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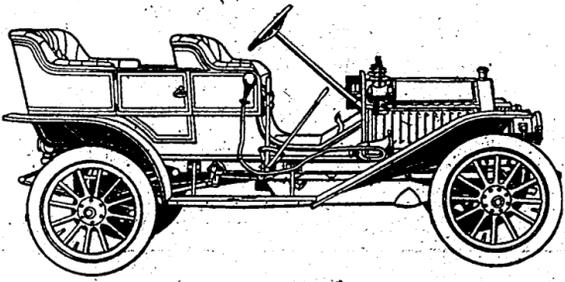
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LITTLETON.

A Sad Case of Drowning.

Littleton has another awful tragedy, the seventh in three months, to record in the drowning on Wednesday afternoon of Miss Mona G. Gibson of Manchester, N. H., twenty years old, a recent nurse graduate at the Beacon Hill hospital, Boston, and Dr. O. N. Dages, twenty-seven years of age, graduate of Princeton, 1906, and Harvard medical school, 1910.

Miss Gibson and Mr. Dages with other nurses and physicians associated with them during the summer in floating hospital work had been camping in one of the Richard Barrows' cottages near Fort pond.

Wednesday afternoon they with Miss Littlefield went out in their bathing suits for a boat ride. On their return all three jumped into the water when about fifty yards from shore with the intention of wading the rest of the way. Miss Littlefield, who jumped from the end of the boat nearest the shore, soon waded in, and looked vain for her companions, rushed terrified to the cottage for assistance.

Dr. Christie was summoned immediately and Mr. Barrow and other neighbors hurried to the scene of disaster. The bodies were recovered in a short time, but both were lifeless. E. W. Cox, who rendered valuable assistance in calling aid, telephoned to Coroner Chamberlain of Concord, who was detailed for two hours during which time the bodies lay on the shore guarded by kind friends. After the examination the dead were taken by Undertaker William H. Davis to his home to await further orders.

Miss Gibson's body was shipped to her home in Manchester, N. H., on Thursday evening, reaching its destination on Friday, September 23, the date for arrival promised in her last letter to her mother. Dr. Dages' body was sent Friday morning to his home in Columbus, Ohio.

Recognition.

The recognition service for Rev. Hanning L. Packard on Wednesday evening was attended by a large number of people from the three local churches in the neighboring towns. John Wardrobe Thacher, senior deacon of the church took charge of the exercises in the beautiful auditorium. Miss Emma Tenney presided at the organ and played a beautiful voluntary. The church choir ably supplemented by Mrs. Mattie Priest, soloist of the evening and her son, Carlton Priest.

Regrets were announced from Rev. G. M. Howe of Groton, Rev. William Batt of Concord Junction and Rev. H.

B. Drew of the Baptist church, Littleton. The reading of the Scriptures was by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, pastor of the Unitarian church, and prayer was offered by Rev. George Tewksbury of Concord. This was followed by the address of the evening by Dr. F. E. Emerick, whose beautiful personality adds so much to his words. The speaker reviewed most pleasantly his acquaintance with Mr. Packard from the latter's boyhood in Halifax, where his memory is cherished, through college years at Amherst, and his ministry in Pelham, Beverly, and Kingston, where the benediction of his life and activities sweetly lingers. To this Dr. Emerick added his confidence that Mr. Packard's ministry in this church and community would advance the supremacy of Jesus, the fatherhood of God, and the unity of christian spirit and purpose.

Rev. Henry B. Mason, pastor of the Harvard Congregational church, extended greetings to his former fellow-worker, and welcomed him to a conference that needs efficient service and congratulated the conference in its acquisition of an able and willing worker. From Rev. Paul G. Favor of Somerville came most cordial greetings and many helpful suggestions for mutual good between pastor and people.

After the benediction by Rev. H. L. Packard, the company retired to the vestry below, where Mr. and Mrs. Packard, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kimball, received in the spacious auditorium most beautifully and artistically decorated for the occasion. Mrs. C. K. Houghton enlivened the festivities much by her ensemble music throughout the evening.

At little after ten o'clock, the reception was concluded with the universal feeling that the combination of recognition service and reception had proved in all respects a grand success.

Schools.

The following figures represent the enrollment of pupils in the various schools:

High school—Senior class, 13; Junior, 13; sophomore, 11; freshman, 16.
Union school—Miss Davis' room, 43; Miss Bowler's, 22; Miss Jones', 32; Miss Schneider's, 42.
West school—Miss Whittier's room, 13; Miss Sargent's, 19.
Total enrollment, 224.

The high school will enter next Monday upon an experiment much discussed for several years past. There will be but one session, beginning at 8.30 a. m. and closing at 1.30 p. m. Whether the arrangement will become permanent is uncertain, but it will be given a good trial.

News Items.

Mrs. Hiram Sawler has been visiting her brother, James Chapel in Lemington, Vt., and her brother John in Stratford, N. H.

F. B. Layton, wife and child, will move into Mrs. Amelia Wakefield's house on King street the first of October.

Sunday evening, October 2, there will be an illustrated lecture on the "Winning of the west," by Rev. Roy B. Guild, secretary of the church building society.

Miss Mattie Marshall and Mrs. Christie of Arlington have been visiting at Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Linde of West Somerville were guests of the J. H. D. Whitcomb's, Sunday.

We have it straight from George J. Cash that he received \$4.72 per barrel for thirty-five barrels of Gravensteins that he shipped to Glasgow.

Herbert Whitcomb enters Tufts freshman class this month.

The Unitarian fair will be held on October 14.

It is reported that Herbert Whitcomb intends to enter the freshman class at Tufts college this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, A. F. Conant, and other Littleton people attended some of the demonstrations in air navigation last week.

The committee has decided to locate the new fountain at the Common on the triangular green nearly in front of the Baptist church. According to present plans a granite curbing will enclose the little plot and everything about it made as attractive and convenient as possible.

D. G. Houghton accompanied his daughter Edith to Orange, N. J., last week Friday. They were pleasantly entertained by Mr. Brigham, the Conant & Houghton agent in New York, who took them on an eighty-mile auto ride in suburban New York.

Benson Priest and family, who have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Priest, have gone to Sterling to visit with Mrs. Priest's relatives before returning to their home in East Orange, N. J.

Frank Gregory has much improved the appearance of his house by adding dormer windows, reshingling and making general repairs.

Miss Miriam Conant returned Tuesday to Oberlin college, Oberlin, O.; Miss Alice Libby to the Fitchburg Normal school; Stanley Conant for his school in East Greenwich, R. I.; Miss Ruth Prescott, L. H. S. 1910, entered Cushing academy on Tuesday.

George W. Whitcomb is converting his carriage house into a cozy tenement for his help.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shedd have engaged the Thacher & Ireland store to be recently vacated by Clyde Crane.

Rev. H. Bellows Drew has gained renewed distinction recently by being chosen the honor student at Newton Theological seminary. He began his studies on Thursday and is working for the degree of master Sacred Theology, the highest that Newton gives. Mr. Drew will spend the greater part of each week in Newton.

Mrs. Hollis Robbins of Somerville has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hartwell, and her sister, Mrs. Harry Smith.

Monday evening, September 26, Rev. H. B. Drew's Sunday school class of the Baptist society will give a Rhode Island chowder supper in the vestry.

The democratic caucus will be held in the town hall on Tuesday evening, September 27, at 7.45. The republican caucus, Wednesday evening, September 28, at 7.30.

The registrars will hold a meeting in the town hall, from 7.30 to nine o'clock, on Saturday evening, September 24.

Mrs. Fred Reed received word the first of the week of her father's sudden death last week Thursday in Prince Edward Island.

The King's Daughters' circle has received from Miss Dorothy Priest, secretary of the Sunshine club, \$137 to be added to the district nurse fund. The contribution is very greatly appreciated, especially as it comes voluntarily from this club of young ladies whose sympathies and activities reach out early in life to aid a most worthy cause.

Superintendent F. H. Hill expects his family from Portland, Me., next Tuesday, as the house he has rented of F. B. Priest at the West end, is now ready for occupancy.

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

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WESTFORD.

Centre.
Henry Beneault, who has been so critically ill with typhoid fever, is holding his own, with sincere hopes of his ultimate recovery.

Miss Louise Crosby, who has been spending the summer with her home people at Prince Edward Island, has returned to Mrs. Edward Prescott's.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutter are entertaining a little son born to them last week Thursday. This makes their fifth son, three that are living, and two who have died.

Nahum H. Wright quietly observed the seventy-ninth anniversary of his birth last week. His long-time friend and townsman, George Heywood, paid him a visit that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Will E. Carver are receiving congratulations at the advent into their home of a little daughter.

Mrs. Quincy W. Day is ill at her home and under the doctor's care with an attack of bronchitis.

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Emory J. Whitney attended the recognition service held by the Littleton Congregational parish for their new minister, Rev. Mr. Packard, last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. T. Colburn is seriously ill at her home with asthma and complications.

Mrs. Abby Garvin Wright passed her seventy-seventh milestone of life's journey last week Thursday. A pleasant birthday reception was arranged for her by her nieces, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Newcomb. Neighbors and friends came to call bringing gifts and felicitations greetings. The rooms were prettily decorated with flowers and refreshments were served.

The club program for the Tadmuck club for the season 1910-11 have been issued to the members. Without they are attractive in their pretty, modest, gray covers with ribbon to match and within there is much of promise for instruction and entertainment and the arrangement for the season reflects the greatest credit upon the executive board and also indicates that the resources of the membership are not exhausted. The topic for special study is, "Spanish North America," and this is interspersed with other timely topics.

A good representation of the Edward M. Abbot horse company attended the thirty-first convention of the Massachusetts State Firemen's association in Lowell this past week.

The ladies' degree staff of the Grange is at work with rehearsals for the third degree work for the coming fall initiation. Mrs. Fred A. Snow is the newly-chosen master of the staff in place of Mrs. F. C. Wright, who did not feel able to continue with the office.

About Town.
Two of the children of August Nelson at Mill's corner, Lowell road, have typhoid, and not the family of Nelse Nelson at Brookside corner.

The republican caucus will be held at the town hall, Wednesday evening, September 28, to choose delegates to the several conventions and a town committee to serve from January 1911 to January 1912.

C. R. P. Decatur is champion for potato yield in this town, having raised over forty bushels from half a bushel seed, the "Pride of Bethel."

John O. Sunberg is preparing for winter, a new house for himself and other small Sunbergs. This at Brookside on the Lowell road, and P. Henry Harrington of Graniteville has the contract for this cozy cottage.

The Oscar R. Spaulding and others grand tour, returned home on Monday evening, much refreshed in behavior and beauty. They reported an epidemic of typhoid fever in Montreal, Canada, and over one hundred deaths. The water was the suspected cause, hence the Westford party took other fluids, but came home straight.

Westford was well represented at the Middlesex North agricultural fair at Billerica last week. The display of fruit and vegetables was large, both in size and quantity.

J. Everett Woods has been reappointed by the selectmen a member of the board of registrars of voters. The board held a meeting last week Friday evening at the selectmen's room. J. Everett Woods was elected chairman, and the following dates were fixed for future meetings: Brookside, Friday evening, October 21, from 7.45 to 8.45; Graniteville on Monday evening, October 24, from 7.30 to 9.00; at Healey's hall; Forge Village on Wednesday evening, October 26, from 7.30 to 9.00; at Abbot's hall; Westford Centre, at town hall, on Saturday, October 29, from noon until ten o'clock in the evening.

Of the two sick children of August Nelson, one died Tuesday of typhoid fever and burial was on Wednesday, at West Chelmsford.

Forge Village.
Services at St. Andrew's mission were conducted last Sunday by Rev. Mr. Birkhead of Groton school, who preached an interesting and forceful sermon on the "Religion of today." At the close of the service Mr. Birkhead announced that a parish meeting of great importance would be held in the parish house at Ayer on Thursday evening.

Albert Gurney, Misses Stella and Blanche Gurney of Lowell spent Sunday at the Gurney cottage on the shore of Forge pond.

Miss Theresa Lowther entertained the members of her Sunday school class on Saturday afternoon at Holingside cottage on the shore of Forge pond. The afternoon was pleasantly

spent and light refreshments were served in the open air-dining room. Everyone received as a souvenir a dainty box of chocolates. Those who attended were Gertrude, Hazel and Blanch Comey, Annie and Mary Cherry, Carolyn E. Precious, Lottie and Mildred Parrott, Annie and Ida Reed, Edith Spinner and Edith Hunt. Charles Flanagan, who had an excellent position with the Groton school boys, who have been in camp at Belgrade, Maine, throughout the summer months, has arrived home and has taken up his duties as flagman at the Boston and Maine crossing here.

Miss Stella Carkin of this village and Miss May Barton of Lowell, have returned home after two weeks' outing at the White Mountains.

Frank Bennett of Worcester, and Walter Bennett of West Townsend, spent last Sunday at the guests of Mrs. Harriet E. Randall. Miss Roy Bennett of Worcester arrived on Tuesday and was her guest the rest of this week.

Miss Sarah J. Precious and Miss Emily Collins visited Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keefe.

Interesting Meeting.

Loyal Self Help lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U. held a very interesting meeting in Abbot hall on Monday evening. A delegation from Loyal Nashoba lodge of Littleton attended and gave a brief but interesting account of Odd Fellowship. William Burnett, one of the oldest members of Self Help lodge, read a report on Odd Fellowship which was greatly enjoyed. A short musical program was given as follows: Song, "My big brother," Charles Flanagan, responding to an encore with "Jilly dale," piano solo, John Shackleton; song and dance, William Baker. John Shackleton was the accompanist of the evening. A full attendance is requested at the next meeting, which will be held on October 3. All arrangements have been made for the dance which will be held in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the order.

Death.

Joseph Bennett, an old and highly respected resident of this village for many years, passed away on Sunday evening, September 18, at his late home on Pleasant street, aged 72 yrs. 8 mos. 24 days. Although Mr. Bennett had been confined to his home by illness the past three weeks, his death was not expected and it came as a great shock to his family and numerous friends. His daughter, Mrs. August Meyer of Boston, had come to spend a few days with her father and was preparing to return home when the end came. Another daughter, Mrs. Theophilus Jones and her husband of North Chelmsford, also came to spend the afternoon and only arrived a short time before his death.

