

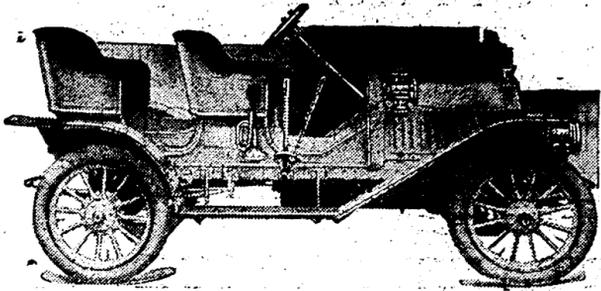
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HARVARD.

News Items.

Bromfield school opened on Wednesday of last week with the following teachers: Principal, A. F. Leonard; assistants, Miss Marion Renfrew and Miss Alcina Houghton of South Boston. Miss Houghton is here for her first year and is a graduate of Radcliffe college. Prof. Leonard reports an unusual large number of attendants, fifty-two in all; twenty-five in the Freshman class. This year for the first time a complete study of bookkeeping is on the course, Ellis system being the one in use. Teachers and trustees are very well pleased over the healthy conditions of the school and predict a very prosperous year in educational advancement.

Mrs. L. H. Hildreth of Lynn is acting postmistress temporarily. She is giving entire satisfaction.

Miss Grace Willard, who spends her summer here with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Farwell, returned to her home in New York city last week.

Alfred Willard is visiting for two weeks at New Bedford with his daughter Bertha and family.

George Hanna of Boston is with his brother, William Hanna, for a couple of weeks. Mr. Hanna is employed with the Boston Elevated Co.

Miss Phoebe Croft and Miss Jennie Faulkenam are visiting at their homes in Nova Scotia; the former at Greenfield, Kings county, and the latter at Lunenburg. They expect to return about October first.

Miss Nancy Fulton was a recent visitor at J. B. Harlow's.

The caucus held by the republicans on Tuesday evening last was very largely attended, thirty-two votes in all being cast for the delegates to the different conventions. The ballot resulted as follows: Republican town committee for 1910, P. A. Atherton, A. T. West, H. D. Stone; state, P. A. Atherton; county, William B. Willard; councillor, William B. Willard; senatorial, George T. Gale; representative, A. H. Turner, C. L. Russell.

Mrs. Stanley Newton, aged thirty-four years, died at her home here on Tuesday, September 21. Mr. Newton recently bought the farm owned by Henry Brown on the Littleton road, and the sympathies of the townspeople are extended to him in his bereavement.

Leon E. Dadmun, who with his family have summered on the farm of A. T. West on Lover's Lane, returned to their home in Somerville on Monday. Mr. Dadmun intends to have a substantial summer house ready for his occupancy by next summer on the lot he purchased on Lover's Lane of A. T. West.

Mrs. Thomas K. Morse is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. N. Lougee.

Miss Amy Lougee has entered Becker's business college of Worcester.

Patrons of the postoffice who rent boxes are surprised to find their bills for rental ten days before the first of the quarter. This is in accordance with the rules and regulations governing postoffices, and box rents in

the future will be due on the twentieth or twenty-first of the month preceding each quarter.

Mrs. Frank T. Shirley of Lynn visited this week at H. H. Gale's. She was the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Hildreth.

Ruel P. Lougee is traveling for the Haynes-Piper Co., buying apples.

Mr. and Mrs. Cuthbert Wrangham leave this week for a month or six weeks' trip to England, visiting their old home and relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barr of Fitchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown of Sudbury, spent last Sunday with the former's nephew, A. M. Brown, at his home on Bare Hill.

Mrs. C. R. White of Shirley was in town this week making arrangements for opening her dancing school in October.

Misses Carrie and Lizzie Priest have returned from a visit with friends in Westborough.

Miss L. F. Sawyer of Worcester spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister.

Daniel Joy, for several years a resident of this town and for many years the section boss on the Boston and Maine, died at his home on Thursday, September 23. Mr. Joy was taken sick very suddenly on Tuesday evening. Dr. Royal attended at once, but the patient grew rapidly worse until death took place. He was aged 59 years, 4 months. Funeral Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. R. M. Lindley has charge of the affairs, Rev. J. P. Sheafe officiating at the last hour. Burial will be at Bellevue cemetery.

S. M. Farnsworth has the finest peaches ever raised in this section of the country in his orchard on Oak hill, some of them, the Elberta, measuring twelve inches in circumference. He is selling all of them at his farm without any effort at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a basket, there is such a demand for them. He will have about 500 baskets in all.

Howard D. Stone, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the household furniture belonging to Mrs. Clara M. Spencer, on Saturday, September 25, at one o'clock p. m., at the residence of Herman Skillings, Harvard.

Cider apples are what Haynes-Piper Co. are after at their vinegar works, Ayer, and they will pay the highest cash price for all you deliver to them.

Grange.

The grange held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening, the subject under discussion being, "Is the closing of the district school a blow to the rural community?" It was ably introduced by Mr. Clay, who opened the discussion, followed by others. Nearly all who spoke took the negative, pointing out the advantages of centralization. Music was furnished by the ladies' quartet, Misses King, Houghton, Parker and Davis. A duet was also very pleasantly rendered by Mrs. Harlow and Mr. West. The singing by the quartet was thoroughly appreciated and they were obliged to respond with an encore. The next meeting, October 5, is neighborly night, and Littleton and Buxborough

are to furnish the entertainment. Local members are to furnish the supper.

Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. Arna W. Robinson are the proud grandparents of a daughter born to their daughter, Mrs. Percy A. Richards, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. H. Keyes arrived at the home of her children, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, Saturday, to spend the winter with them. She has spent the summer with her son, Lester Keyes, in Springfield.

Mrs. Haynes and Miss Brown have met with fine success in their canvass for funds to put a furnace into the Baptist church, and the committee now that they are sure of the cash, are making plans to have the same installed as soon as possible.

Andrew Walker has bought the cottage of Chester Willard, opposite the house owned by H. A. Bliss, and at present occupied by Mr. Walker, and will soon move into it. It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Bliss will move into their house after Mr. Walker moves out, from the farm in the north part of Lancaster, that they have occupied for the past ten years.

George Lapointe, the young man arrested in the murder case of Dr. Stone, lived in Still River for several years with his parents, and it is hard to make the people here believe that he was implicated in the murder.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Stone, who have been occupying the Atherton home-stand for several months, returned to their Ayer home Tuesday.

Mr. Hutcherson is busy these days with his corn harvesting machine, which cuts and binds the corn, harvesting the corn for the farmers in this vicinity. It is a wonderful machine, and is a much quicker way to get the corn cut than to do it by hand.

The Boston and Maine railroad is relaying the main line steel from half way between Harvard and Still River to Lancaster, the old steel being badly worn at the joints.

All who have cider apples for sale, read advertisement of Haynes-Piper Co., Ayer, on first page.

TOWNSEND.

Deaths.

William A. Beckford died at his residence on the Fitchburg road, Sunday evening, September 19. He was in his eighty-first year, and had been gradually failing for some time. Although he had recovered quite nicely from a shock sustained some time ago, he began to succumb to the ailments of old age, which ended in his death at the home of his son, W. S. Beckford, with whom he lived. The funeral was held at the house Wednesday at two p. m., Rev. F. B. Harrison officiating. Several of Mr. Beckford's favorite selections were sung by E. A. Flagg, Mrs. Mabel Brackett and Mrs. Greenleaf. There were many beautiful flowers from the neighbors, who greatly esteemed him, and from friends and relatives, and also from the G. A. R., Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., and Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V. The funeral procession was met at town by members of these three orders, and escorted by them to the cemetery, where a short service was held. Mr. Beckford leaves one son in California, besides W. S. Beckford, at whose home he was tenderly cared for. He was a first lieutenant in his regiment and was buried in his soldier's suit, his remaining comrades performing the last sad rites.

Mrs. Nellie Dobson, wife of John Dobson, died suddenly at her home, Monday evening, of Bright's disease, aged 48 years, 11 months. For about a year she had been in very poor health, and at one time it was feared she would not recover from a severe sick spell, but she had so far gained in health as to be able to be up and about once more, much to the relief of her friends, when Monday she was taken severely sick again only to pass away that evening. The funeral was held at her late home, Thursday, at 2:30 p. m., Rev. B. A. Willmott of Lowell officiating, assisted by Rev. F. B. Harrison. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Helen, also a mother, Mrs. Colburn of Brookline, N. H., and one sister, Mrs. H. Campbell, also of Brookline, who have the sympathy of all in their loss. There were many beautiful flowers sent by loving relatives and friends. Mrs. Dobson was a member of the L. E. S. of the Congregational church, in which society she was always an able and careful worker. She will be greatly missed both in her home and among a large circle of friends.

Auctions.

There will be an auction of sixty-five cows and heifers and one bull at the barns of B. Darby, Concord Junction, on Monday, September 27, at 10 a. m.

On Thursday, September 30, at 1:30 p. m., there will be an auction sale of sixteen choice cows and one bull in North Sudbury, belonging to Frank P. Barton.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell on Friday, September 24, at 9:30 a. m., the household goods of Frank H. Willard, South Acton.

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Saturday, September 25, 1909.

WESTFORD.

About Town.

The electric cars were obliged to submit to an accidental standstill near Crystal lake, a little way out of North Chelmsford last week Friday. The running gear got out of gear, and could not be got back to obedience for several hours. Coaxing exercises were applied between the hours of 6.30 and nine p. m. During this two and one-half hours' delay the passengers entertained themselves with exercises in patience. Sunday morning the first car leaving Brookside for Westford was unable to run, which caused the passengers to suddenly believe that they would rather walk than ride. The organist at the Unitarian church was among those who loved walking rather than a car a-balking. The first car reached Westford about 10.45, a little over two hours late.

At a meeting of the selectmen Tuesday evening Austin H. Foss and J. Herbert Fletcher were drawn to serve on the jury at Lowell the first Monday in October.

Joseph E. Knight is ill at his home on the Chelmsford road suffering from acute indigestion.

Dr. Salter and wife of Oxford, Nova Scotia, have been visiting with old-time friends, the McMaster family, on the Chamberlain road.

Remember the Groton farmers' fair on the 30th, next week. The hills, valleys and farmers of Groton form a strong combination of production. Let us go and see the combination.

Amos Polly has finished sowing quite an acreage of winter wheat, and if there is a sudden drop in the wheat market, lay it to the Stony Brook prospects.

Lorenzo Fletcher, for many years a resident of Kansas, has returned to his native town and bought the cottage house, corner of Groton and Forest road. He is an uncle of our public-spirited and busy stone contractor, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher.

The board of registration held their first meeting Friday evening of last week at the selectmen's room. The members of the board are Town Clerk Edward Fisher, J. Herbert Fletcher, J. Everett Woods and Samuel L. Taylor. The board organized by choosing J. Everett Woods chairman, and also arranged future meetings as follows: Brookside, October 15, from 7.45 to 8.45 p. m.; Graniteville, October 15, from 7.30 to nine p. m.; Forge Village, October 20, from 7.30 to nine p. m.; town hall, Westford Center, and last night to register, October 23, from noon until ten p. m.

Fair.

The Middlesex North fair at Chelmsford, Wednesday and Thursday, was all it was boked for. Large attendance, large display and large weather to coax. Fifty-seven years ago Middlesex North organized and held its first fair at Chelmsford. It has seen many trials since and departure from the original agricultural fair, and the recent fair was a return to first prize and first principles, with just enough of the purely agricultural to set it off with a jingle. Such was the Chelmsford brass band with its merry chiming trip to the "light fantastic toe." They never played more charming and captivating. The horse racing was a little off purely agricultural and yet not far from the ordinary farm jig, for the premiums were awarded on the basis of the horse that came in last, the horses to be driven by some one other than the owner, without whip. This caused much merriment, as the horse with the greatest speed capacity came in last. The baby show was an elaborate affair in the numberless beauties. Ex-President Roosevelt should have been there. It was encouraging to his view of life. For fireworks six hundred dollars went up in premiums by the light of which you could read, Grange exhibit, first to Chelmsford, second to Billerica, third to Tewksbury, fourth to Dracut. A little closer look and you can see William H. Decatur of Westford doing the honors to eight premiums on the famous, blooded stock raised from the famous herd of Ex-Governor Goodell of Andover, N. H. In the display of swine Mr. Decatur done the honors to several big premiums. The old "oaken bucket farm" also lugged off first premiums on Williams' apple, second premium on pumpkins' sweets, and a fifty-cent squirt from the judges on potatoes. The fair as an affair of cash values balanced encouragingly, as an affair of social life and education it has done better work for half a century.

Came.

That gold-headed cane that the Boston Post has been encouraging the old age with in Yankee New England, has found a hiding place in Westford.

To the oldest citizen Selectman Oscar R. Spaulding presented the cane to Theodore Horace Hamblett of the Brookside precinct. Although in the nineties, he retains that quick, sharp, "hall, how-do-you-do type of life," as well as a vigorous hall to health. The vexed question of whether women folks are citizens and eligible to gold-headed canes, is answered as long as headed canes is easily answered, as long as any class of people with chain and ball are handcuffed to the ancient law that physical might makes moral right, as long as our civilization is swayed by this law, women are not citizens and need not apply for gold-headed canes. We are only half civilized and are afraid to risk the other half.

The Caucus.

At the republican caucus, Tuesday evening, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, chairman of the town committee, read the call. Edward M. Abbot was chosen chairman and Leonard W. Wheeler, secretary. The following delegates had seventeen votes each and were elected to the several conventions: state, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, George H. Hartford; councillor, George T. Day, Sherman H. Fletcher; county, Julian A. Cameron, Walter A. Whidden; senatorial, Alfred W. Hartford, William R. Taylor; representative, Wesley O. Hawkes, Charles M. Trull, T. Arthur E. Wilson, Samuel L. Taylor. The town committee elected for 1910 are Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, Alfred W. Hartford, Edward Hanley, Charles M. Trull, Julian A. Cameron, Harry L. Nesmith, T. Arthur E. Wilson, Edward M. Abbot, Wesley O. Hawkes, Oscar A. Nelson, Andrew Johnson, Fred A. Sweatt, Thomas Danio, Walter A. Whidden, Samuel L. Taylor.

Grange.

Neighbors' night at the grange last week Thursday evening was one of the full blooming kind. The Concord of early battle grounds, and Tyngsboro historic with out battle grounds, nestling in the embrace of the Merrimack; were represented in entertaining numbers, with cornet solos, song solos, reading solos and remarkable solos. Among those entertained as per above were, Mrs. C. Arthur E. Jones of Concord, Harry L. Littlehale, Mrs. A. A. Flint, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Sherburne and Rev. Charles Danforth of Tyngsboro. The ladies degree team of Westford grange entertained with supper, so nicely attractive, that they were invited to participate in the initiation of candidates the first Tuesday evening in October at Tyngsboro.

Troubled Vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles C. P. Hiller of Wesley church, Springfield, have had a troubled vacation. Leaving about the first of August for the Adirondacks, Mrs. Hiller was taken ill at Sacondaga Park, N. Y., and August 29 had to be taken to the hospital at Gloversville, N. Y., whence she will certainly not be able to return to Springfield until October or later. They have the profound sympathy of their many friends, who pray for Mrs. Hiller's speedy recovery. This illness is doubly disappointing, as Rev. and Mrs. Hiller intended to attend the golden wedding of Mr. Hiller's parents, celebrated early this month at the parental home in Michigan. Mr. Hiller will be remembered as the minister of the church in West Chelmsford, Westford Center and Graniteville in recent years. As resident in West Chelmsford, he was interested in the debating society, serving as critic.

An Old-Time Visitor.

Mrs. George D. Noyes of Brookline is visiting her cousin, Miss Ella Wright, at the Lewis T. Fletcher homestead on the Lowell road. To the residents of Westford, who can look back over the history of the town for over half a century, Mrs. Noyes will be better remembered as Miss Susan Wright, daughter of John Wright, who was preceptor of Westford academy from 1822 to 1824, and afterwards a prominent mill agent in Lowell. Her mother was Miss Susan Prescott of Groton, the first lady assistant at the academy, beginning to teach in 1819. Her grandfather was Nathan Wright, one of the early old residents, and owner of the Edw. Gould farm. He had nine sons, Nathan, Parker, Jotham, Edmund, Edmund No. 2, John, Walter, Martin, George. Her cousin, Miss Ella Wright, was left by Mrs. Augusta Butterfield, the Fletcher homestead and twenty acres of land. Hon. George J. Burns, administrator of the estate, visited the home Saturday with a surveyor preparatory to making a survey and plan of this old homestead. Miss Wright will return to Ohio about October 1.

Center.

Mrs. Nelly P. Draper and daughter Lillian were guests the greater part of last week at Mrs. H. V. Hildreth's. Miss Lillian enters college this fall.

Mrs. Annie Christopher of Worcester has come to act as housekeeper at Mrs. Andrew S. Wright's.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Spaulding are enjoying a trip with a large party to Montreal and other Canadian points of interest.

Mrs. Stockdale is spending a few weeks with Miss Miranda Luce and enjoying greetings of her former Westford friends.

Dr. Edward Atwood and Mrs. Atwood, who have spent the summer with northern relatives, returned to their Florida home this week. Miss Evelyn remains at the north for some time longer.

