

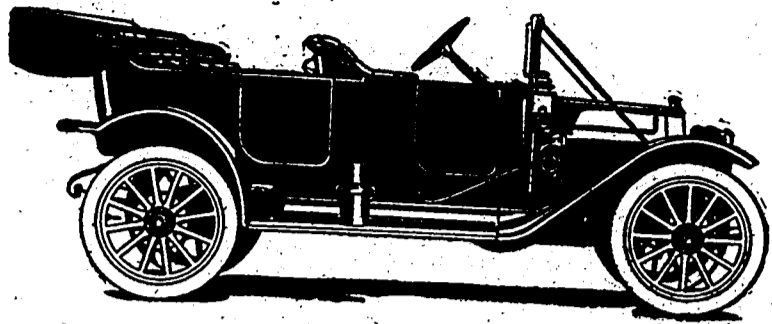
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LITTLETON.

News Items.
The Littleton Improvement society met on last Saturday evening and began the work of selecting committees for the various features of the mid-summer fete to be given in August. There will be another meeting of the society this evening in the selectmen's room.

The Charles M. Thayer house, formerly owned by Joseph Robbins, has been shingled and painted, making a marked improvement in its appearance. The tenement house nearby, property of E. P. Sheehan, is nearing completion, and will very soon be ready for occupancy by James McManus, who is employed by Mr. Sheehan.

The roadside from the Stratton farm to the Harvard line has been much improved by the clearing away of brush and the cutting down of trees.

Roland Whittier has been sick for several days and unable to attend to his usual work in the factory.

The children of the Baptist Sunday school are preparing for their annual children's day concert. The Sunday evening meetings at the Baptist church are held in the upper auditorium.

Frank H. Smith and Grace E. Blanchard, both of Littleton, were married in Ayer by Rev. Joseph W. Thomas on Wednesday, May 22. Mr. Smith is a well-known carpenter, who has been in the employ of Needham & Fletcher for several years.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith in Boston, Thursday, May 23.

Frank Moore is expected from Chicago today. He will make his home with his father, James F. Moore, and work in Boston, going back and forth on the train daily.

Littleton high school was defeated by Lancaster high at Lancaster on last Saturday by a score of 14 to 4.

Hugh McDonald sold a Hudson automobile to L. A. Wetherbee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McDonald spent the first few days of the week at his parents' home on Taylor street.

Harri Steele's cottage on King street is much improved by the recent repairs and two coats of paint.

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck sailed from New York last week Thursday for Europe. They took the Mediterranean and will land in Genoa, Italy.

Mrs. John Lemley, who sailed from Boston on April 27, writes of safe arrival at Naples, a beautiful voyage, with quiet sea, best of service, and a very congenial roommate.

Frank Wilkins and family have moved to Connecticut. The McClellan family, now living in the Henry Ramsdell house, will move into the Conant & Houghton cottage on Great road, vacated by Mr. Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of Chauncy, N. Y., came to Littleton last week to attend the funeral of his niece, Helen Handley.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Couper attended the Cornell boat races on the Charles river basin on Thursday. Mr. Couper was especially interested as Cornell is his alma mater. They also visited this week with Mrs. Lona Gay Billings, in Hingham.

George Hutchinson has been confined to his bed with a severe case of neuralgia. Roland Whittier has also been very sick and is still unable to get about much.

The High School Alumni association is making a special effort for a celebration somewhat out of the usual this year, as next month marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first graduation from our high school.

Mrs. S. Elizabeth Whitcomb is spending the week with her sister in Worcester.

William Davis is the possessor of a new automobile.

Conant & Houghton have recently purchased a pair of handsome bay work horses.

Walter McKinley has taken Myron Balthrow's place on the Union Tea route.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith writes from Lake Ossipee, N. H., of six rainy

days in ten where she is located, and adds that there is plenty of snow on Mt. Washington yet.

"Missionary progress in Asia," is the subject of the C. E. meetings tomorrow evening.

There will be the usual preaching service morning and evening at the Congregational church Sunday.

A. C. E. rally of this district will be held at the Baptist church Saturday, June 1. Another announcement will be made later.

The Sunday evening preaching service at the Baptist church is held now in the church auditorium instead of the vestry.

Marshall Murray of Westford and married Wednesday evening by Rev. Harrison L. Packard at the Congregational parsonage.

Miss Bertha McKinley of Woburn is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McKinley.

Fred C. Hartwell and daughter, Mrs. Hollis Robbins, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell started on an automobile trip to Hillsboro, N. H., Thursday morning to be gone four days.

E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., will decorate the graves of their fallen comrades on Thursday, May 30, commencing at Groton at nine o'clock a. m. and at Littleton at two p. m. A procession will be formed near the town hall at two o'clock. Carriages will be provided for the children, as usual. At Westlawn cemetery appropriate ceremonies will be conducted by the members of the post. Upon the return of the procession to the Center, exercises will be held in the town hall, consisting of an address by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, singing by the Ladies' quartet and the usual G. A. R. service. The Everett Drum corps has been engaged for the afternoon. E. Frank Jacobs will act as chief marshal, assisted by Harry Barker and Benjamin Conant.

All citizens and public schools are invited to participate and bring flowers. Please take flowers to the town hall during the forenoon.

Clifford Shedd, who has worked for Flagg Brothers the last two years, is going to take Morton S. Alward's place with Hartwell & Hosmer, and will move into the John S. Hartwell house, now the possession of G. W. Whitcomb.

The water commissioners have hired J. Harold Remick as engineer for the pumping station. He will have charge of both pumping and electric lighting plants. Mr. Remick is a native of Rye, N. H., a graduate of the high school and a former student in the electric department of Lowell institute.

The contract for pole and wire construction of the electric line has been awarded to M. K. Kendall & Co. of Boston. Fred C. Hartwell has already cut about 250 chestnut poles for this line. Work will be begun in the near future.

The town of Littleton has received an allotment of \$5,000 to be expended on state road somewhere between Ayer and Littleton.

The probabilities are that the state road between Nagog pond and old common will be resurfaced with asphalt and stone.

The Littleton Improvement society holds another meeting in the selectmen's room tonight to continue selecting committees and making further plans for the mid-summer fete to be held in August for the benefit of town improvements.

G. H. McFadden shipped a fine herd of Ayrshire cattle from the U. S. quarantine on Wednesday. Their destination was Pennsylvania. He expects to import another herd that will be in quarantine here within a few months.

Mrs. Herbert Whitcomb has recovered from her illness and left her son's home yesterday, with Miss Florence Whitcomb, for Unity, N. H., where both will spend some time in Heywood Hartwell's country home.

The horse and carriage voted for at the March town meeting arrived this week.

Charles S. Robbins, of this town, and Martin DeWitt, of Maynard, were riding in their automobiles near North Acton last Sunday when the two cars collided, causing considerable injury

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WESTFORD.

Center.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright of
Quincy were week-end visitors at H.
L. Wright's this last week.

Miss Pauline Dole of Boston has
been renewing former associations in
Westford this week.

The apparatus for out-of-doors
basketball has been set up back of
the academy this last week.

The tent given to the Boy Scouts by
the Tadmuck club has been purchased
by Mr. Coggeshall and will have its
initial use on an outing this Saturday.

John M. Fletcher is among those
who are having their buildings nicely
renovated with fresh painting.

Mrs. Homer M. Seavey has been
attending the anniversary week meet-
ings in Boston and at the same time
visiting with her mother at the lat-
ter's Cambridge home. Mrs. Ida M.
Gould has been superintending Mrs.
Seavey's home during her absence.

