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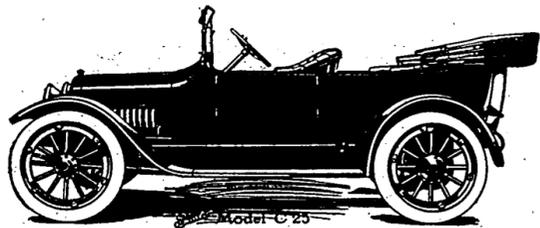
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BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
A corn social was held in the church vestry last week Thursday evening. A fine supper, beginning with corn chowder, followed by scalloped corn and various other forms with pie, cake and coffee as dessert was served early in the evening. After this Miss Helen Reed, of West Acton, gave several readings very acceptable to the audience and Margaret Downes, Hazel Morse and Maria Steele furnished several musical selections.

Our new teachers are located in the following order: Miss Neudeck with Mrs. John Whitcomb, Misses Hilton and Sprague with Mrs. Richardson, Miss Sparrow at Mrs. Mead's.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Sherry on the birth of a son last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Michael Griffin was brought home from the hospital last week and is in a very critical condition.

This week finds many of our young people leaving for school either as

teachers or pupils. Miss Annie Sherry returns to Millis, Miss Katherine Sherry to Stonington, Conn., the Misses Viets to Newton, Miss Sara Richardson to Spencer, Mabel Wetherbee, Ann Coffey and Elsie Graves are attending a trade school in Boston. Lucy Wetherbee goes to Harvard.

The fair and the holiday brought us many visitors, the Davidson family of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Clinton at William Withington's, Daniel Wetherbee and Albert Marble's family of Worcester and Samuel Wetherbee of Waltham at Walnut farm, Mrs. John Hager and daughter of Somerville and May Alice Hager of Clinton at the Hager homestead, Mrs. Ella Timothy and daughter Nellie of Clinton at Mrs. Albert Walker's, Mrs. Benjamin Mead of Ayer and Mrs. Frank Dodge of Waverley at Mrs. Edgar Mead's, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson and son of Charlestown at Mrs. C. B. Robbins'.

Gus Wetherbee, our champion apple picker and genial townsman, is back from Warner, N. H., where he has spent the summer.

Mrs. Edith Turner and family returned to Waltham on Tuesday. They

have had a very pleasant summer at Bide-a-Wee cottage and hope to return another season.

Miss Mabel Lawrence is spending the week with her sister, and Edgar Littlefield attended the armory dance in Hudson on Monday evening.

The Woman's Missionary Circle met at Mrs. John Whitcomb's on Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were chosen: Mrs. F. H. Viets, pres.; Mrs. E. C. Steele, sec.; Mrs. Albert Walker, treas. Mrs. Ralph Whitcomb played a piano solo and Maria Steele sang. Refreshments were served.

Albert Littlefield and family attended the funeral of Mr. Hemlinway, Mrs. Littlefield's father, at Framingham on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Hemlinway was well-known here through his frequent visits to his daughter, and all of last winter was spent here. He was apparently in the best of health until the sudden attack last week Friday which terminated in death on Tuesday afternoon.

Wheelock Barteaux and Charles Taylor, of Acton Center, and Edgar Barteaux and family, of Littleton, were week-end guests of Harry Barteaux, of Bernardston, going in an auto.

H. P. Barteaux and Clifford recently spent a week in Littleton with friends and relatives.

A Successful Affair.

The members of the Library association are feeling very much elated over the success of the old home fair held last Saturday afternoon and evening. Two hundred postals were sent to former residents requesting a small souvenir to be placed in the remembrance table. The response was prompt and practical and as a result the table was loaded with useful and beautiful articles which found ready purchasers, several living at a distance sending checks. The home products table was also a center of attraction and the garden produce and home-made articles were quickly sold. A fine leather bag, presented by Arthur Brown, was drawn by Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, and a handsome man, given by C. H. Mead, was won at auction and bought by Mr. Shedd, of Littleton. The Nashobah male quartet gave great satisfaction in the evening and the concert by the Crescent orchestra, with Hugh Connor as solo singer, was most enjoyable. The prizes for speaking in the afternoon were awarded to Katherine Graves and Ina Wetherbee 1st, Priscilla Hager and Burpee Steele 2d.

One of the pleasant features was the encouraging and cordial letters sent by our friends and we cannot refrain from mentioning the continued help and interest of one large and influential family who were here to a neighboring town many years ago, but are always ready to give a helping hand to any good cause and who are welcome visitors at all times. The proceeds of the fair will cancel the debt, but leaves a margin for further improvements.

TOWNSEND.

Center.
A large crowd of home-comers enjoyed the holiday and week-end in town and together with the departing teachers and students who left after the holiday made the depot platform seem like a city one.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Clem entertained a party of friends who came by automobile for Labor day.

A party of relatives and friends from Jamaica Plain, who have been in Brookline, N. H., made an automobile call from Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Marshall on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith are enjoying an auto trip and visiting near Nelson, N. H.

The topic for the morning service at the Congregational church on Sunday will be "The man at the gate," by the pastor. The subject for the evening meeting will be "What is a good education?" Park Struthers was to have led the meeting, but has returned to Providence, R. I., and will be engaged in research work at Block Island in connection with his studies.

Miss Margaret Struthers and Hattie Smith, of this town, have both left for Fairhaven, where they are to teach this season.

Earl Bohanon, of Cleveland, Ohio, arrived in town this week on account of the critical illness of his mother, Mrs. John Hildreth.

West.
Miss Caroline Conway of Salem is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester of Josselynville.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society will meet in the vestry at two o'clock next Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Bernice Drusilla Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell, of Josselynville, and Alvin Harrison King of this village were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage Monday evening, September 7, by Rev. Joseph McKean. Mr. King is employed by Clarence Stuckney in Josselynville and the happy couple will reside there, having rooms for the present at the home of Mrs. Winfield Upton and boarding with Mrs. LeClair.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE—This Store will be closed every Thursday at 12 o'clock noon until September 10. Store open on Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Geo. H. Brown

Sumner Lawrence of Concord, N. H., has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles B. Slickney, for a few days this week.

The Ladies' Liberal Aid society held its first meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Elbridge Haggood on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance.

Charles Wyman passed away at his new home on Bayberry hill Wednesday afternoon, after a lingering illness of heart disease.

George Adams has returned from a visit to Detroit, Mich., where he attended the G. A. R. encampment and visited many old friends, it being his home for several years in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jewett, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Walker, have returned to their home in Laconia.

Rev. Joseph McKean will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning on the topic, "Shining lights" and in the evening his subject will be, "A wordly maxim reversed."

Miss Lettie Hobart and the child she has the care of, Gilbert Moore, who have been spending several weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. William Robbins, have returned to their home in Boston.

Harbor.
Roland H. Spaulding, republican candidate for governor of New Hampshire, was a guest on Monday of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Josselyn.

Mrs. Sadie Austin, of Cambridge, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Vera Austin, and granddaughter, Miss Mona Fraleigh, were over Sunday guests at Sachem Villa.

The funeral of Mrs. Babcock, of this village, was held at Harbor Hall on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. L. Struthers of the Congregational church officiating.

On Friday evening, September 4, the marriage of Ralph Blake and Miss Mary Bowfield took place in North Adams, the home of the bride. After a week's sojourn at Marblehead, Mr. and Mrs. Blake will occupy their new home at the Cape, where Mr. Blake is overseer of the Dr. Peters estate.

For many weeks the home of Miss Mary J. Taylor has been in the hands of the carpenter, paper hanger and painter. As a result the house, both inside and out is in thorough repair, and the addition of a canopy and

veranda has added materially to the attractiveness of the building. Among other improvements a new range has been installed in the kitchen. The finishing touch was added a few days ago when a neat sign bearing the legend Elmbank Cottage was placed above the piazza.

The estate at the Cape known as the Old Homestead, and lately occupied by Fred Taft and family, was bought this week by Miss Hester Burdett. Until within eight or ten years this place has always been occupied by members or descendants of the Pierce family. The recent purchaser, although not a descendant, is related to the above mentioned family, being grandniece of Mrs. Jonathan Pierce, well remembered in this vicinity. Mrs. Burdett proposes to make several improvements about the house, including the installation of heat and bath, Stephen Gilson and family will accompany the Burdetts to their new home.

Gilman Conant and Howard Doran attended the Rockingham fair last Saturday.

There has been an exodus of school teachers from this vicinity this week.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.
Mrs. Robinson Crusse was operated on at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, the past week, and a tumor was removed.

The schools all commenced the fall term on Tuesday morning, Mr. Woodbury, of Nashua, is principal in the high school and Miss Lou Dutton is assistant. Mrs. L. Clarke of this town has the grammar, Miss Lucinda Read the intermediate and Miss Annie B. Newton the primary.

At the next meeting of Hollis Grange, Tuesday evening, September 15, members of the Grange will discuss the following question on both sides: "Would the establishing of a rural credit system work to the advantage of the farmer?" It is also expected that there will be a speaker present at this meeting to address the Grange, and also a reading by Lillian Lovejoy. The following program is to be presented: Recitation, Mrs. Abbie M. Willoby; reading, Evelyn L. Marshall; vocal solo, Wilbur L. Brown; monologue, Mrs. Ralph C. Herlick; music, Lillian Keyes.

William E. Lund has retired from the fish business. No one as yet has taken up the business.

Harry Strong spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strong returning to Waltham on Monday. He had just come from Vermont, where he had spent a two-weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Flora Ord was at home for the week-end.

Hollis Grange will neighbor with Pepperell Grange on September 25.

Mrs. Ella M. Farley is spending a week in Hillsboro with relatives.

Miss Abby Flagg has been spending a few days in town.

There will be a special town meeting on September 12 to act on the electric light question. It is hoped that every citizen will be present on this occasion.

Death.
Mrs. Rebecca F. Richardson, wife of the late Charles Richardson, died on Thursday, September 2, aged eighty-eight years. She was born in Hollis in 1826, and with the exception of a few years of her early married life which were spent in Marlboro, she has always lived in Hollis. Descended from revolutionary stock, she inherited the sterling virtues of those who made this nation, and possessed a keen intellect, rare good judgment, a fine memory and remarkable energy. She was a rare housekeeper, and one of her greatest crosses was that the crippling influence of rheumatism and age curtailed her activities. Yet she bore her afflictions uncomplainingly with christian fortitude and was ready to answer the call of the death angel.

The deceased is mourned by many friends who have received her love and her bounty, and by three nephews, Frank Edward, Charles W. and Dr. W. H. Colburn of New York, and two nieces, Bertha L. and Minnie A. Colburn, and a grandniece and nephew, Adelaide A. and Frank D. Colburn.

The funeral was held on September 5 at her late home, Rev. Robert M. French officiating. There was singing by the Ariel quartet of Nashua. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Interment was at the South cemetery.

A teaspoonful of lemon juice in a small cup of black coffee is a safe remedy for bilious headache.

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WESTFORD.

Center. Miss Lillian Sutherland, who graduated from the normal school in West Swanzey, N. H., to fill her first teacher's position, and Margaret Sullivan, who also graduated at the same time and place, goes to East Hampton.

Mrs. Harry N. Jaques and daughter Dorothy have been spending a week with their Westford relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright, of Quincy, came up for over the weekend and this week. Mr. Wright takes up his teaching in the Boys' Latin high school, Boston, after a year's vacation of rest and travel. Lillian Wright is enrolled as a student at the Thayer academy, Braintree.

Miss Jennie M. Chandler, of Boston, spent the week-end with Miss Clara Fisher at the latter's camp at Forge pond. Miss Chandler reports a splendid trip abroad until the breaking out of the war, and after that considers that she and the members of her party were much better off than many American tourists in getting a comfortable boat home with no excessive expense or loss of baggage. One of the regrets was the shortened stay in Paris, the party staying there but two days.

Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford and little son Elmer have been spending a week visiting relatives in Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott are having good progress made on the pretty and comfortable home being built for them on land recently purchased from Miss Ella F. Hildreth's estate on the opposite side of the road from Prospect hill. The location is most sightly, commanding a pleasing view from all directions. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott hope to get moved into their new home before cold weather. Needham & Fletcher, of Littleton, are the builders.

J. Herbert Fletcher, who assumes his new duties as postmaster on October first, is having his store completely remodelled and put in readiness for the business of the office. Partitions have been taken out, new windows, floors and fixtures being put in. The postoffice part will occupy the right hand side of the store with a room for the R. F. D. men at the rear. Needham & Fletcher are also in charge of this work.

Miss Marjory Seavey and Miss Pauline Wallace enter the Boston university as students. September 17, Miss Elizabeth Kimball goes to the Fitchburg Normal school. These three young ladies all graduated from the academy in June. Miss Evelyn Hamlin also resumes studies at Fitchburg Normal and Miss Gertrude Hamlin at Boston university.

Miss Ruth Tuttle resumes her teaching in Winthrop, Miss Edna Ferguson at Beverly, Miss Jennie Ferguson at Springfield, Miss Stella Hartford at Andover and Archie Hartford at Lewiston, Me.

Miss Zora Gerald, of Windsor, Vt., was a holiday guest at the Congregational parsonage on Monday.

The annual agricultural fair under the auspices of the Congregational society will be held on Wednesday, September 23, and the committee are at work to make it the usual success. An excellent entertainment is being planned for the evening.

Miss Smith and Miss Hickey, our former teachers at the academy, were in town last week greeting old friends and in attendance at the annual meeting on Thursday evening. Miss Hickey goes to an assignment this year in the Chelsea high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hildreth, of Malden, were in town over the holiday. This week Mr. Hildreth is enjoying a trolley trip to Connecticut.

At the last meeting of the Grange Mrs. Rose E. Ladd, lecturer of the State Grange, was the speaker of the evening and gave a practical address on different lines of Grange work that fully invited the close attention that it received. There was a good attendance present. Miss Lillian Sutherland contributed a vocal solo and at the close of the meeting ice cream and cake were served. The next meeting, September 17, will be neighbors' night and entertain the Grange. The weather bureau reports that the newly-organized Lowell Grange.

Mrs. Annie Barnard was with Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hildreth for a brief visit this week. Miss Florence Barnard teaches in Brookline again this year where her mother and daughter make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, with Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Miss Eva Fletcher as guests, made a trip to Mt. Monadnock in Fitzwilliam, N. H., on Wednesday of this week.

There was no special observance for Labor day in town. Many houses hold entertainments and a large delegation went up to Townsend in the afternoon to the ball game and witness one of the most closely contested of games and bringing home the honors with a score of 2 to 0. Neither teams scored for eight innings. The Westford team has won eleven out of twelve games played this season and has won the series three years out of four from Townsend. William E. Wright took up an auto truck load of passengers and others went in private autos and by train.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ames and son Willis were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer M. Seavey on Labor day. Marden Seavey entered Tufts college as a student on September 9.

Interesting Address.

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, of Brookline and Shirley, and of the editorial staff of the Congregationalist and Christian World, occupied the pulpit and gave his hearers a timely and most interesting sermon. Mr. Bridgman has recently returned from abroad, where he went as one of the delegates to the international peace conference, having arrived at his destination two days when war was declared, and while not dwelling upon any personal difficulties in getting back to America, took for his theme the present war crisis in Europe and some of its lessons to thoughtful Americans. Some

of the phases of the subject very ably and clearly elucidated by Mr. Bridgman some effects upon the world at large, for Americans not to congratulate themselves too much, that we were not in the war to mourn its effects upon business and why, and the reform of christian faith and pointed out some alleviating phases of the horrors of war, closing with a strong plea for a more sympathetic attitude toward alien races and a strengthening of the real bonds of christianity.

The speaker preceded his address with a winsome message to the children. Mrs. Charles D. Colburn contributed to the service with a finely rendered anthem.

Shower Party.

A pleasant social event of last week was the shower party given for Miss Edna Ferguson Saturday afternoon. The whole affair was delightfully carried out and was a thoroughly enjoyable demonstration of Miss Ferguson's well deserved popularity. The party, which numbered about forty-five gathered at Miss Jeanette Sutherland's and later adjourned to the spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. P. Merritt. At the right time Miss Ferguson was brought by Mr. Woods in his automobile and while busy greeting her friends the large basket containing the gifts was placed behind her and not until she was cleverly brought to her attention did she realize the meaning of the event. The shower was a miscellaneous one and was a pretty collection of well chosen gifts, among which were pictures, pieces of linen, glass, china, kitchen utensils, etc., and the opening and inspection of the white wrapped articles was enjoyed by all. The surprise was so complete to the recipient that laughter and tears were pretty close together. As she rose to the occasion beautifully and left no vestige of a doubt in the minds of her friends of her appreciation of so pleasant a manifestation of their friendship for her and all good wishes for her health and prosperity in her approaching marriage. Not the least factor of the success of the afternoon was the beautiful weather. Ice cream and cake were served before the close of the afternoon.

About Town.

Rev. and Mrs. Seth Walker and two children, recently from Virginia, are visiting at the old Walker homestead on Main street, where in serene quietness his brother and sister, Charles E. and Miss Belle Walker, reside. On the arrival of the above, on the same day, their niece, Mrs. Herbert Coffin, and daughter Minnie, of Berwick, Me., arrived at the old homestead. Mr. Walker, as minister of the Second A. V. church, has been stationed at Lynchburg, Va., but health conditions compelled him to come back to his native New England. He is a preacher of earnestness and eloquence.

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The annual fair of Middlesex North Agricultural society will be held with Dracut Grange at Dracut Center by the shade of the old historic Yellow meetinghouse on Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18. The premium list has been modernized.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dame and daughter, Miss Susan Hanaford, Mrs. Nellie Hamilton Taylor and Rev. J. D. Sallee were recent visitors at the Old Oaken Bucket farm. The latter, who has been teaching in Boston, has accepted a position in the Lowell high school as head of the English department.

Seth Bannister, one of the bright ones of the Stony Brook valley, and Herbert Waldken, another and similar of Chamberlain's Corner division of the Stony Brook valley, have both returned to Amherst college.

Mrs. Sarah (Reade) Rose died at her home in Wilton, N. H., Monday evening. She was a native of Westford, the daughter of Benjamin Abbot and Betsey (Hunt) Reade. Her early life was spent on the farm now owned by Perley E. Wright, educated at the district school, Westford Center, and Westford academy 1863, during the period of Luther E. Shepard as teacher. When comparatively late in life she married George Rose, a widower of Lyndeboro, N. H., who died several years ago. The older residents of the town will easily recall her personality as a true type of New England frugality, industry, thrift and righteousness. She leaves one brother, Albert S. Reade, of Chelmsford, A. brother and a sister, Warren A. Reade and Mrs. Henry Chamberlain, died several years since.

Among the recent arrivals home from the camp meeting at Sterling not before listed we quote the familiar names of Mrs. Emma Day and Mrs. Janet Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah W. Blodgett announce the marriage of their daughter, L. Marguerite Blodgett, to Joseph Merrill Spurr. The wedding took place on Monday evening at the Lowell home of the bride, 366 North Main street, in the presence of immediate relatives. Rev. C. H. Davis, pastor of the Highland Methodist church, performed the ceremony. Mr. Spurr is an active and well-known church worker and the bride is a milliner of decided talent. Mr. and Mrs. Spurr will reside at 370 Westford street and will be at home to their friends after November 1.

At the Unitarian church last Sunday Rev. Julian R. Pennington was ordained as minister. The service of ordination was conducted by Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the American Unitarian association, and Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey, a former minister.

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At the Middlesex-North Pomona Grange last week Friday Leonard W. Wheeler of Westford, Edward F. Dickinson of Billerica, George W. Trull of Tewksbury and Louis E. McEbrayne of Lowell conducted an able discussion of the question "What effect will the European war have on the business of the United States?" In the afternoon Charles A. Kimball, of Littleton, gave an address on "Betterment of farm conditions."

Quite a few went from here to the Rousey fair last week, going by auto, horse, electric and steam cars. Perley E. Wright took quite a number in his auto truck.

Josiah Crosby, who has been spending school vacation at the F. W. Bannister farm, has returned to his home in Arlington.

W. C. T. U.

The W. C. T. U. held their annual meeting and election of officers at Mrs. Homer M. Seavey's last week Wednesday. Miss Janet Wright was re-elected president. Mrs. Homer M. Seavey as treasurer and Mrs. Daisy Colburn secretary. The following were appointed for various phases of temperance work: Mrs. David Wallace, evangelist; Mrs. Blaine, peacer; Mrs. Wallace, agent for the Messenger-

Signal and Crusader. It was voted to ably and clearly elucidated by Mr. Bridgman some effects upon the world at large, for Americans not to congratulate themselves too much, that we were not in the war to mourn its effects upon business and why, and the reform of christian faith and pointed out some alleviating phases of the horrors of war, closing with a strong plea for a more sympathetic attitude toward alien races and a strengthening of the real bonds of christianity.

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A band of gypsies, consisting of five two-horse wagons, men, women and fifteen children, passed through here Sunday morning on the way to Millbury.

Alvin S. Bennett returned from Worcester this week, where he attended the annual reunion of the Bennett family.

Miss Stella Carlin is spending her vacation at Oak Bluffs, Me. Bruce Wetmore and son Robert, together with Mr. Wetmore's brother, Ingalls, have returned from a hunting trip in New Brunswick on their boat Aechia II.

The John Edwards hose company were called out Tuesday afternoon to extinguish a brush fire at W. H. P. Hart's land near the swamp. The flames were soon under control and only a slight damage resulted.

Very, Very Touching.

It is quite true that there are two classes of idiots—those who can't understand and those who won't understand and those who won't understand all who are not in the can't class measured by disagreeing in opinion on the same other went. There, let the idiot rest, I plead guilty. Now let us try something else.

Brother V. T. E. says "If you don't watch out you will be over in the socialist camp." Why, bless you, he has been in the socialist camp almost six years and has voted the socialist ticket from Lincoln to Taft, for everybody is a socialist who believes in first kindergartens, principles of government. There are as many kinds of socialists as there are human beings, ranging in extreme from those who believe in industrial enterprise to those who would have the government do all for all.

Our dear old friend with the heavy punch, V. T. E., of Littleton, has gone to ringing up the Bell Telephone Company and has punched it into the billion dollar column. He closes with a word to the government, the president of the company who was out with the statement voicing his sincere hope that the government would not attempt to take over and operate the system in connection with the postage and telegraph business, for he has it would lose money if it should try it, and then our hard hitting friend from Littleton says "The anxiety some men suffer in behalf of the government is touching."

Your correspondent does not know anything about the Bell Telephone Company so he will not ring them up. Neither does he know anything about any other bell telephoning. But here is a bearing upon the government as an economical financial business concern.

Senator Weeks in his speech in the senate on postal savings banks says: "It costs eight times as much to run our postal savings banks as it does to run the Mutual Savings banks in the states where such exist. There are 331,000 depositors in our postal savings banks with an average deposit of about \$20,000,000. During the thirty months that they have been in operation the operating expenses have been \$1,486,000, while the net interest and profits have been \$538,000."

All the government has lost in the savings bank business during the first thirty months of its operation is \$948,000.

Senator Weeks further says: "No small item of the expense of mutual savings banks is in looking up the titles to property. Our postal savings banks are relieved of all this expense for the money collected at the postal savings banks is deposited in the mutual savings banks, the latter bearing the expense of looking up titles to property on which this money is loaned."

What a financial showing this is in the savings bank business in thirty months with expenses less than mutual savings banks and run behind \$948,000.

Oh government, the likes of this economy ought to entitle you to operate everything on the earth, up to the earth and inside the earth and then switch off and take on the universe. Dear old government, we are not paying running expenses at the present time and the task of calling on rum and tobacco to help out.