Fair.

The annual agricultural fair and sale under the auspices of the Congregational church took place at the town hall, Wednesday afternoon and evening, and was very much of a success. The dry season that the farmers have had to contend with made the exhibit not as extensive as usual, but what there was of it was good and attractively arranged. Fruit, vegetables and flowers received the usual admiring attention. The Misses Atwood had an entire table devoted to the products of their small garden, and the results were most commendable.

There were products noted from the gardens of Misses Wilson, Bunce, Taylor, Read, Wheeler, Osgood, Hildreth, MacDougal, Whitney and Bridgford. E. J. Whitney had some corn about fourteen feet in height.

Among odd things were some fine

red currants, some plants of the wonder berry, some fine clusters of crimson rambler roses, also Jentils and Kohl Rabi.

H. G. Osgood had his usual good display of many varieties of apples. Mrs. Osgood's usual collection of jellies were missed owing to ill health. There were some fine specimens of canned vegetables and fruits done by the lady of the parsonage.

There were sales tables for fancy articles, aprons, food candy and the Mother Goose booth for the children, all of which received a generous patronage. The candy table was the usual attraction with good home-made candy. This was trimmed with butterflies of crepe paper. The fancy table came next, and this committee disposed of a large amount of articles both useful and ornamental. This booth had green and white for its decoration, with a generous use of hydrangeas to complete it. The ever-useful apron table did a good business, selling entirely out early in the evening. This table was trimmed with crepe paper in maize design. On the opposite side of the hall and across the front were display tables, food table and Mother Goose booth. The very realistic old goose handled out the various articles to the children until the supply was exhausted. The food table with its good home-made food was sold out comparatively early in the afternoon notwithstanding the sale of other eatables.

During the afternoon J. H. Foss gave selections from his graphophone, and the entertainment in the evening consisted of a dramatic presentation by talent from the young people from the Pawtucket church in Lowell.

Ice cream was on sale during the afternoon, and from six to eight a good old-fashioned supper was served. This was capably managed and the long tables were well filled.

The various ones who had charge of the various features feel grateful to their faithful helpers and for the generous patronage from others who helped to make the annual fair the success it was.

It was pleasant to have in attendance in the afternoon Mrs. Dorothy Sleeper Hartwell and Miss Natalie Sleeper, who came over from camp, where they are staying. Also present to greet their Westford friends were Mrs. Hiram Whitney and Mrs. Walter Wright. From West Chelmsford there was a delegation consisting of Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, Mrs. George A. Snow, Mrs. Esther Taylor Snow with Perry and Miss Margaret Reid.

Graniteville.

Mrs. Gothwell Alforth has been a week-end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Space in this village.

Mrs. Mary McDermott and Miss Julia Burke of Lowell have been recent visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Riney with Miss Etta May and Alice C. Sheehan of Lowell visited friends in this village recently.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company are now making arrangements for a field day, followed by a social dance, to be held in this village on Saturday, October 2.

Many members of Cameron Circle 823, C. F. of A., of this village, visited the Ayer Circle in Ayer at their regular meeting on Tuesday night. No special business was on hand, the visit being simply of a social nature.

The members of the A. R. Choate hose company were out for practice duty on Monday evening, and during the tryout one of the water pipes on First suddenly burst, and the quick flow of water caused considerable excitement in that vicinity for a few minutes, until it was shut off by Superintendent Sutherland of the Water Co. The pipe was repaired the next day.

Baseball.

The Crescent baseball club of Lowell visited here on last Saturday afternoon and in one of the slowest and most uninteresting games of the season defeated the Graniteville Blues by the score of 12 to 6. Thomas McCarthy, the regular pitcher, was not in the Blues lineup, and John Spinner was substituted at the last moment. Spinner did excellent work, having ten strikeouts to his credit and fielding his position in good shape. The Blues gave him wretched support, the work of the infield being very yellow at times. Neither side appeared to care which way the game went, and it was a great relief to the spectators when the last man was put out. It was really the worst exhibition of baseball playing that has been seen here this season, and entirely devoid of interest. The boys cannot be blamed much, as they were not over anxious to play any way, and had just finished a very strenuous season and given a good account of themselves. The Crescent showed flashes of fast work at times, but toward the last grew tired and careless. Spinner, Gordon, Ledwith and Heman did the battery work for the Blues, while McDowell and Dennett were in the points for the Crescents.

Forge.

Wilbert E. Parsons has sold his place, known as the Comey place, of this village, to Henry M. Story of Hudson, formerly a resident of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Felix LeClare, who have been residing there, will move into the tenement now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Parsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons expect to leave the last of October for an extended visit to his sister in Ranier, Ore.

The social season will commence here Saturday evening, September 25. The ladies of the sewing circle will give a bean supper in Recreation hall from six to eight p. m., after which will be a social hour with dancing.

Town water will be installed in St. Andrew's mission this week. The expenses will be met by the Ladies' Sewing Circle.

Mrs. John Burnett was called to Dorchester, Friday, by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Ellen McArdle.

Miss Rose Byron is quarantined with diphtheria at the home of her mother, Mrs. Canton on Bradford street.

Mrs. George Baker of Ayer and little daughter Cleo were visiting friends here one day this week.

W. E. Parsons attended the campfire at Lectinist with the George S. Boutwell post 48, of Ayer, last Saturday.

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Reunion.

The fourteenth annual reunion of the Jonathan Smith Bennett association was held at the home of Mrs. Sarah McIntire at Shrewsbury Monday, September 8. Forty-two members were present, among whom were five of the children of Jonathan S. Bennett, Alvin S. Bennett, Lucretia J. Reed, Mary I. Drake of Forge Village; Sarah M. McIntire of Shrewsbury, and John H. Bennett of Worcester, their ages ranging from eighty-three to sixty-three years. The remaining two, Abijah S. Bennett of Wisconsin and Dr. H. M. Bennett of Washington, D. C., were absent.

There was one marriage in the family recorded, and one death and three births since the last meeting in 1908. At noon there was a bountiful dinner served, after which vocal and instrumental music and pleasant remembrances helped to round out a day of unusual enjoyment.

Guests were present from Oakham, Natick, Reading, Marblehead, Forge Village, Worcester, Lowell and Freeport, N. H. There was a business meeting and officers chosen for the ensuing year were John H. Bennett, president; Rev. George J. Bennett of Freeport, N. H., vice-president; Mrs. Mary I. Drake, secretary; after which they adjourned to meet the first Monday in September, 1910.

This family are direct descendants of James Bennett of Groton, who married March 23, 1703, and resided in Groton.

New Advertisements.

LOST.—A black and white checked gingham belt with buckle on East Main-st., Sept. 17. Mrs. F. H. REEVE, Box 56, Ayer.

TO RENT.—A large house with all modern conveniences and barn on Third-st., Ayer. EMMA L. WOODS, Ayer, 217.

A Card of Thanks.

We thank all for their kindness and assistance and for their sympathy shown in our sad bereavement during the illness and death of our son, Walter Theodore Saunders, and for the beautiful flowers.

ROBERT T. SAUNDERS AND FAMILY.
Ayer, Sept. 22, 1909.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Anabel Webster Sawyer, late of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of October, A.D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

EDWARD HENSON BREXAN, Adm.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of John R. Pierce, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased.

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

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

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

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

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SCENIC EXCURSION THROUGH THE GRAND DEERFIELD VALLEY

SATURDAY, October 2, 1909

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Brookline grange, R. of H., will hold their annual fair, Friday, October 1, at Tarbell's hall. There will be a general exhibit of farm products, fruit and fancy articles. Prizes being awarded for the best exhibits, all residents are invited to bring in exhibits. A special prize of one dollar will be awarded outside of the grange. Herbert O. Hadley of Peterborough will give an address in the afternoon. Supper will be served from six to 7.30. In the evening the two farces, "A kiss in the dark" and "Mrs. Willis' will," will be presented. Excellent music will be furnished for promenading and dancing.

Mrs. Annie Bean of Fitchburg is the guest of Mrs. Albert W. Corey.

Mrs. Dickerman and daughter of Alton, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gerrish.

Mrs. Helen Hobart Cook is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Celia A. Powers.

Mrs. Martha Wright was the recipient of many beautiful floral tributes upon assuming her duties as master of the Norcross school at South Boston.

Miss Helen Hitchens of Boston is at the Sawtelle homestead for a few weeks.

Miss Margaret Wilkins returned to Brookline, Mass., with Rev. George L. Perin and wife.

The Loyal Workers held a very interesting meeting at the residence of Mrs. George Betterley, Wednesday afternoon, September 22.

Miss Ethel M. Rockwood commences a medical course at Johns Hopkins university at Baltimore, Md., next month.

Eldorus C. Fessenden is filling a position at a large garage at Boston.

Leroy Putnam attended the funeral of his uncle, Y. Benton Putnam of Gainesville, Va., at South Lyndeboro last week. He is estimated to have left \$75,000 and Leroy Putnam will receive a generous amount.

Rev. F. B. Rockwood of West Hartford, Vt., has purchased the Ferdinand Lacey homestead and will immediately move his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Holcombe and daughter of Springfield have been recent guests of Dr. Holcombe and wife.

Dr. and Mrs. Farnk Dearborn, Mrs. Albert Fitch, Mrs. Norris Alton, and Mrs. Frank Lakeman of Nashua were guests of Mrs. Edward E. Parker, Thursday, September 16.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe attended the meeting of New Hampshire Surgical club at the Froese House at the White Mountains, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther McDonald of Malden, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brooks Rockwood.

The many friends of Mrs. Nellie Colburn Dobson were shocked to hear of her sudden death.

Miss Eliza J. Parker, Mrs. Walter Parker, Miss Louise Parker of Lowell, were at "Four Pines" Tuesday.

Mrs. Mabel Wright Perkins is detained at home with an abscess in her throat.

The ladies of the grange are making a handsome album quilt for the fair.

Miss Gardner, who has assisted at Miss Sawtelle's this summer, has gone to Newton Highlands to assist at Mrs. Small's, where Miss Sawtelle spends her winters.

Rev. Henry B. Copp of West Derry preached at the Methodist church Sunday, giving excellent sermons at the morning and evening services. Fifty years ago last April Mr. Copp was installed as pastor of the Methodist church, and during his pastorate the present edifice was built, the dedication taking place November 10, 1853. It is forty-eight years since Mr. Copp last occupied the pulpit, and many changes have taken place. There were only a few familiar faces in the congregation, but many of the families of the long ago were represented by their children or grandchildren. Mr. Copp is a very active man for one of his advanced years and preached a strong sermon that appealed to all of his listeners.

Gather up all your cider apples and ship them to Haynes-Piper Co. Ayer and get the highest cash price for them. Read their advertisement on first page of this paper.

Death.

Annie, wife of Frank French, died at Boston Sunday night, September 19, after a long illness, aged twenty-eight years. A husband, infant daughter, brothers and sisters mourn the loss of a dear one. The burial took place Tuesday afternoon in the family lot of the late John French at South cemetery. Rev. Warren L. Noyes officiated at the service. Mr. and Mrs. H. Arthur Brown and Mrs. Emma Valdege sweetly sang, "Gathering home," "The Christian's good night." The body rested in a white casket surrounded by a profusion of beautiful flowers, tributes from those that loved her. The husband and friends have the heartfelt sympathy of many. Among those who attended the services were Mrs. John French, Herbert French, Mr. and Mrs. John Merrill, Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer French, Nashua; Mr. and Mrs. William Strong, Winthrop, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles French, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Eugene Fish, Fitchburg; Mrs. Fannie French Strong is to care for the infant daughter of her brother Frank for the present.

Club Organized.

One of the happy events was the entertaining of the ladies who took part in the comedy of Sunbonnets at the home of Mrs. Grace Dodge last week Thursday afternoon. The party assembled at the old town house on the hill, when George L. Dodge awaited with the farm wagon filled with straw and decked with sunflowers and corn-stalks to convey them to their destination. Unique sunbonnets, designed by Mrs. Alice P. Parker, were worn by all, and the party resembled a band of Shakers, only the merry peals of laughter that floated through the woods were not in keeping with the Shaker dignity. At the Dodge homestead they received a hearty welcome, and for a while the stern realities were forgotten and all were in close touch with nature as they wan-

dered down the lane, bright with sunny golden rod, admired the beautiful ruins, listened to the tale of the bear's den, just over the hill, enjoyed the sweets of life, until a nibble of wormwood reminded them that there was bitter with the sweet. Piano solos and vocal selections by Mrs. Emma Valdege and Mrs. Grace Dodge added to the pleasures of the afternoon; ice cream, cake, coffee and dainty sweetets were served. At sundown the Sunbonnets turned their faces homeward, giving three hearty cheers for their genial hostess. A pleasant feature was the organizing of a social club, to be known as "The Sunbonnet club." Mrs. Emma Valdege served as chairman, pro tem, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Ella W. Tucker, president; Mrs. Della R. Hall, vice-president; Mrs. Clara A. Russell, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Helen M. Hall, Mrs. Emma Valdege, Mrs. Alice P. Parker, directors. The club will meet at the home of Mrs. Emma Valdege, Friday, October 15, and partake of dinner.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Wesley Goring of North Rochester, N. H., was a recent guest of John Goring's, and also his mother, a former resident here, came by auto last week and made a few days' stay among friends here and at the Harbor.

Miss Bessie Parker is to teach at Taunton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Finnegan and child of Milton, N. H., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Finnegan, the past week.

Mrs. Samuel Gillis is very ill at her home in Depot street.

Quite a delegation of G. A. R. members attended the all-day campfire meeting of the Charles H. Stevens post last Saturday at Leominster, and reported a most enjoyable time and royal entertainment.

Miss Lillian Hildreth is at the present time in charge of the postoffice at Harvard.

E. H. Longley of Ayer is laying a cement sidewalk from the corner of F. J. Tenney's store, down Elm street, to the depot, which will when finished be a great improvement to that section of the town.

Friends of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hill of Mills will be pleased to learn that they have a little son born Monday, September 20. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Eva Morse of Brookline street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sawin and family returned to their Worcester home after the summer vacation at their home on Townsend Hill.

Little Sadie Moulton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moulton, and James, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Farrar, are both ill with diphtheria. They are holding their own and a favorable turn is looked for.

George Ducharme of Winthrop was in town over Sunday.

Alvah F. Levy of Fitchburg and Rev. Maurice A. Levy of Newton were in town Tuesday, on business.

Mrs. F. S. Pingry of Littleton was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur L. Bruce, this week.

Mrs. Angie Lang is visiting at Attleboro.

(Charles Iten of St. Louis, formerly with the J. Spaulding Sons Co., has been visiting relatives at Milton, N. H., and Townsend Harbor.

One of the new school barges, which were to be purchased by the town for transporting the school children, has arrived and has been put in use on the Old City route. The barge is painted dark green, with dark garnet trimmings and yellow running gear. It has the word "Townsend" upon the sides, and "No. 17" upon the front, lettered in gilt. The cushions are of black leather and altogether it presents a very neat and attractive appearance.

The Townsend Athletic association has leased the grounds belonging to George L. Eastman, and directly opposite his home, for a number of years, and have already begun to get it into shape for future ball games. The grounds are to be ploughed, rolled and seeded down. The grandstand has already been moved from its former site at O'Brien's field, and it looks as if by next season this would be one of the finest ball grounds in this section.

The rubber game between the strong Milford, N. H., team and the T. A. A. will be played at O'Brien's field, Recreation park, this Saturday.

Willard Gorton, the entertainer, at Memorial hall, Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. church gave a most delightful and interesting exhibition of character sketches, readings and clay-modeling, which was well worth the price of admission. On account of sickness in town, the audience was not as large as it otherwise would have been.

You can easily dispose of all your cider apples at the Haynes-Piper Co. Ayer and get the highest cash price for them. Gather them up and bring them to Ayer.

Accident.

Early last Saturday morning as Carl Farrar was hunting in a dark closet to find a box of tacks, he lighted a match in order to enable him to see better. Then he held it over a box of gunpowder, which by accident had been placed in the closet and forgotten. The powder immediately took fire and amid a loud crash he fell back into the room with his face and both hands badly burned. His light cotton shirt also took fire, but was put out by the timely aid of some one who happened near. Carl picked himself up and was put to bed and the burns dressed. They will be very painful for several days. His eyes were saved from injury by his glasses, as they did not happen to break, which was very lucky, as only a few weeks ago he underwent a surgical operation for straightening the eyes at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston.

West.

The work of renovating the Baptist vestry has been rapidly carried forward the past week, the rooms having been painted and papered, and a committee of ladies, having met on Wednesday and finished the work by a thorough cleaning of the rooms.

James L. Flynn and family have closed their summer cottage here, and returned to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Frank Sanders and daughter Mildred from Ayer have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Sanders.

Miss Helen Troupe of Quincy was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely over Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Wheeler of Erie, Penn., who has been visiting her relatives in town, has returned to her home.

Charles S. Homer and family have returned to their home here after spending several weeks at their summer home at Prout's Neck, Me.

Edward Walker, Jr., and family have returned from Ashburnham, where they have spent the summer, and Mrs. Walker is visiting friends at her former home in Crompton, N. H.