The time-honored observance of
Memorial day will be carried out on
much the same lines as in previous
years. The graves of departed com-
rades will be decorated by the veter-
ans on Sunday. Memorial day the
Nashua band will be in attendance
at the exercises at the hall and later
give a concert in the afternoon. Rev.
Lyman B. Weeks will give the ad-
dress and the Grace Universalist
quartet of Lowell will sing. Dinner
will be served at noon to the veter-
ans and their wives at the veterans'
club, which will include the Methodist
and Orthodox churches. As usual,
the veterans will be escorted to the
church. The musical part of the exer-
cises will be given by the united
choirs of the three churches. The
sermon will be given by Rev. Lyman
Weeks, and the subject will be on
"Memories of liberty."

There will be no service at the Con-
gregational church Sunday morning.
All will participate in the union ser-
vice at the Unitarian church. There
will be the usual services Sunday
evening.

The cottage which Mr. and Mrs.
Will R. Carver recently purchased
and are remodeling into a summer
home is taking on a most attractive
and transformed appearance. A wide
plaza has been added across the
front and on the side of the house
doors by the tearing out of a part-
ition a large living room has been
made also a bath and many other
changes and improvements have been
added. This work has been in the
care of P. Henry Harrison. Out-
side the grounds are being graded
and made attractive and the grove
and land at the east of the house
which under a recent ownership was
cluttered and unsightly place has
been thoroughly cleared up. The
outside work has been in charge of
John A. Healey.

Oscar R. Spaulding is soon to be-
gin work on the house owned by him
next his own home. This is to be
extensively and completely remodelled
for the accommodation of two fam-
ilies.

The Westford friends of Mrs. Wil-
liam Atwood will be sorry to hear of
the serious accident which recently
happened to her at her home in Day-
tona, Fla. While doing some ironing
with an iron heated by gasoline an
explosion took place and Mrs. At-
wood was seriously burnt about the
hands, head and face. That her life
was saved was probably owing to the
fact that Mr. Atwood was nearby to
render assistance and that he was
able in turn to get his brother, Dr.
Edward Atwood, without delay to
care for her.

A recent improvement under the
direction of the town fathers is the
setting of new posts and iron rods at
the sides and rear of the town house
to fasten horses to.

While the average member relaxes
from club activities for the summer
the officers and executive board of
the Tadmuck club are busy with
meetings preparing a program for
another season. These meetings thus
far have been held at the home of
Mrs. H. V. Hildreth.

Mrs. Arthur E. Day and son Nor-
man have been on the sick list and
under the doctor's care with serious
colds.

Grange.

The last meeting of Westford
Grange was Patriotic night and was
in charge of Mrs. Josephine Pres-
cott. An excellent program had been
planned and was well carried out
the drawback being that owing to
the extremely rainy night the veter-
ans who were the special guests of
honor were unable to be present.

After the business session the meet-
ing was an open one and the Gran-
iteville male quartet were present and
gave various patriotic selections with
excellent effect. The members of this
quartet are Henry Smith, Alvin Nel-
son, Horace Counter and Robert Mac-
Carthy. There were readings by Mrs.
Perley Wright and Mrs. Alvin Nel-
son and song by Miss Rachael Wal-
ton; also a patriotic tableau with Mrs.
Perley Wright as goddess of liberty
and Walter and Austin Fletcher as
soldier boys. There was singing by
John S. Greig and Rev. David Wallace
gave an address on "Patriotism in
times of peace." A unique flag ex-
ercise completed the program.

The next meeting June 8 will be
children's night in charge of Mrs. S.
B. Wright.

Obituary.

Mrs. Andrew S. Wright passed
away early Wednesday evening of
this week after a somewhat prolonged
illness. Death was due to Bright's
disease.

Mary Abby Garvin was born in
Portland, Me., on September 16, 1833,
the daughter of James and Abigail
Kimball Garvin. When she was three
years old her parents removed to East
Boston, where her childhood and girl-
hood were spent. April 4, 1861, she
was united in marriage to Andrew
Stevens Wright. The earlier years of
her married life were spent in
Chelsea and in Charlestown, when
she came with her husband to West-
ford, making her home with Mr.
Wright's aged parents and an uncle
until their death. Later for many
years she cared for her own mother
until she died at the advanced age
of 102 years. When speaking in a
reminiscent way, Mrs. Wright often
said her life work had been the care
of old people.

On May 6, 1877, Mrs. Wright united
with the Union Congregational church
and has always been a loyal and de-
voted member to its best welfare and

interests. She was always keenly in-
terested in the temperance and mis-
sionary cause, and all worthy objects
of sympathy and interest found a re-
sponsive interest with Mrs. Wright.
Mrs. Wright is survived by an only
brother and a number of nephews
and nieces. One of these, Mrs. Etta
Garvin Lewis, has made her home
with Mrs. Wright for some time, and
she has given to her in every way a
dauntless companionship and care.

About Town.

Rev. Seth Walker, the eloquent Ad-
vent preacher, has been transferred
by authority of the Advent church to
New Bedford. As one of our Stony
Brook scholars and native of West-
ford we are all glad to learn of his
assignment to a field of labor that
more properly measures his ability.

The new steel bridge which has
been planned for nearly a year on the
Stony Brook railroad over Stony
Brook highway, was laid on Sunday
by the New England Construction
Company. Every laborer fitted his
pick and every part fitted the bridge
as planned and train service proceed-
ed on the old bridge and the new
bridge without being called upon to
wait longer than the usual "slow"
safety signals. A large number of
laborers and loafers took part in lay-
ing the new bridge. It is a substan-
tial structure, but complaint is made
that it is too low for space for all
kinds of travel to pass under and
every time a new bridge is built space
room grows less.

A fire started on Tuesday evening
on woodland owned by Amos Polly
on the old back road leading to Plain
road. Owing to damp surroundings
it was easily subdued by a fire ex-
tinguisher and three shovels, backed
by a thunder and lightning shower
at the close of the fighting. The con-
ditions were all unfavorable for a
large fire. Had the conditions been oth-
erwise a large fire could not have been
avoided with the whole heavily wood-
ed plains before it and the evening
before it. As it was the fire seemed
to be better satisfied to go out than
to proceed with odds of a damp and
unfavorable nature.

Union Memorial services will be
held at the Unitarian church on Sat-
urday, which will include the Methodist
and Orthodox churches. As usual,
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choirs of the three churches. The
sermon will be given by Rev. Lyman
Weeks, and the subject will be on
"Memories of liberty."

John J. Walker, of Natick, one of
the old-time scholars of the Stony
Brook school, was in town on Sun-
day on a visit to his brother and sister,
Charles E. and Miss Belle Walk-
er, who keep the old Walker home-
stead on Main street well preserved.
Fruit culture is being run on mod-
ern methods at the Read farm and
everything looks like prosperity. About
3500 fruit trees have been set out
this spring and strawberries so
plentiful that it makes the old-time
prosperity look like a renewal of its
old-time prosperity.

Forge Village.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson, of Boston,
is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Eliza-
beth Splain.

Mrs. Arthur B. Parrott, who has
been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Nester
Parrott, of Lynn, returned home last
week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Goode, of
New York city, are making prepara-
tions for their summer season at their
cottage on the banks of Forge pond.
Mrs. Flood, who has been a resi-
dent for many years, left last week
for Michigan, where she is to make
her home with her daughter.
Mrs. Lucrècia Reed entertained her
granddaughter and great-granddaugh-
ter, Mrs. Harry Ingalls and Miss Inez
Ingalls, at her home on Pleasant street
over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bennett, of
Boston, were the guests at the home
of Mrs. Harriet Randall on last Sat-
urday and Sunday. They are to spend
their vacation here this year.

Charles Eaton, of Graniteville, who
some time ago purchased a lot of
land from Joseph Barnister on Pine
street, is planning to build a modern
house the latter part of the summer.

On last Saturday, Dr. W. H. Sher-
man, of Graniteville, conveyed Mrs.
Wilkinson, of Pine Hill, to the Wor-
cester State hospital, where she will
be treated for a nervous trouble.

