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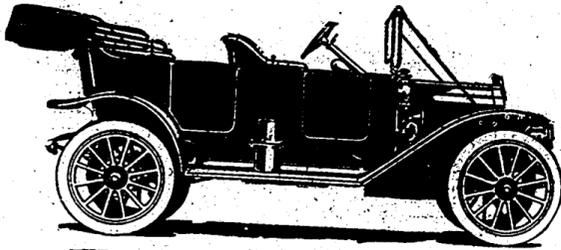
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District Court.

The liquor seized in the raid upon the premises of Charles A. Barrett last March were forfeited last Saturday. The liquors taken were seven quarts of whiskey in thirteen bottles, together with three empty quart bottles, and one empty pint bottle. The liquors had been held pending the disposition of the case which came up for disposal on continuance last week.

Daniel Frael, sixteen years of age, of Fall River, was arrested on August 1st by Chief Beatty last Saturday and taken to be sent home. The boy said that he had an ambition to see the west, but upon reaching here he changed his mind and thought he would be satisfied near home. Chief Beatty took care of him and bought a ticket for the young wanderer, who departed for his home in Fall River.

Morris Schwartz, who was assessed \$4.17 a short time ago by the court as expenses of the case against him of peddling without a license, was brought in last Saturday by Chief Beatty on a capias and promptly paid the amount charged against him.

Estop Eserski and George Kisley, both of Westford, were found not guilty of larceny on their plea on Tuesday morning, and were discharged.

Patrick Downs, who had no regular home, appeared in court on Wednesday morning charged with vagrancy. Downs told a pitiful story to Judge Atwood, saying that he had been sick with blood poison and was now much worse. He asked the court to send him somewhere where he could get medical treatment, as he had no money. Judge Atwood explained to Downs that there was a good hospital at the Bridgewater state farm where he could receive good treatment and asked him if he desired to be sent there. Downs replied in the affirmative and he was taken to Bridgewater by Chief Beatty.

Carl Canton, of Westford, was arraigned last Saturday on two complaints of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. Upon the charge of maintaining a nuisance Canton pleaded guilty and paid a fine of fifty dollars.

Eugene DeLory, of Westford, pleaded not guilty to maintaining a nuisance and was found guilty and fined seventy-five dollars. He appealed and furnished bail of \$100 for the superior court. On Tuesday morning DeLory's fine was reduced to fifty dollars, both counsel agreeing on such a course being taken. DeLory paid this fine and was discharged, he having withdrawn his appeal. The town of Westford was represented by Edward Fisher, town counsel, and the defendant by John M. Maloney, of this town.

Niata Varcoe, of Groton, was found guilty of assault and battery and was fined five dollars on Wednesday.

John Balski, of Lowell, was found guilty on Monday morning of disturbing the peace at Forge Village. The case was placed on file upon the payment of the expenses amounting to \$3.84.

Chief Montelth, of Pepperell, brought in nine boys on Thursday morning, the oldest being eighteen years of age and the others ranging from ten to fifteen. The boys were charged with throwing stones at freight trains on the Boston and Maine railroad on Wednesday, one of the stones striking one of the brakemen on the arm. When the boys lined up before Judge Atwood for a critical examination, all but two denied having thrown any stones or saw any one throw stones in spite of the fact that there were volleys of them thrown at the cars. The boys were given some good advice by

the court, after which the cases were continued for one month. In the meantime the State Board of Charity, which according to law must be notified, will be communicated with regarding the case.

SHIRLEY.

News Item.
D. Chester Parsons, who was appointed clerk of the Northern Middlesex court has lived in Shirley since 1887. He studied law in Shirley offices, principally with Judge W. H. Atwood, of Ayer. Mr. Parsons was born in Charlestown on September 6, 1859, the son of Daniel and Hannah Parsons. He attended the public schools of Somerville. He has been elected to nearly every office in this town. About ten years ago he withdrew from politics. He terms himself an independent republican.

Center.
Forrest Wing, of Roxbury, is visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.
Mrs. Bryant, of Hanson, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dustin and daughter Carrie, and Harry Brown, of Reading, were visitors at the home of Mrs. Hattie P. Holden and Mr. Thursday.

The next meeting of Shirley grange will be held on Tuesday evening, August 6. It was at first intended to have a speaker and to hold an open meeting, but as the speaker has not yet been heard from, the open meeting will be postponed until a later date. On Tuesday evening a short program by the grange will probably be given.

Fire.

A disastrous fire broke out on Thursday morning in the barn of the Willis place at the North and burned both the house and barn to the ground. The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George P. Wetsell and daughter Ruth, and Mrs. Wetsell's mother, who are at present being cared for at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth. The cause of the fire is not clearly known, several theories having been advanced for its cause.

Mr. Wetsell had been out to the barn about five o'clock in the morning feeding his horse and had gone back for breakfast. After breakfast he went to the barn to harness his horse to go to work at West Groton and discovered a considerable blaze started. He notified Mr. Crockett, who lives opposite, and who hurried to L. J. Farnsworth's to telephone for help. Mr. Wetsell succeeded in rescuing the horse and buggy and also the greater part of his furniture. The Shirley and West Groton fire departments responded, but too late to save the house.

For a time the house occupied by W. A. L. Crockett was also in danger, the only thing that saved Mr. Crockett's house and the old hotel was a strong wind which blew the sparks in the opposite direction. It is very probable that if Shirley Center had possessed some means of fire protection, the house could have been saved, as it caught very slowly from the barn. The distance made it impossible for the Shirley or West Groton departments to arrive in time to save the house.

The house, a two and a half story wooden building, and the barn, together with some stored furniture, were the property of Edna R. and Herman Willis, of Boston. Both buildings and furniture are said to be insured. In the house there was also stored the furniture of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson, who recently left for California, and some furniture

belonging to Calvin Bisbee, a former resident at the North. This furniture, which was totally destroyed, was insured. Mr. Wetsell's furniture, most of which was saved, was also insured.

This fire is a disastrous one for the North, as it takes one of the largest small groups of houses there. The house will probably not be rebuilt, as there is no land connected with it, except that upon which it stood.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
Miss Marion Richardson, of Worcester, has been spending the week with Miss Marjory Shattuck.

Mrs. Margaret O'Connell, of West Acton, is taking care of Mrs. Hattie Cobleigh, who is improving slowly.

Mr. Gauss and children, Louise and Hermine, of Clinton, have been recent guests of Mrs. O. Hager, at the Hager homestead.

Misses Emily and Irene Barker, of Waltham, were the week-end guests of the Livermore family.

Our local market-men, C. Leon Weatherbee and Austin E. Lawrence, made their first trip of the season on Monday. They found the apple market in fine condition.

The Christian Endeavor society will hold a lawn party on the church lawn on Wednesday evening, August 7. The Star orchestra, of South Acton, will furnish music.

Coming by auto, William H. Maynard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Shelley Dreen, of Worcester, and Mrs. L. M. Stebbins, of Hadley, spent Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Bertha Shattuck.

A crowd composed of the Furbush and Porter families enjoyed a picnic at Lake Boone on Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Dodge, of Waverley, is visiting at Eide-a-Wee cottage.

Warren Hayward, of Boxborough, and Miss Blanche Mason, of Maynard, were united in marriage in Maynard on Wednesday evening.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the grange meeting last week. The lecturer's hour was filled with singing, readings and monologues.

Boxborough grange will give a lawn party at town hall on Wednesday, August 14. Among the features will be "Teddy bear act" and a "Fool's table." If weather is unfavorable, will be held next fair night.

AUCTIONS.
George A. Cook, auctioneer, will sell by public auction household goods and 250 volumes of books at the barn of E. M. Ruggles on the road from Littleton depot to Harvard on Saturday, August 3, at 1.30 p. m., the property of Charles Sprague.

On Saturday, August 10, at 9.30 a. m., O. H. Furbush will sell by auction, the cows and belonging to William Teale, West Acton. This is a splendid lot of cows and any one in need should attend this sale.

New Advertisements.

For Sale

One eight-room, furnace heat, cottage house. Located in the center of the village. Will make somebody a nice home.

One five-room cottage, lot 60 feet front by 120 feet deep. Located in the center of the village. Will be sold for little money.

One building lot, 93 feet front by 123 feet deep. Located on Nashua Street.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all whomever these presents shall come, I, the undersigned, clerk of said court, do hereby give notice that the estate of HENRIETTA S. ROE, late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to NETTIE B. ROE of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of September, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this first day of August, A. D. 1912, one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

3147 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Begins Saturday, July 27

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As you know, it is the well-known policy of this store not to carry goods from one season to the next. We want no "carry-overs." We want to start each season with a fresh, new stock. This is the reason we hold our Clearance Sale just before the end of each season. Here are price reductions that we believe will clean up the balance of our stock of seasonable goods.

Please note that the savings are tangible and worth while, and also remember that our Clothing and Furnishings are of the very best in style and quality.

Here is your opportunity for substantial savings, so look over the list as we are sure that you will be interested.

MEN'S SUITS

The balance of our stock of Fancy Spring and Summer Suits for Men and Boys. The latest styles in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures. Not many of a kind, but all sizes in something.

\$10.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to....	\$7.47
\$12.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to....	\$8.47
\$15.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to....	\$10.47
\$18.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to....	\$12.47
\$20.00 Fancy Suits now reduced to....	\$14.47

OUTING TROUSERS

Every pair in stock now offered at a reduced price.

\$2.50 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$2.25
\$3.50 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$2.50
\$4.00 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$3.00

BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS

Ages 4 to 17

The balance of our stock of Spring and Summer Suits for Boys now at reduced prices.

\$3.50 Suits, Knickerbocker Pants, now	\$2.50
\$4.00 Suits, Knickerbocker Pants, now	\$2.98
\$5.00 Suits, Knickerbocker Pants, now	\$3.47
4.00 and \$5.00 Suits, with Straight Pants only, and sizes 12 to 16 only, now	\$1.00

KHAKI SUITS

Ages 4 to 14

50c. Khaki Suits, now.....	39¢
\$1.00 Khaki Suits, now.....	79¢
\$1.50 Khaki Suits, now.....	\$1.00

CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS

Ages 4 to 10

\$1.00 Russian Wash Suits, now reduced to	83¢
\$1.25 Russian Wash Suits, now reduced to	\$1.00
\$1.50 Russian Wash Suits, now reduced to	\$1.19

MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS

Men's Cotton Hose, Black or Tan, a regular 2 Pairs for 25c. grade, now for	9¢
Men's Police Braes.....	15¢
Men's Police Braes, 50c. quality.....	35¢
Men's President Suspenders, now.....	35¢
Men's Neglige Shirts, a regular 50c. grade, price for this sale.....	39¢
Men's Wash Ties, regular 15c. grade, price for this sale.....	7¢, 3 for 25¢
Men's White Handkerchiefs, price for this sale.....	3¢

MEN'S WORKING PANTS

One Lot Men's Pants, \$2.00 Value, now reduced to.....	\$1.50
One Lot Men's Pants, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Values, now reduced to.....	\$1.98

HAMMOCKS

\$2.00 Hammocks now reduced to.....	\$1.50
\$3.00 Hammocks now reduced to.....	\$2.00
\$4.00 Hammocks now reduced to.....	\$3.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE—This Store will be closed every Thursday at 12 o'clock noon, during the months of July and August.

STRAW HAT BARGAINS

Every Straw Hat and every Cloth Hat in store is now marked at a cut price.

25c. Straw Hats for Men and Boys, now	19¢
50c. Straw Hats for Men and Boys, now	39¢
\$1.00 Straw Hats for Men now reduced to	75¢
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Straw Hats for Men, now	\$1.00
\$2.50 Straw Hats for Men now reduced to	\$1.50
25c. Cloth Hats for Men now.....	19¢
50c. Cloth Hats for Men now.....	39¢
25c. Cloth and Straw Hats for Children	19¢
50c. Cloth and Straw Hats for Children	39¢
One Lot Hats for Men, Boys and Children.....	10¢

UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

Here are some price reductions on many of our regular lines of Summer Underwear.

All our 25c. Underwear in Balbriggan or Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers for Men and Boys, price reduced for this sale to.....	19¢
All our 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, price for this sale.....	35¢
All our Porosknit Underwear is now reduced in price for this sale only:	
50c. grade of Men's Shirts and Drawers	39¢
25c. grade of Boys' Shirts and Drawers	19¢
\$1.00 Union Suits for Men.....	79¢
50c. Union Suits for Boys.....	39¢

SHOE BARGAINS

Every pair of Tan Oxfords for Men and Boys and also for Women and Children now to go at a cut from regular price.

Also many broken and discontinued lines in Gun Metal, Vici and Patent Oxfords in every department.

MEN'S TAN OXFORDS

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to....	\$2.25
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to....	\$2.50
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to....	\$3.00

Also one lot of broken sizes in Gun Metal and Patent Leather Oxfords and Patent Blucher cut, regular \$3.00 to \$4.00 goods, price cut, to close to \$1.89

LADIES' TAN OXFORDS

\$3.50 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make, now.....	\$2.75
\$3.00 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make, now.....	\$2.25
\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now.....	\$2.00
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Black Vici and Gun Metal Oxfords, discontinued lines, now	\$2.00

Also Cut prices on the following:

Boys' Tan Oxfords.....	Misses Tan Oxfords
Boys' Vici Oxfords.....	Children's Tan Oxfords
Little Men's Tan Oxfords.....	
Little Men's Vici Oxfords.....	
Misses' Black Vici Oxfords.....	
Ladies' Gun Metal Oxfords.....	

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Miss Grace Lambert is enjoying a ten day vacation at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. McIntire at Munsonville, N. H.

Miss Beulah Rowell, of Hudson, has been spending a vacation at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Calvin Howard.

Rev. and Mrs. William A. Anderson and little son, of Covington, Va., are enjoying a sojourn with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wright.

In accordance with the vote passed at town meeting in the spring, and in compliance with the state laws, the town is having a Fairbanks standard scales erected to replace those discarded some time ago near J. Herbert Fletcher's store.

The location of the new one is at the east end of the common, between the triangle face of the old Fort Santiago, and in the common. A. Sutherland is in charge of the work, but who will be in charge of them after completion has not been decided.

The activities of many people in our village at the present time center in the berry fields.

The one service at the Congregational church took place last Sunday evening at seven o'clock, and was conducted by Houghton G. Osgood, the subject being "Christian forgiveness."

The pine forest that shelters the Nabbasset school house on the north is being cut and the underbrush is so closely related to the withered grass in the school playground that a fire would make the school house a paid up fire insurance policy.

Miss Charlotte Prescott was the recipient of a surprise and shower party at Spaulding camp at Forge pond last Saturday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Hill, of Lowell, has been making her annual visit with her Westford friends.

Mr. Walker, who recently purchased the William L. Woods farm, is having the house wired for electric lighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Tuttle are rejoicing over the advent of a little son, born on Monday, July 29.

Mrs. Gertrude Skidmore is entertaining a group of friends at her summer home.

Death.

Thomas E. Symmes, a life-long resident of Westford, died suddenly at his home soon after midnight last week Friday morning.

Mr. Symmes was born in Westford sixty-nine years ago. He was educated in the town schools and at Harvard college.

Mr. Symmes was a life-long resident of Westford, died suddenly at his home soon after midnight last week Friday morning.

The funeral was held from his late home on Sunday afternoon, Rev. David Wallace officiating.

Largest Taxpayers.

Those paying a tax of fifty dollars or more in town are:

Table listing names and tax amounts: Abel J. Abbot, Mrs. Alice M. Abbot, John C. Abbot, etc.

Table listing names and amounts: John A. Healey, Mrs. J. A. Healey, J. Henry Healey, etc.

Non-Residents.

Table listing names and amounts: J. Henry Fletcher, Brookside Worsted Mill, etc.

About Town.

The George C. Moore Nabasset farm is opening the water well capacity at the farm house at the junction of Nabasset and Oak Hill road.

The pine forest that shelters the Nabbasset school house on the north is being cut and the underbrush is so closely related to the withered grass in the school playground that a fire would make the school house a paid up fire insurance policy.

Daniel H. Sheehan will begin haying on Monday morning at his farm north of the Stony Brook and Rocky Hill road.

