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TOWNSEND

Center.

Miss Grace Tarbell and her friend, Miss Sears, of Boston, spent the week-end with Miss Tarbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tarbell.

The selectmen submit the following rate of taxation, same as last year, $18.80 per $1000; total valuation, $1,460,076; total appropriations, $24,710.36; number of polls, 542; state tax, $2,560; county tax, $1,652.08; state highway tax, $603; total amount committed to collector, $29,261.74.

Roscoe Wakefield and granddaughter Blanche are the guests of her daughter, Mrs. Stella Piper.

Mrs. Lizzie Hildreth and niece, Mrs. Howard, are spending a week at the Eastman homestead.

Miss Mabel Temple, who has been working at the Mountain House, Jackson, N. H., was obliged to come home, as she has blood poisoning in her left hand, which started with a felon. She will return as soon as her hand is so that she can use it.

The bad weather of the past week has caused tons of hay to be a total loss.

The selectmen will receive bids for a contract to build 5300 feet of gravel road between a point near the house of Albert Funaiole and the Lunenburg town line, in accordance with plan and specifications of the state highway commission, which can be seen at their rooms in Memorial hall. The time for receiving bids will expire at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, August 5. They reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

About Town.

Miss Hattie Smith is at home and assisting in the postoffice while Miss Helen Dobson is away on her vacation.

Mrs. Herbert Bowley and her niece, Beatrice Arlin, have been visiting in New Ipswich for a week past with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

Miss Mae Temple is spending a part of her school vacation in Boston.

In spite of the hot weather quite a few couples attended the dance given in Memorial hall last week Friday evening after the band concert on the common. The dance was under the management of the "Big Three."

Daniel Slattery has been spending a few days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lavoie.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Eaton and Miss Ruth Arlin motored to Gardner, Greenfield and vicinity on Sunday.

Some of the gentlemen friends of Charles Fagan called at his home on Wednesday evening and brought with them a beautiful parlor clock, which they presented to Mr. and Mrs. Fagan as a remembrance from them. Ice cream was served during the evening and a pleasant social time was enjoyed.

William T. MacMaster motored to Boston on Monday, and from there to North Andover, where they visited until Wednesday with Roy M. Tuttle and family.

Joseph Temple spent the week-end with his family here.

Miss Eva Stearns expects to go to the beach next week, where she will remain for awhile with friends.

Mr. Stacey received a very bad burn on the face by steam recently, and it is feared he may lose the sight of one eye.

Hugh Hill got cut on the hand quite badly this week at Fessenden's mill and had to have several stitches taken on one of his fingers.

Miss Florence Copeland, of Fitchburg, visited recently with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Spaulding.

Harbor.

Mrs. B. W. Hapgood, who formerly resided in Townsend Harbor with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas S. Hittinger, died at 73 Spruce street, Portland, Me., on July 24. Interment at Mt. Auburn cemetery, Cambridge.

Blossoms and well developed fruit are to be seen on an apple tree at Sachem Villa.

Word has been received from California of the recent death of Mrs. Ella Lang at the home of her son, Harry Lynch.

Born on July 7, a daughter, Virginia, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Locke, of St. Louis.

Mrs. Stillman Anderson, who has been a guest at Edgewood, returned to her home in Dorchester on Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Porter, a niece of Mrs. Lorenzo Doran, is enjoying a week's vacation at Dinglewood.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cummings observed the first anniversary of their marriage on Wednesday.

Horace Seale is suffering from a lame back, caused by lifting wet hay.

Miss Dorothy Phillips, who has been visiting at Pinehurst, returned to Medford on Wednesday. Miss Phillips was accompanied by Waldo Leahy.

Will Cooper and Lorenzo Doran are enjoying a deep sea fishing trip down Boston harbor.

A serious accident was narrowly averted on Wednesday evening at the Center. Just as an automobile approaching the western end of the lower bridge on Main street, after sounding the horn, was in the act of turning out to go by a team, a second team bearing no light was unexpectedly seen abreast of the first team and coming toward the approaching car. A prompt application of the emergency brake by the chauffeur was all that prevented a disastrous collision. Had the second team shown a light as did the first, the usual caution in driving, it would have eliminated all danger. Notices are posted about town to the effect that there is a five-dollar fine for driving a team at night without a light.

Mr. Dole and family, of Melrose, have opened their home on South row for the summer.

Ralph Spencer, of Maumee, Ohio, made a flying visit at the home of B. C. Cummings on last week Friday.

Clarence Josselyn made an auto trip to Newburyport last week.

The As You Like It club met at Riverview with Mrs. B. C. Cummings on Tuesday. The club was entertained on the cool porch overlooking the Harbor pond. Miss Melora Warner had charge of the program. After Victrola selections, readings by Mrs. Noyes were enjoyed. The paper of the afternoon, entitled "The handicraft of the women of 1775," was given by Mrs. Vernal Barber. Mrs. Barber's papers are well-known as literary treats and her pleasing rendering made all feel that they had truly been visiting in the homes of "ye colonial dames." Miss Alberta Barber and her little five-year-old guest, each gave readings. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cummings. The next meeting of the club is to be at Edgewood with Mrs. Ransom B. Adams.

Mrs. Esther Bailey and her daughter Sybil, of East Boston, are visiting Mrs. James Bennett.

Sq. Sgt. Maj. H. A. Jones of the 5th Cavalry is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Warner. Mr. Jones has just returned from five months of active service in the interior of Mexico.

Miss Melora Warner left town on Wednesday for a trip to Cape Ann, and later to be one of the guests of a house boat party at Hampton Beach.

Patrick Kerwin is visiting Mrs. John Doherty, of this village, and Mrs. James Christian, of Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson, who have been at the home of Mrs Mary E. Buckley, have returned to Missouri.

The Social club met on last Saturday evening at the parish building. A literary and musical program was given. Refreshments were in charge of Mrs. Mary and Mrs. William Buckley.

LITTLETON

News Items.

The Baptist church will be closed the next two Sundays and the pastor will take his annual vacation.

David Millett is at work carpentering for the H. Elmer Kimball syndicate that is building houses on a new street in Worcester.

P. C. Edwards, of New York city, is at the Ledges with his family for a vacation period.

Ralph W. Conant, of Newton, is taking his vacation, which he is spending with his family at the Ledges and at the W. E. Conants, Littleton Center.

On every side we see hay spoiled or spoiling on account of the long spell of rainy weather. Many of our farmers had their best grass cut and lying flat through all this disheartening drizzle. Littleton farmers are not alone in this experience, for all along the way to Boston, and in the towns to the north and west is the same discouraging sight of hay rotting in pools of water. However, under these conditions the cornfields revel and the growth is exceedingly rapid.

Miss Mildred Home, of Pepperell, has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Dodge, this week.

Mrs. John H. Kimball, with her children, spent a few days in Rindge, N. H., this week, and on Friday helped celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shepley Cleaves, of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Robinson of Nashobah district have moved from their house near Lake Nagog to their new home in Concord Junction.

James B. Packard has sold his recently purchased farm, known as the Deacon Brown farm, in Newtown, to Bertha L. Barnard.

Miss Priscilla Hall is spending a week of her vacation in Nashua with her cousin, Mrs. T. J. Dowd.

Karl Dowd of Nashua and Henry Reed of Dorchester are spending their vacation with their cousin, Mrs. Geo. Hall.

Miss Cora F. Warren, head of the girls' prevocational department of North Bennett street industrial school, Boston, was a recent guest of Miss Ella F. Miller at Acton Center.

Judge Sanderson has had telephone connections made with his summer home. His call is 18-3. A. P. Gardner has recently installed a telephone with number 26-4.

During the recent excitement over the gang of young men who have been engaged in petty thefts in this vicinity Littleton has come in for her share of anxiety. Not all reports that have come to our ears are true, but a few houses have been broken into and entered and food has been taken. At three of the places where an attempt at entering was made the would-be thieves were easily frightened away. In all probability the young men who had an accident as they were rounding a corner at North Littleton while passing from Westford towards Ayer in a stolen automobile, belonging to the same gang, and possibly the four boys rounded up by Chief Beatty in Ayer last week Friday afternoon were associates. At least one fact is quite evident. The lads in question were not familiar with Littleton or Littleton people and the young marauder whose face in one instance was plainly visible, was little more than a boy.

The road commissioner has kept busy this week filling in the many holes of the state road in King street. The prediction made by the builders and the superintendent three years ago has come true, that the Lactart road would outwear King street road by many years.

Miss Mildred Howe of Pepperell was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Dodge, for a day or two this week.

The camps at Forge pond are all occupied and those at Lake Warren and Fort pond are taken. At the latter resore is a jolly party of boy scouts from Stow in charge of their master, Rev. Mr. Pierce, pastor of the Union church. George C. Durkee's cottages at Lake Nagog are filled with campers.

An automobile run by E. G. Moody, who was on his way from Hollis to Cambridge, skidded and turned turtle on the Great Road near Thomas Mannion's house Thursday morning at seven o'clock. Mr. Moody sustained several lacerations and bruises which received the attention of Dr. Christie. The automobile was badly damaged, but not a complete wreck.

One of the workmen at the Nagog Inn was putting ice into the refrigerator last week Friday when his tongs slipped and caught in his mouth causing a slit that required three stitches in one lip.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. James Knight, Mrs. William Withington and Mrs. Ada Durkee took an auto ride to Worcester last Monday to call on Mrs. Chas. Knight at the hospital. They found her physical and mental condition so much improved that they hope she will soon be able to return to her home.

The Misses Ruby and Marion Viets of Waltham visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Alice Cobleigh Towne of Amherst is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cobleigh.

Frank Braman of Westboro is spending the week at the Braman farm.

Mrs. Frank Dodge went to Ayer on Wednesday to see her grandmother, Mrs. B. S. Mead. Mrs. Mead has suffered much from rheumatism for a long time and this season has been much worse than usual.

Charles Sherry is building another ice cream pavilion in the same place near the state road, where he had one last summer.

The Camp-fire girls plan to leave the town for camping to South Chelmsford at Heart lake by the first of August and will stay there for a fortnight. We wish them a very useful and enjoyable time.