Percy Kilminster, of Howarth, Eng-
land, is visiting at the home of his
brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Naylor, of Pine Hill.

Miss Isabel Carney and Mrs. Cross,
of Groton, spent Monday evening as
guests of the young ladies of St. An-
drew's mission in Recreation hall.
The evening was spent in a most en-
joyable manner, and everyone is look-
ing forward for the next meeting.

Miss Grace Dacey and Thomas
Mitchell, who arrived here from
Keighley, England, last week, intend
to reside here in the future.

Daniel Sullivan, the son of Mr.
and Mrs. John Sullivan, was stricken
with appendicitis on last week Wed-
nesday night. On consultation with
different doctors, it became necessary
to carry him to St. John's hospital,
Lowell, on Friday morning, where he
was operated on for the above
trouble. Latest reports from his
bedside are to the effect that he is
resting comfortably.

Cameroon school will close on next
Thursday, it being Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy, of
Lowell, have opened their cottage for
the season. They are at present en-
tertaining a party of friends.

Miss L. V. Ward, principal of Cam-
eroon school, commenced work on the
summer garden on Thursday after-
noon. She had under her charge all
the school children, who after get-
ting the ground in order, sowed their
seeds. The children will find this
study of plants a most interesting
one, and are indebted to Julian Cam-
eroon, of the Abbot Worsted Com-
pany, for the use of the land.

Charles Dodge, of Lowell, is busy
preparing to open his summer cot-
tage at Forge pond.

Two large cottages have been built
during the past few months by Ar-
thur B. Parrott on the shores of the
pond. Mr. Parrott received a con-
tract recently to build another.

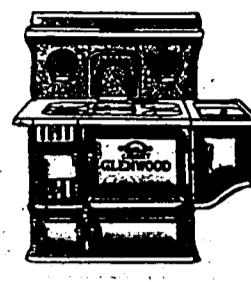
John Spinner, sr., is still in a very
critical condition at his home on
Pleasant street. Miss Morrison, a
trained nurse, from the Lowell Gen-
eral hospital, is yet in attendance.

Judging from the beautiful ap-
pearance of the blossoming fruit
trees this will surely be a banner year
for apples and other fruits.

The fields and lawns present a fine
appearance after the recent rains.
Many amateur farmers have been
busy planting various seeds, and if the
weather keeps near normal, all will
have a good crop for their pains.



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Graniteville.

The White Sox and the Becons, of
Lowell, of the Suburban League, played
an interesting game of baseball on
the local grounds here last Saturday
that was full of surprises. The White
Sox finally won by the score of 11 to
7. The White Sox will play in
North Chelmsford this Saturday.

On last Saturday the regular Gran-
iteville team visited Ayer and defeated
the strong Ayer A. club of that
town by the decisive score of 10 to 2.
On Saturday, May 25, the Gran-
iteville club will play at home and will
have for an attraction the strong
Y. M. C. A., of Lowell, for opponents.
The Lowell club is considered to be
the strongest semi-professional ball
club in this section, and the local
boys fully realizing that they have a
big task on their hands will try hard
to land a victory. Game is to be
called at three o'clock.

In St. Catherine's church last Sun-
day morning, both masses were cele-
brated by Rev. M. E. Doherty, who
delivered an eloquent sermon on "The
power of prayer." Mr. Doherty's ser-
mons are always listened to with
deepest interest, but that of last Sun-
day appeared to be more keenly ap-
preciated than all his previous efforts,
and considering the fine discourses
that have been delivered here by him
in the past, this is saying a great
deal. There were large congrega-
tions at both masses. The usual May
devotions were held in St. Catherine's
church on last Wednesday evening.

Owing to the union Memorial ser-
vice that will be held in the Uni-
tarian church on Sunday morning,
there will be no service in the M. E.
church on Sunday morning. The reg-
ular evening service will be held at
the usual hour.

F. G. Sullivan and R. J. Hemen, of
Court Graniteville, F. O. A., have re-
cently returned from the annual For-
esters' convention that was held in
North Adams.

Thieves at Work.

Some time late Saturday night or
early Sunday morning thieves broke
into the house of John Mattson in
West Graniteville, ransacking all the
rooms on the lower floor and taking
some five or six dollars that were
found lying around loose, as well as
a gold neck chain of Mrs. Mattson's,
and a gold ring that belonged to her
daughter, Mrs. Robert Jones. The
family who were asleep upstairs heard
the burglar at what was going on
beneath them and the first intimation
they had of the break was when they
came down in the morning and found
the contents of bureau drawers scat-
tered about the floor, and the rooms
very much in disorder.

An investigation was made when
it was found that the thief or thieves
had searched anywhere and every-
where in their quest of money, even
going so far as to try to open the
baby's bank, where Mrs. Jones kept
her baby's savings. As the burglar
had a combination lock and the key
was very bulky in size, with little
in it at the time, the thieves
thought it best to leave it.

Entrance was made through a win-
dow that had been left unlocked, and
although the still is rather near the
ground, an old wash boiler was used
to stand on, which goes to show that
the thief was rather short in size and
wore a number fifteen collar.
This latter deduction is made owing
to the fact that the night watchman
took a couple of Mr. Mattson's fresh-
ly laid collars before he left the
house. The local constable, C. W.
Brooks, has charge of the case and
will keep a close watch that further
trouble of this nature may be nip-
ped in the bud in the future.

Aside from the above break, other
losses have been reported during the
past few days, such as tools and
handicrafts being stolen from H. V.
Hildreth's quarry and numerous iron
wedges taken from Thomas Rafferty's
quarry, all of the above places being
in the vicinity of West Graniteville.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

G. A. Price, a student at Andover
Theological seminary, occupied the
pulpit in the Congregational church
last Sunday morning and delivered
an excellent sermon upon the sub-
ject of "The call to universal brother-
hood," from thoughts suggested by
that wonderful prayer of Jesus Christ
to His Father, as given in the seven-
teenth chapter of John, and especially
in the twenty-second verse, "that they
may be one even as we are one."

Rev. Hollis Campbell will deliver
the Memorial day sermon on Sunday,
May 26, in the Congregational church,
and there will be a union service as
is the custom, on or before May 30.

Miss Eldora Jones, who journeyed
westward eight months ago, and spent
the winter with friends in California,
is again at home, having arrived in
Lunenburg on Thursday.

Mrs. Ernest Conway (Burnapp), of
Richmond, Va., gave her parents and
family a most delightful surprise
when she arrived at home on last
Sunday evening. They were expect-
ing her a week later, hence the pleas-
ant surprise of her arrival one week
earlier than was expected. She will
remain several weeks, visiting among
her many friends in this vicinity.