Joseph Bennett was born December 27, 1837, at Staffordshire, England, and at the age of twenty-one, he married Miss Elizabeth Hutchinson of Bradford, England. To them thirteen children were born and eight of them are now living. In 1887 he came with his family to this village and was among the early English immigrants to settle here. A few years later he purchased his home, where with his late wife, who had been his faithful companion through life's journey over fifty years, he had spent his declining days. Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett died March 22, 1908.

He leaves to mourn his loss, eight children—William Bennett and Mrs. Silas Ellsworth of Providence, R. I.; Daniel Bennett of Worcester; Mrs. August Meyer of Boston; Mrs. Theophilus Jones of North Chelmsford; Mrs. William Hosmer, Miss Priscilla Bennett and Joseph Bennett of this village; also, twenty-seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Sherrard Billings of Groton School read the impressive service of the Episcopal church and the committal prayers at the grave. There was no singing. The bearers were Silas Ellsworth, William Hosmer and August Meyer, sons-in-law, and William Orange, grandson of deceased.

There were many beautiful flowers, the offerings of loving friends and neighbors, who had gathered to pay their final respects to one whom they had esteemed and respected through life. Burial was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. W. Vickers of Stafford Falls, Conn., and William Bennett, quartermaster on the U. S. S. Vermont, were among those from out-of-town, who attended the funeral.

Graniteville.

Notices have been posted about town for the democratic caucus to be held in the town hall Westford, Tuesday evening, September 27, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the democratic state, councillor, congressional, county, district attorney, senatorial, and representative conventions of 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ingalls of Beverly were recent visitors in this village, coming over the road in Mr. Grant's touring car.

The regular meeting of Court Westford 170, M. C. O. F., was held in their rooms on Thursday night.

Harry Hartford of Westford and Alfred Hughes of this village put up a great game with Townsend in their game with Greenville at West Townsend on last Saturday. Hartford covered second base in a creditable manner and got in three nice hits. Hughes accepted all of his six chances at short without an error and got in his customary two hits, one of them coming in a critical stage of the game when there were two men on bases. Young Hughes is certainly a coming ball player all right and his good work of the past two seasons makes him eligible for faster company.

Harry Folland of the Manchester Union with his sister, Miss Lavina Folland of Manchester, N. H., have been recent guests at the home of Samuel Willis in this village.

A Pleading Service.

"Old home day," was fittingly observed in the M. E. church here last Sunday, when special services, with appropriate music was held both in the morning and evening. At the

morning service the sermon was preached by Rev. Miner H. A. Evans of South Boston, a former pastor of the M. E. church. A pleasing feature of the service was the singing by the male quartet from the Men's club, composed of Henry Smith, L. F. Havermale, Frank Caunter, O. A. Nelson. The choir was also augmented for the occasion and the whole service was very pleasing.

At the evening service the pastor, Rev. Lewis F. Havermale, preached an eloquent sermon from the theme, "The great home coming." The male quartet also ably assisted at this service. Both the morning and evening services were largely attended, many out-of-town visitors and former parishioners being present. The "Old home day" observance was somewhat new to the members of the M. E. church and the pastor, Rev. L. F. Havermale, is to be commended for introducing such a pleasing service.

Football.

Many of the sports in this village are now thinking of forming a football club to represent Graniteville on the gridiron during the fall season. This village is well equipped with material for a first-class football team, and the only thing lacking at the present time is the services of a hustling manager, who will take full charge and get things moving along. A meeting will be held in the near future for the purpose of electing a manager and getting a list of players who will give their full attention to football for the next few weeks. It is understood that Forge Village and Westford are getting rapidly into trim, so Graniteville will have to get busy if it wants to be considered a live one.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Winterbottom returned home the first of the week from a pleasant visit with relatives in Ware.

Many cards have been received in Shirley announcing the marriage of Miss Elizabeth McMurray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McMurray to R. Murray Rosborough of Gorham, Me. The marriage took place at the home of the bride in Lake George, N. E., last week Wednesday. After a brief honeymoon they will be at home to their many friends about October 2. Miss Elizabeth McMurray formerly resided in Shirley where she has a host of well-wishing friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Baker start next Wednesday for a visit to Mr. Baker's mother at Short Falls, N. H., going as far as Suncook by trolley.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gionet last Saturday.

Arthur Bassett and Miss Alma Breaux were united in marriage on Monday at the 6.30 mass at St. Anthony's church, Rev. J. H. Cote officiating. The couple were attended by Frank Neault and Adolph Poulrind. They left on the eight a. m. train for a brief honeymoon in Canada.

The board of registrars will meet in Engine hall on Saturday, September 24, from three to six p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Deardon spent last Sunday with Mrs. Deardon's parents in Clinton.

Visit the Groton Fair, at Groton, on Thursday, September 29, at Hazel Grove Park.

Alliance Meeting.

The attendance was very good at the meeting held on Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. Henry Ware. In the unavoidable absence of the president, the vice-president, Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, presided. A piano which had been in the Winslow family for over half a century was used on this occasion and under the skillful touch of Mrs. Mary J. Tucker demonstrated the fact that it had not wholly lost its once fine tune.

The topic for the afternoon being "Religious intelligence," Mrs. Bridgman kindly gave an informal account of her visit to Edinburgh, Scotland, where she and Dr. Bridgman attended the missionary and religious conference, at which all denominations and nearly all nationalities were represented. This conference was the largest of its kind ever held and many very prominent people were present. The speaker also gave many interesting details and exhibited some beautiful views of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, which she saw.

The usual social hour with refreshments followed and all were glad to take advantage of the gracious permission to inspect the fine roomy old mansion, known to the older residents as the Joe Hazen place, which had been newly decorated and improved to meet the needs of the present owners. It is now one of the most delightful summer homes in the Shirley colony and Mrs. Ware is a charming addition to the list of matrons who reside among our beautiful hills for all or part of the year.

The Alliance will next meet with Mrs. Cora Hills on Flat Hill, Lunenburg. The calendar topic is a discussion on "Our public schools." All are expected to participate.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team defeated the Townsend nine on the new field last Saturday afternoon by a score of 10 to 2. Up to the fourth inning the Townsends put up a good game, but continued errors left them in the background, Knight, their pitcher having poor support. The features for Shirley was the batting of Collyer-Cook, Burrill and Tudsbury. A special and pleasing incident of the contest occurred at the close of the second inning when Manager Fred D. Weeks, on behalf of the Shirley team, presented J. C. Stebbins of Groton with a pretty gold watch fob as a token of appreciation for services given during the season.

Mr. Stebbins, who has given excellent service on the team as catcher this season, responded cordially and to the point with words of sincere gratitude.

The Shirley team play the Townsend players again at Townsend on Saturday afternoon, September 24.

NOTICE—As is our custom from October 1st to April 1st, our store will be closed every evening except on the following evenings: at six o'clock, Saturday evening at eight o'clock. A. E. LAWRENCE & SON, Ayer.

AUCTIONS.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell by auction the real estate belonging to estate of Sarah M. and Rufus R. Fletcher, located on East Main Street town farm, on Saturday, September 24, at 1.30 o'clock p. m.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction, the personal property of Fred P. Roberts and Robert Bros., of Ashby on Monday morning, October 3, at 9.30.

Large and attractive sale by auction of cows and heifers, heifer and bull calves, and all the personal property on the farm of H. P. Dutton, Carlisle, on Friday, September 30, at 9.30 o'clock a. m. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction, all the stock, farming tools and household furniture, belonging to Ludger D. Guenette, at the old Lancaster town farm, on the road from Leominster to Harvard, on Wednesday morning, September 28, at ten o'clock.

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Saturday afternoon, September 24, at 1.30, the estate of Sarah M. and Rufus R. Fletcher located on East Main street, consisting of dwelling-house of ten rooms, stable, hen-houses, and several building lots. This is a valuable property and a good chance for investment.

New Advertisements

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WANTED—State Sawyer immediately by FLAGG BROS., Littleton, Mass. 2

FOR SALE—Allen & Jewett Piano. Will sell cheap. HARLOW & PARSONS, Ayer, Mass. 112*

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APPLES WANTED—Hand Picked Gravensteins, McIntosh and Baldwins for Cash on Delivery, at FLAGG BROS. CANNING FACTORY, Littleton, Mass. Without Barrels. 6152

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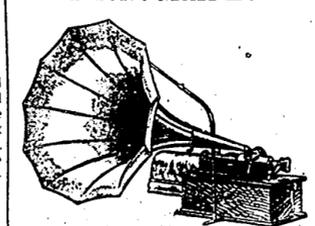
By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bronislaw Brozovsky of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to William N. Maull of said Pepperell, dated the twenty-eighth day of August 1907, for breach of condition therein contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on Wednesday, the twelfth day of October, at five o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate in the easterly part of said Pepperell, on the southerly side of Leighton Street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on Leighton Street at land formerly of L. F. Williams; thence easterly by said Leighton Street about eighty (80) feet to a fence at land formerly of Albert Leighton; thence southerly by land formerly of said Leighton about one hundred and one (101) feet to a stake and stones at land formerly of said Leighton; thence westerly by said Leighton land about seventy-eight (78) feet to a stake and stones at land formerly of said L. F. Williams; thence northerly by said Williams' land over the center of the well, about one hundred and four (104) feet to the point of beginning.

Said property will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Terms one hundred (100) dollars in cash at the time and place of sale, and balance in ten days.

WILLIAM N. MAULL, Mortgagee.
Pepperell, Mass.,
September 22, 1910. 312

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Prominent Manufacturers Who Are Not Identified With His Candidacy

WILLING TO SAY SO

A political advertisement published recently in various newspapers in this Congressional district and signed by Charles E. Murdock, secretary of the Wilder Campaign committee, states as follows: "Unable to find a flaw in either the private or public life of Mr. Wilder, his opponents have resorted to political rookeries such as the assertion that he cannot carry his own town; that he is not being supported by the business interests of his own town, and the like, all of which campaign yarns have been exploded when the facts became known.

Two years ago, when he was a candidate against Congressman Tirrell, Mr. Wilder carried his own town. At that time he had the active opposition of Mr. Tirrell's supporters in Gardner. Today these men who were opposed to him are with him in his canvass.

"He has the written endorsement of a large majority of the leading Republicans of Gardner, who are engaged in manufacturing, mercantile business and professional activities."

To ascertain the correctness of the foregoing statements The Gardner News has interviewed a large number of Gardner manufacturers and finds that the following have not signed any endorsement of Mr. Wilder's candidacy, nor do they intend to do so:

Louis E. Carlton, president Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co., chair manufacturers.

The above statement is taken from the news columns of the Gardner Daily News of September 21st, published in Mr. Wilder's home town.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY H. RUSSELL, late of Groton, 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 CAROLINE T. BOUTWELL, 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 third day of October A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

311 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

D. W. FLETCHER
Successor to John L. Boynton
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH N. ELLIOTT, late of Pepperell, 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 CHARLES H. MILLER, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

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

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

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

312 W. E. ROGERS, 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 HENRY H. RUSSELL, late of Littleton, 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 NATHAN A. TAYLOR, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named.

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

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Courier, a newspaper published in said County, 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, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

312 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

TOWNSEND

West. Mrs. Osgood and friend from Boston, and Mrs. Curran of Somerville are guests of Mrs. House.

Ernest Kaddy from Cambridge spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Robert Kaddy at L. F. Woods.

Miss Blanche Ball of Brookline, N. H., is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Webster.

Mrs. Frank Sanders and daughter Mildred from Ayer, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Sanders this week.

Miss Helen Troupe and friend from Quincy are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely.

Rev. Geo. Ringrose of Dover Plain, N. Y., occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday morning and preached to a good-sized audience, who heartily appreciated his discourse, and in the evening the pastor occupied his pulpit as usual.

Mrs. Curran of Brookline, who assisted at Mrs. House's during the summer, was in town Saturday to attend the muster.

Dr. E. B. Butterfield of Ayer enjoyed an auto trip to town Sunday, calling upon some of his friends here.

Ralph H. Willard of Boston spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Streeter and little son from Waltham are spending a few weeks at the home of his father, Lawrence E. Streeter.

John Manchester of Lowell and a friend visited his aunt, Mrs. A. J. Manchester, last Saturday.

Mrs. George Roebuck and children have returned from Prouts Neck, Me., to their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wytte, who have spent the summer with Mrs. Wytte's son, E. A. Craig, have returned to their home in Troy, N. Y., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Craig.

Mrs. Frank D. Parsons has closed her cottage and joined her husband at Prouts Neck, Me., and her mother, Mrs. Parkes, is visiting relatives in Lynn.

Mrs. House has closed her summer cottage and returned to her home in Dorchester for the winter.

A special business meeting of the Ladies' Reading club was held at the home of Mrs. Fred J. Tenney on Wednesday evening, and it was voted to approve of the work of the special committee who met with the members of the other clubs at the Centre, to hold their meetings fortnightly on Saturday afternoons, commencing on October 8, at the home of Mrs. J. J. Lees and to take up the topic, "Our country." A committee on programs was appointed, consisting of Mrs. L. O. Barker, Mrs. Alexander Reed and Miss Alice Seaver.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday, September 25, his morning topic being, "The influence of the church on modern society," and in the evening, "The way of the transgressor."

The L. B. B. S. held their meeting at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon and the last hour of the program was devoted to the missionary society, and general missionary topics were discussed, followed by light refreshments.

Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Cook have returned from a visit to their relatives in Vermont, where they spent the summer. Mrs. Bishop of Readsboro, Vt., enjoyed a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cook here.

Mrs. E. J. Lees has returned from a few weeks spent with her daughter in Boston.

Miss Inez McElligott and Miss Grace Thompson, who have been employed at the White Mountains during the summer, have returned to their homes here.

Alfred White of Cambridge has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whittaker of Cambridge; Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman have been entertaining Mr. Perham of Boston, superintendent of the Boston and Maine railroad, and the two nephews of Mr. Hodgman from Greenville, N. H.

Mrs. Mary Tucker and her daughter Stella have moved from the tenement in L. F. Wood's house to the tenement recently vacated by Mrs. Robert Kaddy.

Mrs. G. A. Seaver and Miss Alice Seaver have been on the sick list for the past week; Maynard Carter has been quite ill at his home threatened with typhoid fever; Miss Frances Eldredge is recovering from a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and baby, who have been stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson, have returned to their home in Winthrop, and Frank Ormsby and family, who have spent the summer at their cottage in Josselynville, have also returned to their winter residence in Winthrop.

