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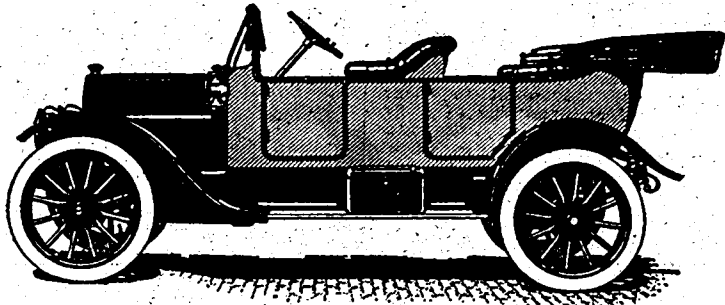
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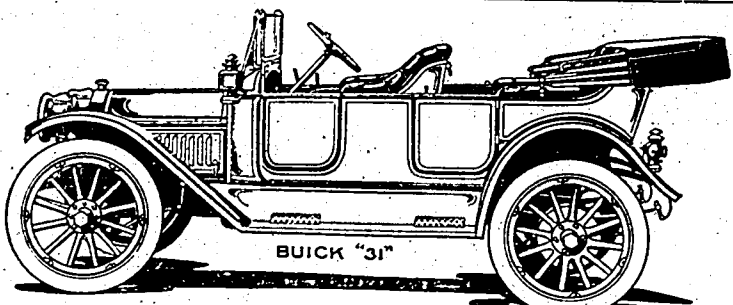
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News Items.

Mrs. Mary J. Priest has been visiting relatives in Groton this last week. Mr. and Mrs. LaDuke and their children attended the wedding of Mrs.

LaDuke's sister in Lowell last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perry and his daughter Ruth of Hillsboro, N. H., were Sunday auto guests of his sister, Mrs. F. C. Hartwell. Mr. Perry returned home Sunday evening and

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Mrs. Perry and daughter spent the first of the week in Boston, returning to Littleton for the week-end.

Ralph Hill is working for the Boston Elevated railway company during his vacation.

Supt. F. H. Hill has gone to his South Portland, Me., home for a few weeks of rest.

Miss Priscilla Fairfield, L. H. S. '13, hopes to enter Boston university this fall.

Eight high school girls have hired Mrs. James W. Ireland's camp at Forge pond for two weeks, beginning July 26. The party consists of Misses Vera Smith, Olive Flagg, Olive Sanderson, Beatrice Woodbury, Evelyn and Mary Kimball, Esther Ramsdell and Priscilla Fairfield and the chaperones are Misses Helena Meredith and Maud Mitchell.

Miss Emma E. Tenney will substitute for the regular organists of the Elliot church in Roxbury Sunday mornings and Hope chapel in Boston Sunday evenings through July, August and part of September. Her position as organist of the local Baptist church will be taken by Miss Evelyn Kimball Sunday and for the remaining Sundays of the summer by Miss Olive Flagg.

Hon. Arthur Peck of Brookline has engagements at several Chautauquas in the west and will be on his lecture tour during the next thirteen weeks. Mrs. Peck, who arrived in town this week, will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tenney.

There will be a christening service Sunday at the Unitarian church in connection with the regular morning service of worship. The communion service which frequently comes on the first Sunday in July will be observed on the following Sunday. Parents with children to be presented should have them present at the vestry not later than 11.30 o'clock.

The topic for the Guild Sunday evening at 6.30 o'clock is "American Freedom," a subject appropriate to the Sunday nearest Independence day. The leader is Harry Barker. This will be an out-of-door meeting and held on the grounds of D. G. Houghton. All are invited.

The last session of the Baptist Woman's Mission society, postponed from June 17, was held June 25, in the church parlors at Ayer. A review of the last two chapters of the study book, "China's new day," was given by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Caulkins. Business and discussion of plans with a lunch of cake and fruitade, were part of an entertaining program.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday morning, June 29, in exchange with Rev. H. L. Caulkins.

William Campbell of Fort Wayne, Ind., and John D. Campbell of Medford, were recent guests of their sister, Mrs. Louise, and her mother, Mrs. Rev. H. L. Caulkins, at the Baptist parsonage.

One of M. W. Leahy's horses used on the state road of Lactart street was overcome by heat and died Tuesday. This is the second horse that has died while at work here.

Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb is gradually falling and lies in an unconscious condition.

The Misses Fannie and Gertrude Sanderson start today for Chicago, where they will be the guests of Mrs. Helen Swift Morris for the next three weeks.

The eight high school girls who contemplate camping at Forge pond sold ice cream at the Long pond picnic Saturday and cleared eighteen dollars which they will use in defraying expenses of their outing.

Gladys and Beatrice Woodbury, Elsie Whitney and Lillian Robinson have opened an out-door ice cream establishment in a tent pitched near C. K. Houghton's residence on Great road. They are busy afternoon and evening of every week day.

The junior class on town hall grounds will open at 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon, July 3. The attractions for the afternoon are ice cream, home-made candy, fruitade, amusement and fortune teller's booths. From 5.30 to seven dairy lunch will be served. In the evening there will be dancing from eight to twelve o'clock. Thayer's orchestra has been engaged for the latter. The money realized will be added to the Washington trip fund which the class hopes to use at the close of the high school course.

Joseph Wainwright has gone to the hospital for treatment.

Merchants, manufacturers, mechanics, farmers and ministers mingled miscellaneous in the open air festivities of the union picnic at Long pond last Saturday. There were 200 or more present, and the children, young and old, entered with zest into the spirit of the occasion. In addition to the usual attractions there was a long list of sports for boys and men that aroused much interest and no end of fun. As some of the old timers felt a little from their previous records we will not embarrass them by publishing results. There were no mishaps and all went home smiling, thanks to the originator of the scheme for a town picnic and to those who had charge of the amusements of the day.

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WESTFORD.

Center. The Donald Camerons are at Yarmouth for the month of July.

Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth entertained a group of her classmates who graduated with her from the Lowell Normal school in 1899, at her home on the Boston road Tuesday of this week. These friends have always kept in touch with each other since graduation by a circulating letter going the rounds regularly and by reunions. Those whom Hildreth entertained on Tuesday were Miss Ethel Kimball, of Chelmsford, Miss Maud Jarvis, of Lowell; Miss Katherine Jantzen, also of Lowell, and Mrs. Arno Gotz and little son Philip and daughter Selma, of Hudson, N. H.

A few of the farmers had begun their haying last week, but this week it is under way in earnest. The baseball game last Saturday afternoon between Grantville and Westford resulted in a victory for the Westford team with a score of 7 to 1. There was an unusually large number of spectators present.

The J. V. Fletcher library will be closed this Thursday evening preceding the Fourth.

The Westford A. A. will play two games, one in the morning and one in the afternoon with the West Chelmsford team the Fourth of July at Whitney playground. They will also be in charge of refreshment booths and expect the school band from North Chelmsford if the band masters union of Lowell does not interfere too much.

The J. V. Fletcher library will follow its usual custom of being closed Sundays during July and August.

Miss Beatrice Sutherland is enjoying a two-weeks' visit with relatives in Somerville.

Charles Hildreth, whose work with photography belongs in the professional rather than the amateur class of picture taking, has some particularly good views of different scenes of the wreck of the Bar Harbor express train which took place at Grantville two weeks ago, on exhibition at Wright & Fletcher's store.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William E. Wright, and enjoying making acquaintance with her grandson, Kenneth Wright, whom she had never seen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison B. Hall, of Waverley, have been recent guests at Mrs. Edward Prescott's and calling on old friends.

The town hall is to be re-painted, Joseph Wall and helpers doing the work.

Miss Pauline Dole is visiting at Mrs. Alma Richardson's.

Mrs. Alvan Fisher has been getting out these warm, pleasant days in a wheel-chair.

Miss Florence Brewer is renewing former associations at the Willis Hildreth home.

Ralph Bridgford is having an enforced vacation with blood poisoning in one of his hands.

Allister MacDougal went this week to Amherst, where he has a good position connected with the Agricultural college, of which he is a graduate.

Miss Edith Forster goes this month to attend the course of the summer Normal school at Hyannis.

George E. Gould has his order placed for a new Ford automobile.

Owing to a serious explosion and fire of a grain elevator at Buffalo, N. Y., a carload of grain just ready for shipment to J. Willard Fletcher, our local grain dealer, was badly damaged. Mr. Fletcher did not lose money on account of the accident, but was much inconvenienced thereby.

Oscar R. Spalding had the misfortune to lose another valuable lot of cord wood and lumber by fire in Carlisle this week.

Death. Westford friends were saddened by the announcement this last week of the death of Mrs. Sarah Heywood Trumbull at her home in Beverly. The program, though short, was very good, the hit of the evening being the work of the Zivarski orchestra with Harvey Barnes as leader. A song, "When the dew is on the rose," was excellently sung by Miss Bertha Wright. The union quartet composed of Henry Smith, Albert Blanchard, William DeRoehn and George Wilson, sang "Larboard watch," so nicely that they were obliged to respond to an encore and gave "The catastrophe," in a clever manner. A duet was well given by Albert Blanchard and William DeRoehn. The closing number was a selection by the orchestra. The whole affair was a great success and the Ladies' Aid certainly had good weather with them on this special occasion.

Lively Send-off. A pleasant happening and very much out of the ordinary was the large group of people who gathered at the coming out Sunday afternoon to give Al Bicknell and Samuel G. Humiston a pleasant good-bye send-off as they were starting for the famous fiftieth anniversary celebration at Gettysburg. This gathering had not been much advertised ahead, except by much quiet sending of messages and the worthy veterans in whose honor it was planned were much taken by surprise, but they rose to the occasion with genial appreciation. There were fully one hundred people in the group and every one carried a flag larger or smaller. Little Grafton Tarleton, visiting at the parsonage, waved a flag much larger than himself. Miss Hazel Pond pinned small flags onto the veterans beside their bronze badges. Capt. S. H. Fletcher circulated about an album of views taken on a trip with his daughters a few years ago of various scenes of Gettysburg battlefields as it appears today, among which was a picture of the grave of Mr. Bicknell's brother, whom he himself buried after the second day's fighting and who now rests in a marked grave.

Miss Miranda G. Luce came out to add her good-bye and good wishes and

recalled to those present how fifty years ago she was among those present at the same place to bid farewell to the company of volunteers going from Westford, then in the prime of youth, to march.

Presently Conductor Clement sounded his gong and the car moved off amid the waving of flags and singing of "America." Motorman Cutter, himself a veteran of the Cuban war, entered into the spirit of the occasion with right good will and the car was handsomely decorated with flags. Several of the townspeople accompanied the veterans to Brookside. Others going from town were John Wilson, J. Everett Woods and Albro Fletcher. At South Chelmsford, where John Wilson took the cars, all his children and grandchildren and other friends gathered to see him off.

Obituary. Mrs. Sarah F. Balch, wife of Wayland F. Balch, died at her home on Friday afternoon of last week after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Richmond, born in 1841. For many years her family home was in Parkerville, at the south part of the town, but about seventeen years ago Mr. Balch bought the pleasant village home on Boston road, where they have lived since.

Mrs. Balch is survived by her husband, three daughters—Agnes and Mary, of Westford, and Mrs. Edwin B. Currier, of Carlisle; two granddaughters, Edna and May Currier, also of Carlisle; one brother, Charles N. Richardson; one sister, Mrs. Sherman H. Fletcher; and two nieces, Misses Gertrude and Julian Fletcher.

Mrs. Balch was a loving wife and devoted mother to the daughters who in turn cared to tenderly for her in her illness. She possessed a gentle and refined personality and was gifted in all the gentle arts of housewifery and the needle, and was especially fond of music, flowers and pictures. Her memory will be long cherished by the relatives and friends who came within the circle of her love and friendship.

The funeral was held from her late home on Monday afternoon of this week. Rev. Lyman B. Weeks being the officiating clergyman. There was a profusion of beautiful floral offerings. Interment was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery.

Grantville. Rev. C. J. Soelberg from Boston university, who is now supplying the pulpit at the M. E. church, will leave in the early fall for India, where he will take up missionary work.

Mrs. Alice and Lettie Clocck with the Misses Murray of Lowell have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barnes.

The Grantville baseball club met the Westford A. A. on the Whitney playgrounds in Westford last Saturday afternoon and were defeated by the score of 1 to 1. Inability to hit Sharkey safely at critical stages of the game, careless base running and loose playing by the Grantville outfield were the causes of their downfall.

The summer was on the slab for Grantville and did good work. Batteries, Sharkey and Sullivan for Westford; Spinner and Henley for Grantville.