Daniel Sullivan of Reed's Ferry, N. H., a former resident here, has been spending a few days at the Squanncook house and renewing some of his old friendships.

Miss Lizzie McAuley has returned from a brief visit to Providence to the home of her sister, Mrs. George Roebuck.

Born in Randolph, Vt., September 19, a son, Samuel Lee Abbott, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Abbott, of Bethel, Vt. Mrs. Abbott was formerly Miss Inez M. Stevens of this village, and a niece of Mrs. F. A. Hardy.

Miss Grace Thompson returned to Providence Tuesday afternoon; where she is attending Brown university.

The prizes on the guessing contest on the number of feet of twine on a stick, at I. P. Sherwin's store last week, were won as follows: set of dishes by Mrs. Edward Whitaker of Mason, N. H., who guessed 255 feet, the number being 256 feet and 2 inches, and the box of cigars by James Dodd, who guessed 259 feet.

J. H. Ormsby, proprietor of the Belgrade rug shop, has returned to Winthrop with his family, closing his cottage after spending the summer here.

Rev. J. H. Cox, accompanied by Mrs. Cox, left Monday for Boston, where Mr. Cox is to undergo a course of treatment and hopes to return in the near future much improved in health. The pulpit was occupied very acceptably by Rev. George Mason, a former pastor of the Baptist church in Westminister, now living in Watertown. He was well liked and will preach next Sunday probably. A most enjoyable feature of the morning was a solo beautifully rendered by Miss Mildred Sanders of Ayer.

A Unitarian service was held in Seminary hall at the usual hour last Sunday afternoon and conducted by Rev. Granville Pierce of Ashby, Rev. G. S. Shaw's successor, and a large number was present and expressed their appreciation of the service. Miss Mildred Sanders of Ayer rendered a solo, "Abide with me," in a most pleasing manner.

Here is an opportunity to dispose of your cider apples by selling them to Haynes-Piper Co. Ayer, at good prices. See advertisement on first page of this paper.

The Muster.

The second annual firemen's muster, held in Farrar's field by the Eclipse Engine Co. last Saturday afternoon, was a complete success, with a crowd of about twelve hundred in attendance. The street parade at 10.30 included the Watatics of Ashby, the Union and the Warrens of Pepperell, the General Miles of Ashburnham, the Nashuas of Nashua, and the Eclipse of West Townsend, with the old and new steamers, and headed by the two marshals of the day, Dr. H. B. Boynton and J. L. Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., and escorted by the Townsend brass band, they marched through the principal thoroughfares of the village, disbanding in the muster field after drawing for positions. An excellent dinner was served on the schoolhouse grounds next to the engine hall, and after dinner, which was held from twelve to one, the people repaired to the grounds where the playout was held. The first prize of \$125 was won by the General Miles of Westminister, who played 189 feet, 1/2 inch; the second prize, \$75, was taken by the Watatics of Ashby, playing 174 feet, 2 inches; \$50 was won by the Warrens of Pepperell, playing 160 feet, 7 3/4 inches, while the fourth prize of \$25 was won by the Union of East Pepperell, who played 158 feet, 3/4 inch. The other tubs, the Eclipse of West Townsend and the Nashuas of Nashua, N. H., played 150 feet, 4 1/2 inches, and 145 feet, 4 inches respectively.

The ballgame between West Fitchburg and the Townsend A. A. resulted in a controversy which caused the West Fitchburgs to forfeit the game in the sixth inning to the Townsends, 9 to 0.

Among the sports the pie-eating and the doughnut-eating contests were won by Fred Davis of Ashby; the running broad jump by Warren Bennett of Ashby; the running high jump by Ernest Bartlett of East Pepperell; and the mile bicycle race by Harry Gilson of Townsend.

The dance in the evening was well attended and the floor was filled at each number, and the day passed very pleasantly without any accidents or unpleasantness to mar its pleasure.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

At the republican caucus, Tuesday evening, the following delegates were chosen: State, Arthur W. Nelson; county, William H. Furbush; councilor, J. S. Braham; senatorial, A. Littlefield; representative, George W. Burroughs. The same town committee were re-elected.

Charles D. Wetherbee of Stow, W. J. Smiley of West Acton, P. W. Cunningham, B. C. Steele and his youngest daughter Maria, started Tuesday for a week's outing in Nova Scotia.

Miss Abbie Smith of Holliston was at J. R. Cobleigh's over Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Dyer of East Boston is visiting her niece, Mrs. William D. Parker.

Little Miss Helen Curtis Mead made her first trip to Boxborough last Sunday to visit her grandfather, E. C. Mead. Of course, she was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eben Mead, and her aunt, Miss Myra Curtis.

W. H. Furbush had a banner crop of potatoes, having over three hundred bushels on less than an acre of land. He has one potato which weighs 2 pounds, 7 ounces.

The dance at the town hall, September 17, under the management of Mrs. William D. Parker and Miss Laura Fitch, was a complete success. About fifty couples accepted the invitations and enjoyed the evening. Music was furnished by the King-Cole orchestra of South Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins, who have been on the sick list for the past few days, are improving.

Cider apples are in demand at the vineyard works of the Haynes-Piper Co. Ayer, and get cash for them and the highest price paid. Advertisement on first page.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Hollis grange holds its fair Wednesday, September 29. Exhibition in upper dinner in lower town hall. President, Gibbs of the state college will be the chief guest of the day.

Mrs. Lucy Brown is making a visit of one week in Hanover, where she formerly resided.

The John H. Worcester W. R. C. is very busy these days rehearsing for the annual inspection, which will occur in the near future.

The W. C. T. U. met Mrs. Jewett Tuesday afternoon, September 21. An unusually large number were in attendance. In the absence of the president, Vice-president Hardy took the chair. The delegates elected to the annual convention of the state union to be held in Manchester, September 23-30, are Mrs. N. L. Hardy; alternates, first, Mrs. S. E. Messer; second, Mrs. L. E. Brown; third, Mrs. E. K. Jewett. At the close of the session light refreshments were served.

A new "bug" for farmers to fight has made its appearance in Hollis, on the apple trees of A. A. Wheeler. It is eating the leaves of his trees, but his apples are too far advanced to be injured this year. Mr. Wheeler sent a specimen to the New Hampshire college to be examined. While he has not learned the name of the bug, he has been informed the orchards in western New York are infested by it.

There are not as many apples in Hollis as usual this year, but a few orchards are quite heavily loaded.

At the establishment of Haynes-Piper Co. of Ayer, you have every opportunity of selling your cider apples for cash at good prices—see their advertisement on first page.

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Saturday, September 25, 1909.

GROTON.

News Items.

Lawrence academy football schedule is as follows: October 2, Nashua high; October 9, Clinton high; October 13, Concord school; October 16, open; October 23, Concord high, Groton; October 30, open; November 3, Allen school, West Newton; November 10, Stearns school, Mt. Vernon, N. H.; November 17, Wellesley high, Wellesley; November 20, Lowell high, Lowell.

All the children having home gardens are requested to send a written report to E. S. Hill. The best gardeners will have their photographs taken. Prizes are offered by the Farmers' and Mechanics' club at the Groton fair for the best vegetables from the children's gardens. Those who have any should take as many kinds as possible.

Groton school football schedule: September 25, Boston Latin; September 29, Somerville high; October 2, English high; October 6, open; October 9, Princeton 13; October 13, Harvard 13; October 20, Lowell Textile; October 23, Stone's; October 25, Middlesex; November 3, St. Mark's, at Southborough; November 13, Milton academy.

Miss Ardelle Sparrell from Vermont is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Howard Thompson in West Groton.

Miss Gertrude Sanborn of Boston is visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Tuttle.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birby returned home Saturday evening from the New England Grocers' excursion, which extended through Quebec, Montreal and other places north.

Andrew Moore, the seven-year-old son of George Moore of West Groton, operated on at a hospital in Boston for a severe case of appendicitis, is now recovering and is at present in Wellesley.

The Misses Phelps, daughters of the late Rev. Dudley Phelps, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, have returned to Salem after summering in Groton, having become much interested in our town. Later in the season they will go nearer Boston to pass the winter.

Rev. Dr. Arthur Lawrence of Stockbridge died at Ipswich on Monday, September 20, aged sixty-seven years. He was a son of Dr. William R. Lawrence, and a grandson of Amos Lawrence. He attended school at Lawrence academy in 1849.

Miss Julia Augusta Richards, a former resident of Groton, died in Roxbury on September 8, aged eighty-two years. She was the eldest daughter of Henry Augustus and Julia Augusta (Haughton) Richards. Her father lived near the head of Farmers' Row in the house now occupied by Hon. William F. Wharton. She received her early education at Lawrence academy, where she was a scholar in the year 1841.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams went this week on an excursion, taking them to New York up the Hudson canal. On Wednesday night a telegram came to Mrs. Adams at Groton, telling of her mother's death in Athol. An attempt was made to intercept the excursion at New York city, to give Mrs. Adams the message.

The library art club pictures, on exhibition at Groton public library from September 21 to October 11, are fashions in Paris during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

W. F. McMahon, formerly a conductor at Ayer, has accepted a position in the meat business in Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parkhurst are visiting her brother, J. S. Williams and family this week in Framingham.

Miss Mary Tweed was a recent guest of Mrs. Dr. Kilbourn, leaving Tuesday for school in Coltonville, Md. It is the same school which Miss Rose Peabody, daughter of Dr. Peabody, attends.

Mrs. John O'Connell has just given the Groton Historical society a genuine old-fashioned spinning wheel and reel. These were delivered at the library building this week. Mrs. O'Connell lived until recently in the easterly part of the town.

Martin Moran of West Groton, who has been quite sick and under the doctor's care, is no worse.

Dr. Priest is out with a fine new auto, the Brush, a 1910 model. The make is the same as the doctor's old auto.

Miss Nellie M. Condon is housekeeper for Rev. C. A. Finnegan.

Jerome Shattuck is laid by from work for the present, having burst a blood-vessel in his leg.

A free bible lecture, illustrated by large colored chart, will be given in town hall here, Monday, September 27, at 7.30 p. m. Subject, "The future of our earth from the bible standpoint" by B. H. Burton of Brooklyn, N. Y. All welcome. No collection.

At the republican caucus last Tuesday night the following delegates were elected: State, Frank A. Torrey, George H. Bixby; councillor, Robert Forbes, Myron P. Swallow; county, Forbes A. Miller, Robert Forbes; senatorial, Sidney Davis, Frank M. Blood; representative, Charles Bixby, Frank F. Woods, Herbert C. Rockwood, Charles J. Harrington, George T. Stevens. The republican town committee for 1910 was elected as follows: William A. Moore, Herbert C. Rockwood, Arthur F. Bates, Frank A. Torrey, Charles A. Harrington, Robert Forbes, Charles A. Miller, George T. Stevens, Frank M. Blood.

Central club, associated with H. W. Wood of Boston, visited with his family at Wallace A. Brown's, coming Friday and staying over Sunday.

Joseph A. Paulhus, shoemaker and repairer, whose shop is in Palmer's block, is moving his family and household goods into Dr. Steere's house, on Champey street. His family consists of a wife and two children.

Charles A. Hodgman, who helped out during vacation time at Harlow & Parsons, has entered the employ of Waldo Whitcomb of West Acton.

W. N. Souther has been in Greenville, N. H., but is going this fall to assist Ernest L. Sawyer of Winchendon in his catering.

Mrs. Charles L. Wood of Woburn spent a few days this week with her mother, Mrs. Mosely Gilson.

Mrs. Milo H. Shattuck has been somewhat under the weather this week.

Veteran Thomas Gilson and Noah Moulton of the old 26th regiment from Groton attended the reunion at Lowell last Saturday.

Joseph B. Raddin attended the fair at Greenfield, Wednesday, spending the night at the home of his son, H. W. Raddin. The next day, Thursday, Mr. Raddin went to White River Junction to attend the fair there.

Miss MacGrath of Pepperell, who was operated on recently here at the hospital for appendicitis, is doing well.

Lillian Davy, a young patient of Dr. Head of Pepperell, was brought to the hospital here and operated on for appendicitis, Tuesday afternoon. Being in a weakened condition, she survived but a few hours and died that night. Her age was six or seven years.

Here is an item of interest to all who love to watch the hoof beats: Samona Girl from Worcester, with a record of 2.10 1/2, is coming over to Hazel Grove driving park next Thursday, to compete with Red Pepper of Fitchburg.

Dr. D. H. Nutting from Randolph, Vt., a cousin of the late Zara Patch, visited at H. W. Whiting's last week. Dr. Nutting, a missionary physician for twenty-two years in Aintab, Turkey, and elsewhere, will be recalled by some in Groton, when on previous visits to friends here. Though now eighty years old, he retains much of his former appearance.

There were several little girls who were given dolls as prizes at the close of the last session of the Groton sewing school. Mrs. John Lawrence announces that if these girls will dress up these dolls and take them to the Groton fair next week Thursday she will give two prizes, five dollars, first prize, three dollars, second prize, for the best dressed dolls. Get to work little girls, sew neatly, make pretty dresses and see if you can't win one of these generous prizes.

Miss Georgianna Boutwell is entertaining as a guest this week her friend, Miss Stroud from Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dr. and Mrs. James Carr from Chicago, coming Thursday, are guests of Mrs. E. P. Shumway.

Mrs. I. J. Wetherbee is at her home, having left the hospital with her infant daughter last Sunday. Mr. Merrett, another recent patient at the hospital, returned to his home last Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Wagner was successfully operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital early Sunday morning. Mrs. Wagner's case was chronic, but she suffered an acute attack, needing prompt operation, and is at this writing more comfortable. Her husband came on from New York this week.

The public are assured of a first-class ball game at the fair next Thursday forenoon, played on the new ball field of Hazel Grove park, although the teams to play have not yet been fully decided upon.

Mrs. Day from Westford with her daughter, Mrs. Watson, visited at her brother's, H. W. Whiting, last week. During their stay they took with Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Patch an auto ride to Lunenburg, calling upon an aunt, Mrs. Snow, ninety years old. They report a most delightful ride, going in J. F. Peabody's auto.

Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck and Mrs. Ellet Shumway attended the temperance convention at South Acton this week Wednesday. It was the silver anniversary of the organization, being twenty-five years since it was reorganized, though over forty years since first started. The four hundred women in attendance were given a cordial welcome by South Acton people. The Universalist church, where they met, was made beautiful with the great abundance of the most exquisite flowers. The program was full of interest and enthusiasm in plans for the future.

Mrs. Finley from Haverhill with her nephew, Mr. Clough and wife from Saugus, visited her brother, J. B. Raddin, some days ago, and Miss Lucy Raddin, teaching in Everett, came home Sunday in an auto with friends with whom she boards. They had a pleasant ride besides seeing the folks and getting some peaches.

A part of the service next Sunday at the Unitarian church will be the rendering of the anthem, "Sing, Alleluia forth," by eight voices. Miss Genevieve Hodgman singing a solo for response. Four of the young people taking part leave for study this next week at college. Miss Hodgman, a senior at Wellesley, Daniel Needham, a freshman at Harvard, Harry L. Bruce, who has taken a course at the school of pharmacy, will study this year at Tufts, Lowell Stebbins, a summer resident, returns for further study at Harvard.

Next week Thursday, September 30, the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club hold their annual fair at Hazel Grove park. First of all let us wish them pleasant weather and the hearty co-operation of fellow citizens and citizens of neighboring towns. It is a pleasant drive down to the park and there will be the interesting exhibits in the usual classes and then some new attractions this year to claim your attention and create some excitement. There will be a dinner provided as usual, and good order is guaranteed. The usual ample police force will be in attendance. No liquor selling or gaming will be allowed. Exhibitors from other towns can compete for prizes. All competitors, however, who desire to compete for prizes from the club must be members of the club.

Mrs. Reed, mother of Mrs. Michael Sheedy, is very low.

Baseball.

The second game of the series for the championship of Groton between Captain E. C. Leonard's team and the nine under the leadership of Captain F. A. Sherwin, played on Saturday, September 8, resulted in a victory for the former team by a score of 11 to 10. Both teams have a game apiece to their credit and the townspeople await with interest the result of the third game.

Some fairly classy playing was handed out by the old-timers in Saturday's game. Captain Leonard's three-bagger, the fine pitching of Forbes and the pitching of Captain Sherwin were some of the most interesting parts of the game.

According to the rules of the game, every man should pitch an inning, and thus the batter was up against a new man every time at the bat.

The next game will decide who is to hold the championship of Groton for the coming year.

LITTLETON.

Well Represented.

The Men's league of the Congregation church was well represented at the lecture given in the vestry last week Thursday evening by Mr. Nourse of Worcester on the expedition sent out by the English government to the relief of Khartoum, Africa. Mr. Nourse was one of the 385 Canadian boatmen selected for the purpose, because of their skill in managing boats in turbulent waters; and he narrated his experiences in graphic language, realistic descriptions and thrilling accounts of the perilous adventure which culminated in the discovery that their hero had already fallen captive to the natives twenty-four hours previous to their arrival.

Death.