Church Notes.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister. Subject, "Jesus and the common people." Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

For the first two Sundays in August, namely, the 6th and the 13th, the church will be closed for morning worship and Sunday school. C. E. meeting and evening services, however, will be held as usual.

Rev. G. M. Missirian will spend his vacation partly on Berkshire hills and partly at New York and at New Haven, visiting his friends. He expects to be back at the parsonage on August 18. Mr. Missirian, by the end of this week, expects to finish his first all round calls in the town. He will appreciate very much to be notified by the people who did not receive his calls.

SHIRLEY

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar spent Monday with relatives in Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis of Townsend are guests at the home of Mrs. Charles Longley.

Mrs. Anna F. Dakin is spending a few days in Cambridge. Her housekeeper, Miss Wetherbee, is in Leominster.

Misses Beatrice and Elsie Pray of Brookline are occupying the summer home of their father, A. H. Pray, on Parker road.

The Wednesday afternoon meeting for the purpose of making slippers for the wounded in the French hospitals was held this week in front of the First Parish church and was well attended.

Mrs. Raoul Rettberg and Arthur Jubb were married on July 15 at Lunenburg by the Rev. Alfred Noon.

News Items.

Miss Grace Tewksbury, who has been quite ill with tonsilitis, is better and able to be out.

Quite a number attended the annual Alliance picnic at Whalom Park on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart and daughter Mildred left this week for a vacation of two weeks at Keene, N. H.

Leslie Wells, who has just finished a bookkeeping course at Burdett's business college, has accepted a position in the office of Jones & Baker, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Weeks are rejoicing over the birth of a boy, born on Thursday. Miss Cullen, of Ayer, a trained nurse, is in attendance.

Miss Helen Smith, of Petersham, will arrive this Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Tewksbury for a week's visit.

There will be a band concert at the village on Tuesday evening.

THE DIRECTOR

A Buffalo man stopped a newsboy in New York, saying: "See here, son, I want to find the Blank National bank. I'll give you half a dollar if you direct me to it."

With a grin the boy replied: "All right, come along," and he led the man to a building half a block away.

The man paid the promised fee, remarking, however, "That was a half dollar easily earned."

"Sure!" responded the lad. "But you mustn't fergit that bank directors is paid high in Noo-Yawk."

Owing to the shortage of paper the Australian postal authorities have appealed to the people not to use two half-penny stamps when a penny one would do.

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WESTFORD

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright and son Livingston return the first of the week to their summer home in Marshfield after spending the month of July in Westford.

Word has been received by Westford friends of the approaching marriage of Miss Ruth Rowley at her home in North Craftsburg, Vt., to Rev. Edwin H. Gordon, who is the pastor of the church in that town. Miss Rowley is the only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Rowley, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, and was born here during her father's pastorate.

Postmaster J. Herbert Fletcher goes the first of the week for a two-weeks' vacation and fishing trip at Cobbosseecontee Lake, Hallowell, Me.

Elizabeth and William Carver are out of quarantine after a seige with measles.

John G. Fletcher goes next week to Camp Belnap on Lake Winnipesaukee, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, with Misses Sarah and May Atwood, enjoyed an auto trip to Putnam, Conn., on Tuesday.

Westford A. A. was victorious over Townsend A. A. on last Saturday afternoon at Whitney playground by the score of 4 to 0. It was a spirited contest and both teams were out to win. This Saturday Westford goes to Milford, N. H.

The continued rainy, cloudy weather is a real trial to those struggling with the remainder of the hay crop. The raspberry growers have been having a hard time this week and meeting with heavy losses. It has been impossible to get the berries picked and shipped to market in any sort of condition and what would have been first quality fruit has sold for low prices. Shipments of early apples are under way.

Miss Rita Jordan, at Providence farm, entertained a party of young people on Friday evening of last week. The game of five hundred, for which there were three tables, was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Mrs. Lillian Lumbrt has her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Lumbert, and two of the grandchildren staying with her. The other two children are spending vacation days with their aunt, Mrs. Grace Lumbert Kenney, in Arlington.

Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace and Misses Pauline and Rachael go the first of the week to Lunenburg for the month of August. During their absence the parsonage will be occupied by a Rev. Mr. Coburn, his wife and two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kimball will be absent from town during August and while away their home will be occupied by a family from Lowell.

Last Sunday morning at the Congregational church Mr. Wallace preached at the morning service on "Blessings," and at the evening service spoke on "Religious substitutes." Sunday will be the last services before the vacation of four weeks, and a good attendance is hoped for. Sunday evening services will be [illegible] during the vacation.

The John P. Wright [illegible] to their home this Saturday after spending a month at camp at [illegible] pond, South Chelmsford.

Edward B. [illegible] of our former Westford boys, is at the Mexican border encamped with Company E, 5th regiment, El Paso, Texas.

The annual summer [illegible] of the Cavalry association will take place on August 12. Plans are not yet complete, but it promises to be an attractive event. The Boston [illegible] male quartet will sing and there will be other entertainment. This year the ladies will be invited.

The deed for the Henry O. Keyes property in the center of the town has been passed, the town paying $2300 and thereby coming into possession of the old academy, the cottage house and the buildings and blacksmith shop. The cost [illegible] for remodeling the old academy is $3500 which sum was [illegible] at a special town meeting. Mr. Keyes meeting the town's offer for the property is much appreciated and a radical step in [illegible] is assured.

Many of our residents have taken advantage of the sales and fare refunding offer by Lowell merchants this week.

Miss Eva F. Pyne, who entered with such whole-hearted interest into the work of cooperating with the Red Cross workers in doing for the soldiers at the Mexican border, has received from Capt. Daniel E. Christian of Co. M, 9th Massachusetts infantry, a letter of sincere appreciation for the articles sent. About thirty packages as described in a recent issue of this column had been sent to the border by Miss Pyne, she having been in charge of collecting money and articles specified. Those collected by Miss Pauline Wallace were sent to the Red Cross headquarters in Boston. About twenty-five hospital shirts have been made by the ladies in town, Miss Pyne being in charge of giving out and collecting the work. Miss Pyne, who was willing to give freely of vacation time and strength, has been interrupted severely with sciatica, but her many friends are glad to hear she is now improving each day.

J. Henry Colburn, who joined Mrs. Colburn at Alton Bay, N. H., for a little vacation, was offered a good position on the building of a large house across the street from where he was staying, at which work he is busily occupied.

About Town.

Frank H. and Francis H. Tyrrell, of Nashua, twin brothers, recently celebrated their eighty-third birthday at the old homestead on the Dunstable road, Nashua, N. H. Their father, Henry Tyrrell, lived to be 98 years and 3 months old, and their mother, Lucy Tolles Tyrrell, 98 years and 8 months old. Frank will be remembered as one of the first three conductors employed by the Lowell horse railroad in the early days of horse cars. Since then he has had large experience in the hotel business in New Hampshire and Boston. Francis has had a large experience in the retail milk trade and in the provision business in Nashua. They have returned to the ancestral farm and are busy haying these beautiful dog days. Their only sister, Mrs. Lucy A. Keyes, keeps up the family record for longevity, having passed eighty-five years.

Joseph T. Richardson, who died at his home on the Lowell road on last week Wednesday afternoon, aged sixty-two years, was born in Jaffrey, N. H. After coming to Westford he was employed as section foreman on the Nashua and Acton railroad between East Littleton and East Groton. For twenty-five years he served in this capacity and afterwards was employed in the construction of the Fitchburg and Lowell electric road and branch line to Westford. Since then he has been employed as gardener for Abiel J. Abbot at Westford Center. In all these capacities he labored to the line of faithful service. He leaves a widow and five children. The funeral was held on Friday forenoon of last week. The services were conducted by Rev. David Wallace. The bearers were Frank W. Bannister, Andrew Johnson, William Graves, Ralph Bridgeford. Burial was in Fairview cemetery.

Miss Ella Wright is making outside improvements to her summer home, on Lowell road, Brookside, by large piazzas, which makes the large, ancient house appear more as a part of today.

Ere the reader rests on these lines the Greig farm folks will be eating home-grown sweet corn. This would not seem so smart for some years, but in this year of backward, scant sun, and rain on the run, it is certainly the smart act. Second on the list is the Amos Polly "Prairie" farm who has harvested first planted potatoes, ploughed and seeded the land.

At the last meeting of the Grange it was voted to hold a field day on Whitney playground on Thursday, August 24, in charge of past lecturers, who are planning for music, sports and speech.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the past lecturers of Westford Grange on Monday evening at the home of A. H. Sutherland to complete arrangements for the field day on the Whitney playground, August 24.

Mr and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Lillian Sutherland and S. L. Taylor attended the Pomona field meeting at George W. Trull's farm in North Tewksbury.

Ralph Crosby, of Arlington, is visiting at his aunt's, Mrs. F. W. Bannister.

The largest hay crop out and no chance to make an inning.

Graniteville.

The members of Cameron Circle, C. F. of A., held a well attended and interesting meeting on Tuesday night with Miss Marion Lord, chief companion, in the chair. Business of importance was transacted and several applications for membership were received.

The Westford A. A. had for their opponents last Saturday the Townsend A. A. team, and the many local fans who attended the game at the Whitney playground witnessed some good, fast baseball, with Westford on the winning end by the score of 4 to 0. Page and Harvey did the battery work for Westford, while Farrar and Leary were on the firing line for Townsend. It is expected that Westford will play in Milford, N. H., this Saturday.

Rev. Henry L. Scott, who has recently returned from a brief vacation, celebrated both masses at St. Catherine's church last Sunday.

Mrs. James Welsh and daughter Fay, of Lynch, N. H., and Miss Kate May, of [illegible] have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]

Many in this vicinity are taking advantage of the excellent bargains being offered by the Lowell merchants this week. [illegible]

Mrs. James B. Healy, with her two children, Mary and Robert, have recently returned from a delightful stay at Mrs. Healy's former home in Groton.

