tuesday at the eye and ear infirmary, Boston.

Twenty-two boys have arrived at the industrial school up to Wednesday evening, and seventy-seven head of cattle have this week been added to the herd.

Miss Mabel Miner, employed in the office of the C. A. Edgerton Co., has resigned her position, which took effect this Saturday, and will return to her former position in Keene, N. H.

Miss Bertha Weeks has returned to Nashua, after spending a week at home.

Walter Lane of Winthrop has returned home after spending a pleasant visit with his cousin, Stanley White.

Miss Florence Walker of Worcester is spending a vacation with her aunt, Mrs. J. Gleason.

Miss Inez McMurphy spent Sunday with friends in Everett.

Stanley White, Forest Hooper and Chester Phelps are on a camping trip this week at West Townsend, Vt.

Henry Gately of Boston spent Sunday with relatives in town.

The tax rate this year in Shirley will be nineteen dollars on a thousand.

Miss Blanche Simmons of Lebanon, N. H., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Leopold spent last Sunday with friends in Revere.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren, in company with Miss Nellie Casey, spent last Sunday at Nahant.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright, the librarian, spent this week at Falmouth Beach with her aunt, who owns a cottage there.

Mr. and Mrs. Miah Flynn spent Sunday with Mrs. Flynn's parents in Ashburnham.

William Flynn left town last Saturday for a week's stay at York Beach, Maine.

Henry Goss of Worcester has returned home after spending a month with his mother, Mrs. Isaac Loomer.

Mrs. Woodworth of Worcester is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eisner of Harvard road.

Miss Eleanor Miner is spending this week with friends in Allston.

Charles Wilson has been confined at home this week with a slight injury to his leg.

Rev. A. A. Bronson was summoned from his summer home at Pocommet to officiate at the funeral of the late Mrs. E. T. Clark.

Mrs. Abbie Plympton is very ill with erysipelas.

TOWNSEND.

Baseball.

Townsend A. A. defeated Milford A. A. Saturday afternoon, in the fastest game of the season, for their ninth consecutive victory. Both teams were evenly matched and each nine worked hard for the contest, and the snappy playing and many close decisions kept the interest at high tension and spectators on edge until the final out.

It was a pretty pitchers' duel, and while the veteran Richardson pitched a remarkably heady game, he was less fortunate than his younger rival with the bases occupied. Spaulding also contributed clever high class work in extricating himself with the bases full in the first and sixth innings, and pitched his best game of the year.

The Townsends sealed the verdict on the fourth. Whitcomb led off with his second hit, was advanced by Eastman's sacrifice. Teehan drove a single to left and by fast work Loring held the former at third. Brown was hit by a pitched ball, and with the bases full, Arlin was urged to lean against one, and his timely bingle just inside the third bag put two across the platter. Brown turned in the base running feat by drawing a throw to third, and after clever dodging back and forth between third, catcher and pitcher, made the third tally on Bill's low return to get him at the plate. The home nine played an errorless game and but one ball was sent to the outfield. Each of the visitors' hits were made by beating out slow grounders to the infielders. Miller played a great game at shortstop and Arlin gave his twirler great support at the receiving end; each of the infielders contributed toward the victory by fielding their position faultlessly. Richardson was the best pitcher the locals have faced this season and fielded his position brilliantly, trapping several hard drives through the box, turning them to outs by fast fielding. Goddard's work at the receiving end was of high order and his throwing to bases was the best of the season. Umpire Flarity performed with the indicator to the satisfaction of both clubs.

A series with this gentlemanly aggregation of players would be a strong drawing card. The score:

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	ab	r	h	tb	po	a	e		
Morse, cf.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Lancey, 2b.	4	0	1	1	1	3	0		
Whitcomb, 3b.	3	1	2	2	1	0	0		
Eastman, 1b.	3	0	0	0	10	0	0		
Miller, ss.	4	0	0	0	1	5	0		
Teehan, rf.	3	1	1	1	0	0	0		
Brown, lf.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Arlin, c.	3	0	0	2	1	1	0		
Spaulding, p.	3	0	0	0	2	3	0		

OF UNCERTAINTY

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Mme. Tourget and her daughter Cecile were eating supper in the cottage when there came a knock at the front door.

"Cecile," said the mother, "go and see who is there."

Cecile opened the door and revealed the figure of a stranger standing with his back to the cottage. The girl waited for him to turn, but since he did not she coughed to attract his attention. This failing, she said, "Monsieur, what can I do for you?" Since he still paid no attention to her, thinking him to be deaf, she touched him on the shoulder. Then he turned and looked her in the face. He was of small stature, and his countenance was intellectual. He looked at the girl with a puzzled expression, but did not speak. The girl repeated her question.

"I don't know," said the stranger at last.

"Well, come in. It is beginning to rain."

He entered the house and sat down by the fireplace, peering into the fire as one in a dream.

Mme. Tourget looked at him impatiently and was about to say something irritable when Cecile threw her a deprecating glance. Then the latter said to the stranger:

"Have you supper, monsieur?"

The man, as if awakened from a dream, glanced up at her, smiled faintly—the girl thought it a very pleasant smile—turned his big eyes up on the supper, arose and took a seat by the table. Cecile served him, and he ate with the same preoccupied, rather, somnolent air he had maintained since his arrival. When he had finished Mme. Tourget questioned him.

"From where do you come?"

"I started from B. this morning."