Mrs. Lawrence and her little granddaughter, who have been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Duncan Rusk, returned the first of the week to their home in Troy, N. Y., and Rev. George Ringrose and wife of Dover, N. Y., who have been visiting their son, the pastor of the Baptist church here, left Monday for their home.

George Adams is spending a few days this week with his children in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Amos Jodery of Boston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Richards in the north part of town.

Mrs. Herman Stickney with her little son Ralph and her daughter Gladys are visiting relatives in Lewiston, Me.

Muster and Field Day.

On Saturday, September 17, the Eclipse engine company of this village held one of the largest and most successful musters and field days of their history. At an early hour the streets began to be thronged with visitors and during the day nearly two thousand people were in attendance.

The weather was especially favorable, particularly in the afternoon when the gale of the morning had subsided and scarcely a breath of wind disturbed the force of the streams played. The parade formed at the railroad station and traversed Main street as far as Thompson's mill, counter marching around the square through Elm street

back to the muster field in the following order:

Dr. Henry B. Boynton, marshal of the day; Townsend brass band, followed by Chief Engineer J. F. Piper, R. G. and S. P. Curran of the Centre, Clarence E. Streeter and Charles F. Stickney of this village and Adney W. Gray of the Harbor. Then came the Eclipse engine company of this village with twenty-seven men, George Welch, foreman; Steamer of the Townsend fire department; Gardner, thirty men, C. S. Edgel, foreman; Enterprise of Campello, twenty-three men, Fred Moore, foreman; drum corps from Westminster and Gen. Miles of Westminster, thirty-eight men, W. H. Waterhouse, foreman; the Watatics of Ashby, forty men, A. W. Joyce, foreman; Alabama Coons of Stoughton, thirty-six men, Albert Tilden, foreman; Columbia of Winchendon, twenty men, Elpha Whitney, foreman; the Warrens of Pepperell, Giltman H. Robbins, foreman, thirty-seven men; Whitmanville, M. E. Pierce, foreman, twenty men; and the Watch City, Waltham, thirty-eight men, J. H. Kilbourn, foreman.

After returning to Farrar's field, where they drew for positions the men dispersed for the sports and dinner, which was served at engine hall at noon. The sports of the forenoon were as follows: Mile foot-race, won by McPhaeton of Fitchburg; mile bicycle race, George Upton of Townsend; slow bicycle race Thomas Rogers of East Townsend; 100-yard dash, Clement H. Fraser of Gardner.

At one o'clock a band concert was enjoyed followed by the play-out, which resulted in the Columbia's of Winchendon winning the first prize of \$200; Warren's of Pepperell, second, \$100; the Enterprise of Campello third, \$50; and the Alabama Coons of Stoughton, fourth, \$25. The special prize of \$15 for the company coming the longest distance was divided between the Campello and Stoughton companies and the prize of \$10 for the company having the largest number of men in line was awarded to the Watatics of Ashby. The judges were George H. Blatchford and Benjamin Parker from Pepperell at the pipe; F. J. Piper of Townsend and J. C. Allen of Ashby at the plank; D. E. Wilbur of Brockton and Adney W. Gray of Townsend Harbor at the engines; C. E. Streeter of West Townsend, as timer, and the order of plays and number of feet played were as follows:

Watatics, 169 ft. 6 in.; Eclipse, West Townsend, 165 ft. 10 in.; Gen. Miles of Westminster, 186 ft. 3/4 in.; Gardner, 175 ft. 1 1/2 in.; Warrens of Pepperell, 192 ft. 4 in.; Enterprise of Campello, 198 ft. 10 in.; Columbia of Winchendon, 206 ft. 10 1/2 in.; Whitmanville, 186 ft. 1 in.; Alabama Coons of Stoughton, 187 ft. 6 1/2 in.; Watch City, 188 ft. 1 1/2 in.

The Watch City lost the fourth money by being on the players' stand before the starter's signal, and the Eclipse company were summoned from the field in the midst of their turn by an alarm for a brush fire in the woods back of the muster ground, probably set by a spark from a pipe or a cigar.

A very close and exciting game of baseball was played during the afternoon between the Greenville and Townsend A. A. teams, resulting in the home team winning, 8 to 6. The close of the afternoon was filled in a most enjoyable manner with sports consisting of the high jump, which was won by David Howard, Townsend; potato race, Dwight Rawson, West Townsend; climbing the greased pole for a dollar-bill nailed on the top was won by Clarence Jodery; greased pig; after leading the crowd a merry chase down the street, was captured at the schoolhouse by Steven Farrar of Townsend.

Suitable prizes were awarded to the lucky winners in all the sports and the day was passed very pleasantly with little disturbance to mar the harmony of the occasion. The dance in Seminary hall in the evening was largely attended by an orderly and quiet crowd.

Many out-of-town visitors were present and all participated in the evening dancing very heartily. The event as a whole was one of the pleasantest and most successful ever yet held and much credit is due to the committee in charge, who did faithful work, and the hearty cooperation of the townspeople.

Centre.

Miss Goldie Powell of Lexington is at her parent's home this week.

A shower of kitchen utensils was given to Miss E. Pearl Brown, on Wednesday evening, by her young lady friends of the M. E. church. The shower was given as a "Slip hunt party," at the home of Miss Della Goodwin. Miss Brown, who was one of the guests was in this way completely surprised. After the hunt, poems were read which were appropriate for each article found and presented to Miss Brown. During the rest of the evening games were enjoyed and refreshments served. About twenty-five were present, and had a most enjoyable time.

Charles Fuller, who has been enjoying the summer months in Maine, was in town this week, calling on old friends. He will make his home this winter, with his brother at Ashburnham.

Hattie Smith will attend Miss Fisher's kindergarten school at Boston, which commences about the first of October.

Mrs. Alice Robinson of Orlando, Fla., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner this week.

The Shirley A. A. will play their second game with Townsend at Athletic park this week Saturday. This will be the last game of the season and the home team will try to win out to make up for their defeat at Shirley last Saturday.

Reception.

The Young People's club gave a reception to the Townsend A. A. at Memorial hall, Tuesday evening, and an excellent time was enjoyed. The entertainment was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Thayer of Pepperell; address of welcome and reading, A. N. Fessenden; song, Mrs. Mabel Brackett; harmonica solo; Wilbur L. Bruce; song, "Sing me to sleep," Stella Farrar; song, "Lighthouse bell," Robert Copeland. The music for the evening was the piano with drum accompaniment and the grand march was led by Harry Whitcomb, captain of the A. A.'s and his wife. Refreshments were served during the evening and dancing and a social time enjoyed.

Reinforced snow-sheds are now being built by western railroads to replace the frailer timber structures.

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Pocket Manicure, Nail File and Cleaner	at 10c. each	Footballs	from \$1.00 to \$2.50 each
Leather Fob Chains	at 10c. each		

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Registration of Voters FLOWERS



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

Thursday, September 15, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, October 22, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, October 29, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

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

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

JOHN L. KENNISON, PETER B. MURPHY, FRANK J. MALONEY, GUY B. REMICK, Registrars of Voters.

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"The daily labors of the Bee,
Awake my soul to industry;
Who can observe the careful Ant,
And not provide for future want?"

Saturday, September 24, 1910.

GROTON.

News Items.

The Brown Loaf club met with Mrs. H. H. Gay on Wednesday afternoon. The usual program was observed and the hostess provided appetizing refreshments. An unusual treat was furnished by their neighbor, Joseph E. Raddin, who sent in a basket of his best peaches with his compliments. Another unusual treat the ladies supplied themselves with. They climbed to the top of old Brown Loaf and saw a most glorious sunset, feeling amply repaid for the effort. The sunset was beautiful seen from any plane, but much more so from the hilltop. The next meeting is to be with Mrs. F. H. Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Keirstead, Miss Elsie Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hawkes, Dr. E. B. Branigan and S. Evans enjoyed a visit to Littleton grange on Wednesday night. They report a fine corn supper and a pleasant evening every way, with a pleasant drive home by the light of the beautiful harvest moon.

Mrs. Stroud, formerly of Washington, is a guest of Miss G. A. Boutwell. Miss Lizzie Woods of Cleveland, Ohio, a cousin of Miss Boutwell, is also her guest.

Miss Annie L. Gilson has engaged rooms at A. A. Wood's and board at Mrs. W. Boynton's.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson, our popular music instructor and coach in amateur theatricals, is busy drilling the members who are to take part in the four-act drama, "Liberty corners." This is to be given in Ayer, October 20, for the benefit of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F. Her daughter, Miss Clara Robinson, is a member of the cast.

All children working in home gardens are requested to enter their flowers and vegetables at the Groton fair on Thursday, September 29. Prizes are offered for the best exhibits. Take something of everything not more than six of a kind. Reports of the gardens should be sent as soon as possible to Miss Elizabeth S. Hill, director.

Miss Clara Endicott Sears sold her Groton estate, Riverdale farm, on Thursday, September 15, to Frank L. Howes of Brookline. Papers have been passed and the new owner is to occupy very soon. The reported price paid \$25,000, is considered surprisingly low for the beautiful estate consisting of mansion, overseer's house, and 140 acres of land.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Hemenway arrived home from their honeymoon trip last Friday evening, September 16.

Mrs. William W. Parker, with her sister and two nephews, were in town on Thursday to call on Mrs. E. P. Shumway. They found the auto ride from West Boylston to Groton most delightful.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. DeHannon of the Mill neighborhood on Thursday, September 15.

Last week Albert P. Warren received a visit from his friend, John Howard Payne of Harwich, a lineal descendant of John Howard Payne, author of "Home, sweet home."

Miss Clara Robinson gave a wist party at her home on Monday night, to her friend, Miss Beatrice Darling and Misses Helen Wilson and Dorothy Douglass, two Smith college classmates of Miss Darling. The young gentlemen present were Harry L. Bruce, Lowell Stebbins, Carl Lawrence and Daniel Needham. During the evening dainty refreshments were served and parlor theatricals added to the evening's pleasure. On Wednesday Miss Darling and friends went to Smith college.

The Groton postoffice and public library were broken into Monday night. There was no loss to the postoffice department, and only a few dollars of personal loss to postmaster Torrey. At the public library several articles of historic value and interest were taken.

The Book and Table club met with Mrs. E. A. Barrows last week Friday afternoon, each member reading literary selection of poems, choosing. At the previous meeting there were present by impersonation a Chinese lady, a Japanese lady, a Persian maiden, a Colonial dame of the Hancock family and Betsey Boss of the same. Two of the most distinguished were Mrs. Felicia Hemanus and Mrs. Washington, both strikingly well represented; the former by Mrs. E. A. Barrows and the latter by Mrs. Maria Parkhurst. Mrs. Barrows read selections from Mrs. Hemanus's poems and Mrs. Parkhurst a sketch of Lady Washington's life.

Joshua G. Woods, the only son of Stephen Jewett and Mary E. Woods, died at his home in Puyallup, Wash., September 11. Mr. Woods was born in Groton on May 11, 1848, and lived here until about twenty, and then in 1901 returned to live here with his mother, who died three years ago. He was a prominent Mason. Besides being a Mystic Shriner, he belonged to Apollo Commandery No. 1, of the Masonic order. The local Corinthian lodge, F. and A. M. had full charge at the chapel and cemetery on Wednesday, September 14.

Mrs. Thomas Aitken is ill with a severe form of summer complaint, amounting almost to dysentery. This trouble has been so prevalent here that it might be called epidemic.

The W. R. C. met in good numbers on Thursday afternoon. The work was well done and everything satisfactory. The president was well pleased with the response to her call for a large attendance and as earnestly requested the same to be present at a special meeting of the corps

on Tuesday afternoon, September 27, at two o'clock instead of 2.30, the usual hour. The inspection will be held on the afternoon of October 4. Mrs. Anna Shattuck of Fitchburg, the inspecting officer.

Mrs. Bradford B. Harrington is visiting her son Richard and wife, at Hyde Park.

Earl W. Cochran, coming last week Thursday from Chester, Vt., made a visit extending over Sunday to his aunt, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst.

Mrs. C. W. Phelps from Northampton, with her two children, is visiting Mrs. James R. Hawkes.

The Wachusett Baptist association meets with the Littleton Baptist church on Tuesday, October 4. The delegates chosen to attend from the Baptist church in Groton are Thomas R. Clough, William A. Parkhurst, Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst and Mrs. Alice Peabody.

Warren A. Clough, who has a position in Kansas City, Mo., is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clough, at his old home on the Ayer road.

Jack Johnson, the world's champion pugilist, passed through town on Tuesday evening in his ninety horse-power auto on the way to Boston. He called at Taunter's store, where he introduced himself. On going down Main street, he took the Ayer road, but discovering his mistake, ran across the Common where the Prescott monument stands and got to the Boston road all right.

Alonzo E. Willis has bought the Gustin place on the Pepperell road. Since selling his farm on the Ayer road, Mr. Willis has been occupying the Olson place on the Boston road, now owned by Nesbit L. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Couzens, relatives of Mrs. Graham, from Concord, N. H., coming Saturday, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ramsden, whose summer home is on the Ayer road, have returned to Cambridge. Mr. Ramsden opens his Rathskeller in Cambridge with the fall opening of Harvard college, when students largely patronize it.

It will be of interest to the Groton acquaintances of Arthur G. Fuller and family that his son, Percy Fuller, was married on Thursday of this week to a lady in Newton.

The opening of the college year has called these young gentlemen from Groton: Harold H. Woods, Carl A. P. Lawrence and William Boynton to Dartmouth; John W. Bradley and D. Wyman Gibson to Amherst Agricultural; Winthrop L. Sheedy to Williams. Next week Daniel Needham goes to Harvard and also Lowell Stebbins, a summer resident here. This next Sunday Ferlie P. Fallon leaves home for a course at the Columbia law school, which opens on the following Tuesday.

Woodbury K. Howe left Monday for Woonsocket, R. I., to take an important position with the Anchor Webbing Company.

Carl Hodgman, son of the late Edwin Hodgman, was in town this week calling on friends. He is studying for a surgical profession.

At the Wednesday meeting of the Congregational church, the following delegates were chosen to attend the Middlesex Union association of Congregational churches to be held in the Congregational church at Lancaster on October 29: Mrs. David Gibson, Mrs. Henry W. Whiting and Dea. H. H. Gay.

