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AYER.
 News Items.
 George E. V. Smart, yardmaster, will move into the tenement in the George H. Woods house on Oak street now occupied by Louis H. Cushing when the latter vacates it to occupy his new house on Pleasant street.
 Mr. and Mrs. Berton Williams returned from York Beach, Me., Wednesday, and left this week Friday morning for a visit to his brother at Milford, returning next Monday.
 Frank Tolman, aged thirty years, of Ayer, a fireman on a Boston and Maine freight train running between here and Northampton by way of Greenfield, was instantly killed at 5.30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon at Farley station by a passing engine. According to the information gathered, Tolman was leaning out of the side of the cab to discover if possible the trouble with the firebox grates which appeared to be out of order. While thus engaged an engine going in the opposite direction struck him in a fatal blow on the head. Tolman's home is in Greenville, N. H., but has been rooming at Percival T. Dix's, Groton street, since he was banished from him to attend to his work. He leaves a widow formerly known as Miss Batchelder, of Greenville, N. H., and a two-year-old son.
 In accordance with an agreement made by the committee on the Fourth of July celebration, all children taking part in the parade on that day will be given a trolley ride to Whalom on Tuesday, July 28. The party will leave on the regular nine and ten o'clock cars in the morning, and return on special car leaving Whalom at 5.15 in the evening. It will be necessary for all who intend going to procure a ticket at William Brown's drug store before next Tuesday.
 L. W. Phelps is having a new boiler put in at the upper mill this week.
 The members of George J. Burns hook and ladder company left on the 1.45 train for Boston this week Friday afternoon and from there took the boat for Bath, Me. On Saturday they will take an all-day sail about the famous Maine seaport town and will return home on Sunday. Those who went on the trip were Frederick Ruso, Alfred H. Kibben, John J. Sullivan, Joseph Kyle, Hartwell Kidder, Roland Seaborn, Robert Irwin, Alton Washburn, E. B. Lewis, D. H. Young, Ruel Scruton, Harvey W. Winslow.
 Dr. M. M. Chrystal returned on Wednesday from the committee on the Fourth of July celebration, which he had been attending the national convention of Elks. The return was made through Canada by the way of the St. Lawrence river. Dr. Chrystal was a former physician of this town, going from here to Leominster, where he is now located.
 While on his ice route last Saturday morning William Wood discovered a brindle bull dog which was evidently suffering from some cause. Mr. Wood took him to Wheeler's shop and Chief Beatty was notified. The chief brought the dog to the police station where for a time it was thought it was suffering from rabies. Later symptoms of poisoning developed together with partial paralysis. It was found necessary to chloroform the animal to end its suffering. There was no collar or anything about the dog to indicate who its owner was. This is the third case which has come to the notice of the police recently of dogs who had all the appearance of being poisoned. Such a condition might result from other than intentional causes, such as being poisoned by arsenate of lead, where the trees have been sprayed or from other causes.
 Miss Nettie B. Roe has returned to her duties at the First National bank, after a vacation spent at the Isles of Shoals.
 George H. Hill and Howard M. Beverly went to Portsmouth, N. H., in Mr. Hill's auto last Sunday and they returned Monday accompanied by Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Beverly who had been attending the national convention at the Isles of Shoals the past week.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Huntington and two children, and Mrs. Alice Mead and Miss Nellie Huntington returned Wednesday evening from a visit to South Thomaston, Me.
 In spite of the somewhat unfavorable weather a good sized party attended the dance at Sandy pond school on Thursday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harlow of Buffalo, N. Y., visited this week at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary J. Harlow.
 When Winslow has been spending a vacation in Boston vicinity.
 Among the recent visitors noted in town are M. D. McGrall, of Roxbury, a former well-known business man of Ayer; James Barry, of Leominster; Miss Doris G. Corner, of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Francis C. Wright, of Keene, N. H., at the home of Mrs. S. F. Morgan; Mrs. E. G. Reed, of Lynn, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Perry; Charles H. Neal, of Lowell, and Ralph Parkhurst, of South Ashburnham, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Burgess; William Brown and his son Edward, from Hartford, Conn., at the home of Mr. Brown's nephew, George H. Brown; Miss Violet W. Hill, of Baldwinville, at the home of Miss Esther Holden; Miss Dorothy Bartlett, of Antrim, N. H.
 On last week Friday there passed through town on foot a party of five, including three men and two women, who were on the way from Pawtucket, R. I., to Mount Washington. The party camps out wherever night reaches them and spent Friday evening in East Pepperell. The names of those in the party are W. A. Newell, H. A. Brown, Fred Atwood and Misses M. B. Newell and C. R. Bel-

lows. They attracted a good deal of attention.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie returned Sunday from a vacation spent at Mr. Gleason's home in Mont Vernon, N. H., and Plymouth, Bourne and other points on Cape Cod.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simonds are at Old Orchard Beach for the summer.
 William N. Scruton and family have returned to their home in Lowell after a visit to relatives here.
 Mrs. D. S. Boyden, a former resident of this town, who has been in the psychopathic department of the Boston State hospital for observation, was taken on last week Thursday to the state hospital at Monson, where she will remain for the present.
 The Unitarian Girls' club will have a candy sale on the church lawn on Tuesday evening, July 28.
 There will be a band concert at the bandstand in town hall park on next Tuesday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce Smith and little daughter Elizabeth returned home to Wollaston last Saturday after a very enjoyable visit to their parents, Mrs. W. H. Landry, at the Willows.
 Miss Lilla Crocker returned home on Thursday from the Elliot hospital, Boston, after a stay of eight weeks, and is much improved from the operation.
 Norman Fletcher, of East Main street, went on Tuesday to Amherst college on a visit of a week to attend the banquet and convention on invitation of one of the professors of the college.
 Charles W. Mason left this Friday morning for his summer home at Center Harbor, N. H., for the remainder of the summer.
 Mrs. Emma (Brown) Well, of Lexington, visited her aunt, Mrs. John H. Turner, this week, coming on Wednesday and returning Friday. Her father, Henry L. Brown, was publisher of the Railroad Mercury, a weekly newspaper printed in this place, known then as Groton Junction, from 1855 to 1860.
 Mrs. Lina Wamboldt, of Cambridge, is the guest of Mrs. W. Edward Murphy.
 The Ayer Auto Station has taken the agency of the Trumbull car, of Bridgeport, Conn., and has been altered a large territory. This is the first car of the European style in this country. These cars have become one of the leaders in their class. The price is \$425, with electric lights and comfort they are in a class by themselves. The fuel consumption being thirty-five miles to a gallon of gasoline, and five hundred to a gallon of oil.
 Plans have been received by Robt. Murphy's Sons Co. for their fireproof garage on Central avenue. They are installing an air compressor for tire pumping and cleaning purposes at their garage.
 The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a food sale at Mrs. John Washburn's Pleasant street, Friday afternoon, July 31, from three to five o'clock.
 A space of 5000 square feet has been allotted to the Studebaker Corp. by the Panama Exposition for their motor cars and horse-drawn vehicles.
 The committee of the Holy Name table of St. Mary's field day wish to thank all who so kindly assisted by their generous donations and patronage in making the day a success. Mrs. Elizabeth M. Barry, chairman.
District Court.
 William J. Wilson was arraigned Tuesday under the uniform desertion act, the complainant being his wife, Rosie Wilson, who claimed he failed to provide for her and children. The husband denied the charge. After hearing a portion of the evidence, Judge Atwood, at the defendant's request, continued the case until Saturday, August 1, in order that more evidence might be procured.
 Joseph Hanbury, John Wilson and Joseph Denny, with addresses in St. Mary's field day, were found guilty of vagrancy and the cases were filed.
 Benjamin Hamilton, a colored boy of fourteen years, was taken in charge by the police on Thursday as he had no means and was without food or shelter. In court on Friday morning he showed a contract with a circus which was duly filed out in which he was to receive so much per month and board. He joined the circus on July 3, and not liking the position resigned when his employer gave him but one dollar. The boy tells an apparently straight-forward story and presents an unusually good appearance. He says his home is in Newport Station, N. S. An effort was made Friday to find a relative of the boy in Boston by Thomas F. Mullin, probation officer.
St. Mary's Field Day.
 The St. Mary's parish field day and carnival of sports in aid of St. Mary's church was held at the town park on last Saturday and was a most successful event in every way, the weather making it an ideal day for such an occasion.
 A baseball game between Ayer and Shirley opened the program, Ayer winning the game after making a garrison finish in the ninth inning, coming from behind and scoring four runs, the final score being 7 to 6. Joe Wood, the famous Red Sox pitcher, was scheduled to umpire the game, but at the last moment it was found necessary to send Egan, the catcher, secured from Baltimore, to umpire the game which he did in a very satisfactory manner.
 Donahue and Hurley were in the

points for Ayer, and Morrell and Connors for Shirley, both batteries doing fine work.
 Each of the rival teams were out to win and the game was a most interesting one and attracted the attention of the large audience. Both sides had loyal supporters which were continually encouraging their respective teams. The Ayer team was apparently defeated when it went to bat for the final inning, as the score was decidedly in Shirley's favor, but by one of their famous last inning rallies, the home team got enough across the plate to win.
 One of the greatest athletic events ever held in this section followed the ball game, the entries consisting of some of the best amateurs in this state. Matt Leary, the widely known sportsman of East Boston, was in charge of this part of the program and every event was run off with clock-like regularity.
 The races were well contested and received the closest attention of those present. Joe Silver, of the B. A. A., the widely known runner and winner of several noted events, including a marathon run from Ashland to Boston, who entered the miles run, was obliged to give up through illness when the race was nearly over. Silver was the great favorite in this event and it was thought he would be an easy winner. His chances appeared good until he was overcomen.
 The following are the winners, the contestants being from Boston, unless otherwise noted, the prizes being some silver cups and a punch bowl of the same material.
 100-yd. dash—F. A. Keohane, B. A. A.; 1st: C. C. Desaulniers, unattached; 2d: Kent Royal, of Harvard, B. A. A.; 3d: 380-yd. run—H. F. Mahoney, B. A. A.; 1st: J. P. Higgins, Holy Cross, 2d: J. J. Sullivan, of Boston, 3d: J. J. Sullivan, of Boston.
 Three-mile run—James Henigan, Dorchester club, 1st; David Neagle, I. S. C., 2d; A. F. Merchant, Riverside A. C., 3d.
 Running high jump—Morris Ligon, Fitchburg high school, 5 ft. 11 in.; 2d: H. Sullivan, Holy Cross, 3d: Highest jump, 5 ft. 11 in.
 440-yd. run—F. T. Donahue, unattached.
 Ligon gave a splendid exhibition and proved to be the best one in this contest. When he cleared the bar at its highest mark he was given rounds of applause.
 There were two sparring exhibitions given in the evening, one bout being between Dan (Porky) Flynn and Byers, and the second one between Boston Jerry Gardner and Joe Egan, the contests being purely an exhibition nature, no decisions being rendered.
 A general good time and dancing were the closing features of the day. There was an official time taken in the athletic events as the track was not an official one. It is estimated that there were between 2500 and 3000 people present during the day, many of whom came from neighboring towns and cities, including delegations from Boston, Worcester, Lowell and Fitchburg.
 Rev. Thomas P. McGinn, Rev. Patrick A. Sharkey, J. B. O'Connell, sr., the president, presided, and chairman, respectively, of the St. Mary's Parish association were in charge of the day's celebration.
 Children's games were under the supervision of Mrs. Joseph Mullin, baseball, Dr. L. D. Sullivan and John H. Hooley; athletics, (A. A. U.) Matt Leary; boxing, Edward Lane. Other committees were as follows:
 General committee—Patrick Donlon, F. P. Griffin, J. J. Barry, C. A. Mullin, A. J. Boisseau.
 Sports and games—J. B. O'Connell, Martin Ingham, John Hooley, A. J. Chalmers, John Leahy.
 Printing—R. M. Cahoon, James Horan, William Donlon, John Sherlock, George Willis.
 Music—William Mullin, James H. Barrett, Daniel Burke, William Barrett, Annie Ryan, Bessie Sullivan, Margaret Sullivan, Alice Ginn, Nora McGovern, M. Barry, Mrs. Patrick Donahue, Mrs. M. J. Griffin, Mrs. John Sherlock, Mrs. Joseph Mullin, Mrs. Julia O'Meara, Mrs. J. B. O'Connell, sr., Mrs. J. B. O'Connell, jr., Mrs. James Griffin.
 Sodality table—Mrs. Leon D. Sullivan in charge, Mrs. Patrick Rynn, Mrs. Fred O'Clair, Mrs. Arthur Boisseau, Mrs. Frank Mullin, Mrs. Joseph Mullin, Mrs. John Sullivan, Mrs. James Donahue, Mrs. John Halloran, Mrs. William Mullin, Mrs. Alice Ginn, Mrs. Mary Martell, Mrs. William Corneller, Mrs. Charles Mullin, Mrs. Joseph Walsh, Mrs. Daniel Walsh, Mrs. Thomas McCarthy, Mrs. Francis Sullivan, Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mrs. Alexis Matiloux, Misses Julia Hooley, Mary Skerritt, Susan Neelan, Margaret Ginn, Emma Davis, Katherine McCarthy, Margaret McCormack, Genevieve Neelan, Chas. Madeline Donlon, Mary Dalley, Gertrude Carigan, Mary Sullivan, Frances Kinahan, George Skeckett, Mary McCarthy, Susie McCarthy.
 Sunday school table—Della Devarney in charge, Henrietta McGuane, Edith Neelan, Gertrude McCarthy, Mary Devarney, Nora Toohy, Priscilla Mullin, Agnes McCarthy.
 Auxiliary table—Margaret H. Sharkey in charge, Mildred Denver, May Ward and Dorothy Driscoll.
 These prizes were awarded in connection with the Holy Name table: Cut glass cigar case full of beans awarded to Miss Agnes Kent, of Concord, N. H., who guessed the nearest to the number in the jar; black silk shirt, Mrs. John Sherlock; lawn swing, Charles A. Mullin; baby doll, Patricia O'Connell; doll, Mrs. Lillian Moore; hand embroidered pin cushion, Miss Catherine O'Neill; gold bracelet, Miss Margaret Deland, Gardner; set hand painted pins, Rev. Thomas McGinn; doll carriage, Norah Guthrie; Cholly table, Picture, Thomas F. McDonald; coat of coal, Edward Dwyer; cross and chain, Miss Margaret Walsh; shirt waist, Miss Lillian McMahon. There was seven ties in the guessing contest for the name of the doll, the name Salem being given by Governor Walsh. The contest was afterward settled by making the award to Miss Grace Burns.
 The North Chelmsford Training School band furnished the music.
 Among the visitors were former mayor J. Edward Barry of Cambridge, Facey of the same city. Mr. Barry was much pleased at the natural beauties of the town park which he said was one of the finest and best located that he had ever seen. Rev. James Lynch, of Brockton, a former curate of St. Mary's church, was also present at the exercises throughout the day.



