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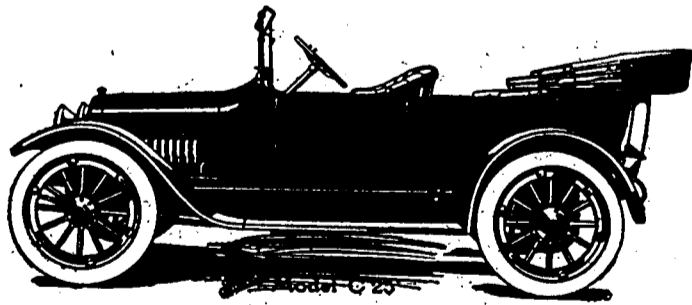


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LITTLETON.

News Items.
Owing to the great demand for tickets for the moving picture exhibition of the pageant play at Littleton in the recent celebration of the town, which will be given at Ayer on Saturday, August 29, the management wishes to announce that there will be two exhibitions, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening. The recent promises to be a tremendous success.

The first King's Daughters' meeting of the new season will be held with Mrs. William H. Davis as usual, Tuesday, September 1.

Douglas Whitcomb and family spent four days very pleasantly touring in their automobile among the White Mountains last week, stopping frequently at the homes of their New Hampshire friends.

Miss Dorothy Blodgett returned home Wednesday from a sojourn of several weeks in Newfoundland, N. J. Peter Corning, Edwards' organist and choir master of All Souls' church in New York city, will play the organ at the Congregational church on Sunday morning.

A Backlog harbor excursion is being planned for September 2, and all people interested in the outing are invited to talk over arrangements for the same with B. Frank Jacobs, president of the Backlog club.

Joseph A. Harwood will give \$1.25 each for any second-hand copies of H. J. Harwood's "Historical sketch of Littleton, Mass." if they are in good condition.

Mrs. Hiram Sauler has returned from a vacation of two weeks at her brother's in New Hampshire.

Miss Ella Johnson, of Southboro, and Helen Jones, of Waltham, were recent guests of Miss Florence Whitcomb.

Mrs. Charles G. Sargent, of Westford, visited Mrs. J. D. Christie this week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Cushman and daughter Lydia, of Methuen, were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. Christie.

P. C. Edwards returned on Wednesday from the Catskill Mountains, where he was camping out with his choir boys for about five weeks. Mr. Edwards describes the outing as "very enjoyable and successful."

Miss May McQuarrie has been ill for a week or more. She is convalescent.

Elmer Boynton has been at home for repairs during the last two weeks, having suffered from a severe cough and cold. His mother, Mrs. Mary Reed Boynton, has been helping out in the home, as the children are sick with whooping cough.

Littleton schools will begin the fall term on Tuesday, September 8.

Edward Philbrick, who has been living in the G. H. Barker house at North Littleton, has bought the Taitt place in the edge of Boxborough, and will take possession of his new home the first of October.

Littleton people, like their Westford neighbors, were left in darkness on Monday evening for a short time off, and many, thinking that the electric shower was responsible, resorted to the old-time oil lamps or candles, only to be happily disappointed shortly afterwards when the power returned and light again dispelled the darkness.

September 2 will be the date of the experience party and box lunch at the Grange. Each member is supposed to bring a dollar and tell how he earned it. Proceeds are to be given to the educational aid fund. State Master Chapman, of Ludlow, with his wife and daughter, are expected to be present and give a musical program.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Walker and son

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The webbing factory is again running on full time after a short period on four and a half days' schedule.

Mr. H. Brown has been spending a week in Hampden, Me., where he has visited his sister and attended the re-

union of his regiment, the First Maine Heavy Artillery.

The line work which is being erected by Robt. Murphy's Sons Co., of Ayer, electrical contractors, is progressing very rapidly.

Death.
Theodore K. Holbrook died on Tuesday, August 12, at sixty-eight years. Death is attributed to cerebral hemorrhage. The deceased had been out of health for nearly two years, and for the last eighteen months of his life he was nearly helpless. This occasioned the breaking up of his home in North Littleton a year ago or more, when he and Mrs. Holbrook went to live with their daughter, Mrs. Henry F. Works, of Great road. The Holbrook family had taken up their residence in Littleton but a few years ago, coming from Forge Village at the time of their daughter's marriage.

Mr. Holbrook was a veteran of the civil war, and the funeral was held from Grand Army hall in Waltham, where many of his comrades and former neighbors could easily attend.

Mr. Holbrook was for many years a member of the Waltham fire department. He is survived by his widow, two sons, one of Baltimore, Md., the other of Waltham, besides a daughter, Mrs. H. F. Works, of Littleton.

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Men's Tan Oxfords

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WESTFORD.

Center. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osgood have been enjoying vacation days at Old Orchard Beach.

Mrs. Nellie P. Draper and Miss Lillian Draper, of Aburndale, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth.

Samuel H. Balch is having his customary vacation from his duties on R. F. D. route 2 and William E. Green is taking his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Kenney, of Brookline, are spending their vacation in town.

William C. Roudenbush conducted an excellent service at the Congregational church last Sunday evening. This Sunday evening Miss Sarah W. Loker will have charge of the service and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Regular services will be resumed the first Sunday in September.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Arthur Manchester, and Mrs. Miss Laura E. Manchester, of Newport, R. I.

September 17 will be neighbors' night at the Grange and members of Lowell Grange are to be the guests of the evening.

A very enjoyable reunion of the Feich family was held Saturday, August 15, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford. A basket lunch was served in the barn on long tables and a good time in general followed with a family group picture taken in the afternoon. Those present were Mrs. A. M. Feich, the mother, who enjoys very good health for one of her years; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Feich and family, of Greenfield, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Feich and two daughters, of Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Feich and two daughters, of Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feich, of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Parker and two children, of Pepperell; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Feich and son, of Chelmsford; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinton, of Chicopee Falls; Mrs. Grace Hodson and Brockton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feich, of South Hanson, and Edward Feich, of Shirley.

Miss Mary Morin, who has been at home during the summer, started for another stay in California, going to Ontario, Cal. Her mother, Mrs. Mary O. Morin, went with her and will visit her son, Frank Morin, and family. They plan now to be absent for a year, and will be in California in the fall. Miss Morin has recently purchased the cottage house on Depot street from Mr. Carver for a future home for herself and mother.

One of the pleasant events of the summer vacation season will be the outdoor play to be given at the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. club next week Wednesday afternoon at Whitney playground. The play is under the direction of Miss May Balch and is entitled "Her first assignment," and will be given at 8 o'clock. The cast includes the following well-known people: Misses May Balch, Evelyn Hamlin, Edna and Jennie Ferguson, Edith Foster, Julia Fletcher, Mrs. Bert Walker, Mrs. Harold Hildreth, Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mrs. D. L. Greig. Home-made candy will be on sale; also, ice cream cones, and a collection of twenty-five cents will be made of those present. A pleasant social time will follow the entertainment and the stormy play will be postponed until the next pleasant day.

One of the large items in last week's list of large taxpayers in Westford unintentionally omitted was the Abbott Worsted Co., of Forge Village, \$6,154.36.

A heavy apple crop and low prices both for early and late apples confront the orchardists in this vicinity. If the foreign market is open for the export trade it will alleviate the situation somewhat.

About Town. During the thunder and lightning entertainment accompanied by rain Monday, which was the first real summer shower of the season, lightning struck the Hamblett barn at Brookside and commenced to burn things up. It was not discovered and the opposition of a few pails of water made burning difficult. The damage was slight.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Taylor and J. A. Taylor have returned from York Beach and are now at Stone Brook beach and the environments of Tad-muck brook.

Apples? Yes that's the word. Sent to Boston and three cents per bushel returned after expenses—comparatively large returns with some who claim not to have gone enough to pay expenses. But cheer up, brookside farmers, apples have gone up to four cents a bushel, one cent a peck—nice little income to pay spraying and taxes.

Gerald Decatur has returned to Porto Rico after a short summer vacation spent in the district on the Capt. Peletier Fletcher place on the Lowell road.

One of the several daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Anderson has been removed by Dr. O. V. Wells to the Lowell hospital for a surgical operation.

The Westford Board of Trade held a meeting Monday evening to make arrangements to accept the invitation of the Lowell Board of Trade for an excursion to Nahant on Thursday, August 28.

At the meeting of the board of registrars last Saturday evening to certify the nomination papers, most of the signatures conformed to the legal requirements. Allen Brooks Parker, of Acton, was present looking after his nomination paper as candidate for senator from this district on the progressive ticket. He was escorted by Charles L. Nixon, of East Littleton.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah E. Peck, who died at Elizabeth, N. J., aged eighty years, was brought to town last week and buried in Fairview cemetery. She will be remembered by the older residents as Miss Sarah E. Cooledge, whose mother was a sister of Amos Loughton. She will also be

remembered as the wife of Otis Parker, who died last week, marrying Joseph L. Peck.

The annual reunion of Troop F, Spaulding Light Cavalry association, was held at Westford Center last week Thursday. Everything was bright and livened up with hospitality and was one of the largest gatherings since the occasion was further enlivened by a musical entertainment by talent from Cambridge. Some of the features were new and full of humor and interest. At the supper, with no vacant seats or appetites, Capt. S. H. Fletcher presided and wrung speeches from several including Judge F. A. Fisher, of Lowell.

Obituary. George F. Snow, who died at his residence in West Chelmsford on Wednesday, August 12, was born in Westford, June 15, 1841. He was the son of Levi and Louisa (Read) Snow, his early home being the farm now owned by the Greigs, opposite Fairview cemetery. He was educated at the old Stony Brook school and the historic Westford academy, class of 1860. A scholar at the Stony Brook school the writer recalls him in many a friendly wrestling bout and snowball target. In these and other tag, hide-and-peek school day games he was exceptionally quick and athletic and the writer recalls the times he had in burrowing out of the snowdrifts as the result of his unwarned activities. He also became a thorough scholar, keen and mentally alert.

After graduating from Westford academy he taught school for twelve years. He is still well remembered as teacher at Parkville, Milot's Corner, Long-Sought-for, and Stony Brook school. For three years he was superintendent of the schools of Westford. In 1872 he went to Minnesota and for ten years engaged in farming and in wheat buying. After returning east he resided in West Chelmsford and married Miss Abbie Long. While a resident of Chelmsford he was chosen by its citizens to hold many important offices; for nine years he was superintendent of schools, for seven years was selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor.

In 1895 he was elected to the legislature from the district of which Chelmsford was a part, the vote of the district being George F. Snow 1081, all others 10.