Here are a few more small items of government efficiency. A recent report says \$25,000,000 was grafted in New York state out of the appropriation for the road, \$100,000 was not grafted but squandered in faulty judgment in building cottages in Grafton for unfortunates with 2500 acres of land on which to build, nearly all of which is level. One-half of the cottages were built in a swamp and the rest on a precipitous ledge, the cost of the grading being more than the cost of the buildings.

Oh government, government, you are extremely rich. You are backed by all the wealth of all the people, hence you can stand grafting, extravagance and idiotic judgment. The natural law that governs human action is infallible and beyond repeal, that the wealthier the individual, corporation or government the more it is exposed to "pickpockets."

"The anxiety some men suffer in behalf of the government is touching." Very, very touching. S. L. Taylor.

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Saturday, September 12, 1914.

GROTON.

News Items. The Grange met in regular session on Tuesday evening. The program arranged by Mrs. E. P. Colley was an excellent one...

The Huebner family have been receiving foreign mail daily from Mr. Huebner, although he has been at home now for two or more weeks.

William Folkens commenced a course on Tuesday at the Fitchburg Business College.

The O. W. Northrup family have closed their bungalow and returned home to Somerville.

The Misses Ella and Claribel Vickery attended the wedding of their niece Miss Everett, at Arlington on Tuesday. Their aunt, Mrs. Stanley, whose home is with them, also went to the wedding.

William Dennison, with his wife and son Ralph, came by auto from Reading on the call on their friends, the Misses Hutchins of Pleasant street. While here Mr. Dennison went over on Farmers' row to see his old home, the former Woodward place, now occupied by W. J. Jacob and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Miller, of Champey street, welcomed a son, born Monday night, September 7, to join their family circle of four young daughters.

The following is the list of fifteen teachers from Groton employed in other towns. The list is believed to be complete: Miss Ruth J. Blood at Gardner, Miss Margaret Cleary at Gilbertville, Miss Mary A. Dunphy at Martha's Vineyard, Miss Evelyn Fernald at Hopkinton, Miss Alma Gray at Ayer, Miss Marion Green at Newton, Miss Thekla Huebner at Baldwinville, Miss Lillian W. Kane at Warwick, R. I., Miss Marguerite Leonard at Chicopee, Miss Gladys Mason at Amherst, Miss Gertrude Ogilvie at Newton, Miss Lucy Raddin at Everett, Miss Gladys Swallow at Fitchburg Business College, Miss Elsie Shattuck at Epping, N. H., Miss Elizabeth Whitehill at Ayer.

The regular monthly meeting of the Groton Bird club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening, September 21, at eight o'clock.

The town warrant calls for a special town meeting to be held this Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the lower town hall. There are three articles: 1. To see if the town will vote to change the rate of interest on the last schoolhouse (West Groton) loan or act thereon. Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000 to complete the West Groton school or act thereon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Floyd, of Beverly, have been guests the past week of his cousin, Walter P. Floyd, and family at the Barlock Hill farm. Their thirteen-year-old son, Charles, has been staying there for two or three weeks and having a fine time.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold an all-day meeting at their church parlor, next week, Thursday. The meeting is for transaction of business and for sewing.

William Buckingham, of Grantville, is visiting his brother Horace and family this week. Rosemond Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic F. Smith, had a pleasant party of little friends at home here on Monday afternoon, September 7, when she was four years old.

We are pleased to say that samples of the new kind of bread, etc., which is advertised at Dunphy's lunch is very appetizing.

One afternoon last week the Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Thomas Clough and had a jolly social time at a real old-fashioned quilting party. Nearly every member was present. The frames were spread out-of-doors as the weather was delightful. Busy fingers completed about the other half, a silk one, was not quite finished. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and another good time goes down to the credit of the club.

Miss Emma F. Blood, librarian of the town library, resumed work at the library on Thursday afternoon—the first time since her return from Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shattuck returned last week from an enjoyable ten-day vacation spent at Wells Beach, Me. Mrs. Shattuck's brother, Mr. Sanderson, of Westfield, was with them for the outing.

Miss Muriel Tolson and Miss Selina Bradley left this week the Fitchburg Normal school for the freshman, and the Misses Helen Forbes and Edna Leonard for their second year at the same school.

Last week Miss Ida P. Jewett resigned her position as assistant teacher in the high school to accept what was for her a more desirable one in the Arlington high school. It is with regret that all in Groton will see her withdrawal. Miss Jewett has been a faithful teacher and given more than ordinary satisfaction during her service in Groton for the past seven or eight years.

George S. Knapp and daughter Lillian made a few days' trip last week which took them into Vermont and New Hampshire. They arrived home Saturday night.

Miss Bertha Bixby and Miss Gladys Mason attended the exhibit of school and home garden products held at the Horticultural hall, Boston, last Saturday and showed vegetables and flowers from the West Groton and Groton gardens. There was a crowd of people and a very full and beautiful exhibition.

Miss Mabel Parker, of Dunstable, a graduate of Smith College, 1906, has taken the position vacated by Miss Jewett at the high school.

The high school opened with eighty-five pupils. The entering class numbers thirty-five.

Prof. Scott, of Tufts college, whose family have been at the Scott home in Groton while he has been abroad, has arrived safely from the European war zone.

William A. Woods, tax collector, is passing around the bills and we are all glad—that the tax rate is so low.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bryant, from North Carolina, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Myron F. Swallow during last week. Mrs. Bryant is a sister of Mrs. Swallow.

Roderick Woolley commenced on a course at Burdett Business college, Boston, Tuesday.

There was a frost in the low lands Tuesday night. This is the second frost of the season, there having been a slight one on the low lands on August 26. No damage to vegetables is reported from either.

Mrs. Bartlett and her father, Mr. Nell, gave up their rooms at A. A. Wood's on Whiting avenue Tuesday. Mrs. Bartlett has been staying at Wood's for a year but leaves this fall to open up her own house at Portsmouth, N. H.

Frank A. Woods, son of E. F. Woods, left home Monday morning for Amherst Agricultural college.

The village improvement section of the Groton Woman's club meets on Monday afternoon, September 14, at 3:30 o'clock with Mrs. Francis F. Woods.

We are pleased to report the hearty and abundant words of praise bestowed on the village school gardens. Those who have visited them say they reflect great credit on the teacher, Miss Gladys Mason, and the young gardeners who worked under her. It is hoped that others of the townspeople will also see them, not neglecting to go before the heavy frosts come.

There was a small automobile collision on the Ayer road near James Keyes' place last Saturday night. Mr. Keyes, of Pepperell, and Mr. Hosmer, who is a summer boarder at Mr. Harriman's on the old Ayer road, were the owners of the automobiles. As we have heard the account of it, Mr. Hosmer, blinded by the electric lights on the other machine, ran into it and attached no blame to Mr. Keyes or driver. A lady in the Hosmer car was thrown from the windshield and suffered some bruises. She was taken to the Groton hospital.

Eldredge Smith, the new school superintendent, arrived in town Wednesday evening and stopped at Miss Helen Moore's. It is understood that his wife will arrive next week.

James R. Hawkes was taken home from the hospital on Thursday. A piazza has been built onto his house where he will continue in the outdoor treatment. The trained nurse, Miss Yeo, is still with him and will remain for a while longer. Mr. Hawkes keeps up, apparently in good condition, cheery, bright and hopeful as is her natural disposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jordan, of Burlington, Vt., were week-end and over Labor day guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown.

George H. Woods is very busy overseeing a force of sixteen men working on the Spaulding leatherboard mill at Townsend Harbor; also men at work on buildings in Pepperell, Groton and Ayer.

In the Baptist church on Sunday morning Rev. Hugh A. Heath, D. D., general secretary of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary society, will preach. The pastor, Rev. William Breckenridge, will preach in the evening at seven o'clock on the subject "Not far from the kingdom."

Has Returned. Frederic F. Smith has been teaching in the summer school of Science, Prince of Wales college, Charlotte-town, P. E. I. There was a session of superintendents followed by a session of 18 teachers. Mr. Smith's work was along the line of biology. He also had charge of laying out the school gardens and made out the outline in nature for the school year.

At present Mr. Smith is at Buzzards Bay with his father, a civil engineer. His family is waiting for their new home to be completed, built for them by an aunt, Mrs. Monroe Ayer, of Boston. The house is on the main road down the cape, a little less than a mile from the Buzzards Bay station and commands a view of the Cape Cod canal for miles. It is the highest point in that section of the cape and is to be known as The Overlook.

Mrs. Smith, with her mother, Mrs. Watson, and her little daughter, Rosemond, returned from a summer's stay at Mattapoisett about two weeks ago. They expect to leave Groton permanently after October first.

Pomona Grange. The Pomona Grange held here on Thursday was given a large attendance. The welcome was given by Myron P. Swallow and the response by Augustus Lovejoy of Ayer. This was followed by a song by the Grange. The question "Our game laws—are they written for the farmer or the sportsman?" was then discussed, after which Mrs. E. P. Woolley sang. Dinner was then in order. The tables were well filled.

There was a number of fine musical selections interspersed through the afternoon exercises. Piano solos were given by Miss Elsie Brown of Winthrop, Lewis M. Knapp of Groton, Margaret Benedict of Pepperell, and a xylophone solo by H. M. Adams, with piano accompaniment by Helen Barrows. A good story was told by M. P. Swallow and readings were given by Mrs. W. A. Sherburn of Tyngsboro. The address on home economics, which came in the program early in the afternoon was by Mrs. George S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, lecturer of the State Grange. Rev. J. P. Trowbridge of West Groton and Mr. Tenney of Acton made interesting talks. The question, "How can the husband best assist in making an ideal home?" was handled by Mrs. Emma Collier and the other question, "How can the wife best assist in making an ideal home?" by Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, both of Groton. An original poem, "Contentment," was read by the author, Mrs. Ellen A. Barrows. The meeting, which was an interesting and enjoyable one, closed with a Grange song.

Obituary. Sarah Louise (Parkhurst) Mansur, daughter of Jonathan Parkhurst and Sarah Whiting Parkhurst, was born in Boston, July 22, 1843. She attended the Boston public schools and later the New Ipswich academy. The family moved from Boston to Wilton, N. H., where she married Isaiah Melville Mansur, November 19, 1862.

Postmarked of a fine mind, Mrs. Mansur was very appreciative of the best things in literature and in life, and found great pleasure in culling from the writings of the best authors those things which agreed with her own views. She had a strong sense of humor, which served her well in the varied experiences of life, and for which she always seemed to be thankful. Her sympathetic understanding of the sorrows and trials of others endeared her to her many friends.

She is survived by her husband, one son and a brother; also, two grandchildren. Lawrence Academy Notes. School reopens on Tuesday, September 22. Day pupils report on Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stevens have charge of Dana house. Mr. Stevens will have classes in history and will coach the baseball team. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland.

Harold L. Dunbar, a graduate of Dartmouth, will have charge of the modern language department. He will also coach the football team. Mr. Dunbar will have charge of the art department last year and is considered one of the best players for that position in New England.

Miss Catharine Bancroft Beatley, a graduate of Radcliffe, will have charge of the English department. Football practice will begin at once and Mr. Dunbar hopes to develop a strong team. The schedule is as follows:

October 2. Worcester high at Groton; 10. Powder Dana house; Mr. Lowell high at Lowell; 17. Lowell Textile at Groton; 21. Pomfret school at Pomfret; 24. Groton school; 28. H. Mark's at Southboro; 31. Worcester Polytechnic at Groton; November 1. Holy Cross at Groton; 21. Huntington school at Boston.

West Groton. On Wednesday evening, Mrs. J. L. Nutting, who has been for some months with Mrs. H. Spaulding, was thrown by a heavy rug, dislocating the left shoulder. Dr. Kilbourn was soon in attendance, the injured member restored to its normal position and the patient has since been quite comfortable, though suffering from the inconvenience of a sling.