"From B.? On foot?"

"Yes. No. I believe I had a horse."

"You believe you had a horse?"

A puzzled look passed over the stranger's face. Then he arose and, going to the fireplace, fell into the same dreamy condition as before. Cecile, beckoning her mother to follow her, left the room.

"I wonder if he is ill or"—the girl began.

"He is either a mental imbecile or is shamming in order to secure food and lodging. He may stay till morning, but no longer. We are too poor to take care of mental wrecks."

"He is no impostor, mamma. I am sure of that. Nor was he born mentally weak. We must keep him till we can find out who he is and can turn him over to his friends."

During the evening the mother sat by a table knitting, the stranger on one side of the fire, Cecile on the other. Now and again he would turn his glance from the flames and look at Cecile, who, by the way, was very comely. At 9 o'clock Mme. Tourget asked him if he would like to go to bed. "Not yet," was his reply. "I'm thinking and haven't got through."

Cecile gave her mother a glance that she would look after the poor man, and Mme. Tourget went to bed. The stranger sat for an hour peering into the fire, occasionally stirring the coals with a poker. Then suddenly he seemed to return to a normal condition. Cecile noticed the change and expected an explanation. Turning to her, he said:

"You're a nice girl. Would you like to marry me?"

Up to this time Cecile had hoped that after all the stranger might be of a healthy mental condition. Now she gave that up. He must certainly be insane. She realized the necessity of getting him to bed quietly. To humor him she said:

"I will consider your proposition and give you an answer in the morning—that is, if you will go to bed."

She arose, the stranger followed her, and she conducted him to his room.

The next morning Cecile, looking from her bedroom window, saw the stranger walking in the yard. His abstraction seemed to have left him. At least it was not so pronounced.

At breakfast he was a new man, though his memory was evidently badly impaired. He remembered to have started from B. the morning before on horseback, but could not recall what had become of his horse. Cecile, with a palpitating heart, wondered if he would remember having proposed to her. Since his remarkable recovery she secretly hoped that he would. He manifested no disposition to proceed on his journey and during the morning sat by the fireplace with something of his previous abstraction, but now he spent a part of his time in making drawings in pencil on the backs of old letters he took from his pocket. Cecile spied upon them, but could make nothing out of them. They were neither figures nor landscapes.

In the afternoon while he was thus engaged a horseman rode up to the house in a hurry and asked if they had seen anything of a man who was to have passed there the day before, describing the stranger. When taken to where he was sitting the new arrival seemed much relieved.

"We thought he must have met with foul play on the road," he said.

"Has he escaped from an asylum?" asked Mme. Tourget.

"An asylum? No. He is a great electrical genius. He has doubtless been solving a problem. When thus engaged he is lost to everything else."

Just before the two men departed the electrician said to Cecile, "Have you considered my proposition?"

"Yes."

"And your answer is?"

"Yes."

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Tarbell's hall was filled to overflowing Tuesday evening, the occasion being the annual apron fair of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church. Excellent music was furnished by Powers orchestra. The popular two-act farce "Sunbonnets" was presented in a pleasing manner and the characters were all well sustained. The gowns and bonnets of the long ago worn by the ladies added much to the effect. Mrs. Perley Pierce and Miss Clark presided at the candy table. The apron table was under the supervision of Mrs. Edward E. Parker. The ice cream was served by Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Gilman and Mr. and Mrs. H. Arthur Brown.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy gave an evening whist party Wednesday evening in honor of her New York friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of Manchester are old home week guests of Mrs. Hattie Stiles and Miss Josephine Seaver.

George Northrup of Oxford university, England, is the guest of Rev. Warren L. Noyes and wife at the manse.

Miss Ruth Small of Newton Highlands is the guest of Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Josephine Sweet of Dedham, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sweet.

Mrs. Billa G. Cochran of Wollaston, Mass., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Elvira Shattuck, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Pierce.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy gave an invitation dance at Tarbell's hall, last week Friday evening, and about forty were in attendance. Music was furnished by Mrs. Sarah Smith and Harry S. Powers. Dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Grace Whitecomb and Miss Myrtle Whitchee of Fremont are old home week guests in town.

George Rockwood and Herbert Rockwood are enjoying camp life at Rocky pond and entertaining friends.

Rev. James Barber, rector of the Episcopal church at Pawtucket, R. I., conducted the evening services at the Congregational church last Sunday very efficiently.

Misses Ellen C. Sawtelle, Martha Wright and Josephine Bowers attended the reunion of Appleton academy and McCulloch institute at Mount Vernon, Wednesday, August 18.

Edward Lacey and family have moved to the cottage owned by Mrs. Maria Smith.

Theodore L. Bridges of the Boston weather bureau spent Sunday at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, Miss Mary L. Brown and H. Arthur Brown attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Abbott at Lawrence, Mass., Friday, August 20.

Old home week was ushered in with the ringing of the church bells and bonfires at the dividing of the ways at the south part of the town. Sunday morning a union service was held at the Congregational church. A large congregation was in attendance. Rev. Warren L. Noyes gave an excellent sermon. Special music was rendered by the choir composed of Mrs. H. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Louise Bragg, Miss Marion A. Stiles, H. Arthur Brown, J. Frank Bailey, Harry M. Hall, Mrs. George Ladd presiding at the organ. The platform was attractive with beautiful blossoms, asters, sweet peas and poppies predominating.