Grantville will journey to Townsend on July Fourth for a double header, forenoon and afternoon. On Saturday, July 5, the team will play West Chelmsford on the home grounds.

On last Sunday afternoon preliminary meeting was held at St. Catherine's church for the purpose of forming plans for the annual picnic to be held soon. Rex Edward Mitchell will be the general manager and his assistants will be J. A. Healy and James Sullivan. Edward T. Hanley was elected treasurer. The full committee has not been elected as yet and another meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon for that purpose at the same time fix a date for the coming event.

The people of this village will not hold any celebration here July 4. Many of the baseball fans will go to Townsend with the team, while others will spend the day at home and at the different beaches.

Lawn Party. The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held its annual lawn party on the church grounds last Saturday afternoon and evening, the affair being largely attended. The different tables that were tastefully arranged about the lawn all did a flourishing business. Ladies in charge of the booths had their wares so attractively set forth that they found ready purchasers. In the evening the grounds were illuminated with varied colored electric lights, which made a pleasing effect, the wiring being done by W. F. Sargent. During the evening a very pleasing entertainment was given in the church vestry under the direction of William DeRoehn. Henry Smith acted as chairman.

The program, though short, was very good, the hit of the evening being the work of the Zivarski orchestra with Harvey Barnes as leader. A song, "When the dew is on the rose," was excellently sung by Miss Bertha Wright. The union quartet composed of Henry Smith, Albert Blanchard, William DeRoehn and George Wilson, sang "Larboard watch," so nicely that they were obliged to respond to an encore and gave "The catastrophe," in a clever manner. A duet was well given by Albert Blanchard and William DeRoehn. The closing number was a selection by the orchestra. The whole affair was a great success and the Ladies' Aid certainly had good weather with them on this special occasion.

News Items. Miss Lucy A. Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, of Newton, and a graduate of Smith college '12, has been appointed associate teacher in the high school to fill the vacancy made by Miss Katherine Johnson's resignation. The many Littleton friends of Miss Robbins are pleased to learn of her appointment, and her grandmother, Mrs. F. W. Whitcomb, will be pleased to have her in the family.

Miss Helen Bradley, a student from Miss Wheelock's kindergarten training school in Boston, has been appointed teacher of the West primary school. Miss Bradley has had experience in primary school teaching.

Miss Hazel Bradley, graduate of Lowell Normal school, and a teacher of experience in the grades, has received her appointment to the position of West intermediate school.

Miss Myrtle Fletcher, of the Fitchburg Normal school, has been elected teacher in Parkerville district, Westford.

Fitchburg railroad station was broken into on Monday night and \$900 worth of twelve ride tickets and a ticket punch were taken.

James F. Moore has been a great sufferer from an ulcerated tooth, but is about his usual business again.

William S. Warren, of Cambridge, formerly of South Acton, was in town on Tuesday calling on several relatives.

Miss Abbie McNiff will not open the ice cream parlor at the West End as she had contemplated, since she has been appointed assistant in the Shirley postoffice for the summer.

Charles H. Stineford and family have moved from the Willard O. Gibson house on Harwood avenue to the Manning house at the common, owned by Mrs. Elbert Flagg.

Miss Jessie Smith has decided to remain another week at Peak's Island, Me., where Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith will join her for over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ames, of Somerville, were holiday guests of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.

Rev. Mr. Russell, of Weston, preached in the Unitarian church on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and Mrs. Janet Jacobs have moved into their summer quarters at Spectacle pond.

Mrs. Waldo E. Conant visited her son Ralph in Watertown last week.

Miss Esther Ramsdell contemplates entering the trade school in Somerville this fall.

Miss Dorothy Blodgett spent Sunday and the first of this week with her aunt in Medford.

Mrs. Rose, of Worcester, is visiting Mrs. Adie Loring. For other guests she has her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Cutler, and three children, of Worcester, who are here for three weeks.

The Elmar A. Flagg family spend the Fourth of July with their friends, the Browns, in Danvers.

The school board has elected Chas. H. Cummings, A. M., as principal of the high school. Mr. Cummings is a graduate of Harvard college '12, and Clark university '13. He is the son of Rev. Mr. Cummings, pastor of the Congregational church in Boylston. He will spend the summer in Harrison, Me., where he is to be instructor of boys in Camp Wigwam. His work at the university has been largely in studies in pedagogy, psychology and allied subjects.

The young people of the West End enjoyed a social evening at Harry Hume's home on last week Wednesday. Music, refreshments and a good time, generally were the order of the day.

Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb's sister, who lives in Worcester, has been visiting her at W. H. Davis' on Foster street this week. We are sorry to report Mrs. Whitcomb's increased weakness.

Mrs. Wallace and young son Paul, of Fitchburg, have been visiting at their mother, Mrs. Oscar Shafter, of King street, for a week and a half.

The Backlog club scored a social and financial success at the strawberry festival on last week Thursday evening. The supper was delicious and there was a large company to enjoy it. The entertainment that followed was very pleasing. Select readings were beautifully given by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, Miss Junia Fairfield, John Fairfield, and the autobiography of an American, by Mrs. J. H. Chelmsford. There was read with her usual charm of voice and expression by Miss Maud Mitchell. Miss Eunice Priest delighted the audience with a pretty vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Alice Allen, our talented musician.

Miss Emily Adams is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, previous to going to Hyannis with her sister Lucy for the purpose of attending the summer school two weeks.

The brick and tile factory is doing a rushing business, turning out 6000 bricks a day. The firm has large orders and could dispose of more material and would be glad to make 9000 bricks daily if the capacity of the factory were sufficient.

The Vernon Eaton family is moving into the Callahan cottage on Harwood avenue recently vacated by Mr. Kendall.

Mrs. Lawrence and hospital nurse, Miss Coleman, returned from Clinton in Dr. Hopkins' auto on last Monday. After a week or two at home Mrs. Lawrence is going to Arlington Heights for several weeks.

The Congregational church will be closed the first two Sundays in July. Rev. Mr. Adams, of the Union church in Concord Junction, will preach here the third Sunday and Rev. H. L. Packard will furnish a substitute for the fourth Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Russell, of Weston, preached in the Unitarian church last Sunday.

Miss Hattie Shafter has closed her school and is spending her vacation with her parents on King street.

Rev. William Channing Brown and family, having closed their home on Foster street, left on Tuesday for Chautauque, N. Y., their usual summer home.

Miss Elizabeth Kimball, of Arlington, daughter of the late George A. Kimball, sailed on Monday, June 30, for Europe. She will travel in France and Italy for two months and contemplates remaining abroad for a year. The change is made in part to benefit her health.

from which Henry Loomis, son of Rev. Samuel Loomis, was graduated last month.

Mrs. McClure, of Kentucky, was a week-end guest of Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant, of Parker Village.

Let's you forget—the high school junior fair and dance will be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening, July 9.

Judge Keyes, of Concord, was in town Sunday and attended the Unitarian church.

Miss Jackson, one of our former high school assistants, spent the week-end and Sunday with friends at the Center.

Charles H. Stineford and family have moved from the Willard O. Gibson house on Harwood avenue to the Manning house at the common, owned by Mrs. Elbert Flagg.

Many of the stores in Ayer will be closed on Thursday afternoons from July 10 to September 11.

Miss Ida E. Dow, of Boston, and her Littleton voice and piano pupils gave their third annual concert and dance at their school hall on Friday evening, June 27. All the pupils acquitted themselves creditably. Among the numbers that deserve special mention was the "Doll's dream," played by Margaret Hartwell, who is just completing her first year's study. So piano solos by Mrs. Mary McIntosh, whose sweet voice and charming manner was a treat to all. Misses Elsie Ewings and Elsie Whitney also fine technique and style. Nellie E. Bonnell, a local favorite, played magnificently as usual and received a hearty encore.

Among other good numbers was a duet by Rebecca Millett, Margaret Taylor and Gertrude McClellan. Two novelty numbers were the piano solos "Merry bobolink" and "The grand procession," from "Alice in Wonderland," played by the Misses Kathleen and Marion Drew also rendered a piano duet, "The sleigh ride," pleasingly. A favorite novel by live pupils accompanied the piano by Miss Rebecca Millett. This number was unique and puzzled many at first, but proved a novel favorite. Miss Edna Hartwell rendered a solo with good style and expression.

The Boston artists assisting were Miss Flora Haviland, reader, who pleased all by her charming presence. Paul E. Bennett, tenor, proved a favorite by his sweet, pure voice and pleasing personality. Frank Lincoln played a violin solo with much fire and style. Miss Trueman proved an able accompanist and played a duet with Miss Dow. Miss Dow rendered a solo with much fire and style. Dancing was enjoyed from ten to one o'clock.

DUNSTABLE.

Graduation. The graduating exercises of the Unitarian school on Thursday evening, June 6, were a most interesting affair. The program consisted of a piano duet by Miss Mabel Parker and Miss Ruth Proctor; essay, "A day in the life of a soldier," by Mrs. G. Chapman; recitation, "Curfew shall not ring tonight," Emma Clark; essay, "Sir Galahad," Catherine Rooney; recitation, "The courage of Douglas," by Mrs. G. Chapman. This was followed by an operetta, "Florida, or the rose and pearl," given by the girls of the school, and several grades. The story is that of a little girl, changed to a nightingale and the magic power of a wish, and finally rescued by the discovery of a magic flower called the rose and pearl. The preparation had been done under the supervision of Miss Parker, the pervisor of music, and the presentation showed the result of careful drill. The little girl seemed to enter into the spirit of the play and the scene upon the stage became fascinating.

The audience which filled the hall was not only entertained by the delightful of the whole performance, the well trained voices, the costuming, the naturalness of the acting called forth much praise. After the diplomas were presented to a class of nine by Superintendent Paul.

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

In spite of the vote taken by the house last week, to consider this the final week of the session of the legislature of 1913, the week opened with a general feeling that prorogation would not come until next week. The number of important measures awaiting action at the hands of Governor Foss led many of the wisacres among the lawmakers to lay their plans for a getaway next week rather than this. Early in the morning, however, that Governor Foss was not through with his vetoes, and some believed that a special message on railroad finances would be forthcoming. The week started with these measures demanding the attention of Governor Foss before the legislature could be prorogued.

The Washburn railroad control bill, the "Blue Sky" law regulating the sale of securities, the \$5,000,000 appropriation for harbor development and the question about the Panama-Central appropriation bill, the street railway stock issue bill, the permissive bill for nine hours labor in eleven for all street railway employees; the bill to codify the gas and electric laws, the bill providing for a single-headed fish and fish commission, the eight-hours a day bill for child workers, and several minor matters. Here is a pretty good week's work for any man, and Governor Foss intimated to the writer that he did not like to be hurried.

Surprising opposition to the Mealey milk labelling bill developed early in the week, when the medical men connected with the Baby Hygiene association in Boston asked the governor to veto the bill, which has met with vigorous opposition from the milk contractors. Representative Mealey, in a statement issued in reply said: "My aim in this bill has been to encourage dairy farming in Massachusetts, and to break up this horrid focus of infection upon the consumers of milk. I am sure that the consumers of milk would be glad to have a single-headed fish and fish commission, the eight-hours a day bill for child workers, and several minor matters. Here is a pretty good week's work for any man, and Governor Foss intimated to the writer that he did not like to be hurried."

Of all the year's legislation there stands out most prominently the two big railroad measures, which were passed overwhelmingly over the veto of Governor Foss, indicating the popular demand. These were the Panama-Central bill providing for the new public service commission to take the place of the railroad commission, and the western trolley bill providing increased transportation facilities for Central and Western Massachusetts. The last legislature yielded to the growing popular demand for a greater measure of regulation of the railroads and for increased trolley facilities in a section of the state which has been badly handicapped. The new public service commission has an unmeasurable power for good through the authority given it to regulate fares, service and equipment of railroads and railways throughout the commonwealth, and by its ability, through the much-maligned financial sections of the Washburn act, to allow the railroads to raise funds for needed development. To allow the commission authority to com-

pel, compelling that body to mark time, the senate, which usually waits on the house to "get busy," has been holding back the house this year.

Governor Foss has signed the bill for the reclamation of wet lands. This measure provides that the boards of agriculture and health, acting as a joint board, may, with the approval of the governor and council, take by eminent domain, any wet and unproductive salt marshes, cultivate them by prison labor, for two seasons; and then sell them, and acquire more. The initial appropriation is \$15,000. Some years ago this would have been considered rank socialism.