OUR ANNUAL MID-SUMMER
CLEARANCE SALE
 STARTS ON SATURDAY, JULY 25th

We now start our Mid-Summer Clearance Sale—the clothing event of the year. As you all know, it is the well-known policy of this store not to carry over goods from one season to the next. We plan to start each season with a fresh, new stock. We must clean up the balance of this season's stock. This is our reason for holding this Clearance Sale each year just before the end of the season.

You will please note that the saving is substantial and worth while, and also remember that our merchandise is high-grade, both in style and quality. Satisfaction guaranteed. Come early while the assortment is still good. We know you will be interested.

MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS	
The balance of this season's stock of Fancy Mixture and Fancy Worsteds Suits for Men and Boys—all new, fresh goods. Many suits are from the well-known Boston house of A. Shuman & Co., one of the leading makers of good clothes in the country. Exceptional values for the price asked.	
\$10.00 Suits now reduced to.....	\$7.47
\$12.50 Suits now reduced to.....	\$8.47
\$15.00 Suits now reduced to.....	\$10.47
\$18.00 Suits now reduced to.....	\$12.47
\$20.00 Suits now reduced to.....	\$14.47
\$22.00 Suits now reduced to.....	\$16.47
\$13.50 Outing Suits now reduced to....	\$8.47
OUTING TROUSERS	
Every pair now goes at a reduced price	
\$2.50 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$2.25
\$4.00 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$3.00
\$4.50 Trousers now reduced to.....	\$3.50
MEN'S WORKING TROUSERS	
\$1.50 Working Trousers now reduced to	\$1.29
\$2.00 Working Trousers now reduced to	\$1.69
\$2.50 Working Trousers now reduced to	\$1.98
\$3.00 Working Trousers now reduced to	\$2.47
BOYS' KNEE TROUSERS SUITS	
Ages 6 to 17	
Balance of this season's stock of Boys' Suits are now offered at greatly reduced prices.	
\$3.50 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$2.50
\$4.00 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$2.98
\$5.00 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$3.47
\$6.00 Fancy Mixture Suits reduced to	\$4.47
Boys' Khaki Suits	
Ages 6 to 14	
50c. Khaki Suits now reduced to.....	39c
\$1.00 Khaki Suits now reduced to.....	79c
\$1.00 Baseball and Jack Tar Suits now....	79c
CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS	
Ages 3 to 8	
50c. Wash Suits.....	39c
\$1.00 Russian Suits, with patent waist....	83c
\$1.25 Russian Suits, with patent waist....	\$1.00
\$1.50 Russian Suits, with patent waist....	\$1.19
MEN'S SUMMER SHIRT BARGAINS	
One lot of Fancy Summer Shirts, our regular 50c. grade, price for this sale	
39c	
One lot of Fancy Summer Shirts, Coat Style, our regular \$1.00 grade, for this sale	
79c	
One lot of Men's Working Shirts, made of Khaki or Chambray, a regular 50c. quality of shirt, now.....	
39c	
MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS	
Men's White Handkerchiefs.....	3c
Men's Police Braces, 50c. kind, now.....	35c
Men's Police Braces.....	15c
Men's President Suspenders, 50c. kind....	35c
Men's Pure Silk Hose, seconds of 50c. grade	33c
Boys' Knickerbocker Trousers, 50c. kind....	39c
Boys' Blouse Waists, with Collar on, worth 39c., for this sale.....	23c
Men's Cotton Hose, Black or Tan, a regular 2 pairs for 25c. quality, price now	9c
NECKWEAR BARGAINS	
50c. Four-in-hands now reduced to.....	29c
25c. Four-in-hands now reduced to.....	17c
25c. Button-on Ties now reduced to.....	15c
25c. Button-on Bow Ties now reduced to	15c
STRAW HAT BARGAINS	
Every Straw Hat in our store is now marked down for a clean-up; also; Cloth Hats of every kind. They all must go.	
25c. Straw Hats for Men and Boys now	19c
50c. Straw Hats for Men and Boys now	39c
\$1.00 Straw Hats for Men now reduced to	75c
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Straw Hats for Men now	\$1.00
\$3.00 Straw Hats for Men are now.....	\$2.00
25c. Straw Hats for Children now.....	19c
50c. Straw Hats for Children now.....	39c
\$1.00 Straw Hats for Children now.....	75c
\$5.00 Panama Hats are now reduced to	\$3.50
Odd Straw Hats for Men and Children, values up to \$2.00, are now.....	39c
UNDERWEAR BARGAINS	
Here are some price reductions on many of our regular lines of Lightweight Underwear. Look the list over.	
25c. Men's and Boys' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers.....	19c
50c. quality Men's Blue Derby Ribbed Underwear, now.....	39c
50c. quality Men's Balbriggan Underwear, special price for this sale.....	39c
All our Porsoknit Underwear is now reduced in price for this sale as follows:	
50c. grade of Men's Shirts and Drawers	39c
25c. grade of Boys' Shirts and Drawers	19c
\$1.00 grade of Men's Union Suits.....	79c
50c. grade of Boys' Union Suits.....	39c
39c. grade of Men's Nainsook Underwear	25c
Men's Derby Ribbed Suits, the seconds of \$1.00 grade, the price for this sale	69c
Boys' Derby Ribbed Union Suits, regular 39c. grade, sizes 28 to 32, for this sale	25c
SHOE BARGAINS	
Our entire stock of all leather Tan Oxfords for Men, Women and Children is now marked at a greatly reduced price; also, many discontinued lines and broken lines in Gun Metal and Patent Leathers will be offered at greatly reduced prices in order to clean-up balance of stock.	
Men's Tan Oxfords	
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to.....	\$2.50
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to.....	\$3.00
Men's Gun Metal Oxfords	
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal Oxfords, in Blucher or Button, broken lines, price reduced to clean-up.....	\$2.98
Boys' and Little Gents' Oxfords	
\$2.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to.....	\$1.00
\$2.00 Gun Metal Oxfords reduced to.....	\$1.29
\$1.50 grade of Little Gents' Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords, 8 1/2 to 13 1/2	98c
Women's Oxfords	
\$3.75 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make	\$2.50
\$3.25 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make	\$2.25
\$2.50 Tan Oxfords, Rubber Sole and Heel	\$2.00
\$2.00 Gun Metal Oxfords, discontinued lines and broken sizes, now.....	98c
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords, discontinued lines and broken sizes, now.....	\$1.79
10 Percent Reduction	
In addition to above we will give, during this sale, a reduction of 10 percent from the regular price on our entire regular stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Oxfords of all kinds. This price reduction is for this sale only.	
HAMMOCKS	
\$2.00 Hammocks now reduced to.....	\$1.50
\$2.50 Hammocks now reduced to.....	\$2.00
\$3.50 Hammocks now reduced to.....	\$2.50

IMPORTANT NOTICE—This Store will be closed every Thursday at 12 o'clock noon during July and August. Store open on Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

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WESTFORD.

Center. The funeral of the late Joshua M. Walker was held from the home of his son, George A. Walker, last week Saturday morning at ten o'clock.

Sunday morning, at the Congregational church, the last services will be held previous to the vacation. The church vacation will be for the month of August. At the services Sunday the pastor will be glad to welcome a good attendance.

Last week Thursday the members of the C. E. society held a picnic. Forge pond, where they were the guests for the day of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goode on the grounds about their pleasant camp.

We regret to have been misinformed about the cause that recently brought Walter J. Sleeper, Jr., east. It was on account of the death of an uncle in Manchester, with whom he has made his home since the death of his parents a few years ago.

Senator Edward Fisher, who has made such an excellent record at the State House as representative from this district and later as senator, recently stated that he is not a candidate for a third term and will not become a candidate for congress from the fifth district.

G. W. Tarleton, of Bedford, Ind., has recently joined Mrs. Tarleton and son Grafton at the Congregational parsonage and stayed this week for a trip to the seashore before returning to their home in the middle west.

The following items, quoted from a Rochester, N. H., paper, have been received: "Mrs. J. M. Gould, of Westford, Mass., is at her cottage, No. 12, on the corner of the street, Mrs. J. E. Lister, wife of the superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, of Patterson, N. J., is visiting with Mrs. Gould at the Tadmuck for July and August."

Robert Elliott has the foundation finished for the pretty new home he is building on Hildreth street and the work will be pushed to completion as soon as possible. Fletcher & Needham, of Littleton, are doing the work. This latter firm are also doing the very extensive remodeling of the house at the Parker farm in the west part of the town.

Recent trips enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler with their new auto have been one day to Nashua, Manchester and Concord, N. H. At the latter place they visited Mr. Wheeler's mother's birthplace and other ancestral homes.

Dr. and Mrs. O. V. Wells and two children are spending a vacation in New Hampshire and Vermont, and during their absence Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Bailey are occupying their home in the village renewing former associations and friendships.

The recent rains have helped to make lawns, gardens, etc., in the village at their best, everything having more the appearance of June than late July. The grounds at Whitney playground, the academy and that of the library certainly reflect the greatest of credit upon their caretakers.

Westford Center was well represented at the banquet at the Graniteville M. E. church on Tuesday evening, our genial John P. Wright acting as toastmaster, and Senator Edward Fisher being one of the principal speakers of the evening.