Henry Wilbur A. Lancey, Mrs. Kel-
ley's father, on Massachusetts avenue,
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SHIRLEY.
News Items.
Miss Mary Chaisson visited in Athol last Sunday.
Joseph Gionet is critically ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gionet.
Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Gionet, who have both been sick for a year or more, have departed for their old home in Carquet, N. B.
Miss Lucy Chaisson, in company with her brother Joseph, visited in Lawrence last Sunday.
At the last regular meeting of the Union St. Jean DeBaptist, Herbert Guilbault and Michael G. Gionet were elected delegates to the ninth district convention to be held in Fitchburg on Sunday, May 26.
Elmer H. Allen started on Tuesday evening on a brief business trip to New York city.
J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening May 27, at eight o'clock.
Mrs. John M. Stevenson, who has been very ill for the past two weeks, is improving nicely.
Miss Arline Wilbur, of Cushing academy, spent over Sunday at her home on Center road.
Mr. and Mrs. James McMillan, of Lowell, spent over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Neill.
Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bronson spent last Sunday in Worcester, Mr. Bronson occupying the pulpit of Rev. Mr. Todd in exchange.
The members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge; also, the members of Fredonia lodge, I. O. O. F., will observe Memorial day on Sunday, May 26. The members of both lodges will meet in their respective lodge rooms at 10.30 o'clock in the morning and march in a body to the Baptist church where an appropriate address will be given by the pastor, Rev. Archibald G. Adams, after which the members of both lodges will march to the Village cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased members. The public is very cordially invited to the church service which commences at 10.45.
Master Earle Weare, ten years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr., broke his right leg just below the knee on Monday afternoon. The break was a clean one. It was set by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, assisted by the nurse from the Industrial school. Earle is improving finely, and after the usual enforced confinement of about six weeks, will be all right again. The break was caused by an accident during play, he wrestling with another boy who threw him more violently to the ground than was intended, hence the result.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner.
The young people who cut up a few capers on the evening of May 1, have made good what damage they did and apologized to the social committee and the offended parties.
Frank Dadmun, assistant depot master, and Forrest Hooper, Jr., freight clerk at the depot, have both accepted their positions to take effect about June 1. Mr. Dadmun will leave town for Edmonton, Alberta Territory, Canada, where they expect to remain.
The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church held its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Alice L. Wright was elected president, Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, vice pres., and Mrs. E. H. Conant, sec. and treas. At the close of the business session, Mrs. Rolle, of Concord, gave an address on "Missions." Refreshments were then served and a social hour followed.
Thomas Getens, of Leominster, has re-opened and taken charge of the barber shop formerly run by Daniel Tatroau.
A polander was arrested by Thomas C. Burdill, special police officer, on Monday morning, charging him with assault on the Matski boy and the boy's mother. He was fined fifteen dollars, which he paid.
Clarence Hooper is confined to his home with bronchitis.
The following are the names of all the players in the Shirley cornet band: Joseph Davis, director, Fred Sleeper, Lester Wells, Leon Mudgett, Ralph Wheeler, J. Albert Deardon, Ezekiel Wilson, Stanley Wells, Waclaw Kawaus, Toney Vilkaas, James Horan, Oscar Sibley, Joseph Gionet, Wallace Kittredge, Felix Gionet, George Devarney, Harry H. Lynch, Michael Onners, Charles Devarney, Ralph Jenkins, Guy Cook and Harry Collier.
Sixteen from Shirley attended the Choral Union concert in Fitchburg on Wednesday evening.
Forrest Hooper, sr., is making arrangements to leave town as soon as he can dispose of his tinmith business. He intends with his family to locate in Edmonton, Alberta Territory, Canada, where he will engage in the construction of new buildings which are being erected by Mrs. Hooper's brother, who is one of the capitalists of the Canadian Northwest.
The George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., will arrive in Shirley on Memorial day morning at 1.30 o'clock in the morning and decorate the graves at the Village cemetery. They will then be entertained at dinner in Odd Fellows' hall. The party will then leave for Shirley Center.
Rev. Henry Tate, of Chicago, paid a visit to the home of Mrs. Cummings on Tuesday, leaving on Wednesday for Vermont. Mr. Tate was pastor of the Baptist church thirty-three years ago while he was a student at the Newton Theological seminary. Mr. Tate is now engaged in commercial life.
Mrs. Samuel B. Scott, of Chapel street, reached the eighty-second milestone in life's journey on Tuesday, May 21, and the kindly remembrances of friends and neighbors made the day most pleasant and enjoyable. Mrs. Scott, who recently recovered from a severe illness, was as well in health as her advanced age would permit, and in her usual cheerful and hospitable manner greeted her callers cheerfully. Mrs. Scott delights to indulge in reminiscences of by-gone days.
To Furnish Power.
The increased facilities at the power station of the Leominster Electric Light & Power Co., and the installation of a Corliss engine, which increases the capacity of the plant by fifty percent, has been accomplished so that the company can extend wires to the State Industrial school, Shirley. The state institution is to be supplied with feed wires which will furnish light and power.
It has been stated that the company intends to extend its wires to include Harvard and also Ayer, but Sup-

Spring of the Leominster Electric Light & Power Co., would not verify this statement. He said feed wires would be extended to the Shirley industrial school, but further than that he could not state.
The company will not have to apply to the town of Shirley for any permits to enter its streets with its wires, for according to the plans which have been perfected the feed wires will be extended along Mechanic street to the Shirley line. From this point the company has secured a right of way over private property to the Industrial school ground.
A five-years' contract has been made with the Industrial school for both power and lighting. It is to be expected that the institution will take about a hundred horsepower a day.
Make Attractive.
The new proprietor of the hotel, John Desmond, will formally open his hotel, now known as the Shirley Inn, on Tuesday evening, May 25, when a reception will be tendered to the public. The evening will be made a most delightful one and it is the every wish of Mr. and Mrs. Desmond that every one will avail themselves of this opportunity to enjoy their hospitality and inspect the Inn, which has been completely transformed and made attractive throughout at a big expense. C. H. Hardy, of Ayer, has been busy for some time with a force of carpenters making the required alterations, while decorators, painters, paper hangers and electricians and plumbers have applied the finishing touches. The large barn adjoining has been used as a workshop for the renovation. Cement walks leading to the entrances have also been laid and the grounds around the buildings are being beautified.
The new guest room in the house is replete with all new furnishings, each chamber being equipped with white enamel iron beds, heavily surmounted with brass, easy chairs, rich wall paper of a pretty design and restful shades, with floor covering and pictures adorning the walls, making the atmosphere of home very pronounced.
As one ascends the stairway on the north side of the building and enters the main hall of the second story, attention is at once attracted by the cheerful surroundings, for on this floor is located the office which is connected by electric bell with every room in the house. To the right of the office is the dining-room for guests here the snowy white linen, the gleam of silver and appetizing odors with cosy arrangement of detail make it simply ideal. To the extreme east on this floor is located the private suite of rooms for the proprietor, Mr. Desmond, and family, which consists of parlor, sitting-room, dining-room and chambers. The appointments of these rooms are rich and very commodious laboratory is also conveniently situated on this floor.
The third and top story is almost exclusively devoted to chambers with laboratories. The kitchen has also been equipped in modern style with a dumb waiter, which runs through every story, wash-room with set tubs, and every convenience known to the present. The rooms are heated by steam and lighted with electricity, and are connected with the office by an electric button.
It may truthfully be stated that the Shirley Inn is now in the same class with any first-class hotel, and in a conversation with the reporter of this paper Mr. Desmond stated that the good reputation and name of the Shirley Inn would always be his first consideration.
Mr. and Mrs. Desmond are thoroughly experienced in hotel life and their cuisine has always been considered by their guests as excellent. Mrs. Desmond will personally supervise the catering and other details in connection with the comfort of guests and will be assisted by competent and courteous help. Dinners and suppers for parties will also be supplied and will be served in the private dining-room. Automobile parties will also be taken care of with or without notice.
Mr. and Mrs. Desmond's family consists of six children—three boys and three girls. The Shirley Cornet band will give a concert on Tuesday evening during the reception hours from 7.30 until ten o'clock.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 25, on the common.
Mrs. Clinton Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.
Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, of the North, who has been under the care of Dr. Hopkins, of Ayer, for the past week, is much better.
Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman has returned from a short visit with relatives in Hanson.
Rev. Remsen B. Ogilby occupied the pulpit at Trinity chapel last Sunday in place of Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Ayer. Mr. Ogilby has just returned from a short vacation from the Philippines, where he has been in charge of a school for boys. He expects to return to the Philippines again in September, and in the meantime is trying to raise a sum of money for the building of more dormitories, a gymnasium and a chapel at his school. Mr. Ogilby was formerly the minister at Trinity chapel, while he was at Groton, before he left to begin his work in the Philippines.
Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, at the North, spent several days last week with relatives in Concord.
Mr. and Mrs. George Wetsetl entertained over the week-end Mr. Wetsetl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wetsetl, of Wollaston park.
Harry Hodgman has returned from a visit with his sister, Mrs. Moore, of Littleton. He is to leave soon for Stoddard, N. H., where he has a position on a stock farm.
Miss Alice Gould, of Lunenburg, was a guest of Merle Crockett, at the North, over Sunday.
Mrs. Hannigan and daughter Patricia, of Cambridge, were guests of Miss Helen M. Winslow last Saturday.
The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid will be held on Tuesday afternoon, May 28, at the home of Mrs. Homer P. Holden.
Miss Annie Costern of Lynn, is a guest of Miss Elsie Kirby this week.
Miss Christine G. Longley, of Quincy mansion school, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. M. W. Longley.
Mrs. Cynthia Lynch is having cement walks laid at her home on Center road.
Edward J. Adams has returned home from New York city. He is to operate the engine on the town sprayer this season.
Miss Jennie R. Sanborn, who died recently at her home in Webster, N. H., was formerly a teacher at the center school, before the grammar and primary grades were separated. She is kindly remembered by all who came in contact with her.
Miss Edna R. Willis, of Boston, has been spending a few days at her home at the North.
Richard Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, is confined to his home with the whooping cough.
The third of a series of social dances will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 25. Thayer's orchestra, of Peppell, will furnish the music for dancing.
Miss Annie Bridgman, of Boston, is a guest at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman this week.
Miss Helen M. Winslow entertained two large automobile parties of friends from Cambridge and Boston on Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware, of Brookline, are staying at their house on Hazen road for a few days.
Miss Etta M. Holden spent last week with friends in Leominster.
A Greek letter society called Theta Kappa Delta, has been organized among the girls of the Center. Two new candidates for membership were noticed about town on last Saturday morning receiving their initiatory degree.
Frank R. Hardon, of Revere, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. S. A. Burnham, at the East.
A baseball team has been organized among the members of Shirley grange and will soon start practice. They state that they will challenge any grange aggregation in the nearby towns. The team is made up as follows: Edward Adams, p.; Edward Farnsworth, c.; Ralph I. Evans, 1b.; Lester Holden, 2b.; Thomas H. Evans, 3b.; Walter Woods, ss.; Ardie A. Adams, John H. Farrar, Horace Higgins, outfield. Ralph I. Evans has been appointed captain. A game with Lunenburg is being arranged for Memorial day. A dance will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, June 1, for the benefit of the team.