President Mellen of the New Haven had quite a rest from making recently and has put in his time improving the railway service in New England. The railroad situation in New England received an illumination on Thursday of this week when three bold railroad presidents, one outside New England bearded the lion in his den, so to speak, and addressed the Boston Chamber of Commerce on the movement to secure a five percent increase in railroad rates. The presidents, who thus dared attempt to reason with the shippers were Daniel Willard of the Baltimore and Ohio, W. C. Brown of the New York Central, and Samuel Rea of the Pennsylvania. Despite the opposition of interested trouble-makers the public seems to be showing a more reasonable disposition toward the railroads, and seems to be coming to realize more fully that the interests of the roads and shippers are identical. The way of those who have been using the railroads as an issue for political purposes or personal ends seems to be getting more rocky every day, and the gospel of education started in New England by Mr. Mellen is having its effect against bombast and prejudice.

Governor Foss has signed a bill to require that every town in 1914 shall vote upon the question of requesting the director of the bureau of statistics to audit the town's accounts as is provided for by law.

Of all these measures, the ones in which most interest was taken were the Washburn railroad bill and the western trolley bill. On both measures the votes against the governor were so overwhelming as to leave no doubt that the people, through their representatives in the legislature, were badly. The Washburn bill, which is now a law, enlarges the powers of the railroad commission to give it wide authority over the railroads, street railways and other public service corporations in Massachusetts. The assumption of Governor Foss and his small following in the house and senate, that they represented all the wisdom of the state and the wishes of the people who chose their representatives to vote on these measures, has been widely resented. There are people mean enough to say that the governor is not disappointed at having his vetoes overridden as it gives him a chance to use "the railroad" as a political issue. Those who supported the Washburn bill, however, have good grounds for their action, and the financial sections, about which there was so much hue and cry, are very much in the control of the railroad commission, so that while the roads may be able more easily to raise money for needed improvements, no earthquake in railroad matters is expected.

When it came to the western trolley bill, there was "nothing to it." The arguments advanced by the governor in his message were easily overthrown in the debate which preceded the passage of the bill over the veto. The need of the hill towns of western Massachusetts for better transportation facilities was made so plain in the report of the recess committee that it seemed as though there was no other sensible thing to do than pass the bill over the veto. Some of the members from the hill towns, which have been crying in vain for years for better transportation facilities say that the matter is one not merely of legislation, but had become almost a religion. It is not to be expected that all the lines desired, as outlined by the recess committee, will be constructed. Many of them would not pay for years to come, even as feeders of the New Haven road. But that the more important links will be completed as soon as may be, giving the hill towns communication with the outside world, is not to be questioned.

The failure of the senate to put the Mealey milk labelling bill over the veto of the governor, after the house had passed it, was a great disappointment to Representative Mealey and to many in the agricultural interest. The way is paved, however, for some legislation next year which will benefit the farmers and help settle the milk question, about which there has been endless contention between the farmers and the distributors.

After a session lasting five and one-half months, the legislature of Massachusetts has been prorogued. It made a record in the number of bills and resolutions passed, and the record of vetoes. Eight hundred and nineteen bills were passed and 133 resolves. Thirty-two bills and resolves were vetoed, ten over the governor's veto and twelve became laws without his signature. A striking feature of the session's work has been the large number of laws passed dealing with social and economic subjects. In this respect Massachusetts has passed some legislation that a few years ago would have been looked upon as radical. Labor legislation has also been a marked change of attitude among legislators toward economic matters which a few years ago would have received little consideration.

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pel the roads to improve service and equipment without giving them power to enable the roads to raise money would have been like compelling the roads to make "bricks without straw."

President Charles S. Mellen, of the New Haven road, who has just completed his ten years of service in that position, has celebrated it by sending out a record of the service of that company during the period, with particular justice to the many erroneous statements which have appeared in the yellow journals regarding accidents, and which have been a part of the campaign against the road. He points out that in the ten years there were carried, on 5,078,750 trains, travelling practically a distance of 6341 times around the globe, a total of 755,678,338 fare-paying passengers. In these ten years there have been six accidents in which a total of twenty-nine passengers were killed. As the traffic in New England is the most dense of any similar area in the country because of the high record maintained in the number of trains so much attention. Thus, only one passenger has been killed out of every 26,067,873, which is not such a bad record.

There will be plenty of work done this summer affecting the welfare of the citizens of the commonwealth, no less than eleven new commissions having been created. These are the new railroad board, by the addition of two members; new homestead commission, by the addition of two members; commissions on white slavery, immigration, taxation of wild lands, distribution of expenses of Suffolk county, state county and the state commission to decrease drunkenness, building construction, elevator regulations, pardons and paroles; to represent Massachusetts at the Southern Commercial Congress; construct the new State House addition; provide a retirement system for school teachers, and to investigate erection of a Massachusetts monument at Gettysburg. Governor Foss has a task in making the appointments.

The Panama-Pacific commission finally got its appropriation of \$250,000, so far as the house was concerned, all attempts at amendments being voted down. The measure is expected to receive the approval of the governor in the form in which it left the house. Some of the members of the commission, however, that the agricultural interest should have an appropriation as large as that of the state Board of Education, but in its final form the commission is expected to adjust the appropriation as it thinks most equitable and for the benefit of the state.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGE A. FLETCHER of Boston in the County of Suffolk or to some other suitable person.

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 July at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on the day before said court, and by mailing postpaid a copy of said citation to the heirs-at-law and next of kin of said deceased, seven days at least before said court, and to Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said court, this twenty-first day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

3143 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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

Whereas, ROAH WALLACE and HOWARD B. WHITE the trustees under the will of said deceased, have presented for allowance, the fifth account of their trust under said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the seventh day of July at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said trustees are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the day before said court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons and to the estate in seven days at least before said court, and to Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said court, this eighteenth day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. A baseball team from the C. A. Edgarton Co. factory was defeated in a match game last Saturday afternoon...

Mrs. Charles M. Petersen, in company with her daughter, Miss Gladys, has gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to spend the summer with her sister.

Mrs. S. Louise Butler is spending this week with Rev. and Mrs. Allen Bronson at Millers Falls. We are pleased to report that Mrs. Bronson is improving.

The members of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held its annual Memorial day last Sunday with appropriate service at the Congregational church.

The members marched in a body to the church and listened to a bright, inspiring address by Rev. C. Julian Tutthill, of Mattapoisett, who is the author of the ritual work of the organization.

At the close of the service the members marched to the Village cemetery and decorated the graves of deceased members. Prayer was also offered by Rev. C. Julian Tutthill.

Mr. Tutthill, who is a member of the A. O. U. W., took the text of his sermon from "Barzillai chosen patron saint," and gave a very interesting discourse.

Rural carrier J. Walker Ward is taking his annual vacation. Mrs. Annie E. Ward, regular substitute, is running the route.

J. Walker Ward, rural carrier for this office for the past nine years, is to resign and is to be reinstated and transferred to a rural route in another state at his own request.

William Jubb, Henry Sawtelle and John Bohanon are the three Grand Army veterans from Shirley who were last Saturday to attend the soldiers' reunion at Gettysburg.

Perley Hocous and Miss Lottie Martin were united in marriage on Monday. Both are employed in Miss Park's department of the C. A. Edgarton Co.

The Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook will spend Fourth of July holidays with relatives in Framingham.

Mrs. Edwin B. Smith, of Plainfield, N. J., arrived on Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Felch, for a visit. Her husband will join her Thursday for the Fourth of July holidays.

The Edgarton Company and the Samsom cordage works shut down on Thursday at closing time until Monday morning.

Many of the stores in Ayer will be closed on Thursday afternoons from July 10 to September 11.

Plans Completed. Plans are all completed for the Fourth of July school. The following appointments have been made by Mr. Holland, chairman of the parade committee: Earl C. Merriman, marshal; Walter Desmond aid to marshal; Harry G. Bangs will have charge of the arrangements of teams and numbering same.

The University list church bell will be used to notify participants in the parade to be promptly on hand—the first bell at 7.30 and the second bell at eight o'clock, and the signal for starting the parade will be the firing of a cannon. The official time for the parade to start will be as soon after eight o'clock as possible.

The entire list of participants of the parade will be under the marshal and every participant must obey his orders issued through his aid.

The parade will organize on Harvard road between the cemetery and the Industrial school. The time of march will be from Harvard road to Slab City road, counter marching on Leominster road to Main street, to Railroad square, where the parade will disband and assist in the flag raising.

Prizes for horrible parade will be from ten dollars for first prize, down to one dollar. Blue ribbons will be given for most artistic float and best decorated float. The bands that will furnish music are the Industrial School band, the Lunenburg Brass band and the Lunenburg Military band.

At the conclusion of the ceremony of flag raising there will be a horse race, the contestants being the State School, C. A. Edgarton Co., Samsom cordage works and Shirley fire department. The winners of this contest will be awarded a beautiful silver cup given by Thomas Morin.

Following this will be the sports which are as follows: 100-yd. dash for men—1st prize, pair of \$4.00 Walk-over shoes; 2d prize, \$2.50 suit case.

100-yd. dash for boys, 18 and under—1st prize, \$2.00 outing shoes; 2d prize, box of silk socks.

Three-legged race, open to all—1st prize, \$2.00 umbrella; 2d prize, pocket knife.

50-yd. dash for girls, under 16 years—1st prize, \$2.00 camera; 2d prize, bandeaux.

Egg race, open to all—1st prize, umbrella; 2d prize, apron.

50-yd. dash for 16 and under—1st prize, mesh bag; 2d prize, umbrella.

Target contest, open to all—prize a Martini shirt.

In the evening at 7.30 o'clock there will be a band concert by the Industrial School band opposite the store of Brockelman Bros. and a display of fireworks. Refreshments will be served to all who participate in the parade.

Center. Mrs. A. L. Bumpus and daughter Theodora, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are at W. E. Barnard's for the summer.

Forrest B. Wing, of Roxbury, is spending a short vacation at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Priscilla Sweetser left Saturday to spend the summer with relatives in Cambridge and Reading.

Miss Ruth M. Graves, who graduated last week from Fitchburg Normal school, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Graves, for a few days before going to Oak Bluffs for the summer.

A daughter was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. William Boutillier on Hazen road.

Mrs. A. S. Burnham and daughter Dora, of Revere, are at their home at Woodville for the summer.

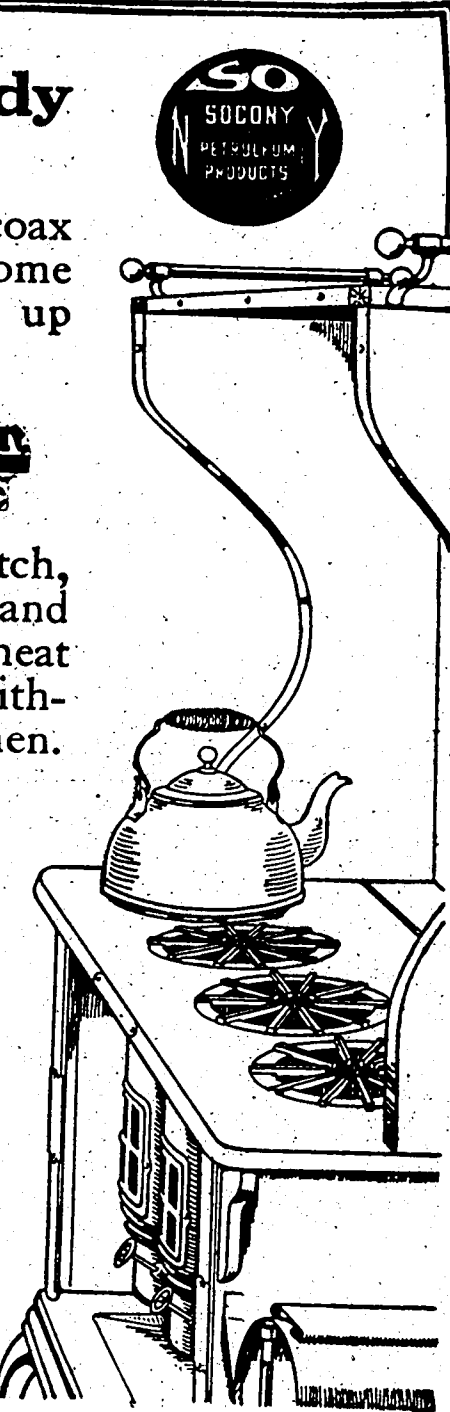
John Grout, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Grout, left last week for Friendship, Me., where he is to spend the summer at the Y. M. C. A. boys' camp there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Derby and Ralph Derby, of North Leominster, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Holden.

The Alliance held its meeting on Friday instead of on Thursday of last week at the First Parish church.

There was a large attendance. The speaker of the afternoon, Rev. Richard Fiske, of Ayer, gave an interesting talk on Florida, touching on the principal events of the early history and concluding with reminiscences of his recent visit there.