Mrs. M. Hartley, Yonkers, N. Y., who has been stopping with her niece, Mrs. Charles Atkins, at Littleton Common for the last three months, suffered a stroke of apoplexy last week Monday night, and passed away the following Friday morning. A brief service was held at the Atkins home last Saturday, Rev. Paul G. Favor officiating. Prior to the removal of the body to Yonkers, N. Y., where the last rites were observed and interment made on Monday, September 20, Mrs. Hartley was in the eightieth year of a life replete with good works and other expressions of exemplary character. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn the loss of a virtuous and beautiful woman. Her death removes the last member of the immediate family.

Guild Meeting.

The semi-yearly federation of guilds held at the Unitarian church last Sunday afternoon, was attended by some sixty or more representatives of the local organization, and delegates from Ayer, Groton, Westford, Tyngsborough and other towns. Rev. H. H. Saunders of Cambridge, president of the National Young People's Union, delivered the opening address, and was followed by Rev. P. H. Cressy, who spoke on the relation of the church to the social problem. This subject was afterwards open for discussion, the pastors from Tyngsborough and Ayer voicing their opinions.

News Items.

Rev. H. B. Drew will be installed pastor of the Baptist church, Tuesday, October 12.

Subject of the C. E. meetings next Sunday evening: "How missionaries win souls for Christ. Leader at the Baptist church, Mrs. A. B. Webber.

Miss Lucy Pierce of Billerica, an ever-welcome guest in town, has been visiting among Littleton friends this past week. It is next to impossible to believe that twenty-seven years have passed since she completed her valuable services as assistant in the high school.

Miss Gladys Briggs is making her home this year with her aunt, Mrs. A. B. Webber, and attending high school.

MacGonran Brothers of Lowell have moved Leon Nash's household goods into the Chaplin house on King street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Harrison Maine of Melrose Highlands were the over-Sunday guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Murray.

Frank Farmer has left for Seattle. Miss Alice Wright, his efficient manager, will conduct the business at his Boston factory during his absence.

The flower garden of the Fitchburg station of the Boston and Maine railroad has again won a prize of five dollars, which William Halpin will receive for his faithful and painstaking efforts.

The Hunt family, until recently tenants in one of Elmer Flagg's houses, have moved into Charles Watts' house on Great Road, lately vacated by M. Gauthier.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Houghton entertained on a week-end Sunday guest their son, Roy Houghton of Chicago, who is east on account of business interests.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson is taking a vacation of one month. She has recently spent a week with relatives in New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross of Spencer were the guests of Mrs. Ross's sister, Mrs. P. G. Favor, over Sunday.

R. P. Morse and Charles Follansbee, our former townsmen, were the first to discover the murdered man, Dr. H. N. Stone, on the Ayer road, in Harvard.

The new house built by the syndicate is looming up on Goldsmith street with not a little dignity and imposing style.

Phillip Prescott of Gardner has been spending a few days in Littleton, visiting his mother, Mrs. John H. Kimball.

Mrs. William Conant, who has been very sick for three weeks, was taken to a Boston hospital last week and operated on Saturday. Present symptoms are rather threatening, and it is feared that another operation will be necessary soon.

The Arts and Crafts society has begun the year by making reed baskets. A somewhat smaller number than usual was present at the first meeting, but enthusiasm and courage still run high and new members are frequently added to the roll.

Charles Conant, lawyer of Lowell, was one of the speakers at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the soldiers' monument in Chelmsford Center, Wednesday, September 22.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Edwards and family will take up their residence in Springfield this winter, instead of New York, as formerly. Mrs. Edwards will be occupied as usual with music pupils and devote much time to her lectures that have won such universal favor in east and west. Mr. Edwards will conduct several classes in human electricity, and introduce the subject to audiences in the neighboring cities and towns.

Mrs. John Ewing is on the sick list. Prescott Kimball continues to improve and now sits up a little each day. Mrs. Somes also improves.

Miss Sanderson's vacation has been extended on account of sickness, and Miss Dippman, who has substituted very acceptably at the organ, continues to play at the Sunday morning services. Miss Dippman hopes to continue her studies in music in Boston this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prouty returned from their vacation trip Monday, where they spent two weeks in the Adirondacks.

Mr. and Mrs. Leeds of Arlington spent Sunday with their father, Thomas Marshall, and their sister, Miss Mary Marshall.

The following delegates were chosen at the republican caucus Tuesday evening: State, F. B. Priest; councillor, D. G. Houghton; senatorial, W. E. Conant; county, F. A. Patch; representative, J. W. Ireland, W. H. Davis, A. T. Kimball; town committee, C. A. Kimball, W. E. Conant, F. A. Patch, J. A. Harwood, J. W. Ireland.

Miss Abbie McNiff, teacher at the Center, has been ill, and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell has substituted for her, teaching in the same room she occupied in similar capacity twenty-eight years ago.

Mrs. C. Hildreth and her mother returned home last week Friday after traveling and visiting friends in the West during the several months past. On the evening of their arrival home Mrs. Hildreth's mother experienced a stroke of apoplexy.

J. Langdon Prouty and Herbert Whitcomb have registered their names on the roll of students at Lawrence academy, and will go back and forth on the cars daily.

Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Favor are visiting his grandmother at Ocean Park, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hosmer spent Sunday with friends in Beverly, Mrs. Hosmer's former home.

Rev. James Church Alvord, who acted as pastor of the Orthodox church for four months during Mr. Favor's absence, will occupy the Congregational pulpit morning and evening of Sunday, September 26. He and Mrs. Alvord spent the summer in Europe, where they took a walking trip through Switzerland. In the evening Mr. Alvord will give an address upon the religious life of the Tyrollian peasants. The public is cordially invited.

The Young Men's Brotherhood of the Orthodox church have secured Willard Gorton, impersonator, humorist and rapid clay modeler and artist, in town hall Tuesday evening, September 28.

Miss Helen Thirkield of Washington, D. C., was the guest of her Lasell roommate, Miss Margaret Thacher, the first of this week.

Rev. Dr. J. G. Van Slyke and wife of Kingston, N. Y., have been recent guests at Hon. G. W. Sanderson's.

A baby girl was born to Howard A. and Emma Flagg White, September 19, at Ashby.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ames of Somerville are spending a week with Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

Rev. Howard Bridgman and family are to remain at their summer home this winter, and arrangements have been made between Mr. Bridgman and F. J. Lawton to employ a private tutor for the children of both families. Mr. Lawton has fitted up a school room in his house, where the sessions will be held.

Mrs. M. K. Potter of Boston, one of Miss Kirby's many friends, spent Saturday and Sunday at Winslow farms.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. G. E. Winslow is expected back from England, December 1, and may remain in Shirley this winter.

Shirley grange conferred the first degree upon a class at the regular meeting Tuesday night.

Improvements.

The spirit of improvements seems to be abroad in this part of the town. The town house is being newly painted, which greatly improves its appearance.

William Boutillier has just completed a large new building, to be used as a wagon and tool house, while the upper story will be utilized as a corn crib. Mr. Boutillier has greatly increased the productivity of his place known as the Wells farm since he has owned it.

Henry Ware of Brookline, who has bought the Helen Winslow place, is making extensive additions and alterations both upon the outside and inside of his house.

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Ayer Variety Store

N. R. Graves has added a story to the ell of his house, which gives him four additional rooms, besides greatly improving the looks of the place.

Mrs. G. E. Winslow is having all her buildings newly shingled.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—Restaurant business opposite the New Prescott Hotel, East Pepperell, will be sold on account of illness of the owner. It has a well-established trade. Inquire of G. H. BULLOCK, Railroad Square, East Pepperell. 21*

SALESMEN WANTED to look after our interest in Middlesex and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address, THE VICTOR OIL CO., Cleveland, O. 172*

FOR SALE—April and May hatched Barred Plymouth Rock Cockerels. Thompson's Famous Ringlet Strain. \$2.00 each. A. H. HARRIS, Telephone 85-6, East Pepperell, Mass. 21*

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AYER.

Garden Exhibit.

The Children's annual garden exhibit was held in lower town hall Friday, September 17. It showed good work on the part of the children, but missed the assistance given in former years by the exhibit of Mr. Briggs and Mr. Brigham, who were unable to help this year. It was in charge of the committee on home gardens of the Woman's club—Mrs. A. M. Sargent and Mrs. S. M. Barker, assisted by Mrs. Sarah G. Shattuck, Mrs. Laura E. Hardy and Mrs. Nellie Winslow. The committee of judges for all the exhibits was—Loring A. Carman and the club members—Mrs. Ella A. Church and Mrs. Charlotte L. Whitman.

Prizes were assigned by groups, the first including children below the present sixth grade, and the second those above. In the first group the following awards were made: Best display of vegetables, first, Charlotte Richardson; second, Evelyn Glynn; third, Ralph Brown. For best fruit, first, Priscilla Mullin; second, Charlotte Richardson; third, Ralph Brown. Best turnips, first, Charlotte Richardson; second, Evelyn Glynn. Best carrots, first, Charlotte Richardson; second, Priscilla Mullin; third, Evelyn Glynn. Beans, Ralph Brown. Best display of flowers, first, Evelyn Glynn; second, Priscilla Mullin; third, Charlotte Richardson. Nasturtiums, Priscilla Mullin.

In the second group the prizes were: Best variety of vegetables, first, Ruth Powers; second, Carol Pierce; third, Reginald Sargent. Best fruit, first, Ruth Powers; second, Carol Pierce; third, Reginald Sargent. Turnips, first, Carol Pierce; second, Reginald Sargent; third, Ruth Powers. Carrots, first, Ruth Powers; second, Margaret Hurley. Beans, first, Carol Pierce; second, Ruth Powers; third, Reginald Sargent. Best display of flowers, first, Reginald Sargent; second, Ruth Powers; third, Irene Hassam. Sweet peas, Ruth Powers. Marigolds and nasturtiums, Reginald Sargent. Special prizes were given for pumpkins and summer squash, Charles Mullin; potatoes and winter squash, Elmer Wood; collection of flowers, Priscilla Mullin; salvia, Charlotte Richardson. Winter squash and tomatoes, Jerome Ryan.

In the display of needle work, first prize was given for shirt waist to Isabel Sargent; for Dutch collar to Bertha Perry; for sofa pillows to Katherine Donahue.

Tickets for the exhibit were sold by the school children, and all the school children were admitted free from four to five o'clock. The receipts will be used for the prizes, all of which will be money. That the children were interested was shown by remarks like these: "I am going to raise more things next year," "I am going to have a larger garden," "I shall have a garden next year." Quite noticeable also was the good spirit shown by the children in praising other displays than their own and acquiescing in the fairness of the awards. The committee is indebted to Mr. Carman for his very valuable assistance.

The Caucuses.

The republican caucus was called to order in the town hall at eight o'clock, Tuesday evening, by John M. Maloney, who read the call. Mr. Maloney was elected moderator and Edward A. Richardson secretary. The following tellers were appointed: W. L. Preble, Charles Washburn, U. H. Barrows and Harry Fisher. A vote to close the polls at 9:30 was afterwards reconsidered and a motion to close at nine o'clock was carried. Whole number of votes cast was 118. There were eight defective ballots. The one contest was over the delegates to the senatorial convention, for which there were two candidates. The delegates chosen were Dr. B. H. Hopkins, 68 votes, and Frederick Whitney, 65 votes. The other delegates were George J. Burns, 43 votes, and O. K. Pierce, 43 votes. The successful candidates are favorable to Frank P. Bennett, Jr., of Saugus, and the others were in favor of Hon. Alonzo G. Walsh of Lowell.

The other delegates chosen were: State, Dr. W. Fletcher, W. W. Manning, councillor, S. L. Cotton, Augustus Lovejoy; county, A. A. Fillebrown, H. C. Sherwin; representative, J. M. Maloney, G. G. Osgood, F. S. Pierce, W. L. Sherwin, Huntley S. Turner. The following town committee was elected: George J. Burns, S. L. Cotton, J. M. Maloney, G. G. Osgood, O. K. Pierce, E. A. Richardson, E. D. Stone, Huntley S. Turner.

The democratic caucus was held Wednesday evening in lower town hall. It was called to order by Thomas F. Walsh, who read a call and was elected chairman. C. A. McCarthy was chosen secretary. Thomas McGuane and Martin Scullane were tellers. These delegates to the various conventions were elected: state, Thomas F. Walsh; councillor, C. A. McCarthy; county, Joseph Markham; senatorial, P. B. Murphy; representative, William J. Donlon, Thomas McGuane, William Walsh, John D. Carney. This town committee was elected: T. F. Walsh, C. A. McCarthy, Thomas McGuane, P. B. Murphy, William Donlon, Joseph Markham, Martin Scullane.

Breaks.

The two lads, who evidently broke into the store of A. E. Lawrence & Son, and Wm. Brown, druggist, late last Sunday night or early Monday morning, were captured in Lancaster after considerable of a chase. In Lawrence's store they took about one dollar in cents, two fountain pens, a pair of eye glasses, which were found in the switch house opposite the store, and a hatch found in the store of Wm. Brown. From Mr. Brown they took some coins, some cigars, two fountain pens and two knives. Some of the coins were afterwards found in a boat at Lake-Shaboken, Harvard.

Tuesday night the library building was entered by the coal window, and the door leading to a hallway was forced open by breaking the lock and casing

to the door, and from there they entered the bookroom by smashing the lock and door casing, and found there about \$1.25 in cents. For the small amount they got they must have done damage amounting to ten dollars or more.

News Items.

Twenty-three of the members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., attended an all-day campfire, given by Charles H. Stevens post of Leominster, last Saturday afternoon.

As Hiram Kelly was crossing the railroad track, Sunday morning, going to breakfast, he slipped on one of the rails, fell and hit his head on another rail, cutting his forehead, so that a physician was needed to dress the wound. He is recovering from the accident and it will probably leave no scar.

Rev. L. E. Perry, pastor of the Congregationalist church, exchanged last Sunday with Rev. C. W. Loomis of Ashby.

The services of the Congregational church will be as usual. The subject is the same as announced for last Sabbath, morning at 10:45, "Jesus healing the body and why." Hon. Frederick Fosdick of Fitchburg will speak in the evening at seven o'clock.

The Middlesex Union association of Congregational ministers was held in the Congregational church on Tuesday. The following subjects were presented: "The church of today," a book review, by Rev. T. E. Gale, Greenville, N. H.; "To what extent is C. E. an effective force today?" an address by Rev. W. B. Tutbill of Leominster; "The influence of Charles Darwin upon modern theology," a paper by Rev. A. M. Rice of Dunstable. Rev. A. J. Cowell, pastor of the Rollstone church, Fitchburg, was moderator. The meeting was interesting, as the papers dealt with very important subjects.

An 8 1/2-pound baby girl was born to Howard A. and Emma Flagg White at Ashby, Sunday morning, September 19th.

Comrades Sprague and Crombie of Post 48, returned on Friday last after a two weeks' sojourn at Jonesport, Me. A beautiful town on the coast, where they had in sailing and fishing the "time of their lives." Mrs. Crombie also returned after a three months' stay at her home in Jonesport, somewhat improved in health and appearance.

Miss Josephine Murray has returned from New York and is with Mrs. Dunklee for the season.

Mrs. Joseph Kyle is spending a few weeks visiting Mrs. Bessie Sargent at Fairlee, N. Y.

We are informed by Congressman Charles C. Tirrell that a much larger allotment of flower and vegetable seeds than usual was made by the U. S. department, so that he is able to supply many more persons than heretofore for the spring of 1910. If any one desires to experiment with government seeds, if they will communicate with the congressman, whose address is Natick, Mass., their names will be put upon the list. Those whose names are already on the list will be continued without further application. As the list is being made up, early attention to the matter should be given.

There was a special meeting of the Unitarian society gathering with Mrs. A. C. Perkins Monday. It was decided to hold the fair in the church vestry. A dinner will be served from 12 to 1:30, Thursday, October 14. There will be an entertainment in the evening. The tables for the sales will probably be open all the afternoon and evening.

Hartwell Bigelow entered Maine University at Orono, Me., this week.

On Sunday last Rev. Edwin Evans submitted his resignation as pastor of the Unitarian church, to take effect not later than January 1, 1910.

The usual service will be held Sunday, September 26, in the Unitarian church at 10:45, with sermon on "The radical inconsistency between the Orthodox doctrine of salvation and the teaching of morality with reference to the complete state of organized religion and the inadequate salaries of ministers." Sunday school services at twelve.

Mrs. William H. Reynolds was taken ill about two weeks ago with appendicitis. The trouble persisting, she was taken to the Clinton hospital in Dr. Hopkins' auto on Sunday, September 19. An operation was performed Monday at ten o'clock, and it was found that there was a growth that had pressed upon the appendix. After Mrs. Reynolds has rallied from the operation, which will take two or three weeks, another one may have to be performed to relieve her of her troubles. No serious results are anticipated.

James McGuane, who resides on Lawton street, moves next week into the Eastman house on Pleasant street, owned by Albert B. Downing, and years ago known as the Lewis Hill-dreth house.

Bancroft Royal Arch Chapter of Masons held its annual convocation Tuesday evening, September 21, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: John F. Lantz, high priest; E. O. Proctor, king; H. H. Proctor, scribe; G. G. Osgood, treasurer; E. H. Bigelow, secretary; S. N. Lougee of Harvard, trustee for three years. It was also the official visitation of Dexter L. Crandall, district deputy high priest of the Eleventh capluty district, and suite. A banquet was served by Mr. Hession of Ayer Inn.