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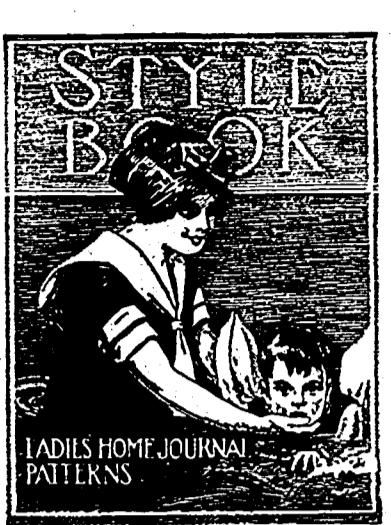
News Items. The E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., and the W. R. C. will attend Memorial Sunday services at the Congregational church on Sunday morning, May 26.

On last Saturday. His services were highly satisfactory and greatly appreciated by the family. Mrs. Sarah Barr has been quite ill with tonsillitis and staying at the Dodge cottage while under the doctor's care.

called. The police took the matter up and so presented it to the interested parties that they thought best to surrender the money. Burglars at Work. The house of C. E. Bigelow was entered by burglars between Thursday night and Friday morning.

The concert program was as follows: Opening chorus, "The close of day," and "The boat song," soprano solo, Miss Hooker; reading, Mrs. Putnam; "Spring song," ladies' chorus; "There is dew for the floweret," chorus; reading, Mrs. Putnam; soprano solo, Miss Hooker; closing song, "Spring greetings," chorus.

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HARVARD.

The grammar school will hold their union memorial exercises on the school lawn, weather permitting, on Wednesday, May 29, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Current Events.
Mrs. A. A. Gould, the Misses Lizzie Whitcomb and Gertrude Rockwood, of Townsend; Misses Grace Whitcomb and Mirtle, of Fitchburg, and Mr. Ballard and son, of Putnam, Conn., have been recent guests in town.

Friends of Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, of Pepperell, gave her a china shower in honor of her approaching marriage in June, on Friday evening of last week. Twenty-eight were in attendance and presented many rare and beautiful gifts to the bride-to-be.

On last Sunday Mrs. Lucilla Peabody, the genial hostess of the Elmwood, entertained an auto party of ten from Boston to dinner.
Mrs. Celia Powers was in Boston this week.
Miss Edith May Gerrish, of Worcester, was a recent guest of her father, Edward P. Gerrish.

Clarence R. Russell, administrator of the estate of Miss Isabella J. Lacey, has sold the house to Dr. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, of Chelsea, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are both physicians and Mr. Oliver's health being poor, they have purchased this property for a summer home. The personal property of the estate will be sold at auction on the premises on Tuesday afternoon, May 28, at one o'clock.

Miss Barrows, teacher at the grammar school, acceptably assisted the choir at the Methodist church, and Miss Webber, teacher at the North primary school, filled the position as organist on last Sunday.
Capt. William Ladd Dodge attended service at the Methodist church last Sunday and was attended in his wedding suit of forty-five years, the same having been made directly after the civil war, and is still in good condition.

Warren Gould is improving his residence both inside and out.
The annual March town meeting which was adjourned until May 18, was held on that date. In the matter of town water system, it was thought advisable to leave it until fall. It was voted to appropriate \$550 to build an iron fence around the new extension of the South cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers, of Hollis, were Sunday guests of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Powers.
Mrs. Minnie Corey is still at Brookside farm, a private sanitarium at Lunenburg, Mass. Her nephews, Herbert and Walter Corey, visited her last week and found her comfortable and quite cheerful.
Rev. W. L. Noyes will preach the Memorial sermon on Sunday, May 26, instead of May 19, as reported last week.

Mrs. Josephine Stiles enjoyed a birthday anniversary on Monday, May 20, and Mrs. S. E. French on May 17. Both received many pretty souvenir cards.
On Wednesday, May 15, Mrs. Myra Stanley opened her pretty home and greeted the members of the Loyal Workers. A good number were present and the work was upon aprons. A good amount of work was accomplished and a social time enjoyed as well. By request, Miss Olive Shannon gave a select reading. Mrs. Stanley caused all to feel at home and at the usual time served a tempting lunch of cake, wafers and orange punch. After a social time all left, thanking the kind hostess for the afternoon's entertainment.

Miss Grace Whitcomb, of Fitchburg, has been engaged to be married for the Congregational church of this town for the summer.
Samuel Swett, a respected citizen of this town, who was in the eye and ear infirmary at Boston, and who was operated on for a cataract on one eye, passed away on Wednesday morning. The funeral, which will be held on Saturday afternoon, May 25, will be at the Methodist church at two o'clock.

Wedding.
A wedding of much interest to the younger set took place recently when Miss Maybelle Blanche Halstead, niece of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blair, of Brookline, Mass., was married to Harry Nathan Vaughn, of Melrose. The marriage was performed at the Leydon Congregational church, Brookline, Mass., by the pastor, Rev. Harris G. Hale. Mr. Vaughn is a young grain broker in the Chamber of Commerce building, and the bride was attended by Miss Helen E. Barnard, of Turners Falls, as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel M. Cummings, of Melrose, and Miss Helen E. Chase of Westboro. The best man was Benjamin R. Vaughn, a brother of the bridegroom. Miss Halstead formerly lived here and she passed the greater part of her school days here, residing with her mother. Many Brookline friends extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn.