Westford A. A. defeated the J. P. S. team of Lowell on last Saturday afternoon at Whitney playground by the score of 9 to 2.

About Town.

William Wallace Comey, whose funeral took place in Fitchburg last Saturday afternoon, was a native of Westford, the son of William S. and Alma (Hayden) Comey. His early home was in Forge Village, where he is pleasantly remembered, as well as at Westford Center and the village life of the town generally.

Samuel L. Toper died at his home at the junction of Forest and Tyngsboro roads, Sunday, aged eighty years. He was a veteran of the civil war, serving in the navy. For fifty years he lived in Lowell, but for the past thirty years he has been a resident of Westford. A man of decided principles, and self control.

For picnic parties Nabnassett, with the closeby electric of the Fitchburg and Lowell line, is developing some popularity. The young people of the Congregational church, North Chelmsford, were there in numbers last Saturday to make enthusiasm contagious.

Baldwin apples of 1913 were eaten on July 20 at the Old Oaken Bucket farm.

Joseph Sargent has harvested the hay on the John Haley farm. This hay will be consigned to his cows at his farm, the Edwin E. Heywood place.

Middlesex-North Pomona Grange will hold its annual field day on Wednesday and talk of the romance of the farm home of Warren A. Sherburn in Tyngsboro on the easterly side of Merrimack river, located on the trout stream, the outlet of the Lakeview waters. An old-time saw and grist mill are connected with this

farm. This Pomona field day will be held on Thursday, July 30. Speakers thus far engaged will be Rev. A. H. Whipple, of Marlboro, chairman of the State Grange, and Hon. Frank P. Bennett, Jr., of Saugus, both being speakers with power to entertain.

The Gates farm folks at Minot's Corner are contemplating installing a water system known as the Skinner system. The supply will be taken from the swamp south of the buildings, and induced to leave its long-time abiding place in the wilderness and henceforth serve civilization.

"A workman is known by his chips." Here is a sample of some chips. Going fishing Saturday afternoon, the rest day, dodged-to-death labor, pull up a little less than fifty hills of half-grown potatoes along the brook way too small to eat but large enough to scatter around the field, currents closely on yonder sunny sloping bank ripe, delicious for present eating. Eat all you want, over-worked, underpaid labor, and what you cannot eat scatter in the potato field. Such are some of the recent workman's chips as seen in Stony Brook valley which did not happen on the Old Oaken Bucket farm.

Nomination papers are in circulation in town for Hon. John A. Curtin, of Brookline, for attorney general. He is an efficient and capable young man, has had considerable legislative experience in the house of representatives from Brookline, and is well endorsed by those who know the qualifications necessary for attorney general.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher is now ill with bronchitis, but is now able to be about. It seemed very much like some happy days in making a Sunday noon call on Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Bailey, who will be on vacation free of all business until about August 1.

Forge Village. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hennessey, of Lowell, with their daughter Helen, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett on last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Byam and three children, of Chelmsford, are occupying the Dorr cottage on the shorge of Forge pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Myers and daughter, together with Michael, Leonard and Miss Sarah McLean, of Lowell, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole on Sunday.

Miss Helen Lord, of the South Framingham hospital, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Ward and two daughters, Letitia and Kathlyn, are at Hampton Beach for two weeks.

Miss Hilda Rose, of Millbury, who has been visiting with Mrs. Ward, has returned home.

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Miss Sadie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, was married to William Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelley, on Wednesday morning at St. Catherine's church. Rev. Edmund T. Schofield performed the ceremony. The full choir, under the direction of Miss Mary F. Hanley, sang appropriate selections. At the close of the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. The newly-married pair left on the one o'clock train on a short wedding tour.

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The whole affair was one grand success and the men's bible class, under whose auspices the banquet was held, is to be congratulated on its exciting efforts in providing such an excellent banquet and entertainment.

The committee feel very grateful to all, particularly the Boy Scouts, who helped to make this such an unequalled success as it proved to be.

This is only a forerunner of future events of a similar nature that will be held here now that the finishing of the basement has been an accomplished fact.

LITTLETON.

News Items. Thomas Moore and daughter, Mrs. Homer Boardman, Miss Elizabeth Thacher and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant and the chauffeur made up a party that last Tuesday visited Mrs. H. W. Kimball, who is staying at her sister's in Clinton during her convalescence.

Benjamin and Stanley Conant went last week Friday to Maine in the former's automobile and return home the last of this week.

Miss Minnie Tenney Peck and party had visited Pompell, Capri, Ravio, Sorrento and Armin, and taken the wonderful Amalfi drive, and were in Naples on July 4.

Miss Gertrude Griffiths, of Waltham, spent Sunday with her home people on New Estate road.

George Sprague and two granddaughters, from Lexington, arrived in town last Sunday and went to Mr. Sprague's sister's, Gertrude Hensley, King street. Mr. Sprague will also visit other relatives in town and vicinity.

Edwin H. Priest is painting his buildings on Foster street. Other painters now at work in town are Everett Kimball, of Harvard avenue, and Mrs. John A. Kimball's on King street.

Miss Miriam Conant is visiting a cousin in Hartford, Conn. She and Miss Edith Merriam have spent a very pleasant week in Northfield, where they attended the annual meetings.

Miss Helen Thirkield, of New Orleans, La., is the guest of Miss Margaret Thacher at the Maples.

Mrs. Robert Roberts and Mrs. Perley D. Smith visited Arthur Roberts together with Michael, Leonard and Miss Sarah McLean, of Lowell, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole on Sunday.

William Decatur, of Concord, has been visiting friends in town this week. After a prolonged illness and several weeks in the Melrose sanitarium, Mr. Decatur is in normal health again.

A. T. Kimball enjoyed an outing at Salem Willows for a short time this week. He also visited the part of Salem recently destroyed by fire.

The Grange committee in charge of the Grange float in the parade next week, Charles E. Flag, William L. Pickard and Herbert Prouty, who with the lecturer, Mrs. Wilcox, will attend to the complete preparations for the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilchrist, of Somerville, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, of Cambridge, were Saturday auto guests at Allen Smith's on their return trip from Barre, Vt.

Mrs. George Gardner and sons, Douglas and Richard Gardner, are at J. H. Whitcomb's for two weeks.

Aiyah Head, of Leominster, is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Clara Shafter.

Charles McDonald, of Clinton, son of Hugh McDonald of this town, is convalescing at the Clinton hospital after having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

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Miss Eloise Laine, of Pride's Crossing, is visiting Mrs. Douglas Whitcomb.

Miss Marion Whitcomb left on last Monday with other Wellesley students for Somersworth, N. H., where they are being entertained at a large house party for ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cash announced the engagement of their daughter, Grace Miriam Cash, to Ivo Andrew Russell. Miss Cash is a graduate of Littleton high school, class of 1912; also, Fitchburg Normal '14. Mr. Russell is the son of Herbert E. and the late Octavia (Ellis) Russell, of Pinkerton academy, and has also taken a course at M. A. C. He is at present interested in poultry and dating with Mr. Cash.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon, of Newton, have joined their daughters, Helen and Betty, at Henry S. Brown's on King street.

Mrs. Mary Wheeler and Miss Carolyn Wheeler spent several days last week at Douglas Whitcomb's.

In their recent automobile outing Benjamin and Stanley Conant enjoyed a trip to the White Mountains, stopped at Ocean Park, Me., and met college mates at Rangeley Lakes.

Preparations continue and everybody who has a spark of patriotism is cheerfully doing a little to help to help along the good cause of celebrating Littleton's great anniversary.

As this is the only one we shall ever see we all want to share in making the birthday pleasant for everybody present and a memorial occasion in the history of the town. Littleton opens wide her gates to all her returning sons, daughters and friends from near and far, irrespective of race, color, caste or religion. Many have announced they have been present, but it is impossible to think of everybody. Kindly regard with tolerance the committee in charge of the announcements. They have conscientiously attempted to locate all who would be interested in the celebration. But to reach everyone is beyond them and they can only say "Welcome to those who wish to enter with the townspeople into the spirit of the day at the occasion."

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in certain mortgage deed given by Michael W. Leiby to Thomas Moore, dated March 28th, 1906, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex, South District, book 3221, page 475, and duly assigned to William J. Healy by assignment dated July 15, 1911, recorded with Middlesex South District deeds, book 3620, page 274, for breach of the condition contained in said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction, at the office of J. F. Farrell, 162 Market Street, Lowell, Mass., on Saturday, the first day of August, 1914, at five o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain parcel of land situated in Littleton, near Littleton Common, so called, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone wall at land of Nelson B. Conant on the Easterly side of the old road leading from Littleton Centre, to Groton, and running Northwesterly to land of Nelson B. Conant's land about one hundred and eighty-two (182) feet to a stone bound at land of the grantor; thence continuing in the same direction in a straight line on land of grantor three hundred and thirty-five (335) feet to land of Conant, Houghton & Co.; thence Northwesterly on land of Conant, Houghton & Co. and land now or formerly owned by Albert S. Bradley, four hundred and twenty-one (421) feet to a stone bound; thence Northwesterly on land of said Albert S. Bradley about nine (9) rods to the Great Road leading from Littleton Common to Groton; thence Northwesterly on said Great Road to the old road leading from Littleton Centre to Groton; thence southeasterly on said Old Road to the point of beginning at land of above named Nelson B. Conant, containing about twelve (12) acres, more or less.

Said premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes or assessments, and to any and all prior mortgages and attachments.

One hundred dollars will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, and the balance in ten days from the day of sale, in the hands of J. F. Farrell, 404 Kimball Building, Boston, Mass.

WILLIAM J. HEALY, Assignee and present owner of said Mortgage.

Littleton, Mass., July 10, 1914.

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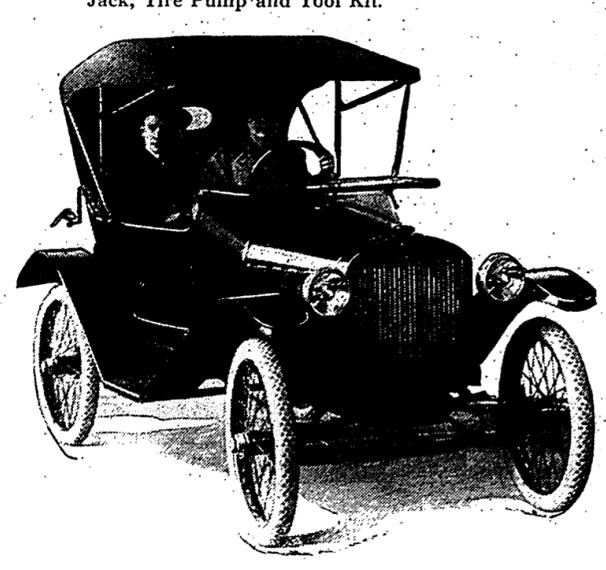
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TOWNSEND.

Center. Rev. A. L. Struthers, accompanied by F. B. Higgins and family, started early Monday morning for Cheatham, N. H. Mr. Struthers remained for his vacation, Mr. Higgins returning in the evening, their daughter Gertrude, who has been spending the last three weeks as a guest of Miss Charlotte Struthers, coming with them.

Mr. Russell and family, who have been spending two weeks at Sandy pond, Ayer, have returned to their home.

Pepperell plays the Townsend A. A. here Saturday afternoon. The game that was scheduled to take place at Clinton has been postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce are spending their vacation with friends at Rockport. Charles Howard is assisting at C. W. Hildreth's store during Mr. Bruce's absence.

Miss Bertha Spaulding spent last week Thursday being called on relatives and friends.

Robert Dobson, of Chicago, wife and two daughters, accompanied by Mr. Dobson's mother, who is nearly eighty-nine years of age, are visiting at John Dobson's.

Miss Lucy Taylor has returned to her home in Whitman after spending a week with Miss Gertrude Rockwood.

Miss Etta Wilder is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from her duties as operator at the local exchange. Clifford Laney is substituting during her absence.