Miss Esther Jarvis and Miss Helen MacChlery have returned to duty in their respective schools. Allen Sedley and family returned last week to their home in Dorchester after a stay at their pleasant summer home.

Roydon McCurdy, who has spent the summer with Mrs. Charles Bixby, has returned to his home in Dorchester. The Gun club held a shoot on Monday forenoon and the first prize was won by Harry Hill. This club, as last reported, has about sixty members.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Draper, who with her little daughter Eileen has visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon, of Groton, and Mrs. L. G. Strand, of Tewksbury, training school for nurses, also friends in Lowell, returned on Tuesday to her home in Bennington, N. H., having passed a very pleasant three weeks' vacation.

Miss Kathleen McGowan of Waltham hospital, coming on Friday of last week, is spending a vacation at her home.

Harold Strand of Providence, R. I., is enjoying a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Strand. Also, coming on Saturday evening, Miss Isabel Scott of Hyde Park was a week-end guest. On Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Strand, accompanied by their guest and the three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harold, enjoyed a lengthy auto trip, visiting friends in Vermont and returning on Monday afternoon.

Little Virginia Harrington spent Friday and Saturday with relatives in Leominster. Irene and Isabelle Bixby were guests of their aunt, Mrs. M. J. Shepley, of Waltham, over the week-end. They enjoyed trips to City Point and Norumbega park, also to places of interest in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb with their daughter Amelia spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. Sprague.

W. M. Kipling has acted as substitute station agent during the six months' leave of absence of C. L. Roy. The time, however, has expired and Mr. Roy deciding not to return, the position has been filled by Harry C. Porter.

Miss Olive Tarbell left on Tuesday for a stay with her sister, Miss Elsie Tarbell, of Hanover, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarley, who for some months have lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis, are soon to move into the two-apartment house at the corner of Main and Pearl streets.

Martin O'Mealey of Lynn was at home for the holiday. We understand that Miss Addie Rudolph, who has been a patient in Groton hospital for many months, is recovering from an injury to one of her lower limbs, sustained some weeks ago, and that she would be very glad to see West Groton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington, with their granddaughter, Bertha Harrington, returned from their trip to Long Island on Sunday. Mr. Harrington had been absent two weeks, the first time in a visit to the home of their elder son Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Williams have visited this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence. Mr. Williams, it is understood, has decided not to return to the position and has recently held at Vermont university.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Spaulding, after a stay of nearly three weeks with his parents, returned to their home in Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday. While here Mr. Spaulding spent three days on a business trip to Augusta, Me.

The Ladies' Aid society held their first meeting following the summer vacation on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. G. G. Harrington with fourteen members present. The ladies enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon. Needles flew and conversation was held for so long an interlude, but delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Charles Bixby, vice-president.

The next regular meeting of the Improvement society will be held on Tuesday evening. The executive board announced a meeting dealing with subjects which shall be of great interest and a large attendance is hoped for and expected.

The West Groton A. A. played Groton A. last Saturday afternoon in Groton and were defeated. On Monday forenoon, playing the same team, the idea of a money tucked in their favor. On Monday afternoon, on the home grounds, they defeated the Townsend 2nds by a score of 5 to 4.

Harry Kemp and his sister, Miss Flora Kemp, spent Monday at Revere Beach.

Mrs. Grace Vinton, who has been a guest of Mrs. Daniel Luden, has returned to her home.

The Tarbell school opened in the new school building on Tuesday morning with ninety pupils distributed as follows: Mrs. Wiggin, grades 6, 7 and 8, 21 pupils; Miss Lawrence, grades 3, 4 and 5, 34 pupils; Miss Dealy, grades 1 and 2, 35 pupils, the last named filling out to its full seating capacity. The entering class numbers twenty-two, two of whom, Elliott Dudley and Robert Allen, having been taught at home, were placed in the second grade. On Thursday morning the school was visited by the school physician, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, who pronounced the children in first-class condition for work. The superintendent, Eldredge Smith, of Swampscott, successor to J. H. Manning, made his first official visit on Thursday.

Pleasantly Entertained. The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kimball was the scene of a lively and exceedingly pleasant gathering on last Saturday afternoon and evening, when a number of former friends and neighbors gathered for the enjoyment of a delicious corn roast. The party arrived in autos from their homes in Gardner and consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodspeed, Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haseltine, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Greenwood, Mrs. Mary Turner, Mr. Turner, Mrs. J. Roland Cahill, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Jacob Conrad, Miss Gretchen Conrad. Those who have enjoyed the delicious flavor of corn from the glowing coals will appreciate the zest of such a meal. The merry-makers attacked the following menu: Roast corn, hot dogs, hot rolls, salads, fancy pies and cakes, toasted marshmallows, cheese and coffee. The last of the evening was spent in the most enjoyable and beautiful of all beautiful moon-lit evenings.

Accident. Donald Bixby, second son of W. V. Bixby, was the victim of a somewhat serious accident on last Saturday afternoon while on his way with other parties to the game at Shirley. On reaching Shirley hills the boys dropped from the back of the wagon and hearing the going of an approaching motorcycle kept carefully to the right. Donald last to leave the motorcycle and the sufferer was taken to the dizziness which had troubled him all the morning, unconsciously staggered to the left, directly in the path of the motor. The driver, Raymond Sleeper, making a desperate effort to avert the accident, succeeded quickly to the right, throwing himself with the machine upon the stones at the roadside. The dazed boy, however, was struck and thrown to the ground and the surgeon's examination later disclosed two broken bones in the left ankle and badly torn ligaments in the right knee.

The limbs have been placed in casts on one side to the knee and on the other to the hip. Mr. Sleeper, fortunately escaped serious injury, although suffering from many bruises and strains. The motorcycle was considerably damaged. Mr. and Mrs. Bixby wish it to be understood distinctly that they attach no blame whatever to Mr. Sleeper, as they consider the accident to have been caused entirely by the illness of Donald.

HARVARD. News Items. Herbert K. Job, state ornithologist of Connecticut, will give a lecture on "Knowing the wild birds and birds and the farmer," illustrated by stereopticon, in the town hall, Friday evening, September 18, at eight o'clock. He will also give a species of the Harvard Woman's club.

Warren Willard is now driving a new 1915 Studebaker four car. Gordon McCleary, our coach and express man, was called to St. John, N. H., on account of the critical illness of his mother. He is expected home this week-end.

The employees at Tahanto farm gave a barn dance and social at the Tahanto farm barn on Wednesday of last week. Arrangements were made by Miss Sarah Jackson and William Ford. Smiley orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. Refreshments were served. Upwards of thirty couples attended and all report an exceptionally good time.

Rev. H. B. Mason, pastor of the Congregational church, starts on his annual two-weeks' vacation next week.

Mrs. A. T. West, with her son Winslow, is spending this week-end with her sister, Mrs. K. P. Fletcher in Groton.

The Grange hold their regular meeting next Tuesday evening. Degree work is the specialty for the evening. The most degree team will do the work. On Thursday evening the Grange goes to Shirley to neighbor with that Grange and furnish the entertainment. A speaker from the State Grange is also to be present and address the order.

Mrs. White will continue her class in modern dancing for adults on Monday evening and for the younger set on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs. George Kavanagh is on the sick list at present, but is improving. Bromfield school opens for the fall term on Wednesday of next week with A. S. Richards in charge, assisted by Miss Alice Chadwick and Miss Bernice Sears.

Mrs. D. W. Ellis, with her daughter, Miss George Ellis, have taken an apartment for the fall and winter at Cambridge and expect to go there this week or early next week.

Church Notes. The regular morning service at the Congregational church will be held at 10:45 Sunday morning, Rev. L. H. Morse, of Still River, exchanging with the pastor. The choir, under the direction of A. W. Willard, will sing "Hear us O Father," with bass solo and organ. Bible school at twelve o'clock. Subject, "The parable of the ten virgins." Y. P. S. C. E. service at 7:30 Sunday evening. Subject, "What is good education?" Miss Harriet Mason will lead the meeting. Special music by the girls' chorus.

At the service of worship in the Unitarian church on Sunday morning at 10:45, the pastor will preach. The chorus choir will sing the following anthems and under the direction of Mr. Willard: "The light of the world" by Gray; "Consider and hear me" by Pfeiffer. The Sunday school last Sunday voted to hold an out-door picnic at Dickson's Landing, Bare Hill pond on Saturday, September 12, at ten o'clock. Members of the school and parish, with friends, are invited. Basket lunch at twelve, and a committee was appointed. The school will meet next Sunday at twelve and all young and old people not enrolled elsewhere are invited to attend and spend a pleasant and helpful hour. The school interprets religion in a broad way, aiming to avoid teaching children things that to be unlearned later when they think for themselves.

On Friday evening, September 25, a meeting in the great state-wide campaign for national prohibition will be held in the church. This is a union meeting for all in the community. Addresses will be given by speakers of national prominence.

Still River. The summer holidays are over and Monday and Tuesday saw many going back to their various duties. Among them we note Miss Edith Fairchild to her teaching in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Mrs. McCurray, who has been with her sister, Mrs. Fairchild, to her teaching in DeKalb, Ill.; Warren K. Harrod, Minnie and Edith Farnsworth and Elizabeth Sprague to their school duties in Worcester, Boston, Springfield and Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitney of Worcester spent Sunday and Monday with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whitney and two friends of Providence, R. I., came here Saturday afternoon in auto to Mrs. Josephine Whitney's. As they were out on a camping trip they did their cooking and ate their meals out of doors. They had food and cooking utensils with them and slept in Chester Willard's new barn. They remained until Monday evening and on Tuesday morning a stray hound made way with their breakfast before the dog didn't find, so made out a breakfast.

Mrs. Addie Turner entertained the Birthday club at the old homestead Tuesday.

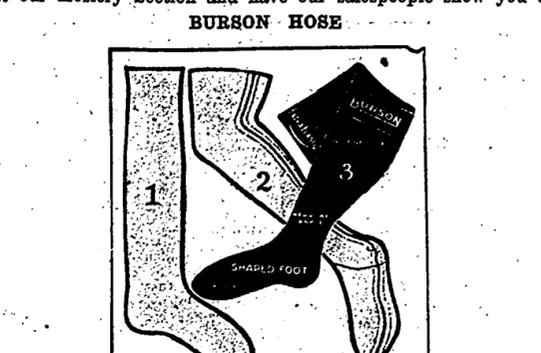
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Mrs. Carrie Nourse spent the holiday with her daughter in Hudson.

Mr. Cunningham of Nashua was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Walter Haskell, Sunday and Monday.

The Misses Arey, who were guests of Mrs. Frank Sprague last week, returned to their home in Salem Sunday and Morrill Sprague went with them for a few days' visit, returning home Thursday.

Miss Florence Dadmun has been suffering from dogwood poison on her face, but is now on the mend. Miss Margaret Neyland of Bellows Falls, Vt., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Neyland.

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News Items.

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The Unitarian Social Gathering met on Tuesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. Lyman Clark. Some plans for the winter's work were made.

Miss Pearl Carley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carley, was taken to the Clinton hospital on Monday night and was operated upon for appendicitis. The operation was successful and the patient is doing well.

Mrs. Carrie Lynds went to Waldoboro, Me., on Monday for a week's visit with a former schoolmate.

Charles Ball, a former clerk in the store of L. Sherwin & Co., was in town Thursday, leaving Friday morning for Boston, where he is located at present.

We have received from Congressman John Jacob Rogers a circular for the appointment for the fifth congressional district of a candidate for cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point, such cadet to enter the academy June 14, 1915, the examination to be held at the high school, Kirk street, Lowell, on October 21, 1914.

The water department has men at work digging to lay a water pipe from the main pipe on Main street to the building that the contractors are to commence work on in a few days.

Miss Madeline Hill of Keene, N. H. was a week-end guest with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dickinson, taking a tolling ride to Wachusett mountain labor day.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance met with Mrs. George J. Burns and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher for a social occasion on Thursday afternoon. There was a large attendance and a very pleasant time for all.

Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, held a teachers' meeting on Thursday afternoon. The principal topic discussed was the teachers' retirement system.

Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will hold a regular convocation on Tuesday evening, September 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitcher returned on Tuesday from a visit to Plum Island, Newburyport, with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Whitcher, who are expected home this Saturday.

Mrs. Cora Burnham, the dressmaker, who left town about a year ago for Nashua, N. H., expects to return to town this fall and locate here again.

Prayer meeting at the Congregational church on Friday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All invited. On Sunday, a choir rehearsal will be held at ten, morning worship at 10.45 on the subject "Pastor and People." Sunday school at school, 10.45 a. m. S. C. E. at 5.45 in the evening. Evening worship at 6.30.

Rev. Willard E. Waterbury, field secretary of the Massachusetts Missionary society, is expected to preach in the Baptist church next Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and seven o'clock, also, on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7.30.

Stephen Ryan, who was a spare clerk in the postoffice this summer, leaves the latter part of this week for the University of Maine, where he will take a course in mechanical engineering.

Miss Charlotte Sanderson, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Sanderson, leaves next Wednesday to resume her studies at Walnut Hill school, Natick.

Joseph Tallier, the new barber in public Spirit building, is one of the boys you will be pleased with the manner he will serve you. His tonorial rooms are splendidly lighted and very pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Stuart started on Wednesday, September 8, for Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Stuart resumes his work September 14, as one of the masters in the Central High school in that city, which he has held very acceptably for a number of years. Arthur is a graduate of our high school and a native of the town.

Joseph Q. Stuart, brother of George W. Stuart, now in his eighty-ninth year, arrived in Vermont on Saturday last, coming all the way alone from Wisconsin. Mr. Stuart expects to call on his brother here before returning to his home in the west.

Geo. H. Hill, Dr. Butterfield, John F. Murphy, Thos. F. Mullin and Huntley S. Turner left last Saturday in Mr. Hill's auto for a trip to Old Orchard, Me., stopping at different beaches on the way along the north shore and returning Monday evening. They found the roads rather poor in many places and me repairs being made on them that necessitated a detour.

All the property of the American Fruit Product company, including plants, grounds, machinery and equipment, except the Hays-Piper orchard, was sold at public auction in Rochester, N. Y., August 22, for \$78,250. The property sold has a book value of about \$741,000, but a recent appraisal gave its worth at \$128,000. The good will and the names of the different American Fruit Product company brands were bid off for \$600. The sale attracted a large crowd. It is not known at present what will be done with the Ayer plant.

John M. Wallace, one of our consultants, has severed his connection with the Shirley Electric company and expects soon to enter the employ of the Bruce-Heustis Electric company of Fitchburg. If Mr. Wallace should decide to locate in that city permanently our efficient chief of police Beatty will have to look up another able assistant as Sergeant Jack has been the chief's right hand man on many occasions and in thrilling situations his duty has carried him.

Llewellyn T. Savage left Thursday to enter Worcester academy again for his second year in that institution.

At the Methodist church, Sunday, preaching at eleven a. m. and Sunday school at seven o'clock. Evening service at seven o'clock.

Charles H. Webber, who occupies the Bennett homestead on East Main street, is preparing to move to the upper tenement in the Spaulding house now owned by Joseph Annio.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet with Miss Maud Whitcomb on Wednesday evening, September 16.

There will be morning prayer as usual at St. Andrew's church this coming Sunday at eleven a. m. Sunday school will not commence until the following Sunday. The opening service of St. Andrew's mission at Forge Village will be at 4.30 p. m. on Tuesday, September 15, the first meeting of the new guild will be held in the building. The present members of the guild hope many newcomers will be present.

The George A. Sanderson family returned to town Monday from their summer home in Littleton.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth and Miss Marion Farnsworth returned home Monday, after spending the summer at Drake's Island, Wells, Me.

There is nothing on the docket of the district court this week of any importance. Several were in court on the charge of vagrancy and all were discharged.

The plant of Doherty Bros. of Lowell, iron founders, is to be seriously interfered with owing to the abolition of a grade crossing and Wm. Doherty, the firm was in town this week looking over the field here for a relocation, they having left here to locate in that city some twenty years ago. They have been in communication with Andrew Curran, a former foreman of their foundry while in Lowell, to see if he would take the superintending of their foundry if they returned to town. Mr. Curran resides in Concord, N. H., and holds a lucrative position with the Boston and Maine. It is hoped that the Doherty Bros. will find it to their advantage to be with us again and if they should decide to come here they will be heartily welcomed.

F. M. Atherton, driver of the National Express team, took his vacation this week and during his absence H. H. Saunders was in his place.

The fire alarm on Thursday night was for a chimney fire at the house of Michael Scullane, owned by Joseph Mullin. No damage.

Mrs. Julia A. Hazard, formerly of this town, and widow of the late Tower Hazard, is now with her daughter, Mrs. Mary F. Marsh, in Groton. Mrs. Hazard is in her eighty-second year and for the past two or three weeks has been quite feeble.

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Schools. The schools all opened on Tuesday, September 8, with this attendance: High 95, eighth grade 41, seventh 57, sixth 50, fifth 45, fourth 40, third 45, primaries, East Main street, 29, Shirley street 23, Washington street 54. The teachers are: high, Ernest M. Gleason; Miss Laura S. Leavitt; Oliver T. Noon, Miss Grace C. O'Neill; eighth grade, Miss Alma Gray; seventh, Miss Elizabeth M. Whitehill; sixth, Miss Abbie M. Robinson; fifth, Miss May F. Dooling; fourth, Miss Agnes McCarthy; Washington street primary, Miss Genevieve H. Neelan; East Main street primary, Miss Winifred Cochrane; Shirley street, Miss Margaret Walsh; Miss Olive F. Jenks; St. Andrew's church, Miss Alice Gray at the Washington street school will assist at the Pleasant street building in whatever she may be needed. Miss Annie H. Palmer has charge of the music in all the schools. Miss Bernice E. Staples of the drawing and Christian E. Jensen is the new teacher in the manual training.

Auto Accident. Two automobiles were in collision on Park street last Saturday night about seven o'clock and both were badly damaged, so that it will cost about six hundred dollars to put them in running order again. They were taken to Proctor's garage to be repaired. The car coming this way belonged to Charles W. Keyes of Pepperell and the other car going toward Groton belonged to Ralph Hosmer, who is visiting in the Groton street that town and was driven by a Mr. Byram.

The accident was caused by the lights of Mr. Keyes' car so blinding Mr. Byram that he could not see where he was going. In Mr. Hosmer's car were two ladies and a child and one of the ladies was thrown through the windshield and cut about the face and neck and hurt. She was taken to the Groton hospital. The other lady and child were uninjured.

Another car from Pepperell was stopped by the police running in the street what the trouble was and in turning out went into the ditch and broke an axle so that a wheel dropped off on one side of the road. That car was taken to Proctor's garage for repairs.

There is a Remedy. At the foot of Washington, Pleasant and West streets are catch basins and the stench from them frequently occurs and at times are almost unbearable. The nuisance for some time has been frequently noticed by passersby. The catch basin at the corner of West and Main streets, which is like the others bordering on Main street, is a receptacle for the drainage of all kinds that come from some of the tenements on West street, and the stench permeates through the foundation of the building, which is unbearable. If the board of health cannot attend to this matter, the state board of health should be notified, because if the nuisances cannot be abated.

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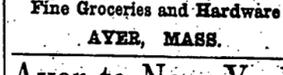
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Feeding for Mental Power. Dr. William Lee Howard, who is particularly interested in studying the conditions of school children, found that twenty-five percent of the total number of children enrolled in the American public schools fall to attend classes seventy-five percent of the school time. The cause of these absent pupils was reported as ill health. Dr. Howard, upon investigation, says that he found most of the children whom he interviewed suffering from lack of nourishment. The foods given the children did not nourish the body and therefore they could not resist fatigue and disease.

Mainly, it is among school children and not due to poverty, but to the fault of mothers who do not understand about the nourishment of foods, so crowd all kinds of indigestible combinations into the sensitive stomachs of their children. Recently a doctor examined the lunch baskets and dinner pails brought to the public school of an average New England small town. Regarding the contents of the baskets, comprised pie of every description, cakes of all sorts, pickles, doughnuts, tough fried or roasted meat of various kinds, dry-white bread and many other undesirable articles and diet. He said: "Upon this mid-day gorge, almost over heavy for a woodchopper in the winter time, these unfortunates were expected to imbibe knowledge."

Any person who considers the matter of children's food will realize that growing children cannot stand the strain of having their brains taxed with study while their delicate digestive machinery is freighted with a cargo of indigestible matter. It is claimed that schools are not doing the work which they could do with pupils who are healthy. Mothers through ignorance are cheating their children of educational advantages because they don't know how to feed them.

A prominent physician says: "No wonder teachers complain that pupils are lazy, stupid or vicious. How can their poor little brains grasp instruction when their unlucky stomachs are using all the blood in their bodies to try to digest improper food? No child can do his best work in school if the intestinal tract is clogged with waste products of digestion, the skin fails to eliminate its poisons, and the other great glands of the body do not get their full duty. Body poisons circulate through the blood, and these are to blame for laziness, lack of attention and inability to concentrate."

In New York 30,000 school children were found to be suffering from malnutrition. A New York school lunch committee was organized to provide and sell at cost nourishing lunches to the school children. This has been a most successful undertaking. The meals and mental powers of the children have improved to a remarkable degree. The average attendance has increased, the children are more orderly and more alert than formerly and do better afternoon work.

In many towns and cities parents and teachers are being educated through parent-teacher associations regarding the nourishing elements of food. Among other things they are taught that the body is composed of sixteen chemical elements, oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, carbon, chlorine, fluorine, iron, phosphorus, calcium, potassium, magnesium, manganese, sodium, sulphur, silica and iodine.

In order to nourish and strengthen every part of the body it stands to reason that these sixteen substances must be taken into the body in the food we eat, too much of one kind of food does not nourish like a simple mixed diet.

Bread is an important factor in the diet of every individual. The kind that furnishes nourishment is not the white, soft, fluffy bread, but bread made from whole wheat flour. A kernel of wheat contains the same sixteen elements which make up the human body. Bread made from stone-ground whole wheat flour, which contains the mineral matter found in the outer coverings will nourish every part of the body. In the process of bleaching white flour is robbed of three-fourths of its nourishing qualities.

Food experts, by experimenting upon fowl, guinea pigs, dogs and monkeys, found that these animals thrived upon bread made from whole wheat, but when fed upon white bread sickened and would have died if the diet had not been changed.

Alfred McCann, a chemist, food inspector and a leading authority regarding the composition of foods says in a recent book called "Feeding America": "Let it be remembered that from the hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat 'milled' every year in the United States, from the hundreds of thousands of bushels of rice 'polished' every year in the United States, from the tons and tons of barley 'pearled' every year in the United States, from the enormous quantities of oats 'steamed, scoured, bleached and prepared' every year in the United States, from the thousands of barrels of corn ground every year in the United States, the phosphorus is removed and phosphorus is necessary for health."

This warning should cause housekeepers to look carefully into the matter of chemically treated foods and to choose those that are nourishing. Mr. McCann is very severe in his attack upon white polished rice. The natural grain of rice is a light brown in hue and is nourishing because of the phosphorus compounds which the body craves for complete nourishment. The white polished rice has been robbed of its nutritive qualities and because of this it starves the blood and tissues burdening the system with useless waste matter. Mothers should give their children natural brown rice for this is the only kind which will help nourish the body.