Mrs. Mabel Tucker Badger of Quincy, Mass., is at the parental home for old home week.

An appreciative audience was in attendance at Tarbell's hall, Wednesday evening, August 18, and Miss Edith Barber gave a very enjoyable talk upon her recent European trip, holding the close attention of the audience for about an hour and a half. Miss Matilda Betterley finely rendered a piano solo. Mrs. Grace Dodge very cleverly sang a solo, responding to an encore. Music for promenade was furnished by Miss Phoebe Jenness Randall and Frank W. Jenness.

The O. W. C. held their annual dinner party at the home of Mrs. Lucretia Martin, Monday, forty-one being present. Dinner was served on the veranda and the menu contained all the delicacies of the season, the finale being delicious ice cream. One of the happy events of old home week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burke of Boston are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Rockwood.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The annual reunion and picnic of Company H, Seventh regiment, was held at Silver lake on August 19. As usual, sociability reigned and a general good time was enjoyed. During the day many attended. Those from out of town were: Augustus Lovejoy and Francis Lovejoy of Ayer, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Harris of South Merrimack; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Willoby of Hudson; Orlis Merrill and daughter, Miss Jennie of Pepperell. Francis Lovejoy of Ayer was elected president of the association.

Miss Olive Clement and her sister Ida have returned home after spending several weeks at Lebanon.

Miss Emma S. Hillard of Pasadena, Cal., is visiting her friend, Mrs. Jewett.

Mrs. William J. Blood of Hudson with her daughter Florence, and her mother, Mrs. Walsh, are spending two weeks with relatives in Hollis.

Miss Emma L. Van Dyke is engaged on the Manchester Mirror as proof reader during the vacation season. Miss Van Dyke occupied that position several years formerly.

Lawrence Read and family, who have been visiting his parents the past three weeks, left for their home, Orono, Maine, on Wednesday. Mr. Read is instructor in mathematics at the University of Maine.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis left town Wednesday for a week's vacation at Massachusetts beaches.

Eight Hollis people availed themselves of the excursion rates to Old Orchard last Saturday.

Birthday parties occurred last week Friday and Saturday. On Friday Miss Clara Wright's ninth birthday was on-

joyed by several of her friends in the afternoon. Saturday afternoon Frances Goodwin entertained a company of her mates on the anniversary of her ninth birthday. Lawrence Read also observed his third birthday, August 21. All of them received tokens in remembrance of the day.

The apple buyers are beginning to look after the Hollis fruit. N. B. Conant of Littleton, Mass., and Mr. Pixon of Boston were both in town Tuesday, looking the orchards over.

The population of Scotland is now estimated at nearly 5,000,000.

ICED TEA.

How to Make and Serve This Refreshing Summer Drink.

However the doctors and health fearful may revile iced tea, it is bound to stay as long as thermometers are so unruddy in summer. It is surprising, considering the amount of iced tea Americans consume, how rarely it is good.

The most scientific and supposedly healthful way to prepare it is to pour freshly brewed hot tea over a large lump of ice, then pour into glasses half filled with shaved ice.

More economical is it to make a small quantity of rather strong tea several hours before it is to be used, let it cool in the refrigerator and weaken to the desired consistency with iced water just before needed.

It is a mistake to think iced tea can be cooled by a few lumps in the pitcher. There must be either cracked or shaved ice in glasses to make it palatable.

Lemon is also better added before the meal than at it. The usual way is to pass a section of lemon to each guest. Far better is the taste if both lemon and sugar are mixed with the tea when the iced water is added. Better yet is it to adopt the Russian plan of grating the rind of a lemon and pouring hot tea over it.

If lemon is passed, as it may have to be when some of the family do not like it, cut into lengthwise sections rather than thin rounds and pass in addition a small glass pitcher filled with extra lemon juice.

Mint leaves or lemon verbena added to iced tea, besides the lemon, gives a delicious flavor. It is also good with a little ginger sirup or a few drops of rum.

One hostess on gala occasions serves her iced tea poured cold over lemon, orange or pineapple sherbet. This is served in a punch bowl, and each guest fills her tall glass with the mixture. In this case cracked ice is not used.

The thinner and more slender an iced tea glass is the more refreshing it tastes. It should be stood on a glass saucer or tumbler coaster. If possible use long handled spoons.

How to Clean Straw Matting.

To take up and clean straw matting, first remove as much of the furniture as possible and the pictures and ornaments, then sweep the matting with a damp broom, then remove tacks and roll up one strip at a time and take it either out on the grass or the roof, and if possible hang on a line for awhile. Then sweep the room carefully and take up the first dirt as you go along. Then with plenty of hot water and soap wash floor and open windows wide. Then the matting can be tended to. Sweep the wrong side, strip at a time, and with a pall of clean water with some white soap and a little ammonia in it and soft cloths wash the matting thoroughly and wipe very dry. Go over all the strips on the wrong side and then let them dry. Do the same to the right side and when putting down the matting bring the freshest part into wear. By a little study this can be done, and the wrong side can be used just the same as the right. It helps a lot to put newspapers under, and then you can roll them right up and put them in the rubbish, and it saves a lot of dirt.

How Moody Got Out of It.

Many were the interesting experiences belonging to the first Northfield conference called by D. L. Moody. One especially showed Mr. Moody himself in his varying phases. It was the conversation hour at noon, and about 100 men were sitting under the tent on Round Top.