Miss Lillian Hildreth of Waltham spent the week-end at her home on Park street.

J. C. Woolley and daughter of Portland, Me., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor.

The Social club of the Harbor, under the direction of Nilo G. Erector, held an informal dance in Memorial hall on Saturday evening. Everyone present had a most enjoyable time. It is hoped the Social club will hold another dance in the near future.

Miss Violet McKenize left Thursday morning for Oak Bluffs, where she expects to spend the remainder of the summer.

Albert H. Fessenden, formerly a resident of this town, passed away at his home, 21 Summerhill avenue, Toronto, Canada, on the morning of July 22, after an illness of eighteen months.

Baseball. The Athletic association and baseball patrons were much disappointed and vexed at the treatment received by the manager of the Maynard team. Manager Fessenden has always dealt squarely with the teams and the public. As a large number have attended from the surrounding towns, there was reason for disappointment when it was known that the regular lineup of the team did not appear, but a team of substitute players, Thursday evening, was selected in the manner of the Maynard team telephoned Manager Fessenden that there would be five of the regular team including Hardy and Wilder, the regular battery. With this announcement the public had reason to expect a good game.

The contest was a farce after the first inning when both clubs scored three runs. The visitors got a lucky start getting credit for four hits in the first due to a mix-up on the part of Knight and Green in fielding a bunt and the fact that Keefe tripped and fell in fielding Hayes' Texas league. Wood followed up this advantage with the second real hit of the inning, which also saw the finish of their scoring.

Townsend batted the visiting hurler at will and with vengeance getting ten hard safe drives in the first two stanzas and there is no telling what the score might have been had the locals taken the contest seriously or had the regulars played throughout the nine innings. As it was in order to make the contest of more interest to the spectators Manager Fessenden put in all his substitutes and pitched Farrar his left fielder, who held them to one hit in four innings while the locals played to shorten the contest when on the base paths.

The score at Shrewsbury (19 to 2) on Saturday would indicate that the Maynard players were a long way from being in the class that they could send its substitute nine to this town with the idea of getting away with a game from the local club.

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The Sherlock family, who have been for several weeks at their farm on the highway road, have returned to Connecticut.

Mrs. Alden Sherwin and little daughter Dorothy have returned from a several weeks' visit to relatives in Quincy. Mrs. Troupe of Quincy accompanied them for a visit.

Arthur Smith of Waltham was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, Saturday.

During the heavy thunder which passed over the village on Saturday morning about two o'clock the barn and house of Charles Stickney in Josselynville was entered by lightning, but little damage was done. One of the large trees at the town farm was struck also.

Rev. Joseph McKean occupied his pulpit at the Baptist church for the first Sunday of his pastorate last Sunday, preaching in the morning upon the topic, "The divine call in which he very clearly outlined the relations between pastor and people. In the evening he spoke on the topic, "Gideon's band." He also commenced his duties as teacher at the Brotherhood meeting at noon.

Miss Martha Jones of Mason, N. H., visited friends in town Friday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Hobart of Waltham is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. William Robbins, of Main street.

Everett Pierce and auto party from Brookline spent Sunday at the House cottage on Elm street.

Oscar Lovering and family are moving from their cottage on Elm street into the house formerly owned and occupied by William Lawrence and family.

George Roebuck, chauffeur for C. S. Homer, and family left Monday morning for Prouts Neck, Me., closing their house on Main street for the next six weeks.

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Abram White of Rindge, N. H., has been visiting relatives in this village.

Mrs. Small and party of friends from Boston are boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester in Josselynville.

The Y. P. S. C. E. met in the vestry on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. Miss Gladys Rawson conducted the service and Miss Lena Thompson presided at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Troupe of Quincy who have been visiting Mr. Troupe's sister, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Edward E. Seaver of Harberth, Pa., has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver this week.

Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday. His household goods have arrived from Vermont and with his family he is getting settled at the parsonage.

The demonstration of aluminum utensils given Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church vestry under the auspices of the L. E. S. was largely attended, about fifty ladies being present. Each was presented with an aluminum sauce pan during the week.

A blue flame oil stove was used and a number of articles of food sampled as well as the qualities of the goods tried in various ways over the flames. About five dollars was cleared by the society.

A meeting of the social committee of the brotherhood was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman to make plans for the annual lawn party and band concert to be given by the brotherhood the first Friday evening in August.

Anti-Suffrage Meeting. A meeting in the interest of anti-suffrage was held at the home of Mrs. Charles S. Homer last week Friday afternoon and attended by about fifty women from this village and the Center. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Thomas Allen of Boston, who very ably and logically presented the views of the anti-suffrage party, requesting only that those present who after mature deliberation felt that they did not wish the added responsibility of the ballot, and realized that it was not for the best interests of the women of the state that the ballot should be given women, should give their names to be added to the petition to be presented to the legislature to refute the statement of the suffragist party that the women of this state want the ballot. At the close of her address she answered several questions presented by those interested and anti-suffrage literature was distributed and the fact that Mrs. Allen's remarks were set right pieces and a handsome double carving set. Mr. Copeland responded feelingly, thanking the band for the gift, and expressing great pleasure that the boys had remembered him in this substantial manner.

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Rev. Joseph McKean occupied his pulpit at the Baptist church for the first Sunday of his pastorate last Sunday, preaching in the morning upon the topic, "The divine call in which he very clearly outlined the relations between pastor and people. In the evening he spoke on the topic, "Gideon's band." He also commenced his duties as teacher at the Brotherhood meeting at noon.

Miss Martha Jones of Mason, N. H., visited friends in town Friday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Hobart of Waltham is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. William Robbins, of Main street.

Everett Pierce and auto party from Brookline spent Sunday at the House cottage on Elm street.

Oscar Lovering and family are moving from their cottage on Elm street into the house formerly owned and occupied by William Lawrence and family.

George Roebuck, chauffeur for C. S. Homer, and family left Monday morning for Prouts Neck, Me., closing their house on Main street for the next six weeks.

Miss Nellie C. Clarke of Boston is visiting her sister, Miss Ada Clarke.

Mrs. Clarence Webster has returned from a several weeks' visit to friends out of town.

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Abram White of Rindge, N. H., has been visiting relatives in this village.

Mrs. Small and party of friends from Boston are boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester in Josselynville.

The Y. P. S. C. E. met in the vestry on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. Miss Gladys Rawson conducted the service and Miss Lena Thompson presided at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Troupe of Quincy who have been visiting Mr. Troupe's sister, Mrs. Alden Sherwin, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Edward E. Seaver of Harberth, Pa., has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver this week.

Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday. His household goods have arrived from Vermont and with his family he is getting settled at the parsonage.

The demonstration of aluminum utensils given Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist church vestry under the auspices of the L. E. S. was largely attended, about fifty ladies being present. Each was presented with an aluminum sauce pan during the week.

A blue flame oil stove was used and a number of articles of food sampled as well as the qualities of the goods tried in various ways over the flames. About five dollars was cleared by the society.

A meeting of the social committee of the brotherhood was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman to make plans for the annual lawn party and band concert to be given by the brotherhood the first Friday evening in August.

Anti-Suffrage Meeting. A meeting in the interest of anti-suffrage was held at the home of Mrs. Charles S. Homer last week Friday afternoon and attended by about fifty women from this village and the Center. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Thomas Allen of Boston, who very ably and logically presented the views of the anti-suffrage party, requesting only that those present who after mature deliberation felt that they did not wish the added responsibility of the ballot, and realized that it was not for the best interests of the women of the state that the ballot should be given women, should give their names to be added to the petition to be presented to the legislature to refute the statement of the suffragist party that the women of this state want the ballot. At the close of her address she answered several questions presented by those interested and anti-suffrage literature was distributed and the fact that Mrs. Allen's remarks were set right pieces and a handsome double carving set. Mr. Copeland responded feelingly, thanking the band for the gift, and expressing great pleasure that the boys had remembered him in this substantial manner.

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The Lawrence house is being painted and otherwise improved. Emery Whitcomb and his brother James, of Fitchburg, were in town on Wednesday looking up old friends and landmarks.

While Zene Lovelace and his sister were out driving on Tuesday, they were run into by the Furbush auto and had a narrow escape from serious injury. The horse cleared himself from the buggy, which was badly damaged, but the occupants were not hurt.

Misses Mabel and Lucy Wetherbee went to Worcester with the brother Daniel Sunday evening to remain until Friday.

Mrs. Charles Sherry's brother, who with his family has been visiting her some time, has moved into the Conant house near Fort pond.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Furbush, with their daughter Ella and two sons, took an auto trip to Farmington, Me., last week.

Marjorie Shattuck visited friends in Gardner last week.

Charles Littlefield was a week-end guest of friends in Watertown.

Mrs. R. Y. Nelson and Mrs. George Burroughs attended the wedding of a niece of Mrs. Nelson's, the only daughter of Warren Blanchard, at North Leominster last Wednesday.

On petition of farmers, residing in Acton, Littleton, Roxborough, Harvard and Stow, relative to the maintenance of a milk car at the West Acton station on the Boston and Maine railroad, the Public Service Commission has ordered that the milk car service at West Acton be restored not later than August 1.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness Charles J. Melrose, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting enjoyed a pleasant four day trip to New York on Wednesday...

The farmers are having a hard time harvesting their hay.

Wisnor W. Goodnow of Portland, Me., is a guest of his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown.

Miss Flske, from the Windemere, Boston, is visiting Mrs. William B. Warren.

Rev. Frederick W. Tingley, of Acton Center, was the guest of Rev. G. M. Howe on Tuesday.

Miss Julia Haley underwent an operation on her knee at the hospital on Tuesday night.

The alarm sounded for a forest fire beyond the paper mill on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. John Carey, of Natick, a lifelong friend of Miss Mary E. Dunphy, of this town, died at her home there on last week Sunday.

Mrs. Carey, who was Miss Josie Deane, of Pepperell, was married two years ago, when Miss Dunphy was her bridesmaid.

The young ladies who figured in the Juanita club "take-off" on the Fourth and captured one of the first prizes, gave W. A. Sanderson, their driver of that day, a party on Wednesday evening.

Harry Hill, son of Mrs. Charles H. Hill of this town, is one of the tenors in the Fitchburg Choral society who are to give a sacred concert at Whalom Park on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

A postcard from Lawyer Perle P. Fallon, of New York and Groton, shows that Groton has another of her well-known people travelling abroad this season.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett and children, Roy and Ruth, and Miss Ruth J. Blood, leaving town last week Friday, made a pleasant auto trip to Newport, N. H., to the home of Mrs. Hartt, Mrs. Bennett's sister.

E. D. Collier came up Thursday from West Somerville with his two oldest boys, Francis and Loring, for a few days' visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Collier.

George Gilman Smith, of Atlantic, with his wife and two children, is spending a two-weeks' vacation at Meadowville, the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus G. Smith.

F. M. Blood suffered an attack of illness on Monday afternoon similar to the one which he had six weeks before. The cause of these attacks does not seem to be satisfactorily determined as yet.

Mrs. Gilbert Durant, who is at her cottage at South Hero, Vt., had the misfortune to break her ankle last Sunday.

William A. Woods has been having a serious time with an attack of summer gripe, but is better now and able to go out-of-doors soon.

Mrs. B. J. Crowley is entertaining her father, Mr. Powers, of Worcester. Mrs. Winthrop Chase broke a pane of glass while shutting a window last Saturday and cut her wrist so badly that it was necessary to call a doctor.

Mrs. Augustus Woods is confined to her bed with an attack of summer gripe and under the care of her doctor.

Mr. Whitmarsh, editor of "The Printing Art," came to town last Sunday in his auto, having as passengers his wife and Miss Sanny A. Prescott and her niece, Mrs. Birchmore.

Miss Lowe has returned from a two-weeks' stay at Northampton, where she has attended the Northampton Institute of Music Pedagogy.

An electric motor for the organ has been installed at the Unitarian church and will be used for the first time on Sunday.

In Camp. The Groton Boy Scouts started on Thursday for the Blue Hill camp under the care of Dr. Goble.