George Teter, tonsorial artist, who has been a resident of this town for eight or nine years, four of which he was with Joseph Anno, left Monday night with his wife for Florida. Before leaving he sold out his hair-dressing room in George B. Turner's building to Thomas Fitzgerald.

The high school football team went to Waltham Wednesday and played the Waltham high and were defeated by a score of 49 to 0.

Miss Edith C. Lyon has been the guest of Miss Barbara Farley of Nashua, for the past two weeks. She has regained her health, and will finish her course at the Fitchburg business college this fall.

Cider apples are wanted at the Haynes-Piper Co.'s establishment, Ayer, for which the highest cash prices are paid. Advertisement on first page.

E. H. Longley has been given the contract for the cement curbing, the Boston and Maine to furnish the material. S. J. Andrew is to do the teaming of the loam for the grounds, and the Boston and Maine will in all likelihood erect the iron fence that is to be set on top of cement curbing. When completed, the grounds will present a fine appearance, and next spring will be in full bloom.

Miss Mary E. Riley left last Monday for Waltham, where she is making a temporary stop. It is her intention to attend a linotype school in Boston, and after graduating will very likely seek a position in that city. Miss Riley has been connected with the Public Spirit office for nearly four years, coming from Richmond, Me., here. She is a very capable and intelligent woman, and filled the position in this office very acceptably.

E. H. Packard, who has been connected with Haynes-Piper Co.'s cider and vinegar factory for the last two years as chemist and superintendent, leaves their employ on October first, to go with a Boston firm in a responsible position. It is understood that his successor has not yet been selected.

Rev. C. H. Covell of Worcester is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, and will probably preach in the Baptist church next Sunday, September 26, at 10:45 a. m., and in the evening after the services of song, which begins at seven o'clock.

Miss K. E. Lynch returned last Saturday night from Bath, Me., where she was called, her mother being very ill. Soon after she reached there she found her mother very low and she died Sunday, September 12. Her mother was seventy-seven years of age and burial was in Bath, Me., in the family lot.

L. E. Walker, whose family resides in Hudson, N. H., and where he came from a few weeks ago to take charge of G. G. Day's store on Merchants' Row, purchased the stock of goods of Mr. Day last Tuesday. Mr. Walker has added a lot of new tobacco goods and will give the business his close attention.

Ray Spencer, son of W. R. G. Spencer, has accepted the position of teacher of English in the Brooklyn, N. Y. Polytechnic, and it is where Wendell Nutting, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Nutting, attends, preparing for Yale. Mrs. Nutting and her son left Monday for their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tuesday evening, September 28, a soiree musicale will be given in Page hall, under the auspices of the M. E. church. The program which we published September 4, is a most excellent one and it will be a rich musical treat.

Saturday night, September 23, there will be an exhibition of moving pictures in town hall by the Liberty Amusement Co., New York, and they will have six thousand feet of pictures and three illustrated songs by a famous singer.

An attempt was made to set fire to the house of John Sherman, just beyond the bridge, on the way to Harvard, a week ago last Monday, after two o'clock. His wife was awakened from her sleep by the smell of smoke in the house, and on investigation by Mr. Sherman a large quantity of paper was found on fire side of the house, the smoke entering the cellar windows and scorching the clapboards. He is at a loss to know who did it.

Three telephone poles were removed Thursday about two feet nearer the electric railway track, on Main street, so as to clear the bounds of the land of the Boston and Maine of the poles as they were interfering with the laying out of the cement curbing that is to be put in about their land between the electric railway track and the tracks at the railway station.

The new superintendent of schools, if he concludes to accept, which very likely he will, is Frank C. Johnson, former superintendent of schools in Hillsborough, Antrim and Peterborough, N. H. The schools under his charge are in Ayer, Shirley, Boylston and West Boylston. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Dartmouth and is about thirty-eight years of age, and comes well recommended. The salary is \$2000 a year. He will probably reside in Ayer.

The Ayer high school played the Alumni Monday afternoon, the score being 11 to 11. Then the Alumni thirty to play five minutes longer, and in that five minutes made another touchdown, making the score 16 to 11 at the final finish.

Mrs. Fred W. Moses, just before her departure from town, was the recipient of a very pretty gift, a gold thimble in a gold case. It was presented by the Hill Whist club, of which Mrs. Moses is a member, and which has been in existence several years, and the embroidery class, which has met weekly this summer with Mrs. Moses, holding its sessions on the spacious piazza of her home. It was the intention to have quite a surprise party at the time, but that was given up on account of the condition of Mrs. Moses' health.

The members of the Current Events club went to Shirley, Wednesday afternoon, where they were guests of Mrs. F. A. Wyman at her home. Mrs. Wyman spends her winters in Ayer, and is a member of this club.

Rev. L. E. Perry will speak at the Fitchburg Reform club on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Flood of Forge Village has been for several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Frederick T. Moses, and may go with the family later to Lowell, where they are to reside.

A tin shower was given Miss Margaret Supple last Monday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas W. Scully, in view of her approaching wedding. The presentation was made by the degree team of the Ayer Circle, C. of F., the twelve members being present. Refreshments were served and a social evening enjoyed.

The stamp savings in charge of the Educational committee of the Woman's club, of which Mrs. Susan M. Barker is chairman, opened in the schools with deposits this week, showing good interest in the work by the children. It is an efficient help in aiding the children to save money that might otherwise be spent unwisely. When one dollar is accumulated, it may be put in the savings bank, either on a new book, or added to an account

there that is already started. Then the child may continue till another dollar is saved. It will draw interest after three dollars are deposited, and it is best to have that amount when the first deposit in the bank is made.

Mrs. Nellie Moore has been ill nearly three weeks with what seems to be a stomach trouble. She is unable to retain any food taken.

The first meeting of the board of registrars took place last Saturday evening. Three names were added to the list of voters.

Howard B. White, president of the First National bank, returned from Chicago, Thursday, where he has attended the Bankers' association. He reports a fine meeting. Nearly 5000 were present.

Mrs. L. E. Perry, accompanied by her husband and two daughters, enjoyed a delightful automobile ride to Ashby on her birthday, September 23. The family called at the summer home of Henry Allison, E. H. Bliss, real estate agent, made the run going via Fitchburg and returning via Townsend.

Miss Hattie Hume, who has been employed for some time past at the Sigbee Co. factory as bookkeeper, gives up her position Saturday, October 2, to accept another position in Shirley.

B. J. Goss sent to Boston last spring for two bushels of Green Mountain seed potatoes, and from those bushels raised at the Shaker farm in Harvard 102 bushels of fine potatoes, many of them weighing from two to three pounds. The potatoes were harvested Thursday of this week.

At the meeting of the selectmen Thursday evening in their room in town house, with regard to granting the Ayer Electric Co. permission to erect poles and string wires for the purpose of furnishing electricity to the town from Groton from upper Washington street to the Groton line, there was no opposition worth mentioning and the selectmen will go over the proposed new line Saturday, September 25, and permission will in all probability be granted.

All who have cider apples for sale, read advertisement on first page of Haynes-Piper Co., Ayer.

Tenth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Scully and family moved into the new house on West Main street, Tuesday, September 14, and Saturday evening, September 18, they celebrated their house warming in connection with the observance of the tenth anniversary of their wedding. A reception was held from four to six o'clock, after which refreshments were served upon the lawn, which was brilliantly lighted with Japanese lanterns. The evening was spent in social intercourse. There were gifts of silver, glass, a large lamp and a set of dining room furniture. Miss Kate McGuane, the bride-maid ten years ago, was present. Other guests came from Nashua, Lowell, Fitchburg, Leominster, Ayer, and a brother from Detroit, Mich. Sunday morning a group picture was taken of the guests from away. Mr. and Mrs. Scully have a pleasant home. The house stands on an eminence just on the edge of the village. It has a fine view and the electric cars pass very near.

Wedding.

At two o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, took place the wedding of George Leo Donahue and Miss Margaret Supple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Supple of Fitchburg. The officiating clergyman was Rev. F. J. Sheedy. The bridesmaid was Miss Elizabeth Supple, sister of the bride, and the best man was Daniel Donahue, brother of the groom. The bride wore a traveling suit of dark blue and white moire hat with plumes, the bridesmaid a mouse-colored suit with black hat.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Donahue returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Scully, Mrs. Scully being a sister of the bride, and at once started in an automobile on their wedding trip. They had many presents of silver, glass and furniture. They are to live on Pleasant street, in a tenement in the house of the groom's mother.

Official Visitations.

Last Monday, afternoon and evening, the grand master of the Eleventh Masonic district, and suite, made the annual visit to St. Paul and Caleb Butler lodges. Dinner was served by St. Paul lodge at one o'clock and one hundred were present to dine. The regular exercises were carried out in St. Paul lodge in the afternoon, and at the close district deputy grand master, H. S. Bacon of Lowell and Alonzo G. Walsh of the same city spoke. The same grand officers paid Caleb Butler lodge a visit in the evening. At this latter meeting there were several invited guests and a large number were present. The degree work, as usual, was finely praised by the grand officers.

Speeches were made by district deputy H. S. Bacon, Harry G. Pollard, Arthur D. Prince, Herbert E. Fletcher, A. G. Walsh, W. N. Jones of Lowell, and Rev. G. M. Howe of Groton. All made very interesting and helpful remarks.

A. D. Prince, H. G. Pollard, W. C. Chase, J. Hall, F. L. Weaver, H. L. Fay, W. C. Tate, G. N. Runnels and Herbert E. Fletcher were members of the visiting suite. A very fine supper was served in the banquet hall at the close of the degree work and visitation of the grand officers. The supper was provided by Mr. Hession, the new proprietor of the Ayer Inn.

Accident.

Mrs. Jane Sargent of Groton, near the Ayer line, fell Thursday in her kitchen and injured herself quite seriously. It is feared she has broken a hip. The injury is the more serious because she had not quite recovered from breaking the leg below the knee which was done some time ago. She is the mother of quite a family of children. One of her sons, John H. Sargent, has a milk route in Ayer. Her son George lives with her. Dr. Hopkins was called and did what he could, Thursday night, and went again Friday morning, and gave her ether to determine the exact nature of the injury, and found that she had fractured her left hip. He was assisted by Dr. Cowles. It will be some time before she will fully recover, as she is over seventy.

Brutally Murdered.

Dr. Henry N. Stone, since the death of his brother-in-law, C. B. Davis, has been in town frequently on his way to his sister's, Mrs. Clara Davis, in Harvard, assisting her in straightening her business affairs, and Sunday, September 12, he came from Newburyport and went to his sister's.

According to all accounts, he had made arrangements with Raymond Plouffe, who had purchased the Ayer milk route of the late Mr. Davis, to convey him to the railway station Monday night, to take the passenger train No. 10, then to leave Ayer at 9:07 for Boston, and Plouffe avers that he conveyed Dr. Stone to the railway station that night and that he had seen him get on just as the train was about to move out and that he returned to the Davis farm in Harvard.

Nothing more was known whether it was so or not, until two men, R. H. Morse and Charles E. Follansbee, formerly of Littleton, who reside in the square house in the Shaker Village, were on their way home, Friday afternoon, September 17, from Ayer, when they discovered the body of a man lying on his face on land of Charles Stone, over the stone wall from the highway, whose farm is partly in Ayer and Harvard, about sixty rods from the house of Mr. Stone, which is near the farm of Calvin D. Blanchard, which joins that of Charles Stone.

The alarm was given both in Ayer and Harvard, and it soon was noised about in both towns of the finding of the body. At that time it was not known who the victim was, as the body was in an advanced state of decomposition and a sorry sight to behold. The left side of the face was so disfigured and crushed that it was at that time impossible to discern who it could be, and the back part of the skull was also crushed, and not far from where the body was found were two large rocks on which were blood stains that were evidently used in the foul murder. Later further away in the field from where the body lay, Douglas C. Smith in hunting around found another large rock besmeared with blood stains.

That Friday night the body was placed in the receiving tomb at Woodlawn cemetery, and it was then found out that the victim was Dr. Stone. Saturday afternoon, September 18, was found two bullet holes, one in his breast, the ball passing to the back hole, the left ear, and the other bullet hole that was found passed through the windpipe of the man. Either bullet wound was sufficient to have caused death. Just why the murder was committed further developments may solve the mystery.

Raymond Plouffe, the farm hand at the Davis farm and milkman, who was to convey Dr. Stone to the railway station at Ayer, was arrested Saturday night, September 18, and with him George Lapointe, also a resident of Harvard, and who was a helper on the Davis farm at times, and a chum of Plouffe, were both placed under arrest and locked up in the police station at Clinton. Both declared they were innocent of the murder and that they could prove their innocence.

When Dr. Stone started Monday night with Plouffe to take the train for Boston, he had with him in the carriage a pasteboard box of apples. The apples and box could not be found, but afterwards the whole of the box was found torn into pieces, and also the piece of clothes line clothes line in the Davis farm yard before starting that he had tied about the box with a whip. Later a broken farm whip was found on the opposite side of the road from where the body laid, and the clothes line, piece of the box and whip are in the possession of the officers. Later a yellow suit that hung up in the Davis barn was taken, besides a pair of pants to be examined to see if there are any blood stains on the garments.

It is acknowledged by Officers Robert Moul of Millbury, Arthur Keating of Somerville and Peleg Murray of Worcester, members of the state police force, all working on the case, that Deputy Sheriff A. A. Fillebrown was a very valuable aid in discovering very important evidence that may lead to the conviction of the two men held for the murder.

Plouffe and Lapointe appeared in court at Clinton, Friday morning, at ten o'clock, and in all probability will both be bound over for their appearance before the grand jury and trial later. John M. Maloney, Esq., is counsel for George Lapointe and Raymond Plouffe has two attorneys in Clinton to appear for him.

Dr. Stone was in the habit of carrying about with him large rolls of bills of some three hundred dollars or more. In searching about for this money it is said over two hundred was found in the possession of Plouffe, whether it was his money or that of Dr. Stone, there is a question.

The night that Dr. Stone was to have taken the train, there was an alarm of fire and crowds of people were about on the street. No one has been found that had seen Dr. Stone at or near the railway station, where he was to take the train for Boston that night.

The funeral took place Saturday, September 18, and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery in his lot. His wife, Mrs. Ella F. Stone of this town, attended the funeral with her son, Eugene W. Stone of Newburyport, but her other son, Arthur H. Stone of Henniker, did not receive notice in time to attend. He reached here Monday, following the day of the funeral. Dr. Stone was fifty-five years of age, January 30, 1909. He was married to Miss Ella F. Whitcomb of Henniker, N. H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther H. Whitcomb, August 15, 1878, at her home, and got acquainted with her when she attended Clinton Grove seminary, Weare, N. H.

We understand the chambers of the revolver of Plouffe were all filled with cartridges, and in the chambers of the revolver of Lapointe two were empty. It was through Dr. Stone that Raymond Plouffe of Newburyport came to Harvard and took the milk route in Ayer that for years was carried on by the late Mr. Davis. Dr. Stone was a large and muscular man, and one man alone was not likely to get the best of him in a struggle for life.

Henry N. Stone, after attending the district school in the Old Mill district, in Harvard, near where he was born, went to Fitchburg to study dentistry

with Dr. Palmer, and when he left Fitchburg he located on Merchants' Row, in Ayer, where he had dental rooms and from there moved into the Public Spirit building, where he was for some time, and then located in Harvey A. Woods' building, afterwards destroyed by fire and where the bank block is now. From here he went to Stoddard, N. H., and was in the hotel business in that town for a couple of years, and he was burned out there, relocating in Ayer after L. W. Phelps built for him the building now occupied and owned by E. W. Carley.

Dr. Stone left town and for a couple of years carried on the dental business in Provincetown, and from there he located in Newburyport, where he has been very successful as a dentist and dealing extensively in real estate in that city. He is estimated to be worth at least \$50,000, owning the block where he had his dental rooms and fourteen or more tenements.

Both Plouffe and Lapointe were held without bail at the hearing at Clinton, Friday, September 24.

New Advertisements.

Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a license from the Probate Court in and for the County of Middlesex in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts granted on the 27th day of April, A. D., 1909, to John L. Boynton of Pepperell in said County, as Administrator of the Estate of Henry C. Corey, late of Groton, in said County and Commonwealth, deceased, there will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, the twelfth day of October, A. D., 1909, at one o'clock in the afternoon, on the premises hereinafter described, to wit:

"A certain parcel of land situated in the westerly part of said Groton containing forty-eight acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Northeastly corner of the premises at a split stone post, being also a corner of land formerly of J. F. Conant, deceased, thence Southerly by said Conant land and lands of John Blood, David Lakin and Charles Lakin to a corner of the premises at a stake and stones; thence Westerly by land now or lately of said Charles to a stake and stones at a corner of James Kemp land; thence Northwesterly by said Kemp's land to a stone post at a corner of Charles H. Waters land; thence Northerly by said Waters land to a split stone post to land lately of Jonathan Green, deceased; thence Easterly by said Green land to the place of beginning."

One hundred dollars to be paid in cash by the purchaser, at the time and place of sale; other terms and conditions made known at time and place of sale.