Prof. Vernon P. Squires and family, of the University of North Dakota, have been visiting John A. Taylor at the Old Oak Bucket farm.

The Spaulding Light Cavalry association will hold its fifth reunion and annual meeting next Thursday afternoon and evening at the building headquarters on the Boston road.

Edmund B. Whitney, of Brookside, who has been working in Lowell, and recently busy searching with the out-door laboratory of Houghton G. Osgood in his hay, berry and apple field.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Whitney, who have been ill for a long time, remain about the same, which is one of those "about the same," which is devoid of encouragement.

Mrs. Carr and daughter Hazel, of Woodsville, N. H., were recent guests of their cousin, Mrs. Esther Taylor Snow, at West Chelmsford.

Graniteville.

Services were resumed in the M. E. church last Sunday when the pastor, Rev. C. H. Layton, returned from a three-weeks' vacation spent in Vermont.

In St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning, both masses were celebrated by Rev. Edward Mitchell, who also delivered a short, but interesting sermon on the gospel of the day, and also gave a very interesting instructive talk to the younger members of the parish.

Rev. William Anderson, a former pastor of the M. E. church here, but now stationed in the south, with Mrs. Anderson and their young son are now spending their vacation with Mrs. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wright, in Westford, and recently called on friends in this village. Mr. Anderson will preach at the morning service in the M. E. church here on Sunday.

Mrs. Harriet Wall with her daughter, Miss Helen M. Wall, of Waltham, have been visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Dora Hawkes, of Melrose, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hawkes.

The members of the A. R. Choate shoe company had a practice race

between two teams of the company on Tuesday evening.

Baseball.

The Graniteville baseball team visited West Chelmsford on last Saturday afternoon and defeated the local club of that village by a score of 13 to 10.

The game started off in an ordinary way, but finally developed into a much older and larger team than the White Sox, the local club which was superior stick work.

The White Sox, of this village, met the Beacons, of Lowell, in a Suburban league game on the home grounds here last Saturday and defeated them by the score of 11 to 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Morris, of Boston, returned home last Sunday after a most enjoyable visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett.

The bath house built by P. H. Harrington, of Graniteville, is now completed and ready for accommodation.

Mr. John Morton, of Lowell, returned home on Sunday after caring for her sister, Mrs. Fennimore Morton, who has been confined to her home for the past seven weeks.

Mrs. Miles Collins and little daughter Ethel are visiting in Southbridge, Peacedale and Providence.

Mrs. Hugh Wisely and children, of Newark, N. J., and Mrs. Maria Gallagher, of Keeney, N. J., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

Carl Canton and Eugene Deloria, who were brought into court a week ago for the illegal selling of intoxicating liquors on the Lord's day, and whose cases are postponed, were heard on last Saturday.

The concert and dance given by the Y. L. S. C. in Abbot hall on Friday evening of last week proved to be a grand success.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Italian section hand who was injured some ten days ago while working on the railroad was taken to a hospital in Boston last week Thursday and reported on the dangerous list Friday.

We beg leave to correct an item in last week's column that should have read as follows: Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb spent a week with Mrs. Oscar Farwell in Fitchburg recently.

Miss Mary V. Gardner has been visiting friends in Waltham.

The Littleton baseball team played West Acton on the latter's diamond last Saturday and won 6-2.

Miss Fannie Griffiths, who has undergone three operations, is still critically sick at the hospital and her symptoms, at last report, were rather discouraging.

Misses Margaret Tobin and Miriam Cash have passed examinations for the Normal school and will enter there next month.

Mrs. Lona Gay Billings of Hingham, a former teacher of Littleton, visited her aunt, Mrs. Varnum Flagg, last week.

Misses Annie and Amy Godfrey of Swampscott and several friends are coming to Littleton for an outing and will occupy the smaller one of E. A. Cox's cabins.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams are disposing of some of their personal property and preparing to move the rest to Concord Junction the first of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Conant left Littleton for Chicago last Sunday evening.

Miss Florence Bartlett and friend, Miss Mazie Parry, of Roxbury, have gone to Orr's Island, Me., for three weeks.

The special town meeting held on last Saturday evening, called on nearly a hundred able voters who evidently had strong convictions regarding the location of the water system extension.

Miss Blanche Samuels, former supervisor of a house of public utility is spending the summer at Peacham, Vt., near the Canadian line.

The Baptist and Congregational churches will be closed on Sunday, giving the parishioners an opportunity to accept the very cordial invitation of Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield to unite with the worshippers of his congregation at the First Parish church at 10.45 in the morning.

Harry Smith is taking a two-weeks' vacation. He and Mrs. Smith will spend next week at Peak's Island, Me.

George A. Kimball of Arlington was in town Sunday.

Florence and Alton Hunt have been spending a month at Concord, and their brother Irving, went away on Wednesday for a visit of one week in Lowell and Concord.

Miss May Flagg, of West Acton, has been visiting friends in town this week.

Peter C. Edwards, of New York, arrived at the house on Friday, and Mr. Edwards is entertaining his niece, Miss Effie Stevens.

Milford E. Somes returned to his home in Littleton the first of August after a three-months' absence in Chauncey, N. Y.

The Misses Helen and Louise Warren of Manchester, N. H., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Charles Kimball.

Improvement Society.

All roads lead to Littleton and the fete in town hall park today. The long anticipated day has come and all preparations have been completed.

Many of the home people have planned to enjoy the day by including this day and guests from out-of-town have been arriving throughout the week.

The report of the treasurer of the Improvement society, which includes three years ago. To the unexpended balance of the net receipts of the 1909 fete we hope to add enough money to lay a long strip of cement walk, and we are assured that every penny will be spent for that purpose.

The benefit of the present cement walk, as well as the marked improvement it adds to the general appearance of street and community is sufficient to arouse enthusiasm in all loyal citizens and appeal to them for support in this movement.

Let every one read the following report of the Improvement treasurer, reflect, and then act. This is a rare opportunity for common good.

Net proceeds of fete day, 1909, \$805.09; net proceeds of town entertainments, \$54.78, total \$859.87. To cash paid for piping, trenching, plumbing, cementing and all expenses incident to the installation of the new water and Hager drinking fountain, \$306.07; to cash paid for labor on Tenney and Ramsdell parks and for shade trees and shrubs, \$147.21; to cash paid toward cement sidewalks in 1911, \$85.00; to cash on hand, \$11.11; total \$859.87.

Death.

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Funeral services were held at her late home in Newtown district on last Sunday afternoon, Rev. E. C. Hayes, of Acton, officiating in the absence of Mrs. Mackinlay's pastor, and Mrs. Mattie Priest singing with touching sympathy "Abide with me," and "When the mists have rolled away," the latter a favorite hymn sung to her shortly before her death.

Amid the beautiful flowers from relatives and devoted friends her body was laid to rest in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery, four of the neighbors acting as bearers.

The day, who was Florinda Augusta Foster previous to her marriage, was born in Upham, New Brunswick, sixty-two years ago last December. She came to Littleton with her husband and children twenty-eight years ago, and has ever since made this town her home.

She was the mother of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. Those who survive her are Laura, (Mrs. B. G. Fowler) of Woburn; Frank L. of Medford; Mabel O. (Mrs. Walter Kimball) of Littleton; Bertha C. at home; Walter F., of Acton, and Alice M., (Mrs. Sutherland), of Woburn.

Mrs. Mackinlay was a consistent Christian woman, a member of the Congregational church, thoroughly sympathetic with its organizations and activities, but on account of lameness and increasing heart weakness she was unable to attend divine service in recent years. Her abiding faith and unflinching trust lifted her

Sheriff's Sale

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, July 30th A. D. 1912. Taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction at my office, East Main Street in said Ayer, on Friday, September 13th A. D. 1912, at eight o'clock and thirty minutes A. M., all the right, title and interest (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) that Luther H. Williams of Pepperell in said County had on the eleventh day of November A. D. 1910, at ten o'clock and five minutes A. M., that being the time the same was attached on mesne process, or now has in and to the following described real estate:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Northern part of Pepperell in said County of Middlesex lying between the road leading from Pepperell Center to Hollis, N. H., sometimes called Prescott Street, and the Nisittisitt River, containing thirty-four acres more or less, and bounded as follows:

Northwesterly by said road; Northerly by land of Barnard heirs; Easterly by said river; Southerly by land of F. E. Turner and John O. Bennett. Being the premises described in the following deeds to said Luther H. Williams:

Samuel Farrar, administrator, dated December 2nd, 1849, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 644, page 271.

Hannah Farrar, dated April 7th, 1860, recorded with said Deeds, Book 877, page 573.

John O. Bennett, acknowledged April 30, 1889, and recorded with said Deeds, Book 1912, page 408.

ALBERT A. FILLBROWN, 3147 Deputy Sheriff.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN PEPPERELL, MASS.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Della L. Boutwell, as Administratrix of the estate of Nancy S. Boutwell, to Fred W. Lovejoy, dated December 24, 1908, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds in book 3415, page 1, will be sold by public auction at the dwelling house upon the premises below described on Monday, the 26th day of August A. D. 1912, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, and therein described as follows:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Northern part of said Pepperell on the Easterly side of Hollis Street, bounded Westerly by Hollis Street Fifty (50) rods; Northerly by land of George H. Dow One Hundred Twelve (112) rods; Easterly by land of C. M. Blood and H. B. Robbins One Hundred (100) rods; and Southerly by land of the heirs of Linzee Prescott One Hundred Twelve (112) rods.

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) in part payment will be required at time of sale. Other terms made known at time and place of sale. 3147

DELIA L. BOUTWELL, Assignee of said Mortgage. Pepperell, Mass., August 1, 1912.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of THOMAS F. RYAN, late of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to CATHERINE E. DONAHUE, Adm. Groton, Mass., July 30, 1912. 3147

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. Eliza Conner, of Lowell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom.

Albert Sherman caught a bass nineteen inches long and weighing five pounds at Hell pond, Harvard, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom went on a trip last week in their auto to Baldwinville and Troy, N. H.

Alday Ecuver was brought home from the Clinton hospital last Sunday. Mr. Ecuver is now improving in health rapidly and will soon regain his former self.

Rev. Allen A. Bronson preached a fine sermon last Sunday morning on the subject of "The gospel of good humor."

Rev. Allen A. Bronson and family left town on Monday morning for their summer home in Pocasset, to remain during the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., have arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Pomfret for a vacation. Mr. Fisher is a brother of Mrs. Pomfret.

Joseph Chalmers has left the employ of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co. and accepted a position in a shoe shop in Athol and commenced on his new duties last Monday morning.

Jerry Muehrhal, day watchman at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., is spending a week's vacation in Groversville, N. Y.

Joseph Glonet, age fourteen years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Glonet, was taken to the Clinton hospital on Monday and operated upon for appendicitis, and is recovering nicely from the effects of the operation.

Levi Landry will leave the employ of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co. this week and on next Monday starts to work in a shoe shop in Athol.

The Shirley baseball team defeated the Olympics of Leominster last Saturday afternoon on the Shirley grounds by a score of 4 to 0. Pelotte, pitcher for the Shirley team, struck out fifteen men. Stebbins, of Groton, caught for Shirley. The Olympics were outclassed at every point of the game.

Gov. Eugene N. Foss paid his annual visit to the State Industrial school for boys in this town on Tuesday afternoon in company with the trustees of the institution, and expressed himself as much pleased with the conditions of the school.

Kenneth Horton started on Thursday morning for Buzzard's Bay, where he will spend a vacation of one week.

The C. A. Edgarton Co. are building a reservoir in the river on the northwest side of the factory. It is being built of cement, the water being drained off daily to allow the men to work. The water from this reservoir will supply the boiler and lavatories at the factory.

Harry L. Lynch and family started on Friday of this week for a two-weeks' vacation at the home of his parents in Amherst, N. H.

Mrs. Joseph C. Provost started the latter part of this week for a two-weeks' vacation which will be spent in Boston and vicinity.

The Shirley cornet band will give a hand concert at town hall, Shirley Center, on Saturday evening. Dancing will follow the concert.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church held its annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the church vestry. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Lydia E. Binney, pres.; Mrs. Hattie W. Evans, v. p.; Mrs. Florence Ballou, sec.; Mrs. Martha Holden, treas.; Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, col.; Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Sandlin, Mrs. Harlow, Mrs. E. M. Edgarton, Mrs. Evans, work com. It was voted to hold a harvest sale the second Wednesday in October, the following committee were appointed to take charge of the same: Mrs. Nickless, Mrs. Ida Hazen, Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, Miss Grace Kilburn and Mrs. Peaseley.

The Shirley A. A. baseball team will play a match game with the St. Bernards of Fitchburg on this Saturday afternoon at three o'clock on the home grounds. The St. Bernards were defeated at Shirley on the Fourth, but from that time on so far this season it was evident that they were off color that day as they have only been defeated twice this season. They were anxious to meet the Shirley team again and redeem themselves, consequently a good game is anticipated. The attendance at the last two ball games in Shirley has been small and the players have just managed to get their expenses of the games. A large attendance is requested if a ball team is to be maintained in town.

Kathleen Miner left town on Thursday for a few weeks' vacation with relatives in Allston.

Howard Fuller	72.54
Gouis J. Farnsworth	332.02
John E. Gardner	27.90
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Herman S. Hazen	76.18
Kate E. Hazen	47.82
Frances A. Herson	81.72
Thomas L. Herson	244.02
Jeanette E. Hewes	69.56
Frederick W. Holden and S. Le.	29.83
Roy Longley	58.38
George E. Holden	142.69
Hattie E. Holden	43.06
Herbert Holden	124.45
Homer P. Holden	27.12
Kate Hooper	28.96
Emma S. Horton	55.97
William Jubb	27.48
Julia F. Kibbey	65.43
John R. Kenoven	71.60
Margaret LePage	44.86
George A. Lawrence	38.06
Joseph Lalone	64.41
David Lambert	47.57
Frank J. Lawton	47.57
Louise F. Livermore	30.22
Harriman Longley and heirs of	102.69
Helrs of Melvin W. Longley	27.98
Timothy Lucy	71.20
Anthony E. Lynch	20.92
Mary Mackay	27.22
Charles W. Marshall	82.23
Edward J. Miller	38.47
Harry M. Nickless	95.77
Emerson S. Parker	39.68
Helrs of Pamela Parker	80.97
Herbert O. Peasley	27.81
Charles M. Petersen	186.48
Arthur H. Pray	26.73
Samuel B. Scott	27.23
Harriet S. Shearer	102.05
John T. Smith	40.47
John Sprague	59.99
Helrs of William Sawtelle	36.03
Edward J. Stevens	20.26
Joseph Thomas	64.77
Ann W. Tilton	84.18
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Ezekiel Wilson	25.76
Grace E. Winslow	66.57
Helen M. Winslow	55.56
Charles W. Wolf	40.47
William C. Wolf	53.81
Margaret A. Wyman	38.35
Albert W. Wood	38.35

The Shirley band will give a concert at the town hall on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. After the concert a dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30. Thayer's orchestra, of four pieces, will furnish the music for dancing.

Rev. F. E. Webster gave a fine address at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Webster will supply the pulpit again on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Adams and son Porter, of Boston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams on Thursday of last week.

The regular meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Stanley F. White, Hamilton L. Woods, Robert H. J. Holden and Phillip E. Wood, who have been staying at C. R. White's cottage at Fort pond, broke camp on Saturday morning. Hamilton and Phillip Wood joined their mother, Mrs. Frank Wood, in Boston, on Sunday, and left on Monday for their home in San Francisco, arriving there on Friday.

The party of women and children who have been enjoying a two-weeks' outing at the May Anna home, left on Wednesday for their homes in Roxbury.

Homer P. Holden is still quite ill at his home from blood poisoning.

Lawn Party.
A very pleasant lawn party was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman on last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Edith Locke. The party was a "mysterious party" and each guest had to pass through three degrees and drink from the "fountain of perpetual youth." Games and dancing were enjoyed on the lawn until ten o'clock, when the party went to the house where refreshments of salad, sandwiches, ice cream, cake, salted nuts and candy were served.