The boys of the Fox patrol are studying scouting very earnestly under the leadership of Dr. Kilbourn, scoutmaster.

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News Items. Miss Irene Tyrrell went to Boston on last week Friday where she took the boat for New York city.

Among the interesting events and places was seeing on Sunday the Y. M. C. A. entertaining emigrants; then there was a visit to the treasury and handling a \$5000-bill and a bag of gold; going through Chinatown and many other sights to be found in the metropolis.

Birthdays Party. The two sisters, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and Mrs. Alice J. Moore, plotting in love to honor and please their mother, Mrs. Juliet Stone, arranged for the celebration of her eighty-sixth birthday at their home on Court street last week Friday.

Conspicuous in the feast of good things was the handsome birthday cake with the word "MOTHER" in small colored candy, showing up plainly on the white frosting.

West Groton. On Thursday evening little Edward Webber was injured in the face by the cranking of an auto and was attended by a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb are spending ten days at Chatham Beach. Mrs. A. H. Thompson has been quite ill, but is improving very slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Rebecca Webber, of Ayer, visited her home in Hillsboro, N. H., and Mr. Hartwell will join her for the week-end and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Sedley, with two daughters and maid, arrived at their summer home here on Friday of last week, having by auto from their home in Dorchester.

Mrs. G. G. Harrington and children spent a few days with out-of-town relatives this week.

Mrs. W. M. Kimball is entertaining for a week Miss Anna May Perkins, of Fitchburg. Mrs. Mary Turner, of Groton, was a guest at the Kimball home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorr and children, who have for some time occupied one of Edmund Blood's houses on Main street, have left town.

Miss Ella Sprague, of Colorado, coming Saturday, has been a guest at the home of her uncle, G. H. Bixby, and is now spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham.

Mrs. C. E. Bixby and daughter Dorothy are enjoying a week's visit in Boston.

Miss Angeline Farnsworth and Miss Bertha Bixby have recently returned from a two-weeks' stay in West Brookfield.

Miss Isabelle Bixby, of Boston, and Roydon McCurdy, of Dorchester, were visitors this week at the home of Mrs. Charles Bixby.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blood are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, of Gardner.

The West Groton A. A. will play Lunenburg on the mill grounds on Saturday afternoon.

The Village Improvement society discussed several interesting questions on Tuesday evening. It was voted to adjourn until the third Tuesday in September.

Doris and Marjorie, the little daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wright, are spending some weeks with relatives in New York.

Going on Wednesday, Mrs. Charles Bixby and daughters, the Misses Bertha, Isabelle and Ruth, with their nephews, Roydon McCurdy, are visiting friends in Wellesey.

On last Saturday a goodly number of West Groton men went fishing down Boston harbor. J. L. Tatman was the lucky winner of the pool amounting to \$25.00.

Whist parties in honor of several young ladies visiting here have been given recently by Mrs. Woolaver, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Parker, and about sixteen young people have greatly enjoyed the entertainment furnished in turn by each hostess.

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in flames. A broken bell rope made a shatter at the mill impossible and there was the necessary delay of rousing men from sleep and the gathering of scattered firemen.

The G. H. Bixby and Tarbell houses within a few feet of the blazing building owe their safety to the perfect stillness of the night and the rain during Thursday. It is a terrible loss, but we realize the possibilities of the "might have been" and are thankful that no dwellings were destroyed.

The watchman, George Washington, reports that at one o'clock all was still, as far as he could see, and forty-five minutes later the entire main building was a mass of roaring flames.

It is too early to speak with any certainty of the money loss, or the probability of re-building. Great sympathy is felt for the losers and the employees, and sorrow at the loss sustained by the village.

AYER.

News Items. Miss Minnie Evans is taking a vacation from her duties at Mrs. Ryan's millinery store.

Henry W. Lawton, of Tim Pond, Me., has returned there after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lawton.

John Flynn, who is employed on the new section of the state road, narrowly escaped a serious accident while at work last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boutwell and family have left for Mountain View, N. Y., where they will remain until September.

John F. Lentz, manager of the railway station restaurant, has moved into the upstairs tenement in A. E. Lawrence's house on Washington street.

Rev. C. C. Wischmeier, of the M. E. church was called to his home in Nebraska, last week by the serious illness of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Park have been spending a week at The Weirs, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Fairfield, of Cleveland, Ohio, have moved into the George Woods house on East Main street.

LITTLETON.

News Items. Littleton's tax rate for 1914 is \$18.70 on \$1,000. This is \$3.90 less than it was last year—encouraging fact.

Mrs. F. C. Hartwell has been visiting her home in Hillsboro, N. H., and Mr. Hartwell will join her for the week-end and Sunday.

John J. Scott, of Melrose, recently visited his son, Charles Scott, at the common for two weeks.

House decorators in town are many and very persistent.

The Baptist C. E. society gave a well attended lawn party on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. C. E. Gardner.

Miss Chapman, director of the pageant, requests that all who are to take part in the pageant be present on the grounds Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of next week from one to six o'clock.

All members of the reception committee should be present at the Reuben Hoar library on next Friday morning at 8.30 o'clock.

Deaths. Death claimed Orrin Wing, one of Littleton's oldest and most respected citizens on Tuesday, July 21.

Mr. Wing had done his customary work in the morning for he was a very industrious man, but his appetite, none too good of late, had required but little food, and the body, worn with age and desisting sufficient nourishment to restore vitality, had gradually become weaker until the peaceful separation from the spirit on Tuesday.

He was a month ago he walked to Ayer to visit his daughter, and later went to Lowell, where he visited his sister. The deceased was born in Wayne, Me., August 10, 1825, and lived to be 88 yrs. 11 mos. 11 days old.

He was a stone cutter by trade and had done many buildings, including that used in the construction of Lowell jail. He possessed a good knowledge of carpentry also.

He was a foreman for the Harvard or Sprague, who lived on the place now owned by E. P. Sheehan. Mrs. Wing's death occurred three years ago.

Mr. Wing possessed a strong constitution. Six years ago he experienced an attack of bronchitis, and with that exception had enjoyed the best of health throughout his long life.

Perhaps this may be accounted for in part also by the fact that he lived quietly, was systematic and careful, kept his bills paid, lived at peace with everybody, conducted his business on principles of strict integrity and harbored no ill will toward any man.

He was a hard and not to be trifled with man. He was a habit and extremely unpretentious, but a most reliable and substantial man whose word was as good as his bond.

His death was a great loss to the community, and an important part in all the activities of his life.

Mr. Wing has been affectionately cared for by his dutiful son Herbert and his faithful daughter Susie, who have always remained at the old home.

Besides these, two daughters, Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Nixon, of Ayer, a son Arthur of Lowell, six grandchildren and a sister, Miss Frances Wing of Lowell, survive him.

The funeral was held from Mr. Wing's late home on Thursday afternoon and Rev. H. L. Caulking officiated. The burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery.

Friends of Henderson Feyler were shocked to learn of his sudden death on Tuesday, July 21.

He was at work in a potato field, and as he did not appear when the shower came the workmen went to the place where they had last seen him and found his body prostrate among the vines.

No answer came in response to their call. This morning when the coroner was summoned and attributed the direct cause of death to apoplexy.

An accident of a few years ago had resulted in broken limbs and an father was very uncomplimentary and he left the house after breakfast in apparently normal condition.

Prayers were offered at the home on Thursday forenoon by Rev. H. L. Caulking and services were held at Edson cemetery in Lowell, where interment was made.

A widow, Marietta Knight Feyler; a son, Irving W., who lived at home; a daughter, Mrs. Ethel M. Hall, of Lynn; a grandchild, Arthur Hall; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Wiggin, of Lowell, N. B., and Mrs. William Hill, of Lowell, and two brothers, Allen and George, of Waldoboro, Me., survive the deceased.

Mr. Feyler was born in Waldoboro, Me., on March 1, 1850, and at the time of his death had reached the age of 54 yrs. 4 mos. 20 days.

From boyhood his home had been chiefly in this vicinity. A few years he made his home in Bowdoin, previous to his removal to Littleton seven years ago.

A good man; a kind, thoughtful and congenial neighbor, a home-loving, devoted husband and father, he has passed suddenly from our sight, but the pleasant memories linger with the dear ones who have sustained an unspeakable loss in his death.

The sympathy of their many friends is extended to the bereaved widow, and family in the trying experience which has come so suddenly into their lives.

HARVARD.

News Items. A special meeting of the voters of the town was held at the town hall on Monday evening.

The meeting was called by the town clerk. It was voted to expend the sum of \$1400 to be used by the highway surveyor in repairing the road to Harvard depot.

It was also voted not to expend any money in erecting a building near the Center school for manual work. It was voted to transfer the sum of \$200 to the overseers of the poor for their use in carrying on the work of the town farm for the remainder of the year.

A five-foot cement walk is completed, extending from the Littleton road to the crossing near the residence of George Pollard, with crossing from the library and across the road opposite the store.

Albert H. Bigelow has also put in walks to his residence. The improved appearance and condition is decided, and will be more so when the roads are graded to conform to the grade of the walkways.

The announcements are out for the wedding of Miss Edith R. Nourse, of Bolton and Walter Chandler, of Springfield, to take place at the home of Miss Nourse's brother at Bolton.

Miss Nourse is well-known here, having taught the intermediate school for four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Whitney, with Miss Ruth Whitney, left on Wednesday with their auto for a trip to New York. During their stay Mrs. Warren Green, of South Framingham, will be at the house here open.

The Unitarian parsonage is being wired for electric lights by Robert Murphy's Sons Company, of Ayer.

For other Harvard news see page three.

Still River. Mrs. E. P. Fairchild and Miss Edith Fairchild attended the state meeting of ornithologists at Worcester on Wednesday.

Wednesday evening A. A. Hutcherson took a party of fourteen in his auto truck to a band concert at Hudson. All had a fine time.

Thursday was the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Wm. V. Viles and in the afternoon she entertained the Birthday club.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Atherton of Holyoke arrived at the home here for their summer vacation last Sunday. They will probably remain until about September first.

Mrs. Mason, housekeeper for Mrs. C. F. Viles, entertained her daughter, C. E. Viles, and grandchild of Holyoke on Wednesday and Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse returned from the vacation Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Gibson, who has been keeping house for Mrs. E. L. Vaughn, has returned to her home in Worcester.

Miss Alice Marshall is having improvements made in her home. A veranda is being placed on the south side and bathroom put in are among the changes made.

Victor Newcomb of Rutherford N. J., arrived here Thursday afternoon for a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. Fairchild. His wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild's daughter, and two children have been here a few weeks and will return to Rutherford with him.

Miss Emma Van Dyke of Hollis, N. H., was the guest of Miss Alice Marshall this week.

Elisha D. Stone has a new Studebaker automobile and has sold his horse and buggy to H. R. Harrod.

W. B. Haskell has bought a new Hudson automobile, but it has not arrived as yet.

The Boston and Maine have now made Still River a flag stop for train No. 56 from Nashua to Worcester, due here at 8.03 p. m., so passengers can get on or off for here or any station.

Mrs. Howard D. Stone has been entertaining a niece from Newton. On Wednesday afternoon she gave a party for the children and they went down to the meadow and had a supper and jolly good time.

Miss Edna Flanders is recovering nicely from the scarlet fever. She is out of doors, although under quarantine, so cannot mingle with other people, but in a few days the quarantine will be removed.

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Saturday, July 25, 1914.

AYER.

News Items. The Unitarian Girls' club is invited to meet with Mrs. Madollin Whitney and Miss Ellnor Clark at the Harvard tea shop on Wednesday evening, August 5.

Under the heading "People well known in the town" in the Lowell Courier-Citizen of Tuesday morning there appeared a good photograph of Charles A. McCarthy, of Ayer.

About thirty from here went on the excursion to Lake Winnepesaukee on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas returned Thursday from a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. T. Hartwell, in Oldtown. She doesn't forget the big moving picture show this Saturday evening with good music and good singing. The "Perils of Pauline," a serial story which is being shown in instalments every Wednesday evening gets more interesting as the details are unfolded and is attracting large audiences.

Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., will attend flag night this Friday evening at Hardy's hall. The flag they won for a prize the Fourth will be presented to them at this time by the committee—Mrs. Annie Canning, chairman, Mrs. Tweedie and Alfred Smith, Geo. W. Tenniman, grand warden of Boston, will be present and will give the three silk flags to the lodge. Each member can invite three guests. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Maud E. Riley of Gardner, deputy grand warden, will also be present.

Mrs. Lois E. Porter and daughter Gladys spent last week at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. W. H. Hill, at Keene, N. H.

For other Ayer news see pages one and four.

Lodge Presented with Flag.

At the regular communication of St. Paul lodge in June, T. E. Flarity, master, gave an account of the meeting of the grand lodge which he attended the week before in Boston, and gave an account of the presentation to the grand lodge of an American flag, which ceremony, he stated, was the most inspiring one he ever witnessed in a lodge room and expressed the wish that some day the Stars and Stripes might be made part of the working equipment of St. Paul lodge.

The suggestion was quickly taken up by the members and as a beautiful silk flag was purchased by the members, each contributing a small amount, and was presented at the meeting on Monday afternoon. It is a beautiful silk flag with woven stripes in the Government regulation size, 52x65 inches, with yellow silk fringe and a gilt cord. It is mounted on an eight-foot staff with waterproof covering and has a belt and shoulder straps for carrying on the street.

The presentation was made by Rev. George M. Howe, chaplain, of Groton, who spoke in substance as follows:

From the settlement of Jamestown in 1602, and Plymouth in 1620, the flag of England was the flag of the colonists. The king's color, however, which was all forts, castles and men-of-war, but the white ensign with the red cross was the flag of the people. The protest of the colonists against the unjust treatment which they received at the hands of the mother country led to the adoption of "Liberty Bells" in every colony.

In 1775 a flag was adopted by the colonists to mark their claim for securing by force, if necessary, their rights as Englishmen. On June 4, 1777, one year after the declaration of independence, the Continental Congress which consisted of thirteen members with thirteen stars, as a new constitution, symbolize the birth of a new nation.

During our entire history as a republic our flag has been the symbol of a country, not a personal standard of a king or potentate. It stands for us today as a symbol of an abstract idea, not as the sign of the power of any earthly ruler. It is, and ever has been, a national flag, not a personal standard.

This beautiful flag is something more than a thing made up of colored bits of cloth. It is the history of the nation in symbol and colors. The flag stands for the past history of a people, at least of that part of which they are especially proud. It stands for the truth they believe in; it stands for the principles which they profess. The rare combination of colors which go to make it the most beautiful flag in the world is of special significance to every Mason.

White stands for purity, a principle forcibly inculcated by the obligation which this noble order imposes upon all its members. Red symbolizes valor or color, an element of character which should be manifested by every loyal Mason as he engages in the affairs of daily life. The courage to stand and be counted when the principles of the order and its fundamental principles are attacked. Blue stands for fidelity. That spirit which enables a Mason to obey God's law as given in his holy word.

As Masons it is our duty, not only to honor the flag for what it represents, but to cherish a loyal devotion to the principles which it emphasizes and inculcates. Our faithful master we need to do this that we may keep alive the spirit of the free institutions which have made this republic great and potent and placed it in the forefront of the federation of the nations of the globe. And now, worshipful master, in presenting you this flag to be from this time forth displayed in this lodge room whenever we meet for work as a council, I trust it may ever prove an inspiration to those who gather here from time to time, to desire to be the highest type of American citizen.

May this glorious flag which symbolizes so much that is noblest and best in human thought, continue to float in the pure air of heaven, till the spirit of freedom and justice which it symbolizes dominates all parts of the habitable globe.

The acceptance of the gift in behalf of St. Paul lodge was made by T. E. Flarity, master, of Townsend, who spoke as follows: My worthy brother, in behalf of St. Paul lodge, I accept from your hands this beautiful flag as a gift from the members of the lodge and as evidence of their patriotic love of country and a desire to make the "Old Flag" part of the working equipment of the lodge. I know I voice the sentiments of the members of St. Paul lodge when I say Amen to the splendid thoughts and patriotic sentiments you have uttered.

One month ago when I expressed the wish that old St. Paul lodge might have Old Glory as part of the regular working equipment of the lodge, I did not realize that the members would take the matter up so promptly and respond so liberally, but my dream of last month is a reality to a day, and

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The \$1.00 value marked down to 77c 50c. value marked down to 35c One lot of Children's Wash Pants, 25c. value for 17c One lot of Boys' Khaki Pants, 50c. value for 35c

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AYER, MASS.

REMEMBER—We close TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY EVENINGS at 6.30 and at 12 o'clock noon on THURSDAYS during July and August

I say with all sincerity that no part of my work as master of this lodge has given me quite so much satisfaction as the privilege of standing here and accepting this beautiful flag. The late Senator George F. Hoar once paid this remarkable tribute to the flag: "I have seen the glories of art and architecture and of river and mountain. I have seen the sunset on the Jungfrau and the moon rise over Mount Blanc, but the fairest vision on which these eyes ever rested was the flag of my country in a foreign port. Beautiful as a flower to those who love it, terrible as a meteor to those who hate it—it is the symbol of the power and the glory and the honor of one hundred million Americans. Many of us have not been fortunate enough to see the flag in a foreign port, but every true Mason will subscribe to the noble sentiments of the great statesman. To the flag, the Old Glory, we consecrate these to the order of old St. Paul lodge. It is my order that you shall be present at every meeting of the lodge, and your beautiful stars and stripes may ever be an inspiration to our members to aspire to the highest and the noblest type of American citizenship. Let your presence attest the fact that Freemasonry stands to day, where it has always stood in the past, for righteousness and good government, and let me assure you that the members of this, the oldest and grandest fraternal organization on the face of the earth, will stand today as they stood in the early history of our country, when the great leaders of our grand old fraternity were the leaders in founding this grand American republic, shoulder to shoulder to uphold its glorious institutions and preserve your beautiful stars and stripes which have been consecrated by the life blood of so many thousands of our citizen soldiers.

The Flag Here comes the flag! Here comes the flag! Who dares to drag it? Give it hurrahs—Three for the stars, Three for the bars, Uncover your head to it! The soldiers who tread to it Shout at the sight of it. The justice and right of it, The unsullied white of it, The blue and red of it, And tyranny's dread of it. Here comes the flag. Cheer it! Valley and crag Shall hear it. Fathers shall bless it, Children careen it. All shall maintain it, No one shall stain it. Cheers for the sailors that fought on the wave for it, Cheers for the soldiers that always were brave for it, Tears for the men that went down to the grave for it. Here comes the flag! The exercises were closed by singing "America" and a salute to the flag by all the brothers.

Clippings. The engagement is announced of John A. Hart, proprietor of the Chickering hotel, and Miss Bertha Skelley, both of Putnam, Conn. They will be married at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skelley, in Norwich, Conn., in November by Rev. Fr. O'Reilly. Following the ceremony a reception will be held at the Chickering. Mr. Hart has made

many friends in Putnam by a disposition which is invariably good natured. He has the best wishes of all who know him. Mr. Hart is a former resident of this town and a recent proprietor of the Union house in Ayer. The ceremony of blessing a statue of St. Joseph and child took place at St. Bridget's church, Amherst, recently. The statue is a gift of John A. Hart of Putnam, Conn., formerly of Amherst, in memory of his wife, Mrs. Ellen M. Hart, who died recently.

Round Up. Chief of Police Beatty and Constables, Lyman J. Taylor, John M. Wallace and James H. O'Connell, rounded up six hoboes on East Main street shortly after six o'clock Monday evening. Complaints had reached the chief a short time before of the suspicious actions of the party and preparations for their capture were begun. The party dispersed and ran in all directions when the officers appeared in sight, but they were all finally captured after a short flight. They were taken to the police station, where the night was spent. They gave their names as Joseph Laine Perigny of Boston, John McDonald and Paul Murphy of Stoneham and Russell H. Lane of Medford. Each was examined separately while the remainder were excluded from the court room Tuesday morning in order to get the truth of their stories regarding their being here. The testimony varied a good deal in some of the cases, while the others agreed fairly well. Murphy, Lane and

their way to Ayer to get a job on the state road and had come directly here from their homes for that purpose. Flynn and Laine were the smallest and youngest in the bunch and appeared more fit for the kindergarten school than for the road looking for work. The oldest of the party was but twenty-one years of age. Their cases were placed on file.

Sandy Pond. The following are those occupying cottages at Sandy pond, the occupants being from Ayer unless otherwise noted: Dr. Clement Frechette and family, of Leominster, at the Taft cottage; Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Fletcher, at the Fletcher cottage; Mrs. Ingalls and daughter, of Boston, at Ladd's cottage; Walter A. Blodgett, John H. Hooley, Frank E. Griffin, and R. L. Hastings of South Acton, at the McNerny cottage; Chester Newell and sister, of Stoneham, at Camp Shady Nook; George L. Wilson and family, of Boston, at the Donlon cottage; Charles W. Helen and Emma Kinney at G. E. Remick's cottage; Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Richardson and son Edward, of Mansfield, at his cottage; F. D. Woodbridge and wife, of Somerville, at O. K. Pierce's new cottage; Dr. and Mrs. Wylie at their cottage; George G. Puffer and daughter Mabel at their cottage; Mrs. Ellis Z. Nutting and son Wendell, of Brooklyn, N. Y. at the Nutting cottage; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Greene and son Ray, of Dorchester, at Sesame lodge; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Proctor and family at McDonald said that they were on

the Proctor cottage; Mr. and Mrs. William U. Sherwin and family at the Sherwin cottage; A. J. Clough and family, of Groton, at the Bruce cottage; William Brown and family at their cottage; O. K. Pierce and his sister, Mrs. Lucile E. Richardson, at Fairview cottage; Miss Fannie E. Woods, of Groton, and Carol Pierce at Frank S. Pierce's cottage; George Waterhouse and family at the Birches, A. E. Lawrence's cottage.

A Former Ayer Boy.

Frank Leon Smith, of New York, has been visiting his parents in Everett, and returned last week to correct the final proofs on a story he has lately written in collaboration with James Shelley Hamilton. This story will appear soon in Everybody's magazine. Frank has recently had an operation on his nose for the removal of polypus growth and a section of bone, which obstructed the nasal passage. This was probably caused by a fall when he was a pupil in the Ayer schools, and when his left arm was in a plaster cast from fracture, although his breathing was not affected until more recent years. However, the specialist has successfully treated the trouble and Frank is much benefited in health. He has been invited to go to Northern New York in a few weeks to look on and perhaps take part in the staging of Cooper's novel, "The Last of the Mohicans," for moving picture films. In the early winter he hopes to take a trip abroad and incidentally gather material and local color for future stories.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. George Pomfret, of Waverley, with two sons, spent over Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

M. J. Johnson, of Boston, spent over Sunday in town with his family. Miss Leona Lee is spending a three-weeks' vacation at Lindenville, N. H.

Miss Lillian Jones, of Lynn, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albe Annis.

Alfred Felch, of Harvard road, has gone to the home of his sister, Mrs. Edwin Smith, at Plainfield, N. J., for a few weeks' vacation.

Harry and Gladys Annis, in company with Miss Sarah Stevenson, who are spending a three-weeks' vacation with relatives in Malden, are expected home the latter part of this week.

Miss Hattie Westmoreland, of Oklahoma, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Louise Livermore, of Chapel street.

Miss Lillian Jones, of Lynn, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Albe Annis.

The Congregational church picnic which was held at Whalom Park on last Saturday was a most enjoyable event, about 120 attending. Dinner was served at twelve o'clock and the day was ideal in every way.

Ernest Thoss arrived in New York the latter part of last week from Germany on board the SS. Imperator of the Hamburg-American line, and came direct to Shirley to pay a visit to his uncle, August Buckheim, caretaker of the Holiday house, Lancaster road. He is planning to go to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to obtain employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Peavar, of Swampscott, with their daughter Ruth, arrived last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, parents of Mrs. Peavar, returning home on Monday morning. They made the trip in their automobile.