Mrs. J. Ellsworth York and daughter Bernice have recently returned from a brief [illegible] with friends [illegible]

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HARVARD

News Items.

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Miss Hetty Mead [illegible]

The Nashawtuc [illegible]

Master Raymond Hodgkins [illegible] is visiting his uncle Mr. and Mrs. Jere Morgovin, this week.

Mr and Mrs. N. A. [illegible] Tuesday for a trip to the Bras D'Or region, Cape Breton. They will also make stays at Braddock and Pictou. They expect to be gone two weeks or more.

On Friday evening of last week the school girl friends of Miss Amy Bryant gave her a surprise linen shower at her home, "Fruitcroft" on Oak hill. The affair was promoted by Miss Christine Webster and very successfully carried out. Miss Bryant received a large number of beautiful and useful gifts in linen.

On next Tuesday evening the Grange will confer the third and fourth degrees on a class of candidates. The ladies' degree team will work the third degree. The usual harvest supper will be served following the meeting. At the last meeting of the Grange it was voted to hold the annual field day at Lake Chauncey, Westboro, on August 11, in conjunction with the annual State Grange meeting that day. Transportation will be arranged for as economically as consistent.

Born on Tuesday, July 25, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell Miner—Emma Muriel.

The meeting of the Bird club on Monday evening was well attended. It was voted that the regular date for meetings of the club shall be the second Monday in each month. A vote of thanks was extended to all those who provided means of transportation to the bird museum in Lancaster. The trip was much enjoyed by all who went over on July 1.

The pastor will have charge of the morning service at the Congregational church on Sunday. Mr. West will sing "The lesson," by Gray. The [illegible] will meet at twelve o'clock. Kenneth West and Raymond [illegible] are recent winners of awards for constant attendance. The Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting will be omitted on account of the quarterly meeting of the Harvard Temperance society.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Harvard Temperance society will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The work of the Union Rescue Mission of Boston will be presented in the form of an illustrated lecture, entitled, "Diamonds in the rough." This lecture gives pictures of men and women once denizens of the underworld brought there mainly by intemperance, redeemed to honor and usefulness through the efforts of the mission. Nothing like this has ever been seen in Harvard. It will be worth while.

The Makamackeechamucks Campfire are looking forward to and planning for their annual camping trip. Sufficient funds are at hand or in sight to take care of the financial end of it and the only questions now are time and place. The time will probably be put forward to near the middle of August on account of other immediate interests, and the place will depend upon the results of investigations that are being made.

"Marcy of the foothills," three reels, a western play; "His superficial wife," two reels; "More truth than poetry," George Ovey on the rampage, a comedy, will make up the program for the motion picture show at the town hall this Saturday evening—one that will please everyone who attends.

Clipping.

It will be of interest to many to read the following article which appeared in the "Listener" column of the Boston Evening Transcript of January 29:

Prefaced by remarks on [illegible] prison reform movements, and [illegible] how Miss Dorothea Lynde Dix, of Worcester, was incited to look into the condition of Massachusetts jails in the first half of the nineteenth century by the shameful treatment in a Worcester jail of one Joseph Palmer of Fitchburg, "The man with the beard," the article goes on as follows:

Miss Clara Endicott Sears has recently disinterred this celebrated case in her monumental book on "Fruitlands," the "community" experiment at Harvard, conducted by Bronson Alcott, assisted morally and financially by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Miss Sears, with a fine sense of what is called for by the true New England part, towards the Concord seers and sages, has gathered with infinite care and ingenuity not only every scrap of paper, printed or written, bearing on this short-lived effort to realize paradise on earth, on the hillside which is crowned by her summer residence—but also much of the furniture and household utensils of these early Victorian Fathers. Perhaps the sturdiest, most normal, most sensible of the lot, was this very Joseph Palmer, the martyred Man with the Beard. Of the best Yankee English stock he had a grandfather who for twenty years was a school teacher in Newton, his father fought in the revolution, and he himself was a soldier in the war of 1812.

But because he wore a broad, full beard—simply that and nothing more—he was persecuted by his neighbors in Fitchburg (where he had inherited farm lands) and this by both high and low, learned and simple, in a manner almost beyond belief. The full beard [illegible]

[illegible]

Miss Sears [illegible] the Fitchburg church where, when the minister passed [illegible] Palmer [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] by force.

Comparing dates, it is entirely possible that Miss Dorothea Dix, of Worcester, when at the age of thirty she came into her inheritance, was so moved by the treatment in the Worcester prison of the Man with the Beard, that very year, that she resolved to devote her fortune to clearing the community of such jails and jailors. It would not be the strangest thing in the world, either, if the interest in this direction which Miss Clara Endicott Sears has developed—in searching the records of Palmer's case, and gathering into her museum at "Fruitlands," as she has done, his fine old solid mahogany furniture, his tall clock and tables, four-posters and warming-pan, his letters and diary, with its dreadful indictment of New England prison management of less than a century ago—might lead her also along, in her turn and generation, in the same noble path.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of GEORGE H. JENNERSON late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

Whereas GEORGE A. WILDER the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twelfth day of September A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

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

3t46 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of MARGARET A. V. HAYWARD late of Boxborough in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds, as the law directs.

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

WARREN HAYWARD, Adm.
West Acton, R. F. D.
July 11, 1916. 3t46

Fitchburg, Mass., July 18, 1916.

To the Board of Selectmen of the town of Ayer.

Your petitioner, the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, respectfully prays that it may be granted a location for a turnout or siding on the southerly side of its present location on Central Avenue, in Ayer, substantially as follows, viz:—

The westerly terminus of said proposed siding connects with your petitioner's present location in said street, at a point about 252 feet easterly from [illegible] Street, and thence extends in an easterly direction in said street [illegible] connecting with said present location at a point about 320 feet easterly from the place of beginning, substantially as shown on a plan filed with your Honorable Board.

And your petitioner further prays that it may be granted a [illegible]

[illegible]

LOWELL & FITCHBURG STREET RAILWAY COMPANY
By Wesley W. Sargent, Pres.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ayer, July 26, 1916.

Ordered that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on **Monday, the twenty-first day of August, 1916, at eight o'clock P. M.,** in the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

JOHN D. CARNEY,
DOUGLAS C. SMITH,
LYMAN K. CLARK,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:
LYMAN K. CLARK,
2w47 Clerk.

Fitchburg, Mass., July 11, 1916.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Ayer:

Your petitioner, the Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway Company, respectfully prays that your Honorable Board will authorize it to act as a common carrier of newspapers, baggage, express matter and freight, over the entire location of its street railway in the town of Ayer.

FITCHBURG & LEOMINSTER ST. RAILWAY COMPANY
By Wesley W. Sargent, President.

Board of Selectmen

Ayer, July 26, 1916.

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DOUGLAS C. SMITH,
LYMAN K. CLARK,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:
LYMAN K. CLARK,
2w47 Clerk.

Fitchburg, Mass., July 18, 1916.

To the Board of Selectmen of the town of Ayer.

Your petitioner the Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway Company, respectfully prays that for the purpose of making connection with the tracks and location of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, it may be granted a change in the location of the easterly terminus of its tracks substantially as follows, viz:—

By moving said easterly terminus southerly about four and one-half feet to and connecting with the westerly terminus of the tracks and location of said Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company and from said easterly terminus as so changed, extending thence westerly about 116 feet to and connecting with your petitioner's tracks as now located substantially as shown upon a plan filed herewith.

And that your petitioner may be authorized to operate its railway over the location so prayed for by means of electricity, or by such other motive power as your Honorable Board may at any time approve; and for that purpose to erect and maintain all necessary poles, wires, and other fixtures and appliances over and along said location.

FITCHBURG & LEOMINSTER ST RAILWAY COMPANY
By Wesley W. Sargent, Pres.

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JOHN D. CARNEY,
DOUGLAS C. SMITH,
LYMAN K. CLARK,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:
LYMAN K. CLARK,
2w47 Clerk.

LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chap. 590, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 7114 has been lost and application has been made for the issuance of a duplicate book.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH JANE SCALES late of Townsend in said County, deceased, testate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to GEORGE A. WILDER of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without requiring sureties on his bond, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of September A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.

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

3t46 F. M. ESTY, Register.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

The following members of the Sewing club are camping at the Ayer cottage, Fort pond: The Misses Mamie Connors, Myra Credit, Elizabeth Desmond, Blanche Sawyer, Mary Badstübner and Madeline Logue. The party are chaperoned by Mrs. Inez Sawyer and Mrs. Nora Connors. The young ladies last Sunday entertained at dinner about twenty friends from Boston, Somerville, Ayer and Shirley.

The members of the Société l'Assomption will hold a special meeting at the Franco-American club rooms Sunday afternoon at four o'clock.

George Pomfret, with two sons, of Waverley, are spending this week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

Miss Amanda Beaudette, of Springfield, is visiting at the home of Miss Lizzie Shearer.

The Congregational church will hold its usual services on Sunday. At the conclusion of the services the church will be closed until the second Sunday in September, when it will reopen for fall and winter services. The pastor and family leave the first of next week for camp at Northfield to remain until September.

The Standard Oil Company has installed a gasolene tank at Brockelman Brothers' store.

A daughter weighing 8½ pounds was born early Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell Miner, of Harvard. Mr. Miner is a former well-known resident of Shirley.

Mrs. Edwin Grey, of Leominster, was the guest Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Harkins, Mill street.

John J. Horan, of Ayer, was arrested Monday night at eleven o'clock by Chief Riley at the Monahan house, Mitchelville. A woman, Miss Frances Lenend, about twenty-five years of age, was also taken into custody and detained as a witness. In the district court at Ayer on Tuesday morning Horan was arraigned on charges of drunkenness and rape. He was found guilty on the charge of drunkenness and the case placed on file on the payment of cost of court. On the charge of rape he was discharged.

Mrs. Delia Desoinie left the first of the week to join her husband, George Desoinie, at Ocean City, Md. They will remain in the south until September when they will return to Providence, their former home. Mr. Desoinie went south some time ago on account of ill health.

Miss Theresa Wild, of Lowell, is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Charles McDevitt.