Mr. McCann attacks molasses strenuously, saying that its use is enfeebling the human race. He then proceeds to give a history of the product. In the old days the juice of the cane was clarified and evaporated in open kettles placed over a fire. Today it is clarified by sulphurous acid neutralized by an alkali. In some factories sulphurous acid is introduced as a gas while in others it is introduced in the form of solid acid sulphite of lime. By these and other processes there is left in many brands of molasses poisonous substances. Of eight samples examined by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture fourteen were found to contain poisons. Dr. Wiley and other experts by experiments have found that the kidneys are affected by these chemically bleached products and mothers are warned to refrain from using the refined brands of molasses in candies, gingerbread and cookies. As substitutes for these poisonous brands pure cane syrups and Barbadoes molasses are recommended.

Regarding sugar Mr. McCann says: "Neither infants nor children should be given sugar in their diet as it is now produced, although honest, old-fashioned cane sugar was a natural and nutritious food. The sugar bowl

on the table of the twentieth century home is one of the most deadly curses laid by ignorance upon child life." He then tells how the process of refining sugar robs it of lime and iron. He shows how the sugar upon entering the body searches about and absorbs iron and lime from the bones, blood and tissues, for it has a craving upon these. The child whose system has been robbed of lime and iron has poor teeth and soon becomes so weak he is not able to resist disease.

Honey, sap, maple sugar, fruits and vegetables will furnish enough sugar for the child without giving him processed sugar and candy. Both Mr. McCann and Dr. Wiley do not allow their children to eat sugar or candy or articles of food containing sugar as cakes, cookies, etc.

All food experts and many doctors are warning mothers against allowing their children to eat cheap candies. Some of these candies as well as ice cream were found to contain flavorings and colorings made of chloroform, while other substances were found unfit for any child to put into his stomach.

It is a most difficult task to reform housekeepers in the matter of food. They will not listen to the advice of cranks and ridicule their advice. Only when forced to consult a physician are they willing to admit that a carefully chosen diet helps to resist disease and gives strength. As soon as they improve in health, however, they continue in the same destructive manner. Mr. McCann's statements which I have quoted are endorsed by prominent physicians and several food experts.

Perhaps the following figures taken from the United States Bureau of Education bulletin of 1912 will show the thinking mothers that something is wrong with their children. 6,000,000 children have enlarged tonsils, adenoids or other gland diseases, 10,000,000 children have defective teeth, 15,000,000 children need attention for physical defects which are prejudicial to health. The death of children under ten years of age 235,262.

As you see there is a vast amount of work to be accomplished by some body. Through the mothers in the homes are the greatest hopes for the future.

Food scientists, doctors and educators have agreed upon a diet for school children providing material for three distinct purposes—growth, bodily health and mental power.

Breakfast: Fresh seasonable fruit or berries, or fruit juices. Some suggestions are strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, pears, peaches, grapes, melons, baked apple, apple sauce, juice of oranges, lemons, grapefruit, etc. This should be followed by a cereal. All cereals given to children should be well cooked as their digestibility is a matter of proper cooking.

A diet of cooked cereals, in an ideal manner. When this is not used two or three hours of steady cooking should be given these in a double boiler. Some cereals suggested as being particularly nutritious are whole wheat meal porridge, old-fashioned, unsteamed, unscoured oatmeal, unpearled barley, hominy, rye and corn meal porridge.

Cornmeal wheat, graham, oatmeal and cornmeal breads are better for children than biscuit, griddle cakes and white bread. Whole wheat or rice muffins eaten occasionally, sometimes with raisins or currants, give a variety. Boiled, poached or codded eggs are much better than fried eggs, meats, sausages, hash, chops, steak or warmed up potatoes that mothers frequently place before their children for breakfast. Occasionally honey or maple syrup may be served with muffins. Pies, cakes, doughnuts, cheese, rich preserves, pickles, etc., are too heavy for a breakfast diet. Milk with an occasional cup of weak cocoa are the best. Coffee should be strictly forbidden.

Dinner: This should be the heartiest meal, beginning with soup or broth. There are many kinds to choose from. Those made from several vegetables are recommended. Fried bean soups as well as purees of various kinds give a pleasing variety. The best kind of meats are chicken, lamb, broiled or boiled fresh fish, roast beef and beef steak, pork liver, veal, sausages, dried beef, dried corn, preserved fish are not suitable. Vegetables are taking the place of meat and are highly recommended by food experts. Mr. McCann says if the water in which meat is cooked is used for a sauce it would furnish valuable mineral substances which the body demands for complete nutrition. Nearly all vegetables are recommended for children's diet. Baked or boiled potatoes, spinach, asparagus tips, cauliflower, fresh peas, string beans, squash, carrots, stewed celery, stewed apples, etc., are suggested on many menu prepared by experts.

Supper: This should be at six o'clock and should be the lightest meal. It should consist of cereal or hominy or any other whole grain cereal or eggs with toast should be the foundation of this meal. Stewed fruit or plain jelly sandwiches may be given with any diet. The children of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., with whom I had the pleasure of taking supper on several occasions ate hominy and milk with a plain bread and butter sandwich and a glass of milk or fruit.

School lunches furnish a problem which many mothers find rather difficult. At a recent meeting of the American Home Economics association there was a universal decision in favor of dinner pails as a means of carrying lunches, especially in rural districts. The kind manufactured in sections was recommended as being indestructible, and easily kept clean with soap and boiling water. Mothers should take pains to keep these pails fresh and odorless. The pail should be emptied, washed and thoroughly aired every night. Waxed paper and Japanese napkins are useful for packing lunches.

A jelly glass with a tight cover for carrying an occasional custard, baked apple, rice or tapioca pudding, lemon or fruit jelly, or stewed fruits is most convenient. If you use a glass with the pail, also, a cup or glass should be a part of the equipment.

Sandwiches are of endless variety and may be made by filling with meats, thin sliced or chopped, left over boiled fish, cream cheese with chopped nuts or olives, maple sugar, homemade jelly, finely chopped hard-boiled eggs. These sandwiches should be wrapped in wax paper, Graham, oatmeal and nut breads and crackers are excellent for school lunches.

Soups may be taken in a tightly closed jar or bottle and warmed up there is an opportunity for this. Suitable arrangements should be made by

the superintendent or teacher for those children who are forced to carry lunches to eat them in comfortable quarters. An opportunity should be given these children for washing their hands and face. At home and in the school children should be trained to exercise care when eating school lunches not to injure the school property and to take pains to brush crumbs from the floor and seats, leaving the school room neat and orderly.

Dr. B. Wallace Hamilton, who has issued sets of menu cards for the use of those mothers who are desirous of helping their children by a well chosen diet, says: "All meals for school children should be at regular and definite hours. Children should be taught the habit of eating slowly and chewing thoroughly. This should be insisted upon while the children are young, as they readily acquire the habit of eating their food. They should have at least five glasses of water each day between meals. When hungry between meals these should be given only simple food—no sweet cakes and pies. Do not allow your children to neglect the regular daily call for bowel evacuation. Such neglect is a frequent cause of ill health."

"Before sending children to school leaving a thorough examination made of their teeth. Teeth are valuable, save them if possible. Decayed teeth are ideal breeding places for germs. Teach your children to use the tooth brush after each meal."

Mrs. Herbert N. Wright, BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Bella Gould is assisting at the home of Rev. C. H. Dockrill as housekeeper.

Mrs. Fred E. French and Master Harold E. French returned to their home in Norton last Saturday.

Mrs. Linville Shattuck of Pepperell, Mass., one of Ayer, and Mrs. A. A. Gould have been guests of Mrs. Mary Gerrish.

Mrs. Richard Wright was a visitor in Boston last Saturday.

E. E. Smith is improving his house with new shingles.

Henry Hall, of Ayer, was the guest of his brother, A. A. Hall, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall, of Fitchburg, were guests here the holiday with Mrs. Della Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bartlett are entertaining relatives from Manchester and all enjoyed the holiday in Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Canney, of Pepperell, have enjoyed an outing on their farm in the west part of the town.

Cassius Nye has returned to New York city after a vacation spent at the home of his father, George H. Nye.

Mrs. Thompson is boarding with Mrs. Augusta Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gilson and daughter Addie, of Gardner, were guests of relatives in the north part of the town last week.

Mrs. Emily Rideout was the guest of honor among the guests of the Local Workers at the last meeting at the Seaver home. They all are invited to the home of Mrs. Ralph Perkins this week.

Miss Eliza J. Parker, who resides with Walter Parker and family and spends her summer here, is one of our young old ladies. Although in her ninety-first year she has walked from her home in the village to the lake just over Meetinghouse hill, which is quite a walk for anyone. Miss Parker enjoys other long walks and also enjoys the evening entertainments which elderly people usually do not care for. One would think her many years younger.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hall, of Milford, and Mrs. Minnie Shattuck and son Gerald enjoyed a day at the lake last week.

Miss Ella Rockwood is attending to the household cares at the home of Frank Farrar.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Vale and daughter Ruth were guests in town last week and over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kilduff have returned from their vacation trip in Maine.

Charles Russell is quite low, suffering from the effects of a recent shock. Mrs. Albert Gilson, of Walpole, Mass., was a visitor at the home this week.

Morton Kline and family are in town and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dunbar, of Sandown, are expected this week.

Accident. Of late there have been many autos going up and down Meetinghouse hill. They make great speed and every little while some horse gets frightened. They do not seem to slow up or be careful if they see a team, but rush right on, as was the case on Monday when Mr. and Mrs. Chase of the Dunbar home, with Mrs. Chase's sister, Mrs. Nowers, and Prof. Rider, both of Chase's, were returning home from the railroad station. The horse became frightened at an auto near Frank Kilduff's house and jumped, two wheels striking in the face and started to run, throwing Mr. Chase and Mrs. Nowers out. The horse kept on at breakneck speed. Mrs. Chase hanging to the reins. When near W. H. French's, Mr. Rider, who is totally blind, got over the back seat and let himself to the ground without any harm.

Opposite Harry Campbell's house Mrs. Chase became so frightened she jumped to the ground, injuring her leg. She was unable to get up, the horse keeping on running. Mr. Chase received a severe shaking up and feeling it mostly in his side, but was able to walk to his home after the neighbors gave all the assistance possible and Frank Wiley very kindly took Mrs. Chase home in his team, who seemed to be hurt worse than her sister, who was badly shaken up and seemed to feel it more in her head and shoulders.

Harry Campbell summoned Dr. Holcombe and although they were all frightened and injured bad enough they felt that they were fortunate in not being more seriously injured.

We have just received information that the First National Nurseries of Rochester, N. H., wants lady or gentlemen representatives in this section to sell all kinds of roses, shrubs, trees and seeds. They inform us that without previous experience it is possible to make good money every week. Any one out of the employment write them for terms and enclose this notice. 8161

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A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Northernly part of said Town of Groton on the Northernly side of the road leading by the house formerly of Joseph A. Sanderson and bounded and described as follows, namely:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the granted premises at said road and near a blazed pine tree; thence, North about 12 degrees East by land of Moses P. Palmer about six hundred and forty-six (646) feet to a stake bound; thence nearly due east by land of said Palmer about three hundred and fifty (350) feet to a stake bound; thence in a circular course to the end of a stone wall on said Palmer's land; thence nearly due South by Palmer's land as the fence now stands about eleven hundred and fifty (1150) feet to the aforesaid road, and thence North about thirty-three degrees west by said road about six hundred and seventy-nine (679) feet to the bound first described.

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PEPPERELL.

About Town. H. N. Tower with his family went by auto on Thursday of last week to his old home place, Petersham, for a few days.

Mrs. E. S. Duffey came from Putnam, Conn., on Friday of last week. She returned on Saturday, accompanied by her grandmother, Mrs. John Frazer, for a visit.

Mrs. E. M. Billings, who has been enjoying the summer at the home, recently returned to her home at Brockton and her daughter, Miss Billings, to her duties in Boston.