Those who attended were Margaret Longley, Edith Longley, Pauline Sweetser, Blanche Wells, Howard Longley, Priscilla Sweetser, Stanley Wells, Margaret Evans, Mildred Evans, Christine Longley, Ralph Evans, Robert Holden, Thomas Evans, Elsie Holden, Dora Burnham, Pearl Larabee, Charlotta Taylor, Arthur Holden, Mousa Sawabini, Clayton Wells, Harriet Bridgman, Edwin Bridgman, Rae Carpenter, Mrs. Dudley, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Bumpus.

Grange Picnic.
About thirty from Shirley attended the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange field day at Ayer last Saturday. Shirley showed them all something in the athletic line, carrying off every event in which they entered. The grange baseball team won from Groton by a score of 27 to 18 in six innings. The Shirley team scored fourteen runs in one inning. The team was made up as follows: R. Evans, p.; White, c.; Farmer, 1b.; Bohanon, 2b.; T. Evans, 3b.; L. Holden, ss.; Buxton, lf.; Harris, cf.; Adams, rf. In the tug of war the Shirley team defeated Groton and Fitchburg. In the 100 yd. dash, George Farmer got first and T. Evans second; candle race, George Farmer, 1st, Horace Harris, 2d; sack race, Gilbert Evans, 1st, Amos Farrar, 2d; relay race, Ralph I. Evans, Thomas Evans and George Farmer defeated Amos Farrar, Horace Harris and Robert Evans.

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GROTON.

News Items.

The house on Pleasant street recently purchased by J. Duncan Edmonds, of Newton, is undergoing repairs and additions. L. H. Clark, of Common street, is the carpenter having charge of the work.

Mrs. Lucy Ames Harriman, of North Wilmington, who was in town for the day on Thursday to attend the reunion of Lawrence academy students, made a short call at the homes of her cousins, Mrs. Susie Lewis Knapp and Frank D. Lewis, of Chicopee row.

The Brown Loaf club will hold their annual family picnic at Baddacock on next week Wednesday, and will it is expected, meet on M. P. Swallow's camping ground there. It is planned to have this another good time and give the men of the families a chance to bid off the "white elephant" goods sold at auction.

A force of men and teams, under the direction of the town road commissioner, are repairing the road on North Main street.

The ball game to be played between members of Groton grange and members of the Groton I. O. O. F., will be played on Shumway field on Wednesday, August 7, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Should the weather prove stormy the game will come off at the same hour on August 14.

Miss Susie H. Shattuck had the pleasure of spending Tuesday in Boston with Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Hovey.

Mrs. Mary Bailey, who had been visiting in town, returned to Boston on Wednesday.

G. A. Durand and George Meyer left on Saturday to join Mrs. Durand and Mrs. Meyer and others of the outing party at South Hero, Vt.

Miss Lowe will act as organist at the Unitarian church in Concord during the vacation season.

The town tax rate for Groton is ten dollars on a thousand. The county tax is \$35.43, and the state tax is \$55.03.

Mrs. J. F. Muhlberg and three children, of Burlington, N. J., are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Wilson.

Miss Stone, of Waltham, has been elected teacher of the Chicopee Row school.

There is a large increase in attendance of services at the Baptist church under acting pastor, Herbert Wright.

Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood is ill and has required the close attention of her physician.

Sixteen of the E. S. Clark W. R. C. attended the picnic at Whalom on Wednesday. Comrades C. H. Berry and C. H. Torrey, of the E. S. Clark post, accompanied the sisters over and took good care of them, as nothing marred the day's events. All had a good time and had their pictures taken. In all about fifty Groton people joined in this pleasant picnic.

Mr. Weber, who has been working for Dr. Gilson and others, and rooming at Miss Hutchins' on Pleasant street since his home was burned down, has gone to work for William T. Taylor on Farmers' row.

Miss Fannie E. Woods has been for weeks, and is still, suffering from infantile rheumatism. On Wednesday Miss Woods was removed to the Groton hospital for observation and new treatment as may be decided.

S. P. McKean will be the leader of the Chicopee Row school meeting on Sunday afternoon. Topic: "How may we know?" The exercises open at three o'clock. All welcome.

The Union Congregational church supplies for pulpits during August are: August 4, Rev. John L. Kilbon, Springfield; August 11, not yet decided on; August 18, Rev. R. G. Clapp, Stafford Springs, Conn.; August 25, Rev. Dr. John H. Morley, Turner's Falls. It is hoped that Rev. John Barstow, of Lee, a former pastor, may be secured to preach on August 11, but arrangements as yet are not made.

A Boston business man, a graduate of the Connecticut Agricultural college, who has kept in touch with the New England apple growers, and visited the New England fruit shows, procured the past week for his own use in Connecticut, two thousand buds from George S. Knapp's McIntosh apple trees.

The Baddacock club enjoyed a straw-ride and picnic last Saturday, but unlike most picnickers, did not return with empty pails.

Some of the trees in the Baddacock neighborhood have caused considerable interest by putting forth blossoms on trees that have nearly full grown apples, and it is remarked that these blossoms are unusually sweet scented. A choke cherry bush also had several bunches of buds and blossoms as well as full grown cherries.

Nesbit L. Woods has sold his William Olson, or as it is generally known, John Hale place on the Boston road, to C. F. Roberts, of Portsmouth, N. H., who buys for a home, and will come to occupy in September.

The Groton Cornet band will give their Saturday evening open-air concert this week as usual. These concerts are well attended and enjoyed. The following program will be rendered:

- March, "Waukeganoh" Thomas
Overture, "Pell" Thomas
"Bohemian Girl" Dalby
"That baboon baby dance" Fletcher
Cornet duet
Messrs. Rywater and Call Song, selected
John H. Trayne
"if you talk in your sleep" Ayer
Waltz, "Love's devotion" Johnston
"The two victors" duet" Thomas
Cornet ensemble in Trombone
Finale, "Our victorious nation" Lincoln

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Wharton of Beason street, Boston, and the "Elms, Groton, will be much missed at Nahant this season, for instead of making that their headquarters for the summer, as has been their custom for so long a time, they are to go to Bar Harbor. Their pretty daughter, Miss Constance Wharton, will among the prominent debutantes of the coming winter.

Two young men, Messrs. O'Brien from Pepperell, were arrested by Chief Riley at the band concert last Saturday night. The policeman showed he was master of the situation.

William L. Patterson, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson of Champey street, will be in town this week Saturday on a fortnight's vacation from work in a store in Boston.

Mrs. K. T. Fletcher horse-raked and tattered all the hay on her husband's farm this season, and in a sort of side show shot and killed a big black snake measuring 5 ft. 9 in. in length.

William Charlton, telegraph operator at Groton station, is off on his vacation accompanied by his wife and child.

F. G. Carpenter, station agent, has returned from his visit in Maine.

The electric line extension through Farmers' row as far as H. Hubber's is completed. The lights were turned on for this service for the first time last Sunday night.

The Baptist Sunday school picnic is to be held at Whalom park next week Thursday. Those attending will go by barge, leaving Groton about 8.30 a. m.

Dr. Goble, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Aitken, went by automobile to Woodstock, Vt., last Saturday, to bring home Edward Aitken, who has been visiting in Woodstock for several weeks.

A few days ago Charles J. Wright, while fishing for worms, preparatory to going fishing, thrust a tine of the fork through one of his toes. A prompt treatment from the doctor prevented what might have proved a serious trouble.

Automobiles and other vehicles were continually passing through the town last Saturday going to the Pomona grange field day at Ayer. Some thirty or thirty-five people from Groton made a part of the big crowd and all report a fine time.

Kenneth Sawyer, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer and his grandmother, Mrs. Howard, left Tuesday for a vacation visit which will be spent in Boston and Plymouth. Kenneth, who is fifteen years old, has never been away from home to stay away over night and is going to be much missed while gone.

An auction sale of old-fashioned furniture at C. A. Corey's, Main street, Saturday, August 10, at one p. m.

Mrs. Swain with her daughter, Miss Florence Swain, from West Hookoken, N. J., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilson.

G. F. Sampson is driving a new horse on the American express route. The old horse was sold to Albert Brown of Mrs. Ellis' Brown Loaf farm. The addition of a new wagon, which is expected, will complete the new and improved express outfit.

Supper and Entertainment.

The salad supper and entertainment given by the young people of the Baptist church on last week Thursday evening was very successful. Eighty sat down to the supper which was under the charge of Miss Mary Folkins and assistants. The net proceeds amounted to \$18.65. The program of entertainment, which was under the charge of Miss Lillian Tuttle and assistants was as follows:

Piano solo, Mrs. J. H. Sargent; recitation, Wilma Perkins; violin solo with piano accompaniment, George Polkins; piano, Edgett; recitation, Paul Blood; song, F. Winthrop Chase; song with tableau, "The sick child," Elise Dickerman; Harold Sargent; "Ford Folkins" recitation, Harold Sargent; song, Mary Folkins; recitation, Doris Dickerman; song, Dora Bailey; recitation, Stella Sargent; song, Lillian Tuttle; reading, Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst; trio, Marion, Lottie and Ethel Patterson; song, Doris Dickerman and Clifford Perkins; piano duet, Mr. H. Sargent and Miss Lillian Tuttle; closing remarks, by acting pastor, Herbert Wright.

Death.

Mrs. Caroline (Robbins) widow of the late Henry A. Bancroft, passed away quietly Monday night, July 29, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Charles H. Gerrish, where of late she has lived, being carefully attended in the increasing feebleness incident to advanced age. Mrs. Bancroft was born in Harvard February 15, 1822, but has lived in Groton the greater part and all of her life since her marriage. She was of staunch old New England stock, the last one of her father's family, several of whom reached a grand old age. One sister, Mrs. Lucy Hosmer of Harvard, lately deceased, lived within two months of being one hundred years old. Until the past year or so Mrs. Bancroft has maintained a good mental and physical ability, appearing younger than her years and keeping up an interest in local affairs and other activities.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the Ladies' parlor of the First Parish church, her pastor, Rev. P. H. Cressey officiating. The interment was in the family lot in Groton cemetery.

Attended First Convention.

Capt. M. F. Palmer attended the National Progressive party convention held in Faneuil hall, Boston, last Saturday. He went in to find the hall crowded with a gathering estimated at five thousand. Taking a seat in the rear he was soon spied by Russell A. Wood, temporary chairman, who insisted on seating "one of the oldest of the old Republican party" on the platform. Capt. Palmer describes the convention as one of the most widely enthusiastic, happy and harmonious, yet amusing conventions he has attended. "Everybody had a good time, bandannas waved and the higher they waved the louder the people shouted."

Capt. Palmer, though one of the youngest old men in Groton, voted the Republican ticket back in the fifties, in the presidential campaign preceding that of "Fremont and Dayton." He believes the third party is to be a power. He is in sympathy with the National Progressives and many other of our citizens believe he is right.

Obituary.

In the passing away of Mrs. Caroline Robbins Bancroft on July 29, at the age of ninety and one-half years, Groton loses one of its oldest inhabitants. Quietly as a leaf falls from a tree at full maturity, so she passed into "the great beyond."

In view of the fact that the greater part of her life was spent in Groton it seems fitting to say a few words in regard to her. She was born in Harvard on February 15, 1822, being the youngest of the eight children of John and Lucy Whitney Robbins. On the paternal side she was a direct descendant of Robert Robbins, who settled in Concord in 1667, and on the maternal side from Reuben and Lucy Fairbanks Whitney, a direct descendant of Jonathan Fairbanks, 1st, of Dedham. From these sturdy New England ancestors she received the heritage of wonderful health and strength which was hers until long past the age of four score years.

It is interesting to note the age to which her immediate family attained. Her eldest sister, Mrs. Mercy Robbins Priest, ninety-three years; Mrs. Lucy Robbins Hosmer, 99 yrs. 11 mos. 23 days, having nearly rounded out the century mark; Mrs. Lydia Robbins Farnsworth, eighty-six years; Mrs. Eveline Robbins Bancroft, sixty-five years; and the brothers, Henry, sixty-six; John, seventy-five; Andrew, seventy-five, making an average of eighty-one years.

She married in early life Henry A. Bancroft, of Boston, and after living in that city for a few years, they removed to Groton for their permanent home.

FIRE IN TURNER'S BLOCK, AYER Smoke and Water Sale

AT BOSTON STORE

Begins Monday, August 5, at 8 A. M.

50 to 75 Per Cent. Cut in Prices

On all Smoke and Water Damaged Goods; also, all Broken Lines of Perfect Goods. Sale will last till stock is cleaned up

Read the Following Prices:

DRESS GOODS

Prints, Percales, Ginghams, Etc.

- Wool Dress Goods, Plain and Fancy Colorings. Regular price, 50c. per yard, Sale price, 19c
Fine Percales, light and dark patterns. Regular price 12 1/2c. Sale price, 7c
Fine Ginghams, this season's patterns. Regular price, 12 1/2c., Sale price, 7c
Poplins, Muslins, Voiles and Cotton Foulards. Regular price, 12 1/2c., Sale price, 7c
Outing Flannels, pink and blue stripes. Regular price, 10c., Sale price, 5c
Light and Dark Prints. Regular price, 6c., Sale price, 3c
Curtain Muslins, 36-inch wide, stripes and figures. Regular prices, 12 1/2 and 15c., Sale price, 8c
Silk by the yard, fancy stripes and plaids. Regular prices, 75c. and \$1.00 per yard, Sale price, 19c
50c. Silk Muslins, Ladies' Wash Dress Skirts, made of duck and galatea, light and dark colorings. Regular price, 98c., Sale price, 69c
Ladies' Fast Black Hose, made with high spliced heel, double foot and toe, all sizes. Regular price, 15c. per pair, Sale price, 9c
Children's Black and Tan Lace Hose. Regular price, 25c., Sale price, 10c
Ladies' Lace Hose. Regular price, 25c., Sale price, 15c
Ladies' Plain Linen Collars, 2c each
Children's White Muslin Hats. Regular price, 25c., Sale price, 10c
Ladies' Short Kimonas, made of muslin and crepe. Regular price, 75c., Sale price, 38c
Lace, Muslin and Scrim Curtains, made 2 1/2 yards long, fine patterns. Regular price, \$1.50 per pair, Sale price, 89c
Fancy Scrim Curtains. Regular price, 98c., Sale price, 69c
Window Shades, 1 yard wide, 2 yards long. Regular price, 25c., Sale price 12 1/2c
Floral Decorated Crepe Paper, for shelf drapery, etc. Regular price, 12 1/2c. per roll. Sale price, 4c
Ladies' Fine Quality Gingham Shirt Waists, all sizes. Regular price, 69c., Sale price, 49c

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S WHITE MUSLIN UNDERWEAR

- Ladies' Night Robes, regular price, \$1.00, Sale price, 50c
Ladies' Night Robes, regular price, 75c., Sale price, 38c
Ladies' Night Robes, regular price, 50c., Sale price, 25c
Ladies' Drawers, regular price, 50c., Sale price, 25c
Ladies' Drawers, regular price, 25c., Sale price, 15c
Misses' Drawers, regular price, 25c., Sale price, 15c
Children's Night Robes, regular price, 75c., Sale price, 38c

SOME OF THE LOTS ARE SMALL, SOME ARE LARGE. MANY WILL BE CLOSED OUT VERY EARLY, SO BE ON TIME

OUR STORE CLOSSES THURSDAYS AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON The Boston Store GEO. B. TURNER & SON AYER, MASS. DRY GOODS AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS

ment home. The four children born to them died in infancy.

To the large circle of relatives and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft ever gave their warmest affection. Their home was an ideal one, with its cordial welcome and true hospitality, leaving memories long to be treasured by its recipients. To the well rounded out life of Mrs. Bancroft has come the everlasting reward. R.

Climbing.

The following is taken from the Norwood Messenger of July 27: "Ralph F. Culver has resigned as manager of the Holliston mills to accept the position of manager of the dyeing plants of Joseph Bancroft Sons Co., at Wilmington, Delaware."

"Mr. and Mrs. Culver will move to Wilmington in about a fortnight, as Mr. Culver assumes his new duties on August 10."