Miss Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Parker, observed the eleventh anniversary of her birth on Wednesday by giving a party at which a number of her friends attended at her home on Lancaster road. She was the recipient of many pretty and useful gifts. Those present were May Clark, Louise Doherty, Ruth Whittaker, Alice McDevitt, Virginia Wheeler, Theresa Wild, Moody Parker, Helen Dadmun, Annie Parmenter, Doris Knowles. Millie, the little hostess, cut and served a large and handsome birthday cake to her little guests.

Lester Porter has bought from Mrs. Grace Hutchinson the coal and ice business which he sold her a few months ago.

Mrs. Otto London and daughter Bernice have returned to their home in Cambridge.

Charles H. Weare, Jr., has purchased a three-passenger Buick automobile and has been expecting its arrival for the past three weeks.

W William Welton, of Winthrop, with young daughter, spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of his aunt, Mrs. John Donovan, Chapel street.

Hearing.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen held on last Saturday evening in Engine hall a hearing was given the officials of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railroad on their petition to grant them the privilege to have an express electric car operate and do business in the town of Shirley. W. W. Sargent, president of the company, was present with Charles Baker, counsel, and gave a general review of what the express car service meant to the town and cited Gardner, Leominster, Lunenburg and other places where the express car had been in operation for some time past as concrete examples.

Selectman Charles H. Weare, Jr., was anxious to know how often the car would come through Shirley or on what schedule the company proposed to run the car, and Mr. Sargent replied that it depended on what business the town could give. If there was business enough to run the car daily he would be glad to do so, but just how often the car would come to Shirley must depend wholly upon the amount of business the car could obtain. The selectmen told the road officials that they would consider the matter and give their decision in the near future. However, the selectmen are favorable to the proposition, for they realize the service such a car could render to the people of the town and the question has been asked time and again why is it this Shirley can't have the electric express like other towns?

The electric express would be a great benefit to the merchants and people in general throughout the town, as a telephone message to Fitchburg would bring anything one needed almost to one's door, and those in the outlying districts, Shirley Center and the North, could send their farm products to market cheap as the car will eventually run from Fitchburg through Shirley to Lowell, or in fact as soon as the two trolleys which are now being built between Ayer and Lowell are completed. It would be difficult to enumerate the benefits to be derived from the operation of an electric express through Shirley.

Another matter the selectmen brought to the attention of the officials of the road was the fact that the townspeople wanted and should have better late car service. Mr. Weare asked for late cars from Fitchburg at least two nights each week. Mr. Sargent said that if the patronage warranted it he would be glad to give the town the service asked. He agreed to send to Shirley a late car every Saturday night, leaving the American house, Fitchburg, at eleven o'clock until further notice. Mr. Sargent also stated that he would consider the question of a late car for another night during the week, making two nights a week for late cars from Fitchburg to Shirley.

Out of fairness to the company Mr. Sargent has always been ready and willing to run late cars from Fitchburg upon request from the people of the town, and almost invariably at a loss, for there has been many instances where such cars have only carried from four to twelve passengers. It must be borne in mind by the people that a reasonable patronage must be assured if late cars are going to be the rule and not the exception. Incidentally, the express electric will in all probability be running about September 1.

Pupils Can Attend Fitchburg High.

The State Board of Education have notified the school committee that they have decided to allow pupils of all classes in the Shirley high school to go to Fitchburg high school. This order includes the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes. The action of the state board in this matter has created a wave of general satisfaction throughout the town, especially among the parents of high school pupils who are fully conversant with the Fitchburg public schools from observation and experience.

When the matter of closing the Shirley high school was decided upon by the school committee, through some misunderstanding with F. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, the agent of the State Board of Education was in favor of the freshman class being sent to the Ayer high school.

The school committee, Dr. T. E. Lilly, Charles H. Weare, Jr., and William H. Wilbur, were disappointed and got in touch with Dr. James Chalmers, of Fitchburg, a member of the State Board of Education, and through his interest and efforts this affair was cleared up with the results as stated.

The townspeople fully appreciate the efforts of the school committee in this matter as they know what a diploma from the Fitchburg high school means to their children. However, if there are any who wish to send their children to the Ayer high school they can do so under the same conditions as if they went to Fitchburg tuition and transportation paid by the town.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Fenno, of Revere, who recently sold their summer home in Lunenburg, are staying at the home of John C. Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Lunenburg.

Miss Emma Hubbard, of Princeton, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Farrar.

The next meeting of the Matrons' Aid society will be held on Tuesday, August 8, with Mrs. A. A. Adams.

At the next meeting of Shirley Grange, Tuesday evening, August 1, the third and fourth degrees will be worked. Neighbors' night, which was scheduled for this meeting, has been postponed until later in the year.

Miss Edna Holden is staying in Leominster, where she has a position.

Gertrude Wright, of Pepperell, has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wood at Woodsville.

Mrs. E. J. Adams is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor in Lunenburg, caring for Mrs. Taylor, who recently sustained a broken wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Fitchburg.

Dr. O'Donnell, at Woodsville, has recently purchased a new Overland touring car.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held its election of officers on Monday afternoon at a meeting held on the common. The list of officers is the same, all being re-elected—Miss Ethel Holden, pres.; Miss Margaret Longley, v. p.; Mrs. C. K. Bolton, treas.; Miss Edna Holden, sec. Eleanor Longley was appointed secretary to act in Miss Holden's absence.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, who has been spending the past two weeks at W. E. Barnard's, went last week to Portland, Me., for a week.

Rev. Howard A. Bradman preached an interesting sermon at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon, his subject being "Success and failure in the christian life." On Sunday afternoon, July 30 Rev. Remsen B. Ogilby, of the Bagmo School, Bagmo, Philippines, will conduct the service at 3.15. Mr. Ogilby, who was formerly of Groton School, at one time had charge of the services at the chapel. His many friends will appreciate this opportunity of hearing him again. During the month of August Rev. Francis E. Webster, of Waltham, whose sermons have been so much enjoyed for several summers past at the chapel, will have charge of the services every Sunday afternoon.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walenta are to close their home on Parker road in the near future.

During the heavy thunder storm of last Saturday afternoon lightning entered the house of Dr. O'Donzell at Woodsville. Plastering was torn off and the family badly scared, but no serious damage was done.

Rev. F. K. Gifford will preach at the First Parish church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock; subject, "The value of man." The congregation was favored last Sunday by the addition of William R. Eaton, tenor, Frank A. Newell, basso, and Miss M. H. Parker, alto, augmenting the regular choir. Mr. Eaton rendered two solos, "One sweetly solemn thought" and "Open the gates of the temple." Miss Parker accompanied the soloist on the church organ.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Earl O. Stiles and family have moved to New York State, where they are visiting friends in New York City and other nearby places for a week.

The N. R. Conants are taking their annual vacation in St. Adams, where they are the guests of Mrs. Conant's brother and Charles Eales' family, here Sunday.

Miss Marion Prouty has recently returned from a visit with friends in Vermont.

G. Edward Prouty and family are at Annisquam for the month of August.

Roy Canney, who has been at home, laid up with a lame foot, resulting from an automobile accident, has practically recovered and returned to his place of business in Fitchburg. Doubtless he will keep an eye on the passing automobiles when he again stands conversing with friends on the sidewalks. He has had a long vacation in consequence of another man's fault or misfortune.

Hayward Canney is at home from Concord, N. H., for his annual summer vacation of a few weeks.

Mrs. Fred Fletcher and family, of Clinton, were last week the guests of the Gardner W. Prouty family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon and daughters, of Newton, will spend the month of August with the Henry S. Browns of King street.

The music at the Baptist church on last Sunday morning was a very attractive feature of the service. Prof. Kelley presided at the organ, Miss Katherine Kimball played the violin, and Mrs. Kelley sang three solos, all of which was much enjoyed.

The union prayer meeting of Baptist and Congregational societies will continue for another Thursday evening.

Miss Miriam Conant has consented to teach the Sunday school class formerly taught by Miss Bertha Love.

Mrs. J. W. Dodds has been very successful in organizing a cradle roll department in several Congregational Sundays schools of the Northwest Middlesex district.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Alvord will take their annual vacation from August 8 to September 8, in the Sheldon cottage, 205 Shore Drive, Winthrop Beach, where they spent last August.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens spent the week-end with her daughter and family in Marblehead.

Frank McGovran and family of Taylor street will move into G. A. Cook's tenement when it is vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevens. Mrs. Stevens is already making preparations for removal to her new home.

Katherine Kimball goes next Monday to Nashua, N. H., where she will assist in the public library the rest of her vacation.

Miss Ellen Proffet, of Bridgewater, is visiting her classmate, Miss Evelyn Kimball.

Prof. Kelley's family will remain the rest of the season in the Hartwell camp which they occupied last year and to which they returned early this summer.

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New Advertisement.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale in a mortgage deed of real estate from John S. King to Lorin A. Dinsmore, dated July 8, 1911, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, book 2397, page 412, and for breach of condition therein contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on the premises hereinafter described on Tuesday, **August 22, 1916, at two o'clock in the afternoon**, all and singular, the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, described therein substantially as follows:

A certain tract of land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Townsend, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, on the westerly side of the road leading from the house now or formerly of John Eaton to Townsend Center, so-called, and bounded as follows, viz:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner thereof at said road at a stake set in the wall 2 rods and 19 links from the northeast corner of the house formerly standing on the granted premises; thence running N. 69½° W. by land now or formerly of Catherine Powell about 25 rods to a stake and stones by a wall; thence southerly by said Powell land to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of said Eaton; thence easterly by land now or formerly of said Eaton, as the line runs, to said road; thence northerly by said road to the place of beginning.

Also a certain other tract of land situated in said Townsend on the northerly side of the above described land and bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the above described tract; thence running northeasterly by said road 5.5 rods to a stake and stones at land late of Hiram Wyeth; thence N. 69½° W. by land late of said Wyeth 9 rods and 16 links to a stake and stones at said Powell land; thence southerly by said Powell land 4 rods to a corner; thence westerly by said Powell land 15 rods and 4 links to a stake and stones by a wall; thence southerly by land now or formerly of J. H. Holland 5 rods to a corner at said Powell land; thence easterly by said Powell land 25 rods to the place of beginning. Containing 122 sq. rods of land.