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"A certain lot of land situated in the Southerly part of said Pepperell, and bounded and described as follows, namely: beginning at the Southeastly corner of the premises on the Westerly side of the highway leading from Pepperell to Shirley and known as Shirley Street at land of William Kemp, formerly of Abel P. Wright; thence Westerly by land of said Kemp to land of James Durant; thence Northwesterly by land of said Durant to land of Augustus Reed; thence Northerly by land of said Reed to land of one Gilsou; thence Easterly by land of said Gilsou to said Shirley Street; thence Southerly by said Shirley Street to the point of beginning."

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STATE POLITICS

Contests In State Are Now Assuming Definite Shape

INCOME TAX IS LARGE ISSUE

Labor Vote Very Much Divided Over Governorship—Large Element Favors Governor Draper—Suffolk County District Attorneyship

The present time is a period when the various contests throughout the state are assuming shape and foreshadow the result of the conventions. With the caucuses this week and the conventions next week, the sharp work of the campaign will soon be here.

There is, however, comparatively little in the way of new developments since last week. The caucuses are over and the air is full of claims of candidates which will be verified or disproved shortly by the results of the various conventions.

There is a good deal of interest in the income tax proposition. If the Massachusetts legislature of 1910 adopts the resolution for the amendment of the federal constitution in such a manner as to permit the imposition of an income tax upon persons and corporations in the various states, without regard to state population or pro rata apportionment, then a federal income tax law will undoubtedly be passed by the next session of congress and put in force forthwith. That will mean that the wealthy states like New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois will pay a greater sum than all other states in the union, probably twice as much.

May Impose Income Tax Now
Congress at the present time is permitted by the constitution to levy an income tax pro rata upon the states or according to the population. This right has been exercised once; that was during the Civil War. It was relinquished after the war was over. There are a great many people in the state who are convinced congress ought to have this right in times of war or during great emergencies, but who deprecate any action which would give congress the power to levy such a tax at other times.

That is the reason why the makeup of the next legislature is considered extremely important. Those who favor the income tax proposition are scrutinizing sharply the candidates for the house and senate on both sides the political fence. The Democratic party is naturally committed to this issue by reason of the fact that the Democratic national convention adopted a plank indorsing a federal income tax. There are a number of people, however, in that party who do not favor such a tax, but they are greatly outnumbered by those who do. One of the Boston Democratic leaders asserts that a few Democrats would pay a tax under this proposition and that this accounts for the great number of the rank and file who favor it.

Republicans Not Committed to Tax
The Republican party is not committed to the income tax by any party declaration, but President Taft favors it and there are some few of the Republican leaders who follow him, though the greater number by far seems to be in opposition to this proposition. Assuming that the Democrats will elect seventy to seventy-five members of the house and ten members of the senate, which is a liberal estimate, it would be necessary for the promoters of the income tax to secure the support of something like forty-five Republican members of the house and ten or eleven members of the senate in order to secure the passage of this resolution. It is possible that this may be accomplished, but the chances today do not seem to favor it.

Split In Labor Vote
There is very little change in the situation so far as the governorship is concerned except that the labor vote in the state is likely to be more widely split this year than ever before since the state branch of the American Federation of Labor first came out in opposition to Governor Draper. When the state branch of the A. F. of L. met in special convention some weeks ago for the distinct purpose of passing resolutions against Governor Draper, because of his veto of the so-called eight hour bill, quite a number of delegates to that convention deprecated the attack. It was said by them that the onslaught was intemperate, ill-advised and drastic, and that it would not injure the governor, but prove harmful to the cause of labor. Representative Doyle of New Bedford was one of those who opposed such action. The convention, however, declared that anyone using his influence in favor of Governor Draper was a traitor to the cause of labor. However, Doyle has been solidly backed up in his attitude by the Boot and Shoe Workers' union of New Bedford, of which he is a member. The executive committee of that body finds that the labor leaders themselves were divided as to the merits of the bill vetoed by the governor, that several of them considered it an unwise measure and thought the governor, in justice to everybody, could hardly do anything else but veto it. In the view of such testimony as this from labor men and labor organ-

izations it would look as if the American Federation of Labor in this state had made a sorry spectacle of itself and been used by Democratic politicians to serve the ends of schemers, rather than to protect the best interest of the working men themselves. It looks as if it were high time that the labor movement thrust out from its midst such men as those who seek to trail organized labor at the chariot wheels of the Democratic party.

Boston's District Attorney
The Democratic leaders are as much at sea as ever, so far as can be discerned, over the district attorney nomination in Suffolk county. It has been said that Joseph A. Dennison, a former assistant district attorney under Moran, can have the nomination if he so desires.

Mr. Dennison was not before the people as a candidate in the caucuses, but the leaders control the delegates and the nomination. There are two candidates in the field, Felix W. McGettrick, one of Moran's deputies, and Councilor Edward P. Barry of South Boston. While some of the delegates are for one or the other of these men, the great mass is really unpledged. Democratic leaders can easily control the nomination; if Dennison were sure that he could unite the party he would go into the fight. It is quite unlikely that there will be any such thing as an united Democracy, however, on this nomination. A good many of the leaders feel sure that District Attorney Hill is going to be elected and while they would like to control the office, some of them feel as if it were time wasted to undertake to do so. Mr. Hill has been such a great success during the time he has been in office that his election is felt to be practically certain.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Zara Patch, late of Groton, in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by James T. Bennett of said Groton, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, without giving a surety on his official bond, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of September, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

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Giving medicine to children is one of the most difficult problems that young mothers have to cope with, for some little ones have such a horror of a dose that they work themselves into a condition of nervous illness before the medicine gets into their stomachs, and so it frequently nauseates them, thus making successive doses harder to give.

There is no question but that if a child shows a disposition to rebel against swallowing medicine the mental tussle must be gone through with and settled first. That is, there is no use in trying to give the dose while administering admonitions. The little one's stomach must be quiet, and this cannot be if he is in tears or is screaming.

So when the child refuses it is essential to put the medicine aside and to make him understand that the cure must be taken. He must not for an instant be permitted to think that he has gained his point and need not take it. To the contrary, he is given to understand that he is obliged to and that the sooner he is quiet the better. Precisely how this is to be accomplished depends upon individual temperament and the way each parent handles the babe. Sometimes when the argument is prolonged a spanking may be required. One small girl had three doses of this maternal discipline before she became quiet and swallowed her medicine. There was never any trouble with her afterward, for she had been made to accept the fact that medicine when it was brought her was to be taken, and to fuss only made the condition worse. Coaxing works with some little ones; with others punishment is required. Each parent must decide this for herself.

During the time that this matter of will contest is in progress the medicine is not administered. When the child has been conquered he must be given a few minutes to quiet sobs or temper, and then the dose must be given.

If the sick child thinks he cannot swallow medicine, no matter how much he may want to, he must be broken of this idea. He is apt to change his idea rather quickly, too, if he finds that each time he ejects the medicine a fresh dose is given. It takes a clever child only a few moments to realize that he is simply prolonging the agony.

The notion some have that they cannot swallow pills is likely to be imagination, which it is not always well to give in to. If there is a reason for paying heed to it an easy way of obviating it is to give liquid instead, for there are few prescriptions that cannot be administered in this form. The old way of giving pills in jelly does not commend itself to present ideas. The sweet, combined with medicine, is apt to upset the stomach, causing nausea.

To deceive a child about medicine and tell him it is good is a great mistake. This may work once, but he will be suspicious ever after. He should be made to understand that medicine is not a joke, but that it is less disagreeable than to be ill, and that whether he wishes it or not he must take it.

How to Restore Withered Vegetables.
For the housewife who must practice strict economy, as well as for her who lives at a distance from the market, it is well to know that cabbage, celery, lettuce and their like which have lost the first freshness may be restored by putting first into warm water, just comfortably warm to the hand, and after fifteen or twenty minutes, taking out and covering with fresh cold water for thirty or more minutes. You will be surprised to note that it will have the original snappy crispness so much desired. Often the grocer will sell "second day" celery and lettuce at half price. The above method will absolutely freshen same and may make quite a saving of "bills" during a season.

How to Banish Dandruff.

A young man who was much troubled by dandruff tried many remedies before he was advised by an old doctor to use a cure much favored by physicians of several generations ago—a paste made of vaseline and precipitated sulphur. The ointment is made by blending a dram of the sulphur with two tablespoonfuls of vaseline. Divide the hair into strands and rub well into the roots, not getting into the long hair. The ointment should be left on several days and repeated when necessary. This treatment is equally good for a scalp that has grown dry or filled with an ugly, scaly scurf.

How to Restore Mildewed Clothes.

A cure for mildew that is the remedy of an old negro laundress is excellent for all white goods, and will not injure fine materials. Pour a quart of boiling water over two ounces of chloride of lime, add three quarts of cold water, let the mixture stand until settled, strain, and it is ready for use. The material should be steeped in the limewater for a day or over night, when the spots will be found to have disappeared.

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Saturday, Sept. 18, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, Oct. 23, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 23, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register must bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1909.

Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificates of naturalization.

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"Is It Worth While?"

A recent editorial in the Boston Globe comments on E. H. Harriman as follows:

"The imagination even of a person living in this marvellous epoch of ours is staggered, if it tries to put into concrete form the actual potency of a man who was worth \$100,000,000, who of a man practically owned three great railroads, who was director of 100,000 employees, and who controlled or influenced properties valued at five billions."

"Yet, as the magic skin gave Balzac's hero everything but an unlimited leasethold on life, so the Harriman genius had no more prestige at the court of time than the humblest trackman on his iron roads."

"I have often wondered," he said, "whether it is worth while to put one's nerves into huge enterprises. I have longed for the shades, rest and comfort. But there is something in man, that makes him want to go on to finish what he has begun."

Echo answers, "Is it worth while." What a tragedy in that life. That man the greatest genius the world has ever known for organization of the means to distribute the product of labor, the comforts and necessities of life, as well as to enable distant people to maintain social intercourse, compelled by the competitive system under which we live to prostitute that genius to acquiring enormous power over vast numbers of his fellowmen, in order to save himself from other keen and cunning minds drunk with power and filled with the mad lust for the possession of wealth. And though he longs for the shades, rest and comfort, that sword of Dazocius, the insecurity and fear of want which is ever present in this struggle for existence, compels men to fight their fellowman to acquire this power in order to survive.

To remove this fear of want and struggle for existence, and have the comforts and necessities of life absolutely assured, would leave all the genius at man's command free to develop all these natural resources and means of production and distribution for the benefit of all, and then rivalry for achievement would replace rivalry for possession, and such genius as Harriman's would promote love, respect and happiness, instead of greed, avarice and dissension.

As long as a part of society is economically controlled by the other part, just so long will men acquire wealth and power, and control men through the system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution, with all the evils attendant thereto.

When all mankind is economically free then mankind will be controlled by the power of love and a sense of duty and brotherhood to each other, then the earth will ring with glad voices, and then that something that is in man will have a chance to go on and finish that which it has begun without a selfish thought to hinder its success.

Which one of these systems would give E. H. Harriman the greater solace and comfort as he passes through the valley of the shadow, the glad voices and happy laughter of little children, and men and women living and enjoying this whole earth and all the products thereof which modern machinery and science makes possible if publicly owned; or, the present state of affairs, thousands of little children tolling and sweating their gleam of sunshine in their pitiful lives, men and women working for a mere existence and only a few days from poverty, thousands maimed and killed on those iron roads and in the manufacturing industry through lack of safety devices, which cost more than human lives, all sacrificed to the God, profit.

The Socialists are working to make all mankind economically free, and which one of these systems is it best to make "worth while," perpetuate the old or work for the new?
E. G. Bartlett.
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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Percy J. Benedict of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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THE LION'S SHARE.

A Rivalry in Love and the Way It Was Ended.

By TEMPLE BAILEY.
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It was their first summer out of college, and they had always been chums. But now a girl had come between them.

"You can't have her, David," Carrington had said when Royal had told him. "I love her, and I'm not going to let you get her."

David Royal looked at his friend steadily. Then he said: "Did you ever think, Victor, that you always came out ahead at school—that you always took the lion's share? But it was because I let you, not always because you deserved it. I gave up the scholarship to you because I had more money and needed it less. I didn't care then, and I didn't care when the faculty selected you for that experimental trip to South America. I wanted to go, and my chance was as good as yours, but when I knew how set you were on it I simply said I had other plans, and the trip came to you. But this time it's different."

Carrington laughed easily. "Oh, you were always a trump, Dalsy," he said. "You're a friend worth having. But you can't have the little girl."

"Can't I?" Royal asked, and something in his tone made Carrington look at him sharply. "See here," he demanded, "you haven't asked her?"

"No, I haven't, but I'm going to." Carrington shrugged his shoulders. "I don't like to say it, Dalsy, but I think she likes me best."

Royal clasped his arms about his knees and looked out toward the sea. "If she should not care to marry me," David said, "I should take one of those steamers and sail and sail and try to forget Victor."

"If she should not care for me," Carrington said, "I should find another girl."

Royal's eyes flashed. "Do you see now why I won't let you have her?" he asked. "Because you won't make her happy, because she must marry a man who will be constant till he dies."

"Oh, I'd be constant enough," Carrington said, "but that isn't the question now. The question is to get her. And again—I don't like to say it, Dalsy, but you aren't exactly a lady's man."

"No, thank heaven," was the succinct reply.

"Well, we won't fight over it," said Carrington. He rose and stretched his tall figure to its full height. And, standing there with the wind blowing his fair hair, the smaller man was forced to admit his beauty and fascination.

And, as if to voice his thoughts, some one said behind them, "Are you worshipping the sun god?" Carrington turned, and there was Dulcie—Dulcie, the desire of both of their hearts.

"You look like a young brave worshipping," she repeated as she sat down on the grass beside Royal and spread out her rosey frounces. Carrington laughed. "I would rather worship you."

"I came over to tell you," she said, "that we leave tonight. Father's rheumatism is worse, and we are going to a sanitarium, and he wants you two to come up to the hotel for a farewell dinner. He's going to have everything that's indigestible, from lobster to Camembert. It's a case of eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die!" They laughed, and Carrington said: "I'm glad you wore that gown. You look like a rose."

But David said nothing, and Dulcie asked abruptly, "A penny for your thoughts?" "They have flown on the wings of the wind," David told her.

"Daisy is dreaming of a girl. He's in love, Miss Carew," laughed Carrington.

Dulcie caught her breath. "In love?" "Yes. And I'll bet he won't get her." Royal turned suddenly and looked at his friend. "Please," he said, and his voice was stern, "don't bring her into the conversation. And you needn't bet. I don't dare hope that I can win her."

A shadow lay deep in Dulcie's eyes. "You are talking in riddles," she said. "Are you really in love?" "He really is," Carrington interposed. "You must tell me about it." Dulcie tried to speak lightly.

"Perhaps," David said, "you won't care to listen."

As the two men walked to the clubhouse where they were spending the week end Carrington said lazily: "It's up to us to tell Dulcie tonight. You'll be offering me congratulations in the morning, David."

But David's eyes met his squarely. "Don't be too sure, Victor," he said. "But Carrington was so sure that after dinner he took Dulcie down to the beach for a walk, while David and their host smoked on the terrace.

And, in spite of the witchery of waves and moonlight, Dulcie refused him.

David knew what had happened when his friend threw himself into a chair beside him and did not try to see Dulcie alone again.

He did not dream, however, that Carrington would exact from him any further sacrifice for friendship's sake. But that night as they sat together on the beach under the stars Carrington said: "Old fellow, I don't see how I am going to live without her. Let me have another chance before you ask her."

Something of the love that he had

self for the boy, Victor, for whom he had given up honors at school and college, surged into David's heart. "If she loves me," he said simply, "I can wait. I'll give you another chance, Victor."

But he did not know what his temptation was to be. Dulcie came down to the beach next morning for her early dip, and he was bathing suit of soft, shimmering green she was like a nymph of the sea.

"Father had a bad spell after you left," she said, "so we shall stay a few days longer."

"David had me up for a swim at dawn," Carrington told her. She smiled. "I shall try to make the end of the iron pier," she boasted, "and I want to go alone, just to be sure I can do it."

"It's a bit dangerous," David told her anxiously. "I am as strong as—oh, I am as strong as a mermaid," she said.

And with that she waded in, to strike out presently into deeper water. The two men, watching her, strolled along the pier. "I hate to see a woman try it," David said again.

As they watched her they saw her hands go up suddenly, and a faint cry came across the water.

"Ah, Royal, she's going down!" Carrington cried and stood staring. But David was stripping off his coat, kicking off his shoes.

"Get a rope and a life belt if you can, Victor," he directed rapidly, "and throw them out to us. I'm going in."

But now Carrington's coat was off. "I'm going in myself. I want to be the one to save her, David."

David turned on him like a tiger. "You always want to be first," he swung out savagely. "But this is my chance, Victor, and no man shall take it from me—no man!" And with that he was over the side of the pier, his strong arms beating the waves as he swam toward Dulcie.

And when he came to her she opened her eyes. "David," she whispered, "oh, David!" And something in her voice made his heart leap.

They went in slowly, not needing the life belt that Carrington flung to them, for love and hope made David strong.

And when they came to the beach Dulcie lay in the sun and revived slowly, and at last she smiled into their anxious faces.