At the conclusion of the talk a social hour was in order, during which refreshments were served by the hos-



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of FLORENCE M. HARTWELL late of Shirley in said County, deceased, at the residence of the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth.

Whereas, FREDERICK W. DALINGER public administrator, to whom letters of administration with the will annexed on the estate of said deceased were issued, has presented for allowance the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the seventh day of July, 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Shirley Oracle, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be made at least before said court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said court, and by delivering a copy to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth, fourteen days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this fourth day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3141 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 HERMAN S. ALLEN late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be a will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by the executor therein named, with our 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, on the fourth day of July, 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be admitted to probate.

And said 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 made at least before said court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all 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 June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3142 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of DARICE O. EVANS late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to EUNICE A. EVANS of Townsend in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-first day of July, A. D. 1913, 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 made at least before said court, and by mailing postpaid a copy of said citation to the heirs-at-law and next of kin of said deceased seven days, at least, before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3142 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Saturday, July 5, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items. Zachariah Fitch has a very fine western colt in his pasture which was shipped on by his nephew, William Fitch, of Mason City, Ia. Mr. Fitch expects to locate in the east this fall and his old friends will be glad to see him back.

Mrs. Alice Fitch Miller, who has been in Clear Lake, Ia., since March, reports having a very enjoyable time and likes the western people very much. Mrs. Miller will return the latter part of the summer.

The grammar school graduation exercises of Frankestown, N. H., given under the direction of the teacher, Miss Elsie Shattuck, were held on June 27, and were very highly praised. Miss Shattuck has accepted the invitation to teach the same school another year. She spent the first part of this week at Frankestown, climbing Mt. Crochet on Tuesday, and left on Thursday for a visit with relatives at Pittsfield, N. H.

Mrs. Ellis, of Brown Leaf farm, has gone to her summer home, Longpoint, Clifton Heights. Fitzroy Campbell and John Francis Burrows and John Francis Burrows two English boys have been visiting their godmother, Mrs. C. Z. Southard, for the past ten days. They have been at school in Toronto, Canada, and on their way to Bermuda during the month of July. Among these will be Adah Campbell Hussey, the well-known singer from New York, and Judge Richards Mooty Cahoon, of the New York bench.

Miss Annie L. Gilson and Mrs. Mosey Gilson go this week Saturday to attend the United meetings at the Isles of Shoals.

Perlie P. Fallon, of the New York bar, has not come this summer as he is taking the place of a lawyer who has gone to California.

Miss Lillian Robinson, a graduate of class 1913, Groton high school, and her mother, who have been staying with their relatives, Mrs. W. A. Moore and family, have returned to their home at South Fairlee, Vt.

The Book and Thimble club met with Mrs. Thomas Gilson on Wednesday afternoon. The subject was Japan. Plans for a picnic were discussed. After this meeting the club will take a summer vacation.

The "December Dames" held a picnic at Peppercorn Springs on Monday. There was some "hitch" somehow in the proposed Moore's Store Company and A. H. Luce trade, and it is all off. The proprietors of the Moore's Store Company reported their store at six o'clock on Monday evening under the same management as heretofore.

F. M. Blood and family went into camp for the week-end and over last Sunday.

J. E. Adams has bought a new Reo automobile on the lot of Dr. Page, of Fitchburg. Harry Paterson is learning to be the chauffeur.

Miss Gladys Mason attended the alumni reception and reunion of her class at Fitchburg Normal on last week Friday afternoon.

Alfred P. Dix, of New York, for five days the recent guest of his niece Mrs. C. Z. Southard, came particularly to see the changes made at Dixhouse which is the house where he was born. Mr. Dix was nervously tired and for this reason denied himself white here the other pleasure of meeting his many Groton friends.

William A. Lawrence and son, Carl A. P. Lawrence, left home on Monday forenoon, going to Montreal, Canada. They are going to visit London, Paris, Belgium and other places. They return on August 5.

Matthew Hale and another gentleman, both on horseback ride from Boston, were at the Groton Inn last week Friday evening. A number of the Progressive party in Groton and from other towns in its vicinity assembled to meet them at the Inn.

Major Moses P. Palmer took the five o'clock train at Ayer on Monday morning, going to the Gettysburg battle grounds where he fought fifty years ago.

The little infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Palmer, and granddaughter of Mrs. M. P. Palmer, was six weeks old last Sunday. She is named Martha Eaton for her paternal grandmother, who was a wartime bride of Capt. Palmer a half century ago. The marriage took place in the Congregational church, Rev. E. A. Bulkeley performing the ceremony.

On last Sunday Miss Lena L. Tuttle came over from Lancaster with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Sargent, and family, to call on Groton friends. They made the drive here and back in their auto. Miss Tuttle goes to Old Orchard for the summer, and in the fall will return to the position as teacher in the grammar school at Boscawen, N. H.

Miss Grace Spencer, of Ware, was a recent guest of Miss Gladys Mason.

Rev. J. Graham, of Colrain, supplied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday.

The engagement of Miss Luella Beebe and Charles O. Norstrom, of Medford, is announced.

Mrs. Mary Priest, of Littleton (Dr. Priest's mother) has been a recent guest of Mrs. Fanny Sampson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitcomb and Ralph came from Sharon on last Saturday in their automobile and spent Sunday with Mrs. Whitcomb's sister, Mrs. Fannie Forbes. They returned home on Monday.

The new large porch, a recent addition built on Groton Inn, is now painted and enclosed with screening. It will prove a place of comfort to many of the summer guests.

Miss Selma K. Bradley was one of the graduating class of Groton high who took examinations last week for the Fitchburg Normal school, and will enter next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett and child are guests for this week of their sister, Mrs. Chester Blodgett.

Mrs. George M. Howe left home last Saturday morning for the family cottage at Mere Point, Me.

Dr. Kilbourn is making fine progress in recovering from his recent operation. He has been able to take short drives out.

Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Bartlett and Miss Underhill, Dr. Underhill's sister, have rooms at A. A. Wood's and are taking meals at Miss Vickery's.

A new telephone subscriber is S. H. Raddin at "Fernwood" call 70. Little Miss Hazel Raddin, of the home, is entertaining a visitor, Christine Farrar, from North Shirley.

The W. R. C. held a regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon. There will be no further meetings until the third Thursday in August.

A man, name unknown, carried out quite a scheme here on Monday, operating first as the story goes, at the paper mill where he told the book-keeper he was to begin working in the mill but must first look up some rooms. He came up towards town and called at number of houses in the village and looked at different rooms, but always very thoroughly inspecting them very persistently and carefully, and at every place asked for a drink of water. Among the places was the house of Abel Lawrence and his sister, Mrs. Davis, aged people who live on Hollis street. Here he secured a pocketbook containing some where near five dollars. The last seen of him he was going towards Ayer. Chief Riley is on the watch and probably he has been working the same game. Some people think he is crazy.

The Groton Water Company is about to run pipes down Common and Champney streets and continue on to the water works. The new subscribers to furnish water to new subscribers on these streets.

Everett C. Williams and George L. Boynton got through with their duties as jurymen at court in Lowell on last week Thursday.

During the heated term this week the thermometer in Groton has registered up in the nineties and even to 100 degrees and over, according to different localities.

Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning the chicken yard of Badda-cook farm was visited and from fifty to seventy-five half-grown or smaller chickens were taken to the grove. The fowls were disturbed. At about midnight, everything was all right, but someone going out at three in the morning found the coops empty and dead chickens lying around. They stretched in a line over a ditch leading from the yard, some of them being buried, their feet just appearing above the ground. From the tracks which were both large and small, and from the facts, it was altogether likely the work of a fox with some of her young.

Many of the stores in Ayer will be closed on Thursday afternoons from July 10 to September 11.

Alumni Meeting. The high school alumni meeting of Saturday June 28 was a very successful gathering. It opened in the afternoon with a ball game on Lawrence playground between an alumni nine and the high school team. The former team was victorious by a score of 6 to 4. A business meeting preceded the social gathering of the evening. At this meeting the following officers were elected for another year: James T. Bennett, pres.; Harold C. Gilson, Mrs. F. A. Torrey, vice pres.; Miss Sylvia Lawrence, sec.; Miss Clarissa Coburn, treas. J. F. Donahue, Jr., Miss Marguerite Leonard were chosen executive committee.

The Hubbard orchestra, of Lowell, furnished music and dancing was quite generously enjoyed. "A scheme that failed," was the title of a play well acted by Mrs. Elizabeth Rockwood, Mrs. Bessie Sherwin, Mrs. Catherine Wheelock, Miss Florence Southard, Harry L. Bruce and Daniel Needham. Ice cream and cake were served.

Funeral. The funeral services of Mrs. Rebecca Champney, widow of Nathaniel Champney, were held at her late home on Court street on Monday afternoon. Her pastor, Rev. George M. Howe, officiated and interment was in Groton cemetery. There were many beautiful flowers. Mrs. Livermore passed away after a long illness on Friday, June 28. She was born at Phillips town on August 6, 1822, the daughter of the late Francis C. and Rebecca Miller Champney. Mr. and Mrs. Livermore were both descendants of Groton families, whose names are to be found in the annals of its history.

Mr. Livermore was about thirty-five years ago the undertaker in town. Mrs. Livermore was a lady of quiet, refined tastes, of true christian character, highly esteemed by all her friends. She has been tenderly cared for by her two sisters, Mrs. Parsons and Miss Champney, whose home has been together with her's on Court street for many years.

Town Meeting. There was a special town meeting held in town hall on Monday evening. For a special town meeting there was a good attendance of voters. Some women interested in the schoolhouse subject were also present. Henry W. Whiting was chosen moderator and the following articles were acted upon:

Art. 1. To act on report of the committee on schoolhouses. The report of committee was read and accepted. That part relative to West Groton and the building of a new schoolhouse for that village was adopted.

Art. 2. To appropriate a sum of money to build or repair schoolhouses or take any action in relation to school buildings. The sum of \$12,500 was voted for a new schoolhouse at West Groton with land necessary for site. George H. Bixby offered to give land for location. It was voted to leave the decision of whether to accept this offer of Mr. Bixby's or to purchase land in another location with the building committee. The appointment of a committee of three to select a building committee of five was left with the moderator.

The motion was put to discontinue the Chaplin school and repair the high school building. This motion was carried.

It was voted to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to erect a new high school building, the proposed location of said building to be on the so-called Kilbourn cottage site near cottage and laundry. This Kilbourn cottage and land is the property of Dr. F. E. Gilson.

It was also voted to appropriate \$5000 to remodel the present high school building for the use of the grammar and lower grades. The building to be repaired and the schoolhouse committee be discharged with thanks for their services.

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Before I approach the general subject as presented by the appointed committee on school buildings I wish to state, most emphatically, that I heartily approve of the new West Groton school. West Groton is entitled to the building. West Groton should have the building, and I am sure that all just and fair-minded citizens will vote for the new schoolhouse in that district.

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The present high school building, utterly inadequate for high school work, without large expense, but eminently appropriate for the grade work, with very slight expense, the grade work in this department containing two grades each; these rooms we have in the present high school building with ample additional room for proper lavatories, ante-rooms and a general assembly room for special occasions on the top floor, with a playground finished up in the basement. This last item is absolutely necessary to the schools in a town of this character where many children come from outside districts, because it violates all sanitary requirements to have the children using the school rooms as play rooms at intermission in bad weather, creating dust and consuming air, when the rooms should be left open to the outside air preparatory to the next session.

According to the modern system of education, each and every child should have the best, and this can only be accomplished by departmental teaching, where this departmental teaching cannot be carried out where the grades are separated by distance, as would be the case if the proposed plan of the committee were carried out. By departmental teaching, men and teachers who specialize in particular courses pass from grade to grade instructing the children in their specialties, thus enabling a teacher to follow a child through its whole course of instruction in any one of its specialties.

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If anything is done at this time beyond building the new school in West Groton let us prepare the present Butler building for the grade schools, as previously suggested, and build a simple two-story wooden structure of four rooms for the high school, which building shall be properly equipped to meet modern requirements of health and education as far as our present knowledge goes. It is not the showy outside of a building which does credit to a town, but the completeness of detail in the inside, and the perfect product which issues from its doors.

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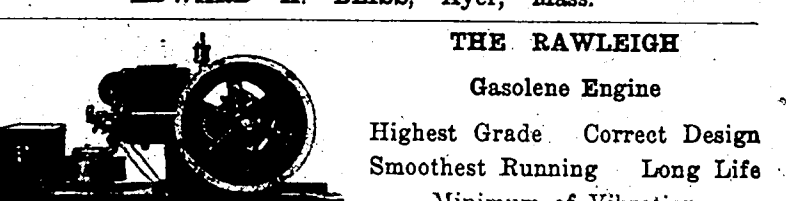
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AYER.