Also a certain other tract of land situated in said Townsend on the westerly side of said Powell land, bounded and described as follows, viz:

Beginning at the northeasterly corner thereof at land now or formerly of said Powell and land late of Hiram Wyeth; thence running westerly by land late of said Wyeth and land now or formerly of Henry B. Hildreth to a corner at land now or formerly of Byron Blood and Moses Blood; thence S. 22½° W. by last named land to land late of Solomon Greene; thence easterly by said Greene land about 16 rods; thence northerly by said Greene land to a corner at land late of said Greene; thence easterly by land late of said Greene about 61 rods to a corner at said Powell land; thence N. 22° E. by said Powell land 22 rods and 16 links to the place of beginning. Reserving such rights of way, if any now exist, as were reserved in deed of George Robinson and Benjamin F. Lewis to Milo Stiles, dated March 26, 1877, and recorded with Middlesex So. District Deeds, book 1432, page 559.

Also a certain other tract of land situated in the southerly part of said Townsend on the easterly side of the road leading from the house now or formerly of N. H. Ripley past the farm now or formerly of Granville Wood and Silas Wood, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake and stones on the easterly side of said road at the southwesterly corner of the granted premises at land now or formerly of Thomas Holland; thence running northerly by said road and land now or formerly of John Eaton to a chestnut stump at land now or formerly of said Granville Wood and Silas Wood; thence easterly by land now or formerly of said Granville Wood and Silas Wood and land late of William Dix to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of Lendal U. Clement; thence southerly by land now or formerly of said Clement to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of one Putnam; thence westerly by land now or formerly of said Holland to the bound first mentioned. Containing twenty-two acres, more or less.

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A Happening at Quince Harbor

By CLARISSA MACKIE

In Quince Harbor village every man is a fisherman. We, the inhabitants, have been brought up as one people, and when anything happens here we all have to hear about it. Perhaps if there were newspapers published every day for us to read about what is going on in the big world we would be less interested in each other's affairs.

Captain Barnabas Fish—every man who owns a boat, be it motorboat or tug, is called captain—has the principal sense of humor among us, and when there is nothing to do and the fishermen, their wives and daughters get together, dependent on one another for amusement, we usually rely on the captain to help us out.

One evening just before supper a lot of us were at Captain Fish's when some one said that nothing had been going on in the village lately and it would be a relief even if there'd be a fire or something to wake us up.

Captain Barnabas Fish slowly filled his pipe and packed the tobacco tightly in the bowl with one huge thumb.

His weather beaten countenance was always a barometer of his mental condition, and now, as I watched his blue eyes twinkling merrily, while his generous mouth endeavored to keep itself straight and in proper order, I scented interesting happenings in Quince Harbor village.

Mrs. Fish was sewing rags for a carpet which she said was much needed in the spare bedroom, which I as paying guest was occupying after my custom, and I was sitting idly enjoying the lovely panorama of the village snuggling among the hills that ran down to the harbor, which was half embraced by lines of sandy bluffs.

Captain Barnabas emitted a throaty chuckle. Maria Fish glanced at him sharply, and I inclined my best ear in his direction.

"For the land sake, Barnabas Fish, what's the matter?" ejaculated Maria at last. "You've been actin' all mornin' as if you was chuck full of somethin' funny and was dyin' to tell it out. Did anything happen at the engine company's meetin' last night?"

Captain Barnabas scratched a match, lighted his pipe and puffed slowly for several moments.

"It was something I heard at the meeting," he admitted; "something that happened to Ananias Sline."

"Why is it," I asked, with interest, "that wherever Ananias Sline is things begin to happen right away?"

"Because he's so deceitful and catfooted that he's always making trouble for somebody," was Maria's prompt answer.

"Likewise amusement," added Captain Barnabas. "It seems this happened last week while we was over to camp meeting at Rockybrook, so we missed it. I was in the bank the very next morning, and as I came out Ananias was polishing the front windows. I thought he looked mighty sour, and, says I in kind of a joking way, 'What you been up to now, Ananias?' And he turned on me like a spiteful little cat, and, says he, 'None of your goldarned business!' So I shifted my helm and steered clear of him, but I knew something had happened to upset him. That night he came to me for help, but he was close mouthed about his trouble.

"Last night at the engine house when the meeting was over some of 'em got to telling stories about fires, and all to once they fell to lafing fit to kill over the fire that started in the widder Rowell's house the night we was over to Rockybrook camp meeting. So me, not being there and not knowing about it, the chief told me the story, and it explains why Ananias is so glum just now and why he looks on all the world as his enemy.

"To begin, it seems that the widder has staying with her a woman canvasser from Little River, her name being Phoebe Pringle, and for looks she's quite a trim sailing little craft—not so tubby as the widder—with a tongue as sharp as her shoulder blades and little black eyes that snap you up sharp."

"She came here," interrupted Maria, threading her needle. "Miss Telham, you remember that impudent little gossip that tried to sell me a cookery book—me who can cook all around anybody who ever wrote a cookery book?"

I remembered the episode of the canvasser, and I had enjoyed her battle of wits with Maria Fish, who justly prided herself on her culinary triumphs.

"Well, it seems Ananias met this Miss Pringle three times a day at the widder's hospitable board, as they say in story books," went on the genial captain, "and, her being kind of fascinating as well as some younger than the widder, who considers herself engaged to Ananias, I s'pose you know, ma'am, and the Pringle woman, being fascinating"—

"Humph!" sniffed Maria scornfully. "Yellow as saffron!"

"Well, yellow was becoming with her black eyes," said the captain solemnly, "and her being fascinating to Ananias; he got to paying her teeny little attentions, like passing the butter without her asking for it and helping her to pudding sauce three times and forgetting all about the widder Rowell, who didn't get any.

"Then, the widder watching them like cat and mouse, it seems Ananias took to writing poetry to Miss Phoebe and leaving it around where she'd be likely to find it. One day he made a poem and dropped it in one of her rubber overshoes in the hall rack, and Miss Phoebe wore that poem underfoot all one rainy day before she found it, all damp and muddy. Another time he dropped a poem in her umbrella, that being handy, too, in the front hall, and when she opened it in front of the postoffice some silly girls got hold of it when it dropped out, and Miss Phoebe had to pretend she didn't know where it came from.

"I guess Miss Phoebe as well as Ananias was having a hard time, both of 'em being under the widder's eagle eye. But it was worse for Ananias, for he had to keep two jealous females apart and"—

"I told you he was double dealing and cat footed," interrupted Maria.

"Well, to make my story short, it seems that the night of the fire the widder Rowell had been burning some rubbish in her kitchen stove and when she went to bed there were some rags smoldering there. In some way the flue was stopped up—swallers' nests in the chimney, I guess—and along about midnight the house was filled full of smoke.

"The widder screeched 'Fire!' and ran out into the road in a blue flannel nightgown, and Miss Phoebe screamed herself hoarse as she stood beside her, she wearing a pink flannel—ahem!" said the captain hurriedly, in response to a warning glance from his wife's eye.

"I don't see why them details are necessary," chided Maria severely.

The captain scratched his chin thoughtfully.

"Seems funnier to think of the two of 'em, one in blue and t'other in pink—well, Maria, I'm going on with the story.

"Seems Ananias had been out to a lodge meeting and he was just getting home when it happened, and he found them hollering fire. Cap'n Charlie Willis had already telephoned to the engine house, and there was nothing for Ananias to do but try to save some of the valuables.

"It was an exciting scene, Cap'n Charlie says. The widder was hollering for Ananias to go in and save her pocketbook and her gold watch from under her pillow, and Miss Phoebe was screeching at him if he loved her to go and do the same kindness for her.

"So Ananias, being brave in some ways, tied a handkerchief over his mouth and sailed into the house. He had to grope his way around upstairs to find their pillows with the treasures under them and not trying to save anything of his own he staggered downstairs again and gave the widder a bundle tied in a handkerchief and another one just like it to Miss Phoebe. Then, being a little man and not much stamina to him, he just fainted away from swallowing too much smoke. Just then the fire company arrived, towing the engine, and by the time they'd flooded the widder's dining room and kitchen they discovered that the fire was in the stove and nowhere else, but the smoke was all over the house.

"Cap'n Charlie says that them three was the maddest people he ever saw. Both the wimmen being caught dishabilly, as Miss Pringle said, was bad enough, but it seems that Ananias had mixed up the bundles under their pillows, and while the widder had Miss Phoebe's watch and pocketbook and a small cargo of Ananias' poems to her (one of them was called, 'To my Phoebe Bird,') why Miss Phoebe had the widder's watch and money and a package of Ananias' love letters tied with a blue ribbon—Maria, do you sleep with my love letters tied with a blue ribbon under your pillow?" demanded the captain, turning to his good wife.

"Do go on, Barnabas. We're dying to hear the rest of it," urged Maria.

"Well, the rest of it was a terrible wrangle between the widder and Miss Phoebe Pringle when the two ladies exchanged private and personal property and private and personal opinions of each other, and their opinions wasn't flattering, neither. As for Ananias, when he found out what had happened he give himself up for lost and naturally he come to me to weather the gale. Miss Phoebe went hot foot back to Little River, while the widder's been busy cleaning up her house."

"And where's Ananias been keeping himself all this time?" asked Maria suspiciously.

Captain Barnabas removed his pipe from his lips and pointed out to the bay where his ship, the Indus, lay at anchor, enjoying an idle old age in her home port.

"Ananias shipped aboard the Indus the very next day, and if you look you will see his little dory bobbing out toward her now. I reckon he's got his victuals in a basket, and he cooks for himself, and he'll have a quiet, peaceful time till the widder Rowell forgives him and sends for him to come back again."

"How about Miss Phoebe Pringle and her blighted affections?" I asked curiously.

"Homely as a scrag fence!" interpolated Maria.