The chicken-pie supper to be served by the ladies at the Methodist vestry on Thursday evening, September 17, should have good patronage. It is the first supper of the season and the menu should prove attractive. It consists of the chicken pie, hot mashed potato, hot rolls, sliced tomatoes, with the usual cakes, pies, etc. The hour of the supper announced last week is cordially invited to attend this and the church federation meeting, which is to be held at 7.45 o'clock in the auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Weston, Mrs. M. M. Richards and P. E. Hines, were to Rockingham fair on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Charles Card visited a friend near Rockingham park on Tuesday to Friday of last week, taking in the fair each day.

Mrs. George G. Willett was a guest in town over Labor day at the home of her sisters, Mrs. H. G. Jordan and Mrs. Maynard Copp, and her brother, Rainsford Deware.

The Oak Hill Woman's club resumed their work for the coming months by an all-day meeting in the pleasant pine grove surrounding the place on Saturday. There were twenty-two members and invited guests who gathered to honor the occasion and enjoy the picnic dinner together. It was a very enthusiastic meeting and many plans were made for the coming months. The young people are to be welcomed into the club and as far as possible the programs will be arranged to meet their expectations.

The next meeting will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 16, and at the home of Mrs. Frank Kilbourn unless the weather should be unfavorable. If too cold or stormy the meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lyman Blood, who is more centrally situated. The subject will be Robert Louis Stevenson, his life and work.

Miss Bernice Holmes was the victim of quite an accident on Monday afternoon, while attending the sports at the swimming pool. She was standing near a team driven by Thomas Gardner the horse was taken with a kicking fit, demolishing the front wheel of the carriage. Miss Holmes received a hard kick on the hip, shattering the clothing and bruising her heavily to the ground. She was assisted to a carriage and taken to Dr. Lovejoy's office, where it was found the bone of her forearm had been broken by the fall. Just about the time she was also considerably shaken up.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thurston have been at the home of Mrs. Thurston's sister, Mrs. Joseph Graham, the past week. They have been greeting their old acquaintances, although some failed to recognize them. Mrs. Thurston has been much changed in appearance by added avoirdupois. They leave here the last of this week for Boston and proceed to New York to sail from there on September 15 for South Carolina. From there they will take the northern route by rail back to Yuma, Arizona.

C. F. McCormack of Fitchburg was in town over the week-end and Labor day. He was the guest of Charles Card on Sunday.

Ernest Robbins of Providence, R. I., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Florence Robbins, last week. He is recuperating after an operation for appendicitis.

Harold Hayes is taking a vacation from his duties as delivery clerk at the store of his father, P. J. Hayes. He is spending it in various trips to his motorcycle in and out of this state.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowell Lawson went to Boston and Charlestown on Saturday of last week to visit over Sunday with relatives. Miss Alice went to Townsend Hill to stay with her mother and Mrs. C. A. Stickney, during the absence.

Miss Elizabeth McNayr accompanied by her niece, Miss Helen Marshall returned on Friday of last week from Middleton, N. S., where they had been visiting during August. They came by boat from Yarmouth, N. S.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Card for the week-end and Labor day were Mr. Card's sister, Mrs. Lena Cook, of Chelsea, with her daughter and five sons; also, Mrs. John Bronsious of Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. J. N. Andrews, who has been spending the summer with relatives at Little Harbor, N. S., returned home on Monday.

Ray Soule was at the home of his parents in town over the holiday, returning to Worcester on Tuesday.

Frank Messer has purchased the popcorn stand of George Bean and will conduct the business between the blocks of E. E. and A. A. Tarbell on Main street.

Johnson Harrington, formerly employed at the Boston and Maine railroad station, visited in town last week, coming from Goffstown, where he has been acting as substitute station agent. He expects to start soon for Southern California for the winter.

Miss Helen Harriman returned from a visit in Winchendon on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Drury visited at Holden over Sunday and Labor day.

George Patterson, of South Merrimac, visited his daughter, Mrs. A. H.

Harris, over Sunday and Labor day. Although seventy-nine years of age, he would pass for a man much younger. He ascribes his fine physical conditions to the fact that he spends his winters in the south.

Station Agent Harris entertained his uncles, Charles Harris, of Lowell, over the week-end and holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Richardson attended the New England fair at Worcester on Wednesday.

Beatrice Haynes returned home last week from Milford N. H., where she has been spending part of the summer.

The Book and Thimble club met at Mrs. E. B. Heald's bungalow on Monday afternoon. The members of this club have read Dickens quite extensively and were well entertained during the afternoon by a description given by Miss Annick Blood of her recent trip into Dickens' world of her trip to one of a party of eight who toured Kent county, stopping at Rochester, where they dined at the Bull tavern made famous by the Pickwick paper. They also visited Cobham and the former residence of Dickens, Galt's Hill. Her account was most admirably given.

J. J. Willoughby, who has been employed at the Nashua River Paper mills for several years, has discontinued his work there on repairs and is at present employed by John Frossard in his shop.

Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker recently received a letter from her son, H. Chandler Tucker, on U. S. S. Virginia from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, indicating they were coming north. Later the intelligence was received that the ship had been ordered back to Mexican waters.

Miss Gertrude Nokes recently returned home from the Peck farm, where she has been acting as companion for the past three weeks to an elderly lady, Mrs. J. B. Swasey, of New York, who is spending the summer here.

Mrs. G. W. Pierce has returned home from a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Herrig, at Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell McWilliams, with their guests, Mrs. Chesley Hill, and Mrs. Emma Hill, took a trip by auto on Labor day to Waltham and Norumbega Park, the number of miles registered being ninety-one.

Mrs. Allan McElhenney enjoyed a fine auto ride on Tuesday by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McLean, of Townsend. The party went from Pepperell to Nashua, then to Manchester, returning by way of New Bedford and Amherst. The roughest roads they encountered was from Pepperell to Nashua and in New Bedford.

Miss Kitty Tully, of Beachmont, was a recent guest with her sister, Mrs. Davis, on Nashua street.

Miss Goldie Deane, of Laconia, N. H., was the guest of her friend, Miss Gertrude Nokes, from Friday to Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson Blood, of Concord Junction, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blood.

Boynton Merrill returned home on last Thursday to spend a few days before going back to college.

Mrs. Kibbs and little daughter Barbara, of Somerville, have been spending a few days with Mrs. H. N. Tower. They were also her guests at the camp at Whalom during the latter part of August.

Mrs. H. W. Hutchinson left Wednesday morning for Hoosac Falls, N. Y., for a visit of a few days. Her sister, Mrs. Betty, who has been visiting there, will return with her.

Miss Nettie Blood, of Waban, spent Sunday and the holiday with her mother, Mrs. A. N. Blood, on Park street.

Miss Nellie Errington commenced her duties at Fitchburg Business college on Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Hall came from Lawrence Monday to visit her numerous friends in town for a few days.

W. C. Perry has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Boynton, of Groton, at their summer home at Island pond.

Miss Ruth Wilson, of Townsend street, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Merrill, in Boston.

Dana Merrill left town for Amherst on Monday, where he will resume his studies at Massachusetts Agricultural college.

Madeline Wayne, of Newton, spent Sunday with Mrs. Alfred Boynton on Elm street.

Miss Nellie Fuller, of Groton, has been attending to the household duties of the late Mrs. Bessie Allen, of Elm street, during the latter's absence at Old Orchard, Me., and recently met with a painful injury. As she was about to descend the stairs she missed the top step and fell the three flights. She was several moments before she could manage to get to the telephone to summon a physician. Dr. Lovejoy was quick to respond and upon examination found no bones broken, but her left arm and shoulder were badly bruised. At present she is gaining, but still unable to move the injured arm.

The stores in town were closed for an hour on Tuesday afternoon of last week during the time of the services held for the late Charles D. Hutchinson in town. Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson and son, H. W. Hutchinson, appreciated the thoughtfulness of the act and wish to express their thanks for the courtesy shown by those who closed their places of business.

The East Village Social club met with Mrs. Silas Nokes on Wednesday afternoon, twelve members and two guests being present. A most pleasant afternoon was passed, the program being unusually good. Mrs. M. E. Swasey gave a selection on "Women as automobilists." Mrs. A. H. Raymond gave a humorous selection and Mrs. Anna Nutting gave "No sect in heaven." Mrs. Maud Parker pleased her hearers by reciting "Milkkin" time. Miss Gertrude Nokes, daughter of the hostess, rendered a musical selection, "Cathedral chimes," which was followed by a piano duet song, by Mrs. Fred Nokes, one of the visitors, and Miss Gertrude. Mrs. Fred Nokes also gave an excellent imitation of the banjo on the piano. The hostess and her daughter served the assembled guests with a delicious lunch of ice cream and cake.

Dr. F. A. Davis and W. F. Dennen went to Worcester to the New England fair on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Dennen also attended on Wednesday. Dr. Davis and Mr. Dennen were exhibitors.

A pleasant picnic party met with Mrs. N. M. Gutterston at the home of Mrs. S. J. Richardson on Labor day. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jenks, of Goffstown, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Gifford, of Gardner, and Fred D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Weston, Mrs. H. R. Lakin and Mrs. M. M. Richards, of this town.

A pleasant family reunion was quietly held at the home of Mrs. El-

vira Gilson, Shirley street, on Labor day. Her sisters, who reside in town, are Mrs. E. Swasey and Mrs. Alfred Boynton, were present; also, their brothers, Edward Colburn, of Groveton, and John Colburn, who resides with Mrs. Gilson. These five are all members of a large family of Colburns, who formerly resided in Hollis, N. H.

Miss H. Elizabeth Shattuck returned to her school at Cushing academy, Ashburnham, on Tuesday.

Accoma lodge, D. of R., held its regular meeting at their hall on Tuesday evening. There was a very good attendance, visitors being present from Boston.

Labor day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McElhenney on Oak Hill were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Newhall and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beede, coming by auto from Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace of Townsend were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Nokes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Swasey were entertained Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard. Whist was in order, many of the invited guests being members of the whist club of which Mrs. Thurston was a member nine years ago.

Julian Alden, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Shattuck of Elm Village, on Thursday morning was taken up yonder. His brief life on earth of only two months were days filled with pain and weakness. Only the loving care of his mother was available to keep the little one with them as long. Short services will be held at the home on Saturday afternoon. The bereaved parents have the sincere sympathy of their friends in these hours of sadness.

Mr. Charles Goff returned on Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives in Gardner, Me.

Miss Annah P. Blood went back to New York on Thursday afternoon, as schools in that city open on September 14, and teachers are supposed to report on the Friday before that date.

Mrs. P. J. McDonald, of Nashua street, is convalescent after several days' illness from an attack of cholera morbus.

Joseph Dotello has exchanged his farm on Nashua street for a piece of property in Everett and will remove there in a few days. He has ties purchasing his farm will use it for raising young stock.

Among those attending the Pomona Grange at Groton on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Benedict, Mrs. M. M. Richards, Mrs. F. B. Simmons, Mrs. Ada Whitney, Mrs. John Martin, Rev. P. R. Stratton, Miss Margaret Benedict, Mrs. Sumner Shattuck, Miss Ida Shattuck and Miss Rose Alden.

Blaze at Engine House. Fire was discovered Friday forenoon of last week issuing from the roof of the old engine house on Cottage street. An alarm was rung in from box 32, but the whistle failed to work, as usual, although the bell at the engine house rang. The firemen first on the scene found the fire had originated in the second story and worked its way up into the roof. They soon let the daylight in along the ridgepole and a stream of water quickly put the fire under control. It had burst out on the roof during the night its extreme nearness to the stable of E. E. Tarbell, which adjoins his residence, might have caused considerable damage, as well as at the next block west owned by Mrs. C. A. Conant.

Its origin has been variously estimated. The fire company No. 2 have been housing their hand engine in the building, and it is thought that a hall. A meeting was held there by them on Thursday evening, adjourning well towards midnight. Whether the place was the scene of too heated an argument, or the use of a lamp, or the use of a candle, the fire remains to be proved by the investigation of the state board and engineers.

The building is quite an ancient one and the time in the hands of the engineers. At present, we understand, it is now property in the hands of the selectmen. It will probably be put in repair as the damage was slight.