"The water was so cold—and it was some kind of cramp—and then David came—David!" Her voice trailed off, and she shut her eyes.

And at that note of tenderness in her voice Carrington knew as his friend had known.

And because he could not let her hear he took an envelope from his pocket and wrote upon it and handed it to David, and then he rose and went away up the beach.

David, left alone with his love, read what he had written: "It is you who will have the lion's share this time, Royal. You have her love. And all that I ask now is that from both of you I may get some little share of—friendship."

Setting at the Root. While visiting the south recently a traveler chanced upon a resident of a sleepy hamlet in Alabama.

"Are you a native of this town?" asked the traveler. "Am I a what?" languidly asked the one addressed.

"Are you a native of the town?" "What's that?" "I asked you whether you were a native of the place?"

At this juncture there appeared at the open door of the cabin the man's wife, tall, sallow and gaunt. After a careful survey of the questioner she said: "Ain't you got no sense, Bill? He means was yo' lirin' heah when yo' begun lirin' heah. Now, answer him."

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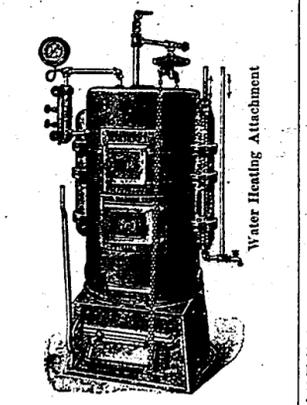
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North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—6.18, 6.00, 6.50, 7.02 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—6.30, 6.55, 6.30, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Sunday—6.15 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. Sunday—6.35 a. m., then same as week days.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—6.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sunday—8.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—6.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m., then 11.33 p. m. Sunday—9.03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

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TIPS ON SANDWICHES.

How to Make Them Appealing With Little Trouble.

The housewife who learns the art of making sandwiches is always well fortified against problems when serving an informal luncheon to guests. Close grained bread should be used, for coarse bread will crumble. And bread baked in round tins is preferable to that cut into slices and cut with a biscuit cutter, since the baked edges preserve the shape. Moist fillings should be laid between lettuce leaves, and by buttering the bread the moisture cannot penetrate it, making it soggy. Melted butter can be used if it is not soft enough to spread. A salmon sandwich is a tempting article of food and should be half mixed with chopped boiled egg and very thin slices of olives and pickles. The wise hostess will make two different kinds of sandwiches, some with the mixture moistened with vinegar or lemon juice, others without, for many persons cannot take acids. Practically all meat sandwiches are extremely rich, and strong condiments are noticeable in the filling, especially mustard and catchup. While white meat makes a delicate sandwich, yet the darker meats, mixed with mayonnaise and other relishes, are more appetizing in every way.

When hot sandwiches are served at a noonday luncheon at home the contents of the sandwiches are placed between the layers of bread and fried, or the bread is toasted and covered with a cooked meat filling, then covered with buttered toast and served hot. Peanuts mixed with mayonnaise and sliced egg make a good sandwich. They make a fruit sandwich which is well liked by those who are fond of fruit and bread. The filling consists of chopped dates, figs, lemon juice and ground nuts, lightly mixed with tart jelly. The bread is buttered for this. Candied fruits are often used, but often the sandwich is a bread cake, more of the angel food cake variety, filled with fruits and moistened with cherry juice or the liquor from preserved pineapple or peaches.

How to Wash Windows.

Windows should never be washed while the sun shines directly on them, for this is sure to cause streaks to appear on them. Of course the glass may be wiped dry as soon as it is washed, but this is twice the work, since one must rub until the glass is perfectly dry. This is not necessary if the sun is not shining on the windows, for it does not add anything to the appearance of the windows when finished. If the glass is badly soiled and it is necessary to apply a good deal of water to remove the dust and stains, it is better to wash with plenty of water and then let the glass dry and then sponge the window off again. This will remove all the streaks left by the first washing. Should the glass become too dry before you return to finish the drying it may be sponged over again with the sponge wrung dry out of hot water. Always let the window stand for a few minutes after washing it before drying it and it will dry much easier and in but half the time.

How to Clean Jewelry.

Small articles of jewelry, especially the silver kind, will be difficult to clean in the hands of an inexperienced person, since dull silver is more difficult to restore to its former beauty than gold. The best method is to immerse the brooch, ring or pin in a solution of cyanide of potassium at any drug store. Do not let the liquid touch the fingers. Let remain in the liquid for two minutes, remove and wash in hot soapuds. This will be sufficient to restore the brilliancy of the metal. The best method of cleaning chain bracelets or necklaces of gold is to make a paste of ammonia and whiting and rub this into the tiny links with a soft brush, afterward washing the pieces in soft water and polishing with a chamolis.

How to Bake Cookies.

If your family bakers after small cakes it will be found to be a paying investment to have special baking sheets made. Have your tinner cut flat pieces of sheet iron with edges turned up about a quarter of an inch or less. These should just fit the oven, but must not be so tight as to stick. Two or three of such sheets will suffice for a good sized baking, and there is no time lost scraping pans to regrease for a second lot. The fat sides make it easier to slip a knife under and slip the cake from the pan. For chocolate drops or cookies buttered papers can be used on the sheets.

How to Pad an Ironing Board.

The next time the blanket on your ironing board wears out and you must hunt a new one to replace it try substituting newspapers. Choose thick Sunday editions, the uncolored sections, and tack to the board so that the sheets lie smoothly and of any desired thickness. Cover with muslin in the usual way. Newspapers not only have the merit of being more easily put on and causing your board to be more even, but they can be quickly and easily replaced at no cost.

How to Make a Nail Hold.

Where a wall is so soft and loose that a nail driven into it for a picture or bracket will not bear the weight of the latter it may be easily remedied. Mix a little plaster of paris in a teacup with some water. Scoop out a small hole in the wall with a screwdriver, fill it with the plaster and then insert the nail gently. It will set quite hard in a minute or so, and the nail will then be perfectly secure.

The Boy and the Book.

The late Edward Everett Hale, said a Boston magazine editor, "was a great student of child life. Dr. Hale once dilated to me on the incorrigibly bad taste in books that children have. He instanced the case of his own son, now a famous architect, whose taste he had a hard time forming."

"The little boy, it seemed, cared only for the sensational in literature. Jack Harkaway and Deadwood Dick seemed to him the very topmost pinnacle of literary excellence. He yawned over the splendid historical works his father read to him."

"One day, however, Dr. Hale had a gleam of hope. The little boy brought him a volume of English history and said:

"Will you read me some more out of this, please?"

"Why, certainly, my boy," the father answered cordially. "What part would you like to have?"

"Read me," said the little boy, "about Mary, queen of Scots, getting her head cut off and the blood all running down her back."

Division.

The new teacher glanced smilingly over the school and was delighted to see so many bright young faces among her new charges.

"Now, children," she said, "so that I may find out what you know I will test you on arithmetic. Maggie Wilkins, if I were to divide three bananas among seventeen boys what would be the result?"

"A riot," said Maggie, speaking up like a little drum major.

"Possibly," said the teacher, "but that is not what I mean. Tommy, you may take the question. Three bananas among three boys—that would be one banana apiece for each boy. Now, three bananas among seventeen boys would be what?"

"Three bananas, m'im," answered Tommy.

"I know, but three into seventeen is"—said the teacher.

"Three bananas would go into seventeen boys once and none over," said Tommy confidently.

It was then that the new teacher resigned.—Harper's Weekly.

The Wilderness.

This theater of bloody conflicts is a vast sea, so to speak, of a dense forest—a second growth more than a century old. It is made up chiefly of scrubby, low limbed, stubborn oaks and disordered, haggard pines, for the soil is cold and thin, with here and there scattering clumps of alien cedars. Some of the oaks are large enough to cut two railroad ties, and every once and awhile you come across an acre or two of pines ten to twelve inches in diameter, tall and tapering, true to the soaring propensities of their kind. But generally, and above all where the battle was fought, the trees are noticeably stunted and so close together and thick lower limbs so intermingled with a thick underbrush that it is very difficult indeed to make one's way through them.—Atlantic Monthly.

Meredith's Advice to Stead.

W. T. Stead tells a characteristic story of George Meredith, which is all the more appreciable as it is told against himself.

"He was a true friend," says Mr. Stead, "not less faithful in criticism than he was cordial in his appreciation. Of the former I remember well the neat way in which he put me out of conceit with my first attempt to write a story. I sent him my little effort with fear and trembling. My trepidation was not without warrant. 'I have read "From the Old World to the New,"' he wrote. 'Some of the characters are interesting and well drawn. One of them especially reminds me of Cecil Rhodes. But if any one of your friends tells you that he likes the story as a story don't believe him.'"

Swiss Flags.

The Swiss flag is red, and it bears a Greek cross in its center. The Switzers declared their independence in 1307, and at the battle of Morgarten, 1315, where the Austrians were defeated, they carried a plain red flag without any device. During the seventeenth century a white cross was added, though it is said that the cross appeared on some Swiss flags as early as 1339. The different cantons of Switzerland have different coats of arms and different flags.

Verdi's Secrecy.

Verdi observed great secrecy concerning his operas, even to his business associates, and it is said that the first intimation his business managers, the Ricordis, received of the composition of "Falstaff" was a toast offered by Bolto, who at supper one night, when the publisher and his wife were present, slyly glanced at Verdi and proposed a health to the "fat knight," at which it seemed Verdi and Bolto had been working for months.

An Aspersions Suspected.

"That is quite a remarkable Rembrandt," said the connoisseur. "Sir!" rejoined Mrs. Cumrox. "Yes, Rembrandt, you know, the great painter."

The Fraction.

"Humble as I am," said a loud voiced orator at a meeting, "I still remember that I am a fraction of this magnificent empire."

Curious.

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PEPPERELL.

East.

The Peppereil Woman's club will hold a food sale, at the residence of the president, Mrs. Qua, on Friday, October 1, at three o'clock p. m. The patronage of all friends of the playground is earnestly solicited by the committee on civics, under whose auspices the sale is held.

The Book and Thimble club spent a delightful afternoon by invitation of Mrs. Waldo Spaulding, at her cabin in Townsend on Monday afternoon, September 20. Miss H. Haines added greatly to the pleasure of the affair with her charming decorations of flowers and autumn foliage.

The "Old Homestead" committee of the Prudence Wright chapter held a meeting at "Pinecroft," Mrs. Heald's cabin, on Wednesday afternoon, September 22, from three to five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pike have been enjoying a week's outing at Massapoag. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shellington of Connecticut, who have been their guests, are with them.

Miss Helen Baker and Miss Bessie Robbins of Hollis are spending a few days with Mrs. L. G. Bean.

Mrs. J. R. Shattuck has been spending a few days with her daughter at Concord.

Mrs. John Fredericks left Monday for Keene, N. H., to visit her daughter, Mrs. James Green and family.

Mrs. Leland Hopkins and son have returned from Bucksport, Me., where they have been spending the summer. Mr. Hopkins accompanied them, having spent a few days there previous to their return. It is understood that the railroad returned to Mrs. Hopkins the fare she was obliged to pay in reaching her destination after the serious delay caused by the burned bridge, when she went to Maine the first of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith are happy over the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

T. H. Bailey, superintendent of the shoe factory, left Tuesday for Buffalo. It is understood that this trip is in connection with the large order received lately.

F. R. and F. O. Bennett have disposed of their auto to William Miller. It is understood R. B. Taft has purchased a Winton car.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris G. Tarbell of Boston are in town for a week with relatives and friends.

A large number of our citizens, outside of the firemen, attended the muster at Townsend last Saturday. Among those winning in the sports was Ernest Bartlett, who won first prize in the high jump.

The steamer team and men are busy assisting the street department, rebuilding a part of the Townsend street sidewalk in addition to a new curbstone, and considerable concreting is being done by Deware & Jordan. It is understood they will also assist in building the cinder walk on Elm street.

Joseph Garvey was a recent visitor at his home preparatory to his entering Williston seminary.

Material has arrived at the freight depot for the construction by the Telephone company of a cable from the central office to Nissitissit square.

At the large department store of A. J. Saunders an extensive order of confectionery has arrived. A popular method is here noticed. To introduce his stock very low prices prevail, and lovers of candy take advantage of the bargains.

A new silo has been erected at Grassland farm of C. A. Dennen by Mr. Deering and W. F. Dennen. This makes three large silos in connection with the large barns which can accommodate about seventy-five cows.

Arthur Bannon attended the Masonic festivities at Ayer Monday evening.

Charles Foss found an oddity while digging potatoes this week. He pulled a stalk and found the potatoes growing onto the stalk in the same manner as tomatoes, no potatoes at the roots at all, but about thirty on the stalk and many of fair size. He intends saving some for seed to experiment next season.

Miss Gertrude Willey has returned to her duties at the telephone office, having enjoyed a ten days' vacation at Boston, Brookline and other places.

A successful dance was held at Oak Hill hall last Friday evening, about fifty couples enjoying this social time. Music by Thayer's orchestra, M. E. Gaskell, promoter.

Lewis A. Parker left Tuesday for interesting points in New Hampshire, where he intends spending his vacation with friends.

The potato crop promises to be a good one throughout this section. Many of the farmers have cause to be disappointed in the corn by reason of the drought, but interviews with these show intention to increase the acreage next year.

W. E. Chapman and his men are completing many large painting jobs, and as a result the residence and stable of Dr. F. W. Lovejoy looks very attractive.

Waldo Spaulding and Frank S. Fitch left Tuesday by auto for North Rochester, N. H.

Miss Edith Gerrish of Worcester is in town visiting her old friends.

Mrs. A. H. Harris and daughter Nellie are visiting in Hampstead this week.

The L. A. S. of the M. E. church will serve a supper in the vestry Wednesday, September 29, from six to 7:30 p. m.

The many friends of Mrs. James Butterfield will regret to hear she is critically ill at her daughter's in Shirley.

Nothing is heard of football, and it is not expected the high will have a team this year.

J. W. Valencourt is spending his vacation in New York city.

It is reported some of our gunners will attend the all-day shoot of the Fitchburg Sportsmen's club at Fitchburg, Wednesday, September 29. Rifle, revolver and trap shooting at the club range; competition open to all.

Leslie McCormack and Miss Lena McCormack of Shirley were in town over Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McCormack, Tucker avenue. John McCormack left Monday for his old home in Canada, which he has not visited for a number of years. He intends to be gone a month. He has been in the employ of I. J. Rowell for years, and his place is being filled by Frank Robbins. Those who have had Mr. McCormack do their work will welcome his return, as he is one of the best of those who holds the plough handle.

Chief of Police John J. Monteith returned Tuesday from a week at his old home in Natick. Mrs. Monteith and daughter have not yet returned.

Dr. and Mrs. Orland Salter of Oxford, N. S., were in town Tuesday, registering at Hotel Prescott. They visited Mr. Salter's brother, I. F. Salter, engineer at the Nashua River Paper Co.'s mill.

Mrs. A. H. Gilbert is visiting friends in Boston this week.

Benj. F. Parker, superintendent of our town farm, has had a very successful yield of potatoes. At C. D. Hutchinson's store can be seen a dozen potatoes which will fill a peck measure. The seed for this crop was bought of Mr. Hutchinson and it is understood the crop will average five bushels to one of seed planted.

An unusual prevalence of appendicitis is alarming. This week Miss Lena McGrath was operated on at the hospital of Dr. Kilbourn, Groton, and her many friends will be pleased to learn it was successful and that she is recovering. Another case, that of Lillian Davy, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davy, was taken to the same hospital, Tuesday, and although the operation was successful, she passed away Wednesday morning. This was a great shock to her many friends as well as parents, as she was at school Monday and apparently in the best of health. She was a favorite and her absence is a distinct grief to her classmates. Funeral was held from the home of Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker. Services by Rev. Putnam Webber.

Thomas Parker, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Parker, Townsend-st., left Wednesday morning for Linden, Ky., having accepted a position with a school for boys. Tom is a recent graduate of Dartmouth and it is well-known he will make good in his field of new endeavor.

The following are the delegates elected at the republican caucus, Tuesday evening: State, Waldo Spaulding, C. S. Denham; councillor, C. H. Miller, Leon Richardson; county, P. J. Hayes, S. R. Merrill; senatorial, C. B. Taft, E. W. Blake; representative, C. S. Denham, E. L. Tarbell, C. H. Miller, F. R. Bennett, E. E. Tarbell.

Dr. Henry N. Stone, the Newburyport dentist, who was murdered in Harvard last week, was at one time well known in this town, having taught school here about 1875.

Mr. Tarbell announces an entire change of program of moving pictures every Wednesday and Thursday. See his advertisement.

At the meeting of Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., held Thursday afternoon, September 23, the date of the outing to Cambridge was changed from October 5 to September 29. All members and friends wishing to go should take 7:30 a. m. train to Concord, and from there to Cambridge by trolley. Box lunch can be taken if desired. Should the 29th be unpleasant, the trip will be postponed until the 30th.

The Muster at West Townsend.