The Congregational church will hold its last service on Sunday prior to closing for the month of August. The pastor will preach in the morning at 10.45. Regular C. E. meeting in the vestry at seven in the evening.

Miss Lena Tewksbury left town on Thursday for a week's visit with friends in Gloucester.

Miss Flora Shephard assisted for a few days this week in the office of the Shirley Electric Light Company.

St. Anthony's church will hold its picnic on Saturday, August 1, on the church grounds. Music and games with numerous attractions for old and young will be the order of the day. Refreshments will be on sale.

Laura Sideleau, nine years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sideleau, of Fredonian street, is confined to her home with diphtheria.

Paul Chartier, of Holyoke, who is visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Credic, of Fredonian street, is confined to the house with diphtheria.

The young people of the Baptist church will hold a lawn social on the church grounds on Saturday evening of this week. Ice cream, candy and cold drinks will be on sale. If stormy will return to the vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lloyd Allen, of Boston, are spending this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen, of Harvard road. They will then go to their cottage at Scituate Beach for the remainder of the summer.

Charles H. McCarthy, proprietor of the Shirley Cash Market, spent a few days the first of the week at Winthrop Beach.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting on Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. G. E. Woodman and family leave town the first of next week for Northfield, where they will spend the month of August at a camp. Mr. Woodman has paid strict attention to his church duties during the past year and has worked hard to make the services attractive and interesting, and has preached some very strong, and helpful sermons. The stereopticon lectures have been a new feature that has been immensely enjoyed by the parishioners that he will enjoy his vacation and return home fully rested and able to cope with the demands of another year.

Mrs. Shipley W. Ricker, of New York city, has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hais, for a few weeks' vacation.

Miss Mary Wilson entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home on Thursday afternoon, games being played and refreshments served.

Mrs. Isaac B. Nelson, with daughter Ruth, has gone to visit friends in Florida for two weeks. Mr. Nelson is instructor of carpentry at the State school.

A fishing trip down the harbor of Swampscott is being arranged by J. Albert Dearden and Arthur H. Jubb to take place on August 15. A motor truck will convey the party of about forty from Shirley at five o'clock in the morning and will return to town about eight in the evening. A fishing sloop has been engaged and will be manned by competent skipper. Fish chowder will be provided on the boat at the noon hour; also, lines and bait. A healthy day's outing is being anticipated by the party who are looking forward to the day with much pleasure.

Funeral. The funeral of Michael J. McGinnis, a former well-known resident of this town, took place last week Friday from the home of his sister, Mrs. Frederick Harvey, Franklin street, Ansonia, Conn. A large number attended the funeral including delegations from the Eagles and Owls, of which the deceased was a member. Beautiful floral tributes including offerings from Ansonia Aerie of Eagles, Ansonia Nest of Owls, shopmates of Mr. McGinnis in the Osborne & Cheesman Company mill, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harvey, John Harvey, Mrs. W. R. Boynton, Mrs. Oswald Ulrich and Mrs. John Daly. Services were held at the church of the Assumption, where Rev. Mr. Brennan officiated at a high mass of requiem. Prof. Barry presided at the organ. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ansonia. The pall bearers were George W. Larkin, William J. Maloney and Joseph J. Hickey, from the Eagles, and Patrick Sullivan, Michael Fitzgerald and James Sheehan, from the Owls.

Mr. McGinnis a week previous to his death went from his home in Ansonia to visit friends in New Haven, where he was taken suddenly ill. He was removed to the New Haven hospital, where he died.

The survivors are a mother, Mrs. Catherine McGinnis, and a sister, Mrs. Frederick Harvey, both of Ansonia, Conn., and a wife, three sons and two daughters, who are Joseph William, Edie, Katie and Helen McGinnis, all of Shirley.

The deceased was employed for

many years in the factory of the C. A. Edgerton Co. Shirley and was a splendid workman, generous and kindly in disposition and was a man well informed in current events and attended strictly to his own business. He was ever ready to assist a neighbor or friend when opportunity offered.

Center. Miss Minnie Campbell, of Brookline, is visiting Miss Jennie Johnson of the home of Rev. H. A. Bridgman on Center road.

Dorothy and Norma Adams, of Roxbury, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Mrs. C. H. Ferguson, of Boston, visited her sister, Mrs. Cynthia E. Lynch, recently. Mrs. Ferguson sailed on Tuesday on the Atlantic for London, where she will be the guest of Madame Randegger, widow of the late Alberto Randegger, a famous teacher of singing and a close friend and competitor of Verdi. Mrs. Ferguson will make a tour of the lakes through Scotland.

Miss Elsie Kirby is quite ill and confined to her home with an attack of heart trouble.

Ralph Bailey, of Waltham, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed.

It is reported that Miss Mary McCusker, of Waltham, will return in the fall as teacher of the grammar grades at the Center school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed took an automobile trip to Jaffrey, N. H., last Saturday, where Miriam Goodspeed has been spending a few days with Mildred Harrison.

Raymond Bradford, of Boston, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bradford.

A party consisting of Charlie Longley, Miss Marrette Longley, Miss Edith Longley, Kenneth and Eleanor Longley took an automobile trip on Sunday on a tour of the various points of historical interest.

Mrs. John C. Ayers is confined to her home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves went on the excursion from Ayer to Lake Winnepesaukee on Wednesday.

Lester G. Holden is spending a few days in Lenox with his sister, Mrs. Clifton Derby.

Miss Dora Burnham returned to her summer home at Woodsville this week after spending a week in Revere.

The Massachusetts State Grange has arranged the following field days for the coming week: July 23, Worcester-Pomona; July 29, Middlesex-Worcester-Pomona at Ayer town park; July 30, Middlesex-North Pomona, Tyngsboro, with Warren Sherburn; July 31, Worcester-Norfolk-Pomona, Mendon with Moses G. C. Kill, Crutcher I. Hampshire-Pomona, Amherst, at the M. C. Among the speakers who are to be present at these meetings are Gov. David I. Walsh, Congressman Calvin D. Faigle, Dr. Richard C. Hildreth, secretary of Health, Wilfred Wheeler, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, Oliver Wilson, of Illinois, master of the National Grange, W. F. Gaunt of New Jersey, lecturer of the National Grange.

Rev. Francis E. Webster gave an excellent address at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon and will occupy the pulpit again on Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Mr. Webster is a very able speaker and his subjects are such as should prove of practical interest to everyone. It is hoped that all who can will take advantage of the opportunity to hear Mr. Webster, who will conduct the services at the chapel during July and August, assisted by Robert J. Evans.

Mrs. Woodhead, who is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, is seriously ill. She is under the care of Dr. Bulkeley, of Ayer.

Mrs. H. B. Sweetser returned home on Tuesday after spending a few days with her daughters, Misses F. M. and Priscilla Sweetser, who are at Weymouth for the month.

Rev. Arthur G. Singen, who is supplying the pulpit of the First Parish church, will preach on Sunday morning, July 26, at 11.15, on the subject "Loyalty to Ideals."

LUNENBURG.

News Items. Last Sunday evening a simple memorial service was observed in the celebration of the 110th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist church of Lunenburg. A brief history of the church which occurred in 1804, when Rev. Joshua Crowell was the pastor, was given by Rev. Alfred Noon, the present pastor, in which he related that the first church building was on a lot on the Northfield road, opposite the site of the present church. Some of the foundation stones are still lying there. Mr. Noon then read letters from former pastors or their descendants since 1853. They were filled with most interesting reminiscences of the event which occurred in 1804.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning Rev. Mary L. Moreland occupied the pulpit by invitation of the pastor, Rev. Robert A. Bryant. She gave a most interesting sermon upon "The greater vision." She called particular attention to the very important words of the text "watch, tower, vision," and from the explanation given, showing her hearers how to obtain "the greater vision of the Christ." Everyone was greatly interested and all will be glad to hear her as often as opportunity offers. In the evening she gave a short talk before the C. E. society.

The W. C. T. U. held an open-air meeting in the grove of Whalom Park on last week Thursday afternoon. Basket lunch and lemonade were served, after which all attended a very interesting address by Mrs. Hattie E. Sawyer, of Clinton, and county president of Worcester-North, upon topics of the day, temperance posters and the importance of wearing the badge, the white ribbon bow.

Mrs. Gertrude (Cook) Reed and daughter Dorothy, of Newark, N. J., came on Monday to spend Old Home Week with her sister, Mrs. J. Phillip Gilchrist, and renew acquaintance with old friends and former neighbors in town.

A son weighing 7 1/2 pounds was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Callum on last Sunday morning. Mother and son are reported as doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Saunders are at their summer home on the E. H. Cate farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilchrist are at their camp in the north part of the town for their vacation and recuperation.

Hiram Houghton is visiting and travelling in Nova Scotia and Ayer

ing the pleasant weather, the beautiful scenery and the fine fishing.

Old Home Week. Old Home Week begins on Sunday, July 26, with union service in the Methodist church in the morning at 10.45.

Rev. Frank G. Potter, a former pastor of the Methodist church here, but now of Allston, will be the speaker. Singing will be by the choirs from both churches. Two of the selections will be "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," by H. W. Fairbanks, and "Come to our hearts and abide," by J. C. Macy.

At three o'clock in the afternoon there will be a union service on the common with address by Atty. Gen. Thomas W. Boynton, of Everett. Music by Lunenburg Military band.

At seven in the evening there will be a union service in the Congregational church with addresses by Rev. Clement E. Holmes, of Westfield, and Rev. David Wallace, of Westford, both former pastors here of the Methodist and Congregational churches, respectively. Singing by combined choirs, "Magnificat in F," by Edmund Turner, and "I was glad when they said unto me," F. J. Lynde.

Old Home Day comes on July 29, the day we celebrate, when the mother town gladly welcomes all her children home. At ten in the morning there will be a game of baseball on the new ballground in Marshall park between the Lunenburg A. A. and the Westminster Stars. At 10.30, reception and registration of visitors in the selectmen's room in the town hall. From twelve to one o'clock lunch will be served in the lower town hall to which all are invited.

At one o'clock exercises will begin in the Congregational church with the following program: (a) Hurrah for Old New England (b) song main

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From one to five there will be an exhibition of school work in all grades in the Center school building, in charge of teachers of the schools.

At two o'clock a second ball game will be played in Marshall park between the Lunenburg A. A. and Westminster Stars. At three o'clock, industrial parade, Emerson W. Baker, chief marshal, headed by Lunenburg Military band. At four o'clock athletic sports, three prizes for each event: Open to all persons over fifteen years of age, running high jump, running broad jump, 100-yd. dash and shot-put; open to all under fifteen, running high jump, running broad jump, throwing baseball; open to girls, throwing baseball.

At five o'clock a banquet will be held in the town hall. C. H. Kenney, of Fitchburg, catered tickets fifty cents. After the banquet there will be short speeches by Lieut. Gov. Edward P. Barry, of Boston, Congressman Calvin D. Paige and others.

At eight in the evening, concert by the Military band on the common.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. About a week or so ago a two-year-old heifer belonging to George Betterley was thought to have strayed from a pasture in the north part of the town. Mr. Betterley spent several days looking for her and on Sunday forenoon was discovered in the spring in the pasture. She had not been drowned, but was fast in the mud and showed she had made a great effort to get out, but could not do so and was found dead. She was a valuable animal and it is regretted that Mr. Betterley has lost within a short time. The first one has never been heard from.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf, of Leominster, Mass., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall.

The youngest son of Mr. Bartlett had the misfortune while playing near the store to fall and dislocate the bones of the elbow last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Needham, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham of Milford, and Joseph Swett, of Londen, Mass., have been recent guests of Mrs. Ellen Swett.

Cards and catalogues have been received from Alfred J. Cox of the Poland Springs house in Maine by his Brookline friends.

Last Saturday morning a severe electric shower passed over the town, lasting from two to three o'clock. The shower was attended by vivid lightning and heavy thunder. Many of the street lights in the west part of the town were put out of commission.

On July 8 a little daughter was welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fessenden.

On July 18 a little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Elliott.