News Items. The food sale connected with the garden party and social afternoon to be held at the home of Mrs. Lyman Clark on Thursday afternoon, July 10, will commence at three o'clock. Ice cream will be on sale. If weather is unfavorable, it will be held on the first fair day.

A train of seventeen cars bearing the New Hampshire delegation to Gettysburg for the fiftieth anniversary of the famous battle passed through here last Saturday evening, coming from Nashua.

The fire department was called out to Samuel Sloski's house on West Main street last Saturday night on account of a chimney fire. There was no damage.

The Ayer A. A. were defeated by the Pepperell A. A. in that town on last Saturday afternoon in a free hitting and loosely played game by a score of 14 to 7. The battery for the Ayer team was Donahue and Auld.

Mrs. Hill has closed her restaurant on Merchants' row for a few weeks. Judge George A. Sanderson and the court and county officers on duty at the civil term at Salem during the term ending last week were the guests of the jurors serving during the term at an outing at Nahant last Saturday.

The police department ask the celebrators of the Fourth and the night before to have consideration for those who are confined in homes through sickness, and ask that they refrain from making any unnecessary noise near the sick people's houses. The police also ask that in view of the very dry weather that persons be careful in discharging fire crackers and other articles that might cause a fire.

Daniel Burke, who has been in the employ of Edward O. Proctor both in Ayer and West Groton where Mr. Proctor was formerly engaged, has resigned here, for nineteen years, and taken a position as driver of the new furniture truck which J. J. Barry & Co. have recently purchased.

Misses Nellie McNiff and Helen Griffin are at home for the summer vacation from their duties as school teachers at Harrisville, E. I.

Calvin Blood picked a strawberry in his garden this week that measured seven and a half inches in circumference.

Mrs. George C. Peterson and daughter, Miss M. Peterson of Fitchburg, formerly of Ayer, were in town for the graduation exercises and reception of the senior class of the high school last week Thursday and Friday evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Boutwell and family of Gorton, Mass., Brooks have gone to Mountain View, N. Y., where they will remain for several weeks.

Mrs. C. S. Viall, of Baldwinville, visited here last week. Miss Blanche Palmer, of Fitchburg, a former resident of Ayer, was in town and attended the graduating exercises of the high school.

The Whitaker-Cushing Co. have installed at Proctor's garage an Ingersoll-Rand electric compressor for pumping up tires.

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Mrs. A. L. Bumpus, wife of the former vicar of St. Andrew's church, and daughter Theodora of Brooklyn, N. Y., are spending the summer at W. E. Barnard's, Shirley Center.

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Fred D. Cosman of Concord, N. H., electrician, went to work the first of the week for the Ayer Electric Light Co., taking the place of Ransford E. Munroe.

Miss Julia Hooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hooley, a teacher of the seventh grade at Lancaster street school, Leominster, has been given a raise of one dollar a week in salary, making her salary now sixteen dollars per week.

The piano recital given Monday afternoon by the pupils of Mrs. L. B. Graydon at her home was a very interesting and enjoyable occasion. The pleasant rooms were well filled with the relatives and friends of the pupils and the young people acquitted themselves creditably. Piano solos were given by Helen Graydon, Doris Dickerman, Blanche Morse, Marion Dwinell, Cella Maynard, Reginald MacDonnell, Irene and Blanche Hassam, who also gave a duet, Raymond Miller, Helen Savage, Francis Mullin, Marion Proctor, Agnes King, Leah Wheeler, Bertha Phelps, Dorothy Robbins, Doris Durant, Charlotte Sanderson, Ruth Thacher and Adele Hoynton. At the close of the recital there was a social hour during which ice cream was served by Mrs. Graydon, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Hamblett.

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Ralph Streeter of Springfield is the guest this week of his sister, Mrs. George Fillebrown.

Louis Sargent of Boston is having a vacation this week which he is spending with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Sargent.

A law recently passed by the legislature provides for a severe penalty to those who violate its provisions. The law in brief says that all barrels, boxes and other packages in transit, containing lobsters shall be marked with the word "Lobsters" in capital letters, at least one inch in length. The full name of the shipper and the said mark shall be placed in a plain and legible manner outside the packages in which the lobsters are transported. The penalty for the first offense of the shipper in violation of this law is a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars and for the second of-

fense fifty dollars. The penalty for persons or corporations as common carriers knowingly transporting lobsters in violation of the law is a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

The following list of jurors have been posted by the selectmen:

Philip R. Andrew, Richard Barrett, Howard M. Beverly, William Brown, Michael J. Carey, Bill W. Carley, Geo. Cole, John C. Duff, Frank Donlon, Harry R. Draper, Elmer E. Duncklee, Harrison E. Evans, Michael J. Griffin, Patrick Keating, Joseph Kyle, Percy N. Lawrence, Joseph M. Mason, Charles W. Mason, Daniel W. Mason, Fred C. Morrison, Charles A. Mullin, James O'Brien, Martin H. O'Neil, Warren L. Preble, Edward A. Richardson, Alfred J. Richardson, Edward E. Sawyer, Charles E. Sherwin, Arthur M. Sullivan, Ernest L. Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner and two children have rented a cottage at Beachwood, Me. for the month of July and expect to start in a few days. Mr. Turner will return after a visit of a few days.

The usual good moving picture show will be given in Page hall on Saturday evening. The golden board or "burned alive" feature picture which was advertised to appear on Wednesday night's show failed to arrive on time and will be given at the Saturday night show in addition to the other attractions.

Fifteen girls connected with the local telephone exchange are exchanging cards at the Taft cottage at Sandy pond. A fine cook from Winchendon has been engaged and is preparing appetizing viands for the party. Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Farnum are with the party as chaperones.

John Mattson has left the employ of Ira G. Dwinell at his store and has taken a position of a similar nature in Rosindale. Roger C. Lawrence has taken his place.

Mrs. John T. Sherman received word Monday that her son, Edward J. Sherman, was badly injured at Troy, N. Y. No details of the accident have yet been sent to his folks here. According to reports, the young man's left foot was badly crushed and may have to be amputated. He also received three severe lacerations on his head and his hands were scratched. It is supposed that the injuries were caused by a railroad train.

James H. Maloney has returned from London, Mich., where he has been for the past few days. Dr. Arthur W. Carley, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carley, who is on the physicians' staff of St. Elizabeth hospital, Dayton, Ohio, is at the home of his parents for his vacation.

Mrs. Henry J. Zoller underwent a surgical operation on last Saturday night which was performed by Drs. Bulkeley and Hopkins. She is doing fairly well.

Mrs. Mary Moore has sold out her interest in the Globe hotel which she has conducted for many years, and will take a much needed rest. The new proprietress is Mrs. Hattie B. Millet, of Ashburnham, and she took possession on Thursday of this week.

A. A. Clements, a fireman on the Fitchburg division, whose home is at 148 Columbus avenue, Boston, was overcome by the heat in the railroad car on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Sullivan attended him after which he was able to go to his home late in the afternoon.

At the Baptist church on Sunday there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas at 10:45 in the morning, which will be followed by communion, Sunday school at twelve, prayer meeting and young people's chorus at seven in the evening.

Morris Schwartz has bought Gill's lunch cart on Merchants' row. He says he intends to put it in first-class condition and will run it equal to the best. Mr. Gill intends to go to the beach for the summer.

The water fountain is now in running order at the town park. The fountain is of the bubble variety and there is also a faucet attached. Already it is giving excellent satisfaction.

Mrs. Joseph Lambert underwent a serious internal operation at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., last week Friday. Her condition is reported as serious.

Arrangements Completed. The Fourth of July committee have all arrangements nearly perfected and all indications point to the most successful day ever held in the vicinity. There are several new features and surprise ones say there will be some surprises when the program is laid out for inspection. The old Col. Needham hand tub will be in line with the rest of our up-to-date fire apparatus. This famous tub was used in the great fire of 1872 when nearly the entire town was burned and it is in about as good condition as ever at the present time. It is used now for fighting fires outside the hydrant limit.

The great baseball game between the business and professional men at the town park in the morning promises to be a real warm contest. In spite of the intense heat of the past week both sides have been practicing regularly for the greatest out-door spectacle ever presented before the people. The gaze of the assembled multitude.

There was one feature which was inadvertently omitted in the program published last week, the burlesque team for which prizes of one dollar and fifty cents, respectively, will be given for the best two teams.

There is a last word before the celebration that the committee respectfully wishes to emphasize, and that is that those taking part in the parade be on hand promptly at 7:30 in the morning at the town hall. Any delay in getting started will seriously interfere with the remainder of the program, and that, of course, is undesirable. If the contestants will keep this fact in mind they will assist the hard working committee and the people co-operating with it, in making the celebration a memorable one for the town of Ayer.

High School Reception. The reception of the senior class of the high school was given on Friday evening of last week in the town hall, and as usual, a large and excellent party, consisting of the members of the school and other invited guests, attended.

The hall was tastefully decorated, the chief colors used being green and gold entwined. The stage was also adorned with potted plants.

A reception was given to the invited guests between eight and nine o'clock. The matrons were Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason and Mrs. Austin E. Lawrence. After the reception the grand march was formed which was led by George H. Brown, chairman of the school committee, and Miss Laura Leavitt, one of the assistant teachers in the high school. General dancing followed until a late hour. Refreshments were served at eleven o'clock.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful picture to the school as a gift of the graduating class. The presentation was made by Frank E. Brown, the

president of the class, and the gift was thankfully received by Chairman George H. Brown, a member of the school committee, in behalf of the school. Altogether the reception was a most delightful occasion.

Changes in Time. Owing to lack of space in last week's issue we were unable to give the full list of changes in time which went into effect last Monday and Tuesday on Monday, June 23. The changes are as follows:

West bound—Train formerly leaving Ayer at 5:06 a. m., leaves at 5:08; train formerly leaving Ayer at 12:13 p. m., leaves at 12:11; train formerly leaving at 3:46 p. m., leaves at 3:48; train formerly leaving at 3:43 p. m., leaves at 3:44; train formerly leaving at 8:37 p. m., leaves at 8:35.

East bound—Train formerly leaving at 5:58 a. m., leaves at 5:50; train formerly leaving at 7:55 a. m., now leaves at 7:51; train formerly leaving at 9:16 a. m., is discontinued; train formerly leaving at 9:20, leaves at 9:15 a. m.; train formerly leaving at 11:05, leaves at 11:02; train formerly leaving at 2:58 p. m., leaves at 2:59; train formerly leaving at 4:32, leaves at 4:37 p. m.

Sundays, west bound—Train formerly leaving at 10:20 a. m., runs through Bellows Falls; train formerly leaving at 8:37 p. m., leaves at 8:35.

East bound—Train formerly leaving at 5:58 a. m., leaves at 5:50; train formerly leaving at 7:55 a. m., leaves at 7:51; train formerly leaving at 9:20, leaves at 9:15; train formerly leaving at 10:24, leaves at 10:24; train formerly leaving at 4:45 p. m., is discontinued.

The express formerly arriving here at 4:21 a. m. will stop at all stations between Fitchburg and Boston, arriving here at 4:33; train formerly leaving at 7:55 a. m., leaves at 7:51; other changes were given in last week's issue.

It is rumored that the Boston and Maine intends to further curtail the service, but no official notice has been given of any change that might affect the Fitchburg and Boston, or the Worcester, Nashua and Portland divisions.

Children's Day. At the Unitarian church on Sunday Children's day was observed with service was by the Sunday school. An unusual and pleasing feature was the presentation of the regular lesson work by one of the classes. There were recitations for the children. Bible selections by the school. Hymns were recited by Miss Doris Fletcher and Miss Natalie Bigelow. Geo. McDonald's poem "Baby" was given by Helen Graydon and Beryl Proctor.

These recitations for the children were: "Beautiful thoughts," Dorothy Garman; "The cherry tree," Helen Graydon; "The dandelion," Marion Dwinell; "What would happen," Willard Garman; "The sailor," Beryl Proctor; "The death of Moses," Gladys Porter; Miss Rebecca Pierce was pianist.

A brief report of the Sunday school work was given by the superintendent, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, and remarks by Rev. Dr. Fisk, the pastor. Attention was called to the cradle roll, which contains sixteen names. At the close of the exercises potted plants were distributed to the pupils, teachers and visiting children.