He had a decided personality with an orbit all its own, an orbit with a most positive and fixed course. The compass of his life always swung clear of the aimless orbits of negotiations that have no port in view. A man wisely temperate in his attitude towards life, and wise in his own affairs and in the affairs of others who turned upon him for advice and administration, as such he was often sought. He will be remembered by the older residents in his young days as a constant attendant at the Unitarian church in Westford, as his father before him later in life, after leaving home, conscience and other voices led him to join the Baptist church at South Chelmsford.

As close relatives he leaves a widow, Mrs. Abbie Long Snow and two children, Lottie M. Snow and Frederick A. Snow; two grandchildren, Perry Taylor Snow and Stanley Law Snow.

The funeral took place from the home Saturday afternoon. It was a large gathering of old and new friends and business associates. Rev. Charles C. P. Hillier, a former minister of the M. E. church of West Chelmsford, conducted the services, recalling his many years of loyal and efficient service in behalf of the church, twelve years as superintendent of the Sunday school and thirty years as treasurer of the church. He spoke of him as a type of personality that would soon be discovered in any community and appreciated and appreciated.

The bearers were four of his old friends, Eben T. Adams, representing the town of Chelmsford; George P. Mansfield, representing the Baptist church, South Chelmsford; George Burne, representing the West Chelmsford church, and George V. Herrig, of Somerville, a relative of the family. The Mendelssohn quartet, of Lowell, sang three selections that fitly recalled the personality of the occasion. The friends of his younger and maturer days, and the village church and friends contributed floral designs.

Burial was in the family lot in the West Chelmsford cemetery. The funeral and burial were in charge of David L. Greig.

Idiots. "Idiots"—Yes that is the subject left over from week before last, being a very simple subject. It follows that it must be brief.

There are two distinct classes of idiots—those who are pronounced as such by expert authority. The other class of idiots, not quite so far advanced as the first class (though often are those who differ in opinion from someone else and this leads to the text "Speakers on labor matters allude to the fact that labor has created all wealth" for the same reason that historians refer to the fact that Columbus discovered America because it is a fact we ought to remember. They specify that the general term is intended to include brain as well as hand work because as long as there is still a somewhat numerous class of idiots who persist in misunderstanding the statement it seems necessary.

Well, well, if he hasn't gone after Columbus to prove there are idiots who are determined to misunderstand. Why we will own up and prove it by men of our day. Quite recently we fell in with three fairly bright "idiots," a United States senator, a member of the house of representatives and a former member of the governor's council.

At this conference of "idiots" the question of labor and capital came up in considering the industrial situation. It was the unanimous opinion of these "feeble-minded folks" that the statement so often made, "Labor has created all wealth" included only the labor of the hand. It is surprising as well as discouraging to find so many "idiots" who will vote to send such a message to congress.

But to get back at the Columbus illustration. It is quite one thing to teach history, a large part of which will be forgotten and must be learned over again, and quite another affair to make a statement for the agitation. It will create and with apparent eagerness to have the audience interpret it the way it will create the most ardent and contrary to facts. Columbus, dear old Columbus, plenty who never heard of thee as the discoverer of America or anything else, but where is the first idiot that does not know that labor has created all wealth? Why not agitate that food is absolutely essential to preserve life. It is as necessary as ruffling up an audience to believe that labor has created all the wealth. Perhaps this is enough for the first recitation of "idiots." The writer is proud of his class of idiots.

We haven't got through with Columbus, dear old boy. What labor

unions invented thy mariner's compass or built thy ship by which America was discovered. Well let Columbus rest. There are others to rescue. "Head labor does not organize." Even this, so it is under hand labor. Less hours of work or we will not work, neither shall others work, attempt to enforce it with violence. Can anyone name the first brain labor organization that has attempted hand labor tactics? Name it and I'll terminate the very long list of names that harmless ministerial organization salaries were increased and hours of labor reduced. The writer recalls the time when he was trained for three church services on Sunday and a half-dozen during the week. What have ministerial unions had to do with the falling off in the number of services? Charge it up to evolution and not unions.

Laborers, doctors and all other professional head men of brains, where oh where does the principle of labor union strikes come in? Name one. Wouldn't you smile that smile you hear about that never comes of it see all the professional men and other brains, including some idiots out on a head labor strike.

"Unorganized workers working for a bare subsistence." Will someone please name the officers and the wages of farm labor. Fifty years ago reliable help could be had for fifteen dollars per month and fourteen hours a day. At the present time twenty-five dollars per month, eight hours per day, with the privilege of getting drunk when most wanted. This changed condition has been brought about by the universal and done more labor reform work with the eternal agitator than all the dynamite - street - parade - sidshow performances of labor unions this side of well never mind where; it is too hot weather to name it. Tenderly in behalf of out-door "idiots," Samuel L. Taylor.

Graniteville. The Bleachery A. A. of Lowell, visited here on last Saturday with a fast team and although they put up a strong fight they fell victims to the superior play of the local ball club and Graniteville applied the kalsomine brush, winning by the score of 4 to 0. E. Sullivan, the local twirler, was in good form, holding the Lowell club to three scattering hits. He was ably supported behind the bat by W. Sullivan, who also got in his customary labor reform work, and Simpson also batted well in the pinches. McDowell, of the Bleachery team, pitched good ball for seven innings, but weakened in the eighth when he was replaced by Belcher, a former player of the Lowell club, who was accidentally spiked in the right hand in the first inning but pluckily played throughout the game. Graniteville will meet the strong T. R. team of North Billerica on the home grounds this Saturday afternoon and a good game is expected.

Miss Mary Harrington has recently returned from the Spirella Training school that was held at the rooms of the New England Woman's club in Boston.

Miss Blanche Loftus, of Lowell, has been a recent visitor here.

An automobile party consisting of P. Henry Harrington, H. J. Healy, Frank L. Furbush and L. M. Blanchard have recently returned from a very enjoyable trip to Lewiston, Lisbon Falls and other points in Maine.

The many little friends of Gladys Harrington assembled at her home on last week Friday afternoon and joined with her in celebrating her sixth birthday anniversary. Numerous games were played on the lawn and the little ones surely had a good time.

Mrs. Harriet G. Gileson, of very nice luncheon for little Gladys' guests during the afternoon and the little hostess was the recipient of many pretty gifts from her little friends.

Miss Lillie Mae Moran will spend the next few weeks at the Epworth church, South Chelmsford; George Burne, representing the West Chelmsford church, and George V. Herrig, of Somerville, a relative of the family.

The Mendelssohn quartet, of Lowell, sang three selections that fitly recalled the personality of the occasion.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company held a practice tryout on Monday evening, during which many of the hydrants were flushed out.

Miss Catherine McCarthy has recently returned from a very enjoyable vacation that was spent at Revere Beach.

Miss Mary A. Healy has recently returned from an enjoyable vacation that was spent in New York and Canada.

Picnic Arrangements.

Both masses in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, who delivered strong sermons at both masses. After the first mass a picnic committee called to order by J. Omer LeDuc, and reports of the different committees given. Mrs. Ellen Healy was chosen matron of the picnic to be held in Forge Village on August 23. The music committee, through its chairman, Edward Riney, reported that the Middlesex Training School band will play during the afternoon and Hibbard's orchestra will furnish music for dancing in the evening. J. McCann, of the sports committee, also reported that the Graniteville A. A. and the St. John's Baseball club of North Chelmsford will battle for honors on the diamond and a fine list of sports is being arranged. The different committees are all working hard to make this picnic the biggest success ever.

AN INTER-OCEANIC CANAL

A canal across the Isthmus is no new thing and the new one opened last Saturday is not the first one. The Atrato, a special attraction because its practicability was actually demonstrated in 1778 by the opening of a canoe canal between the two oceans by the canal of the Raspadura, only thirty miles in length. The Rio de la Raspadura, which empties into the San Pablo and by the Quito and Atrato, connects with the Atlantic, was joined with the San Jaun de Chiriqui, which flows into the Pacific. This canal was excavated by the Indians under the superintendence of a monk.

Wm. L. Lynds, Lowell.

SUMMER COUGHS ARE DANGEROUS Summer colds are dangerous. They indicate low vitality and are the forerunners of serious throat and lung troubles, including Consumption. Dr. King's New Discovery will relieve the cough, cold, promptly and with complete satisfaction. It soothes and antiseptic and makes you feel better at once. To delay is dangerous, get it at once. Money back if not satisfied. 50c. and \$1.00 bottles at your Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Piles.

Disraeli's Splurge With Cane. Speaking of walking sticks reminds us of young Disraeli. Writing from Gibraltar, and telling his sister to inform their mother what a sensation his waistcoats and studs were making among the officers, he added: "I have also the fame of being the first who ever passed the straits with two canes. A morning and an evening cane. I hope to carry them both on to Cairo. It is wonderful the effect those magical wands produce. I owe to them even more attention than to being the supposed author of—what is it? I forget." The fault of many walking sticks is that they are too short. Walk with a stick that seems at first intended for a man taller than yourself and you acquire an upright carriage. A Brighton shop that I pass occasionally is selling any number of sticks through pushing the testimony of a well known doctor as to the health advantages of long walking sticks.—London Chronicle.

Smoke and Soot.

Soot, the principal trouble maker in smoke, is the product of incomplete combustion, and is formed partly by the mechanical removal of ash by the chimney draft and partly by the decomposition of the volatile portion of the fuel which is formed by the process of destructive distillation. The character of soot varies with the distance from the grate at which it has been deposited, as well as the temperature of the furnace, amount of air, and method of firing. The acids contained in soot attack mortar, masonry, woodwork, metal work and building material generally. In many European cities it has been found that soot causes the rapid disintegration of stonary and public monuments. The damage done to inside decorations appears to be no less important than the effects upon the exterior of buildings. Smoke is visible proof of imperfect combustion of fuel, and consequently evidence of waste and inefficiency.—New York American.

True Hospitality.

I pray you, O excellent wife, not to cumber yourself and me to get a rich dinner for this man or this woman who has alighted at our gate, nor a bedchamber made ready at too great a cost. These things, if they are curious in, they can get for a dollar at any village. But let this stranger, if he will, in your looks, in your accent and behavior, read your heart and earnestness, your thought and will, which he cannot buy at any price in any village or city, and which he may well travel fifty miles and dine sparingly and sleep hard in order to behold. Certainly, let the board be spread and let the bed be dressed for the traveler, but let not the emphasis of hospitality lie in these things. Honor to the house where they are simple to the verge of hardship, so that there the intellect is awake and reads the laws of the universe.—Emerson.

Actors in China.