"The couple have been very popular and have made many friends during their residence here. Mr. Culver has been manager at the Holliston mills for four years, and previous to that held a similar position with the Arnold Print Works at North Adams. He is a member of the Norwood Board of Trade and of the Beacon society. Mrs. Culver has been corresponding secretary of the Norwood Woman's club for two years, and was formerly president of the Beacon society."

"Their many friends will regret their leaving town, while wishing them happiness in their new home."

Ralph F. Culver is a native of Groton and the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Culver.

West Groton.

Mrs. Childs of Fitchburg with her two daughters is a guest this week

of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis. Another daughter, Mrs. McCarley of Leominster visited them on Thursday and Mrs. Hunt of Attleboro made a short stay at the parental home on Thursday and Friday. Miss Esther Jarvis is visiting in Attleboro.

Mrs. Emma Hill is visiting her son, Chester Hill, for an indefinite time. Her grandson, Chester Wentz, is with her.

Mrs. John Draper and little son of Bennington, N. H., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, going on Tuesday, made a stay of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eastman at Temple, N. H.

J. P. Catlin, son-in-law of Mr. Trowbridge, has accepted a position in the motor department of the General Electric Co. at Pittsfield. His family will remain here for a time visiting Mrs. Catlin's parents.

Mrs. Mary Doherty is spending a two weeks' vacation in Watertown, N. Y.

Mrs. R. W. Bliss and her daughter, Miss Ethel Bliss, spent a day in Boston, recently.

Mr. Chamberlain spent several days at Charles Bixby's this week, completing the photographic work begun several weeks ago.

Mrs. Marion Mellish is with Mrs. E. O. Proctor in Ayer assisting in the care of the children.

Miss Ruth Mellish is visiting relatives in Shirley.

Mrs. Clifford Bixby is not in her usual health, owing to a painful foot trouble.

Robert Bliss spent Friday of last week in Boston.

- Children's Night Robes, regular price 50c., Sale price, 25c
Children's Drawers, regular price, 25c., Sale price, 15c
Children's Drawers, regular price, 15c., Sale price, 8c
Ladies' Short Skirts, regular price 50c., Sale price, 25c
Ladies' Combination Drawers and Corset Cover, regular price, 50c., Sale price, 25c
Ladies' Corset Covers, regular price 75c., Sale price, 38c
Ladies' Corset Covers, regular price, 50c., Sale price, 25c
Ladies' Corset Covers, regular price, 25c., Sale price, 15c

MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS

- Men's Fine Percale Negligee Shirts, in neat patterns, all styles, sizes 14 to 17. Regular price, \$1.00 Sale price, 69c
Men's Fine Cambrie Negligee Shirts, new patterns, all sizes. Regular price, 50c., Sale price, 25c
Boys' Madras Negligee Shirts, sizes 12, 12 1/2 and 13. Regular price, 50c., Sale price, 25c
Men's Summer Weight Blue Jersey Undervests, sizes 34 to 36. Regular price, 25c., Sale price, 10c
Men's Medium Weight Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers. Regular price, 50., Sale price, 29c
Men's Medium Weight Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers. Regular price, 75c., Sale price, 39c
Men's Best Quality Contocook A Shirts and Drawers. Regular price, \$1.25, Sale price, \$1.00
Men's and Boys' Laundered and Unlaundered Shirts. Regular price, 50c., Sale price, 15c
Men's Hose, colors—black, tan and fancy. Regular prices, 12 1/2c. and 25c., Sale price 8c
Boys' Light and Medium Colored Blouses, sizes 6 to 14 years. Regular price, 25c., Sale price, 15c
Boys' Pants, odd lot. Regular prices, 25c. and 50., Sale price, 19c
Boys' Brownie Overalls, made of dark blue and khaki denim, sizes 6 to 15 years. Regular price, 25c., Sale price, 15c
Men's Best Quality President and Chester Suspenders, fine patterns. Regular price, 50c., Sale price, 29c
Men's Poros-Knit Summer Underwear. Regular price, 50c., Sale price, 29c
Boys' Summer Underwear, odd lot. Regular price, 25c., Sale price, 10c
Men's Sweaters—Fine Weave and Shaker Knit Wool Coat Sweaters, colors—white, gray and brown. Regular price, \$3.50, Sale price, \$1.98
Regular price, \$2.98, Sale price, \$1.25
Regular price, \$2.25, Sale price, \$1.19
Regular price, \$1.98, Sale price, 98c
Regular price, \$1.25, Sale price, 69c
Boys' Sweaters, colors—white, gray and red. Regular price, \$1.50, Sale price, 69c
Regular price, 50c., Sale price, 25c
Men's Collars, odd lot, at 2c each

led with a sweet tooth will have opportunity to satisfy its cravings at the candy booth in charge of Mrs. Roy and Mrs. Briggs. A. F. Bates and C. R. Dudley will serve ice cream. Fragrant blossoms may be obtained from white-robed flower girls and refreshing drink from the fair hands of Rebecca from a never-failing well. Mrs. E. K. Harrington and assistants will dispose of a few aprons and fancy articles. A gypsy for a time will cease from her wanderings and unlock for the credulous the mysterious gates of the future, and there will be heard also the weird cry of the fruit vendor, "popcorn, peanuts and rip bananas."

Bixby hill is an ideal place for such an affair with plenty of room for all who may come. The public is most cordially invited to come and bring somebody else. Should Wednesday evening prove stormy, the lawn party will be postponed to the first fair evening.

Fire.

The Willis house in North Shirley was burned to the ground early on Thursday morning. It was occupied by Mr. Wettsell, a former employee of the leatherboard mill. A message asking help came to West Groton by telephone and several men responded, but the fire was too far advanced for them to be of use except in saving all that could be removed. No fire department was present and no apparatus at hand and the flames soon demolished the buildings. Mr. Wettsell saved all except dining-room furniture, but goods belonging to Mr. Willis, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Blabbe, stored there were entirely destroyed. The origin of the fire, which started in the barn, is unknown.

Lois Worster of Fitchburg, coming last week, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Williams. Mrs. Worster and younger daughter arrived on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Edwin Brown, of Leominster, was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Enoch Small.

Miss Maude Kittredge visited her mother, Mrs. Charles Parkhurst, last week, and accompanied Mrs. Edwin Brown on her return to Leominster.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. R. W. Bliss was surprised by a visit from several friends on an auto trip. The party consisted of Mrs. A. J. Bartlett, her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bartlett, and Miss Eliza Shaw. On their return Mrs. Bliss accompanied them for a visit to their summer cottage, Rose Cliff, in North Weymouth.

Martin Moran has been very seriously ill. He is reported as more comfortable.

The Keystone club played the Townsend Scouts on the West Groton field last Saturday and were victorious.

Coming on Wednesday several guests are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley.

Lawn Party.

A lawn party, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. A. W. Lamb, on Wednesday evening, August 7. The chief feature of the evening's entertainment will be a band concert, committee on music G. H. Bixby and E. K. Harrington. Sandwiches and cake will be dispensed to the hungry by Mrs. Strand and Mrs. A. L. Harrington. Those trouble-

AYER.

News Items.

The special train bearing the delegates to the convention of the republican congress will pass through here this afternoon, probably about two o'clock.

Mrs. George C. Peterson, of Fitchburg, formerly of this town, returned to her home on last Saturday from the Woman's Charity Club hospital, Roxbury, after a recent operation.

L. H. Cushing, superintendent of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co., has moved into the new cottage of George Woods on Oak street.

Ernest M. Noddin has moved into the tenement vacated by John B. Washburn on Fletcher street.

Miss Helen Gilligan, of New York, is visiting Miss Annie Cullen for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Harlow and family, his mother, Mrs. Mary L. Harlow, and Miss Grace Downing returned this week from New Found lake, Bristol, N. H. Dr. Hopkins and family, who went with them, will stay two weeks longer.

Miss Lomira A. Durgin left on Wednesday night for Mountain View, N. Y. which is in the Adirondack mountains, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. James M. Boutwell during this month.

Marvin Bliss, of Hooksett, N. H., is visiting his brother, E. H. Bliss.

Mrs. Walter C. Winslow left on last Saturday for a two-weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Armstrong, at Somerville, after which she and Mrs. Winslow will spend a week in Provincetown.

Mrs. Elmira Kennison, left on Monday for a visit of two weeks with relatives in Webster and Southbridge.

George H. Greenleaf moved on Thursday into the tenement in John E. Hosmer's house on East Main street vacated by Dr. E. H. Hand. Mr. Hand has moved into Mrs. Feletab Fletcher's house on East Main street, formerly occupied by Ernest P. Morse, and Leslie E. Stuart will occupy the tenement in the Butterfield house on Fletcher street vacated by Mr. Greenleaf.

Representatives of the Board of Trade were in conference on Tuesday with an out-of-town party who was looking over the town for a knitting industry. Nothing definite was decided upon.

Miss Florence Watson is recovering finely at the Memorial hospital, Worcester from an operation for appendicitis performed last week. Upon leaving the hospital she will go to the home of her sister, Mrs. H. D. Walker, in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dudley spent the week-end with his cousin, Mrs. S. C. Butterfield, at Boylston Center.

Mrs. C. H. Kinney and her daughter Helen visited in Springfield on Monday, taking in the sights and enjoying the trip immensely.

Charles A. Barnett has moved into the upper tenement of Peter Tarbell's house on Forest street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coolidge and family, of Arlington Heights, were at the Twin Oaks cottage at Sandy pond on last Sunday. Mrs. Thomas Chapman and son Harold, of Dorchester, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sawyer at Camp Tak-it-e-z, Sandy pond, over Sunday.

W. C. Parsons, Berkley T. Larrabee, John E. Hosmer and Fred H. Jenkins went on a fishing trip down Boston harbor on Thursday. Mr. Parsons made the best catch, which included a five-pound rock cod and some smaller fish of the cod variety.

George H. Hill, Thomas F. Mullin, Charles H. Hardy and George H. Brown left on Tuesday in Mr. Brown's automobile on a trip which will include a visit to Dr. E. H. Hopkins who is at his cottage at New Found lake, Bristol, N. H., with his family. They will visit other points of interest before their return.

While at work at the repair track in the upper yard last week Friday, Henry H. Wadsworth had a painful accident. He was carrying two brake levers and let one of them drop, which struck a piece of plank. The plank flew and struck him with such force in the mouth as to loosen several teeth. His mouth inside was cut so as to require four stitches.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Webb returned last Sunday night from a visit to Whitefield, Me. They had thought some of coming on the Steamer City of Rockport, which was wrecked on early Tuesday morning off Boone Island, but finally decided to come earlier, thus escaping an unpleasant experience.

Ladies' night was observed by Harbinger lodge, Knights of Pythias, on Monday evening. The guests included the members of Harbinger temple, Pythian Sisters, and other invited friends. The evening's entertainment consisted of dancing, whist and other games. Mrs. James King and other guests were awarded first honors at whist. Light refreshments were served. The affair was in charge of this committee: James King, John M. Wallace, Waldo Blood and Charles W. E. Force.

James Conway, eleven years of age, son of Mrs. Bridget Conway, who is suffering with diphtheria, was taken to the isolation ward of the Clinton hospital on Wednesday evening for treatment. Dr. Bulkeley, who has had charge of the case, had the boy taken to the hospital owing to the unsatisfactory condition that he found at the boy's home, his mother not being in proper condition to look after the case. The case is not serious.

An auto party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, of Providence, R. I., the Misses Mains, daughters of Dr. Charles Mains, of Dorchester, and Carrol Linton, of Pawtucket, R. I., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. H. B. Turner.

Ernest M. Gleason, principal of the high school, leaves town this Saturday for a week at the summer school at Hyannis Normal school, and Mrs. Gleason and daughter Marjorie leave at the same time for Mont Vernon, N. H., on a visit of two weeks or more among their relatives. Mr. Gleason will join them later.

Mrs. Charles H. Cahoon and daughter Elsie, of Harwich, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cahoon.

R. M. Cahoon and son Russell leave on Monday for a two-weeks' vacation to be spent with Mr. Cahoon's mother at Harwich.

Mrs. Edward Lawton, a former resident of this town, has been making a visit with Mrs. Benjamin Taft, and returned to her home in Atlantic on Thursday in Mr. Taft's auto.

Mrs. Benjamin Taft is slowly improving this week, and it is hoped that she will soon be able to make up for lost time in taking joy rides in her new Studebaker.

Mrs. W. E. Brooks, of Somerville, entertained her three sisters at lunch on Tuesday. Mrs. E. F. Robbins, of Fitchburg; Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Everett; and Mrs. W. H. Landry, of the Willows.

Miss Madollin Whitney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Whitney, with friends, is visiting in Provincetown, and intends to remain there during the month of August.

Mrs. W. H. Landry and her sister, Mrs. E. F. Robbins, who have been visiting in Everett and Somerville, returned home on Wednesday in the delightfully comfortable Win-ton car of Mrs. J. O. Hayden, of Somerville, by her kind invitation.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance held its annual outing at Whalton park on Wednesday all day. Among those who went were Mrs. S. M. Bark-ett, Mrs. Eugene Barry, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. W. E. Beckford, Mrs. Mrs. M. M. Clark, Mrs. H. E. Fisher, Mrs. F. Lawton, Miss Adelle Lawton, Mrs. W. E. Murphy, Mrs. Joseph Graves, Mrs. A. C. Perkins, Mrs. O. Robinson, Mrs. Robert Murphy, Mrs. Fred Morrison, Mrs. S. E. Bul-ley, and these guests: Mrs. Walter Beebe, Mrs. Remer and John Hos-mer. A business meeting was held at one o'clock on the band stand.

Mrs. A. C. Perkins and Mrs. Carrie Murphy were appointed a committee to arrange for plans of meeting for the coming year.

Miss Nellie Huntington and her niece, Miss Ruth Huntington, are visiting in North Adams.

Mrs. Alice Mead is making an extended visit in North Conway, N. H. George Parker, clerk at S. Sherwin & Company's store, is having his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kozlov and their three children, Hyman, Frank and Abraham, visited relatives in Lawrence over the week-end. A party was given in honor of the approaching marriage of Frank Kozlov, a brother of Mrs. Kozlov, who was a former resident of Ayer, to Miss Sapolski, of Lawrence.

Miss Doris Foster, of Goffstown, N. H., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Wood.

Edward E. Warren returned on Wednesday evening from the Worcester insane asylum, where he was taken last week for observation.

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning there will be a communion service after the 10.45 morning service. Sunday school will be held at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church performed the services at the funeral of Alfred Garruth who lived above Culver place on the Groton road, on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Carrie Low-sang "Lead kindly light," "Some sweet day," and "Good night."

At St. Andrew's church on Sunday, July 29, at 10.45 a. m., a sermon was given by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Bumpas.

The pastor will preach at the Methodist church at 10.45 on Sunday morning. The soul's automatic. Services will be held at the church on Sunday morning in the month of August. Charles Wesley's hymn, "Jesus Christ, my soul," will be discussed this Friday evening at prayer meeting.

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice July 29: N. Frank Cottrell, Jr., Mrs. Albert Gravlin, Frank H. Hopkins, Mel McNeely, Thomas O'Connell, Augustus Stone.

Appointed As Clerk. The news of the appointment of D. Chester Parsons, of Shirley, as clerk of the district court by Gov. Foss on Wednesday was received by his numerous friends with great satisfaction.

Mr. Parsons has been acting clerk for several years, and the promotion to the clerkship thereof finds him amply qualified for the important work connected with that office.

Mr. Parsons came here to study law in the office of Judge Warren H. Atwood in 1889. After being admitted to the bar he opened a law office in the bank building, going to and from his home in Shirley daily.

He became connected with the court as assistant clerk, which position he has filled with entire satisfaction.

Mr. Parsons is well-known in politics, being identified with the republican party, and has served in practically all the offices of importance in Shirley, where he makes his home.

He is also advisory counsel of the A. O. U. W., and is very well-known among the members of that organization. He has been living in the town embraced in the jurisdiction of the court, and the appointment is especially pleasing.

Hon. George W. Sanderson, who this week retires from the position of clerk of the district court, has held the office for thirty-eight years. He was appointed clerk in 1874 by acting governor Thomas H. Talbot. Under the law Mr. Sanderson retires on a pension.