"Miss Phoebe—why, she took her blighted affections back to Little River, and she's having the poems that Ananias wrote to her all printed in the Little River Echo with her own name signed to 'em, and Ananias is bitter against her, but he don't dare say a word."

"That's the punishment of the deceitful and the cat-footed," said Maria as she arose to prepare supper.

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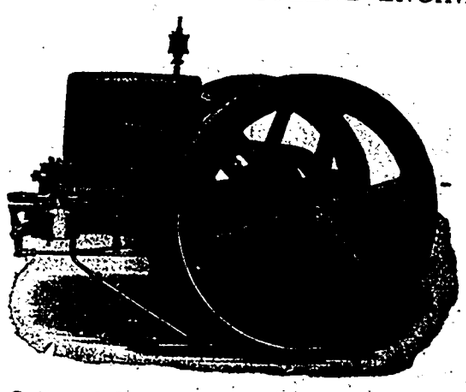

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Saturday, July 29, 1916.

GROTON

News Items.

Twenty-five or more telephones here were put out of commission by the storm of last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard has bought the C. E. Bigelow place and will move in to occupy as her home about the middle of August.

Walter Davis has hired the Mrs. George Culver house and will move there with his family to occupy for a longer of shorter time, when they move out of the so-called C. H. Joy, now the Mr. Danielson place, where they have been living.

Mr. Danielson, who has been having extensive repairs and improvements made on the C. H. Joy place, which he is going to occupy with his family, has recently bought the Bowen Barker place. The foreman for Mr. Barker will be employed by Mr. Danielson.

Dr. S. A. Green is himself going to occupy his own house, which is soon to be vacated by Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard.

"Aunt" Martha Kimball, whose home is with Mrs. Sampson, will stay with Mrs. John Sheedy during Mrs. Sampson's absence.

Mrs. Fanny Sampson left Wednesday night for Quebec, Canada, where she went to take charge of the family of her brother, H. R. Gilson, while he and his wife are away for awhile in England. Mrs. Sampson's aunt, Miss Ellen Priest, will meanwhile keep house for Mrs. Sampson while she is away.

Miss Nellie McCarthy has her tickets all ready for an ocean voyage. With two friends from Ayer, who will also make the trip, Miss McCarthy leaves on August 5, and will sail from the New York port on the Steamer New York, going to Ireland. They expect to be gone six weeks and will visit many of the most important places and beautiful scenes, as well as to call on some distant relatives still living in the "old country."

Arrangements have been made with Rev. A. Reginald Crewe, of Bradford, Vt., formerly of England, to occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday, and with Rev. J. R. Richards, of Haverhill, formerly of Wales, England, for Sunday, August 13. Both of these men are interesting speakers and it is hoped that the members of the Baptist and Congregational churches will be out in full force.

Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong, of Malden, have been guests of Mrs. Armstrong's mother, Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck. Mr. Armstrong proceeded to Foster's Point, Me., on Wednesday, while his wife will remain in town until her uncle, C. B. Baldwin, improves in health.

The Junior Bird club held a picnic at Baddacook on Thursday.

Mrs. William T. Whitely, of Malden, who has been caring for Mr. Baldwin the past three months, is on day duty at the Ayers hospital as special nurse.

Miss Hazel Gibson and Miss Doretha Gleason, have gone to Worcester for a week's visit to their friend, Miss Agnes Montgomery.

There were thirty-eight at the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening. A piano solo was given by Lewis M. Knapp, bell and mandolin solos by Henry Adams, and songs by the Grange. The next meeting, August 8, will be a white elephant party, each one to bring something worth at least five cents. The packages will be auctioned off.

John H. Sargent and family are staying at the Ward Stone place on the old Ayer road for the summer. Mrs. Sargent is not very well and is here for her health. Their home is in Lancaster. Miss Lena Tuttle, her sister, is caring for Mrs. Sargent.

Miss Sarah Longley has just completed a garage, the work being done by Fred C. Tuttle.

The marriage banns of John Forcino and Florence Bywater were called in church last Sunday and the previous Sunday. The marriage ceremony will be performed in church on Monday.

Mrs. Mary J. (Robbins) widow of Charles Edwin Bigelow, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, at about 9.30 in the evening. The funeral will be held at her old home, where her husband's funeral was held a short time ago, on Saturday afternoon, July 29, at two o'clock.

Ed. Sargent, of Etna, N. H., has hired "Woodbine" cottage at Sandy pond and is there with his family for the month of August. They have invited their brothers' and sisters' families and a few friends to join them during their stay there.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tuttle, from Newtonville, are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle, for the week.

Mrs. Maria Sawyer, who has been visiting her son for a week, returned home Tuesday.

Charles B. Baldwin, who is at Dr. Ayers' private hospital, is making as good progress as could be expected, considering his age.

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.30 the subject will be "Quench not the spirit." Evening praise service at seven o'clock, subject, "The inner light." On Wednesday evening the regular prayer meeting of the church will be held. During the month of August arrangements have been made between the Baptist and Congregational churches to hold united services. The services will be held in the Congregational church on August 6 and 13, and in the Baptist church on August 20 and 27. The regular prayer meetings of the church will be continued during the absence of the pastor.

The Boy Scouts will leave for Camp Idlewild, Rust Island, Gloucester, on Monday, in charge of Scoutmaster Rev. B. E. Tucker. In Boston they will meet boys from Stoneham, Brookline and Malden, in all thirty-five boys. After their sail to Gloucester they will be taken by auto truck to the shore opposite the island, going to their camping place in boats. Parents are invited to visit the camp and to see the work which is being done for the boys. The winners of the contests at the Baptist church picnic were as follows: Kezar 1st prize, L. Carkins 2d, Gerald Brenckenridge 3d. The last meeting of the scouts for the summer was held on Thursday evening. The next meeting will be held on the first Thursday evening in September.

Miss Elsie E. Shattuck has accepted a very pleasing position as teacher in the seventh and eighth grades of the Center grammar school at Chester, N. H.

The Odd Fellows are getting a "gift box" ready to send to Edward Roache and Daniel Needham down on the Mexican border. Anybody wishing to send some pleasant reminder that our soldier boys are kept in mind can have the opportunity of doing so by leaving their tokens at Torrey's store.

Irving R. Hendrickson is at York Beach for a few days.

The new porch which is being added to "Dix House" is on the front of the ell part, near the land formerly belonging to J. H. Robbins. Mrs. Southard purchased this whole piece of land early in July and it makes a fine addition to her place. Mrs. Southard has recently purchased a new Buick car for which she has had built a Sedan top, making an elegant seven-passenger car. This, with her other Buick, furnishes ample accommodations for conveying the house party of ten or twelve New York friends, who are enjoying her hospitality, alternating between a pleasurable time at the Dix House home and Camp Koeblenuk—the outing camp at Sandy pond. Besides the main camp there is also the camp for the two maids who are employed by Mrs. Southard. She will spend the greater part of August at Sandy pond, leaving to go to Maine, but will occupy again in October. A telephone is being installed at Camp Koeblenuk.

Miss Helen Gay leaves this Friday to spend a month at Megansett, a part of Falmouth, down on the Cape.

Prof. and Mrs. Scott, of South Hadley, arrived on Tuesday at the Scott farm on Chicopee row.

Miss Bertha Taylor and children, of Charlemont, have been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Prescott Palmer, of Hollis street.

The Misses Phelps, of Boston, daughters of the late Rev. Dudley Phelps, a former pastor of the Congregational church of this town, are guests of Miss Georgianna Boutwell.

The automobile flying squadron from Fitchburg, with its twenty-two automobiles, made a fine showing as they went through town on Monday afternoon. The 100 people in this party which was sent out by the Fitchburg Board of Trade, all stopped at Bruce's pharmacy and had ice cream.

Eugene Barry, of Somerville, has hired of Miss Helen Moore, the tenement above Mrs. L. E. Miner's store, and is to move in to occupy as a home very soon. Mrs. Barry is a sister of Mrs. C. H. Lucy and Mrs. S. Whitney of the Lowell road.

Many friends in town regret the death of Miss Effie Gillespie, of Pepperell, whose funeral was held on Tuesday. Her home was so near Groton it seemed as if it were in this town. She was a member of Groton Grange, the organization sending flowers, and a number of members called or attended the funeral.

C. Z. Southard goes this Friday to his fishing camp in Maine, and about the latter part of August will be joined by Mrs. Southard and a party of five or six of their friends, among whom is Miss Adah Campbell Hussey, of New York, who has been passing the entire summer with Mrs. Southard.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gay went to Peabody last week Friday to visit his sister, Mrs. Jackson, and family. Mr. Jackson brought them home in his auto Saturday night and stayed until Sunday afternoon. On going into the Jackson bungalow, near Mr. Gay's house, it was noticed for the first time that the roof part was badly riddled by the hail storm of three weeks ago.

Severe Electrical Storm.

The severe electrical storm that came upon us last Saturday afternoon was an unusual one, as have been others in the peculiar weather we have had of late. The heavy roll of thunder, with the snapping and crashing of the lightning bolts all around us, which followed one another in rapid succession at intervals of only a few moments or seconds, was indeed terrifying and nerve-racking. When it was over a sense of great relief was felt by all and everybody was glad to have emerged alive.

The electrical character of the town says that more damage was done to electrical plant than at any other time during the seven years since it was installed. The telephone wires were struck in numerous places, telephone fuses burned out, and telephones put out of commission and there in different parts of the town were struck and silvered.

The house of D. H. Harrington on School street was struck, the bolt entering the kitchen running around the room, tearing off some of the plastering and committing some other pranks, but did no very great damage, but was unpleasant in its effects upon the folks in the house. Lightning struck the wire in front of Mrs. Augustus Woods' house, burned out the transformer and has there been no element of danger in it would have furnished an exciting fireworks display.

At F. G. Mavo's on the old Ayer road lightning struck twice. During the storm it ran around the coops and poultry houses, killed three hens, struck one of the small buildings, setting a pile of shingles colored by the dancing house where it left its marks, but here again did no serious damage.

There were probably some other places struck, of which we have had no report.

Groton Military Training School.