News Items.
Joseph Yarrick, of Waltham, is at his summer home for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall, of Fitchburg, are spending a few weeks in town.
Miss Winnie Stewart has been the guest of Miss Blanche Fessenden.
Mrs. Celia Powers and Miss Francis Farnsworth were in Boston this week.
Mrs. Walter Parker and Miss Eliza Jane Parker are at Four Pines for a few weeks.
Willie O'Connell, of Boston, is spending a few days with his grandmother, Mrs. Samuel Fuller.

Memorial exercises will be held at Tarbell's hall on Saturday afternoon, May 25, at two o'clock.
Miss Grace Whitcomb and Mirtle Wicher, of Fitchburg, have been the guests of Mrs. Della Whitcomb the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichols and family, of Brookline, Mass., were the guests of John Porter over Sunday.

LITTLETON.
News Items.
The Pride of Nashoba lodge, I. O. O. Ladies, Manchester Unity, held a very interesting meeting on Monday night. Considerable routine business was transacted. At the next meeting, June 3, six new members will be initiated. In the future the meetings will be held the first and the third Monday nights of every month.
The Odd Fellows will hold their Memorial services at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning. The members are requested to meet at their lodge room not later than 10.20 o'clock.
Wallace Robinson, at Littleton Common, is progressing well.
Miss Edith Flagg, librarian in Brooklyn, N. Y., is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Varnum H. Flagg, of Foster street.

Frank Wilkins, who worked in the webbing factory, and lived in one of the Conant & Houghton houses at the Common, has moved to Connecticut. The McClellan family that occupied the Henry Ramsdell house, fell into the house recently vacated by the Wilkins family.

Paul Fletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fletcher, was riding on his bicycle last week Thursday when he hit a stone and was thrown violently to the ground near C. S. Robbins' residence. He lay unconscious for a short time, when he was discovered by Mabel Yapp, who was driving past. She informed the neighbors of the circumstances and Paul was immediately taken home in the Nashoba school barge. His wounds were cleaned and bound by a physician. No unfavorable symptoms have been reported as developing since then.

Mrs. H. L. Packard returned from Antrim, N. H., the latter part of last week. Her father was at that time much the same as he had been for a week past.
Stanley Conant, of Boston university, spent Sunday at home.
Charles H. Steinesford leaves the tenement over the Thacher & Ireland store, and moves into N. H. Whitcomb's cottage in Newtown very soon. He will assist Mr. Whitcomb on the farm.

On last week Friday night the Fitchburg station was again broken into and entered. A hole was bored in the door of the ticket office safe and it was blown open with nitroglycerine. A sum of money was taken and again the thieves escaped without being detected. Some evidence points to automobile men. On the same night a store in Maynard was entered and a handsome sum of money taken.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Middlesex, ss.
To the Honorable the Judges of the Land Court.
Respectfully represents John Herbert Hynes of Groton, County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that he is the owner in fee simple of a lot of land and the buildings thereon situate in said Groton and bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the premises on the Northerly side of Willow Dale Street, so called, at land late of Albert Harnden; thence running Northerly by said Harnden land about twenty one rods to a ditch; thence Easterly by said ditch about twelve rods to land now or late of Alva Wright; thence Southerly by said Wright land about twenty one rods to said Willow Dale Street; thence Westerly by said Street about twelve rods to the point of beginning. Containing about one acre and one hundred forty rods.

That the record title of said real estate is encumbered by an undischarged mortgage covering the said premises given by Shelby Sawyer to Ephraim Sawtelle dated July 18, 1877 and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 144, page 596, that said mortgage and those having his estate in said premises have had uninterrupted possession of said real estate for more than twenty years; that no payment on account of the amount secured by said mortgage has been made and no act in recognition of its existence as a valid mortgage has been done within said twenty years, and your petitioner believes that said mortgage was long since paid, and by accident or inadvertence the discharge thereof has not been recorded in said registry of deeds.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that such notice may be ordered to be given to the representatives of Ephraim Sawtelle and those interested in said estate as the Court may order; and the decree may be entered setting forth such finding of the Court in relation thereto, and ordering that from and after such decree no action shall ever be brought by any person to claim title under said mortgage and that said mortgage be released and cancelled on the records.

JOHN HERBERT HYNES.
A true copy. Attest:
CLARENCE C. SMITH,
Recorder.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss. Land Court.
(Seal)

Upon the foregoing petition, it is ordered that the petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said petition to appear before the Land Court, at Cambridge, within and for our said County of Middlesex (where appearances and answers may be filed with Edwin O. Childs, Register of Deeds for the South Registry District of said Middlesex County, as Assistant Recorder of said Court) on the first Monday of July next, by causing a true and attested copy of said petition and this order to be published forthwith once a week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, in said County of Middlesex, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; by serving each known respondent within the Commonwealth with a like attested copy of said petition and order fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; and by serving a like attested copy of said petition and order by registered mail on each known respondent without the Commonwealth as soon as may be, and in any event fourteen days at least before said first Monday of July next; that all respondents may then and there show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

By the Court. Attest:
CLARENCE C. SMITH,
Recorder.
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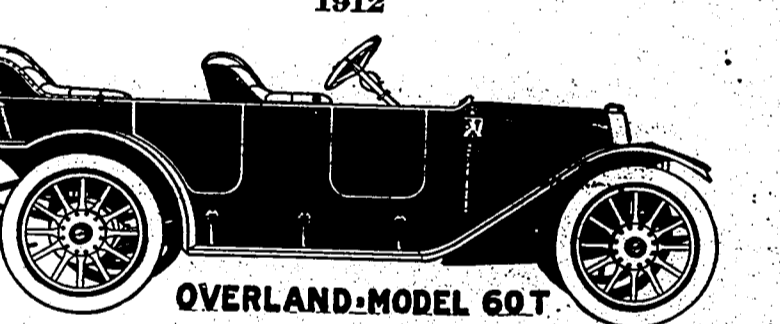
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PEPPERELL.

News Items.
Mrs. N. W. Appleton enjoyed a visit to Salem last week, where the Colonial Dames were royally entertained by Mrs. West, one of the dames. Old houses and the Essex Institute were visited, and a delicious luncheon was served at the Essex club. Carriages were provided by the hostess, who did much for the comfort of her guests.
F. E. Ross is a week-end visitor in Bennington, N. H.
Mr. Harris, Robert Coy and Curtis Gilman have gone down in Maine on a fishing trip.
Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterson and Mrs. Nellie Appleton attended the conference of the D. A. R. in Worcester on Thursday and report a very interesting meeting.
The W. C. T. U. cordially invite all persons who have reached the age of seventy to be present at the annual reception given in their honor at the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday, June 5. Reception at two o'clock. Supper at five o'clock.
The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will meet on Wednesday afternoon, May 29, at 2.30 o'clock.
It appears that there are some people who attended the special town meeting on Monday evening, May 20, to see whether the town would buy the shoe shop lot and name it "Leighton park." The town already has a large tract of land for play purposes in the Varnum property, and the purchase of the shoe shop lot would be an incumbrance. There is not enough public spirit to take care of what we already publicly own. It was voted not to buy the lot. It was also voted to make repairs on the unsafe bridge at Parker's mill that crosses the Nisittisset river below Blake's mill.
Mrs. Sarah Melindy, of Berkinshaw village, has been very sick, but is improving.
Mrs. Charles Dane, of Head street, has suffered relapse and laid unconscious, but the physician holds out hopes of a recovery.
Fred Bancroft is setting out a lot of young apple trees.
Rev. and Mrs. Dudley R. Child autored to Boston and return on Thursday.
The death of Samuel Sweet, of Brookline, N. H., came as a surprise to the many old-time friends at Pepperell.
Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending May 20: Mrs. George Bouchard, Thomas Burns, S. B. Carter, Mr. Eugene J. Jucius, Janet Nounilly, W. L. Wade.
The marriage of Amos D. Mahony to Marion Barton, of Athol, took place on Sunday, May 19, at high noon at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Coghlan. They were accompanied by the groom's brother James, and sister Amelia. After the wedding service they partook of the marriage dinner at George Mahony's. Mr. Mahony is one of the progressive young men of the town and carries on the meat and grocery business at the corner of Main and Cross streets. The young couple returned on Wednesday to occupy the apartment newly fitted up over the store.
Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Maynard, of South Brookline, N. H., were visitors in town on Tuesday.
There is a very full blossom of the apple trees in this vicinity, and the fear that they were hurt by the frost was not well founded.
Mrs. Julia A. Lawrence has returned to her home in Pepperell from Deerfield, N. H., whose she has been busily engaged in the professional duties as nurse in the family of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wells, a former resident of Brookline, N. H. Mrs. Lawrence was a guest of Dr. C. P. Gupitli, of Raymond, N. H., on her return home from Deerfield.
Miss Ann Murray, now of Nashua, N. H., was in town over Sunday and Monday.
Mrs. Powers, formerly Gertrude Willey, was in town on Thursday of last week.
Mrs. Edna Bemis Bartlett, of Boston, was calling on friends in town last week.
Mrs. Slocumb and Mrs. Warden, of Hollis, N. H., was in town on Monday.
There is to be an improvement bee at the Unitarian grounds on Saturday, May 25.
Mrs. Rockwood and Mrs. Andrew Hamilton were in town the week-end.
A. S. McNay has a very handsome pair of new horses. It is reported that they cost between \$700 and \$800.