Mr. Moody, leaning sturdily against the tent pole, led the meeting. Suddenly there came from him the plump question, "Brethren, how many of you have so grown in grace that you can bear to have your faults told?"

Many hands went up. Quick as a flash, but neither sharply nor insultingly, Mr. Moody turned to a young minister and said:

"Brother, you have spoken thirteen times in twelve days here and perhaps shut out twelve other good men from speaking."

It was true. The young man had been presuming and officious. He had held up his hand, but he could not bear to be children, and now he stoutly defended himself, only making matters worse. Then another minister broke forth and berated Mr. Moody for his bluntness. The latter blushed, but listened until the reproach was done. Then he suggestively covered his face and spoke through his fingers, "Brethren, I admit the fault my friend charges me with; but, brethren, I did not hold up my hand!"

How to Clean Silver Quickly.

Place two quarts of potato peelings and one quart of water in an iron frying pan or spider, cover and boil ten minutes. Then drop in as many silver spoons, knives and forks as the water will cover. Continue the boiling and in less than ten minutes they will look like new. Remove the silver, wash in usual manner, rubbing well with dry, soft towel.



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First car from Ayer 7:05 a. m.; last car from Lowell 7:33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9:33 p. m. for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster; last car from Lowell 10:33 p. m. for Ayer only, leaves North Chelmsford 11:05 p. m., due at Ayer at 11:50 p. m. L. H. CUSHING, Supt.

SWEET SCENTED PILLOWS.

How to Prepare the Stuffing and Select the Covers.

In order to make sweet scented pillows first of all the pillow stuffing must be well dried. Lay the leaves or flowers in an airy shaded room and toss them about gently every day, that they shall not collect moisture and mold. When they are quite dry you are ready to stuff the pillow. Take enough raw cotton to fill one-half of the pillow, tear it in small pieces and lay it in a big pan and dry it out well in the oven. This makes a fluffy filling. Now mix the cotton with the dried flowers and leaves, fill up the cushion of ticking and sew it firmly. It is ready for the outer covering.

Of course, if you prefer it, you may make a pillow of hops or rose leaves or lavender alone, but it will not be so comfortable as the pillow that is partly baked cotton, and, since you want to put your head on it, why not make it comfortable? Hops must be used by themselves, and so must lavender. But one may make truly delicious blends by mixing dried lemon verbena, rose geranium, rose petals and clove plinks. Choose your rose petals from the old fashioned tall double pink roses; they are the sweetest sort.

Pine pillows have a refreshing woody perfume, and fern leaves dried have a delightful mysterious odor that makes one remember the belief of childhood that one could put fern seed in one's eyes and ever afterward would be able to see fairies. Clover makes sweet pillows, too, redolent of new mown hay. The common pink clover makes the sweetest sort, though white clover may be used.

As for the covers, choose something distinctive and individual. A little pillow of rose leaves and lemon verbena, covered with rose colored linen with a little rosebud stenciled on it, is most unusual and charming.

For a hop pillow choose a linen cover of dull green and embroider your monogram in mercerized cotton exactly the same tone in one corner.

The cover for a pine pillow might well be of rough tan crash or linen with a stenciled pattern of green and brown on it, or else with a smart monogram—block letters—embroidered in brown in one corner.

Fern leaf pillows should be covered with creamy linen, rather heavy in quality, with green fern leaves embroidered or stenciled upon it. Make the cover in the form of two squares, considerably larger than the pillow, and work long buttonholed eyelets through both, lacing them together over the pillow with a ribbon of dull green. At the corner where the ribbon ties slip two or three big green beads on loops and ends.

To cover pillows a cover of the popular Russian crash in cool gray would be appropriate, and if it is stenciled lightly with butterflies or dragon flies it will add to its daintiness, or it might be embroidered in small, flat squares in rose colored cotton.

The flower perfumed pillows will be found useful for the afternoon on lounges in the hammock. Slip them under your head, and they will perfume your hair with just a touch of delicate fragrance.

If you are troubled with insomnia try the hop or the pine pillow—they will help you to sleep if nothing else will.

How to Preserve Eggs.

When eggs are only required to be preserved for two or three months they keep very well packed in dry salt or bran. The nest of the egg may shrink and rattle within the shell when shaken, but its edibility is not impaired. Coating the egg with vaseline or butter will also keep it for a short time, or any application which effectively seals the pores of the shell and excludes air will prolong the freshness of eggs. If the egg is even momentarily submerged in boiling water the albumen thereby becomes sufficiently coagulated to prevent the entrance of air. In some of the rural districts in England and Scotland eggs for home consumption are smutted over with a mixture of sulphur and lampblack, a cheap and effective preservative. But the lime-water mixture is best for general purposes.

How to Make Bib Aprons.

An excellent way of making children's bib aprons is by using the regular yoke pattern, cutting the back deep enough so that a narrow piece of the goods comes under the arm. Instead of the same depth yoke in front, cut the material as long as the child's dress, rounding the goods at the side if you prefer. Join the back yoke to the front piece; cut the sleeves and sew in; face the yoke, neck and sides with bias strips of the material. Two buttons will be sufficient for the back. When finished you will have a bib that not only entirely covers the front of the child's dress, but also protects the sleeves.

How to Clean a Light Wool Skirt.