To the Editor: Bennett H. Young, an ex-confederate, who pleaded recently at Gettysburg for pensions from the United States government for the ex-confederate soldiers was the man who led the raid of confederates from Canada in November 1864, on the banks at St. Albans, Vt., and robbed them of \$80,000 when three men were killed and many wounded.

The \$80,000 was paid back by the Canadian government a few years after. Two years ago this same young man was mentioned to be invited to deliver the address on May 30 at St. Albans. The address was made by the man who led that stamp that had robbed them and murdered their citizens should address them on such an occasion. The writer lived in Vermont at that time and remembers that raid plainly.

Wm. H. Lynds, Lowell.

After an absence from his pulpit for a month, Rev. Clyde L. Nevins will again occupy his place at the Methodist church.

During his stay in Pennsylvania, he has been observing a few things among others Mr. Nevins has noticed that what the world needs is not more religion or more christianity. If those who profess christianity would only live as christians there would soon be a transformation in the conditions of the people. He extends a most cordial invitation to all to hear his sermon July 6, on "The great need."

The Sunday evening service will be resumed again at the usual hour of 7:30.

District Court. Joseph Christie pleaded guilty to maintaining a common nuisance at Ashby and was fined fifty dollars last Saturday.

Fred Shank, of Ashburnham, was arraigned on the same charge on the same date and his case was continued until July 14.

Victor Allo, of Groton, last Saturday was found guilty of cruelty to animals and fined twenty dollars.

Benjamin Butterfield was in court on the same complaint and the case was dismissed.

A case of unusual interest was heard on Thursday morning, the defendant, Chester T. Kent, of Groton, being charged with two violations of automobile law. The specific complaints against him were recklessly driving an automobile through Main street at a speed of running at unreasonable speed in the same area on last Sunday. Since the repeal of the law arbitrary fixing the speed limit to a certain number of miles per hour, the matter of determining the guilt of the defendants is left with the court, with such help in the way of decisions that it may gain from the supreme court.

Chief Riley, of Groton, told Judge Atwood of timing Kent over a given space on last Sunday and four that he had driven his machine at a limit of approximately thirty miles an hour, and that in the area of Main street he failed to sound his horn, although there were several intersecting streets meeting the main thoroughfare through which people passed. There were also several automobiles on the street at the same time.

The court summed up the evidence at length and in the course of his remarks plainly told the defendant that automobile drivers as a rule have a mistaken idea that they have more privileges on the highway than foot passengers or vehicles other than automobiles. The idea, says the court, is altogether wrong. All the above classes have an equal right to the use of the highway and any imposition on such rights is contrary to law.

On the charge of driving at unreasonable speed the court ordered the defendant discharged, and on the complaint of recklessly operating the automobile he was found guilty and at the request of Chief Riley the case was placed on file.

German pencil factories produce annually about 3,000,000 gross of lead, colored, copying and slate pencils and penholders.

WESTFORD.

About Town. The H. E. Fletcher Company, who generally head the progressive procession as business is tabulated, have added a "Farrel law crusher." This machine has a jaw capacity of 36x42 inches and a stone eight foot long is but a frail toy for it. This is a labor saving machine and is warranted not to strike.

Hazel Fletcher has been ill with diphtheria at her attractive home on Oak Hill, where she resides. Hon. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, Dr. Wells is in attendance and the disease met with some skilled resistance.

John Flynn, Jr., is ill at his home on the Stony Brook road with lumbago and other affections.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm had early peas for dinner on the Fourth. What do you think about that, you Superintendent Smith, of Grantville, who wished to be remembered to this farm. This is the plain facts Smith, true to nature. No borrowed peas, no purchased peas about this farm, and also moved the previous question and new potatoes came forth from the ground and were ground for dinner at the above farm on the above July date.

General H. Decatur, as teacher in Port H. H. Decatur, at home on Wednesday evening for the summer vacation and hay field tanning.

The Unitarian church will be closed for the summer vacation during July and August.

Among the many acts of kindness perpetrated by the last legislature was a non-paid commission to investigate the damage done by the pheasants and to what extent this damage, if any, is offset by their insect eating habits. At the hearing before the committee on fisheries and game, a few found to testify that they had lost a few cents' worth of corn through the destructive pheasant and they were ready to annihilate. The pheasants are happy and numerous in the Stone Brook valley. A few cents' worth of damage is a very large damage to charge up to them. The commission had better equip themselves with microscopes to search for damage.

A large forest fire is reported on Oak Hill and still continuing. This is one of the worst forest fires that has ever occurred in this section. It will cover many towns and has much territory to dwell in.

Alister F. McDougal, a graduate of Massachusetts Agricultural college, class of 1913, is early and with an appointment from the college as instructor in charge of auto demonstration outfit. This duty will take him to the towns in Massachusetts to give demonstrations in spraying, pruning, milk testing and other useful things, including general advice. His last is one of the evident needs of our over-diffusive farming and a little concentrated wisdom might do much to concentrate the aim. McDougal is a native of Westford. He has made an exceptional college course. He won the Grinnell prize for excellence in agricultural knowledge and was a member of the corn and stock judging team.

Death. Mrs. Sarah Heywood Trumbull, who died at her summer home in Beverly last Saturday, was a native of Westford and was born at Forge Village, the daughter of Amos and Lydia (Buck) Heywood. She attended the old historic Westford academy in 1841, when John Kober was principal, and was a member of the Union Evangelical church. Long will she be remembered for her labor of love for the church of her ancestry. Later in life and with same love of loyalty to truth she became actively identified with the Unitarian denomination.

Since the death of her husband seventeen years ago she had made her winter home with Miss Harriet B. Rogers, of Billerica, a long-time friend and former teacher in Westford. Mrs. Trumbull was a cultured life which "shined more and more into the perfect day."

The funeral took place at her home in Beverly on Tuesday and burial in Fairview cemetery, Westford, beside the early loves of kindred.

GROTON.

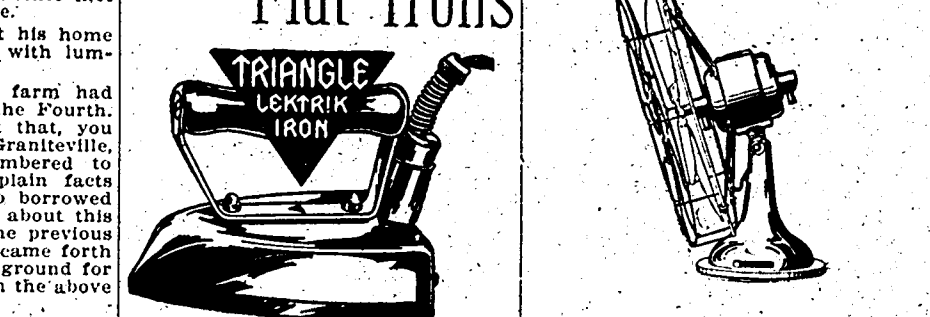
List of Contributions. The committee wish to report the following contributions to fund presented to James Rywater by his friends:

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Contributions \$305.50 Realized from entertainment 20.90 Total \$326.40

DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

The defeat of the bill to place the assessors in the various cities and towns of the commonwealth under the supervision and direction of the tax commissioner was a foregone conclusion. Members from all over the state made the plea that the measure contemplated a serious infringement on home rule in local matters, now enjoyed by the cities and towns of the commonwealth, and for that reason urged the rejection of the bill.

Some important taxation measures have received the approval of the governor and become law. One act provides that the financial year in towns shall terminate on the thirty-first day of December.

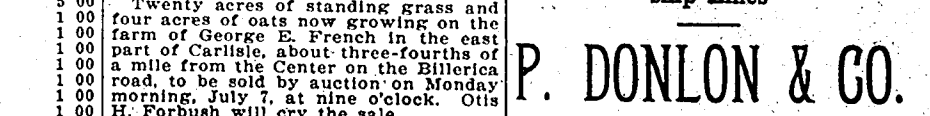
Twenty acres of standing grass and four acres of oats now growing on the farm of George E. French in the east part of Carlisle, about three-fourths of a mile from the Center on the Billerica road, to be sold by auction on Monday morning, July 7, at nine o'clock. Otis H. Forbush will cry the sale.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS.

I take this opportunity of thanking those neighbors and friends who so kindly remembered me with postcards and letters of sympathy during my recent illness.

GEORGE G. PUFFER. Ayer, July 3, 1913.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That a public hearing will be given at the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall on Monday Evening, July 7, 1913, at eight o'clock, on the petition of the Town of Ayer, by its Board of Water Commissioners, dated June 17, 1913, for permission to construct a line of poles and wires for the transmission by electricity by telephone for the use of said Town of Ayer upon, along and across the public ways shown in the plan accompanying said petition, which will be exhibited at said hearing.

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EDWARD A. RICHARDSON, Secretary. July 1, 1913. 1143.

NOTICE. We, the undersigned agree to close our stores Thursday at twelve o'clock noon, from July 10 to September 11, inclusive. George H. Brown, Geo. B. Turner & Son, Fletcher Bros., A. H. Luce, Ethel K. Bruce, J. P. Fitch, Geo. L. Davis, Jos. W. Murray. Ayer, Mass., June 19, 1913. 2142

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TOWNSEND.

West. The nominating committee of the West Townsend Brotherhood met at the parlors on Friday evening of last week and brought in the following list of officers and committees for the ensuing year: Carl B. Willard, pres.; Frank Boutelle, v. p.; Herman Stokney, sec.; Ashbel Streeter, treas.; George Adams, Duncan Rusk and George Upton, visiting com.; Dr. H. B. Boynton, Alexander Reed and Warren Elliott, social com.; Justin C. Hodgman, George A. Seaver and Fred A. Patch, membership com.; James Rusk, Alden Sherwin and Charles Hodgman, boys' work; Dr. R. S. Ely, Henry B. Hathaway and William Webster, committee on personal interest.

Miss Agnes Wilson, of Waltham watch factory, is enjoying a vacation at her home here and Miss Myrtle Hart, also employed in the factory, is with her mother, Mrs. William Robinson, of Main street.

The Rev. J. F. Fielden, of Winchendon, preached at the Baptist church on Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. Ringrose, who preached at the Highland Baptist church in Fitchburg, and his interesting sermon on "The children of God" was greatly enjoyed by all. The meeting of the Brotherhood at noon was in charge of Herman Stokney in the absence of the pastor, and the Y. P. S. C. E. was conducted by Howard Eastman.

The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Justin C. Hodgman had one of the horses of his pair of driving horses quite ill, overcome with the heat on Monday afternoon so that the services of a veterinarian were required.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, who have been spending their vacation with relatives here have returned to their home in Lewiston, Me., accompanied by Miss Gladys Rawson, who will spend the summer with them.

The library closed for a few weeks on last Saturday and the reading-room, according to Mrs. Homer's orders, will be open all day from ten in the morning until eight in the evening during the months of July and August for the accommodation of all who wish to enjoy the magazines.

Mrs. Sarah Lawrence has left Charles Hodgman's and Miss Ruth Hayden is assisting there for the present.

Foster Hamilton has taken the place of Fred A. Patch as janitor of the Baptist church during his absence in Maine.

Mrs. I. P. Sherwin and son have returned from Staten Island, N. Y., accompanied by Mrs. Lois Vose, who will spend a few months with them.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh and little daughter, who have been spending their vacation with relatives in the village, have returned to their home in Somerville.

Miss Alice Welch, of Everett, is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Mary Welch, at Charles R. Morgan's.

Miss Laura Weeks and Miss Lois Doleau, from Rouses Point, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman.

Mrs. S. W. Tyler and son Elliot, from Dorchester, and Mount-Steven Willard, from Brookline, are stopping with Mrs. James A. Willard.

Harry Streeter, son of Mrs. Mary Streeter, and Louis Streeter, her grandson, both from Waltham, have been recent guests of Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowan Allen and children visited relatives in town Sunday and were accompanied to their home in Groton on their return by Mrs. H. S. Kiddy, Mrs. Allen's mother.

Mrs. Hall and children, from Concord Junction, are with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wood, of Main street.

Ralph Glazier and family, from Pennsylvania, are visiting Mrs. Lizzie Glazier at Mrs. Perkins' cottage.

Both John Grant, uncle of Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, and Horace Sanders, who is employed at Mervin Hodgman's have been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Hattie Blood has been spending a few days at her home in Mason, N. H.

Albert Wilson, of Bayberry hill, is entertaining his brother from Jay, Vt.

Death. James A. Willard, whose sudden and severe illness was reported in last week's paper, passed away at his home on Friday morning of last week, being confined to his bed for only two days, suffering from an organic disease of the heart. Although in very feeble health for the past few years, his death was sudden at the last, and a great shock to many of his friends and relatives. He leaves a widow and four children—George Willard, of Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. S. W. Tyler, of Dorchester; Ralph H. Willard, of Chester; and Carl B. Willard, of this village; also, four grandchildren, and he was aged 71 years and 22 days.