Baseball.
The Pepperell high school baseball team will play their annual game with the alumni team at the public playgrounds on Monday afternoon, May 20, at 3.30 o'clock. The alumni team is composed of old stars, such as Ed. Tarbell, Jack Tune, Joe Wiley, Ed. Gagnon and later members of high school teams, and should put up a fine article of ball. Ned Tarbell, the captain of the "Colts" and it is said that he has been holding secret practice for nearly two weeks trying out different men for positions and is sure to put a winning team on the diamond that day. The high school team represented a very strong team this season and a good game can be expected. It is hoped that a good crowd turns out to see this match, as a guarantee that this will be the strongest and best game of the season goes out to everybody, and it is hoped that all will be there to give Capt. Tarbell and his "Colts" a hand.

Special Town Meeting.
The special town meeting in town hall on Monday evening, May 20, was called to order by Mr. Kemp, town clerk, who read the warrant and the following articles were acted upon after E. T. Harmon was chosen as moderator:
Voted to pass over article 2 in relation to the election of a board of three park commissioners. A motion to reconsider was made by E. P. McCord, which was carried and the result of the yes and no vote was as follows: No 68, yes 17, and the motion was lost.
It was voted to pass over article 3 and 4 and not to buy the Leighton shoe shop lot for a park or playground.
It was voted on article 5, on motion of Charles H. Miller, that the town make an appropriation of \$2000 for the building of a street bridge at Parker's mill, and an appropriation of \$1000 for the building of a bridge to be placed in the hands of the selectmen, and that it be a roadway of eighteen feet. The selectmen were instructed to borrow the sum of \$2000 to build the Parker mill bridge, \$1000

to be paid in the year 1913, and \$1000 in 1914.
Article 6. In relation to the sale of ice cream, confectionery and soda water on the Lord's day according to the statute, which was read by the town clerk—to make such action legal, the article in relation thereto could not be acted upon at this meeting, and it was voted that the selectmen be instructed to insert such an article in the town warrant to be acted upon at the annual town meeting in 1912.
It was voted not to appropriate \$300 as article 7, called for by Main street, and the motion that the highway surveyor be instructed to use \$300 of the appropriation for highways for oiling the street could not be acted upon as the motion was declared out of order.

Current Events.
Oscar Kittredge is at home from Worcester for a short stay with his parents.
Mrs. H. C. Winslow will move into the tenement house on High street owned by Mrs. Caleb Richardson.
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Carrow are to occupy half of the Dennen house on Sartelle street, as Mr. Carrow has accepted the employ of C. A. Dennen.
H. A. Parker is in very poor health, at the home of his son, F. H. Parker. The sale of his mill property and water privilege at East village is spoken of as probable.
Mrs. Sarah E. P. Tucker was called to Marlboro on Wednesday by the death of her grandson Prescott, the three-year-old son of Chandler Tucker, Mrs. Tucker's youngest son, who is in the navy. The child's death was rather sudden, due to complications arising from adenoids and non-treatment for the same.
Amos D. Mahony, of this town, and Miss Marion Barton, of Athol, were united in the marriage of St. Joseph's parsonage on Sunday. After a short wedding trip they returned on Wednesday, and are occupying the tenement over the market on Main street.
E. H. Baker opened his house on Keys hill this week for summer occupancy. The family came on Thursday.
The sermon on Sunday morning at the Methodist church will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. P. R. Stratton, on the subject "The qualities of patriotism." The G. A. R. and all former members of the W. R. C. and the veterans of both the civil and Spanish wars, and members of the D. A. R., are invited to this service. The Epworth league prayer meeting will be held at six o'clock, and at seven o'clock the district superintendent, Dr. H. S. Spicer, will preach and hold the first quarterly conference at the close of the discourse.

Memorial Day Exercises.
The local G. A. R. have completed their program for Memorial day and its attending exercises, and in view of the small number left in the post it is expected that all the veterans of the civil and Spanish wars will unite with them in carrying out the same. The schools will be visited on Wednesday afternoon, May 23. On that day, all veterans are invited to meet the post at Odd Fellows' hall at ten o'clock, and attend the services at the Methodist church.
On Thursday, May 30, the G. A. R. will meet at headquarters at nine o'clock in the morning and will decorate the graves at St. Joseph's cemetery at 9.30, Woodlawn cemetery at 10.15, Pepperell and Walton cemeteries at eleven o'clock. The post wish to have as many children as possible meet them at the cemeteries above stated and assist in decorating. The procession will form at Saunders' block, Main street, at 1.30 in the afternoon, with the Lunenburg military band as escort. Exercises at the G. A. R. lot at Pepperell cemetery at 2.30, and Prescott hall at three o'clock. Rev. Arthur W. L. Nelson, of Westboro, will deliver the address. The Epworth league of the Methodist church will provide a collation for the veterans after the hall exercises.
All who can furnish flowers or wreaths are requested to leave them at Saunders' block or the town house as early in the day as possible. If requested that all flags be at half mast in the morning and at full mast in the afternoon. It is also requested that the church bell be tolled at noon from twelve to 12.05, during which time all comrades will stand uncovered. There will be a concert at the band stand at seven o'clock in the evening.