To clean a light wool skirt take one pall of warm soft water. To this add one pint of gasoline and one-quarter bar of naphthalin soap (dissolved). Put the skirt to be washed into this and wash carefully. Rinse in water the same temperature as water used in washing the skirt. This is an excellent method and never fails to make the skirt look like new.

How to Destroy Potato Bugs.

Place boards here and there among the potato vines and on them lay slices of raw potatoes. The bugs will go for them and can be destroyed. In a week's time, after a daily slaughter, no bugs will be in sight. It might be well to use paris green on the potato slices, thus saving the work of killing the bugs.

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PEPPERELL

Center.

The flag of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., floated from the staff on the common, Monday, to commemorate the anniversary of the day on which the town of Pepperell was incorporated in 1776.

Mrs. Nellie (Ames) Conant and her daughter have been taking an outing at Mrs. Conant's birthplace and early home, the Dea. Ames farm, off Jewett street. They returned to their home in Watertown last week Friday. Their cousin, Mrs. Sarah B. Lamb, was their guest for a brief visit at the farm.

Miss Mary Eliza Townsend of Wellesley, a former resident of Pepperell, has been a visitor at the home of her uncle, the late Dea. Charles Crosby, during the past week.

Miss Effie Carolyn Merrill of the Boston public library has been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lucius Wilson, this week.

Marshall Meriam has had waterworks put into his house on Townsend street the past week.

Mrs. Charles Kendall of Boston, formerly a resident of the western part of Pepperell, has been a guest of Mrs. Albert H. Gilbert this week.

Rev. George L. Perin, minister of the Universalist church in Brookline, who was in town with his auto last week Friday, took Mrs. William Kendall, an old friend of Mrs. Perin's, on a ride about town. Mrs. Kendall has been one of the shut-ins for a long time and enjoyed the easy motion of the auto, and also being out of doors and seeing her friends.

Mrs. Alice J. Spencer is having the town water put into her mother's house on Townsend street this week.

Miss Helen Pond returned from Jewett, N. Y. last Saturday. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Pond, is visiting at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. MacCarthy in Scituate this week.

Miss Jennie Whitney, who has been a guest at the home of L. P. Blood, returned to New York last Tuesday. She is now in the Maine coast and St. John, N. B., and returned on Sunday evening and report a very enjoyable trip. Almost all the journey was by boat, and they proved to be good sailors.

Mrs. Amy (Smith) Woodman and her two children from Halifax arrived at the farm of Dea. N. P. Smith last Saturday. Mr. Woodman has received an appointment in New York city as teacher in the university of New York, and the family will take up their residence there next month.

Rev. Dudley Child of Charlestown, N. H., has accepted the call of the First parish, Pepperell, and will commence his labors on September 12. Sunday school will reopen the same day at 12.15.

Rev. A. H. Wheelock of Marlboro will preach at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, August 29, at 10.45.

Tickets for reserved seats at the "Pop Concert" in Prescott Hall, Thursday, September 2, will be placed on sale Monday noon at Mrs. William A. Mault's store and at the Artistic Craft Shop and Tea Room. Admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents.

Mr. Harrell, the musical magician, who will appear in Prescott Hall September 2, has an attractive list of magic and musical numbers to present. Those who were fortunate enough to hear him last year will be glad to again in some new features.

A Delightful Hour.

The committee on "Children of the Republic," Miss Louella V. Shattuck, chairman, furnished a delightful hour at close of the regular meeting of the Prudence Wright Chapter, at their headquarters, Monday afternoon, August 23.

Grandma Lawrence in high-crowned cap, spectacles and a shawl and shawl, appeared on the scene, established herself in rocking chair by fireplace, wiped glasses, patted the two little girls' rosy cheeks on cricket beside her, told them funny old-time stories, until interrupted by the boisterous arrival of Grandma Hutchinson and Aunt Hannah Prentiss, with a bevy of little folks to call on Mrs. Lawrence, and really "spend the afternoon." Sedate little Mistress Boynton, doing her stunt of knitting, kept on steadily without daring to play with the newcomers, who in obedience to the commands of their elders, entertained with song and recitations, and were rewarded with peppermints from the storekeeper, Mr. Hutchinson, by Grandma Lawrence.

Aunt Hannah Prentiss, resplendent in silk costume over an elaborately embroidered skirt, gave many wise admonitions and suggestions to the little folks in "old time" dresses and pantalettes; to calm herself and strengthen the juveniles, she was seen often to hold a huge lump of "campfire" to their respective noses. "Flap" by Granny Hutchinson, leading, all sang in high pitched nasal tones, "Oh come, come away," with great effect. Miss Betty Hutchinson easily posing as leading soprano.

Everybody was happy, and the out-of-town members, several of whom were present, expressed their enjoyment of the afternoon. Lemonade and seed cakes, served by the Hospitality committee, Mrs. Hutchinson in charge, added to the social side of the affair.

East.

Mrs. Jane Boushner and daughter of Burlington, Vt., have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Severo, for a few weeks. On Monday she left for her home. Mrs. Severo and son Romeo accompanied her for a visit. Before their return Mrs. Severo intends to visit her mother, Mrs. Severo, in New York, the latter being her birthplace and old home.

Mrs. L. E. Starr attended the summer school at Amherst agricultural college, and took the whole course under Kenjon Butterfield of Roosevelt's country life commission; also, a course in forestry. While away she was the recipient of a solid silver berry spoon from the Ladies' Auxiliary, for her services as drill master of their degree team. This is a secret order of ninety people.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Harrington arrived from Worcester in their auto on Sunday, and are making a visit with their sister, Mrs. Horace Drury, Pleasant street.