Funeral services were held at his late residence at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon. Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of the Baptist church, officiating, assisted by a delegation of the G. A. R., the interment being in the family lot at New Ipswich, the G. A. R. acting as escort, the three sons and the son-in-law acting as bearers. Two beautiful solos, "Lead, kindly light" and "Near-er my God to thee" were sung by Miss Stella Farrar, of the Center, and after a prayer and very helpful and inspiring address by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, the chaplain of the delegation from the E. V. Sumner post, G. A. R., of which he was a member, read the impressive G. A. R. burial service, the bugler sounding a selection from "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and taps over the flag draped casket. A profusion of beautiful flowers and floral pieces filled the room testifying to the sympathy and affection of relatives and friends.

A brief service was held at the grave. Rev. Ringrose reading the twenty-third psalm and offering prayer, the bugler rendering a verse of "Lead kindly light" and taps. Friends and relatives were present at the funeral services at the house of Mrs. Ashburnham, Ashby, Shirley, Dorchester, Brookline, Newton, Leominster and Fitchburg, a delegation of about twenty-five veterans from the E. V. Sumner post, Fitchburg, and the Townsend Memorial association, also, delegates from the Sons and Daughters of Veterans of the Center and West Townsend.

James Albert Willard was the son of George and Abbie Willard, of Townsend, and was born in what is known as the upper hotel at the Center on June 5, 1842. Much of his life had been spent in Winchendon, Ashby, New Ipswich and Ayer, returning to West Townsend about twenty years ago. He enlisted at the commencement of the war in the First Massachusetts Cavalry, Co. L, serving

In several engagements, being mustered out in May of 1863. He was a member of the E. V. Sumner post, Fitchburg, of the Townsend Memorial association.

For several years past he has been in failing health, suffering extremely from heart disease, but patient and courageous in his affliction and retaining his interest in the affairs of his home and village life. An honored and respected member of the community, a kind friend and neighbor, his loss is deeply felt by a large circle of friends as well as in his home.

Center. David Howard has accepted a position as a director in the boys' camps at Friendship, Me., and left here last week for his summer's work.

The annual concert and ball of the Townsend Alumni association was held at Memorial hall on last week Friday evening, music being furnished by the Salem Cadet band orchestra. Quite a number of former graduates from out-of-town were present to enjoy the occasion, and the concert was of its usual pleasing order, the only regret being that there was no cornet solo by Nelson Bernier the popular soloist of that orchestra. After the concert a short business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Thomas E. Rogers, pres.; Victor Swicker, v. p.; Esther E. Seales, sec. and treas.; Robert Copeland, chairman, Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb, Mabel Bliss, ex. com. Refreshments were served during the evening by the high school scholars and dancing continued until one o'clock.

Mrs. Laura I. Richards has been obliged to have a second operation performed for an abscess in the head. It was performed at St. Joseph's hospital last Saturday morning and Mrs. Richards is as comfortable as can be expected.

It is understood that D. W. Farrar, of Wakefield, will soon run the Park water in place of the present proprietor, J. L. Farrar. Mr. Farrar is already at the hotel. He was also proprietor there a few years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Richards and Comrades Harris, C. W. Parker, William Gourley and T. J. Harvey are enjoying the G. A. R. trip to Gettysburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce are enjoying their vacation this week at Rockport and Littleton. Charles Howard is assisting Mr. Bruce's grocery store during Mr. Bruce's absence.

Among the many home for the graduation and alumni exercises are the following, some of whom are staying over for the Fourth: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Streeter and son, of Waltham, at T. E. Platts'; Mr. and Mrs. Christy Gates and children, of Waltham, and Mr. and Mrs. George Page, of Pawtucket, R. I., at George Gates; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley, of Lynn, Lillian Hildreth, of Waltham, and Ralph Reed, of Newbury, at H. B. Hill; Mrs. Charles Lang, of Attleboro, at Mrs. Angie Lang's; Bessie McGuire and Fred Davis, of Boston, at their homes.

Miss Gertrude Rockwood gave a young people's party last Saturday evening in honor of her guests, Miss Nealie Rock and Miss Pearl Wray. A very enjoyable time was held. Games were played in the bungalow and dancing and games were also enjoyed upon the lawn. Many went in costume which added to the gaiety of the scene. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Frank Van Etten was in town visiting his parents last week.

The Frederick Woods family arrived at their summer home from Baltimore, this week.

Mrs. Flora Burgess Watkins and Ora left for their new home in New York city Wednesday morning in the wake of many friends, who, however, wish her prosperity in her new life. Mr. Watkins went a few weeks ago to take charge of a large apartment house.

A little son arrived Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Temple, Jr., on Highland street.

James Woolley had a birthday on Tuesday. Several of his children and grandchildren made the occasion a pleasant one for him.

Mrs. B. W. Potter and Ruth of Worcester were guests at R. G. Fessenden's Monday.

Miss Louise Teehan of Manchester, N. H., and Robert of Boston are in town for the summer now. Miss Teehan is to keep house for the younger children when they arrive.

Clifford Bliss, of Pontiac, Mich., was in town last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bliss. He is employed by the fire department out there.

Graduation Exercises.

The graduation exercises of the class of 1913, Townsend high school, were held at Memorial hall on Thursday evening, June 26, and the hall was well filled with parents and friends who were interested in the occasion. The stage was tastefully decorated and over the top was placed the motto which was the fine work of Charles and David Howard. All the essays were given with clearness and without hesitating, and reflected great credit upon the teachers and school as well as themselves. Thayer's orchestra, of Pepperell, furnished the concert music and played for the social held after the reception. Ice cream and cake was served. The Jack rose was the class flower and red and gold the colors. The following program was given: Processional: Orchestra. Prayer. Rev. A. L. Struthers. Selection—Overture "Raymond" Orchestra. Salutatory and Essay—The Forest The Preserver of the Forest Clifford S. Lancy. Class history. Helen M. Plummer. Selection—Hylophone solo. Essay—Parcel Post. Prophecy—Thomas E. Rogers. Mabel F. Bliss. Essay—Field Cultivation of Strawberries in New England. Claude E. Hartford. Selection—Medley Overture. Orchestra. Class poem—Esto Quod Esse Videris. Edna M. Temple. Valedictory and essay—Hamlet. Mabelle E. Brown. Presentation of diplomas. Supt. Herman C. Knight. Recessional: Orchestra. Graduates—Mattie E. Brown, Mabel F. Bliss, Claude E. Hartford, Clifford S. Lancy, Helen M. Plummer, Thomas E. Rogers, Edna M. Temple, M. E. Thayer. Thomas E. Rogers, pres.; Mattie E. Brown, v. p.; Edna M. Temple, sec.; Clifford S. Lancy, treas. Class flower—Jack Rose. Class motto—Esto Quod Esse Videris.

Baseball.

The Townsend A. A. lost their second game on the home grounds here last Saturday in a closely contested battle of pitchers. For the first five innings there was nothing but goose eggs to be recorded upon the score board and those innings were full of snappy playing and close decisions. The first of the sixth was a bad one for Townsend and cost them the game, the visitors getting three runs over the plate. With one out, Lewis, of Nashua, got his second hit. When Dobbins came up and hit to third, it looked like a double play for Greene, but he threw the ball to first. Bertrand then received a pass and Hagarty hit a double which C. Morse badly misjudged and Lewis and Bertrand scored, and Hagarty scored a moment later when Greene's throw to head off Bertrand went wide of home plate.

The Townsends scored one run also in this inning from Keeffe's fine hit. The seventh was a shut out for each side and in the eighth with another score added, Townsend made it 3 to 2. Bertrand caught Eastman's hard drive and easily made a double play, shutting off Townsend's chance to at least tie the score.

Neither side scored in the ninth, leaving the visitors three winners by a score of 3 to 2. Bobby Lewis, an ever-a favorite with the opposing team as well as his own, received an applause from the grandstand as he first stepped to the bat. The summary:

NASHUA table with columns ab, r, bh, tp, po, a, e and rows for Pombrio, St. Jean, Reynolds, Lewis, Dobbins, Bertrand, Hagarty, Higgins, Payne, and Totals.

TOWNSEND A. A. table with columns ab, r, bh, tp, po, a, e and rows for Greene, Swicker, Morse, Eastman, Keeffe, H. Morse, Parker, V. Swicker, Knight, and Totals.

Monday Club Entertained. Mrs. Helen P. Fessenden entertained the members of the Monday Club and guests at Wyndecrest on Monday afternoon, the occasion being a garden party. During the first part of the afternoon the guests were invited out onto the spacious screened piazza where a seed contest was held, a prize being given for the one who was able to guess the names of the largest number of flower seeds. Mrs. E. Norris won this prize and was presented with a large assortment of flower seeds. The next contest was in the living-room where on a table were twenty specimens of flowers, some of them very beautiful. The one guessing the largest number of names also received a prize, a beautiful bouquet of Jack roses. This was won by Mrs. Thirza A. Fessenden. Mrs. Evelyn Warren then read a floral story and as the story progressed the guests were requested to name flowers which would supply sense to the story at the stopping places.

The guests were then invited out upon the east-lawn where tables for four each were tastefully covered with white damask and decorated with lavender baskets filled with ferns and yellow snapdragons. The finishing touch on each was a bow of lavender. The entire color scheme of the luncheon was lavender and yellow. Punch and salads and fancy sandwiches were served; also, little cakes and candies in lavender and yellow, and lastly small flower pots of ice cream were served, each having a beautiful yellow or lavender flower growing in the center. Music from the Victrola during the luncheon added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

A trip down the walk to Mrs. Fessenden's beautifully arranged garden completed the afternoon's entertainment and a day long to be remembered with pleasure by those present. The hostess's small daughter was also a special center of attraction during the afternoon.

Mrs. Kitty Plagg Irish has invited the Monday club to visit her at her camp at Boon lake on July 18, and many anticipate the pleasure of attending.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of ALONZO S. WOODWARD late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon themselves that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to CHARLES F. WORCESTER, Ayer, Mass. FRANCIS G. HAYES, 517 Barristers Bldg., Boston. Administrators. July 1, 1913. 3143

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

James Fessenden and son Fred, from Newton, Mass., have enjoyed several days' fishing at the lake. Eldorus Fessenden drove them up in their Ford car. They returned to their home on Monday afternoon. Before leaving for home the Fessenden family, of which there are members of four generations living, met at the home of Mrs. Nancy J. Daniels, whose twentieth birthday anniversary was on Sunday, June 23, and had a group picture taken.

Little Constance Nye met with a painful accident last week at Sandown. She was visiting a little playmate and they were having some hot cocoa. Constance, while holding the cup in her left hand, took up the small pot of boiling water and instead of the water going into the cup it went all over the little hand and wrist, nearly cooking the tender flesh. She suffered intense agony.

Clarence R. Russell received word last week that his nephew and namesake, Clarence Russell, of Exeter, son of Charles Russell, in practicing the high jump, fell in such a way as to break the knee pan and otherwise injure the leg. He is twelve years old. He was at once taken to the hospital but could not be operated upon until the limb had received treatment a certain length of time. He was comfortable at later reports.

Arthur Barber, Jr., entertained the messes last week.

On June 23, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Pappila.

Luther McDonald, of Malden, Mass., was a recent guest of relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Marlon Hobart, Mrs. Stephen Barnaby and Mrs. Charles Gilson are boarding fresh air children.

Franklin Colburn and daughter Minnie, of Hollis, Mrs. Lizzie McNayr, of Pepperell, have been recent guests of Mrs. Grace Campbell and Mrs. Sarah Colburn.

The Fessenden mill at South Brookline was shut down last week Wednesday night for extensive repairs. Mr. Fessenden has a large force of men building a brick chimney and power house. A force of men are also setting poles to the village for the electric lights. He has the work well under way and contemplates having the new plant in operation before the celebration of Old Home week and the dedication of the Daniels Memorial building. Old Home week will be the last week in August.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 25, Mrs. Myra Stanley entertained the Loyal Workers at her pleasant home on Millford road. The affair was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley's twenty-first wedding anniversary. The afternoon was enjoyed by all present. Several were not there who are usually present, but were unavoidably absent. A poem from a friend was read, "My wedding ring." The hostess served refreshments of ice cream, wafers and cakes; also generous slices of wedding cake was served each guest.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood is at Millford to assist Mrs. Charlotte French with her household duties.