Music as a profession is not now regarded as wholly reputable, but it is common to hear men singing snatches of theater songs as they go along the streets or country lanes, and amateur instrumentalists are many both among the poor and the better educated classes. We listened once, almost entranced, to a boatman on the inner waters of the Cheking province declaiming with clear, strong voice and tone and rhythm for more than an hour at night a poem of short cantos in praise of Buddha. * * * It is a common thing at Peking, the chief home of actors, to see a man standing with his face against the city wall and yelling like one demented. He is an actor practicing his part and strengthening his voice.—Moule's "The Chinese People."

An Easy Solution.

"How does the breakfast suit you, John?" Inquired the young bride anxiously.

"It's just right, dearest," said her husband. "It may be pebbles, but I'm awfully fond of calves' liver for breakfast."

"So am I, dear," said the wife. "Oh, John, don't you think it would pay us to keep a calf? Then we could have liver every morning for breakfast."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Lots Like That.

A certain famous skyscraper builder said in his New York office the other day apropos of costs and values:

"Costs and values get confused because there are so many men who, if sunshine had to be paid for, would swear that gas gave a much more brilliant light."—New York Times.

One For Each Life.

"I want a good revolver," began the determined looking man.

"Yes, sir," said the salesman. "Six chambers?"

"Why—er—you'd better make it a nine chamber. I want to use it on a cat next door."—London Express.

A Modest Request.

"Dear teacher," wrote little Edith's mother, "please excuse Edith for not coming to school yesterday. She fell in the mud. By doing the same you will greatly oblige her mother."

Took Him Right In.

"Did you tell pa you wanted to marry me?"

"Yes; and he gave me his consent, then asked me to lend him \$10."—Baltimore American.

Human Nature.

Mrs. Crabshaw—is that man who asked you for a loan a friend of yours? Crabshaw—Yes, my dear, still a friend. I didn't let him have it.—New York Times.



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TOWNSEND.

Center. W. F. Rockwood, Dr. Ethel and Miss Gertrude Rockwood, Miss Lizzie Whitcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace spent Sunday at Rocky pond, Hollis, N. H.

Education, is urging communities to use school buildings as social centers as much as possible. The Grange, women's clubs and church societies furnish a certain amount of social life, but these do not comprise all ages and classes as neighborhood gatherings do.

Arthur Smith, of Waltham, was at the home of his sister, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtle, Sunday. Mrs. Joseph E. Miller and Raymond Miller and Miss Alice Wheeler, of Winchendon, were guests of Rev. and Mrs. McKean on Sunday and attended the morning service at the Baptist church.

was very pleasant for them all to be at Lake Baboosic together. The Hattie D. Stone tent, D. V. held their regular semi-monthly meeting at their room in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon.

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CHAS. E. PERRIN West Street Telephone 96-4 AYER, MASS. MAKING OUT BILLS seems to be the best accomplishment of some plumbers. They are very particular to have them large enough, though they haven't shown any excessive zeal in the work they are supposed to represent.

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Hartford Resident Gets Quick Relief From Use of Mayr's Remedy. Mrs. S. E. Johnson of 61 Whitmore street, Hartford, Conn., was a victim of stomach and digestive disorders, attended by much pain.

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WESTFORD.

LUNENBURG.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Westford's victory, making the series two to one in their favor last Saturday afternoon was featured by one of the most brilliant pitching exhibitions ever witnessed at the local grounds.

Quite a number of new headstones have been erected in the North cemetery during the past week.

Mosquitoes, flies and other insects which breed in garbage pails, ponds of stagnant water, barns, musty places, etc., are carriers of disease.

Table with columns: ab, bh, tp, po, a, b. Rows for Sheehy, Buckley, Baker, Hartford, Nelson, Powers, Prouty, Fahay, Totals.

Table with columns: ab, bh, tp, po, a, b. Rows for Green, Lacey, Slattery, Eastman, Swicker, Knight, Keefe, Swicker, Fullerton, Totals.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. In the heirs at law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of R. WARREN WILKINS, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased, intestate.

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GROTON.

Misses Katherine and Josephine Barnard, accompanied by Albert Bentley, See and in Montgomery Johnson of Cambridge passed through town on an evening last week in a large Cadillac machine and called on their many friends about town.

Miss Mildred Brown is spending a pleasant week at York Beach. Mr. Raddin, the barber in Palmer's block, is away on his vacation. A young man from Lowell is taking his place.

James Packard is the owner of a fine new seven-passenger six-cylinder Pratt car. It is of a very beautiful wine color with black trimmings.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Gauthier have been spending the week-end at the latter's home. Mr. Gauthier has recently been promoted to the position of general foreman of the Boston Terminal, and his wife making their home in Malden.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clough and family are returning to Groton coming week. The Groton friends will welcome them again.

Mrs. Thomas Bywater, jr., has been entertaining her sister and family from Marlboro.

Mrs. Arthur Green and family enjoyed an outing at Whalom last week. Mrs. James Harrington's sister from West Acton has been spending a few days with her at her home on Hollis street.

Miss Bessie James, of Salem, is visiting her aunt, Miss Hallissey. John Bradley has accepted a very fine position in Minnesota as assistant to a professor of geology in one of the colleges. Mr. Bradley graduated from Amherst Agricultural college last June. This morning he took the civil service examinations which he passed.

Mrs. Fletcher and son Morton, of Greenfield, N. H., are visiting Miss Lillian Kane.

Mr. Brigham, formerly a principal at Lawrence academy, was in Groton Monday visiting his different friends.

Waldo Green, who is working in Boston, spent the week-end at his parents' home.

William Bradley, the champion Groton tennis player, played Nelson Turner, of Ayer, last week. The games and sets were very close. Mr. Bradley being victorious 3-1.

Miss Edith Waters is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident near Boston. Her father, Frank Waters, was also injured about the head.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Torrey are entertaining from Louisiana Mrs. Torrey's sister and niece.

Rev. John A. Mitchell, who is a Baptist minister of Braintree, will preach at the Congregational church on Sunday.

Clifford Folkins is going around with his arm in a sling on account of a broken or badly sprained wrist.

The Baptist church will be closed for the remaining Sundays in August.

Four sisters, daughters of George Gardner Simonds, of Manchester, N. H., are here as guests of their father's aunt, Mrs. Jane Clark, of Elm street.

George A. Tuttle has just finished painting the buildings at the town farm and besides these has painted six other sets of buildings this season. Among them Mr. McKee's, Mr. Clark's, Mr. Knapp's, Mrs. McCarthy's and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Fuller, who were among Groton tourists abroad, are at home, having arrived on the Philadelphia at New York last week Wednesday. They sailed from Southampton, England. A French vessel held them up long enough to be assured that the Philadelphia's passengers were Americans.

Henry W. Whiting, Herbert W. Taylor, Mrs. Frank D. Lewis and Albert Warren constitute the committee chosen to arrange for the Congregational church picnic. They would have appointed the day much earlier, only that so many of the young folks were away and so have had to postpone the picnic until Tuesday to hold this Wednesday, September 2, to hold this picnic at Baddacook. By that time the young people will have returned and also the pastor from his vacation.

In driving through Chicopee row, which is a good road favored by automobilists, improvement and change in some of the places are very noticeable. Especially is this true of the old Hartwell place, not far from the Dunstable line. The house has been painted and put in good repair, until now it looks homey and comfortable. The old fire places have been opened up and altogether the old house looks inviting for a camping-out or permanent residence.

Mrs. W. W. Ames returned last week Friday from a reunion of the Hilton and McLean families held at Seaport. Mrs. Ames had the pleasure of meeting a brother, F. S. Hilton, whom she had not seen for twenty-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams and their daughter, Mrs. A. J. Dugas, and two children, Charlie and Esther, went to Athol last week Tuesday to a birthday gathering at Mrs. Adams' father, J. E. Corwin, who was eighty-seven years old that day.

Mrs. Lizzie Short has moved from Willow Dale street to Ayer, where she occupies a cottage on Main street.

Mrs. Augustus Woods is reported as somewhat improving at the cottage at Sandy pond where she is staying with her daughter, Miss Fannie E. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, with their niece, Miss Montgomery, all of Worcester, are coming this Saturday for a two-weeks' visit at G. H. McKee's on Common street.

Fashers-by over the road at North Groton have made a foreign flag flying at the former Wilnot place. Apparently the U. S. flag had been flying with it at some time, but either it had been worn out, blown down or taken down, or the foreign flag, presumably Italian, was flying alone. To city people especially this seemed strange, as such an occurrence, accidental or otherwise, would not be allowed. There were some other evidences that the occupant had not adopted American customs.

Miss Fanny H. Prescott, of Cambridge, with her nephew, F. H. Prescott, are guests of the Misses Hutchins of Pleasant street.

William Clark, who has been the butler for Mrs. James Lawrence, has bought of William A. Lawrence the place on Willow Dale street where Mrs. Short has lived.

Rev. A. J. Hovey and son Harold are guests of the Shattuck family at Baddacook farm.

Miss Elizabeth Gibson has gone in camping with her sister to Exeter, N. H., for a stay of two or more weeks. The Groton A. A. will play the Pepperell A. A. this Saturday afternoon in Groton. Game called at three o'clock.

Mrs. Amy Wright went home from the hospital on Tuesday and is gradually getting over the effects of her operation.

About five o'clock on Thursday afternoon Mrs. Huebner received a telegram from New York sent by her husband, H. Huebner, saying that he would be in Groton in about two days.

Rev. B. Zaphlet Putnam, of Syracuse, N. Y., has been a recent guest of his cousin, W. J. Putnam, of Main street.

Mrs. E. A. Barrows received an abundance of congratulatory postcards and other remembrances on reaching her seventy-sixth birthday, Friday August 18. She gave herself a treat by making an enjoyable visit to Tewksbury that day.

Arthur A. Wood went Wednesday to join his family who have been staying at Wells, Me. He was accompanied by their neighbor, Mr. L. Boynton, who will also make a stay there.

It is told that two girls, foreigners, who came over to work in one of the Groton School masters' homes, arrived this week and report that they were detained in a thoroughly frightened at their rough experience.

Miss Rachel Warren, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Flske Warren, and Samuel Kirkland Lothrop, a graduate of Groton School 1911, were married by Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody at the Groton School chapel on Thursday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. Dr. Peabody came up from his summer residence at North Haven, Me., to perform the ceremony. The bridal party of twenty-one people dined at the Groton Inn before going over to the chapel to be present at the marriage ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Gilson, of Boylston, were recent guests of his brother, John L. Gilson. They left Monday to visit his sister, Mrs. Bennett, and family at the James T. Bennett camp at Spectacle pond, Littleton.