Wedding. At the residence of Rev. John Whitley in Cambridge, pastor of the Congregational church here, Augustus Lovejoy, of this town, and Miss Mary E. Baker, of Somerville, were united in marriage on Thursday morning, August 1. They were attended by Harry Pestelle, brother-in-law of the bride, and Mrs. W. E. Brooks.

After the ceremony the party returned to Mrs. Brooks' home in West Somerville, where most of the surprise of the bridal couple, a very pretty wedding breakfast awaited them, and several friends of the bride had assembled. To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Mrs. Florence Haggart, of Everett, they repaired to the dining room. The tables were handsomely decorated with flowers and the refreshments were served by intimate friends in dainty summer gowns.

The bride wore a gown of white voile over tulle, with lace and satin garniture. Her going away gown was grey broadcloth. After a season of feasting and merry congratulations Mrs. and Mrs. Lovejoy entered the waiting carriage and started on the first part of their wedding journey amid a shower of confetti and old shoes.

Mrs. Lovejoy has resided most of her life in Somerville, where she is known and respected by all who know her. Mr. Lovejoy has gone in and out among his fellow-men here for many years, "walking uprightly," and needs no introduction. It can be safely said that all his many friends and best wishes, and will bid them a hearty "welcome home."

Confident of New Line. John O'Toole, selectman and member of the Clinton Board of Trade, H. C. Brockelman, secretary, and A. A. Anderson, president of the Clinton board, and Herbert N. Davison, secretary, of the Worcester Board of Trade, had a conference with Henry C. Page, general manager of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company at the office of that cor-

poration in Worcester on Wednesday afternoon in regard to building the proposed new electric road from Clinton to Ayer.

These gentlemen told the general manager of the benefit to be derived by the building of the road to Worcester, Ayer, Lowell and the intervening territory.

The Clinton men said that the line would be of great benefit to the people of that town north of Water street, and to other Clinton people for it would afford a direct line to the baseball grounds and circus grounds, and to the people of the Lancaster industrial school and the visitors. They said it would be a great thing for Lancaster and for the town of Harvard, which includes Still River, by giving these towns a trolley line, especially the latter town. The committee also had the general manager that the line would also develop the summer resorts along the line, especially Bare Hill pond in Harvard, and Sandy pond in Ayer, besides furnishing a direct route between Worcester and Lowell, between which city there is much travel.

General Manager Page at the close of the conference said he would place the matter before the board of directors of the company. Those who claim to be in a position to know whereof they speak say that the line is sure to come.

S. P. S. Association Notes. William M. Landry has laid a handsome new birch floor in the Sandy Pond schoolhouse, and has finished it this past week. Fred Hosmer has made several new folding tables and has assisted Mr. Landry in other ways.

A piazza has been suggested for the schoolhouse and the ladies who work so hard for the success of the supper, etc. held there, feel that the kitchen ought to be finished in case funds can be obtained for further improvements. A new sink in the kitchen would be a great and a much needed convenience.

It has been said also by those who live near that a piazza could attract an element undesirable, as the porch to the schoolhouse was so filled with traps, etc., that a shut-off gas had to be made and out up.

An oil painting was presented last year by Mrs. Martha Cooper, who has since passed on to the better land. It is hoped that a suitable frame will be purchased and the picture, prized because of the giver's interest in the association as well as the fact that it is the work of her own hands, be hung on the wall before the next reunion, August 31. A picture of Dr. B. H. Hartwell is also promised.

A question often asked by some who are in doubt, is "Who are eligible membership in the Sandy Pond school association?" The answer is: "All who ever lived in the vicinity of their relatives or friends or any who are interested in the preservation of the old school building." It is a sort of Old Home Day in the Sandy pond district and all are welcome who care to come.

Opportunity will be given for contributions to the repairs. Changes which have taken place in the improvement of the building and association reflect great credit on those who have worked so faithfully and contributed so generously.

On account of the new floor the reunion this year is expected to be the best of any yet held there, as dancing can be engaged in by those who care to do so.

New Law. The following is a copy of the new law concerning the carrying of concealed weapons, which is much more severe than any preceding law:

Section 1. The justice of a court, or trial justices, the board of police or mayor of a city, or the selectmen of a town, or persons authorized by them, respectively, may upon the application of any person issue a license to such person to carry a pistol or revolver in this commonwealth if it appears that the applicant has good reasons to believe that he or she is a suitable person to be so licensed.

Sec. 2. Whoever, except as provided by the law in this section, carries on his person a pistol or revolver, without authority or permission as who ever carries any pistol, dagger, dirk knife, slung shot or metallic knuckles shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term exceeding one month and not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Field Day and Picnic. Ideal weather and an excellent program attracted a large and enthusiastic gathering of grangers to the annual field day given under the direction of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at the town park here Saturday. Twenty-seven granges were represented, including the organizations of Westford, Concord, Ashua, N. H., Hudson, N. H., Billerica, Lowell, Westley, Carlisle, Acton, New Ipswich, N. H., Harvard, Tewksbury, Leominster, Westfield, Marlboro, Ayer, Groton, Shirley, Pepperell, Ashby, Lunenburg, Townsend, Fitchburg and Westminster.

The meeting was honored by the presence of the national lecturer, P. Hull, of Diamonddale, Mich., and Charles M. Gardner, state master, who gave interesting addresses. Other speakers were Hon. William F. Garcelon, of Boston, and Elmer D. Howe, of Marlboro, past master of the state grange.

The speaking took place under the shade of the trees at the northern end of the park, the speakers using a wagon as a platform, while the audience set on the rustic seats and extra settees provided for the occasion. The late comers had to sit on the ground or stand, the whole scene presenting a rural appearance and was entirely in keeping with the day's observance in keeping with the addresses of the speakers were very good and were based on the necessity of organized effort by the farmers of this country if they wish to obtain their rights through the enactment of proper laws.

Mr. Hull, the national lecturer, spoke at some length on the parcels past and the oleomargarine law. He stated that the adoption of the parcels past would be of great benefit to the farmers especially and also to the people at large. The parcels past said the speaker, could be easily carried on in connection with the rural free delivery of mail, which is almost universally established throughout the country. The adoption of such a measure would bring the necessary articles to the farmer at a moderate rate which are now charged for at excessive rates by the transportation companies.

The national lecturer gave some attention to the oleomargarine law. Under the present law this product,

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which could be made from seven to twelve cents a pound, could be sold in competition with butter which costs much more. The speaker said that he or the farmers generally had no objection to the sale of this product, provided it was sold as such, but he had decided objections to its being sold as butter and at butter prices, thereby injuring the honest maker of butter.

expressed pleasure in being present and in success that attended the first field day given here.

Mr. Hull said that there was going to be a hard fight in congress the coming December on this matter, and a strong effort will be made by the grange for a law that will give justice to all concerned. This being the case he urged the farmers to take an interest in the matter and get in touch with their representatives in congress to the end that such equitable conditions shall be brought about. The initiative in all reforms, particularly the two cited, said the speaker, must be taken by the farmers. Nobody else will start the fight for them.

The morning was given over to field sports. The first on the program was a baseball game between the teams representing Shirley and Groton granges. The game was stopped at the end of the sixth inning as the speed the contest was going was such that there was danger of the game being called off on account of darkness before the full number of innings could be played. The Shirley team won 27 to 18, making fourteen runs in the last inning, up to that time the game was in Groton's favor by two runs. The winning team scored three runs in the first inning, seven in the second, one in the third, two in the fifth and fourteen in the sixth. The Groton team scored four in the first inning, one in the second, five in the third, three in the fourth, two in the fifth and three in the sixth. The errors and hitting of both sides were noticeable by their presence and both teams were kept busy during the contest.

The opening number on the program of the afternoon was the singing of "Old Glory" by the audience, which was followed by the calling of the roll of the granges represented, by the state master. Henry W. Robbins was presented as the master of Ayer grange, the youngest organization of its kind in the state by the state master, who asked Mr. Robbins and his wife to step to the front. They received a splendid greeting from the grangers present. Mr. Robbins made a few remarks in which he

After the ball game the field sports were run off and the prizes were awarded as follows: 100 yd. dash, George H. Farmer, Shirley, 1st; watch fob, Thomas Evans, Shirley, 2d; pair suspenders, candle, race, George H. Farmer, Shirley, 1st; umbrella, Horace Harris, Shirley, 2d; 50 yd. dash, women, Elsie Bailey, Groton, 1st, beauty pin, Alice Knapp, Groton, 2d, beauty pin; sack race, Gilbert Evans, Shirley, 1st, grange pin, Amos Farrar, Shirley, 2d, pair suspenders; relay race team, consisting of George F. Farmer, Ralph and Thomas Evans, all of Shirley, 1st, three pairs suspenders, team consisting of Horace Harris, Ralph Evans and Amos Farrar, all of Shirley, 2d, grange buttons; tug-of-war, Shirley grange 1st, jack-knives, Groton grange 2d, grange buttons. The shield suitably inscribed, for the grange getting the most points was won by Shirley with thirty-seven points, to its credit.

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TOWNSEND.

Center.
Mrs. Hattie Cook, Mrs. George Gates, Mrs. T. E. Flarity and Miss Kate Spaulding enjoyed the Lunenburg "Old home day" Wednesday, returning via Higgins' auto.
Union services will be held this coming Sunday at the M. E. church, sermon by Rev. S. P. Robertson.
Mrs. E. McClellan and son of Malden have been guests at Thos. J. McGuire's.
Charles and Albert Howard, Jr., are taking in the water carnival at Concord, N. H., this week.
Mrs. Charles Smith has been quite ill this week with neuritis.

Lieut. Albert Patterson of the U. S. revenue cutter Windom, stationed at Galveston, Texas, together with his family, are at his aunt's, Mrs. F. A. Greenleaf's, for a number of weeks.
David Howard is working near East Sullivan, N. H., and is quite near where Parke Struthers is at his camp in Nelson, N. H.

Geo. L. Whitcomb, G. A. Proctor, Mrs. Clara Flarity, Mrs. Minnie Knight and others attended the Grange picnic held at Ayer last Saturday.
George Dobson and his two nieces from Chicago are guests at John Dobson's.
Joseph Smith has been visiting his son Walter and family at Providence, R. I.

Henry Abbott of Hoboken, N. J., visited his father, Charles Abbott, this week.
Dr. Arthur Bush and family of Burlington, Vt., were at Wm. Bush's this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whiting of Athol were at Luther Richard's last week.

Rev. B. A. Willmott of Quincy, formerly pastor of the Congregational church here, who has a summer home in town, will preach at the Congregational church this coming Sunday. His many friends will be glad of the opportunity to hear him.
Mrs. S. F. Howard of Watertown visited her sister, Lizzie Hill-dreth over Sunday and her son, P. B. Howard, and daughter, M. Elizabeth Howard, were guests at T. J. Harvey's and J. W. Eastman's.

There was a meeting held at the selectmen's room, Memorial hall, on last Saturday evening, when the men and committee considered the building of a piece of permanent road between the Center and Fitchburg. A committee was chosen to procure the right kind of gravel for that locality, which would be suitable for the purpose and which would meet with the approval of the state engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swicker are visiting relatives at Worcester and Lester and Harold are keeping house during their absence.
The stone cutters of the new granite quarry held a meeting Monday evening in engine house rooms and had a new union charter with them. Quite a few were present with a speaker from out-of-town. As the janitor forgot that the room was a busy place, the ledge men courteously removing to the old library room and after the meeting the Scotchmen among them greatly appreciated the selections from "Annie Laurie," with variations, which the band was then playing.

Baseball.
Westford A. A. appeared upon the local grounds here last Saturday for the first time this season and were defeated by the Townsend A. A. team by a score of 8 to 5. The home team was looking for the visitors to come up strong and expected perhaps one of the old time conflicts, but after the first inning in which Westford led off, with the aid of their two hits and Townsend's three errors, getting in three runs, that was about the end of their having the best of the game. The visitors were nearly all home boys and came up with a bunch of loyal rooters, but they were doomed to disappointment as the game progressed.

The game was rather loosely played, but after the first inning our boys steadied down and gave Knight effective support. Knight held the visitors down to six hits, but was obliged to give up with one down on the eighth on account of a sprained arm and Whitcomb, the veteran pitcher, took his place, receiving quite an ovation as he stepped into the pitcher's box. He retired the side with the first and second out, but was touched up for three hits in the ninth, which brought in two more runs for them, they having made none since the first inning.

Knight was in good batting trim, as usual, but lost a fine three bagger by failing to touch second base. Morse, Parker and Eastman came to the front on the batting list. There were no stolen bases by the visitors and all visiting clubs are getting wary of Eastman's strong right arm.
The following is the score:

TOWNSEND A. A.		WESTFORD A. A.	
ab	rb	ab	rb
Keefe, ss	1 0 0 0	Rheedy, 2b	1 0 0 0
Lancey, 2b	1 0 0 0	Hartford, cf	1 0 0 0
Eastman, c	1 0 0 0	W. Sullivan, 1b	1 0 0 0
Morse, 1b	1 0 0 0	Peabody, ss	1 0 0 0
Green, cf	1 0 0 0	J. Sullivan, 3b	1 0 0 0
Teahan, cf	1 0 0 0	Bridgford, rf	1 0 0 0
Swicker, rf	1 0 0 0	Blaisdell, cf	1 0 0 0
Parker, 1b	1 0 0 0	Simpson, 3b	1 0 0 0
Knight, p	1 0 0 0	Dyer, 2b	1 0 0 0
		P. Sullivan, p	1 0 0 0
Totals	25 8 11 17	Totals	25 9 11 17

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Bridgford, rf 1 0 0 0
Blaisdell, cf 1 0 0 0
Simpson, 3b 1 0 0 0
Dyer, 2b 1 0 0 0
P. Sullivan, p 1 0 0 0
Totals 25 9 11 17

WESTFORD A. A.
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Townsend A. A. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Westford A. A. 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 5

Two-base hits—Morse, Teahan, Palmer. Hits off Knight in 1 1/2 innings, 4 off Whitcomb in 1 1/2 innings, 3. Double plays—Teahan to Eastman, Eastman to Lancey. Bases on balls—By Knight 1, by Sullivan 2. Struck out—By Knight 4, by Sullivan 5. Stolen bases—Eastman, Teahan, Swicker 2. Sacrifices—Lancey, Hartford. Passed ball—Eastman. Wild pitches—Sullivan 2. Hit by pitched ball—Eastman, Teahan. Umpire—McGrall. Time—1 hr. 40m.

*Knight out, falling to touch second.
Death.
George Powell of "Old City," who has been unable to work for the past few years on account of declining health, was taken suddenly worse on Monday morning, sustaining a shock from which he did not recover. Mr. Powell was sixty-six years of age and was born in Warwick. He came to this country when a young man in

twenty-one and has resided near here for forty-five years. He leaves a widow, five sons—Clayton, Nashua, Alton, G. Victor Powell and Fred of this town, and Joseph T. of Togus, Me., and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Leonard and Miss Elese Powell.
The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Powell is also survived by a brother, Joseph Powell of this town. He was a fond husband and father and a kind neighbor. For years he worked in the sponson shops of the B. and A. D. Feels and was greatly missed by his shopmates when compelled to leave his work. He was always happy and cheerful about his labors. The burial was in the family lot.

Wants To Break Away.
The school board of this town is seeking a dissolution of the school district of which it is a part, and to this end has addressed communications to the boards of Lunenburg and Ashby asking co-operation. At a meeting of the Townsend board, eight members were present and the vote for dissolution was strong. The sentiment of the meeting appeared to be that Townsend would do better to have a school superintendent of its own, who would also be principal of the high school, and that in this way better results would be obtained at an expenditure no greater than under present conditions.

This agitation was started some time ago when dissatisfaction was manifested against Supt. Haynes, who recently resigned. At the time of his last election to head the district, members of the Townsend school board took the matter up with the state board of education, without results. Lunenburg has voted that it prefers to continue the district as heretofore.

West.
Word has been received from the campers, ten Knights of the White Shield, who are spending a week at Ward pond, Ashburnham, in charge of Rev. S. D. Ringrose, that they spent an enjoyable day on Wednesday taking a tramp to Ashburnham and visiting the buildings of Cushing academy. The party will return on Saturday and the pastor will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church as usual on Sunday.