Twenty-five men are candidates for the eighteen positions as sergeants and corporals. The following written examination has been given out, answers to which are to be mailed to Capt. Powers Saturday morning. Each man will be given oral and practical examination by the three officers on Saturday afternoon and evening. Any man desiring to take the examination, not having announced his intention, may send in answers to the questions as they appear here, with a note to the effect that he wishes to be a candidate. The drill regulations, text books, etc., may be consulted in answering these questions, but candidates are not to talk them over with each other or with anyone prior to Saturday, July 29.

1. The company is in column of squads.

(a). What does "column of squads" mean?

The company commander says "Not enough distance in Corporal A's squad and Corporal B's squad. Too much distance in the rest of the company."

(b). What does he mean?

2. Your squad, acting alone, falls in in double rank.

(a). What does "distance" mean as applied to your squad?

(b). What should the distance be?

(c). Why?

3. (a). In your squad is a man who when he stands at attention without his rifle, and lets his hands hang naturally, finds that instead of having his thumbs along the seams of his trousers, his whole hands are in front of the seams. What causes this, and what are you going to tell him to do?

(b). Another man says his heels will not come together when his feet are turned out at an angle of 45°; his calves seem to prevent. What are you going to do about his case?

4. What is the difference, if any, between the second position in coming from order arms to right shoulder arms, and the rifle salute while at right shoulder arms? (Do not describe the positions; merely state the difference.)

5. You are directed by Lieut. Ayers to report to Capt. Powers the ages and heights of the members of your squad, and any other information that he may require. You find the captain sitting down in the selectmen's room, with his hat off. You have your hat on, but no arms with you and nothing in your hands. The captain is talking with another corporal. You sit down and wait a while; at length you say "Captain Powers." He replies, "Yes, what is it?" You then stand at attention, salute, holding your hand at your hat for about a minute. He rises and stands at attention, but does not acknowledge the salute, so finally you drop your hand. You then say, "Lieut. Ayers told me to give this list to you," and hand him the list. He says, "Has Lieut. Ayers seen this list?" to which you reply, "No, I think not." Capt. Powers then starts to read the list; you salute, and as he does not see the salute, drop your hand at your side, turn around, and go out. On your way out, the other corporal salutes you and you return the salute.

What, if any, mistakes have you made in the conduct or actions of any of the three men present in the room; and how should they have acted in each such case?

6. A war is declared. The Groton company volunteers for active home guard duty, and you are placed in command. It seems probable that you will actually be engaged in combat before many weeks. A camp is hastily made. One of your lieutenants advises the digging of ditches to dispose of the kitchen garbage, the screening in of the kitchen, mess tent and food tent; the construction of screened-in trenches to dispose of excreta with a supply of lime to cover the same; the anti-typhoid inoculation of all the men; and the establishment of the strictest sanitary discipline, with a guard to enforce it. The other lieutenant points out that your men are poorly drilled and equipped, need much training in markmanship, and should have thorough and frequent marches and exercises to harden their feet and make them physically fit. He says that you cannot afford the time or men necessary to attend to all the sanitary precautions advocated by the other lieutenant.

What will your decision be, and why?

7. Assume a state of warfare. Corp. Shaw is directed to take his squad to West Groton and occupy Bixby's store. Half an hour later you are directed to take your squad and reinforce Corp. Shaw. You march your squad to within half a mile of the store, when you hear sharp firing ahead of you, as if of perhaps two to five squads. Pushing forward under cover to near the store, you see a few enemy soldiers at the store and a company or more of the enemy halted within two hundred yards in the street around the store you see all of Corp. Shaw's men dead. You have evidently not been seen by the enemy.

What will you do, and why?

8. In actual warfare you find yourself under command of Lieut. X. You do not like Lieut. X., although you know him to be in many respects a good officer. In rifle shooting you are much more expert than he. Lieut. X's platoon is directed to fire at the top of a hill in the distance. Lieut. X. tells the men to set their sights at 500 yards. You are certain that the top of the hill is at least one yards away, and perhaps 700. Some of the men in your squad ask you whether he is right, and you admit that he is not; they ask you what the correct range is, and you tell them 650 yards. One of them says, "Lieut. X. doesn't know what he is about. I'm going to set my sights at 650 yards." The other men in the squad say the same.

What, if anything, should you do?

Why?

History of Groton Band.

George Shattuck, who was one of the band with Messrs. Gleason, was the son of George Shattuck. [illegible] know where he played, and he did [illegible] town with the [illegible]

On March [illegible] 1857 [illegible] joined the band's fortunes [illegible] He was a shoemaker [illegible] eight shoemakers. [illegible] Palmer, who married [illegible] the Capitol. Says [illegible] "Groton old maids." [illegible] our history, early.

On May 1, 1857, George Weston and G. V. Mansur were admitted to the band. In the meantime three men, J. D. Cram, George [illegible] and Charles Bancroft, had left. There were a few minor changes in the personnel of the band during the next two years, but the instrumentation remained about the same, that is, 2 Eb cornets, 2 Bb cornets, [illegible] horns, 2 basses and drums. Except for the preponderance of basses this instrumentation was not so bad as it would seem today, for in those days the tenor parts were very much like alto parts, and the small Eb cornets represented a fair substitute for the clarinets, of which melodeons of olden times were in the province of the modern slide trombone and baritone, were probably not prevalent in the simple music which they played. The fundamentals of music, "after notes" and melody were carefully stuck, grade as they may have been.

In section 1, article 5 of the band laws, it says, "All persons become members of the band shall pay the sum of not less than $1.00 previous to signing the constitution and by-laws." It must have been decided to have a bargain day, or a mark-down sale of membership tickets, for the cash account on the date of September 29, 1856, gives a list of fifteen men, comprising those before mentioned, who each paid into the treasury $2.94.

The first officers of the band were as follows: Charles Blood, 1st leader; Joseph Fitch, 2d leader; M. P. Palmer, clerk; J. J. Randall, treas.; R. D. Cragin, George May, W. T. Childs, standing committee. These men were all re-elected at the end of their first term of six months.

Negotiations were immediately begun to obtain the services of a band teacher, and Dustin Marble was selected for this purpose, meeting with the band for its first time on October 4, 1856. He was from Nashua and worked in a foundry there. He was about forty years old, played cornet, and appears to have been a good instructor for the young band. With much enthusiasm for their new and novel undertaking the members of the band met faithfully two nights a week, Mondays and Fridays. On Monday Mr. Marble was with them; on Friday Mr. Blood probably worked over the points taken up by Marble on Monday. Such expressions as "Good attendance," or "Good play," which occur often in the records of this period, with scarcely ever a "poor attendance" chronicled, show how intense the interest was.

They practiced diligently for four or five weeks, says James Woolley, when one night Walter Shattuck asked them if they would serenade a friend of his. The members did not know whom they were going to serenade, but readily agreed to make their public debut for their devoted sponsor, Shattuck. He took them for a long hike down to the farm of Charles Prescott, where Mrs. E. A. Barrows now lives. There, in the lane near the railroad, the band played for the first time in public. Mrs. E. A. Barrows says that she thinks this is the time when her mother, having been privately notified of what was in the air, baked that afternoon the great brick oven full of pies. At any rate, Capt. Palmer vouches for the fact that they had cider and a good feed. The serenade, however, had been kept secret from Mr. Prescott, and his surprise when the sounds of "martial musick" were wafted up the lane to his ears is said to have been great. After a social good time the band played another piece—very likely at this early period it was the same piece over again—and marched home jubilant. The first piece the band learned to play did not have a name. It was simply the first number in the book. Mr. Woolley recently whistled the tune of this piece to Capt. Palmer, who recognized it immediately as "No. 1, in the old book."

On December 15, 1856, there is the first written record of a public appearance of the band, which was at Liberty hall "for the Farmers' club by invitation of the president." On December 29, 1856, they played again for the club at Liberty hall. On January 1, 1857, they played for the young ladies' tea party at Liberty hall. During the first six months of their existence they played eight times in Liberty hall, and this name is frequent throughout the records. The history connected with Liberty hall is quite interesting.

In the early forties a Mr. Miller, from New York, came to Groton preaching that the world was coming to an end in 1843. He caused a great sensation and got the townspeople considerably upset. He had to have a place in which to hold forth, so the farmers contributing wood and labor, built a hall on Hollis street at the corner of Willow Dale, opposite where Palmer's block is now. It was a one-story building, and had a platform on the Hollis street side. Sometime after the fanaticism of the "Millerites" had subsided the building was moved to where Tainter's store now stands, and it was made two stories, the old hall being on the second floor, and a store and the postoffice downstairs. It here became Liberty hall. When this building was moved there was a small elm tree standing in the way. This was bent down to the ground and the building moved over it. That tree is the immense elm which stands today near the hay scales at the junction of Hollis and Main streets.

On January 10, 1857, the band met by invitation at the Globe hotel. The Globe hotel was situated where John Boynton now lives on Main street. It was run by Moses Gill. He had formerly managed the stage tavern which stood where Shattuck's store does now, but the temperance people, to prevent the selling of rum, had him banished out. He then went a couple of doors down the street and opened up the Globe hotel, which was advertised by a large gilt ball.

On February 11 the band played for "the young ladies' tea party" at Westford. The record book notes laconically, "Turned over going down." Capt. Palmer remembers well the incident. Charles Nutting carried the band down. There was little if any snow, and going down the hill below Gus Wood's they tipped over. Capt. Palmer cut his knee quite badly and several of the big horns were considerably jammed. But the straightened things out as best they could, continued their journey and filled their engagement. The cash account shows that $12.0[illegible] was for this job.

On February 26 the band met at Dr. Smith's for rehearsal. The doctor had a [illegible] on it. At this time he was very much impressed by the band. He was a good enough drummer and used to sneak in to rehearsals and [illegible] away in the snare drum, but he never joined the band. Mr. Palmer says that he liked loud music, the louder the better. It seems reasonable to believe he died or he would have [illegible] a band of sixty [illegible]

West Groton.