All of us are interested in the Groton tourists who are abroad in the war zone. Frequent inquiries are made concerning Miss Genevieve Hodgman, who went out especially to Germany. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hodgman, have just heard from her indirectly, their source of information being by a cablegram sent by one of her party to Philadelphia. This information was sent by letter to Groton. Miss Hodgman was well, had sufficient funds and had left Germany for France, and on August 22 will embark on the "Lef-tangle" homeward bound.

Mrs. Jennie R. Hemenway left on Thursday for a visit to her old home in Bradford, Pa. She goes especially to see her mother, who will be eighty years old this Sunday, and also hoping that the change and the trip will help her to be rid of the lingering effects of the attack of summer gripe.

Mrs. W. F. Gleason went to Lancaster on Wednesday, accompanying home her aged aunt, Mrs. Farnsworth, who has been visiting the family for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus Smith received a cablegram announcing the marriage of their son, Edward C. Smith, and Miss Helen Barr, of Nashua, N. H., at London, England, August 6.

Mrs. Frank D. Lewis and daughter Mrs. returned Monday evening from a week's visit at Lenox. Their hostess was Mrs. Cook, who was an associate teacher of Mrs. Lewis' (then Miss Hill) in a Lenox school sixteen years ago. They left teaching at the same time to be married, one to a Lenox man, the other to a Groton man.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woods returned from their trip to Charlotte-town, P. E. I., Monday morning. Mr. Woods experienced much benefit from the sea voyage and they found the country there very beautiful.

It was thought best for the Camp-fire Girls to postpone their camping out at Baddacook on account of a diphtheria case in West Groton. Some of the girls in Groton had been exposed. It was a great disappointment, but there will be another week for the camping.

Mrs. Charles A. Briggs, of Norwood, will speak before Groton Grange at the next meeting which is on August 25.

There was a regular meeting of the W. R. C. on Sunday afternoon. It was voted to hold a picnic on next week Wednesday at the Rockwood camp, Spectacle pond, Littleton.

Lawyer and Mrs. George H. Warren (formerly Miss Mary Palmer, of this town), of Manchester, N. H., both well-known in Groton, were among the passengers on the Laconia which came in on Monday evening. They voyaged over with lights shrouded, no one on board being allowed even to smoke. They were chased by a German armored cruiser.

There will be a public auction of household furniture in Groton at the residence of Henry K. Richardson, High street, Monday afternoon, August 31, at 1.30 o'clock.

West Groton. Miss Angelina Farnsworth is visiting relatives in Shirley.

Mrs. Edward Melzar entertained her mother, Mrs. Melzar Farnsworth, for several days this week.

Going on Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Woolaver and three children are spending a week at Revere Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. William MacChlerie are mourning the loss of a little granddaughter, Jean Baird, who died of diphtheria. The little girl has been a frequent visitor here and many expressions of sympathy are heard for the parents and grandparents.

Miss K. A. Tarbell and her niece, Miss Olive Tarbell, spent the week-end with friends in Boston, visiting Plymouth on Sunday. Miss Olive Tarbell will remain at home for a time for a much needed rest.

Miss Elmie Tarbell, of Hanover, N. H., is spending a week's vacation at her home.

Patricia Smith is visiting Mrs. James Curran, of Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Strand, L. G. Strand, jr. and Mrs. Allen Sedley and daughters, going by auto, spent the week-end at York Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams, of Burlington, Vt., have spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Mrs. Williams' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams recently enjoyed a week's vacation by taking daily auto trips, returning home each night.

On Thursday the old school building in which for many years West Groton girls and boys have climbed the ladder of knowledge, was denuded of its desks and chairs. It is now the property of the Strand family, who intend to remodel the structure, which, if carried out, will make of it a four-apartment dwelling house.

Miss Elsa Sprague, of Denver, who has spent much of the summer with Massachusetts relatives, is now the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. F. Lane, but expects to leave on this Saturday for her Colorado home.

Dorothy and Marjorie Boyn, who have spent the summer with their aunt, Mrs. E. Smith, left on Thursday for Rocky Point, where another aunt resides. They will go from that place to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

One of West Groton's young men, William Baker, played with the Westford A. A. team on last Saturday, which defeated the Townsend A. A. by the score of 8 to 2.

In the game played here on last Saturday between the Groton and West Groton associations, the score was 5 to 1 in favor of the home team. Next Saturday's game will be on the usual time with the Y. M. C. A. team of Fitchburg.

Frank Hartwell, of Leominster, whose death notice was given in the Groton column of this paper last week, was a relative of four families of this village. He was a member of the Groton church and was buried in the cemetery on Monday, going by auto, which was driven by the owner, W. F. Lane.

On Thursday of last week Dorothy Thompson was taken ill and grew worse on Friday, a physician, Dr. Jones, was summoned, who diagnosed the case as diphtheria. Dr. Kilbourn, away on vacation, was also called, a trained nurse was immediately installed in the sick room, and all necessary measures taken to prevent the spread of the disease. The patient is reported as doing as well as possible, though still quite ill, some sickness during the past year, has the sincere sympathy of friends and neighbors.

The Camp-fire Girls were obliged to abandon their plan for a week's camping at Baddacook owing to the case of diphtheria which developed among them on Thursday. Several of the girls had been with the patient after she became ill, previous to the physician's summons, and it was thought unwise to run any risk, this ever slight, of an appointment to all the Camp-fire Girls of the town who were to join for the week's outing. The Camp-fire Girls of Shirley were also planning to visit there at a ceremonial meeting at Baddacook.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, who is spending his vacation in the Berkshires, sends word of his many enjoyable trips. Mr. Trowbridge is fond of walking, and during the first few days of his vacation traversed more than a hundred miles.

Going on Sunday, E. K. Harrington will join Mrs. Harrington at Long Island at the home of his son Roscoe, remaining for a visit of one or two weeks.

We hear reports from the paper mill of unusually large orders and a cheerful outlook for the winter.

An Enjoyable Trip. A report of the Boy Scouts' auto trip was received last week too late for publication, but we feel sure the boys want everybody to know what a glorious time they had, the first of kind in the experience of most of them. They were taken by their scoutmaster, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, to visit the boys' camp at Milton, where several hundred boys were congregated. Later, came Boston, a walk through the public gardens, a visit to the House of Cambridge, and Harvard college, the doctor's alma mater. But the feast of good things was not entirely of the beautiful and instructive, for ice cream and sodas "all round" made strong appeal to the boys' appetites and added much to the general enjoyment. In the early evening nine happy boys enjoyed the ride home, having seen much to think and talk about for many days to come. The boys were William Tracey, William Fallon, James Fallon, Gregory Smith, George Woolaver, Robert Bates, Irving Kezar, Lawrence Lewis and Harry Lawrence.

SHIRLEY.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant are spending two weeks at Ocean Park, Me., leaving town on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown are entertaining their granddaughter, Miss Gladys I. Lancy, of North Leominster.

Wilbur Nelson, twenty-two years of age, a son of Isaac B. Nelson, instructor at the Industrial school, will be operated upon next Wednesday for the removal of a tumor on the brain.

Mrs. Alice Wright spent Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. French at Fitchburg. Mrs. Walter Knowles and daughter Dora were also guests there on Thursday.

The latest report from Chester Phelps is that he is just holding his own.

Center. The next meeting of the Matron's Aid society will be held on Tuesday, August 25, with Mrs. H. R. Graves.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Bumpus and little daughter Theodora of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests at W. E. Barnard's.

The Campfire Girls held a very pleasant meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. P. Tolman, where several games of tennis were enjoyed.

The state road through Woodsville is nearing completion and all but the surface work and railings will probably be finished this week.

Six from here attended the meeting of Ayer Grange Wednesday evening. The entertainment. They were Ralph Graves, Earl Graves, Arthur R. Holden, William Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cummings.

Rev. Francis E. Webster of Waltham will conduct the services at Trinity chapel Sunday afternoon, August 23, at 3.15.

Mrs. Gage and Mrs. Perrin of Cambridge are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sweetser.

A party of young people from the Baptist Sunday school were entertained on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

The regular meeting of Shirley

Grange was held on Tuesday evening. An excellent program was given during the lecturer's hour: Song by the Grange; reading, Mrs. G. F. Buxton; solo, Mrs. A. E. Evans; songs, Robert J. Evans; roll call, men. "Some favorite dishes: mother used to make," ladies. "How father used to farm," paper on canning by the lecturer, Mrs. N. F. Graves; song, "Hurrah for old New England," by all. The next meeting on Tuesday, September 1, will be a public entertainment, the program of which will be announced later.

Clipping. The following poem, which appeared in last week Friday's Boston Post, was written in memorial of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson by Percy Mackaye, the well-known dramatist and playwright, who is spending the summer at his home in Cornish, N. H.:

Her gentle spirit passed with Peace. With Peace out of a world at war. Racked by the old earth-agonies Of Kaiser, king and czar,

Where Bear and Lion crouch in lair To rend the iron Eagle's flesh, And viewless engines of the air Spin wide their lightning mesh.

And darkly Kaiser, Bear and King, With awful thunders stalk their prey— Yet Peace, that moves with silent wing, Is mightier than they.

And she—our lady who has passed— And Peace were sisters: They are gone Together through time's holocaust To blaze a bloodless dawn.

How otherwise the royal die Whose power is throne on rolling Her monument of royalty Is builded in the slums:

Her latest prayer, transformed to law, Shall more than monarch's vow endure, Assured there, with loving awe, The anguish of the poor.

And him who, resolute, alone, Suffers the surge of war and pain, To him his country gives her own Heart's peace to live again:

While we, whose loyalty would scorn Kaiser and czar and king's demesne, Are hushed in solemn calm, to mourn The proud republic's queen.

LITTLETON.

News Items. George H. Moore, with Mrs. Moore and her young son James, of Chicago, arrived in town last week, coming all the way in their automobile. They are visiting Mr. Moore's father, James F. Moore, and other relatives in the east.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Conant, of Waltham, and infant son, Gilman Wright, spent Sunday at W. E. Conant's, and little Gilman was christened at the morning service of the Congregational church.

Rev. A. F. Newton, of Dunstable, will preach in the Congregational church on Sunday morning. Every body is welcome. The Baptist and the Unitarian churches will be closed tomorrow.

Miss H. A. Pratt, of Waltham high school faculty, and Mrs. Ashworth and Miss Sweet, also of Waltham, will occupy one of the Kimball camps on Harwood avenue the coming week.

Edgar Barteaux, who was laid up with ivy poisoning for several days, is again driving the Conant & Houghton team.

Mrs. Arthur Wright, of Allston, was a recent visitor at J. W. Dodds' on Great road.

Alton and Irving Hunt have been visiting the L. W. Bartlett's in Greenfield this last week.