Clarence E. Streeter visited relatives in Nashua, N. H., on Wednesday.
Mrs. Robert Thompson, who has been visiting with relatives in Somerville for the past week, has returned to her home.
Miss Addie Bruce, who has recently been assisting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ordway, of Cambridge, is stopping for a few days with friends in town.

Arthur Smith, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, who met with the committee from the Methodist and Congregational schools at the Center, and the Harbor Sunday school committee, assisted in the plans for a union picnic either at Lake Potanipo or Pepperell Springs on August 20, weather permitting, and various committees for the pleasure of those in attendance were appointed. In case of rain the affair will be postponed to Wednesday or Friday afternoon.

Mrs. L. C. House entertained an auto party of relatives from Lowell on Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coffey and children are moving to Fitchburg the last of the week. Mr. Coffey is providing the cottage opposite the church which will be closed for a time.
Mrs. Burgess, from the Center, is employed as housekeeper at the home of Amos Jodery.

Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson and children, from Avon, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wood.
Miss Grace L. Seaver, daughter of E. W. Seaver, a former resident here, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver this week, being at the home of relatives at the Center for a few days. She has been for several years a teacher in Montclair, N. J., but will take a school nearer the home of her father in Boston this fall.

Miss Margaret Flynn is enjoying a visit for her friend, Miss Mitchell from Brooklyn, N. Y.
Thomas Plummer of Somerville is spending a few weeks with his sister, Miss Helen Plummer at Dr. R. S. Ely's.

Mrs. Virgil Blackman and daughter Hattie, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Craig, returned the last of the week to their home in Warren, Conn.
Miss M. Ellnor Tower, who has been visiting relatives at the Center, has returned to her home accompanied by her little niece and Miss Helen Marr, who is boarding with her during the summer.

Morton Campbell of Townsend Hill is spending a part of his vacation with his sister, Mrs. Frank Farnsworth.
William Mills, of Josselynville, was the victim of an accident last Saturday morning while loading bales of carpeting at the Belgrade rug factory. The horse started suddenly, throwing him out, Mr. Mills striking on the back of his head on the stone steps. He was rendered unconscious for several hours, but no serious injury beyond a few bruises about the head and back are reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morse and Mrs. Clara Livermore, from Somerville, were the guests of Mrs. Oren Lawrence's last week.
William Thorpe has again joined the ranks of the benedicts. He was in town a few days ago putting up the cigars at Lawrence's store on his marriage, but the circumstances of his marriage have not yet been made public.

Robert Evans, of Shirley, a student of Oberlin college, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Evans, of Josselynville.
Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh, who have been enjoying a week's vacation with relatives in town, returned on Monday to their home in Somerville.

Mrs. Ernest Kaddy and children, from Cambridge, are spending a vacation with relatives here, while Mr. Kaddy is enjoying a fishing trip to Maine.
Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, her mother, Mrs. Allison, and her uncle, Mr. Grant, left on Monday morning for a visit to their former home at Ross Point, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Brayton and son, who have been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, returned the last of the week to Providence, R. I.
Miss Ruth Bennett is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, of Worcester.

Mrs. Alden Bastard has been quite ill, with much trouble at her home the past week.
Walter E. Wilder, of Josselynville, preached in the Congregational church in Mason, N. H., last Sunday morning.

Mrs. George A. Seaver spent the week-end with relatives in Salem and Hamilton.
Benjamin Hodgman has been enjoying a vacation of a few days with his friends in Boston and vicinity.
Mrs. Walter V. Byther, who has been for a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Ormsby, of Josselynville, has returned to her home in Beverly.

Miss Alice Seaver has been on the sick list for a few days, but has now recovered.
Rev. S. D. Ringrose preached on Sunday morning on the topic, "The value of little things," and in the evening his topic was "Sowing the seed." The Brotherhood met in the vestry at noon with twenty in attendance and discussed the topic of "The wheat and the tares," with Rev. S. D. Ringrose as leader.

Mrs. Sarah Hodgman returned the first of the week from a few days' visit to relatives in Boston and vicinity.
Mrs. F. A. Hardy desires sewing and mending at her home on Bridge street. Will also do hemstitching.
Mrs. Charles Patch was called to Somerville last week Friday by the illness of her youngest daughter, Miss Agnes Thompson, who is employed by the Library Bureau at Cambridge. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Grace Thompson, who returned the following day, reporting the sick one as improving.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose took a party of the members of the Knights of the White Shield to camp at Ward pond, Ashburnham, where they spent the week, returning on Saturday.
Mrs. S. W. Tyler and son Elliot, from Dorchester, and Ralph and George Willard, from Boston, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard the past week.

Ralph Streeter, of Nashua, N. H., who is recuperating from an operation recently performed in the hospital, spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Mary Streeter, of Josselynville, last week.
Mrs. M. L. Carleton, of North Andover, visited with her cousin, Mrs. F. A. Hardy, over Sunday.

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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex.
Gentlemen:

The town of Shirley, by its Selectmen acting in accordance with a vote of said town, passed July 2nd, 1912, respectfully represents that common convenience and necessity requires the alteration or specific repairs of an existing highway, from the town of Shirley to the town of Ayer in that part thereof which crosses the Nashua River over a bridge known as the Mitchellville bridge.

Wherefore it prays that your honorable board will view the premises, hear the parties at the time of the view, and adjudicate upon the common convenience and necessity of altering, or specifically repairing said highway.
TOWN OF SHIRLEY.
By Edward J. Stevens,
John H. Logue,
George E. Harlow,
Selectmen of Shirley.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex, ss.
At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, said County, on the first Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the thirteenth day of July A. D. 1912.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Commissioners' Court Room, Court House, East Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday, the third day of September, 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the town of Shirley with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Shirley fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings hereon, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't Clerk.
Copy of petition and order thereon, Attest,
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2 CANS SALMON 25c.
OOLONG TEA, 30c. lb
CEYLON TEA, 35c. lb
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HOLLIS, N. H.

Current Events.
John L. Woods visited in Litchfield and Hudson on Thursday of last week.

Miss Lillian Stimpson is working at Cranford Inn for a short time, taking the place of Miss Abbie Hutchinson, who has been ill with diphtheria. The Willoughby picnic was held at Morrill's grove, Silver Lake, on Thursday of last week. There were also one hundred people present and all enjoyed themselves immensely. The Sunday schools of two churches in Ferrisburgh held their picnic at Morrill's Grove, Silver Lake, on Friday of last week.

Coran N. Adams, a trained nurse in Woonsocket, R. I., is at home for a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Adams.

Leland Woods, of Litchfield, and Clifford Woods, of Hudson, rode to Hollis Sunday on their wheels and visited with Mr. and Mrs. John L. Woods. Frank H. Corning, d. d. g. m. of Reed's Ferry, with suite, installed the officers of Aurora lodge, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening of last week. Following are the officers: Charles P. Brown, n. g.; Edson L. Hurd, v. g.; M. J. Powers, sec.; George B. Betts, treas.; C. A. Colburn, w. d. Fred Pierce, con.; Henry L. Hale, chap.; William H. Dean, r. s. n. g.; Matthew Emerson, l. s. n. g.; Edwin H. Stratton, r. s. v. g.; William E. Lund, l. s. v. g.; Robert W. Leslie, g. g.; Charles A. Hale, r. s. s. Norman Bennett, l. s. s. Frank L. Way, grand secretary, of Manchester, and a number of other Odd Fellows from out-of-town were present.

Mrs. Winifred H. Woods and daughter Edith, from Clinton, Mass., are visiting with Mrs. Woods' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Norris. Miss Minnie Sanford, who has been visiting with her aunt, Mrs. William H. Lund, returned to her home in Newwood, Mass., on Sunday, where she is employed by the Plimpton Press Co.

Miss Rollie Pierce, who has been stopping with her aunt, Mrs. William H. Lund, has returned to her home in Chelsea, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lund, of East Ferrisburgh, visited their son, William E. Lund, in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington A. Hardy, of Arlington, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sawyer and son, John Jr., are at Cranford Inn.

Arthur W. Hale, of Cambridge, Mass., was in town on Sunday at his parents', Mr. and Mrs. George Hale. Clifford Burke, of Nashua, was in town last Sunday. William Woodin was at home on Sunday.

Miss Marie Hanson is assisting in the home of Mrs. Ralph Herrick during Mrs. Herrick's illness.

Harold Wilkins, of Shirley, Mass., visited with his sister, Mrs. Walter Lund, a few days last week.

Mrs. Ella Farley, who has been suffering for some time past with sciatic rheumatism, has gone to Springfield, Mass., to visit her brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Norris, summer residents of Hollis, are building them a cosy cottage house in Chelsea, Mass.

William E. Lund was on the sick list the past week, but has improved.

Mrs. Matthew Noonan, of Nashua, was a visitor in town last week.

Several of the young people enjoyed an old-fashioned straw-ride to Oak Hill on Monday evening to attend a dance given by the Oak Hill Improvement society. Among whom were: Miss Helen Powers, Miss Smith, Miss Ida Clement, Miss Marjorie Parker, Fred Holden, William Worcester, Harold Hardy, Carl Guething, Harvey Powers, Mr. White. The party was conveyed by Newton Merrill.

A painful accident happened on Monday to Mrs. A. E. Muzzey and child. While about her work Mrs. Muzzey in some way upset a kettle of boiling water, badly scalding herself and child. Dr. Hazard was called and at last report they are doing nicely.

Charles Wilshire took his summer boarders on a pleasure trip recently. The occasion was an old-fashioned straw ride.

James Bell is visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna Bell.

Miss Ruth Sweetser is visiting in Falmouth, Mass.

William E. Hardy and family, of Arlington, Mass., will occupy the Dr. Bell house for a few weeks, taking their meals with Mrs. M. J. Powers.

Miss Abbie Hutchinson, who has been ill with diphtheria, has so far recovered as to be able to sit up and expects to be out in a few days.

Burglars entered the library last week and departed with a small amount of money from the librarian's desk. Entrance was gained by breaking a cellar window. It appears to be the work of boys.

Miss Ruth Sweetser and Miss Helen Powers entertained a party of about twenty young people at the Powers home on Tuesday evening of last week in honor of Miss Hazel Smith, of Meriden, Conn., who is a guest of Miss Helen. Music and games were enjoyed.

News Items.
The Parker sisters and John Holt gave a social dance on last week Wednesday evening at the town hall. Holt furnished the music. There was a good attendance and all enjoyed a pleasant time.

The clerks of Hill's hardware store, Nashua, came to Hollis on last week Thursday to play ball against the Hollis team, Hollis winning by a score of 9 to 4.

Mrs. Alwars, with four of her children, from Roxbury, Mass., are spending two weeks at the Stimson cottage; also, Mr. Burnham and son. The McGilvray family, of Boston, have rooms at the Runnell's farm until September 1.

Leonard Lawrence, jr., is suffering with a social dance, almost blood poisoning. He had a small blister on his thumb which developed into a serious case. Dr. Reed, of Nashua, is attending him and the reports are favorable.

Word has been received that Rev. L. V. Farnsworth, of Hampstead, to whom the local church had extended a call to become its pastor, has declined our call and has accepted one to Saugus, Mass., instead.

The chief civil engineer of the Grand Trunk railroad was in town on Tuesday on a town survey as to the route for the railroad to run. He was accompanied on the survey by D. F. Pierce, one of Hollis' road commissioners, and A. C. Colburn. It is hardly expected that the railroad will go through Hollis, passing through the towns directly north instead.

A party of ten of our young ladies are camping on the Wheeler lot, above Silver Lake, the party consisting of the two Crathern sisters, the two Dudley sisters, Miss Ruth Goodwin, Miss Attwell, Miss Jennie Morrison, Miss Lorraine Bell, Miss Evelyn Brown, Miss Emma Spaulding, Mrs. George Hills chaperone, and part of the time and Mrs. Ladd the rest.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Mrs. Nesbit and family, who have been staying at the home of Edward Hadley, have moved to the Sargent cottage, Hills, for the months of August and September.

Mr. and Mrs. James Horton, from Greenfield, Mass., were in town over Sunday.

Edward Wade, of Boston, spent Sunday with his family at the Tucker homestead.

Mrs. John Hardy has left the employ of Mrs. L. P. Peabody and gone to Leominster to care for her sister, Miss Lillian Worden is to take her place.

Mrs. Ella Tucker and Mrs. Edward Wade were in Milford last week.

Fred Nye and family, from Leominster, were in town on Friday of last week to attend the funeral of John Porter.

Mrs. Walter Parker, of Four Pines, is in Lowell for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey and family spent Sunday at Ferrisburgh.

Mrs. Charles Hall, of Nashua, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerrish.

Miss Edna Parker has been on the sick list for the past week.

Current Events.
Charles R. Hardy has been at home from New Hampshire college at Durham for a few days.

Passed on to rest on Thursday, July 25, at his home on Main street, John W. Porter, eighty-four years of age. Mr. Porter was a respected citizen and has resided here for several years. During the winter months he usually visited with his relatives in Boston, who were with him at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at his home on Friday afternoon, July 26, at two o'clock. Rev. W. F. Farnsworth, sec. of the Rev. at the South cemetery. Burial was at the South cemetery.

The officers of the D. and I. club are spending a two-weeks' vacation at their camp in town. This club is composed of popular young ladies of Jamaica Plain and Boston: M. C. Kennedy, pres.; A. A. McLaughlin, treas.; K. F. Farnsworth, sec.; Mrs. F. J. Kennedy, club chaperone.

Mrs. Orren Thomas and Mrs. Alvin Thomas, of Fitchburg, Mass., were visitors in town on last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck, of Ferrisburgh, were visitors in town last Sunday.

A drama, concert and ball are booked for Old Home week, and also the annual apron sale given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

Mrs. Adelaide Russell and son, Elmer Russell, and family, of Greenfield, were guest on Sunday of Harry Campbell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and daughter Esther and Mr. and Mrs. Peppy Pierce attended the Kelly-Herrig wedding at Ferrisburgh on Wednesday of last week.

A little daughter was born at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fales on Monday, July 29.

Prof. Josef Yarrack is arranging for his annual entertainment to take place in August, the date to be given next week. Mr. Yarrack's entertainments are first-class and always draws a full house. He has added to them each year and this year intends to give the best yet. He will be assisted by other professionals and Thayer's full singing orchestra.

The O. W. convention met with Mrs. Lucretia Mart, recently, about thirty being present and quite a number of children. A fine dinner was served and a social time made the day a happy one. Last week the party enjoyed a basket picnic at the lake and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

William Boutelle lost a horse last Sunday night. While nearly through unharassing him after a drive from Nashua, the animal dropped dead.

At the meeting of the local grange on last week Wednesday, the first and second degrees were conferred upon five. Only one meeting will be held during August, the fourth Wednesday.

Mrs. Anna Hall, of Nashua, is the guest this week of Mrs. Mary Gerrish. Mrs. Cedra Powers visited in Boston this week.

Charles Wilkins and family have moved into the Maria Smith house.

Willis Hughes has gone to New Ipswich to enjoy his vacation, and Mrs. Higgins and daughter Ida expect to spend their outing at Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. McDonald, of Boston, will occupy Mrs. Lilla Hardy's house during the month of August.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb.

Harren D. Shattuck is at work at Hollis.

Eugene Oulette has been employed on the railroad and is now at home for a few weeks.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood is at home after several months' absence in New York and at Keene, N. H.

Attractive Improvements.
Among the improvements in town of recent date those being made at St. Elmo Villa, South Brookline, the home of Miss Leonora Bradley, formerly the Linville Shattuck place, where Miss Bradley has been taking a much needed rest after a long tour of the principal cities of the United States and Canada. Since her return to St. Elmo Villa she has made a number of improvements on the place, among which may be mentioned an outside living room in the nature of a screened piazza fifteen feet square on the northeast corner of the house, and a screened summer house in the form of a Japanese pagoda built in a cleft nook of her beautiful pine grove, taking every advantage of any breeze regardless of direction. Miss Bradley is now thoroughly restored to health and will shortly return to New York to resume her professional duties.