Mrs. John Mulcahey and sister, Mrs. Ellis of Somerville, spent a few days this week with her cousin, Mrs. F. F. Woods.

The Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club hold their annual fair at Hazel Grove park on Thursday, September 29. The indications are that the fair will be a fine success, larger in many respects than last year. The horse trot too, assuming a very promising aspect, and much interest is felt in it. Quite a good number of entries are made and more are to follow. Now, if the weather is fine and people give their hearty support, as they ought, Groton will have a fair to be proud of.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson and daughter, Miss Clara, enjoyed a delightful automobile drive with Littleton friends on Wednesday night.

Two full grown deer came running over the fields at about seven o'clock on Wednesday morning, entering the road just opposite S. R. Mason's. Stopping a few moments as if to choose their course, they leaped the fence on the Gibson estate and disappeared.

Thomas Aitken, superintendent of the Amory A. Lawrence farm, was called to Woodstock, Vt., last Monday, by the very sudden and serious illness of his brother, the Hon. George Aitken. Mr. Aitken did not reach his brother in time to see him alive. Hon. George Aitken had charge of the Billings estate in Woodstock and was prominent in the forestry and agricultural affairs of the State. He had just returned from Philadelphia, where he was with President Taft, and with him spoke on the forestry interests of our country.

The C. H. Gerrish family broke camp at Baddacook last week.

Mrs. W. H. Smythe, coming last week Friday, was an over-Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. B. Crowley of Pleasant street. Mrs. Smythe left Monday for New York.

Visit the Groton Fair, at Groton, on Thursday, September 29, at Hazel Grove Park.

Birthday.

The eighty-second birthday of Miss Martha Kimball, on Thursday, September 22, was the occasion for her receiving many calls and congratulations. The friends were received at Dr. H. B. Priest's, where she has been at home since last winter. Aunt Martha, which is the pet name her friends affectionately give her, received a number of pretty gifts, including bouquets, confectionery and other nice offerings. Her niece, Miss Martha Kimball from Littleton, brought a birthday cake lettered 1828. A short automobile ride was another event. Her nephew, George Kimball, and Mrs. Austin Kimball, another relative, were over from Littleton, which is Aunt Martha's native town. She is in fairly good health for one of her age and her friends wish her many returns of the day, with as good health continued.

Episcopal Convention.

The Episcopals of the United States will hold their tri-annual convention at Cincinnati the first week in October. The chief matters to be discussed will be Suffragan bishops, the change of the name of the church to "American Catholic church," and omit the name of "Protestant Episcopal church" from the title page of their prayer book, the preamble, Canon XIX, which allows under the direction of the bishops, ministers and laymen of other denominations to occupy the pulpits of the Episcopal church, some changes in the missionary canons and penoning the infirm clergy.

The high churchmen are determined to have repealed the canon XIX, and if possible put the church where it was before this canon was adopted, allowing no clergymen but those ordained in the Episcopal church to officiate in the churches.

Many meetings will be held in the interests of missions, and prominent laymen are expected to take part in these proceedings. The clerical delegates from the diocese of Massachusetts are Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity church; Rev. Dr. O. D. Addison, rector of All Saints church, Brookline; Rev. Dr. Henry S. Nash, professor in the Episcopal Theological school at Cambridge, and Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton School. The lay delegates are Charles G. Saunders of Boston, W. Y. Kellen of Cohasset, James J. Greenough of Cambridge and Henry M. Lovering of Taunton.

Bishop Lawrence will preside over the House of Bishops and will be re-elected to that position, which he has now held for six years.

West Groton.

Mrs. M. E. Williams returned last week from a two months' stay with her daughters in Gardner and Fitchburg. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Lois Worcester, who remained for a short visit, returning to Fitchburg last Sunday.

Miss Josephine Ripley, employed at Charles Bixby's, is visiting with friends in Pepperell.

Mrs. Martha Tarbell spent three days last week in Lunenburg with her sisters, Miss Adams and Mrs. Lacey. Mrs. Andrew Jarvis has returned from a visit with her daughter in Leominster and her son, Arthur Jarvis, from a trip to York, N. H.

Mrs. James Perry of Danvers is a guest of her sister, Mrs. C. L. Dudley. Mr. Perry was an over-Sunday visitor.

John Robinson has been spending a week's vacation in Hyde Park.

Mrs. Earle Sleeper is entertaining her father, Oscar Slocum, of Yonkers, N. Y.

A. W. Lamb is out of town on a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Lamb is superintendent at Hollingsworth & Vose mill, and Louis Vose of the firm is attending to matters in his absence.

Mr. Gay is entertaining a niece from Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Lewis of Hyde Park is visiting at C. E. Blood's.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Priestley Catlin of Swampscott, with her infant son and nurse. A novel entertainment, planned by Miss Bertha Bixby for her Sabbath school class, was a corn roast which was enjoyed by them one evening last week. W. V. Bixby's pasture was the spot chosen and roasted corn, toasted marshmallows, fruit and nuts furnished the repast. Invited guests who joined the class in their merrymaking were: Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. Isabel Wiggin and the Misses Sylvia Lawrence, Dorothy Bowles, Nellie Harrington, Esther Jarvis and Elsie Tarbell.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge was in Ayer on Tuesday in attendance upon the quarterly meeting of the Middlesex Ministers' association.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Charles Bixby last Thursday.

Mrs. M. F. McGowan has been in her physician's care the past week. Frank Jacquith has purchased a building lot of W. V. Bixby, located near the site of the old brick schoolhouse. He intends to erect a small dwelling house and work has begun on the cellar.

Maude Kittredge is employed at C. E. Blood's.

Church Anniversary.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Christian Union church will be observed on Sunday, October 9. The church service in the morning at 10.45 will include special music and an historical sermon by the pastor. In the evening at 7.30, Rev. H. G. Buckingham, pastor of the Laurel Street Methodist church in Worcester, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Buckingham was the minister of the church in 1885, and was largely instrumental in the building of the present edifice. His visit on this occasion will be a matter of very great interest, as probably he has not been in the parish for more than twenty years.

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

HARVARD.

Thomas Dolan, with his family and their big touring car started early this week for a week's trip. They go to Springfield, down the Connecticut river valley to Hartford; thence to New York city, up the Hudson river valley to Albany and home through the Berkshire hills.

The grange held a regular meeting on Tuesday evening, conferring the third and fourth degrees. Supper was served. The grange voted to extend a vote of thanks to all those who so generously contributed apples toward the exhibit at the Clinton fair.

Miss Bertha Brown of West Moreland, N. H., is a guest at the home of "Miss" Annie Reid.

The following births have been recorded: August 16, a son to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nogler; September 19, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cobleigh; September 18, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Isley Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Beach are from Shirley, visiting at her sister's, Mrs. Fred A. Whitney.

Frank Murray, employed as engine driver in the Cambridge fire department, was home last week for a few days.

Myra Hooper has been visiting for a few days with Mrs. H. Emma Whitney.

George Chase of Still River has recently donated a collection of antiques to the Harvard Historical society, some of the articles presented having been in the Chase family for two hundred years. Mr. Chase is very generous and takes a great interest in matters pertaining to local history. The articles were given to Dr. Royal, who has had them properly placed in the Historical rooms, where they may now be seen.

Last Sunday Gordon McCleery took Mr. and Mrs. West, with their niece, Miss Lucy McManan of Ayer, for an auto-trip to Revere beach, leaving at eleven a. m., and returning at six p. m. The day was ideal and a good time reported. On the trip down the party stopped for a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spaulding, former residents of this town.

Bromfield school opened on Wednesday of this week for the first half, with Prof. A. F. Leonard, principal; assistants, Miss Bernice Sears and Miss Alice Chadwick; Rev. Henry B. Mason as special teacher of shorthand and typewriting. This latter is a new study in the course at Bromfield, and is a very popular one.

Lew Harlowe Morse is attending the Rindge Manual Training school at Cambridge.

Walter Hazard is to enter the Industrial school at Tuskegee, Alabama; the school founded and made famous by Booker T. Washington.

Charles Russell is confined to his home with rheumatism.

Henry Gale has a force of men under his brother George, filling and grading about his lawn and driveway. They are certainly doing a slick job.

Unclaimed letters at the Harvard postoffice, Monday, September 19: Miss Jennie Moore, Ruth Bally, Mrs. Edgar B. Chase.

Mr. Roberts, who bought the Lougee farm in Old Mill district, has a large gang of workmen moving the west part of the house from its present foundation onto a new spot further back. Mr. Roberts intends to spare no pains to make this farm home one of the prettiest on the road.

To the Editor:

The school committee, consisting of three members, one of them against all action, have been, and are still, in disagreement over the management and details of the general interest.

The one most attracting at this time is over the person holding the position of janitor, Miss Hartshorn, she having held this for several years. The cause of this dissatisfaction as far as we are able to learn is of a purely personal nature.

No complaints have been made of any importance, if at all, but on the contrary great satisfaction has been shown by parents, children, and the general public. So fully has this been felt that a petition signed by one hundred and twenty-six of the citizens, representing the most influential element, petitioning the said committee against the discharge of the janitor. The said petition has been denied, one member having done his utmost to defeat the last act, the other members being practically one, voted to ask the resignation of the person who refused on advice, as she holds her appointment for one year, handed to her before the commencement of the school year. Her discharge followed, to take effect tonight at twelve o'clock.

This entire action has aroused the intense feeling throughout the town and many very strong words are expressed and future action may be taken. It is well-known that a school committee have under the State law considerable power, or should to a man or men that there was still people who recognized common decency, and certainly feel that there should be a limit to the personal spite shown in this case. JAMES H. WHITNEY, Harvard, September 19, 1910.

LITTLETON.

News Items. The Massachusetts Audubon society has loaned to the Reuben Hoar library for a few months, thirty books and several charts on birds; these books and charts may be borrowed with the same freedom as the books owned by the library both by the townspeople and by the teachers for use in the schools. The following are a few of the books loaned: "True bird stories," Miller; "Bird day: how to prepare for it," Babcock; "The birds' calendar," Parkhurst; "Our native birds," Lange; "The citizen bird," Wright; "Year with the birds," Flagg; "The woodpeckers," Eckstorm; "The clerk of the woods," Torrey.

About Town. Mrs. L. E. Abbott is entertaining Miss Hatch of Exeter, N. H., who has just returned from a year's sojourn abroad. The annual fair of the ladies' circle of the Unitarian society will be held on Friday, October 14, in the vestry of the church. The annual reception of the King's Daughters' circle to the people, seventy years old and more, will be given in the Unitarian vestry on Friday afternoon, September 30, from two to four o'clock. W. H. Davis has given up his position as janitor of the town hall building and M. E. Somes, who had charge of the street lighting, is now the new janitor. Robert Roberts has the charge of the street lighting.

Capt. W. H. Sawyer left Berkeley, Cal., last Monday for Hot Lake City, and LeGrand, Arizona, where he has a nephew, aunt and cousin, whom he will visit, before starting on his journey to his home here. Miss Marion Brown of Cambridge, who has been a very successful music teacher here, has been in town visiting among friends, she was an over Sunday guest at H. F. Proctor's and spent Monday with Mrs. Dairy Howard.

Roy Houghton of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. John Houghton of Gardner, were at Charles Houghton's last Sunday.

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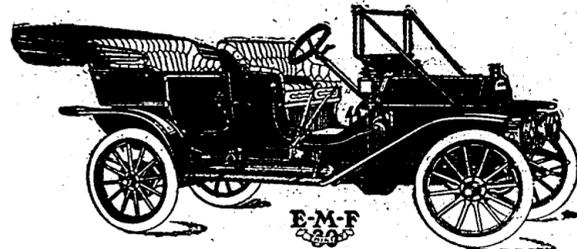
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AYER.

News Items.

Capt. Geo. V. Barrett camp, S. of V. contemplating serving a clam supper in the lower town hall, in the near future, probably about the middle of October. It will be a genuine feast, where clams will be served in all the various ways and an occasion worthy of a generous patronage.

E. W. Carley attended the funeral of his brother's wife in Northampton on Tuesday.

Arthur Carley returned to his studies at the U. of P. on Friday morning.

Ayer has been heard from in regard to the intercity bowling league and it now looks as if that league can start about October 1. The Ayer management claimed they didn't understand the proposition at first but now that the matter has been broached to them in the proper light they will enter the league. A meeting will be called shortly and arrangements made to start.

A clam chowder supper will be served in the vestry of the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, October 5, from six to eight o'clock.

At the convocation of Bancroft chapter, F. A., held on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John F. Lentz, high priest; A. A. Fillebrown, king; H. H. Proctor, scribe; F. S. Pierce, treasurer; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; O. K. Pierce, trustee for three years.

Miss Edith C. Lyon attended a private dancing party at Whalom on Thursday evening, given by the O. E. S. of Fitchburg.

Mrs. Martha J. Lyon, past noble grand of Vesta Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., has been appointed district deputy grand master of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge of Townsend and Mary H. Livermore lodge of Shirley.

Edward A. Richardson has been appointed district deputy grand master of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., of Pepperell.

Mrs. Rebecca B. Sanders is comfortable, but very feeble and falling rapidly. She will go to Fitchburg on the first of October where she will reside with her daughter, Mrs. George Stevens. Miss Aggie Sanders will close the house here, store the furniture and rent the house. She will then join her mother, whose condition necessitates the care of both daughters.

On Tuesday, Rev. F. L. Fisher christened the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Hatch of this town.

Mrs. Loring A. Carman is doing very well at the Waltham hospital and expects to return home before many days.

The executive board of the Ayer Woman's club will meet with the president, Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher on Friday evening, September 30, at half-past seven o'clock.

Mrs. Livinia Bird, of Nashua, widow of Frank X. Bird, who resided in Ayer some years ago, and was a shoemaker here, died on Tuesday morning at the Insane hospital at Concord, N. H., where she has been confined for eight years, aged seventy years. She was born in Canada and formerly lived in this town. She is survived by two step-daughters, Mrs. William G. Keyser of Nashua and Miss Julia Bird of North Adams and one niece.

Frank Connors, who enlisted in the U. S. army four years ago, returned to his home here on Thursday, having served his time which expired on September 15, 1910.