D. G. Houghton and family made an automobile trip to Barre last week Thursday and joined Mrs. Houghton's sisters of that town in their annual picnic.

Misses Margaret and Ruth Thacher went on Monday to Marshfield, where they are the guests of Miss Helen Thirkield. Miss Margaret will remain for two weeks.

Why the Difference. Two incidents that have occurred since the European war started tend to show the great confidence our solid citizens have in our government. Immediately on the start off of the war the bankers put up a vigorous call for help and the government of the promptly put out an extra issue of a billion dollars or so of new money for the use of the banks and thus, we are told, averted a panic. There did not have to be the usual investigation, but the business was rushed through without any "red tape."

Now comes a demand from the shipping interest for government insurance of vessels flying the United States flag and carrying exports from this country which demand it looks likely at this writing, will be promptly granted.

Of course this looks a risky proposition or there would be plenty of private capital to attend to the business and the government would not be called on.

If anybody should propose that the government institute measures for the relief of thousands of working men thrown out of a job because of the government's policy, no fault of their own probably these bankers and exporters would be the first to throw up their hands in holy horror and cry paternalism, socialism, etc. Should anybody propose a law to enable the government to take over the milling industry or the beef trust in time of stress for the protection of common people what a rumpus it would kick up. Yet we feel this is coming.

How many really believe this is still a government of, for and by the people? V. T. E.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Jordan is the world's most crooked river, wandering 213 miles to cover sixty.

The smallest bird is a Central American humming bird, about the size of a blue bottle fly.

Within the head of the crown of a new stem-winding watch there is inserted a mariner's compass.

A paste made of kerosene and wood ashes will hurry a slow fire with little risk to the user.

In Armenia there is a copper mine that has been worked continuously since prehistoric times.

Guard on Elevated Train—What station do you want, friend? Returning Reveller—What sta'h'n's ye got?

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—One G. H. Bushnell Cider Press, two platforms on wheels; with racks and cloths; also Johnson Filter Press. For further particulars see FRED A. SMITH, Ayer, Mass. 2150.

WANTED BY ELDERLY COUPLE—Tenement of 4 or 5 rooms, modern conveniences preferred; in village, about 10 miles from North Leominster. Address with particulars and terms, H. W. COVELL, Concord, Jct., Mass. 3500.

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20% Premiums are a bigger discount than we could pay you in cash. They are better goods than you could buy for the same money.

APRONS APRONS SPECIAL VALUES

Bungalow Aprons, made from Extra Fine Percalae, cut full size, a 50c. apron for..... 39¢

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Tango Aprons, made from Fine Percalae, cut in a novel way, 25¢

WILL SOON BE HIGHER

A great shortage of all kinds of Imported Table-Linen, Crash, Tray Cloths and Towels is predicted on account of the war. Prices will soon be much higher. We have a splendid stock at old prices

Damask, all linen..... 50¢, 75¢ and \$1.00

Crashes, all linen..... 10¢, 12½¢ and 15¢

Towels, all linen..... 25¢, 50¢ and 75¢

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You will make a great saving if you buy now

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Geo. B. Turner & Son The Woman's Home Companion IS THE Refrigerator

Therefore, it pays to take no chances in buying indifferent-ly. We carry the EDDY and WHITE MOUNTAIN LINES, as well as others of equally reliable make. Our prices are as low as Boston prices and the service is just as good.

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and all other articles that will make your summer a pleasant and comfortable one.

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"Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals owe All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, August 22, 1914.

AYER.

News Items. The house of Alfred Maynard on Fletcher street was struck by lightning during the thunder shower of his week.

The board of registrars of voters have arranged the following dates for the fall registration: September 15 and October 10.

The Pennsylvania Metal Company, of Boston, is putting in a new metal ceiling in the lockup this week.

H. O. Craig moved to Nashua on Tuesday. Mr. Craig has been a resident of this town for several years and is a member by trade.

Mrs. Charles Harris and daughter Dorothy have returned from a vacation at Hampton Beach.

The next band concert will be given on Tuesday evening. It is stormy, the concert will take place the next fair evening.

Albert M. Phelps and family left Thursday for Laconia, N. H., by automobile, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morrison.

Business at the tannery is now quite poor, the shop running but three days a week.

The heavy wind accompanying the severe thunder shower on Thursday night blew down a large section of an apple tree on the Harvard road.

Elwin H. Langley has put in a sidewalk on the Harvard road, between George V. Barrett place on Washington street, replacing the old one which was of wooden construction.

Michael Egan, of New York, a former well-known Ayer young man, is in town calling on friends.

Henry Berowich, of Boston, a well-known socialist orator, is advertised to deliver an open-air address on the principles of the party in depot square this Saturday evening.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, of Boston and Groton, the doctor is stopping at Groton Inn for several weeks. He is looking well and feeling fine in spite of his advanced age.

Miss Marlon E. Young is spending a two-weeks' vacation in Barrington, N. H.

Miss Ida Wentzell, who has been absent from her duties as waitress at Gould & Langevin's restaurant on account of illness, has recovered and will resume her position Monday morning.

L. W. Phelps has bargained for the Taylor house property on Merchants row and it is expected that the papers will be passed soon by which he will come into possession of the property.

Constable John M. Wallace is off duty through illness from his position with the Shirley Electric Light Co.

Mrs. W. W. Sprague and son, Waldon C. Sprague, visited in Milford, N. H., last week.

Mrs. Ella F. Hovey has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. S. McWilliams, in Newburyport.

Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Sullivan have returned from a visit to Old Orchard Beach, Me.

William F. Fitzgerald has returned to his duties in Larabee's cafe, after a two-weeks' vacation.

Miss Alice Galvin and her mother, Mrs. Mary Galvin, have returned from a visit to relatives in Worcester.

William H. Nutting is away on a fishing trip to Augusta, Me.

The large transfer shed in the upper railroad yard is now lighted by electricity which makes a decided improvement.

The Ayer Auto Station have received their new 1915 Studebaker four and it has been inspected by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Washburn, who are enthusiastic over the new model, which is complete in every detail.

Mrs. Annie McMillan and daughter, Miss Margaret J. McMillan, are spending a vacation in Jacksonville, Vt.

Huntley S. Turner and John F. Lentz attended the annual outing of the Mystic Temple, order of the Mystic Shrine, at Nantasket beach, last Saturday.

A new water pipe has been put in this week connecting the main pipe with Larabee's palace cafe.

The public schools will open for the fall term Tuesday morning, September 8.

The warm weather has no apparent effect on the attendance at the moving picture exhibitions held twice a week under the direction of Poullus Bros.

Recent visitors in town included Arthur Preble, of Haverhill, formerly of Ayer; Louis N. Kenney, of Leominster, at the home of Miss Adelaide Blood;

There is one new case of scarlet fever in town, Ruth Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Griffin, being the afflicted one.

A prominent October wedding will be that of Miss Violet Otis Thayer and John Stanley Parker, whose engagement was announced the first day of February.

James Draper, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Draper, is recovering from an attack of diphtheria. The quarantine will be removed soon.

Mrs. Dennis Sullivan and two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, are enjoying a two-weeks' vacation at Old Orchard, Me.

Peter Tarbell, who has been visiting his son Putnam at Manchester for a few days, returned on Tuesday.

Mrs. L. H. Merchant and two children, of Cambridge, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thomas.

Miss Blanche Burdett, formerly of this town, now of Manchester, N. H., visited friends here last Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Cole and granddaughter Marjorie, of Somerville, visited Mrs. George Cole this week.

Mrs. John Deans, of Lynn, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Christine Ross. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller left for a two-weeks' vacation at Mt. Clements, Mich., as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur West, formerly of Ayer.

Miss Emily Cole returned Tuesday from Harvard, where she has been for four weeks with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Smith of Everett, formerly of Ayer, was operated upon at the Boston Homeopathic hospital last week Thursday.

The annual outing of the Neighborhood club was held Thursday afternoon at Sand Pond. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Mr. Clarence W. Wilson of Syracuse, N. Y., is the guest this week of her aunt, Mrs. Susan M. Barker.

The Congregational lawn party on Wednesday evening was a very successful and enjoyable party.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, who recently sold her house on East Main street, moved to Leominster Wednesday, where she has many relatives.

Miss May Druehn has returned to her home in Newton after a three weeks' visit with her cousin, Miss Eva Canning.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ellis B. Harlow returned last week from their summer home at Newfound Lake, N. H.

Mrs. Charles Trefethen is spending a short vacation at Salisbury Beach.

Mrs. Oscar Rand and daughters, Alice and Marguerite, returned Tuesday from a week's vacation trip to Northampton.

Mrs. Ida Fletcher and Mrs. Nellie Williamson are spending a few days in Canton, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dyke, formerly of this town.

Master Nicholas Murray spent last week in Fitchburg on a visit to his aunt.

Miss Amy Nixon is spending her vacation with her uncle, Herbert Wing, of Littleton.

The Grange to the number of about 100 were gathered together at the meeting of Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening.

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Operations have begun for the building of the new cottage to be occupied by the principal of the Bromfield school.

The overseers of the poor have released Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitney as master and matron at the town farm and have hired Mr. and Mrs. George H. Ryan, who took possession Wednesday, August 19.

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Miss Alice Marshall attended the flower show at Boston Wednesday.

Misses Edna Flanders, Esther Stone, Edith Fairchild and Mrs. C. H. Haskell returned from Provincetown Saturday evening.

Eleanor Bateman of Arlington is visiting her aunt, Eliza Bateman, and on Tuesday her young friends were invited to celebrate Miss Eleanor's birthday by a party at the Bateman house.

Miss Ethel Parker is visiting in Suncook, N. H.

Flora Murchie recently underwent an operation for intestinal adhesions and is very sick at a hospital in Boston, but at last reports was getting along nicely.

Last week Friday Herbert Vaughn returned from his fortnight's vacation in Vermont. On Saturday afternoon as he was driving his horse stumbled and in some way threw Herbert out of the wagon and badly bruised his hip so that he was confined to the house for a few days, but he is now out of doors and doing finely.

Master Luther Willard visited his aunt, Laura A. Brown, in Boxboro a few days this week, returning Thursday.

Lester B. Keyes of Springfield was the guest of his brother, S. B. Haynes, the first of the week.

Miss Clara E. Bagley and Miss A. W. Bailey East Boston were recent guests at the homes of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Bagley.

Mrs. Spencer and daughter of Charlestown are guests of Mrs. Harry Tamlyn.