Miss Verna E. Robbins of Fitchburg, daughter of Fred Robbins, formerly of this town, is visiting at her uncle's, L. G. Robbins, High street.

Miss Myra C. Sawyer of Denver, Colo., formerly of this town, is at Mrs. M. R. Gilchrist's, Main street, for a short stay.

Mrs. Aaron Bradshaw and her five sons of Waterbury, Conn., are visiting her sister, Mrs. A. A. Shattuck, Maple street.

Edgar W. Shattuck of Newton Lower Falls is spending a few days with his father, Bradford Shattuck, Heald street.

Mrs. E. M. Wright, the popular lady operator at the telephone office, is enjoying her vacation. During her absence Miss Gertrude Willey is in charge, assisted by Miss Irene Tabbell.

Monday was the anniversary of the incorporation of this town. The largest flag was unfurled from the liberty pole to commemorate this important event.

The work of connecting the different school buildings with town water has been awarded to A. A. Blood and John Bartz. This is the outside work only. It is understood the inside work has not been fully decided on and will be given out later.

A new method of heating the schoolhouse at the center is under consideration. Stenstream & Deloid had an expert from the well-known firm of Richardson & Boynton in town last week, and it is understood the difficulty experienced in the past with warming this building can be easily overcome with their heaters.

Miss Elizabeth McNayer is enjoying a vacation from her work in the store of A. J. Saunders. She and her niece, Helen Marshall, have gone to her home in Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Woodward left last week Friday for a stay at Bethlehem, N. H.

All the schools open again on Monday morning, September 13. This is the Monday following Labor day, and as the school committee have had many inquiries they wish it plainly understood. The school calendar will be ready for the next issue.

Mrs. S. P. Shattuck of Park street left Wednesday morning for Gloucester, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck. They will be the guests of Edward Griffin and friends while there.

Frank H. Parker and family of Forest Hills are visiting at his father's, Winslow S. Parker, Hollis street.

J. M. McLaren of Worcester will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning, August 29. Sunday, September 5, Rev. Mr. Chandler of Boston will preach.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice, August 24: Thomas Allen, James J. Brennan, William Castor, Mrs. Mary Conway, Mrs. E. L. Dower, H. A. Gorman, Mrs. Charles Genest, John Gallagher, John Lewis, Fred D. Lucier, The Leader, William J. Morrison, Geo. F. Morrish, Mrs. Sarah Moody, Harry Moore, Miss Elizabeth Marsh, Paola Salvator.

It is understood that about thirty from here took advantage of the excursion rates to Old Orchard Saturday. Among the number we noticed Mr. and Mrs. John Cullinan and son Harry, Mr. and Mrs. James Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Salter and family, Mr. West, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pillsbury, Misses Nellie Gaine, Bernice Blake, Nellie, Sullivan, Mrs. George N. Pierce, Mrs. Wilder Blood, Thomas Murray, Jr., Merlin Salter, William Norris and son, Allan Greenough, E. S. Greenache and a lady friend.

The social dance in Prescott hall Monday night was decidedly popular, and all had the enjoyment looked for. With good music, pretty dancers, choice refreshments and comfortable attendance the next one is looked for.

Mrs. F. A. Davis returned Monday from a trip to Essex Junction, Vt.

On Sunday repairs were made on the large watermain where it crosses the Nashua river on the inside of the large dam. Water in the river was drawn off, and it was found that the pipe had not been properly stayed when originally laid out and it dropped, thus drawing apart at the joints. It is hoped that permanent work has now been accomplished. It is understood this expense will not fall on the town.

Benjamin Cushing has left the shoe shop in Derry and returned here to work Friday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. E. F. Harmon, Thursday, afternoon, September 2. It is the regular annual meeting and a full attendance is especially requested.

A delightful surprise shower occurred at the home of Mrs. Sarah Patch, August 23, it being her sixtieth birthday. Ninety-eight postals and letters were received from friends in Maine, Nova Scotia, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Very little is heard of Labor day sports or celebration. There is no day in the year, when recreation should be more generally indulged in than this day. For it is the day set aside for the greater part of the population—those who labor. A ball game is scheduled for the afternoon against the Townsend team. And a strong team goes from here to play Milford at Milford.

The teams of W. M. Blood were busy Wednesday moving the goods of F. J. Kemp to his new home, the residence of Mrs. Sibley, just beyond his old home.

H. T. Hobart is rushing work on the water supply for his home and extensive poultry farm. He has not only succeeded in establishing an apparently unending well, but has the trench dug and pipe laid almost the entire distance. When completed there

will be about one-third of a mile. The size and capacity of the well could place it in the class of the town stand pipe.

Little Marion Gray, who was so seriously injured with the auto, is improving. So far it appears, her injuries are not other than muscular, and she takes merited pride that her kitten was not injured.

The road machines are busy again on some of the highways. Considerable criticism is heard that after the haying, fishing and gunning season are over the piles of stones left on many of the roads have not been taken away before any new work is attempted. As it is, many of the regular drivers over these places state they consider them unsafe for other than walking pace.

The Warrens intend to be on the spot at the Townsend muster, September 19. Plans are perfected to continue the present practicing and to put in considerable strenuous work beginning the first week in the month. It is expected every member will be enthusiastically interested.