Thomas Bradley of Groton died at Tewksbury on Wednesday, September 21, of pneumonia, and W. Wright & Son, undertakers, were notified and went to Tewksbury after the body. The deceased was a single man and his age was fifty-one years. Burial was Friday morning, September 23, in St. Mary's cemetery. His brother, Michael Bradley, resides in Littleton.

Felix Murphy, a brakeman on the southern division of the Boston and Maine railroad, was taken suddenly ill a couple of weeks ago and left for his home in Lawrence. Soon after his arrival there it was found that he had pneumonia and removed to the Lawrence hospital. He is a very sick man with little hope of his recovery.

Martin Donahue, graduate of high school, class '10, has entered the Boston Business college; Harry Sullivan, also a graduate of the same class, enters Tufts college, commencing his studies there, Monday, September 26; George Wilson is to enter the Boston Law school, Monday, September 26, and will study for the bar; Edward Wilson, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, has secured a lucrative position as teacher of mathematics in the university where he graduated.

At the meeting of the creditors of the New England Paper and Stationery Company in Boston, September 22, the referee in bankruptcy, Henry E. Warner, was authorized to dispose of real estate, machinery, stock and fixtures which was composed of at a private sale or public auction. When the shop was placed in the hands of a receiver and shut down there were employed about thirty-five hands and a couple of years ago there were as many as forty-five or fifty employed. The business done by the company amounted to \$70,000 or over a year. The outlook now is that the establishment will not start up again.

George S. Poulus & Company, purchased last Monday of a fruit raiser in Weldon, N. H., six hundred baskets of Elberta peaches and they arrived here on Tuesday by freight. They are disposing of them rapidly and this will be about the last chance to secure peaches this season at reasonable prices.

N. A. Spencer & Son have bought

of William Cromble, marble worker, all his tools and stock. Mr. Cromble intends starting for Fallbrook, Cal., about the middle of October, where he will make his home and where he has relatives. His sister, Mrs. Findlay, who is here, will accompany Mr. Cromble to California.

On Thursday, in E. O. Proctor's auto, Mrs. Benjamin F. Taft, eighty-six years, and Mrs. Southwick, who will be ninety-four next spring, went eighty-five miles, the first time Mrs. Taft has been down stairs for a year. They visited Northbridge, the birthplace of Mr. Taft and Mrs. Southwick. From there they went to Wilkinstonville, which is about two miles below Millbury, where Mrs. Taft spent her girlhood and where she was married. They were accompanied by Mrs. F. W. Moses and Mrs. Nellie Kittredge.

Henry A. Bixby, a conductor of the Lawrence train from here, was married on September 14, to Miss Harriet May, daughter of Mrs. John S. Hall, at North Chelmsford, Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby, performing the ceremony. They were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. They left on their wedding trip to Montreal, going from there to Niagara Falls. On their return from their wedding trip they will reside here.

When the inscription is completed, a large boulder weighing 2,700 pounds, taken from the farm of Theophilus G. Smith in Groton, is to be placed by N. A. Spencer & Son, on the Dickinson property, near the Groton school. The inscription, furnished by Dr. Samuel A. Green of Boston, reads: "Here dwelt John Davis, killed in his own dooryard by the Indians, October 25, 1704." It is through one of Groton's most worthy citizens, William Amory Gardner, Groton school, that the boulder will be placed next week to mark the spot where John Davis was killed.

The house of O. N. Kidder on Fletcher street, to be occupied by his son Hartwell, is all plastered and Mr. Hardy, the builder, will have his carpenters start on the finish next week.

Mr. Hardy expects to commence work on the Sears' mansion, Prospect hill, on Monday next, with a force of men. He has the house of Mr. Lamb at West Groton, who is superintendent of the Vose mill, completed by next week.

Visit the Groton Fair, at Groton, on Thursday, September 29, at Hazel Grove Park.

Advertised letters for the week ending September 19, at the Ayer post-office: E. S. Conrad, Mrs. M. S. Goodrich, Mrs. J. E. Parker, Mrs. W. S. Walker.

Benjamin Lovett will reopen his dancing school, Friday night, September 30, in Page hall, with new dances.

Political News.

Hon. George J. Burns has spoken this week at two Pierce rallies in Waltham, one at Fitchburg and one at Framingham. He reports great enthusiasm for Mr. Pierce everywhere. Hon. Herbert Parker has come out for Mr. Pierce in an open letter; Ex-Congressman Apsley heads the Pierce delegation in Hudson; Hon. George R. Wallace and J. Lovell Johnson of Fitchburg are outspoken Pierce supporters. In Waltham Mr. Pierce has the support of such men as Hon. Nathaniel Warren, Col. Ephraim Stearns and George H. Doty, former candidate for Congress. In Natick, Forrest N. Adams, esq., partner of the late Congressman Tirrell, is on Mr. Pierce's committee.

While the people of Leominster are a unit for Mr. Pierce, the Gardner News publishes in its edition of Wednesday, a list of twenty business men and manufacturers of that town, comprising over seventy-five percent in capital, employers of labor and business interests of Gardner, who declare that they have not and do not intend to endorse Mr. Wilder, thus meeting his claim that he has the support of a large majority of the business interests of that town.

While clergymen are advocating Mr. Wilder as a temperance man, and are attacking Mr. Pierce in voting against referendum amendment of the Bar and Bottle bill, there appears in the Worcester Telegram of yesterday, under the news items from Fitchburg, the following:

"Wilder has had a Ford car at the disposal of J. Lytle Peden, his Fitchburg manager, and others, and last night this car, which is operated by one of Wilder's chauffeurs, a Gardner boy, was used to bring men affiliated with the liquor interests to and from the city hall, with men to be registered on the voting list. On one trip the Wilder car brought up a crowd that included bar tenders and others known to be license and anti-bar and bottle bill workers."

New Work.

Mr. Burns has recently entered into a contract to do a lot of work at the Chandler Planer Company shop for the United Shoe Machinery Company of Beverly. The first shipments of parts came in on Thursday of this week. It is expected that the work will furnish employment for a large number of men, possibly 100, and that it will be practically a permanent job. This is good news for our people. Machinists receive good wages and are desirable citizens. It makes a great deal of difference to our merchants whether there is an extra weekly pay roll in town of about \$2,000.

Machine tool work in general continues to be dull, chiefly because railroads are unable to get funds with which to make needed extensions and purchase equipment. Nevertheless, the orders for railroad work at the Chandler shop have been considerable. During the past few months new planers have been built for various railroad shops. Mr. Chandler has recently brought out a new type of planer, from which a large business is expected. With the shoe machinery work it is believed that the shop will soon be running on full force.

Marriage.

Roland Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Perry, and Margaret T. Leahy, daughter of Mrs. Winifred Leahy, both of Ayer, were united in marriage at St. Mary's church on Wednesday, September 21, by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. The bridesmaid was Annie W. Leahy, a sister of the bride and the best man was Morgan L. Madden.

After the ceremony the couple took the 11:07 train to Boston, where they were accompanied by the best man

and bridesmaid. From Boston they started on their wedding trip, and on their return will reside at Springfield, where Mr. Perry is employed by the American express company. They were the recipients of a number of presents from their many friends.

The gift of the groom to the bride was a gold watch and that of the bride to the best man was a pretty stick pin. The bride has been employed as stenographer at the office of the Chandler Planer Company for some time, and is one of our most popular young ladies in town.

A large delegation of friends and relatives of both the contracting parties were at the railway station to see them off.

Death.

Patrick Hurley, who for a number of years was gatekeeper at the West Main street crossing, died on Tuesday, September 20, at the home of his niece, Mrs. Anderson, daughter of the late John Hurley in Lowell, and was buried in St. Mary's church on Thursday, September 22. The deceased was taken sick about two years ago and then went to Lowell where he remained up to the time of his death. He was a member of the Irish Benevolent society here and was a good friend to all. A large number here attended the funeral and there were many from Lowell. He was about seventy years of age, and was a resident of this town for over forty years. He never was married.

Parish Meeting.

The annual parish meeting of St. Andrew's parish of Ayer and Groton, was held on Thursday evening, September 22. The Rev. Dr. Peabody of Groton School, presided.

Wednesday night the vestry met at Dr. Peabody's house and it was decided to call Rev. A. S. Bumpus of Belvidere, Ill., to be the vicar. This action was brought before the parish meeting, calling for discussion. Mr. Bumpus is well-known to the Rector, Mr. Billings, Mr. Birkhead and Mr. Griswold, and after hearing them, Judge Sanderson, senior warden, was called on and reported favorable of the candidate, who was heard one Sunday. Rev. Harry Gray, after leaving for his home in Nevada, and after the Rector had approached Mr. Bumpus, was willing to have his name used, and he was very much liked while in charge of St. Andrew's and Forge Village.

The matter of calling Mr. Bumpus, being before the meeting, the action of the vestry was ratified.

It will not be known for a week or so as to the acceptance of the call, as the church of Marlboro intended calling Mr. Bumpus as rector. The parish comes in close touch with St. Mark's school, where Rev. W. G. Thayer, the first minister at St. Andrew's, is now located.

Rev. Sherard Billings will preach at St. Andrew's next Sunday morning, and it is to be hoped also at Forge Village. Services will be held there and the Sunday school reopen next Sunday.

Masonic Inspection.

At a special meeting of Caleb Butler lodge held on Monday evening, September 19, Right Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, D. D. G. M. of the Eleventh Masonic district was present for the purpose of making his annual inspection.

He was accompanied by his suite consisting of Harry Pollard, D. D. Grand Marshall; William M. Jones, D. D. Grand Senior Warden; C. F. Flemings, D. D. Grand Junior Warden; Gilbert Robbins, D. D. Grand Treasurer; E. W. Clements, D. D. Grand Secretary; also, Worshipful, Horace Bacon, Henry J. Fay, Herbert E. Fletcher, Frank L. Weaver and Alonzo G. Walsh.

Caterer Bigelow prepared the assemblage for the pleasure of the evening by serving one of his famed banquets at 6:30 o'clock. The inspection followed the banquet, after which the first degree was conferred.

The meeting was one largely attended, over one hundred being present at the banquet. Many from the surrounding towns were present, Worcester, Lowell, Fitchburg, Groton, Pepperell, Townsend, Harvard, Shirley, Littleton, Westford, Chelmsford and Malden being represented.

In the afternoon of Monday, St. Paul lodge was visited by Right Worshipful Arthur D. Prince and suite for the annual inspection. There were about fifty present who sat down to dinner in the banquet hall which was furnished by Mr. Bigelow. Inspection then followed.

Death.

George Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Willis, died on Tuesday of double pneumonia, after an illness of a week. The little fellow attended school on Monday, September 12, and the next day did not feel well enough to go to school. A physician was called and from the symptoms he pronounced it pneumonia. From day to day he grew worse, when a specialist was called, but with no hopes of a recovery. He died on Tuesday, September 20, and the funeral was on Thursday. Interment was in St. Mary's cemetery. His age was five years and one month. He was a bright little boy, full of life and his death is a severe blow to his parents. His mother is so prostrated, that she is confined to her bed.

Dr. Hopkins attended the little fellow throughout his entire illness, giving him his undivided attention day and night.

District Court.

Mattie Elliott of Westford, charged with assault and battery September 10, was in court September 17, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

M. H. Coffey of Townsend, charged with drunkenness in Townsend, September 17, was in court on September 19, tried and found guilty, and paid expenses of \$8.00.

Lewis R. Miller of Groton, drunken at Ea Steppereil, September 17, was in court September 19, tried and found guilty and fined ten dollars.

A Slight Seeling Tour.

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the Eastern and Southern Bankers of the American Bankers association, is to take place at Los Angeles, Cal., from October 3 to 7. Howard B. White,

president of the First National bank of this town starts on Monday, September 26, on the tour with the Eastern Bankers by special train and he expects to be absent through the month of October. The distance to be traveled by the bankers and the places visited are as follows:
New York to Chicago, 980 miles; Chicago to Kansas City, 498; Kansas City to Grand Canyon, 1,362; Grand Canyon to Los Angeles, 542; Los Angeles to San Francisco, 475; San Francisco to Portland, 772; Portland to Vancouver, 363; Vancouver to St. Paul, 1,812; St. Paul to Chicago, 412; Chicago to Buffalo 540; Buffalo to New York 440; making the total distance traveled from New York and return 8,196 miles.

To the Editor:

I have no desire to unduly extend the controversy over Mr. Wilder's explanation of the Roosevelt episode. I, however, cannot afford to have my neglect to reply to a recent local explanation taken as an admission. Mr. Wilder knew what Mr. Roosevelt said to him at the interview, and knew that Mr. Roosevelt subsequently wrote him that he could not be quoted as expressing any opinion on the subject of his candidacy. Responsibility cannot be escaped by throwing it upon George L. Drury, who was in Mr. Wilder's employ.

Notwithstanding the direct statement Mr. Wilder had from Mr. Roosevelt in the latter's letter of August 18, there appeared in the Gardner Journal of September 8, three weeks later, a paid advertisement over the signature of Charles E. Murdock, who signed as "Secretary of Wilder's Congressional Committee," a repetition of the quotation from Mr. Roosevelt, "Mr. Wilder is thoroughly in accord with my progressive policies." Mr. Wilder was certainly responsible for that statement, and cannot throw it upon Mr. Drury, or anyone else.

In contrast to the names of twenty prominent representatives of manufacturing and business concerns in Gardner who decline to endorse Mr. Wilder's candidacy, is the written endorsements of Mr. Pierce's candidacy by over seventy-five of the business men and manufacturers of Leominster, every one who could be reached, every doctor, every lawyer, and every member of the Republican Town Committee. GEORGE J. BURNS.

Church Notes.

Unitarian church service at 10.45. Sermon, "The fruitage of moral life," by Rev. Dr. Plisk. P. P. R. U. at seven p. m. Miss Nettie E. Roe will be the leader, and Mrs. Dr. Cowles will be the speaker.

The morning sermon at the First Congregational church will be preached from the ninth verse of the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, the subject being "God our father." At the evening service, seven o'clock, the second discourse will be given in the series on the great questions of the book of Job. The question for the evening will be that propounded in the twenty-first chapter and fifteenth verse, "What profit shall we have if we pray unto him? The young people's service will begin at 6.15 p. m.

Rev. D. M. Lockrow will preach in the Baptist church at 2.30 p. m. Subject, "An iron pen with a diamond point."