Mrs. Lydia C. Farley, youngest sister of Oliver Froctor, was taken unto her home on Monday morning in Winchester, where she is a summer guest. Mrs. Farley's right side was paralyzed and she also lost the power of speech. However, at the time of writing Mrs. Farley seems to be slowly recovering and the doctor gives encouragement that in time she may regain the use of her hand and be able to talk.

Charles Wharf of Madison, Maine, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Edward Wharf, on the Harvard road, where she is a summer guest. Mrs. Wharf's mother will accompany him and will spend the fall and winter at her son's home.

Miss Esther R. Bagley of Philadelphia is a guest at Mr. Bagley's.

Miss Hazel Harvey of Cambridge is visiting at her grandfather's, T. J. Harvey.

Miss Mary Cruikshank, who has been visiting relatives in Medford, returned to Pinehurst last Saturday, accompanied by her niece, Miss Dorothy Phillips.

Miss Kennedy of Salem is a guest of her old school friend, Mrs. Stephen Coffey.

Walter Brown returned from camp Friday. The other young men of the party came back nearly a week earlier.

Last week Miss Blanche Baldwin returned from the province of Quebec where she spent two weeks in her house-boat, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spaulding.

Miss Flynn of Pepperell is a guest of Miss Myrtle Gray.

From twelve to fourteen cans of milk are being shipped daily from this station to Mr. Hamilton of Cambridge.

The mid-summer meeting of the T. H. S. C., which was to have taken the form of a lawn party, on account of the rain was held in the club rooms. Miss Myra Morris, chairman of the committee, had previously sent out invitations, prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and also prepared an unusually attractive program the carrying out of which did not readily tend itself to the restrictions of indoors. However, the resources of the committee were seemingly unlimited and the members of the club and their guests enjoyed a lively time. The recently elected officers who will enter upon their duties at the next regular meeting are Mrs. Morris, pres.; Miss Maud Burdett, vice-pres.; Willard E. Gray, sec.; Mrs. Sadie Gray, treas.

Mrs. Cooper, Miss Marlon Dana and Will Cooper made a delightful auto ride to Northampton, where for a week they visited relatives and old friends. On their return Mrs. Cooper and party were accompanied by Mrs. Meunier, Mr. Dana and Crawford Maxwell, who returned from their vacation in the early part of the week.

The band concert that was to have taken place this week Friday evening is postponed on account of the bad weather until next Friday night, August 28.

Rev. Joseph E. Waterhouse and family returned Thursday to their home in Reading after a week in town.

Mrs. Carl Howard and children of Greenville are the guests of Mrs. Lorenzo Hildreth.

Jerome and Paul Bohanan of Cleveland, Ohio, visited their grandmother, Mrs. John Hildreth, this week.

Word has been received that a little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carrigan of Newton has received the name of Russell Haynes.

William H. Lang of Boston was at his home here last Sunday.

Rev. A. L. Struthers, the pastor of the Congregational church, will have charge of the usual morning service at that church Sunday morning. At the Methodist church Rev. George Moody will take for his subject Sunday morning "The race of man." The following Sunday August 30, will be camp-meeting Sunday with no service in the Methodist church.

With the completion of a new railroad in Western Africa early next year it will be possible to cross the dark continent from the Atlantic to the Indian ocean by rail and river routes.

The geological survey has estimated the available water power of the United States from 36,000,000 to 66,500,000 horsepower, not including the power that could be conserved by reservoirs.

PROOF POSITIVE Tommy arrived home one day with a nice new golf ball. "Look at the lost ball I found on the links, pa," he said. "But are you sure, Tommy," asked his father, "that it was a lost ball?" "Oh, yes," said the boy. "I saw the man and his caddy looking for it."

HE SEES IT ALL NOW "Advertising ruined me," said the man. "What on earth," demanded he, "was your plan?" "Only one mistake," he said. "I let rivals in the trade Do it all."

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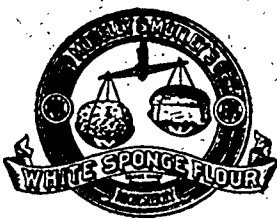
ITEM OF INTEREST. That his instrument accurately measures the refraction of the eyes so that the use of a set of test lenses is unnecessary in fitting glasses is the claim of a Chicago inventor.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. There will be a hearing on the survey of Chapel street on Thursday afternoon, August 27, at two o'clock at the corner of Chapel and Mill streets. Something tangible will be all events develop at this meeting favorable to the laying of the new sidewalk. The nine-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pelote died last Sunday from the effects of cholera infantum. Burial took place on Tuesday in St. Anthony's cemetery. Mrs. Charles R. White is spending this week at Old Orchard Beach as the guest of her niece, Mrs. Frank Walsh. Miss Gladys Dearden, of South Boston, is visiting at the home of her brother, J. Albert Dearden. Henry W. Brockelman, who has been confined to his home with sickness for the past two weeks, is slowly improving. Miss Alice Flynn, of Boston, is visiting her aunt, Miss Alice Flynn. There were forty that enjoyed the fishing trip to Swampscott last Saturday, leaving town by auto truck at 4:30 in the morning, returning home at about eleven at night. Lewis Bradford caught the largest fish, Michael Shucrowe the smallest, and Russell Jones the largest number, small prizes being given to the above three. The party all report a fine time. John Flynn, in company with his brother, P. J. Flynn, of Boston, spent the week-end fishing at Gray's Light, Boston harbor. The party consisted of six persons, who made the trip in a steam launch and the luck was fine, so much fish being caught that they were compelled to leave the larger part behind. John Flynn caught a nine-pound cod, which was the largest fish caught in the party. Mrs. Will Love, with daughter, Miss Jessie, arrived home last Saturday on an extended vacation spent at their old home in Lake George, N. B. Miss Elaine Love, who went with them, will remain in Lake George for a few more weeks. The Shirley A. C. will play the Littleton team on the Shirley grounds Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. A good live game is anticipated. The Shirley team defeated the West Boylston team on the Shirley grounds last Saturday afternoon in a close and exciting game by the score of 6 to 5. William Sigley, of Philadelphia, and his two twin daughters are spending a vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel J. Wilson. Mr. Sigley is a cousin of Mr. Wilson. Misses Gertrude L. Conant, Margaret S. Hastings and Ella F. Tomlinson arrived home the first of the week from a picturesque trip of two weeks spent in Nova Scotia. The party arrived at Yarmouth and after a brief stay went to Cienmospog where they secured board in a private family. They also made many side trips by automobile and boat, visiting other cities and points of interest by land and water. They were also in the midst of some excitement occasioned by the war, as all seaports in Nova Scotia are mobilizing their army corps. However, the three young ladies were in no way daunted by preparations of this kind, but had the time of their lives enjoying every moment of the trip. Work has commenced again on the new bridge at the leatherboard, Leominster road. The state engineer was in town the first of the week and corrected an error made in drawing the plans, and the building is now in progress. Miss Eva Bokers, of Reeds Ferry, N. H., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Brockelman. Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent the week-end and over Sunday with relatives at Framingham. The streets of the village have been speeded again this week with chloride of calcium. Miss Jennie Brooks, of North Adams, returned to her home on Tuesday after spending a few days with Miss Louise Green at the home of Miss Lizzie Shearer. A party of three, consisting of Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook and F. T. Fawcett, started by boat on Wednesday evening for Portland, Me. They then went to Bath and took the Sebago Lake trip and will leave Portland for home on Saturday evening, arriving home in town on Sunday morning. The ladies of the Altruistic club will hold a food sale in their club rooms on Friday afternoon, August 28, from four to six o'clock. A large variety of home-cooked foods will be on sale. The state department at Washington was notified by cable Monday night that Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, who has been marooned in France, was aboard the SS. France at Havre, which was waiting to sail to this country. J. Edwin Pomfret and Charles H. Weare, Jr. left town the first of the week for a vacation at Fraziers Island, Me., and will return to Shirley again next Tuesday. A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Harding M. James and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence went on the excursion Wednesday to Lake Winnepesaukee. Arthur Annis, clerk at the store of C. B. White, has returned from a week's vacation spent in Malden and vicinity. Miss Nellie Gardner leaves Shirley Sunday for an extended visit to her old home in Presque Isle, Me. A party of young ladies from Shirley made a trip to Provincetown last Saturday. Henry Berowich, who is touring the state in the interest of the socialist party, gave an address this week Friday evening at the postoffice at eight o'clock. HURRIED TO HOSPITAL. Chester W. Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, was rushed to the Clinton hospital on Thursday morning as early as 2:30 o'clock and an operation performed immediately upon his arrival for rupture of the stomach. Dr. Goodwin, of Clinton, performed the operation. The first symptom of Mr. Phelps' trouble with his stomach commenced with hiccoughs which lasted almost incessantly for two days. The operation was a critical one, taxing the skill of Dr. Goodwin to the limit, and at last reports Mr. Phelps had not fully rallied from the effects of ether. He was taken to the hospital in Mr. Whitaker's automobile in company with his father and the attending physician, Dr. Charles J. Pierce, who assisted with the operation. Mr. Phelps has been employed for some time past as chauffeur at the Samson cordage works and is exceedingly popular in the town, being liked by all.