Lake Morat, Switzerland, has the curious property of turning green every tenth year, owing to the fact that certain water plants, which are not found in any other lake in the world,

LUNENBURG.

News Item.
The school board met on Friday evening of last week to consider the request of the Townsend school board to withdraw from the school district, Lunenburg, of Ashby, Townsend and Lunenburg. The members were of the feeling among the members was that it would be to the disadvantage of Lunenburg to dissolve the district. It was unanimously voted that Townsend be notified that Lunenburg preferred to continue the district as heretofore.

Special Town Meeting.

The special town meeting held on last Saturday evening drew out a large crowd of voters and several ladies. The principal matter involved—that of appropriating \$10,000 to build one and one-half mile of macadam road between Whalom and Fitchburg, was of great interest to the majority of the people. While all agreed that the road should be repaired, many are of the opinion that the \$1000 voted at the March meeting, if judiciously used, would go a good ways towards it, while others feel that it is a sum wholly inadequate to meet the demand.

When the meeting was called to order, Moderator James Hildreth in the chair, Stillman Stone, town clerk, read the warrant, which contained three articles. Article one and two related to building the road and the raising of \$9000 for that purpose. One voter made a motion to pass over these articles and it was so voted by 81 in favor, to 25 opposed.

Article three dealt with the No. 2 schoolhouse and the plan of converting it into a house for the fire apparatus and wagon, and after explanation by John Woodredge, chairman of the selectmen, it was voted use of the selectmen be authorized to meet the purpose named.

E. G. Carswell, who was again then asked that Article one be again taken up and carefully considered for he felt that it was altogether too important a matter to be passed over lightly and he felt that courtesy demanded a discussion. E. C. O'Neil, president of the Whalom Improvement society, said that people living in the center of the town would be much benefited by the building of this road as those in the Whalom district.

Mr. Carswell then asked unanimous consent that Lawyer Charles E. Yare, of Fitchburg, a tax-payer here, be allowed to address the meeting. Consent being given, Mr. Yare spoke at length upon the advantages of this road and also the necessity for it. In the spring the mud is so deep that it is almost impossible to get over it with the present condition, and automobiles frequently get stuck there and have to call upon teams to pull them out. If the appropriation be made large enough a contractor and road builder, with all necessary machinery could be set to work the first of August and have the road completed in two months' time.

Four men living in the immediate vicinity had agreed to give all the best glad to take the town's notes, which could be arranged on the social plan, covering a term of years and the burden would hardly be felt by the tax-payers, and the town would be enduring.

Whalom is a beautiful resort and it is a business proposition to have a good road leading to it. The present condition of the road is very poor, but with it macademized it would become the main thoroughfare to Fitchburg.

All seemed pleased with Mr. Yare's speech and knew that he stated the matter fairly, but were not yet quite ready to raise so large a sum of money for the road, when there were other pieces that needed repairs just as much.

Others spoke, including E. G. Carswell, J. F. Curley, H. O. Mead, G. N. Preston, Augustus Taylor and J. L. Harrington. Mr. Harrington made a substitute motion: "That the selectmen be authorized to investigate the matter and consider the best method and also the cost of repairing the road in good condition and report to the town on some date, not later than one month from this date, July 27," and it was so voted. The meeting then adjourned.

Old Home Week.
Old Home Week services began on last Sunday as per program given last in the morning service was held in the Methodist church, Rev. George R. Moody in charge. The music was in charge of Miss Fannie C. Gray, organist, and the singing by the united choirs of both churches. After the regular opening service, prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Adams, a former pastor. Following this Helen Moody sang, "The Homeland," Rev. Franklin Hamilton, chancellor of the American university, Washington, D. C., read the scripture and the choir sang the "Pilgrim chorus." Then came the address by the morning by Chancellor Hamilton, who spoke for his text, "He saved others, himself he cannot save." He was very interesting and held the closest attention of the large audience, in which many of our towns were represented.

The open-air service at three o'clock in the afternoon was held on the lower common. The military band played one selection, then all three Rev. G. R. Moody read the scripture and Rev. Alford read the address upon "Good citizenship." At its close the audience sang "America," and Rev. Adams pronounced the benediction.

In the evening came the third service of the day and was held in the Congregational church, Miss Graves at the organ, and after the voluntary choir sang "Holy art thou," and prayer was offered by Rev. Porter R. Stratton, a former pastor of the M. E. church here, but now of Ferrisburgh. The choir then sang "Rock of Ages," after which Rev. Stratton delivered his lecture upon "Education" and at its close, by request of Mr. Moody, something about his work in the American university at Washington.

"Blessed be the tie that binds," and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Adams, and the exercises of a very busy, but exceedingly pleasant day, ended to be continued on Wednesday, "the day we celebrate."

HARVARD.
Library Books Recently Added.

Abraham, J. J. The surgeon's log. Althor, J. A. The border watch. Antin, M. The prophet. Aspinall, A. E. The British West Indies.

Atherton, G. F. Julia France and her times. Babcock, L. W. Pin-money suggestions. Bangs, M. R. High Bradford.

Boynton, H. W. The world's leading poets. Breitenbach, L. M. Alma at Hadley Hall. Crockett, S. H. Love's young dream. Dalton, F. E. Swimming scientifically taught. DeLoach, Rambles with John Burroughs. Elliott, S. B. The important timber trees of the United States. Heyliger, W. Bucking the line. James, G. W. Through Namona's country. James, G. W. The wonders of the Colorado desert. Jackel, Blair. Windmills and wooden shoes.

Kester, V. The just and the unjust. Lamprecht, K. What is history? Lincoln, J. C. The postmaster. Maceterlinch, M. The life of the bee. Martin, Mrs. H. R. The fighting doctor. Mathewson, C. Pitching in a pinch. Mason, A. W. The turnstile. McKee, K. A beginner's star-book. Merwin, E. The diadem. Miller, E. R. Butterfly and moth book. Montgomery, Mrs. L. M. Chronicles of Avonlea.

Moore, C. W. The story of Christopher Columbus. Montessori, Mari. The Montessori method. Murphy, T. D. Three wonderlands of the American west. Muir, J. The Yosemite.

Nearing, S. and N. M. S. Woman and social progress. Nicholson, G. W. The siege of the seven towers. Oxenham, J. Queen of the guarded mountains. Packard, W. White Mountain trails. Palmer, F. Over the pass. Parrish, R. Molly McDonald. Phillips, E. The forest on the hill. Reed, S. A. A romance of Arlington house.

Rose, Gilbert E. Our judicial oligarchy. Rose, G. B. The world's leading painters. Ross, E. A. Changing America. Royce, J. The sources of religious insight. Schaffner, R. H. Flag day. Schaffner, R. H. Independence day. Service, G. P. Astronomy in a nutshell. Singleton, E. How to visit the English cathedrals. Smith, H. L. The girls of Friendly Terrace.

Thomson, W. H. Brain and personality. Tracy, L. The wings of the morning. Van Hutten, B. Sparrow. Walter, L. E. The fascination of Switzerland. Welles, G. Diary of Gideon Welles. Williamson, C. N. and A. M. The guests of Hercules. Wilson, G. Working ones way through college and university.

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Wherefore it prays that your honorable board will view the premises, hear the parties at the time of the view, and adjudicate upon the common convenience and necessity of altering or specifically repairing said highway.

TOWN OF AYER,
By Elisha D. Stone,
Frank S. Pierce,
John M. Maloney,
Selectmen of Ayer.
July 5, 1912.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the thirteenth day of July A. D. 1912.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Commissioners' Court Room, Court House, East Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday, the third day of September, 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the town of Ayer with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Ayer fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

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PEPPERELL.

News Items.

Miss Bessie Farley is the guest of friends in Nashua for a few days.

They, and Mrs. R. W. Drawbridge are spending the month of August at Lake Winnepesaukee.

Miss Bernice Holmes and friends spent Sunday at Whalom.

Mrs. F. D. Cook, of Nashua, has been the guest of her father, Caleb Richardson, this week.

Louis Rementer, of Philadelphia, was the week-end guest of friends in town last week.

E. S. Durant, and family, with Mr. and Mrs. L. Tarbell, expect to leave this week for Whalom, where they will spend several weeks in camping.

N. S. Shattuck returned on Tuesday from a short vacation in Maine and resumed his duties at the library on Wednesday.

A goodly number of strangers from here attended the state game picnic and field day at Ayer last Saturday.

Mrs. Amy Aldrich is visiting friends in Georgetown for a few weeks.

Roy Nutting and family have been camping this week at the lake in Brookline, N. H.

There will be no service in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, but the evening service will be held as usual.

Miss Maggie Blood has returned from a brief vacation with friends out-of-town.

Fred Milan spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Groton.

Charles Parker has been the guest of his son Thomas at Sunapee, N. H., the past week.

Mrs. H. C. Winslow is making an extended visit with her daughter in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, of Rowley, were the week-end guests of J. A. Saunders.

Ralph Gilson is visiting his parents in Milford, N. H.

Miss Miriam Thrall, of Leicester, has been visiting her friend, Miss Mae Merriman on Townsend street.

Rev. D. R. Child was the week-end guest with friends out-of-town, returning on Saturday.

Roscoe Woodward returned this week to his duties in Lockport, N. Y.

Mrs. Walter Jewett is making extensive repairs on her residence on Townsend street.

A peculiar incident occurred on Thursday morning when fire was noticed burning in the top of an elm tree near the common. First it was thought to be an electric light, but as smoke seemed to be arising from the branches it was thought best to call Mr. Johnson, an electrician, who soon found that wire running across the street to the town hall rubbed on a limb causing a slight fire to kindle among the branches.

On Tuesday evening Central hall was the scene of a delightful surprise party given to Miss Emma Stone.

The party, which was held at eight o'clock and included dancing and other amusements were enjoyed with ice cream and cake. Miss Stone was the recipient of a handsome gold chain and locket as a loving remembrance of her many friends who had gathered to enjoy the evening with her.

The curator of the Pilgrim society advises those who are contemplating going to Plymouth with the traveling picnic to read before the trip the following books: "The Pilgrim Republic," by J. A. Gowling; "History of Plymouth," by William T. Davis, and "Jane Austin's Standish of Standish."

Friday, July 26, was indeed an ideal day for a gathering of the Congregational church members with their friends to enjoy an outing at Silver Lake. Several private teams and autos left the church at about nine o'clock, going through Hollis to Silver Lake, where games, boating and a general good time were greatly enjoyed by all. They returned about seven o'clock, each saying they had had one of the best times possible.

It is reported that Manager Bailey, of the New Shoe Co., returned this week from a business trip to New York, where he secured many large orders which promise to boom business in that section.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church held its annual two-days' fair in Prescott hall last week Wednesday and Thursday. The hall was beautifully decorated with bunting, evergreen and the wild flowers, each booth being as tastefully arranged as the others. On Thursday evening a most bountiful supper was served to about 150 at the church vestry under the supervision of Mrs. H. N. Tower. At eight o'clock a drama was given entitled "Lords and Ladies, or Just for Fun," which was greatly appreciated by those who attended and great credit is due those taking part, which was local talent.

Miss Beatrice Wallace rendered a piano solo and H. I. Whipple entered the contest with phonograph selections between the acts.

At the ball game between Lawrence and Worcester, of the New England league, at Worcester, on Thursday, Umpire Kegins, of this town, was mobbed by the spectators at the game, who provided necessary decision that went against the home team and gave the game to Lawrence. The decision that he gave was close and many thought that the man was out coming home that gave the necessary rule to Lawrence to win. The police had to force their way to him through the crowd in order to protect him and escort him from the grounds.

Miss Nellie Brooks Hill, a former teacher in the high school with Mr. Tower and Miss Woodlin, has been a guest at Bikesmere on Mt. Lebanon. Miss Hill has a fine position in the technical high school in Springfield, where she is popular.

Miss Brown of Rhode Island has gone to the beach near Narragansett for a few weeks after passing several weeks at Bikesmere and Mt. Lebanon. She will be remembered as a fine pianist, who also plays the violin and organ.

Mrs. F. D. Cook, of Nashua, was a guest on Tuesday at Caleb Richardson's.

On Wednesday, August 7, the East Village Social club will hold a picnic at Mt. Lebanon. An urgent request is made for individual use and also for food to be served, as no extra dishes, knives, forks, spoons, drinking cups, etc., will be available. Transportation will be arranged for all members and notice must be sent to the secretary as early as Monday, August 5. Contributions for the picnic are being solicited. If the day is unsuitable the following day will be observed.

Miss Amy Aldrich is visiting friends in Georgetown.

Mrs. H. C. Winslow has gone to New York to spend a few weeks with her daughter Helen.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, of Rowley, were week-end guests of J. A. Saunders.

Mrs. Mary Woodlin Carr, a former teacher in the high school, reports a pleasant stay at one of the popular hotels in Atlantic City, N. J.

Miss Bessie Farley is spending a few days in Nashua, N. H.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold their next regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, August 8, at 2.30.

Mrs. George Spooner, formerly of this town, and little son from California, are guests of Mrs. H. N. Tower.

The annual fair of the Congregational church held last week was not so well attended as the past years.

The supper in charge of Mrs. H. N. Tower in the vestry was well patronized, about one hundred and fifty sitting at the table which was reset for the second time.

Misses Bernice and Mildred Lunt are visiting in Brighton for two weeks.

Mrs. Fred Blood, of Springfield, is a guest of Mrs. P. J. Keyes.

Having returned from his vacation, the usual services will be held at the Methodist church on Sunday, and Rev. P. R. Stratton, the pastor, will preach in the morning, the subject, "Swearing Saul's armor," the subject for the evening being "The call of Abraham." Sunday school will be held at 11.50, and the prayer and conference meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at 7.30.

Plenic.

The D. A. R. picnic was held on the spacious lawn of Dr. Charles G. Hays on Wednesday, July 30, when a large company of Prudence Wright chapter members and friends assembled. Notable among the members were Mrs. Mary L. Shattuck, widow of Col. S. P. Shattuck, who at the age of ninety years and eight months enjoys meeting with her chapter of which she is a charter member. Mrs. Lucy Boynton, one of the bright members of advanced age, and Lorenza F. Blood, husband of Mrs. Margaret G. Blood, the first vice-regent of the chapter, who accompanied his daughter, Miss Anna P. Blood, a jolly member, whom everyone enjoys, with various guests who often meet to enjoy these delicious picnics.

Mattie and Katherine McNeil returned to their home in Winchendon last Monday.

Mrs. Wetherbee of the Center was the guest of Miss Burdett last Thursday.

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Miss Olive Fortier returned to her home in Leominster last Wednesday.

Phillip Kelland of Brooklyn, N. Y., is assisting Mr. Blodgett in the reconstruction of Miss Burdett's house.

Current Events.

Mrs. A. H. Harris with her children went to Hampton beach Thursday for ten days. She will occupy a cottage with a party of young people.

The Misses Burns of Pleasant street and Miss Alice Deware will constitute part of the party.

R. H. Lawson was summoned to his old home at Damascus, Me., last week by the serious illness of his father. He returned Monday of this week.

Miss Grace Denno is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Wallace Willoughby.

Mrs. Frank Gilman of Gardner with her little granddaughter, Olive Webber, were guests at the home of Mrs. J. A. Simmons this week.

Miss Miriam Thrall with her friend, Miss Ingraham of Nashua also spent Saturday with Mrs. Simmons.

Arthur Lawson with his wife and two children came from Hartford, Conn., Wednesday to spend a two weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Wright, the parents of Mrs. Lawson.

Mrs. H. C. Winslow started Wednesday to join her daughter, Miss Helen Winslow, of New York city, from which point they will start for a three weeks' vacation trip.

Miss Ethel Winslip is spending two weeks of her summer vacation with relatives in Worcester.

Mrs. Forrest Finch returned last week from South Portland, Me., where she had been visiting her parents.

Miss Eva Bolles is taking a vacation from the dress-making establishment in Concord, N. H., where she is employed, and is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bolles, of Nashua street.

Little Luther Tarbell is improving from his threatened attack of peritonitis at the Groton hospital and will be brought home soon.

Rev. P. R. Stratton and family returned from their two-weeks' trip on Wednesday. Miss Lita remained in Ashubham until next week to visit friends there.