The special series of meetings at the Baptist church are continuing with deep interest. Mr. Lockrow preached a powerful sermon on Wednesday evening and a number requested prayer. His subject next Sunday at 10.45 a. m. will be "Bondsmen of the present day" and at seven in the evening he will speak on "The unparadisiacal sign." Music is a special feature of these meetings.

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

Items of Interest.

The deepest coal mine in Belgium is worked 3,937 feet below the surface. England has one 3,483 feet deep and the United States has one 2,200 feet deep.

Germany collects \$1,500,000 a year for hunters' licenses; the game killed annually is estimated to be worth \$9,400,000.

Henry VIII of England placed a tax on beards and graduated the tax according to the weather.

Alfred the Great was founder of the English navy.

The late King Menelik of Abyssinia forbade the use of tobacco in his realm. He decreed that a man convicted of smoking should have his lips cut off, and that one taking snuff should lose his nose. The penalties were enforced.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex County, Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRIET A. LOVEJOY, 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; and AUGUSTUS LOVEJOY, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, one of the executors therein named, the other having declined the trust, without giving a surety on his official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of October A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And a petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, in said County, on or before the one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering by hand, 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 Justice of the Court, this thirteenth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Cunard Line

Liverpool, Queenstown, Fish-guard

From Boston, Saxonia, Sept. 13, 4 p. m.
Ivernia, Sept. 27, 4 p. m.
From New York, Campania, September 14.
Carmania, September 17.
Mauretania, September 21.

On and after September, the Campania, Caronia, Carmania, Ivernia and Saxonia will call at Queenstown on all voyages both East bound and West bound.

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From Boston, Zeeland, Sept. 20, 11 a. m.
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Strong Sheet Iron, extra galvanized.
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1 lb. Nickel-Plated, Bell Face, 12.-in. Hardwood Handle, Varnished.
Price, 10c.

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10 qt. Lipped Preserve Kettles 60c.
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

At the regular meeting of the C. E. S. of the Congregational church, held last Sunday evening, Miss Grace Adams gave a fine report of the C. E. convention held in the Congregational church at Littleton on Labor day.

Oliver W. Balcom attended the reunion of the 26th Massachusetts volunteers at Memorial hall, Lowell, last Saturday and a most delightful day was spent. The membership now consists of a total of one hundred and twenty-seven and of this number there was present sixty, which included the wives of comrades and children. Eight members of the organization have died during the past year. Mr. Balcom is one of the honorary members of this organization.

Charles G. Hocquard of New Carlisle, P. Q., returned to his home the latter part of last week to resume his duties in the Atlantic and Lake Superior railway office. Mr. Hocquard has been spending two weeks' vacation in Shirley with his brothers, Harry, Philip and George, and his visit to Shirley was one of real enjoyment. Mr. Hocquard came to Shirley in company with his brother George and family, who spent two months this summer at the old homestead in New Carlisle, P. Q.

At a business meeting of the C. E. S. of the Congregational church, held the first of the week, Mrs. Harry Collyer was elected as a delegate to the State C. E. convention in Springfield, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 27, 28 and 29. Mrs. Collyer starts on Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allard of Leominster were visiting in town on Sunday.

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

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a baked bean supper followed by an entertainment in their vestry on Saturday evening, September 24, at 6.30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Isley Beach, who have been stopping for some weeks past with relatives in Harvard, announce the arrival of a ten and one-half pound boy, born last Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur H. Jubb, who has been a patient at the Massachusetts General hospital for a couple of weeks past, returned on Monday with her husband. The physicians at the hospital upon a thorough diagnosis of her case decided an operation would prove fatal.

The Workmen picnic will be held on Saturday, September 24, at C. R. White's cottage, Fort pond. Barges will leave the depot at ten a. m. and at twelve a. m. for the women and children.

Mrs. Charles Lapage was operated upon at a hospital in Leominster on Friday of this week for a tumor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Story, jr., of Burlington, Vt., and Mrs. Emma Gerry of Gardner have been visiting their sister, Mrs. J. C. Babb.

Death.

Passed away, September 15, in Wolfboro, N. H., of apoplexy, Charles L. Cutter. He was born in Jeffrey, N. H., October 24, 1842. Mr. Cutter came to Shirley when he was nine years old, and made his home here until several years after his marriage. Later his home, and business, was in Ayer, Boston, Indianapolis and Toledo, Ohio, where he was connected with the National Milling Company for over twenty-five years.

Mr. Cutter retired from business two years ago, spending his winters in Boston, and summers in Wolfboro, N. H. He died in the Wolfboro hospital after six weeks of unconsciousness. He left a wife and one son, now living in Idaho.

Center.

Mrs. J. W. Farrar is very ill with pneumonia.

Homer P. Holden sprained his wrist quite badly last week Thursday while cranking his automobile.

Miss Mary Adams is home for a two weeks' vacation.

The new Mason & Hamblin organ for Trinity chapel came last week Wednesday. It is largely the gift of the Girls' sewing guild.

Miss Elsie Kirby is in the Centre for a couple of weeks.

Miss Florence Adams started last week Thursday for Columbia college, where she will be a student for this year.

Miss Shirley Lawton and Harriet and Edwin Bridgman commenced their studies on Monday with Miss Louise Roe as tutor.

Arthur Holden is attending college at Middlebury, Vt.

James Craft and family have moved back into the house in Woods Village, which they occupied before they moved to West Groton.

Miss Myrna Carter is spending a month in Auburn, Me.

The work of grading and graveling Parker road has begun. The gravel will be taken from the north side of Chaplin hill.

Miss Alice Ruggles, the portrait painter, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bolton.

Rev. M. H. Brockhead will preach at Trinity chapel on Sunday, September 25, at 3.15. The Sunday school will reopen after a summer vacation at 4.15.

Rev. George Willis Cook will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday, September 25, at 11.15 a. m.

Grange.

Shirley grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 20. The exhibition of fruit and vegetables was a great success. Blue ribbons were awarded by the judges to the best exhibit in the various classes.

M. W. Longley, first prize for Palmer greening and purple apples; N. R. Graves, Baldwin, gravensteins, Hubbardston, Sutton beauties and Kings; M. W. Cary, weathers; A. R. Cummings, yellow Bellefleur, Nothheads, Ben Davis, Tolman sweet and Roxbury russets; Lester G. Holden, McIntosh reds; George Farmer, first prize for early rose potatoes and N. R. Graves for gold coins; Lester Holden received prizes for pears, quinces and squashes; E. Cummings, carrots; William Jubb, tomatoes, cabbages, water-melons and a large bunch of corn; N. R. Graves, Longfellow corn and cu-

cumbers; Clyde Graves, seven years old, white, crook-neck squash; Mrs. A. R. Cummings, dahlias and mixed bouquet; Mrs. Homer P. Holden, aster.

The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice of Leominster and Walter Winslow of Ayer.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Charles Sherry and Charles Richardson have been drawn as jurors to begin work at Lowell on October 3.

Miss Helen Thompson of Laurel, Md., daughter of Rev. Nathan Thompson, was a recent welcome visitor in town.

R. Y. Nelson is the owner of a new Reo auto.

The account of the Farmers' club fair was received too late for this week's issue, but will be published in full next week.

Arthur H. Wetherbee raised seventy bushels of fine potatoes on one-eighth of an acre from less than two bushels of seed.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis, nee Miss Ida Harvey, have moved into Mrs. Billings' tenement, lately vacated by Alton Lacey and family, and will try housekeeping "on their own hook."

Mrs. Irene Adamson, a former resident of Lunenburg, but who has resided in Fitchburg for the past ten years or more, has returned to town, to make her home, and has moved into the Drinkwater cottage, so-called. All her old friends and neighbors will be glad to welcome her back again.

One of the old landmarks on Cunningham avenue will be considerably changed in appearance, when the large barn, formerly a part of the Cunningham farm buildings, but now owned by Richard D. Field, shall have been cut in two and the rear part moved onto the foundation just built for it back of John Davidson's house. Mr. Field has sold that part of the barn to Mr. Davidson, and a mover of buildings will cut it in two and do the moving. It will henceforth serve as two barns instead of one.

Rev. C. W. Loomis of Ashby will occupy the pulpit in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, September 25, in exchange with Rev. A. T. Kempton.

The Lincoln club held a business meeting at the home of Lewis L. Harrington on Monday evening.

The C. E. S. voted to send their president, Miss Nellie Jewett, as delegate to the convention to be held in Springfield with all expenses paid. It was also voted to invite the Fitchburg society, to meet here some time in October.

The Sunday schools here will observe next Sunday as Temperance Sunday, and the superintendents having that part of the W. C. T. U. work in charge has arranged a very interesting program for that day. It is not publication, as it is intended as a pleasant surprise for all who will come to see and hear and enjoy it for themselves.

The Congregational Sunday school observed last Sunday as rally day, there being over ninety in attendance. The State convention is to be held at North Adams, beginning October 4, and the Sunday school voted to send as delegates, superintendent John H. Davidson, Mrs. Mary J. Bigelow, Mrs. A. K. Francis and Miss Marian Warren.

George Albert Paige and Miss Gertrude Estelle Munroe were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Paige, on Thursday afternoon, September 15. Rev. F. W. Brett performed the service. Upon their return from the wedding tour they will reside in town.

The republican caucus will be held in the lower hall at 7.30 p. m., on Wednesday, September 28. Delegates for all conventions are to be appointed and a town is entitled to three delegates to the representative convention, and one to all others.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Forget-not-circle of King's Daughters invites all who have reached the seventieth milestone and over to a reception at the Unitarian church vestry on Friday afternoon, September 30, from two to four o'clock.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence entertained auto guests from Boston last week Friday, and returned with them for a two weeks' visit.

The D. H. Woodbury family have returned from the summer home in Annisquam.

Everett Kelley of Allston, who holds a position as clerk, next to division superintendent of electric lines in that city, spent two days in town last week renewing friendships of fifteen years ago when he left Littleton for Boston.

Misses Helen and Marion Brown of Cambridge were over Sunday guests of Mrs. E. H. Proctor. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., and Harry Fleming of Monticello were also Sunday guests at the same home.

Roger Priest of Amherst Agricultural college came home Saturday for a few days, having a heavy cold and other threatening symptoms.

Roy Houghton of Chicago was at his parents over Sunday.

The Hixon family of Bonnie Brae went to their city home in suburban Boston on Sunday.

Miss Sarah Bent of Stow has been visiting her brother-in-law, J. T. Warren.

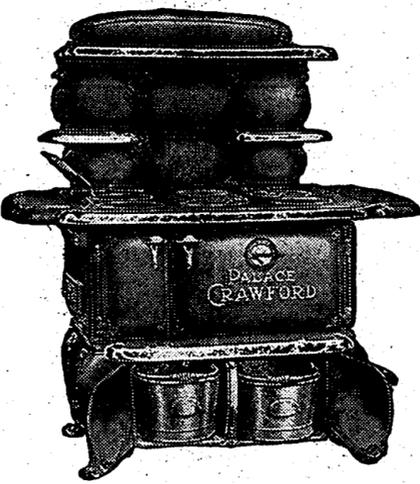
Miss Florence Whitcomb of Cushing academy spent Sunday and Monday at her home. She went Tuesday, accompanied by her father, to Mt. Holyoke college to take examinations for entrance to that institution next year, and will return at the close of this week to her studies at Cushing academy.

Miss Gertrude Merrill has been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Fred S. Kimball, before leaving for her school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The Unitarian church had an unusually large attendance last Sunday, the first in Rev. O. J. Fairfield's ministry here.

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Stop-Over Privilege will be granted on the payment of \$2.00 up to and including Oct. 10, 1910. Tickets must be presented before Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Passengers will be allowed stop over in Boston until Oct. 3. Tickets will be on sale at all stations.

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good one and may sell at the price of an ordinary one. The views are simply magnificent. Will be sold for just what it will bring; title is perfect, is free from incumbrance; 50 percent of the purchase money may remain upon after plans by Gardner; faces south, 150 ft. back from and 40 ft. above street. Seven acres of land from King Street to New Estate Road, frontage 124-165 ft., 700 ft. between streets. Oak, pine and birch growth of from 10 to 12 to 40 years' standing. Good train service between Littleton and Boston (32 miles), Lowell (12 miles), and Ayer (4 miles). The F. C. Weld property hardly ten minutes' walk from Littleton Depot, or fifteen minutes' walk from stores, postoffice, library, etc., at the Centre. House has ten rooms, also bathroom, den, square hall, vestibule, storage room, unusual closet storage and closet room, attic easily finished into two additional rooms as originally planned, cement cellar; finished throughout in natural wood, hardwood floors, model servants' arrangement including bathroom; abundant furnace heat, lighted by own gas plant, electric call bells, windows equipped with shades, screens and blinds. House erected as permanent home; owner's business at time in Littleton, now in Lowell; conditions such, premises are secluded if desired, do not want to create the impression of expensive property, but it is a mighty

improvements. There is a nice social life at Littleton. An examination of this property will not prove disappointing. Its location, environment and conditions are of the right type. The purchaser must deposit with or secure to the auctioneers \$500 just as soon as the property is struck off. Thirty days will be given to examine title. Keys to the premises are at house of Mr. C. F. Johnson, an adjoining property. The sale will take place upon the premises regardless of any condition of the weather, on Tuesday, the 27th day of September, 1910, promptly at two o'clock in the afternoon.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Boutelle of Milford are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Boutelle.

Miss Hazel Goss, Forace Hall and Henry Corey are attending the Milford high school and Harlan Whitcomb has entered the Pepperell high school.

Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb spent the week-end and Sunday at Milford, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Falconer.

Miss Blanche Fessenden is at home from Oak Bluffs, where she has spent the summer.

Miss Leonora Bradley has purchased the Linville Shattuck homestead.

Mrs. Avery of Rockland, Mass., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Chester B. Valdege.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye have had as recent guests, Mr. and Mrs. Newcombe and Miss Evie Kelley of Somerville, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of Wellfleet.

Neighbors' night was observed at the local grange on Wednesday evening, September 14, and a tempting supper was served under the supervision of Mrs. Harry Marshall. The entertainment program was finely rendered by Prescott grange of Pepperell and consisted of the laughable farce "Not a man in the house."

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Holcombe, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss attended the Pomona grange meeting at Mt. Vernon, Friday, September 16.