returned to their own home in New Durham, N. H., on account of the continued ill health of Mrs. Baxter. Miss Kirby, with Dr. and Mrs. Bulkeley, of Ayer, took them to New Durham last week Friday in Mrs. Winslow's motor, which she kindly loaned for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter were both unusually efficient help and it was with sincere appreciation of their services combined with regret on her own part that Mrs. Winslow bade them good-bye. Geoffrey Bolton has returned home after spending a couple of weeks at Squirrel Island, Me. Miss Christine G. Longley returned last Saturday after spending two weeks with room-mate, Miss Dorothy Yeaton, at Portsmouth, N. H. Miss Ruby T. Crockett, of Ayer, spent several days last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett, at the North. Lester G. Holden is in Sandwich, where he has obtained a fine position on a large dairy farm. Mrs. Gladys and Edna Harris, of North Leominster, and Miss Pearl Batchelder, of Nashua, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Harris one day last week. Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson left this week for a visit with friends in Freedom and Richmond, Me. Miss Thelma Tapley, of Revere, was a guest last week at the home of Mrs. A. S. Burnham at Woodsville. Ernest Bonahan has returned home after a pleasant trip to Detroit, Mich. Mildred Harrison, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed on Center road, returned last week to her home in Winstanton. The wedding of Miss Allison Winslow and George Hitchcock will take place at Mrs. Grace E. Winslow's, "Pine Lee," at eleven o'clock in the morning of Tuesday, September 8. On account of a recent death in the family it will be a quiet affair, only the immediate relatives and most intimate friends being invited. The young couple will reside at 721 College avenue, Elmira, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware and family, who have been staying at the home on Hazen road after a vacation of several weeks spent in Maine. Mrs. Sara Longley and S. LeRoy Longley returned home last Saturday after spending a week at York Beach, Me. Mrs. C. K. Bolton returned home last week after a short stay in Magnolia, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dusten, Miss Carrie Dusten, Harry Brown and Shirley Wood, of Reading, were visitors Sunday at the homes of Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and W. E. Barnard. Edwin Bridgman has returned home after a visit of several weeks in South Westport, Vt. Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed has been confined to her home on Center road with illness during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams, of Leominster, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Marsh. It is reported that the children from Woodsville who have been attending school at the Center will be carried to the village this year. Daniel Bartlett has charge of transporting them. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of New Hampshire, are taking the place of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow. Lewis Bradford, who took the examination for chauffeur at Fitchburg last week, has received word that he passed successfully. Miss Eleanor Divine, who has been a guest at the home of Mrs. A. S. Burnham at Woodsville, has returned to her home in Revere. Mrs. G. Loring Briggs and family, who have been staying for several weeks at the home of Henry Ware, Hazen road, returned last week to their home in Brookline. Miss Hazel Mackaye, who is attending Miss Noyes' school for folk dancing at Peterboro, N. H., this summer, had a leading part in the play, "The Pipes of Pan," which was recently given there. Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Woodward, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford. Mrs. J. Walker Ward left last week for Florida, where Mr. Ward has been for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Ward had a very successful business. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and family, of Ayer, have moved into the Mansfield house at Woodsville. Robert H. J. Holden and Lewis H. Bradford were members of the party from the village who went fishing in Boston harbor last Saturday. The latter received the first prize of ten dollars for the biggest fish, a sixteen-pound pollock. E. J. Miller went to New York this week, where he is to enter his horse, Huilchester, in a race. The following three State Grange field days have been planned for the coming week, thus completing the schedule for the summer: August 25, Hillside Pomona, Cummington; August 26, Berkshire South, Lake Buell, Sumner's Landing; August 28, Worcester Franklin, Brookside Park (Athol and Orange). Rev. H. A. Bridgman, who was expected home from Europe last week, has cable that he was unable to get passage when he expected to, but will probably sail on the LaFrance this week. A. S. Burnham, of Revere, spent Sunday at Woodsville with Mrs. Burnham and family. The Center primary and grammar schools will open on Tuesday, September 8, for the fall term. Rev. E. B. Saunders, of Fitchburg, will preach in the First Parish church on Sunday morning at 11.15. A good congregation last Sunday listened to Mr. Saunders' discourse upon the parable of the tares of the field. William J. Flynn rendered two solos with expression. Miss Parker accompanying him. THIS WAR IS WHOLESOME MURDER I hear the cannon's boom afar. As nations into warfare go, Methinks all war in every land And smite to death the coming foe! Ah, who brought on this cruel strife? This wholesale murder of mankind, Just a few men in public life With low, ambitious mind. These from their palaces command Their subjects to go forth and fight; To leave their friends, their native land And help increase their tyrant's might. If those who cause the war would stand In front and face the coming foe, Methinks all war in every land Would cease; and peace the earth would know. S. L. White, Beverly, Mass.

EXTREMES IN DAYLIGHT.

There is, in Reality, No One Longest or Shortest Day. It is usual to regard Dec. 21 as being the shortest day in the year and June 21 as the longest. But this impression, like so many others that are ingrained in the popular mind, is not a strictly accurate one. True it is, of course, that on Dec. 21 and June 21 respectively the sun reaches its most southerly and most northerly points in the zodiac and begins in the one case to ascend and in the other case to decline. But this is in theory only, because for two or three days preceding and following these dates there is no observable difference in its position or its hours of rising and setting. This question of latitude, by the way, is extremely important when speaking of the shortest or longest day or days of the year. In London and its neighborhood, for instance, the shortest days are seven hours and forty-five minutes and the three or four "longest days" around June 21 are sixteen hours and twenty-six minutes. At Tornea, in Finland, June 21 brings a day nearly twenty-two hours long and Christmas one less than three hours in length. In St. Petersburg the longest day is nineteen hours and the shortest five hours, while at Spitzbergen the longest day is three and a half months, the shortest being counted in seconds only.—London Answers. FEATHERED SCAVENGERS. Crows as Track Cleaners and Gulls as Government Workers. As unique a crew of track cleaners and police as could be found anywhere is enlisted in the service of the Southern Pacific railroad. The members are neither Americans nor foreigners. It is a crew of crows. The big black birds built their nests near Hornbrook, Ore., on the northern division of the road. They have become fat and sleek living off the generosity of tourists and of dining car employees. When the trains arrive at Hornbrook the crows leave their roosting places and circle about the depot. As the limiteds pull out the birds follow them for five or six miles. Scraps are thrown to them, and they devour every bit, polling the tracks and acting as scavengers. The section hands and other employees of the road realize the value of these birds and keep them from being molested. Trains crossing the Great Salt Lake are followed by sea gulls, the latter, like the crows, feasting on scraps thrown from the diners. In a similar way the great lakes are patrolled by white winged gulls. The government protects them, appreciating the work they do in following the ships or hovering over the fishing grounds and keeping the waters free of pollution.—Chicago Inter Ocean. New Year Calls in China. New Year calls in the custom in China, and you have to pay them in festive attire of silk or satin. These fine clothes (says Archdeacon Moule in the Chinese People) can be hired, the price being gradually lowered as the hours of the first six days pass by. We complained once of the very late arrival of a caller, who should have been among the first to salute us. He replied that money was scarce, and he was obliged to wait for the cheapest day to secure a fine robe already donned and doffed by a dozen of others. During these ceremonial days the whole community seems to give itself over to indiscriminate gambling, a practice illegal and condemned both by Chinese law and standards of morality, but winked at during this season. The Missing Window Pane. "Every kitchen has a window with one pane out in the Brazilian town of Rio Grande do Sul," said a cook. "That town is a servants' paradise. Servants live in their own homes there, as they should everywhere. They come to work at 7 in the morning, and they quit at 7 at night, a twelve hour day. Quite long enough. The paneless window is for the milkman, the baker, the butcher, so that these traders can leave their supplies—they usually come early—in a safe place. The Rio Grande servant is, of course, not there to receive them. She is in bed at her own home." Sizing Him Up. An eminent Scotch astronomer tells this excellent story against himself. He once explained in a lecture that a certain star looked no bigger than a threepenny bit a hundred miles away. After the discourse one of the audience said to him: "You must be a Scotsman, for no one but a Scotsman would trouble about a threepenny bit a hundred miles off." Sign of the Times. "Business is pretty slow here just now," confessed the Squam Corners merchant. "I judged so," replied the baking powder drummer, "when I observed they had laid off one of the hands of the town clock."—Philadelphia Ledger. For the Sake of Peace. "That's what I call hush money!" remarked a father as he put down the cash for a bottle of paregoric for the infantile members of his family. Good Board. Bill—Do you get good board where you can eat now? Tom—Good board? Why, I eat of the arm of a chair every meal.—Boston Transcript. Actions, looks, words—steps from the alphabet by which you spell character.—Lavater.

SERVICEABLE SERGES.

They Make Nice Frocks For Girl's School Wear. After all serge makes the most serviceable frock for the little folks. The gown illustrated here is designed in red, with touches of white on the shoulders and sleeves. The blouse is fastened with fancy buttons and is brought low on the body, a wide girle of satin encircling the hips. The skirt has a single box plait in front with another in the back. This makes a pretty and useful school frock for the little girl. Lingerie collars will be worn on suits for late spring and summer, collars and cuffs of embroidered batiste, plain organdy or lace. Fancy silks, too, will be used in light colors and novelty printed effects. FLORAL TRIMMINGS. A Single Flower on the Corsage Gives a Smart Touch to the Gown. The use of a single flower on the corsage is one of the most effective decorative fancies of the season. The flower may be of satin or velvet. It is considered very chic to select a futuristic flower, which is, of course, a somewhat bizarre variation of the natural type. The restaurant gown illustrated here is suitable for tangoing or for wear at a smart restaurant in one of the smart shades of green with the vest of embroidered net and the shoulders trimmed with passementerie. A very decided pannier falls over the skirt, which, while rather narrow, is slashed below to permit freedom of motion. In many of the spring gowns there is evidenced a return of the pannier drawn in at the knees, which is usually becoming to the average figure. Such panniers are draped with considerable fullness at the waist line in order that the puffed effect may be obtained below the hips. The hem is sharply drawn into the figure, and the waist line is accentuated by a wide girle of velvet ribbon into which is tucked a careless bunch of roses.

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PEPPERELL.

About Town. Mrs. H. Chandler Tucker and son Frederic, from Marlboro, are visiting for a week with Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker in town...

Mrs. Violet Dupree, of Leominster, has been the guest of Miss Blanche Surprenant in town the past week.

Lyman Robbins is taking a two-week vacation from his work at I. J. Rowell's grain store.

Mrs. William Deware and son returned from their visit at Bal Verte and Shediac, N. B., on Tuesday after an absence of four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Surprenant visited friends in Nashua, N. H., over the week-end and Sunday.

Mrs. James Dunn and son are expected home from Cushing, Me., the last of this week.

Charles Bridge and family have moved to Claremont, N. H., following the sale of his farm on Nashua street.

Mrs. A. A. Blood, of Gardner, visited in town the early part of the week, coming to attend the Fletcher and Blood family reunion on Monday and remaining over Tuesday as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett.

Dr. F. R. McGrill returned Tuesday morning after a week's vacation.

Miss Marian Wright, of Worcester, is a guest of her cousin, Miss Effie Winship.

Miss Ada Whitney left town on last Saturday morning for South Poland, Me., where she will visit her friend and former tenant, Mrs. Fayette Bicknell.

Miss Corinne White, who has been housekeeping for her uncle, N. S. Shattuck, left town this week to join her parents at Orono, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebram Lee and Mrs. W. Wallace returned on Sunday guests at Ashmont farm with Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash, coming by auto from their summer home.

Howard Willoughby and wife were guests of relatives here over Sunday, returning by auto to their home in Lexington on Sunday evening.

The names of some few citizens were inadvertently omitted from the list of those who have paid a tax of fifty dollars or more last week.

Mrs. Rupert Blood was the guest of her sister at Fitchburg over the week-end and Sunday, returning home on Monday evening.

Main street river bridge was opened for traffic on last Saturday, the new planking having been treated to a thin coating of tar for better preservation.

A new sidewalk was also laid. Some criticism has been made about the replacing of the guard rails at the side of the bridge and edge of the sidewalk, close to the boards without any air space.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash have been entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Byron A. Mathew at their home on Park street.