Labor Day Sports. The Labor day sports and races at Babtassetts driving park, while not largely attended in the forenoon called out a good crowd in the afternoon. In the pigeon shooting contest W. A. Kemp was the winner of the cup, breaking a record of twenty-five. Fred Bennett was a close second.

In the girls' 50-yd. dash Miss Gertrude McCormick won first prize, being awarded a silver cup. Miss Emma Kinney, of Ayer, was second and Miss Nellie Blood, of Waban, was third. The time was 6 1/2 seconds.

In the boys' 100-yd. dash Thomas Sullivan won first and young McCormick second. The Goetting brothers of Hollis also gave an exhibition of a half mile.

The ball game resulted in Pepperell being downed by the Rovers of Fitchburg by the score of 7 to 5. In the box for the Rovers was Harry Babbatt, who is a member of the New England league, who easily held the locals at bay. O'Toole featured with his home run with two on bases.

In the races in the 230 class, Chatham by C. Wesley, won in three straight heats; time 2:35. Little Bert won the last half in 1:15 and the last quarter in 33 seconds. Little Bert, by Thomas Jambard, was second, and Oakland Impaired, by Carl Wesley, was third.

In the 240 class locals, the third entry, by Dr. Davis, failed to appear. Of the two competing, Miss Borelight, by John Connolly, won in three straight heats, and Peter, by Joseph Connolly, second; time 2:47.

Former Pepperell Boy. A communication recently received from Dr. Frank Minter of Carney hospital, by a friend in town, relates his connection with the work of resuscitating the four persons at City Point life saving station on Sunday evening. The incident was noted by the Boston dailies on Monday, but the name of the physician was wrongly spelled "Minton."

According to this account seven persons, including Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw and an infant son, were rescued from the motor boat. The Bradshaw boy was thought to have drowned. The four who were rescued were unconscious when the boat reached the shore. The first aid treatment was administered by Dr. George Stewart and Frank Minter of Carney hospital.

were sent down in answer to the emergency call.

At the report and Dr. Minter's letter they had a strenuous all night task to accomplish the work of resuscitation. Dr. Minter was a former Pepperell boy, a graduate from Peabody high school, and will be remembered by many.

Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Anderson family was held at the home of Mrs. R. B. Washburn, in the afternoon, on Tucker avenue, Labor day. A party of thirty-six came by auto truck from Worcester and surrounding towns, consisting of the following persons: Charles Anderson, of Tattuck; Mrs. John Anderson, of Auburn, and daughter, Mrs. Flint, with her husband and son, from Shrewsbury; Mrs. W. H. Lea, nee Anderson, her husband and two sons, of Worcester, and daughter, Mrs. Rachel (Anderson) Hurdle, of Shrewsbury; Mrs. Joseph Carter, of Groton, and their daughter, Mrs. Mills, of Boston.

A number of invited friends from the Oak Hill Baptist church society of Worcester included the organist, Miss Susie Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and two daughters, Mr. Woodcock, Miss Newhall, Miss Woodcock, of Worcester, and Albert LaPorte and two brothers, Mr. R. Barrows, of Worcester, and Miss Leora, of this town, was an invited guest of Miss Belle Winship for the day.

A bountiful repast was served at noon under the trees to forty-five people. Everybody voted Pepperell cool, and spring water the "best ever."

A scrub baseball game between the married and single men was held at the playground and was decided to be won by the single men. The Juniors in the evening voted Pepperell slides and swings at the playground.

The adjacent field of corn belonging to Mr. Rowell pleased the city boys, who said they would like to come later and husk the corn for it was a treat at an old-fashioned "husking bee."

It was a merry crowd that filled the big auto truck for their return trip, starting about five o'clock with many roving cars and a few in Worcester. They expected to arrive in Worcester about eight o'clock.

Mistaken Identity. A little ripple of excitement stirred the town on Saturday morning, caused by a so-called lost team. Dunstable man by the name of Blodgett fastened his horse in front of Tarbell's grocery store, and coming back an hour or so later, failed to find his horse. An unsuccessful search he laid his case before Constable Lawrence and they conducted an unsuccessful search about town for some time, until on coming back to the village they were given a clue by a man named Goggin. He pointed out to them a team which had been standing in front of the grocery store several hours and over the noon time. It was known to belong to Harmon Williams, an agent of Groton. Here they were met by Miss Goggin advised the Dunstable man to take the team up to the owner and he had no doubt the mystery would be solved. Acting upon the suggestion the lost horse was found quickly by his owner in Mr. Williams' stable. The teams were nearly identical and were tied side by side, and Mr. Williams, being nearly ninety years of age, and his eyesight impaired, had calmly taken the wrong team home.

News Items. Edwin T. Blood, of Province street, finds Mussel Cove, Me., such a delightful place to spend a vacation, that he and his son Willis returned to that place to spend two more weeks. They are the guests of Mr. Blood's brother, Clarence E. Blood.

Guests at the Fitch homestead on Shirley street for the week-end and Labor day were Mr. and Mrs. J. Carpenter, who motored up from the cape with their two daughters, and Jesse C. Cook, from Fitchburg.

Mrs. Aaron Bradshaw, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. A. Shattuck, of Maple street, the last three weeks, spent Friday for a short stay in Worcester, before returning to her home in Oakville, Conn.

Mrs. C. G. Willey, of Franklin street, starts Saturday for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. H. S. Powers, at Southbridge. She also intends to spend a few days with her brother, Charles Burkinshaw, at New Britain, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shattuck, of Worcester, spent the week-end and holiday with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shattuck on Oak Hill.

Mrs. Leon Farr and son Russell are visiting in Worcester at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. H. E. Frost, during her mother's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Durant have returned from Whalom, where they have been camping this summer.

Bernard Shattuck has returned from York Cliffs, Me., and will spend a few days with his parents on Main street before taking up his duties in Boston.

Miss Irene Whitcomb returned on Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Lawrence and started her course at Fitchburg Normal school, Thursday.

Mrs. Jack Holbrook, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rice, on Sartelle street.

Miss Barbara Bancroft has returned from Maine, where she has been enjoying a visit with friends.

Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the American Unitarian association, will preside at the service of the church federation in the Unitarian church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. All persons are cordially invited to attend this service.

The Prudence Wright chapter will hold their next meeting at the chapter house on Thursday afternoon, September 17, at the usual time. Invited guests are the high school teachers and the senior class. Hostesses, Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterston, Mrs. Nellie B. Appleton, Mrs. Lucy Boynton, Miss Helen Wiley, Miss Lucy Blood.

Methodist Church Notes. "Weighed and found wanting" will be the subject at the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

At seven in the evening the usual service will be omitted and the church federation will hold a union service at the Unitarian church, at which the sermon will be preached by Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the American Unitarian association.

The bright hour service of the Epworth league will be held at 5:30 o'clock. Subject, "What shall my life work be?"

A service for prayer and worship will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Knights of King Arthur will hold their first meeting for this autumn on Friday evening, September

11, at 7:30 o'clock, in the ladies' parlour.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town. Eugene Shattuck has sold his farm known as the Deacon Colburn place to parties in Nashua, N. H.

Mrs. Charles Eastman has been on the sick list.

Miss Bernice Holmes, who is employed at Charles E. Hardy's, broke her left wrist while in Pepperell on Labor day. Miss Grace Smith is assisting at the Hardy home during her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hinckley and other friends, from Amesbury, Mass., were Labor day guests at Mabel L. Hinckley's.

Mrs. William H. Lund and daughter visited relatives in Hudson a few days last week.

Mrs. Lilla Hardy, who was in town for a few days, returned to Fitchburg on Tuesday.

Daniel Richardson, who came to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Richardson, returned to East Westmoreland on Monday.

Miss Dorothy Farley, staying at Mrs. Fred Muzzey's and attending school, for a few days.

Mrs. Wesley Ladd, who has been in a Nashua hospital for treatment, has left the hospital and is stopping at her mother's, Mrs. Samuel Thayer.

Miss Ruth Hodgkins, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., who spent a few days last week at Waldo A. Flagg's, returned home on Monday.

Miss Abby Itard has been ill the past week.

News Items. Miss Frances Leighton went to Frammingham, Mass., for the school term this week. Her mother went to Boston. She intends to take up a course in studies to fit herself for a course in domestic studies.

Miss Hattie Kendall is spending two weeks in Hollis with her sister, Ned Stratton has installed a telephone in his house.

Miss Ruth Goodwin went to Swampscott last Wednesday to attend the normal school and will board with her brother, Otis G. Goodwin.

Jerry J. Bell has been attending the fairs for the past two weeks, last week in Salem and this week in Worcester. He had young stock entered in both fairs.

Carroll Reed has entered Maine State school. His brother returned to Maine this week.

LITTLETON.

Historical Society. The outing of the Littleton Historical society on the afternoon of Labor day marked a red letter event in its annals, being made memorable by an auto trip of about thirty of its members and friends to the neighboring town of Groton. Here they were met by Miss Georgianna Boutwell, who accompanied them to the home of Dr. Samuel A. Green, who kindly accorded the company a reception and entertained them in a most enjoyable manner. By his conversation upon topics of local interest. After this meeting, which gave great pleasure to those privileged to be present, Miss Boutwell guided the party to places of note pointing out among the objects of interest the tablet in memory of Col. Prescott of revolutionary fame; the John Longley homestead, of which family one member was carried off by the Indians in 1704, and one time home of the talented and celebrated Margaret Fuller, and tablets of soldiers in the old cemetery.

The company visited also the spot in Groton known as "God's Acre," which marked the final resting place of Groton's illustrious citizen, George S. Boutwell, and were glad to recall there his varied and valuable services to state and country as governor of Massachusetts, its representative, senator and secretary of the treasury at Washington.

A visit to the library followed the auto ride, where the historical rooms were kindly opened for inspection of the large collection of interesting and valuable articles. A cordial invitation was here given to visit the home of Miss Boutwell, where her guests were most cordially received and entertained by refreshments, by further reminiscences from the hostess, a description of curios and the privilege of visiting the rooms of the fine old mansion. Not for show merely were the many volumes in the large library, but a genuine source of equipment for the various duties and obligations of its former owner.

This visit brought the trip of the Historical society to a close and the vote of thanks in the afternoon of Groton who has given the visitors to Groton so much pleasure was a sincere mark of appreciation for the courtesies and hospitality so generously extended.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prouty started last week Thursday on their annual outing. They will be absent from home two weeks, spending most of the time at the usual place in the Adirondacks.

L. W. Bartlett and daughter are week-end guests at Mrs. John A. Kimball's.

Mrs. Barrett, housekeeper at Stacy C. Bates', is suffering from blood poison.

Mrs. Jones, of King street, is entertaining her mother, who comes from Quaker Town, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patch and Miss Hettie Edwings were among the invited guests at the Sandy pond school reunion last Saturday, and Mr. Patch was one of the speakers.

Another food sale is scheduled for this afternoon at the Baptist vestry- house on Thursday afternoon, September 17, at the usual time. Invited guests are the high school teachers and the senior class. Hostesses, Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterston, Mrs. Nellie B. Appleton, Mrs. Lucy Boynton, Miss Helen Wiley, Miss Lucy Blood.

An Enjoyable Trip. The Historical society spent a very pleasant afternoon in Groton on Monday. Conveyance from the Reuben Hoar library was by the automobiles of F. B. Priest, W. E. Conant, N. B. Conant, A. E. Robbins and F. H. Harriet. The first stop was made at Dr. Samuel Green's, where the company enjoyed an interesting talk on historical Groton by the ex-mayor, Miss Georgianna Boutwell joined the party at her home and imparted much valuable knowledge about the historical places visited. Among the latter were the birthplace of Col. William Prescott, the Longley monument, and the house put together with wooden pegs. Returning to the Center, the company enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Bout-

well, who took her guests through the Boutwell home and showed them its treasures. Fruitade was served and a very pleasant hour completed the entertainment.

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