Mrs. Clara Russell will entertain the Sunbonnet club at the Russell farm, Friday, October 7.

The marriage of Miss Annie M. Gilman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gilman, and Henry St. Clair Bailey, will be solemnized, Wednesday, October 5, at the home of the bride's parents.

Miss Bertha Drown of the Arlington street school, Nashua, George Drown, Miss Clara Snow and Mrs. Newman Lyons of Nashua, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Dodge, Saturday, September 17.

Mrs. Albina Jones of Manchester, sister of the late Abram Betterley, who is eighty-seven years old, entered her first automobile ride on Tuesday, September 13, in company with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Buswell. She journeyed to Brookline and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley, returning to Manchester in the afternoon. Mrs. Jones, who is very active, in spite of her advanced years, declared the trip a most enjoyable one.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Leo McInnes on September 16.

Miss Louise Hardy left Hollis on Tuesday to enter Simmons college, Boston. She will take the domestic science course.

The W. C. T. U. met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. F. A. Lovejoy. Mrs. Clara Walsh was elected delegate to the State convention to be held in Rochester, October 18-20. Mrs. Jewett was elected as alternate.

The Union voted to try to secure Rev. C. L. Tomblin of Montague, Mass., to give his illustrated lecture on "Good citizenship," before long.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social at grange hall on Wednesday evening. Each lady was invited to bring a box of candy. There was an entertainment and a general good time.

The store building erected by G. B. Cleasley a few years ago is being converted into a pretty dwelling-house. The smaller store building recently purchased by A. F. Hildreth is undergoing repairs, to be fitted up as a store for Frank Jameson, who has leased it for five years.

H. A. Wilson has his peach crop all harvested. He had more than thirteen hundred baskets.

A Distinctive Number.

Always of unvarying interest, next Saturday's (October 1), edition of the Boston Evening Transcript will be read by thousands of persons with gratification and benefit because of the many specially written articles on a variety of subjects which will be printed. One topic "The farm on the edge of the town," will appeal to many who enjoy semi-rural life. Other articles of particular interest are "Real estate owners and investors and builders are 'Growth of the bungalow.'" "Great increase in number of building lot owners." "Increasing demand for unitary estates," etc. Anyone who has city, suburban, country or seashore real estate, houses or farms anywhere in New England to dispose of will find it advantageous to advertise in next Saturday's Boston Transcript as it will have an exceedingly wide distribution.

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New Advertisements.

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Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH A. FIELD, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

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

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week for three consecutive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

351 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

WANTED— A middle-aged couple with no children to move into the second story and attic of my house in Littleton at a nominal rent, they to keep the grounds in order and the place looking nicely. The subscriber will furnish two rooms for his own use in vacation time in summer. Address cook for me, WILLIAM L. FLAGG, 42 Broadway, New York City. 611t.

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TIME TABLE.
Issued June 21, 1909.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square, Lowell. 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 8.45 p. m. Sundays—7.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m.

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

Lawrence—6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 5.40, 6.05 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.41 p. m. (Saturdays every 15 mins. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.)

Nashua—6.46 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.48 p. m. until 9.48 p. m.) Sundays—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then every 30 mins. Sundays—9.03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

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NEW POLICY INAUGURATED

Under Governor Draper State Starts Pay-As-You-Go Plan

BONDED DEBT WILL BE LESS

Sum of \$706,690 For New Buildings Provided For Out of Tax Levy—Charitable Institutions Have Many More Inmates This Year, as Do the Insane Hospitals

For many years it was the policy of the state under Democratic and Republican governors alike to borrow money which was necessary each year to provide new buildings for the increasing number of the sick and insane. Year by year, as population increases, the number of unfortunates to be taken care of likewise increases, until it has finally become apparent that the expenditure of \$500,000, or even a larger sum, will be necessary each year for new buildings if the state is to do its full duty toward those who cannot care for themselves. Governor Draper, with the keen eye of a successful business man, quickly realized that the state should not borrow money for such an annual expenditure, even though the loan be made for buildings which would last many years. He realized that it was as bad finance for the state to borrow money year by year to pay for something it had to buy each year, as it would be for a man to borrow money to buy a new suit each year. He also realized that it costs a man more to pay with borrowed money and he realized further that the same rules apply to the state in its purchases as apply to the average citizen in his. He therefore urged the legislature to raise the amount necessary for new buildings by taxation instead of borrowing it. His suggestion was adopted, and \$706,690 was appropriated for this purpose. It was a courageous thing for a governor seeking re-election to suggest, for it meant increasing the tax rate. Governor Draper did not hesitate, however. He said it was good business and the members of the legislature agreed with him.

Every citizen who pays a tax this year will perhaps feel a sense of satisfaction that he is helping to inaugurate this new policy of pay as you go.

State Grows and Expenses Grow, Also
This is one reason why the state tax this year is somewhat bigger than it was last year. Another reason and an equally creditable one is that the population of the state is increasing and the expenses of the state government naturally increase in consequence. There has also been a heavy increase in expense owing to the fact that the care of the insane has now been completely transferred from the cities and towns to the commonwealth. This has added more than a million and a half dollars a year to the bills of the state, but it has relieved the towns and cities and has resulted in these unfortunates receiving better care.

The number of the insane has also gone up. Last year 555 additional patients were admitted to the state insane asylums. Many of the hospitals became so crowded that it was found necessary to put up cot beds every night in the corridors, and the state board of insanity has asked that accommodations be provided for 800 new patients.

The care of tubercular patients is another great expense to the state—no less than \$220,746 having been appropriated this year for new sanatoriums at Lakeville, North Reading and Westfield.

The Southbridge Savings bank embezzlement called the attention of the legislature to the fact that greater safeguards were necessary to protect the savings of the people, and the bank commissioner was given \$28,916 more than the year before to provide for the employment of additional experts for the work of investigating the savings banks, co-operative banks, trust and loan companies. The governor and members of the legislature believed that any expenditure of money needed to protect the savings of the people was amply justified. Investigating Commissions Cost \$104,000

The sum of \$104,000 was appropriated for the expenses of commissions to investigate the cost of living, to investigate plans for compensating employees for injuries, to investigate the advisability of building a tunnel between the North and South stations in Boston, to investigate the general subject of factory inspection, to investigate the subject of care of tubercular patients, to investigate the assets and liabilities of the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R., to investigate employment and intelligence offices, to inquire into the necessity for a state hospital, for cases of nervous break-down, and to investigate the cause of the increase of criminals, insane and mental degenerates. The amount appropriated for these subjects was \$89,000 in excess of the previous year—a large sum, but every cent of it was necessary to make sure of getting the facts on which to act intelligently in the future.

There have also been increases in the running expenses of a large number of the state departments, and these have helped to add to the tax levy. One of the largest increases, amounting to \$349,000, is credited to the state charitable institutions and was caused in part by the large increase in the number of inmates, and in part by the shortening of the hours of labor of the employees of these institutions, the payment of higher wages, and the higher prices of supplies.

The Expenses For Education Have Grown

The increase in the cost of education of deaf children was \$12,000, owing to a larger number of pupils. The expenses of the textile schools of the state, largely for new buildings, were augmented by \$46,500; and the expenses of the independent industrial schools by \$26,000.

The district police also costs a good deal more now than it did a few years ago. The legislature has passed a great many laws governing the employment of labor in factories and workshops, and it is the duty of the state police to see that these laws are enforced, in order that the working people of the state may be properly protected in their rights and also that the laws governing the employment of children may be properly enforced. While all of these things tend very materially to add to the tax rate, they increase the comfort of the working classes in factories and workshops and tend to the uplift of the commonwealth.

There are other items which help to make up the difference between the state tax this year and last year, such as an increase of \$80,000 for the care of indigent and neglected children and \$15,000 for the care of contagious diseases. They are made necessary by an increased population and the continued determination of the governor and the legislature that the conditions of living in Massachusetts shall remain in the future as good if not even better than they have been in the past.

How to Clean Paint.

The ordinary whitening sold by grocers and stores is excellent for cleaning paint and does not injure it in the least. Mix it with cold water to the consistency of cream, wring a clean cloth out of warm water, squeeze it as dry as possible, dip it in the whitening mixture and rub the paint until all the stains disappear. A wooden skewer such as butchers use is excellent for pushing the cloth into crevices and corners. Rinse off the whitening with warm water and a clean cloth and then wipe the paint as dry as possible. If rubbed until quite dry the polish will be restored to the paint and it will look like new.

How to Remove Kerosene.

Kerosene may be removed by the use of fuller's earth. Cover the stain with a thick layer of hot fuller's earth and let it remain twenty-four hours, then brush off.

How to Clean Feathers.

Prepare a strong lukewarm soapuds. Dip the feather in the suds and draw it through the hands as often as necessary, but don't let it remain in the soapy water. If it is very dirty it will require two suds. Rinse in clear cold water. When thoroughly rinsed draw it through the hand repeatedly until about dry, then slap it with the hand to bring it out fluffy.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH J. WAIT, late of Roxborough, 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 CHARLES H. WAIT of Roxborough, in the County of Middlesex, without bond, and the said Court is of the opinion that said Court is hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of September A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

3151 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of OSCAR FAR- WELL, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JONATHAN R. HASKELL of Leominster, in the County of Worcester, without giving a surety on his bond.

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

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Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co. TIME TABLE.

Cars leave Ayer for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Brookside at 6.05 a. m., and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m. The two earlier cars, one at 6.15 and 5.30 a. m., start from the carhouse.

Sundays—First car at 7.05 a. m., then same as week days.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Fitchburg at 6.05, 7.20 a. m., then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m.

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The Coyote.

The coyote is the little brother of the Indian. When the buffalo vanished from the plains the Indian shot his rifle into the air, wrapped his blanket closer about him and came into the reservation to grow fat and unpicturesque under federal auspices. When the jack rabbit and molly cottontail vanish from the plains and foothills the howl of the last coyote will sink into silence beyond the great divide. Until that far day arrives, however, hang the bacon high, for while the rabbit remains the most skillful four legged forager the world ever knew will bay at the moon by night and just keep out of rifle range by day. The coyote knows more about traps than a Canadian "voyageur" is an expert on strychnine and never falls for the deadfall. He is rather fond of lambs and calves, but rabbits are the oatmeal of this phantom highlander, and as "Diamond Field" Jack Davis would say, "where two or three of these are gathered together there you will find the coyote, seeking to stow one of them into his midst."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

When a Burglar Calls at Night.

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The Normans.

The Normans were Northmen, or, to be more precise, the descendants of Northmen, who had been expelled from their native Norway in consequence of an effort on their part to subvert its institutions and to make its lands hereditary instead of being divisible among all the sons of the former owner. A band of expatriated outlaws and robbers, they won and held the fair province of northern France, which they named Normandy, after their native land. When they invaded England they were Frenchmen only in the sense that they had lived for some generations on French soil. In blood they belonged to the great Germanic breed, along with the Anglo-Saxons, Danes and other Scandinavian and German peoples.—New York American.

Why She Was Silent.

A very silent old woman was once asked why it was she had so little to say. She replied that when she was a young girl she was very ill and could not talk for a long time, whereupon she made a vow that if speech were given her once more she would never again say anything unkind of anybody. And thus she was as they found her.—Exchange.

The Soft Question.

Mrs. Nuwed, Sr. (to son after family jar)—Don't forget, son, that "a soft answer turneth away wrath." Mr. Nuwed, Jr.—Well, I know a soft question of mine brought a lot of it on me.—Smart Set.

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Vain Mathematics.

Absentminded Professor—My tailor has put one button too many on my vest. I must cut it off. That's funny. Now, there's a buttonhole too many. What's the use of arithmetic?—Sourire.

Mostly Before.

Prosperous Publisher—Do you write before or after eating? Poet (faintly)—Always before unless I have something to eat.—Judge.

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Saturday, September 24, 1910.

PEPPERELL.

Gleanings.

Mrs. Bessie Wright has returned from her visit to Brookline.

Miss Margaret Burns, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives in Nova Scotia, returned to her home here this week.

Miss Florence True, recently of Worcester and Fitchburg, is in town for a short time.

Miss Lulu Parker is assisting in the home of Archibald Pike.

Hall Jordan and Albert Deware are at home, having been in Mansfield and Foxboro for four months.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Blood and family and George Park of Concord Junction, have been recent guests of J. R. Shattuck and L. P. Blood.

Mrs. Elida Elkins and granddaughter, Ruth Pitman, visited in Nashua last week.

About Town.

Frank Hall of Winthrop visited over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. W. S. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dole of Andover are visiting among relatives in town.

Ella Hughes spent Wednesday with friends in Boston.

What might have been a serious accident was averted by the cool-headedness of Linville Shattuck on Thursday evening, September 15. As Mr. Shattuck and family were returning from Townsend they were misled by the search lights of an automobile standing beside the road near Hutchinson's store at the Centre. Thinking the machine was approaching on the right, Mr. Shattuck turned his car to the left side of the road when discovered. It was too late to avoid colliding with a telephone pole in front of the residence of Charles Gage. Fortunately none of the occupants were seriously injured, but the car was somewhat demolished.

William Shattuck, who has been at the hospital in Boston for some time for treatment, returned on Tuesday and his condition is much improved.

Lena McGrath returned on Saturday morning from Shirley, N. H., where she has been employed at the Shirley Hill house this summer.

Amy Smith Woodman, with her two children, left Friday for New York city, after spending the summer months with her father, N. P. Smith.

Mrs. Amanda French of Hyde Park visited Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Parker over Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Adams from Boston visited Mrs. Annie Wiley and family several days recently.

Mrs. Walter Page returned Monday from a visit with George Greenhalge and family of Pawtucket, R. I.

Miss Florence Smith of Portsmouth, N. H. returned to her home on Monday after a visit of several weeks with her friend, Mrs. P. E. Sullivan.

Adelbert M. Noy has purchased from George Farnsworth the fast pacer, Frank Logan, and expects to race him here at the Pepperell fair on October 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck and children of Boston visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck.

Katherine Lawrence from Nashua, coming in an automobile, was in town Saturday calling on friends.

Mrs. Edna Barton was returned from her two weeks visit to relatives in and around Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dalton started Sunday on a week's vacation at Atlantic City.

News Items.

The board of water commissioners is in the hands of the printer, Humby & Fitch. As it is such an extensive report, containing everything in its detail, it will be utterly impossible to have this work finished for the meeting on September 29. It will be ready on October 6.