Miss Edna Kittredge and Miss Muriel Robinson joined a party going on the excursion from Ayer to Lake Winnepesaukee on Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. P. R. Stratton and family have been visiting this week at Ashburnham, a former pastorate of Mr. Stratton's.

Miss Elsie Northrup left here Tuesday to finish her two weeks' vacation with relatives at Lewiston, Me., and to return to her work at Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Daniel Dunbar of Oak Hill went to Fitchburg to visit relatives over Sunday.

The Champion International and Pepperell Card shops are running full just at present.

Prices at the Unitarian fair in Prescott hall, Thursday and Friday afternoons, August 27 and 28 will not be advanced on account of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith of Everett are visiting Mrs. Adelbert Boynton on Park street.

Miss Bell of Worcester is spending her vacation at the home of Mrs. Harry Foster on Townsend street.

Flora Boynton has been spending a few days with E. S. Durant's family at their camp at Whalom.

Mr. Wiksell spent Sunday with his wife and daughter at the home of Mrs. Harriet Phelps, Park street.

Saturday, August 15, a twelve pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fisher on Park street.

Mrs. Alice Spencer, who has been staying with her mother, Mrs. Walter Jewett, Townsend street, entertained her friend, Mrs. Gardner of Roxbury over the week-end.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis with their daughter and niece left Tuesday for a two-weeks' vacation at Reading.

Flora is on sale for the oriental pageant, play in Prescott hall, Thursday and Friday evenings, August 27 and 28, at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Raymond Boynton of Lowell spent Sunday with Mrs. Otis Merrill on Oak Hill.

Miss Nettie Blood of Waban spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Avander Blood, Park street.

Mrs. Harold Woodward and daughter of Tilton, N. H., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward.

On Friday evening of last week Miss Marguerite Donnelly entertained fourteen of her friends at a card party at her home.

Mrs. Chester Parker and daughter Helen left Wednesday for a week's visit at Greenfield with her sister, Mrs. Hill.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Shattuck has been quite ill with stomach trouble.

Miss Della Kemp of Boston is spending her vacation in town at the home of her mother, Mrs. D. W. Hazen.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dansereau over the week-end were Mrs. Angella Butler and Mrs. Caroline LeBlanc.

A fine large covered barge is being built by John Fredericks for Charles Messer to be used for the transportation of school children.

Henry Messer fell from a bicycle Saturday evening and received a badly sprained arm, necessitating a plaster cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Shattuck entertained as week-end guests Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Shattuck and his brother Gilbert and wife from Fitchburg.

Lizzie and Nellie Eldredge from Watertown are visitors at the home of Joseph Tierney, Nashua street.

Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Durant spent Monday with E. S. Durant's family at Whalom.

North Chelmsford A. A. played Pepperell A. A. at the Pepperell grounds last Saturday.

Jerry Annis is taking a well earned vacation from his duties as a carpenter.

James Winch and family and Henry Messer and wife went to Island pond for a week's camping on Monday.

The High school building is much improved with its recent fresh coat of paint, the color having been changed for the first time in many years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Woodward is entertaining her son, Albion Newell, and family from Geneva, N. Y.

Durant's three-seated and four-seated barges were filled to overflowing on Thursday morning.

Patrick Silvey is preparing to rebuild his house, which was burned several years ago.

Miss Beatrice Dansereau of Nashua is at the home of her father, Joseph Dansereau, on Pleasant street, for a short time.

Horace I. Whipple, formerly of this town, but now of Ipswich, has been in town this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Harmon on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Stewart and five children arrived in town on Thursday noon, coming from Washington, D. C.

Bradford W. Shattuck passed away at his home on Heald street on Tuesday, August 18.

On and after this date I shall claim no more of my share of the partnership...

there was a large gathering of his children with their families, as well as other relatives and neighbors and friends.

There was a profusion of beautiful sprays and cut flowers, notable among them being ninety white asters from the grandchildren.

The annual reunion of the Fletcher, Blood and Boynton families was held in the fine grove at Whalom, August 17.

Among those from out-of-town, who came by auto from Milford, N. H., were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fletcher.

Mr. Fletcher is the brother of the late Dr. Fletcher, the last of seven brothers from a family of thirteen children.

From the connection in this town were Edmund S. Blood and family, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Boynton and daughters.

A beautiful picnic dinner was enjoyed at noon with quantities of fine food and wine and beverage.

The date was that of the birthday of one member of the participants and is observed from year to year.

One of the pleasantest occasions of the week was the surprise party given by the members of the East Village Social Club.

One pleasant feature of the afternoon was the presentation by Mrs. Nellie Appleton of a berry set and two large vases filled with her choice flowers.

There will be no morning service on Sunday school in the Congregational church on Sunday, August 23 and 30.

Rev. J. B. Lewis and family left town on Tuesday noon for Reading, the former home of both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noyes, Miss Fagot, M. Gladys Williams and Mr. Whelock autoed from Portland, Me., Saturday, remaining in town until Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nellie Gilchrist has left town to take up her residence with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gilchrist, in Winchendon.

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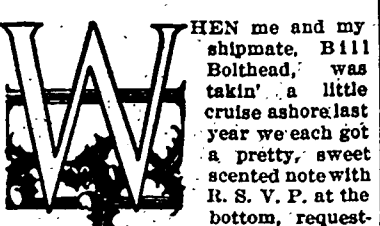
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My First Christmas Eve Dance

WRITTEN BY A JACK TAR



When me and my shipmate, Bill Bolthead, was takin' a little cruise ashore last year we each got a pretty, sweet scented note with R. S. V. P. at the bottom, requestin' 'the pleasure of your company' at a dance on Christmas eve, Bill, who is well up in these things, told me then letters meant 'Reply Sharp; Very Pressin'.'

Well, Christmas eve came round, and Bill and me rigged ourselves out in our best shore goin' togs and set sail for the dance. On reportin' ourselves we was mustered in a big cabin like a battleship's gun room, all litivated up with holly and mistletoe, and with the deck polished instead of holy stoned, and so slippery that I nearly pitched on to my bowsprit as I went through the hatchway.

'Yast heavin', Bill,' I sez, comin' to an anchor, 'this is worse than crossin' the bay in a gale o' wind,' but Bill he kept forgin' ahead, as cool as a middy in command of a dispatch boat, so I slipped my cable and went on full speed in his wake, sweatin' like a marine recruit gun' into haction for the first time. We was nearly the last aboard, for the cabin was pretty full, the men lookin' like restaurang waiters and the ladies all as smart as a cruiser squadron in rainbow rig.

Presently a fussy little chap, who I took to be the commodore, but who Bill said was the M. Sea man, though he didn't look as if he knowed much about the sea, came up and gave us both a pretty card with sailin' orders on, which Bill called a program. Then he passed the word to clear for haction, and a band on the quarterdeck aft struck up and the dancln' begun.

As I was leavin' against the bulwarks, the M. Sea man came up and said somethin' what I couldn't catch, so I said, 'Aye, aye, sir!' and before I knowed it he had blintzled me with the smartest A1 clipper little craft I ever turned my searchlights on, and somehow the next minute her sweet little figurehead was close to mine, and I made fast around her amidships and steamed into haction.

'This is a polker, not an 'ornpipe,' she said presently in a voice as sweet as the bo's'n's whistle pipin' at grog time, so I axed her parding and navigated accordin'. Well, we boxed the compass about twice, when some one ran foul o' my starboard bow and threw me so consarated and bore a hand so prettily, to haul me up that I quite forgot to say what I was goin' to the lubber. Next time I was goin' to dance with her again, but she told me she was engaged. 'Hindeed!' sez I as 'aughty as a hadmiral. Then a red-headed swab took her in tow, and the band strikin' up the 'Keel Row' there was the two of 'em a-caperin' away just like old Mac, our second engineer, when he has had what he calls 'a wee drap' on pay nights.

Soon after I see her sittin' fannin' herself, while the red-headed chap was a-carryin' on shameful with a girl in pink, so I tacked towards her and told her what I thought of the swab she was engaged to and offered to bash in his headlights. I thought 'she would never stop laughin' as she told me she didn't even know him and was only engaged to him for the dance, and then I felt better.

Well, to cut the yarn short, at eight bells I conveyed her down to the ward room to mess, and after that we hove to in a conservative full of palms and flowers and smellin' like a tropical island, and then—well, after a very hot engagement, in which I had to bring both broadsides into haction, my pretty prize hauled down her flag, and a few months later we signalled for a port pilot, and I towed her safe into port—London Tit-Bits.



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Advertisement for Ford cars, featuring the Ford logo and text: LOWER PRICES ON FORD CARS. Effective August 1st 1914 to August 1st 1915 and guaranteed against any reductions during that time.

PEPPERELL. Resolutions. Whereas, our brother, Horace I. Whipple, has seen best to withdraw his business interests from this town and also his residence, we the members of the Evangelical Congregational church, in meeting assembled do resolve—that we deeply regret his leaving and therefore our loss of an active, earnest member of our church.

Methodist Church Notes. 'The balm in Gilead' will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday morning, August 23, at seven o'clock. There will be a praise service and a short sermon upon the subject 'Radium and the sun of righteousness.'

HOLLIS, N. H. About Town. George H. Stimson lost two very valuable cows the past week, death resulting from eating paris green.

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FOR SALE—Seven-passenger 'Royal Tourist' in first-class condition. Also, Flanders Runabout just been overhauled, new tires and top. JOHN A. HEALY, Graniteville, Mass., Telephone 14 Westford.

Mrs. Hannah Lawrence, from Pepperell, drove to town for Old Home Day. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jameson and children and Mrs. Sarah Baker, from Milford, were in town on Old Home Day.

Mrs. Ralph Herrick has been entertaining a friend from Amsterdam recently. Mrs. Bradley has been a recent visitor at S. M. Spaulding's.

The concert and ball in the evening was well attended. Music was furnished by Madden's singing orchestra from Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. Maria Whitcomb has gone with a party of friends to Portland, Me., by auto. Before returning she will visit an aunt who is spending the summer at Peak Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck, with their little daughter, of Beverly, are staying at W. H. Furbush's. Mr. and Mrs. Viets took a vacation last week, making Boston their stopping place.

Mrs. Charles Hanscomb, of Melrose, and Miss Jones, of Baltimore, were week-end guests at James Braman's. Mrs. John Cobleigh is visiting with friends in Somerville and Easton.

FOR SALE—A small Kitchen Range, practically new, and a few other Household Furnishings. Must be sold before September 1, as I am breaking up housekeeping. MISS L. W. KANE, Groton, Mass. 1150