A representative of the Larkin Soap Company, a member of Sears, Roebuck Company, and a representative of the Baltimore shoe house, were in town last week Friday looking over the shoeshop and the samples of work done there. Before leaving one of them left a \$100,000 order. Besides being pleased with this factory and the work they expressed surprise at the many natural advantages of the town as well as the splendid public buildings and fine shipping facilities for manufacturers and others.

A. S. McNayr has returned with his teams from Nashua, where they have been busy on the foundation for the new factory of the Nashua Manufacturing Co.

The young men of Pepperell announce one of their popular social dance for Labor day night in Lawrence hall. Thayer's orchestra.

Forrest Andrews is enjoying a vacation from his work in I. J. Rowell's grain store.

Marion Chinn, youngest daughter of Sidney W. Chinn, Oak Hill, had an unfortunate fall out of the hammock Tuesday and is quite ill.

Mrs. W. M. Mault, Mrs. B. M. Wright and Miss Louise Williams went to Whalom, Wednesday, on a pleasure trip.

A. Doby, section foreman on the Fitchburg Division, lost his pocket-book Monday, containing tickets and valuable papers, but had it returned to him Wednesday by one of the train men who found it.

Roscoe Woodward was busy at the library Wednesday, during the absence of Joseph Wiley, who joined the golfers at Mt. Vernon.

There seems an abundance of plums this year. The varieties in the different stores are inviting by color and general appearance, and the price is very low for this choice fruit. Many of the apple orchards have the appearance of premature ripening of this fruit, no doubt caused by the drouth and heat.

Frank R. Bennett won the cup in the match last Saturday at the Country Club Golf. Another match will be competed for August 28. Friday, September 3, the players from Mt. Vernon, N. H., will be guests of the Pepperell Country club for a match play.

Edward Goggin left Monday for Canada. It is expected he will bring another lot of fine horses, as he usually does, upon his return.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boynton of Lowell are at Mr. Boynton's boyhood home, the Boynton farm of Otis A. Merrill.

W. A. Shepherdson's valuable horse has been touched with pneumonia, but has been improving fast under the care of veterinary F. A. Davis.

The selectmen of our neighboring town of Hollis have issued notices of \$100 reward for information which will lead to the arrest of the horse thieves which have infested that neighborhood of late. And this reward holds good for one year. It is hoped the guilty ones will be located and certainly only such offers will avail.

Members of the Golf club visited Mt. Vernon, N. H., Wednesday for a match game. There were nine players, Waldo Spaulding, Dr. C. G. Heald, E. L. Tarbell, James Packard, Dr. Carter, R. B. Taft, Joseph Wiley, Fred O. R. Frank R. Bennett. The play was an eighteen-hole match and resulted in a tie. After lunch the play-over resulted in a second tie, and, singular to say, the third play was as undecided. This brought it very near the going home time and was certainly very unsatisfactory, although interesting and a unique experience. The approach and putting, the driving, and the putting contests were all declared off, as a result. It is hoped it will be played off at an early date. Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. C. G. Heald and Miss Marion Hutchinson accompanied the party. Joseph Wiley made the lowest gross score.

There was a small blaze at the Pepperell Card and Paper Company's plant, Tuesday, caused by a hot box near wood pulley. Chemicals were quickly applied, and only slight damage done to the pulley and ceiling above.

The large dog belonging to James Connolly was run over by the train last week Friday. This dog had the habit of chasing most everybody that he noticed which moved faster than he, but this time he chased once too often, and got too close.

Miss Edna Tarbell, who has been assisting Miss Harrington at the postoffice during the absence of postmaster A. F. Wright, will now assist Mr. Wright during the absence of Miss Harrington on her vacation.

B. L. Heath, M. A. Heath, F. M. Heath, Jr., and Frank Ward, purchasing agent of the firm of Norcross Brothers, all of Worcester, arrived in their auto and spent Sunday at Mr. Holt's fine estate, Mt. Lebanon. Many of Mr. Holt's town friends were present for the day, and they all enjoyed steamed clams, fresh lobster and delicious green corn, as well as many other delicacies.

Our chief had a trip to Groton last Monday on warrants for the arrest of disturbers of the peace. It was in Groton where the trouble took place, but with the scenes encountered he would have been inclined to arrest

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some one, for women and children had been ruthlessly bruised and kicked about. It is hoped the Groton police will do something. The warrants were given to them.

The selectmen have taken in hand the matter of no water at the watering place at the foot of Chase Hill, on Main street, and it is expected town water will be connected as soon as the matter of cost, etc., is ascertained.

Ernest Bartlett and Ben Cushing played on the Milford ball team at Brookline old home day, August 27. A larger number than usual enjoyed the sports there and also the dance the evening.

Miss Hannah Sheehan, who has been cook at the lunchroom, has gone to Whalom for a short stay.

R. E. Tarbell has certainly made good in his efforts for good shows in the opera house, and again he is able to give amusement seekers on Monday, August 30, an opportunity to attend a good show. It will be a performance by twenty-five of the leading colored performers of the day.

Ten members of Acoma Rebekah lodge enjoyed a trip to Canobie lake, Thursday, to spend the day, it being the annual picnic of the lodge. A fish dinner was one of the many pleasures of the day.

Mrs. Mary Trufant and daughters Rena and Mildred of Hudson, N. H., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris, Pleasant street, for a few days.