Mrs. Neil McWilliams returned this week from a visit with her sister at Flatbush, N. Y.

Miss Carrie Sylvester is taking a vacation, camping with a party near Island pond. Mrs. Carrie Conant is assisting D. W. Fletcher's office in her absence.

Willis Greenwood is improving slowly at the Nashua hospital and was able to sit up for a few moments at a time this week.

There will be a food sale here in Saunders' block on Friday afternoon, August 9, commencing at three o'clock. This is for the benefit of Mrs. C. M. Gage, Jr., with Mrs. F. B. Simmons in charge, and all are invited to cooperate either in giving or buying.

At the Methodist church on Sunday, the pastor, will preach in the morning and hold a praise service at seven o'clock in the evening. Mrs. C. M. Gage, Jr. will officiate at the organ, and special music will be arranged by the choir.

Items of News.

Mrs. Herbert Stenstrom and two children, of Bridgeport, Conn., spent a few days of the past week with Mrs. L. A. Johnson on Main street.

Miss Marion Lavalley, of Fitchburg, is spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Lavalley.

Spurgeon Cuthbertson has moved into the Jewett house on Main street, formerly occupied by J. W. Hingley.

Martin Luther Tarbell has returned from the hospital at Groton.

Born on Wednesday, July 31, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Marston, of Melrose, (Blanche Stuart).

Thomas Howard has left the employ of J. J. Rowell and gone to work in West Groton.

Master Willie McCarthy, of New York city, who is visiting at "Pinehurst," entertained his little friends on Tuesday afternoon from two until five o'clock, it being the occasion of his fourth birthday. At about four

o'clock the little ones were invited to a dainty lunch of the usual good things after which they were all taken to their homes by their little host.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Rev. S. P. Robertson officiated at the funeral of George Powell on Thursday afternoon.

The East Weares will play baseball here on Saturday afternoon against our local team.

Mrs. Bert Wright is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Matti Joki have a little son, born this week.

The committee for the union church picnic to be held soon is Benjamin Hodgman, Benjamin Sawtelle and A. F. Smith, of the Baptist church, West Townsend; Rev. S. P. Robertson, Mrs. Mary Crowder, Esther Eastman, M. E. Church; A. S. Howard, G. L. Whitcomb, Congregational church, and Mrs. Clifford Keenan, Harbor. They met at A. S. Howard's this week and decided to hold the picnic on August 20, or the 21 or 23 if rainy. The place will be decided upon later.

Harbor.

Louis Mason and family moved to Bridgewater Monday.

James Christian moved into his new house this week.

Mr. St. George and family moved Friday to West Groton.

Frank Conant caught a turtle weighing twenty-four pounds this week.

Mrs. Oliver Proctor, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E. O. Proctor, went to Lowell on a shopping trip last Tuesday.

New arrivals at the Old Homestead are Mrs. Mallard, son and daughter of South Boston.

The Tarr and Conant families spent a very enjoyable day at Whalom park last Tuesday.

Mr. Noyes and his sister, Miss Noyes, were guests at Seven Pines this week.

Miss Lillian Warner left Monday for a visit with friends in New York.

Mrs. Charles Warner returned from her visit to Beverly, Tuesday.

Mrs. B. C. Cummings returned home from Winchendon on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Andrews is visiting friends in Beverly.

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HARVARD.

News Items.

Miss Dorothy Hildreth has been visiting her uncle, Cape Porpoise, Me., and greatly enjoyed the sailing and other water sports.

Miss Peters of "Lane End" left Harvard Thursday to spend ten days with her grandmother at York Harbor, Me.

Miss Gladys Hildreth is home from a delightful visit with friends at Rockport.

Master Edgar H. Cobb is with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Humphry of Dorchester at their cottage on Little John's Island, Portland Harbor, Me. It is hoped that the sea air will fully restore him to his former vim and vigor and completely counteract the effects of his fall from the load of hay.

Miss Helen Sawyer of Wellesley has completed her visit with her sister, Mrs. D. A. Lucey.

While on their way from Wellesley to Bennington, N. H., by motor, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Russell and family called on Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Lucey at their home on Oak Hill. Also, one moonlight evening last week Dr. and Mrs. Robinson of Natick motored over for a call.

Miss Worthen is making her annual visit to Mrs. George Gale.

Miss Maude Hewins is with Mrs. Beane for two weeks.

Mrs. J. T. Spoford and Miss Palmer, whose summer home is at Seaside, N. H., but who have just returned from a year's study in Germany, are visiting the Misses Cushman at Allerton farm.

Last week Mrs. Nowell was entertained at "Dreamworld," Thomas W. Lawson's summer home at Scituate, where she visited Mrs. Stanwood, Mr. Lawson's eldest daughter, invited Miss Martha Cushman, then visiting the Farmers at Scituate, to come over for luncheon.

Letters have been received from Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sheehan of Scituate, a most delightful letter among the lakes of Killarney. Their visit is drawing to a close, however, as they expect to embark for home at Queens-town, August 20.

Miss Shuter of Brookline has arrived at "Westward" for a few days visit with Mrs. Eben Dale.

We are pleased to hear of the convalescence of Miss Anna Thordike, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Thordike. For five weeks she has been ill with typhoid fever at the summer residence of the family, "High Hills," but sat up for the first time on Sunday last.

Rev. George Jones started on last Monday for his sister's home in Syracuse, N. Y. He intends to remain there until the last of August. During August there will be no services at the Unitarian church. Decorators have arrived and are beginning the work of the first of September, when the church services will be resumed, will put the interior in first-class repair. The church committee are planning for quite extensive changes.

The Harvard ball team plays at Littleton this Saturday at Littleton's sets day.

Miss Annie White and Miss Kathleen Walsh, of Halifax, N. S., are visiting here for a few weeks with their cousin, Mrs. Annie King, and family.

Fred S. Savage, Sr., informs us that parties from New York, who called on him this week at Mt. View had a most delightful sojourn and are considering Mr. Savage's proposal to buy and erect a commodious summer house.

Mrs. Emeline Whitcomb, of Leominster, is visiting her sister at the home of Fred A. Whitney, Oak Hill, for a few days.

Miss Dorothy West has gone to City Point, South Boston, for a two-weeks visit with her uncle, C. F. Bond, and family.

The quarterly temperance meeting will be held on Sunday evening in the Orthodox vestry at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Alfred C. Fuller will be the speaker of the evening. Mr. Fuller is always very interesting in his recital of experiences in foreign lands and always has something new for his hearers. A ladies' quartet will be a special musical feature.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip O. Dickson are camping at their cottage on Sheep Island for a couple of weeks.

Miss Susan Hayden, born in Harvard in 1839, a life-long resident here, died at the home of Mrs. H. Emma Whitney on Wednesday, July 31. Funeral services were held from the Orthodox vestry on Friday afternoon.

For the past twenty years Miss Hayden has made her home with Mrs. Whitney and during the past months in her declining health has realized all the comforts and attentions of a home. She was a very pleasant person of retiring nature. There are no relatives in town, but distant relatives in Fitchburg and other places survive her. Burial was in the family lot with her parents at the Center cemetery.

Walter S. Rogers, of Saxonville, is visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Baker.

The farce, "A college town," given under the auspices of the class of 1913, Bromfield school, in the town hall on Wednesday evening, was a great success. The class netted eighty dollars towards its Washington trip. A pleasing feature was the selling of souvenir postcards of the three boys in their female costumes. These cards were the work of Rev. L. B. Mason, gratis. The college glee club, selling and untiring efforts. Souvenir postcards of the three fair masqueraders, Watson, Whittemore and Turner, can be obtained at the postoffice.

Miss Jennie Faulkingham and Paul Jennings, from Braintree, are spending the week-end with the latter's sister, Mrs. Richard Kinsman, and family.

Death.

On Sunday, July 28, William A. Tooker passed away at his home at Fairmount farm. He was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, February 13, 1859, and for the last eleven years had been a resident of Harvard. Mr. Tooker was supposed to be gaining until a short time before his death, which came as a great shock to his family. Besides a widow he leaves two sons, Harold and George, and two daughters, Mildred and Abby. The funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. Henry B. Mason officiating. The burial was in the family lot in Bellevue cemetery.

Beautiful flowers bespeaking the warm love of relatives and friends.

Sail River.

On last Friday Mr. Hutcherson took a party to Concord in his automobile for a day's outing. On Saturday evening he took another party to Whalom park, and in the afternoon he took the baseball team from Harvard to Groton.

Mrs. Jennie Willard and daughter Vera visited in Winchester over Sunday and Monday.

Edna Robinson spent Sunday with her brother Hubert in Fitchburg.

Mrs. H. W. Atherton and Mrs. Adie Turner spent Monday in Boston.

Avery Stearns, of Leominster, was the guest of Mrs. Grassie and Miss Mary Cumming on Tuesday.

Warren Harrod sprained the ligaments of his right ankle on Wednesday and will be unable to step on it for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter attended the Baptist and Friends picnic at Bolton the first of the week.

Mr. Viles has a young married couple in the tenement over his store, the man helping him about his farm work.

Mrs. Joyce has her daughter Nellie, and her son, from Boston, visiting with her.

Mrs. Josephine Whitney came to her Still River cottage from Worcester on Thursday, and Miss Laura Brown, of West Acton, will spend the month of August with her at the cottage.

Miss Elizabeth Sprague has returned from a visit at Hanover, N. H., and is now stopping with her sister, Mrs. S. B. Haynes.

Largest Taxpayers.

Following is a list of taxpayers paying twenty-five dollars or over, at the rate of eleven dollars per thousand.

Table listing taxpayers and amounts: Charles P. Atherton \$41.00, Percy A. Atherton \$57.00, William J. Bacon \$32.47, William F. Bagster \$35.20, Mrs. J. Baker \$36.65, James A. Barry \$35.10, Rebecca Beard \$35.10, John R. Bigelow \$55.46, Albert H. Bigelow \$51.50, Samuel P. Blanchard \$57.39, Mary J. Brown \$58.30, Albert M. Brown \$44.14, Edward H. Bliss \$58.86, Philip H. Babcock \$58.27, Gertrude Brewer \$83.78, John H. Cleaves \$59.20, William C. Cobb \$58.54, Gertrude Cobb \$78.98, Edgar W. Cottle \$225.30, Henry C. Cottle \$47.30, William L. Crosby \$30.25, Bertha and Florence Cushman \$47.30, Mary Cushman helms \$65.51, Mary L. Cushman, admx. \$65.51, Rowell W. Davis \$30.22, Stowell W. Davis \$124.05, A. A. Davis \$26.40, Charles S. Davis \$34.84, Walter F. Dickson \$57.55, Dickson Bros. \$58.00, Philip O. Dickson \$31.43, Harriet A. Dickinson \$80.08, Nathaniel Dickinson \$58.38, George H. Dolphin, Jr. \$154.19, William B. Dudley \$39.80, Louisa Dyer \$39.80, Edward H. Ebbett \$101.95, Spurgeon M. Farnsworth \$101.95, Mark A. Farnsworth \$55.25, Walter P. Farwell \$36.96, James Flinders \$36.96, Frank Ford \$23.24, Alfred O. Fuller \$132.63, George T. Gale \$124.05, George T. Gale \$79.68, Henry H. Gale \$26.10, Gale, Dickson & Co. \$142.36, Walter A. Green \$45.34, Anna Griffin \$58.85, Eugene Griffin \$64.35, Hannah D. Harrod \$31.57, Maria Harrod \$41.80, George Harrod \$31.57, Er E. Youngs, E. Berkshire, Vt., was often troubled with constipation and indigestion till I began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which I have found an excellent remedy. For all stomach, liver or kidney troubles they are unequalled. Only 25 cents at William Brown's, Ayer.

Table listing names and amounts: Stanley B. Hildreth \$36.20, Ellen E. Hildreth \$66.19, Gladys G. Hildreth \$59.23, Stanley B. and Horace E. Hildreth \$92.93, Horace E. Hildreth, trustee \$48.70, Reuben Whitcomb, Jr. \$42.22, Reuben Whitcomb, trustee \$186.02, Emily E. Hildreth \$119.57, E. Warren Houghton heirs \$46.39, Samuel H. Houghton \$56.52, Edwin F. Houghton \$50.46, Ell W. Hosmer \$82.29, Augustus H. Hutcherson \$26.20, Carrie E. Hussey \$39.05, Arthur L. Hunter \$62.20, Lucy E. Hytes \$32.25, Charles E. Jackson \$33.10, Frank Jones \$26.10, Mrs. E. J. Keyes \$53.82, George Kavanaugh \$21.73, William J. Kerley \$32.96, Chester D. Kinsman \$46.58, Emma E. Knight \$45.97, John W. Lee \$46.58, Henry H. Lovell \$46.58, Daniel A. Lucie \$46.00, James Madigan \$64.32, John H. Madigan \$50.42, Isaac H. Marshall \$40.18, Rachael Maynard and Mary Maynard \$47.69, Charles H. Maynard \$99.60, Michael E. McMahon \$43.88, Thomas W. McNair \$87.92, Samuel H. McLaughlin \$50.46, Mrs. John McDade \$61.04, Henry Mead \$48.76, Augustus H. Hutcherson \$79.99, Irving E. Morse \$26.10, James A. Murche \$26.40, Jennie McLellan \$36.41, Clarissa H. Norton \$235.95, Edward E. Neilson \$59.74, Mrs. John H. Connor \$33.13, Norman P. Parker \$33.13, Francis H. Peters \$73.43, Mrs. W. Phillips heirs \$38.00, Henry H. Putnam \$48.95, Luke Pollard heirs \$91.76, Albert A. Pollard \$68.38, Benjamin J. Priest \$49.50, John H. Putnam \$26.20, Cordelia Putnam \$49.47, Albert F. Ripley \$42.77, Frank O. Ryan \$42.77, Herbert B. Royal \$42.77, Anna F. Royal \$42.77, Anna F. Russell \$56.38, Susan J. Savage \$33.23, Charles T. Savage \$33.00, Charles T. Savage heirs \$33.00, Emma J. Sawyer \$26.13, Abbie Sawyer \$37.46, Emma J. Sawyer \$37.46, Emma Schiare \$75.90, Sarah C. L. Seales \$59.57, E. Sheehan \$28.47, Howard Shakers \$720.56, Howard D. Stone \$33.13, William M. D. Stone \$124.80, J. P. Sprague \$116.68, Arthur H. Turner \$103.68, Rachael S. Thorndike \$46.06, William A. Tooker \$42.08, Nellie A. Thayer \$106.39, William T. Upton \$34.00, Mr. Edward L. Upton \$3233.74, Fiske Warren \$85.59, Gertrude E. Watson \$38.62, Mrs. Wald Warner \$29.01, Arthur T. West \$162.83, Harriet E. Whitney \$49.50, Mrs. John M. White \$49.50, Dorcas Whitney heirs \$215.51, Harry P. Whitney \$215.51, Non-residents, Levi W. Phelps \$103.07, Daniel E. Stacey \$25.30, William A. Thayer \$25.30, N. E. Brick Co. \$27.50, D. D. Slade heirs \$32.95, J. B. Southerland \$62.21, S. E. T. & T. Co. \$105.40, Sydney A. Ellis \$40.15, Fitchburg & Leominster St. \$49.50, Herbert W. Atherton \$108.57, Robert O. Fuller heirs \$23.05, W. A. Fuller \$41.30, Walter H. Roberts \$120.78, Henry W. Stone heirs \$50.49, Walter S. Doherty \$100.23, Harry W. Crooker \$384.35, Clara Endicot Sears \$25.30, Benjamin Whitney heirs \$34.65, Mary Whitney \$43.41, Luther Willard \$187.35, Wendell B. Willard \$30.60, Abie Willard \$175.40, S. Parker Willard \$75.50, Chester P. Willard \$63.05, Herbert O. Wing \$50.55, Frederick Wetherbee \$50.49, Cuthbert Wrangham \$33.57, Fred Wilde, Jr. \$61.29, Littleton, The postoffice in Conant company's building at the Common was broken into and entered last Sunday night and over a hundred dollars' value in stamps, cash, etc., was taken. Mr. and Mrs