Any one who has the Globe coupons to spare will confer a great favor if they will send them to Miss Joseph Merrill, 70 Union street, Millford. The little fellow has been very ill for over a year and is just gaining a little and is interested in collecting the coupons. He will appreciate the kindness very much.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Rev. C. F. H. Crathern of Worcester, Mass., visited in town last week Friday. He visited the old folk's reception, which was held on that afternoon, addressed the visitors and started for Mason at seven o'clock that evening.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held its annual reception to those in Hollis who have reached and passed their three-score years and ten in Grange hall June 27. The C. E. society has held these receptions for the past eighteen years. This was like the former ones, very successful. The young people do everything possible to give their elder friends a good time. It was thought there were not quite as many guests in attendance as usual. Miss Emma Van Dyke gave the memorial paper to the six who have passed into the better life.

Mrs. Eunice Smith passed away last week. She has resided in Hollis for more than ten years in the home of her niece, Mrs. Frank Marshall. She was ninety-one years of age. Her funeral services were held in Newton, Mass., where she formerly resided.

There is a colony of young ladies occupying a cottage and grounds at Silver Lake, chaperoned by Miss Lucy Dow of Roxbury, Mass. They attended church at the village last Sunday and will return the summer, while they remain.

Miss Lucinda F. Read, one of the Hollis school teachers, underwent an operation last Tuesday for the removal of a tumor at the Emergency hospital, Nashua.

Arthur Whitaker, who is a railroad engineer in North Carolina, is visiting relatives in Hollis this week. He formerly lived in town one year. The town was aroused last week Saturday noon by the ringing of the fire alarm, which proved to be at the house of F. A. Lovejoy, near the center. The fire company and citizens hastened to his home and by prompt and efficient service saved all the buildings except the house, which was entirely consumed. Part of the furniture and clothes were saved. A great deal of sympathy is felt for the family. The buildings are practically new, having been built about nineteen years.

Mrs. Ruth Howard of Nashua has entered the employ of Mrs. Andrew Spaulding for the summer to assist in caring for the summer boarders.

A very sad accident occurred at Worcester's portable sawmill last Monday, when a piece of iron flew into one eye of William E. Lund, who was working near the saw. He was taken to Dr. Nutter of Nashua, also the St. Joseph's hospital. It was found that one eye was so seriously injured that he will lose the sight of it. Great sympathy is felt for him and his family for he is one of our popular young men. He has a wife and one son.

Members of the Y. M. C. A., of Lawrence, Mass., are camping at Silver Lake. They have challenged the Hollis A. to a baseball contest of two games on July 4. They have accepted and their friends are interested to see which will win.

Current Events.

C. Fred Mead and family are occupying a tenement recently vacated by Norman Beal.

Miss Adelaide Colburn has come to Hollis to spend the summer and is visiting at the home of her grandfather, Franklin P. Colburn, and her aunt, Miss Minnie Colburn.

William T. MacMaster is painting a large barn in Brookline, at the home of Mrs. Emily Rice.

Several of the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps attended the district meeting at Millford last week Wednesday. Many ladies were present from the surrounding towns and a very pleasant meeting was held, the inspector being present. Dinner was served and the meeting called to order about 12.30. Robert W. Leslie conveyed the Hollis ladies, those who attended were Miss Hattie Hayden, Mrs. Josie Maxwell, Mrs. Sarah Hill, Mrs. George L. Lund, Mrs. George Cleasby, Mrs. Mary Hildreth, Mrs. Abram Wentworth, Mrs. Florence Ladd, Mrs. Nellie H. P. Hale.

Perley and Arthur Lund, of Hudson, spent Sunday with their parents.

Leroy Peacock and family, of Nashua, are coming back to Hollis and are looking for a large house.

Herbert McNayr, of West Townsend, was in town on Sunday to see his little niece, Althea May Nute.

William MacMaster and Arthur A. Field spent Sunday in Amherst.

Miss Lillian Tirrell, of Hollis Depot, visited Mrs. Flora Hardy last week.

Mrs. Smith, of Fitchburg, Mass., visited last week with Mrs. Mamie Ellis, and returned home on Saturday.

A fire at Frank Lovejoy's house on Saturday destroyed the upper story of the house and it was with a great deal of fighting that the lower part was saved. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it had got a great headway when first discovered. The Y. recently purchased by the Hollis fire department proved a great success. Mr. Lovejoy is going to rebuild it is reported, and great sympathy is extended to the family.

New Books Added to the Library:

- Reference DeBekker, L. J. Stokes' encyclopedia of music and musicians. Walsby, S. Curiousities of popular customs. Philosophy Bergson, H. Introduction to a new philosophy. Fiske, G. M. Boy life and self-government. Sociology Addams, J. Twenty years at Hull-house. Bacon & Wyman. Direct elections and law-making by popular initiative, the referendum, the recall. Croly, H. Promise of American life. Hodson, G. Training of children in religion. Kengott, G. F. Record of a city. Richardson, J. D. Women who spend. Seader, V. D. Socialism and character. Van Antwerp, W. C. Stock exchange from within. Useful Arts Flagg, E. P. Handbooks of home economics (gift). Hutchinson, W. Handbook of health (gift). Hunt, T. F. Cereals in America. Browning, R. Literature and dramatic works. Field, E. Complete poetical works and letters. Scott, W. Complete poetical works. Shakespeare, W. Macbeth. Romeo and Juliet. Twelfth night. Shelley, P. B. Complete poetical works. Description Beesley, L. Loss of the SS. Titanic. Bryce, J. Social America; observations and impressions. Coulevaln, P. de. Unknown isle. Edwards, A. Panama; the canal. Jenkins, S. Greatest street in the world—Broadway. Lyde and Moeckler-Ferryman. Balkan Peary, R. E. North pole. Antis, M. P. Biographies. Emerson, R. W. Journals, v. 2. Evans, R. D. Admiral's log. Fraser, Mrs. H. Reminiscences of a known woman's life. Gilder, R. W. Grover Cleveland. Stanley, H. M. Autobiography. Suttner, Lay down your arms; autobiography of Bertha von Tilling. History Farrand, L. Basis of American history. Grinnell, G. H. Redskins of today. Shuster, W. M. Strangling of Persia. Allen, J. L. Doctor's Christmas eve (gift). Austen, J. Emma (gift). Pride and prejudice (gift). Barlow, F. Flying the star. Barrie, J. M. Peter and Wendy. Beach, R. Ne'er-do-well (gift). Bell, J. J. West Macgregor (gift). Binders, H. Master of the wheatlands. Boshier, M. L. Mary Cary. Burgess, G. Little sister of destiny. Burnett, F. H. Secret garden. Butts, A. Both sides of the shield. Connor, R. Corporal Cameron. Crawford, F. M. White sinner. Fabel, J. Broad highway. Gale, Z. Friendship village. Germaine, G. Even hand. Grenfell, W. T. Down north on the Labrador. Harrison, H. S. Queed. Hughes, T. Tom Brown's school days (replaced). Kipling, R. Kim. Lincoln, J. M. Pratt. Little F. Lady and Sada San; sequel to the Lady of the decoration. London, J. Sea-wolf. Meredith, G. Egoist. Norris, K. Mother. Porter, S. Harvest. Rice, A. H. Romance of Billy-goat hill. Richmond, G. Red Pepper Burns. Sedgwick, A. D. Fountain sealed. Franklin Winslow Kane. Tante. Smith, H. Kennedy Square. Stanley, C. A. First church's Christmas barrel (gift). Master of "The Oaks." Thackeray, W. M. Henry Esmond (replaced). Pennidiss, 2. W. (replaced). Vanity Fair, 2. (replaced). Van Dyke, H. Pinkney quantity. Webster, J. Daddy-long-legs. Wright, H. B. Shepherd of the hills. Winning of Bacera Worth. Juvenile Barbour, R. H. Crofton chums.

Aldrich, T. B. Story of a bad boy (replaced). Bailey, C. S. Girls make-at-home things. For old Donchester (gift). On the cinder path (gift). Lanier, S. ed. Boys' King Arthur. Marshall, L. ed. Fairy tales of all nations. Maule, H. E. Boys' book of new inventions. Tappan, M. In the days of Alfred the Great. Presented to Juvenile department by Franklin Colburn. Little men (replaced). Bicknell, L. M. How little girl went to Africa. Candee, E. Adventures of Grillo; or, the cricket who would be king. Crank, D. M. Adventures of a Brownie. Dodge, M. M. Hans Brinker (replaced). Ewing, J. H. Jackanapes (replaced). Keniston, J. Prince Rudolph's quest. Seton, E. T. Lobo, Rag and Vixen. Thurston, J. Bishop's shadow (replaced). Presented by Mrs. Edward S. Ellis Ellis, E. S. Blue Dragon. From low to high gear. Flying boys in the sky. Flying boys to the rescue. Worst boy.

LUNENBURG.

News Items. A meeting of the executive committee of the Old Home Week association will be held in town hall on Saturday evening, July 5, to further the plans and make arrangements for "the day we celebrate."

The Epworth League met at the home of Warren Percy on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Keese, of Ashburnham, but formerly a resident of Lunenburg, was a recent visitor at the home of the Misses Jones on Massachusetts avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Reed, of Brookline, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Francis this week at their home on Cunningham avenue.

Miss Bertha Brown, of New Bedford, is spending her summer vacation at home with her parents.

Mrs. Mary Lane and daughter Alice, of Malden, are visiting old friends and acquaintances in town during their vacation of a few weeks.

Alexander Graham, of London, England, a representative of the International Bible Students association, spoke in the Congregational church on Sunday afternoon. His subject was "The church of God."

If anyone in town has any friends or acquaintances whose names are not on the secretary's book of the Old Home Week association, the secretary should be notified at once so that they may be invited to attend the annual celebration and reunion during Old Home Week. The association does not wish to slight or omit any former resident or their descendants, but would gladly welcome all to the annual homecoming.

A very pleasant gathering was held on Monday afternoon, June 30, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Paige to observe the first anniversary of the birth of their little daughter, Miss Marjorie Louise. Several of her little friends were in attendance and a few of the grown-ups. The table was set out-doors, under the trees, and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. A bountiful repast was served consisting of sandwiches, a mammoth strawberry shortcake, a large birthday cake in the center of the table, several other kinds of cake, frappe with whipped cream, fruitade and ice cream. Several presents were brought in for the little lady, but she will probably underestimate the significance of the day more perfectly a few years hence.

C. B. Longley joined the veterans of the G. A. R. on Monday morning going with them to Gettysburg, leaving Fitchburg at 5.37 in the morning.

Wedding.

A most beautiful and impressive wedding ceremony was solemnized in the Methodist church on Thursday afternoon, June 26, when Miss Helen Fay Noon became the bride of Rev. Elmer A. Leslie, a Methodist minister of Arlington. A general invitation had been given, so everyone who wished was free to attend the service. The church was very prettily decorated. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. Alfred Noon, and the Methodist Episcopal double ring service was used. A sister of the bridegroom presided at the altar containing many useful and ornamental articles, all fine specimens of the silversmith's art attested to the love, esteem and popularity of the young people, among their many friends.

The four ushers were classmates and friends of the groom, some of them already Methodist ministers. The dainty little flower girl was a niece of the bride, and the maid of honor and bridesmaids were also friends and co-workers of the bride, one of them coming from Urbana, Ill., where Miss Noon was a pastor's assistant for two years.

At the close of the ceremony the bridal party returned to the Methodist parsonage, where a reception was held under the shade trees upon the lawn and refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie will make their home in Arlington.

A large collection of beautiful presents of silver, cut glass and household articles including one large chest of silver containing many useful and ornamental articles, all fine specimens of the silversmith's art attested to the love, esteem and popularity of the young people, among their many friends.

Reception. Ralph M. Bickford and Miss Viola S. Lancy were married on June 17. After their wedding trip they returned home in time to be present at the reception held on Monday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Lancy. The house was very prettily decorated with ferns, palms, roses, laurel and evergreen. An orchestra stationed upon the broad piazza discoursed fine music during the evening. Carl E. Brown and Clifford C. Lane were ushers. In the receiving line were Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Bickford and Mrs. F. E. Lancy, mother of the bride.

A table in the dining-room contained a large number of beautiful presents of silver, cut glass, linen, china and money in gold pieces. Delicious sherbert was served by Mr. Hill, of Fitchburg, and a variety of very fine cake. Miss Florence Lancy, of Townsend, a cousin of the bride, presided at a table where wedding cake was given out to every guest to take home and dream over. The party dispersed at ten o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Bickford have a beautiful new house just completed on Massachusetts avenue, where they will make their home.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex on the seventeenth day of July, A. D. 1913, 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.

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