Miss Anna Mae Shaw from Worcester, Miss Della Kemp from Malden, and Miss Althea Blake from Boston, are at their respective homes on their vacations.

Angus Cuthbertson and family of West Fitchburg, formerly of this town, have returned as Mr. Cuthbertson has obtained a position at the Champion mill, where he was employed previous to going away. They will reside on Pleasant street.

The moving teams of W. M. Blood and O. D. Fessenden brought into town Wednesday the household furniture of Linville Shattuck of South Brookline. Mr. Shattuck has moved into the house of Harris G. Tarbell, Main street, which was formerly occupied by George F. Turner. He is employed by the Nashua River Paper Company in the machinist department.

H. E. Farnum, foreman of construction of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, was in town Thursday on his motor cycle. It is understood several two-party lines are to be constructed. This form of service costs only a little more than the six or more party lines, and is becoming very much in demand as people understand its advantages.

The man who murdered Harry B. Shattuck, son of D. B. Shattuck of this town, at Oakland, Cal., last month, was found dead in his cell in jail in that town, having hung himself. There is a mystery to the murder and it is not expected that the matter will ever be satisfactorily explained.

Baseball.

The Pepperells were defeated by Ayer in a closely-contested game Thursday afternoon, on the new public library playgrounds, by a score of 4 to 3. Pepperell took a lead in the first inning of 2 and held it to 0 for their opponents until the fifth. Errors by the Pepperell players let in two runs but subsequent errors in the seventh duplicated that number. The features were pitching of Lawrence for Pepperell up to the fifth. If he had not been obliged to go to his work and had finished, he would have won his home game, as the Ayer boys could not find him. Dailey pitched a good game for Ayer and had splendid support. The last inning was a decidedly exciting feature. With two men out and Bartlett at third, McCord got to first on a hit by pitched ball. Manager McCord placed O'Toole to bat in the place of Cullinan, and usually he makes good. A hit meant a win, but Dailey held his head and added him to the strike-outs.

Baseball.

In the slang of the street, it would seem that the Has-beens put it all over the Colts, Saturday, by a score of 17 to 10, and they did not have to play very much, even if it was going some. But the Colts say thereby hangs a tale; they blame their opponents for the absence of their star catcher. For a time he was kidnapped and off the earth. This was only one of the double plays worked on the youngsters, for they were easy enough to secure an out-of-town catcher in the person of Warren of Groton for the Has-beens, which would have counted severely against the seniors if he had been absent. Foster pitched for the Colts and did effective work for four innings, but lack of a good backstop caused him to request release. He was replaced by Soule, who pitched good ball for three innings and then



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went into a trance and handed out gifts without number in the shape of four-ball and hit passes. He came back to earth as Manager McCord was ordering McNally in his place, and was allowed to finish the inning and showed he could pitch by striking out the following two.

Tune and Morrissey pitched fine ball for the Has-beens. The features were the work of Francis C. Hayes, first base, and Thomas Hayes, third base, batting of Morrissey, Tune, Gagnon, Milian and Gilchrist.

Accident.

A serious accident occurred about six o'clock Sunday evening, on Park street. As James Gray was turning from the street into his yard in his auto, his little five-year-old girl Marion ran quickly in front of the machine to save her kitten, which had got right in the way. Mr. Gray reversed his car, but could not prevent it striking the child. The mud-guard hit her and she was knocked under the machine. Dr. L. R. Qua was quickly summoned by phone and the little one's many cuts and bruises attended to. At first it was thought one of the forward wheels had gone over her, but her brother and Lester Foss, who were in the car with Mr. Gray, were sure the mud-guard saved her from the wheels.

A Dusty Square.

There is a mighty lasting impression carried by every newcomer who comes into town and has the sun, moon and stars blurred by a swirling cloud of choking microbe road, immediately from the time his train pulls out until he seeks shelter in some doorway, where a warning notice greets him, "No loafing allowed. Police take notice." One newcomer sought out our Delmonico's the other day and had dinner. He said the dinner was the redeeming feature of his experience. He thought that as the inhabitants lived well, that was the reason they did not die of the dusty, unsanitary condition of the business square. But he noted another singular thing that the town had water works, second to none in the state, but in and out of several prominent business houses was seen a continuous stream of carriers with pails of water from a nearby pump. He thought again when told the windmill did not work only when the wind blew.

False Report.

Monday night there were many inquiries from police departments, newspapers and others of Nashua, Manchester and Boston as to arrests on the robbery of the bank here Dec. 2, last year. First inquiry came from Nashua, and they claimed their information came from Manchester, asking if any arrests had been made that day in connection with the bank robbery. Their report intimated that a couple of people well known here had confessed to the crime. At midnight the Boston office

of the associated press communicated by phone with our chief and he informed them that he knew nothing of it and that there was nothing in it. A paper in Nashua, it is understood, had a long article in their evening's issue but contradicted it in their morning's paper. Just how such a story could originate and what the object of the perpetrators of such a yarn is puzzles everyone. For there is no one in this town who puts one bit of credence in the rumor. It might be interesting to many to know that those who did rob the bank had camped about one Portland depot towards Nashua, and that many days after this was discovered by local workers, and that a large bottle with other interesting clues was found, this large bottle containing about half a teaspoonful of nitro. The label on this bottle had been scratched for some purpose, but it was easily identified as coming from the same drug store as the small oil bottle which was left in the bank.

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