D. A. R.
Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held an executive board meeting on Friday afternoon, May 17, at the chapter house which was presided over by the new regent, Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterston, opening with the Lord's prayer, led by Miss Marie Jordan. Miss Florence Sibley presented her resignation as treasurer, as the duties are too arduous, and the board voted to release her. Mrs. Henry Tarbell was elected to fill the office, and resigned serving as an auditor. A vote was carried to accept her resignation and appointed Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson to serve in that capacity. Owing to ill health, Miss Anna M. Sibley is obliged to decline serving as a director and Mrs. Elmer Weston was appointed to fill the vacancy.
Miss A. Marie Jordan was elected as chaplain and Mrs. N. W. Appleton re-elected as historian. Mrs. Appleton served as teller.
Arrangements were made for Memorial Sunday, and the May 30 program is left with the cemetery committee to arrange.
The business-like manner in which the regent presided and the presence of our new vice regent, Mrs. Roland Blood, added much to the interest of the meeting which was adjourned after the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.
The D. A. R. are especially asked to observe the rule to raise their flags at half-mast until mid-day; full mast until sunset on Memorial day.
Prudence Wright chapter will meet at the M. E. church on Sunday morning, May 26, at 10.30 o'clock for Memorial services. It is earnestly hoped that all members who can, will be present.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
One of C. J. Bell's horses was taken very sick on Tuesday with indigestion. Under Veterinary Davis' care, of Pepperell, the horse has improved.
Hollis high school nine went to Pepperell to meet Pepperell high on Friday of last week. They were defeated by a score of 6 to 1. They went to Nashua on last Saturday and were more successful, winning the game by a score of 7 to 6.
At the church meeting held on last Sunday, Wilbert P. Farley was elected as delegate to the general conference of the Congregational churches of New Hampshire, held in Littleton on May 21 and 23.
Rev. Herbert A. Armas, of North Middleboro, Mass., occupied the pulpit on last Sunday morning and evening.
Fred Hills, of New York city, spent the week-end with friends in Hollis.
Miss Briggs, of the Berkeley Street Y. W. C. A., Boston, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Phenix Baker. She will go to Mrs. E. A. Hill's, where she expects to spend the summer.
W. H. Morrison, state superintendent of schools, lectured for the Hollis grange on Tuesday evening. Owing to the shower which came up just at the time people would go, many were deprived of hearing him.
John H. Worcester post, G. A. R., and the W. R. C., are invited and will attend church in a body on Sunday for memorial services. Rev. Mr. Burroughs, of Worcester, Mass., will be the speaker. Rev. F. H. Grath, of Worcester, will be the orator on Memorial day, as previously reported in this paper.
Miss Ruth D. Rogers is in Boston this week attending the meetings of the eighty-seventh anniversary of the American Unitarian association. She also delivered from the Pepperell Unitarian church.
Pierce Bros., who for years have kept one of the largest stocks of cattle in Hollis, are selling out, and have already greatly reduced their stock, and intend to get rid of all of them.
The effects of the high wind on Sunday afternoon were noticeable in Hollis. Many farms apple trees on Mrs. Goodwin's farm was almost entirely demolished. About one-half of the tree was blown some distance from the main trunk. On the same afternoon, George W. Hardy discovered the cause of his misfortune. His farm was on fire, but was soon extinguished and no damage done.
J. W. Woods, of Washington, who has been to Hollis every spring, collecting cattle for his large pasture in Washington, reports the droves he is able to secure are smaller than a few years ago. Many farms where he used to get several keep none now. He mentioned three farms from which he formerly secured forty-six cattle from kept none now. Farmers find it possible to farm successfully these days with the prices of feedstuffs which entails great expense and hard work.
Robert Leslie finished setting out a large orchard of six hundred trees on last Saturday, 250 of them being peach trees, the rest apple trees of various kinds. The largest proportion of the apple trees are Baldwins and Greenings, with others of fancy varieties. He is also setting out strawberries, blackberries and raspberries and will soon have a fruit and berry farm.
Mr. and Mrs. Herrick are moving and getting settled this week in their new house which they recently purchased of Capt. John A. Coburn. Capt. and Mrs. Coburn will occupy rooms in the house until their new house is completed, which they are about to build on the land he reserved at the time.
Through the courtesy of George A. Ladd, leader of the church choir, the whole choir were taken to Nashua on Friday of last week in E. L. Hurd's barge to enjoy the cantata, "Samson and Delilah," given in the Colonial theater by the Nashua Quartet on that day. Mr. Ladd gave the choir the same delightful treat last year.
Mrs. Lilla Stinson, of Chelsea, Mass., who came to her summer home in South Hollis recently, hoping to recuperate her health, failed so rapidly that she was taken to her home in Chelsea. The doctor who pronounced her in a critical condition.
C. F. Burge is circulating a petition to present to the postoffice department at Washington, which if granted, would greatly increase the work of George W. Hardy, the regular mail carrier. The petition requires each house to have a letter box, which necessitates Mr. Hardy opening to take out mail to be sent, and leaving that he brings. Many feel it to be an injustice to Mr. Hardy, who has been most faithful and courteous in his work for many years as mail carrier. The patrons are well served by Mr. Hardy under present conditions.

Current Events.
The following parties motored from Arlington, Mass., on last Sunday and took dinner at Grand View farm: Rodney Hardy, two sons, Dana and Rodney, Jr., Charles Hardy and son Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sawyer, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Davis and son Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Woodworth and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Sawyer.
Fred Corkum was in Nashua on last week Thursday.
Mrs. J. E. Raymond and Miss Eleanor Wheeler, who have spent the week-end at Grand View farm, were returned to their home in Arlington with the motoring party that visited there on last Sunday.
James P. Clagget died at his home in Nashua recently. Mr. Clagget was for many years a resident of Hollis and was well known by many of the older people. Burial was at Pine Hill cemetery.
Miss Adelaide Colburn, after spending several weeks at the home of her grandfather, F. P. Colburn, has returned to her home in Weehawken, N. J.
On last week Friday Charles E. Hardy gave an address on "The value of old apple trees" and Willis D. J. Hayden, son of the late J. Newton Hayden, now a resident of Dover, spoke on "Standardizing pack and grade." The occasion was orchard day at the state college, Durham.
During the months of May, June, July and August, the W. R. C. will meet on the first Tuesday in each month, doing away with the last meeting of the month through the hot weather.
The ball game at Eaton's field on Saturday with the second team of Nashua high, proved a winning game for Hollis high, the score being 7 to 6, in favor of Hollis. The grammar school team went to Nashua on the same day and defeated the Lake Street team by a score of 13 to 7.
Miss Marjorie Parker spent the week-end in Hollis with her mother. Miss Parker will soon graduate from Keene Normal school.
We are pleased to hear favorable reports from Mrs. John Nute, who is recovering from her illness at the sanatorium last week. She stood the trip quite well and has gained some strength, but it is said that she will be obliged to remain for some time. May 19 was her twenty-fifth birthday and her Hollis friends remembered her with a show-

er of postcards and other remembrances.

Current Events.
At a meeting of the Old Home Week association held in the Grange hall on Wednesday evening, it was voted to observe old home week. The following officers were chosen: George F. Hale, William W. Worcester, vice pres.; A. F. Hildreth, sec. and treas.; Chas. W. Hardy, Charlotte Leslie and Geo. W. Woodin, ex. com.
Arthur Strong has gone to Waltham, Mass., to enter the employ of the Waltham Watch Company.
It was rumored the first of the week that Matthew Jameson had sold his store to parties from out-of-town, but this report has since then been contradicted.
Mrs. Frances Lovejoy is caring for little Althea May Nute for a few weeks while her mother is in Warren.
George C. Cobb was in town on Wednesday evening.
Miss Abby Flagg spent the week-end in town.
Frank Proctor, of Roxbury, is in town for a few days.
Arthur Hale, of Cambridge, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hale.
Regardless of the stormy night quite a few gathered at the Grange hall on Tuesday to listen to an address given by the state superintendent of education. There was an exhibition of work from the different schools and exercises by the children. District Supt. Bacon, of Milford, was present and made a few remarks.
The grounds at the town hall are being improved by trimming of the trees and the driveway across the corner has been closed and will be seeded. W. A. Saunders has the work in charge.
William T. MacMaster is painting the cottage of George W. Coburn.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Lund are in Nashua for a few days this week.
Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Miss Abby Flagg over the remains of her aunt, Miss Abby Flagg, who died recently in Pepperell.

WESTFORD.
About Town.
Miss Alma Decatur arrived from California on Wednesday evening on a special visit to her father, C. R. P. Decatur, who still remains seriously ill. Miss Alma is a trained nurse of large and successful experience and holds a responsible position in San Francisco. This large experience will prove itself in the home sickness.
Mark W. Jenkins, for many years the blacksmith at the old familiar Chamberlin's corner, has given up his business and will devote all his time to small fruit and poultry farming, in which he has been a success. Should the old Chamberlin blacksmith shop become obsolete it will remove one of the old familiar memory marks of the town with a long and interesting history.
Rev. Lyman B. Weeks conducted an inspiring service at Long-Sought-for chapel last Sunday. Quite a few were present from out-of-town.

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