A collection of pictures, "Woman in art in all ages," is on exhibition in Lawrence library, and will remain until October 14. It is a very fine collection and worthy of inspection.

Edward A. Richardson, past grand of Robert Burns lodge at Ayer, has been appointed deputy grand master for Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F.

The Babbitt guild will meet next Sunday at seven o'clock in the vestry as usual. The meeting will be led by Miss Bancroft. At the morning church service Rev. D. R. Child will preach on "The foundation of religion."

The Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church will hold their first autumn supper on Thursday evening, September 29, in Central hall, followed by dancing.

The East Village Social circle will meet with Mrs. Emma Blake on Wednesday afternoon, September 28, at 2.30 o'clock. "Friendship," will be the subject.

The Pepperell Farmers' and Mechanics' club are completing arrangements for the best fair ever held here. The races in the afternoon at Babbatsett driving park will be of unusual interest as many fast horses will be



View of Floral Decorations at Grave of Dr. Grenache.

there. Over \$400 in prizes and in charge of F. F. Graham and Eben Phillips.

Mrs. F. W. Stevens and son Bernard of Newton Centre, spent the weekend with relatives and friends in town, returning home in their automobile on Saturday afternoon.

The floral decorations at the grave of Dr. C. A. Grenache were the finest that could be. Perfection in beauty and display were there; and by the hands of his friends fresh flowers replaced the faded. The picture taken of the grave and the decorations shows a mass of flowers and the arrangement and work was done by F. A. Conant, grand master of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., and certainly reflects much credit on Mr. Conant for the originality as well as the perfectness of the work that he displayed.

Roscoe Woodward has returned to resume his studies at Dean academy.

There will be a harvest dinner served at the vestry of the M. E. church on Thursday, September 29, at twelve o'clock, under the auspices of the C. E. society. Their dinners are famous both as to quality, quantity and taste.

The registrars have posted notices of their meetings for the purpose of making additions and correcting the list of voters.

The meeting of a few interested citizens at the home of Mrs. L. E. Starr, last Monday night, resulted in a manifestation of large amount of interest in having a reading room and library at the east part of the town. A large number of daily, weekly and monthly publications were pledged, and about almost two hundred books. Details are being looked into by committees, and at the next meeting on Monday evening, September 26, at the home of Mrs. P. W. Flynn, reports are to be heard and plans completed for the immediate opening of a place for the youth of this thickly populated section to go to where good reading can surely be found.

The Warrens are very proud and justly so of their performance last Saturday at the West Townsend muster, bringing home one hundred dollars and that with a part crew of men at the pumps. But as usual the active, energetic foreman and his assistants planned well and when the stream of 199 ft. 9 1/2 in. was reached, there was a cheer, for it had beaten all previous tubs and not surpassed until the Columbia of Winchendon placed 206 ft. 10 1/2 in.

Visit the Groton Fair, at Groton, on Thursday, September 29, at Hazel Grove Park.

Letters uncleaned for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending September 19, are: Mabel Kierstead, Miss M. Neil, Nell J. McKinnon.

Town Meeting.

The adjourned town meeting was called to order at 8.15 o'clock, Thursday evening, September 15, by moderator, C. H. Miller. Article 2 was taken from the table "To hear the report of the water commissioners and act in relation thereto."

G. T. Keyes, chairman of the commission, read the communications received by the water board advising them to the vote of the last meeting. He referred to the work on Sheffield street as being completed since the last meeting and asked for a continuance of two weeks in which to get that report. He also stated that they were not able to discern by the vote just what kind of a report was wished, as they might go to the extreme of printing everything that had occurred in and out of the board meetings, which might take over one hundred pages to do. He also stated that he wished to submit his resignation to take effect on September 29.

HARVARD.

Miss Loretta Desmond, who has been spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Jeremiah Desmond on Bare hill, has returned to her home at Jamaica Plain. Miss Katherine O'Brien of Jamaica Plain was a week-end guest at the Desmond's.

Miss Catherine Hennessy of Cambridge is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mongovin.

Several of our local stone masons and carpenters are at work on the new houses going up on Prospect hill.

Prof. Frank Sanborn of Concord, spent Wednesday and Thursday as a guest here in town.

Still River.

Tuesday forenoon, Mr. Lamson, who is working for Mr. Sherman on his cranberry bog, borrowed Fred Joyce's horse to haul some gravel, and when backing to the dump the horse failed to stop in time, and backed off the bank into the swamp. It is all quaggy

and the horse was soon nearly out of sight. Word was sent to Mr. Joyce and he came with another horse and succeeded in hauling the mired one out, and except for a mud bath and a few scratches, he seemed no worse for his experience.

Mrs. Jennie Willard and daughter Ruth returned from their ten days' trip Monday. While away they visited at Mansfield, Attleboro, Lakeville, where they spent two days with Rev. Mr. Bowen and family, formerly he was pastor of the Still River church, and three days with Mrs. Royal Cheney in Southville.

Mrs. A. T. Wilnot, formerly Lilla Avery of Worcester, has been the guest, with her little son, of Mr. and Mrs. Hutcherson, for the past week.

Mrs. Fairchild had two nieces from Chicago with her over Sunday.

Miss Alice Lincoln of Somerville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague.

Herbert Atherton of Holyoke was in Still River on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Abercrombie of Lunenburg, was the guest of Mrs. Turner on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Keyes is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Holmes, in Leominster.

Thursday, Alice Harrod went to Sterling cattle show, also calling on friends in Leominster.

Dennis Neyland of Readville has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland, recently.

Edna Flanders resumed her teaching duties in Palmer on Monday.

Miss Grace Goodwin went to Portland on Tuesday for a visit.

TOWNSEND.

Centre.

Rally Sunday will be held tomorrow at the Congregational church by the Sunday school. The exercises will begin at twelve o'clock, immediately after the church service in the morning. The pulpit will be occupied by Rev. E. C. Porter of Dorchester.

The annual meeting and roll call of the Congregational church will be held on Thursday, September 29. The morning will be devoted to a business meeting and election of officers. Dinner will be served in the vestries at noon, with roll call at 1.30 p. m. The address will be given by Rev. Smith Baker, D. D., of Lowell.

Mrs. Anna T. Spear, wife of William H. Spear, died at her home of heart disease, Sunday, at the advanced age of 86 yrs., 10 mos., and 18 days. Mr. and Mrs. Spear have lived by themselves a good deal and have no children. The aged husband has the sympathy of all in his sudden bereavement. The funeral was Tuesday with burial in their family lot.

The body of William McIntire of Everett was brought to town for burial on Thursday afternoon. Mr. McIntire was a carpenter and formerly resided here.

Miss Hattie Saunders will assist postmaster Hildreth in his duties at the postoffice beginning October first, when Miss Hattie Smith will leave for other work.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cowdry have returned from a delightful trip to Toronto.

Harbor.

The bridge over the Squanicook is receiving a fresh coat of paint.

Fred Ross and family expect soon to move into their new house on Wallace hill.

The Reed mansion is being repaired and will eventually be restored to its former prestige.

Mrs. Strout has recently purchased an automobile and also acquired the knowledge to run it.

Last Wednesday, Harry Knight was enrolled as a student at Lawrence academy.

Mrs. Mayhew and daughter of Philadelphia were recent guests at Mrs. Baldwin's.

Last Tuesday, Miss Harriet Lawrence, who, with Miss Marion Dana, has been camping at the old mansion house for the past two months, returned to town to resume her studies at the Boston university medical school.

Inspectors from the State commission visited this village a few days ago to examine the trees and note their condition relative to the gypsy moth. It was found that a number of the trees, including many of the fine old elms were seriously affected by the pests.

Miss Harriet Lawrence recently received a unique birthday gift from a friend in Boston, who is American secretary of the society for Egyptian research. It is a beautiful blue, glazed statuette of an Egyptian servant found in the tomb of a king at Abydos, and is known to archeology as a ushabti. The Egyptians were accustomed to bury several of these figures in the

graves of their princes, that they might do the work of their royal masters on the journey from their life of this particular ushabti as 575 years through the halls of judgment to the hereafter. Archeologists fix the date before the Christian era.

LITTLETON.

About Town.
N. H. Whitcomb has purchased a little pony and two-wheel vehicle for his little boy to drive to school.

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Items of Interest.

A very interesting example of the effects upon lightning of the presence of points is the Temple of Solomon. Josephus tells us that the roof was ornamented with points covered with gold; the points probably were intended to prevent birds from settling and so soiling the roof. But the unintended effect was that the temple was perfectly protected from lightning, and in a country in which thunderstorms are severe and frequent it stood undamaged for a thousand years. When the Roman emperor tried to rebuild it leaving out the points and the gold, it was "struck" at once.

The cultivation of cocoa is at present an inviting agricultural pursuit in Trinidad and parts of Venezuela. The cocoa tree cannot withstand strong sunshine, and the young plants have to be shaded by banana or plantain trees, and later, when they attain their growth, by tall trees known as "immortels" or the "mother of the cocoa." These make a kind of canopy over the entire plantation. The fruit of the cocoa trees is a pod resembling a cucumber, and growing on the trunk or large branches, where it looks as though it were artificially attached. The seeds are like large, thick lima beans imbedded in pulp. These form the cocoa beans of commerce. The processes of curing and drying require much attention.

Ether is consumed by gallons to get drunk on in a small part of Scotland. The origin of this peculiar and limited abuse is strange. In 1845 a bad epidemic of cholera broke out in Glasgow. Among those flying from it were some who came back to Draperstown, their native place. With them they brought a cholera mixture which they found "exceedingly comfortable." A rascally doctor, knowing that the comfort proceeded from ether, laid in a whole cask. He made his fortune, and started the habit that still lives. Ether is sold over counters in Scotland, the penny a drink. An old ether top can drink two or three ounces a day, but one-half ounce is one big dram in water. The drinker gets hilarious in a minute. It is far older and dangerous than alcohol.

From the Methodist conference in Iowa comes the remarkable news of a remarkable exodus from the ministry. Fifty-seven men having given notice of their withdrawal and engage in secular work. The reason assigned is the insufficiency of the average minister's salary. Cases are cited in which men of education and refinement, with families on their hands, are expected to live on a pittance of \$500 a year, and \$700 a year is a common figure. At the present time when the cost of living is extraordinary high, the strain must needs be too great even for the most patient and self-sacrificing of these underpaid servants of the church. The danger to the church is obvious, and unless the well-to-do laymen in the congregations affected come to the rescue, the matter of finding means of defence looks serious indeed. Nor is it only the loss of ministers already trained to the work that is in prospect. Clearly, if the rewards of ministerial service continue to be generally insufficient, a great falling off in the number of students for the ministry is inevitable, and thus a two-fold danger has to be met, with no apparent means of meeting it.

European subjects of the czar are now migrating to Siberia at the rate of about half a million a year. Most of them get cheap railroad rates and an allotment of land—forty-one and one-half acres per adult—on arrival. "Whole districts in European Russia have been denuded of their male population," writes Consul General Snodgrass, "and a traveler on the lines leading out of Moscow to the west, north and east, will notice on his journey thousands at the stations along the way, with their few possessions packed up in sacks and handkerchiefs, waiting for the emigrant train to carry them to their new homes where they expect living conditions to be more favorable to themselves and families."

The experiment of a non-tip hotel in the Strand in London has proved a success. Since the establishment was opened a year ago there has not been a vacant bedroom. Every day the management has had to refuse visitors. Altogether nearly a quarter of a million guests have stayed at the hotel in the 345 days it has been open. Most of the women of the royal families of Europe are honorary colonels of regiments, but they are actually permitted to wear the regimental uniform with a skirt instead of trousers.

**Ex-Attorney General
Herbert Parker
Endorses Harry L. Pierce's
Candidacy for Nomination**

The following letter will explain itself to the Republican voters of the Fourth Congressional District: September 20, 1910.

JAMES H. P. DYER, Esq.,
Leominster, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR:

In answer to your inquiry I beg to reply that as between the two declared candidates for the Republican Congressional nomination in the Fourth District, I have no hesitation in expressing my own preference for Mr. Pierce, who appears to me to be alert, intelligent and energetic, with a real and active sympathy with public interests. It seems to me that his purpose is rather to serve the people according to his best ability than to exploit a selfish insistence upon personal ambitions. Mr. Pierce's attitude is that of candidly submitting his qualifications for consideration of the voters, nor has he appropriated to himself any fictitious endorsements or pretentious alliances with distinguished persons.

I believe that Mr. Pierce, if elected, will be diligent in the study of the problems of the government; that he will gravely and deliberately consider and act upon the issues of legislation that will come before him, and that he will faithfully and unostentatiously serve his district, becoming more efficient with the experience that service will bring to his efforts.

I have learned to distrust the over-confident egotism, the pretensions and promises of which far exceed the possibility of fulfillment, even by those who possess the highest intellectual and political genius.

I am,
Very Respectfully Yours,

HERBERT PARKER.

This is only one of the many endorsements of Mr. Pierce. It shows the standing Mr. Pierce has with the thoughtful Republicans in the district.

GEORGE J. BURNS, Ayer, Mass.

Chairman Pierce Congressional Campaign Committee.





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The kaiserin is a colonel, so is the carina. The crown princess of Roumania, who likes to pose in picturesque garb, has, of course, not missed the opportunity of being photographed in regimentals. Most of the German grand duchesses are colonels of regiments. The latest colonel in petticoats is the crown princess of Germany, who is sponsor for the Eighth Dragoons.

The first industrial exposition in China was opened in June, 1910, at Nanking.

New Advertisements

NOTICE.
In view of the excessively high prices of grain, with no promise of relief, and the difficulty encountered in producing milk under prevailing conditions, we find it really necessary to revise the present schedule for milk prices.

We have agreed upon the following schedule to take effect October 1, 1910: Any amount under 4 quarts, price per quart, 7c.; 4 quarts or more, price per quart, 6c.; single pints, 4c.

Signed
H. F. Lawrence,
G. S. Day,
D. Connelly,
J. Flynn.
Pepperell, Mass., Sept. 22, 1910.

APPLES

After October 1, I will buy Apples delivered at the car in bulk or barrels at the market prices. See me before you sell.

I. J. ROWELL,
East Pepperell, Sept. 22, 1910.

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