The Warrens won third and the Union fourth at the muster in Townsend last Saturday. It was particularly noted that the Unions were not in their usual fine form. This company brought home between the years 1895 and 1905 almost \$1000 in prizes, many of them firsts in big musters. The Warrens, although somewhat undermanned, did good work, and well they might, for their captain, L. G. Robbins, who has led them to many victories, stood in command, assisted by L. P. Shattuck, and it was inspiring to note the splendid maneuvers of the crew and the perfect discipline. One could see how hard Captain Robbins endeavored to have his men pump when a lull might occur, but the flag at the mark end of the course persistently staid flled like the sails of a cup winner, in the international races. Only once during the playing of the many tubs did any of them catch a lull in this fatal cross wind, when the General Miles tub played first shot the white rag hugged the pole and the shot went far ahead of all comers.

Looks Like a Muster.

A general call, to muster out and get in line for something, was posted around town, and a handful of would be public-spiritedites assembled at the engine house on Cottage street, Thursday evening. The meeting was called to order at eight o'clock by A. A. Lawrence, and he was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting and Edward P. McCord was elected secretary. After considerable discussion as to a muster and horse trot, etc., it was decided that the two could not be successfully held, but that either a horse trot and sports at the driving park would do, or a muster and sports between the rivers would be practical. The latter proposition was strongly favored and voted in favor of. The committee appointed to take the matter in hand and make a decision and formulate plans is made up of five, F. H. Darling, L. G. Robbins, L. Johnson, E. S. Dunton and F. J. Dunlap. It was voted to hold a clay pigeon shoot and W. A. Kemp, S. M. Nokes, George V. Herrig appointed as a committee for the same. A committee of five was appointed to look after all other sports, including the dance, as follows: E. Gagnon, R. B. Taft, F. Milan, E. P. McCord, Louis Rowan. The meeting was ad-

Journal until Monday evening, September 27, at 7:30 o'clock. About fifty were present and it looks as if there would be a day of rest for the hard workers.

A Prize Winner.

Again Peppereil is brought to the front by the efforts of her champions when away from home. At the open golf tournament of the Vesper Country club, medal play handicap, eighteen holes on the links at Tyng's Island last Saturday, Roger B. Taft of this town won the best gross prize, and tied for best net prize with G. F. Marshall of Allston. This prize is one of the most valuable won on these links. It is a large sterling silver pitcher and the engraving thereon is exceptionally attractive. The reputation of the Peppereil Country club is an unusually enviable record. They not only bring home many trophies, but are widely known as honorable sportsmen, winning clean victories. Mr. Taft's collection of prizes is unprecedented for one player, and Joseph Wiley, a fellow member, is a close competitor for honors of this kind.

Hand Engine Muster.

Massachusetts has forty-one out of fifty best record hand engines in New England, and Peppereil's Warren and Union tubs have assisted to this wonderful percentage. Brockton will hold its eighth annual hand engine muster Friday, October 8. There will be nineteen cash prizes, ranging from \$300 to \$10; also a long-distance prize of \$25. Two parade trumpets are to be awarded, one to the visiting company and one to the Brockton engine making best plays. It is hoped that the Peppereil boys will be able to go. That is, many expect the Warrens will so decide, and everyone should seriously endeavor to assist in some way to that end, and see that a full complement of men will man the engine, and prove the good old pump can again win first money.

Obituary.

Willard Wright of Hollis died suddenly at his sister's, Mrs. Emogene Nichols of North Peppereil. He retired in his usual health Friday evening. In the morning his sister, failing to receive any answer to her call to breakfast, found him dead in bed. Mr. Wright was fifty-eight years of age and had lived in Hollis most of his life. He was a farmer by occupation. Members of Aurora lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hollis attended the funeral in a body from his late home, Monday, Rev. Putnam Webber officiating. The floral tributes were extensive and beautiful. Interment was at Hollis. Among those present were his brother, Horatio Wright, and nephew, Herbert Wright of Norwood.

The following is a list of the flowers: A beautiful pillow, I. O. O. F.; spray of asters and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wright; Mrs. J. Patch; spray of cut flowers, Miss Nellie Patch; spray of asters and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blood; spray of asters and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McNary; wreath and cross of flowers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dow; cut flowers, Miss Isabel Bancroft; wreath of flowers, Mrs. Welch; cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Nichols; cut flowers, Mrs. Anderson; cut flowers, Mrs. Norris; cut flowers, Mrs. Bennett; cut flowers, Mrs. Richardson; cut flowers, Mrs. Nellie Lund; cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lund; cut flowers, Mrs. Thair; cut flowers, Mrs. Wilson; cut flowers, Mr. G. Coffin; cut flowers, Mrs. M. Coffin; cut flowers, Miss Edith Mason; cut flowers, Mrs. Phinney.

Improvements.

The passing of the billboard is history at the Center. The long barren walls of the horse sheds on Heald street were some time ago, as noted in these columns, placarded with "post no bills." This was the result of patient work on the part of prominent citizens, who not only had the offending posters removed, but have had other improvements made. The sheds have been clapboarded, and the roof newly shingled, and a coat of paint is to be applied. This has not been done without considerable expense, but the willingness with which this has been accomplished identifies the public-spirited benefactor.

Center.

The Book and Thimble club spent a delightful afternoon, Monday, September 20, by invitation of one of its members, Mrs. Waldo Spaulding, at her cabin in the Townsend woods. The mill, the spring, the garden and orchard, and especially the amiable cow, were all objects of attraction and interest, and when the reading commenced this intelligent animal showed her appreciation of the literary feast by several prolonged moos, a proceeding never before indulged in. Later the members of the club showed their appreciation of a table just loaded with good things, decorated with flowers and autumn leaves. Although a deviation from the usual simple fare of this little coterie of friends, it was greatly enjoyed, and many compliments bestowed upon our hospitable hostess and her genial sister, Miss Haines.

A food sale will be held at three o'clock, Friday, October 1, under the auspices of the civic committee of the Peppereil Woman's club, at the residence of the president, Mrs. Qua. All interested in the playground are earnestly urged to patronize this sale. Don't forget.

Rev. Dudley Childie will preach in the First Parish church on Sunday, September 26, at usual hour. Mr. Childie will take up his residence in town as soon as the house is vacated.

On Wednesday, September 22, the Old Homestead committee of the Prudence Chapter met at Pinecroft, the cabin of its chairman. Nearly all its members were present. Although a disagreeable sultry afternoon, Mrs. L. P. Shattuck and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blood were guests, and instructed and enlivened the company with their historical reminiscences.

Miss Anna French of Heald street, has visited in Manchester, N. H., this week.

Samuel S. Blood, a summer resident of Oak Hill street, left town September 20, for his winter home in New York city.

Mrs. Anna S. Nutting is visiting her niece, Mrs. Annie (Chapman) Dauphinee in Amesbury.

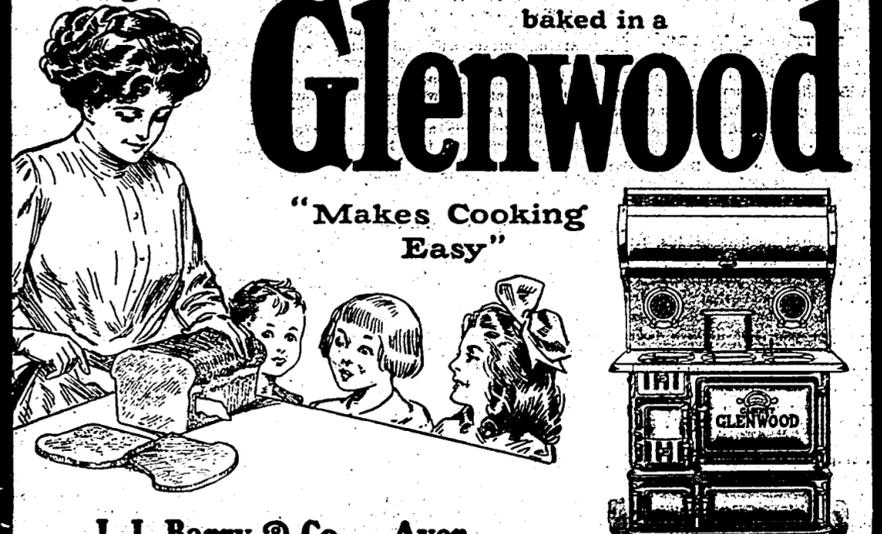
Miss Nellie Blood, daughter of Mrs. Avander Blood, is recovering slowly from the serious illness attending an operation for appendicitis, which she has suffered. She is in Waban.

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Miss Alice Symonds of Somerville has been a guest at the homes of Charles S. and Chester A. Parker, on Townsend street, this week.

Miss Marietta Putney is at the home of David Spear, caring for Mrs. Spear, who has had a bad paralytic shock, so that she has lost the power of speech and motion.

Howard Shattuck was favored last week with a ride in the automobile with Dr. Charles G. Heald. It is about six months since he has been away from his home. He has had a long trying illness, which has called out the sympathy of his many friends.

Thomas O. Parker has left town for Kentucky, where he has a favorable outlook for business as instructor in the Lyndon military institute.

Rev. Dudley Childie occupied the pulpit of the Unitarian church last Sunday as the chosen minister. His sermon was based on the first epistle to the Corinthians, third chapter, ninth verse, and was a practical exhortation to his people. A good congregation was present.

Miss Guild, a niece of Ex-Governor Guild, who has been a summer boarder at Mrs. Peck's, was an able assistant in the Unitarian service of song, last Sunday.

Miss Florence Smith, who has been at P. F. Sullivan's during the month of August, returned to her home in Portsmouth, N. H., last week. Her singing in the Unitarian choir was very much enjoyed.

The L. S. C. of the Unitarian church will serve a baked-bean supper in Central hall, Monday evening, September 30, at 6:30 o'clock, followed by a social.

Mrs. L. E. Starr and Miss Bertha Farnsworth returned on the seventeenth from Lovell, Me., where they enjoyed a pleasant vacation. Mrs. Starr has a cottage there on the Saco river.

Margaret Park left town last Thursday for Laurel, Md., to resume her studies in the Woman's college in Baltimore.

Wisner Park has a home in Concord Junction, where he is well cared for while he is attending the high school in old Concord. George Park, who is in Boston in the employ of the Old Colony Trust company, has been promoted with an increase of salary. His home is with the family of S. T. Blood in Concord Junction.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Jones) Anderson, who has been a recent visitor at the Reed farm, has left town.

The Woman's club held a meeting in Central hall on Tuesday afternoon. The attendance was small.

At the establishment of Haynes-Piper Co., of Ayer, you have every opportunity of selling your cider apples for cash at good prices—see their advertisement on first page.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Franklin Wolf, Melvin Koffman and Simeon Daniels, all of Boston, have been spending two weeks at the home of C. E. Wiltshire.

Quite a number from this town attended the dance at Oak Hill, Friday evening, and report a very pleasant time.

The fair in Hollis on Wednesday, Sept. 29, bids fair to be one of the best ever given by Hollis grange.

The program at the regular meeting Tuesday evening was as follows: reading, Miss M. Louise Stratton; reading, Mrs. Harriet S. Dudley; discussion, "Should the state grange establish schools of instruction in the ritualistic work in different parts of the state?" reading, Mrs. Flora C. Hardy; recitation, Mrs. Ella M. Farley; recitation, Miss Edith W. Mason.

Born in Milford on Saturday, Sept. 18, to William Gangloff and wife, formerly Miss Hazel E. Wheeler of Hollis, a son.

Edward W. Carter of Roxbury spent a few days in town with friends this week.

LITTLETON.

At the Unitarian church Sunday morning Rev. C. A. Drummond will review and criticize Ex-president Eliot's address on "The religion of the future."

H. Malcolm Priest has spent the past week with his roommate at the Boston Tech at his home in Waterbury, Conn.

Thursday last, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robbins joined with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Shirley, for a trip with them in their auto through the Berkshires, into New Hampshire and Vermont for about a week's outing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell were week-end and over-Sunday guests with his brother's family in Somerville.

The Guild meeting will be led by Miss Helen Prouty, the topic being "Religion and music."

Miss S. F. White has spent the past two weeks with her niece in Worcester, Mrs. Florence, wife of Dr. George Slocumb.

Conant & Houghton are putting up a double tenement house at the Common.

Mrs. Pixley of Chicago is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. H. N. Whitcomb.

Mildred Flagg has been taking preliminary examinations at Mt. Holyoke college this week.

SHIRLEY.

Delegates Elected.

The republican caucus was held in Odd-Fellows hall Tuesday evening, and William H. Wilbur was chosen moderator, Frank H. Wheeler, secretary.

Sevillion W. Longley was elected as Shirley's choice of representative from the twelfth Middlesex district by a majority of two votes. Total number of votes cast was 116. Of this number Mr. Longley received 59 votes and D. Chester Parsons 57.

The following delegates were elected to the several State conventions: State, J. E. Pomfret; councillor, Geo. O. Evans; county, H. W. Brockelman; senatorial, F. H. Wheeler; representative, E. H. Allen, G. M. Ballou, C. W. Wolf; town committee, J. F. Brown, H. S. Hazen, F. W. Holden, J. E. Pomfret, F. H. Wheeler.

Breaks.

The store of Charles R. White was broken into last Saturday night and cigars, gum, cigarettes and candy was taken. The thieves gained entrance by forcing the front door.

The blacksmith shop was also broken into and a few tools were taken. George Adams' dog shanty was also entered and a can of kerosene and a lantern carried off.

Sometimes early Sunday morning the summer residence of J. P. Tolman was broken into, but as the Tolman family left Shirley for their winter home in West Newton last week Friday, it could not be learned just what was taken from the house. A house in Mitchellville was also broken into and food besides sundry things were taken.

These breaks are supposed to be the work of two boys who escaped early last Saturday evening from the Shirley Industrial school and search has been made for them by the officials of the home, assisted by Forest Hooper, constable of Shirley. Finally the boys were caught in Lancaster and taken back to the Industrial school Tuesday afternoon.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. William Haven (nee Lida Lynch) of Claremont, N. H., who was married last week, spent a few days this week with their aunt, Mrs. Ellen C. Lynch of the Center. Mrs. Haven was a former resident of Shirley, leaving here about five years ago. She is a very estimable young lady, and her host of friends here, who were surprised to learn of her marriage in Claremont last Saturday, wish her and her life partner health, happiness and success.

Rev. J. H. Coté of St. Anthony's parish officiated at the forty hours' devotion in Salem this week.

Sunday, September 26, John P. Lynch of Boston will attend high mass at St. Anthony's church. A number of orphan children will accompany him, which will be given for adoption.

Services on Sunday morning, September 26, at 10:45, at the Congregational church. Regular meeting of the C. E. S. in the evening at seven o'clock.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday morning, September 26, at 10:45, and in the evening at seven o'clock.

John W. Farrar of Shirley Center started Monday morning for New York city to witness the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Thomas C. Burrill and Walter Knowles started Wednesday morning for New York to witness the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick McGrath Monday, September 2.

Mrs. Michael Bulger visited friends in Cambridge first of the week. The regular meeting of the Franco-Independent club was held last week Friday evening, when six new members were received into the club.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Glonet, September 14.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church held a successful baked-bean supper, Wednesday evening. Quite a number partook of the good things provided and enjoyed the excellent entertainment which follows.

Frank Harlow severs his connection with the Shirley meat market to take up new duties as night operator at the Mitchellville power station.

Mrs. Jacob is entertaining her mother for two weeks, Mrs. Allen Martin of Queen's county, Nova Scotia.

Miss Mable Beach of Cambridge has come to make her home with her uncle, Jacob Beach.

Harry Barnard of Harvard road is enjoying a week's vacation.

Miss Bessie Dadmun is spending three weeks with relatives in Franklin, N. H.

Mrs. Ralph Wheeler spent Saturday with her relatives in Westminster.

Miss Eva Burdett spent a couple of days first of the week at Springfield, visiting friends.

Misses Eva and Gertrude O'Neil spent Sunday with friends in Lawrence.

Miss Lena Gately spent first of the week with relatives in Boston.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook spent first of the week with relatives in Sutton.

Miss Bessie Dadmun is spending a couple of weeks' vacation with relatives in Franklin.

Miss Effie Hanna of St. Stephen, N. B., has arrived at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. W. McCoy, to remain permanently.

Mr. Abbott and daughter, Miss Abbott of Keene, N. H., are guests at the house of his daughter, Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon.

E. B. Hilliard will take charge of the services at Trinity chapel, Shirley Center, Sunday, September 26. The Sunday school will also begin on that day.

Services at First Parish church, Shirley Center, Sunday, September 26, at 11:15 a. m. Rev. George Willis Cooke will preach.

Miss Annie Hale of Montpelier, Vt., was a guest first of the week at the home of Mrs. George S. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. George O. Evans started Wednesday morning for a few days' visit to New York city.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Hattie Evans, six members of Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. R., attended the State outing at Concord last week Friday. A pleasant trip in their auto, lunch at Concord Chapter house and a sight-seeing trip made a very enjoyable day.

Fred Provost, who recently enlisted in the U. S. navy for the second time, is at present on board the training ship Constellation, which is at Newport.

Frank Clinton Johnson, superintendent of schools in Hillsborough, Andrim and Peterborough, N. H., has been elected as superintendent of schools for Shirley, Ayer, Boylston and West Boylston. Salary paid will be \$2000 per year. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Dartmouth college, about thirty-eight years of age, with a good, clean-cut record.

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