Mrs. Emma (Boutwell) Greenleaf, of Leominster, while visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall, enjoyed calling on many old friends and schoolmates, some of whom she had not seen for years.

Mrs. Bell Gould is stopping for the present with Mrs. J. N. Seaver at Milford.

James Fessenden enjoyed his favorite sport, fishing on Monday at the lake, returning to Newton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lizzie Shattuck, Miss Lillian Shattuck and George Christopher of Medford, Mass., and Mrs. George Brown, of Townsend, are guests this week of Mrs. Nellie Gilson and son James on the Milford road.

Mrs. Foss, Miss Doris Nye and others are at the home of George Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stanley are at Swampscott, Mass., visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Nancy J. Daniels left town last Saturday with her son Wilbur to visit with him at his home in Sedgwick, Me.

Entertained. Thursday, July 16, by special invitation Mrs. Nancy J. Daniels, Mrs. Authena Campbell and Mrs. Augusta Gould of this town, and Mrs. Mary F. Barber of Townsend, Hill were entertained by their brother, James Fessenden, at his home in Newton, Mass.

Early in the morning Eldora Fessenden, a grandnephew of the party, came with Mr. Fessenden's large auto to the home of Mrs. Bell Fessenden, a niece and Miss Blanche Fessenden, grandniece, were also of the party. They enjoyed the ride very much, for it was an ideal day. At Concord, Mass., a short time was enjoyed in visiting historic places, after which they continued on to Newton, arriving there about noon. After dinner the guests were shown over the buildings of the Fessenden school and the grounds. A rest and social time with lunch on the broad veranda and the ride to the railroad station at Waltham where they took the train for home concluded a day of great enjoyment for the guests.

HOLLIS, N. H. News Items.

Edward H. Stearns, field secretary of the ministers' and widows' fund, spoke before the church last Sunday. He made an urgent appeal for the cause.

Hollis Woman's club held its annual picnic at Flint's pond on Wednesday. Quite a goodly number attended and report a fine time. The ladies are very busy getting ready for their sale early in August. Their fancy work and useful articles will be on sale.

Miss Clara Smith's Sunday school class enjoyed their annual picnic at Canobie Lake grove last Tuesday. They all had a splendid time, the thunder shower causing them very little discomfort.

A play, "A daughter of the desert," a western drama in four acts, was given for the benefit of the baseball team last week Friday evening. A dance followed until one o'clock.

The repairs on the church are progressing slowly. The pastor is expected home this week.

About Town. Miss Grace Laird, of Worcester, Mass., formerly of this town, has been the guest of Miss Dora Lovejoy the past week.

O. L. Eaton's household goods were moved to Nashua on Wednesday by an auto truck. Mr. Eaton has bought a house on Kinley street.

Mrs. A. F. Hildreth and little son are visiting with her parents in Francestown.

Miss Lena Ladd enjoyed a few days the past week at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ladd, and left on Thursday for a few days at Hampton Beach.

Mrs. Annie Grant has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mayo.

A band of gypsies camped at Witches' Spring one night this week while on their way to Milford.

Miss Bertha Hayden has been spending the week at Marblehead, Mass.

Miss Helen Hazard is spending her vacation with Dr. G. S. Hazard and family.

William T. MacMaster is painting Mrs. Lucy Perry's buildings in North Pepperell.

Graham Blood, who was operated on for appendicitis, has been doing very nicely and expects to come home soon.

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The lower rim of the sun rested on the edge of the horizon, a huge orange ball against the background of copper red sky.

Nancy Barton watched it slowly sink below the flat Texas plain until all at once it was gone and the weird twilight was about her.

With a little sigh she turned her horse to the low hills that bounded the northeast. Her black Judy skimmed over the ground with velvet feet, and the passage of the graceful girl and the beautiful animal were almost like shadows fleeing before the light western breeze.

Then as they passed into the deep gloom of a walnut grove Nancy heard rough voices in discussion. For a moment her heart thrilled with terror, for the Barton ranch was very near the Mexican border, and in these uncertain days there was a growing spirit of lawlessness among the rough characters that invested the neighborhood.

The voices came from a little hollow on the left of the trail, and Nancy was glad of the protection afforded by the great trees that surrounded her.

She pulled Judy to a standstill and listened sharply.

Five minutes afterward she had emerged from the grove and was tearing down the trail toward home.

Her appearance in the yard brought her father into the porch and the cook into the doorway of the bunk house.

"That you, Nan?" cried her father relievedly. "I've been wild about you for the last hour. I know you can take care of yourself, but remember what I told you about staying out after dark. Why, what is it, child? You are trembling." Mr. Barton lifted the girl from the saddle, and she sank limply on to the steps.

"You no see men, Miss Nancy?" shrieked Hep Loo across the yard. He waved a spoon toward his waiting supper table in the bunk house.

"They will come later, Hep Loo," said Nancy faintly, and as the Chinaman returned muttering to his kitchen she said to her father: "Dad, what shall we do? I came home through the grove, and I overheard our men here plotting to burn the ranch and run the cattle across the border."

"You are sure, daughter?" demanded Barton sharply, for he had trusted his cowboys to a man.

"Yes, I heard all their voices. Singsong Pete seemed to be the leader. It is planned for tonight."

"I wonder if they are coming back to supper," mused Barton.

"No, they planned the raid, and after it is accomplished they are to rush in and appear to rescue me. Oh, dad, they said they would finish you, and you know what that means—and—"

Nancy's voice broke a little, and her father knew that when his brave daughter's courage wavered there was danger indeed, and he guessed that she had not told him all she had overheard.

"We need help. How shall we get it?" he muttered.

"Let me go, father. I am safer riding than I am here," she shuddered.

"Where will you go, child? You could never ride to Fenby's in time, and—"

"I will go and get Roger Dare," said Nancy.

Mr. Barton started.

"Roger Dare?" he repeated. "He would never come after the way I treated him. I can't expect it. No man with red blood in him would do it."

"Roger would do it, dad," said Nancy quietly. "Just because he has got red blood in his veins helps he forgive an injury and help. He's a man!"

Barton stared down at the girl.

"Nancy! I believe—I believe you really did care!" He stopped short as Nan lifted her gloved hand.

"Dad, you can believe almost anything of a foolish girl," she whispered. "Give me a cup of tea and let me go. They are cowards, and they will not shoot me if I run across the gang, but I will go the lower trail if it will lessen your anxiety. You and Hep Loo remain in the house and protect the place." Nancy arose and ran into the house, where Aunt Hepsy, the stout negress, was waiting impatiently to serve supper.

Nancy drank a cup of tea and ate a few mouthfuls of food; then, with a last close embrace from her father, who had protested even while he saw that her pistols were loaded and that Judy was ready at the door, she swung into the saddle and vanished into the night.

Then James Barton worked swiftly. Within an hour the house was closely shuttered and loaded weapons placed at all the upper windows.

Silence fell over the ranch. Hepsy lumbered uneasily about her room, while Barton, kneeling in an upper window, watched the entrances by which the enemy might be expected. While he waited he thought of Nancy dying for help and asking Roger Dare, of all men!

In the darkness Barton blushed. When Roger Dare had first come to the cattle country the finger of suspicion had pointed heavily at him in a

very dubious transaction. Barton had been one of his most relentless accusers; he had really believed the man guilty. There had been a lynching stopped at the critical instant by news of the capture of the guilty man, and Roger had been set free, but his stern attitude toward his accusers had told them that he had not forgotten the insult and injury their unjust accusations had brought upon him.

James Barton had made handsome apology for the injustice, and in more ways than one had he been of service to the young rancher, but quite unknown to Roger, for it is probable that stern young man might have refused the aid that came from unknown sources. Then Barton's contrition had an added bitterness, for Roger had fallen promptly in love with Nancy, and there might have been a romance there on the Texas plain had not the unfortunate affair come up to blight it in the bud.

Now, this very evening Barton had discovered something in Nancy's tone that betrayed her secret. She loved Roger after all. That was what had worn upon her during the past year, although she had maintained her cheerful demeanor. He swore softly under his breath as he thought of how he had fallen after all to make his motherless daughter entirely happy, and that was all he lived for.

So James Barton waited for the enemy to come and burn his home, if they could, but his thoughts traveled side by side with the gallant young form speeding through the night surrounded by unseen dangers.

The lower trail led away from the chestnut grove and its concealed plotters. The trail skirted the foot of a hill and then followed the dry bed of Cinder creek, plunged through the narrow confines of Cinder canyon and emerged on Roger Dare's north range.

Nancy Barton, leaning low in the saddle, rode the miles unflinchingly. Her pride must suffer in going to Roger Dare for help. But what mattered? She thought of her brave, gray haired father standing off the crowd of desperadoes single handed, and she spurred Judy to greater effort.

The stones rattled in the dry bed of the creek, and then the dark plunge through the little canyon was accomplished with heaven only knows what hairbreadth escapes from death or disaster, and then Judy's feet pounded over the grass of Roger Dare's land.

A dog barked in the distance, a light flared in a window, other lights sprang out around the house, and when Nancy arrived on the almost winded mare she was at once surrounded by a circle of excited men, with Roger Dare in their midst.

"What has happened?" asked Roger, his hand on Judy's neck.

In a few broken words Nancy told him, and then, reeling in the saddle, she murmured:

"I'm not going to faint. I never fainted in my life." And she straightway proceeded to drop into Roger's outstretched arms.

"She has fainted away," said Roger as he laid her on a sofa in the sitting room. "Eliza," turning to his grim featured housekeeper, "there is trouble at the Barton ranch, and I must go, but watch over Nancy. You will know what to do, and guard her as you would your own child. Ben and Gallagher will remain with you."

With a last glance at the sweet, pale face on the pillow, Roger turned and rushed out into the yard, where his men were piling on to their horses. In a moment twenty of them were flying toward Cinder canyon, and the disgruntled Gallagher and his companion were left behind.

Long afterward old Hepsy tried to describe the battle of Barton's ranch, but words were inadequate.

"Lawdy, chile," she told her listener, "I jest wish you could've been here and seen how Marse Barton plinged dem snakes wid his gun, and right in de midst of it dere was a rarin' shout from de lower gate, and I declar' if Marse Roger Dare and his men didn't come skychootin' erlong, and—well, de war ended right off! Marse Roger and de rest of 'em jes driv dat Singsong Pete and de odder snakes clean off de place, and I heards dey went ovah de border inter Mexico, and a good place for 'em, too, wid de greasers! Uh, huh! Marse Roger am sure a brave man, but he ain't no braver den Marse Barton—no, suh!"

Roger Dare, coming back from that wild chase over the border in pursuit of Singsong Pete and his band, rode into the Barton yard and met Barton's hearty hand clasp with one equally warm. No one heard the few words they uttered as they stood there side by side, but that very instant the feud between them died.

There was a light patter of hoofs at the gate, and Nancy came riding in on Judy. The girl, her face now pale and rosy, slipped from the saddle and looked from her father to Roger Dare.

"I am so glad you are safe—safe, father," she sobbed, clinging to Barton. "I told you he would come!"

"Yes, darling," smiled Barton over her sunny head. "He has come, indeed, and he tells me that he has come to stay!"

Nancy was silent for awhile, and then she timidly put a hand toward Roger, her eyes still hidden on her father's sleeve. And when she lifted her eyes at last and looked shyly around she found herself standing hand in hand with her father and Roger Dare.

And Aunt Hepsy, who was an interested observer of this scene, was scandalized to hear her master exclaim: "Well, we can thank Singsong Pete for this!" and Roger's happy answer: "Heaven bless Singsong Pete!"

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of CHARLES T. SAVAGE, late of Harvard in said County, deceased:

Whereas, CHARLES P. ATHERTON the trustee under the will of said deceased is hereby cited to appear at the first to the fifteenth and final accounts inclusive of his trust under said will, Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the twenty-eighth day of July A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the trusts under the will of CHARLES T. SAVAGE, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Harvard, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3144 HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the trusts under the will of GEORGE HOUGHTON late of Harvard in said County:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the twenty-eighth day of July A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said trustee is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3144 HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

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