Miss Esther [illegible] from a visit in Dorchester [illegible]

Miss Marion [illegible] spending the week with relatives in [illegible] and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bixby [illegible] several days recently with their daughter Mrs. Chapman of Worcester.

Born on Monday, July 24, a daughter, Edith Pauline, to Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby.

Mrs. John [illegible] has returned to her home from Lowell to her family during August.

Ruth Childs of Fitchburg is with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis.

Little Amy Green, who has been with her grandparents since the family moved here, has returned to her home here.

May Wood of Lowell is spending part of her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Burgess.

Mrs. Charles Bixby and daughter Ruth have returned from a fortnight's visit in Wellesley.

Owing to the shower on last Saturday afternoon the West Groton ball team were unable to finish their game in Lunenburg. On this Saturday they will play Littleton A. A. in West Groton.

As some of the library patrons are not fully informed as to hours and regulations the librarian desires to call the following facts to their attention. The library is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2.30 to 5.30 and from seven to nine p. m. Books may be kept three weeks without renewal.

Mrs. Mary Doherty and son Joseph, accompanied by a friend, Timothy Connelly, are enjoying a trip to York beach. Before their return they will visit Nantasket and Nahant.

Raymond Eaton of Lowell is staying a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sleeper, enjoying the summer with his young cousins, Forrest and Raymond.

Miss K. L. Tarbell entertained her friend, Mrs. Mary Peckmenot, this week.

The service at the chapel last Sunday morning was conducted by Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Richardson of Groton, the latter giving a most interesting account of a twenty years' experience along the Boston water front in work for the betterment of conditions for seamen. Mrs. Richardson is a very pleasing speaker and her audience showed intense interest in her reminiscences. She had many good words for the sailors and condemnation of the "sharks" who lie in wait for them at the wharf and in all possible ways rob them of money and manhood. Through the efforts of the mission workers, however, the environment of the "Jackies" when on shore has been greatly improved. The story of these efforts and their gratifying results, as told by Mrs. Richardson, was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by her listeners.

Rev. L. W. Richardson will conduct the morning service as usual on Sunday, the subject of his sermon being "The revelation of God."

Several West Groton young ladies are spending the summer elsewhere. Miss Rose Jarvis is in Attleboro; Miss Evelyn Fernald in Framingham at a summer canning school, and Miss Hazel Bates assisting at the Kilbourn hospital in Groton. Miss Ruth Mellish has employment for the summer in the Hollingsworth & Vose office in this village.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, August 3, weather permitting, all roads will lead to Bixby hill and the lawn party to be held on the grounds of A. W. Lamb, under the auspices of the L. A. society. Capable committees will be in charge of the various tables and amusements. Candy, punch, cake, sandwiches, fruit, popcorn and ice cream will all lend their aid toward satisfying one's hunger, thirst or appetite for sweets. Even the dark-eyed vender who will "sell-a de peanut-a" will be on hand. Children will find enjoyment in the "grabs" and ring toss, quoits and target shooting also will be provided for those who are interested. Ladies will be attracted to the useful table where kitchen utensils and other utilities will be displayed. By no means least among the attractions for the evening will be a band concert by the Groton band. Everybody is cordially invited to come and join the good time from three o'clock till the band stops playing.

AYER

Makes Big Hit.

The Running Pony Company of Winchendon, engaged in the manufacture and distribution of the new rocking horse invented by J. F. Wilkinson, formerly of this town, has recently sold the British and French patent rights for the new rocking horse to a syndicate of English toymakers who will, after the final details have been completed, begin the manufacture and sale of the new Wilkinson "Running pony" in Great Britain and France.

RUNNING PONY

Mr. Wilkinson, who is not only the inventor of the new running pony but who is also treasurer and general manager of the Running Pony Co., has had his time entirely occupied since the manufacture of the new rocking horse was put on the market in taking care of the rapidly increasing domestic trade, the invention being one which has made a hit with the toy trade and whose popularity with the buying public is exceeding all expectations. No doubt had been made to place the new running pony on the foreign markets on account of the home demand and the war conditions abroad, until the advertisement of the company in the "Toy Thing," a New York trade publication devoted to the toy business, caught the attention of Richard Gee of London, a prominent promoter and toymaker of the London metropolis.

Mr. Gee immediately communicated with the Running Pony Co. and opened negotiations for the British and French patent rights for the invention. The result of the negotiations was the closing of contracts for the sale of these rights to a syndicate formed by Mr. Gee, which includes the most prominent toymakers in England. This syndicate will soon begin the manufacture and distribution of the running ponies in England and France and the invention is confidently expected to prove as big a hit in those countries as in the United States, or possibly after the war is over. The running ponies are being made at Winchendon for the United States trade in the big Converse toy shops at that place, under a royalty contract with the Running Pony Co., organized by Mr. Wilkinson, and which controls all patent rights in this country.

HARVARD

News Items.

On Wednesday afternoon at her home at Endonshah, Mrs. Lewis J. Johnson entertained a company of men and women with a talk on the Chicago and St. Louis conventions. At the close of her talk several in the large and enthusiastic audience asked questions which were answered by Prof. and Mrs. Johnson; two of the men present also added words of encouragement to the suffrage cause. Tea and a social hour closed a most interesting afternoon.

Mrs. George Cobb, with her son Edgar, are taking their vacation at Littlejohn Island, Me.

The Ladies' Picnic club held their annual summer picnic at Safford's cottage, Bare hill pond, on Thursday.

Rev. H. C. Merrill has the Boy Scouts for a week camping at Bare hill pond this week and all seem to be having a good time.

Workmen are busy with the new home of A. H. Turner on the common, getting it ready for occupancy about August 1.

Mrs. Annie Barrett has secured a position as matron at the town farm in Holden and will store her goods and go there at once.

Daniel Sheehan, Jr., has entered the employ of C. B. Bigelow as chauffeur.

Miss Catherine Hazard, with her sister, Miss Lucy Hazard, and Miss Mero, left this week for Mirror Lake, N. H., where they are employed in a summer guest house as waitresses.

Still River.

Miss Flora Murchie has finished her course at a Boston hospital and is now a graduate nurse. She is home for the present.

Mrs. Josephine Whitney attended a Grange meeting in Boylston on Thursday.

Mrs. Bruce, of Hollis, N. H., is stopping with Miss Alice Marshall for awhile.

Lawrence Bigelow was overcome by the heat, but is now much better.

We are glad to report that Mr. Haskell is recovering from his operation at the Clinton hospital and everything looks favorable for him.

John Bigelow had his hand injured by his horse a few days ago. He was examining the animal's foot and in some way the horse stepped on his hand and badly bruised his fingers.

Miss Ethel Parker returned to Still River on Thursday for a visit after being away in different states canvassing for several months.

Quite a number from here have been taking in the Chautauqua meetings in Clinton this week.

Walter Stone, of Waltham, was the guest of his brother, E. D. Stone, on last Sunday.

F. W. Bateman has been attending court in Boston this week, being an important witness in a water damage case.

Mrs. Sarah C. Scales has a new auto.

Mrs. Lena Stone has been a guest of her mother, Mrs. Morse, for a couple of days.

Mrs. Alice Day, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. S. B. Haynes, returned to her home in Ward Hill on Friday.

New Advertisements.

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AYER

News Items.

Miss Catherine Dunn, of West Chelmsford, is employed as a bookkeeper for George S. Poulius & Co., taking the place recently vacated by Miss Minnie Savage, of West Chelmsford.

H. E. Mack, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Cornell '17, is a guest of Wendell Nutting at Sandy pond, coming last Saturday.

The assessors concluded their regular spring duties last Saturday.

Miss Nina Fletcher, of Spencer, was a week-end guest at D. W. Fletcher's, returning home on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown left on Monday evening by auto with E. O. Proctor as his guests at Hampton Beach.

Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins and family leave Saturday evening for their summer camp at Newfound Lake, N. H., to be away for a month.

Mrs. George L. Osgood and children, Hilda, Margaret and Priscilla, leave this Friday night for Sullivan, Me., to spend the rest of the season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lord. Mr. Osgood expects to go about the first of August.

Miss Doris Savage, of Toronto, Canada, was a guest of Miss Helen Savage a few days this week.

Mrs. Howard B. White is at home from her visit at her son's home in Ashby, coming last week Friday.

The next meeting of the Unitarian Girls' club will be in the form of a picnic at Mrs. Nina Beverly's cottage at Sandy pond on Wednesday, August 2. Members will leave on the two o'clock car and each are requested to take a basket lunch.

Clarence E. Perry concluded his duties at the Palace Café last Sunday.

Master Kenneth Boland, of Hingham, returned last Sunday after a week spent with his aunt, Mrs. B. T. Larrabee. Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Larrabee returned with him and will spend a week's vacation at the beach.

Peter Riley, employed as a tailor at the shop of P. J. Sheehan, has been laid up as a result of a collision in Lancaster last week between a carriage, in which he and Mr. Sheehan were riding, and a Fitchburg auto truck. A shaft and a wheel of the carriage were broken. The horse broke away from the carriage and was stopped after it had made a short run. Mr. Sheehan was somewhat bruised, but not enough to interfere with his duties.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, a former vicar of St. Andrew's parish, now stationed in Brooklyn, N. Y., was in town last week.

Miss Annie Murray has returned from a month's visit with her sister in Bridgeport, Conn.

Ralph McGuane is employed at the Palace Café.

The subject for the Christian Science service for Sunday morning, July 29, will be "Love." The service is held at 10.30 every Sunday morning in G. A. R. hall. Sunday school at the same hour. There will be a testimony meeting next Wednesday evening at 7.30, where gratitude for Christian Science healing will be expressed.

St. Andrew's church will be closed during August. Service of holy communion will be held on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Ford take the month of August for a vacation and intend to take an auto trip to Sakonnet, R. I., on a visit to his mother and will also visit in Ipswich and they expect to take in the White Mountains also before they return to this town.

"Lovely Mary," an exclusive release of the Scottish in the world famous acts, is the headliner at Saturday evening's motion picture show featuring the screen's sweetest flower, Miss Mae Marsh, supported by Wallace J. Carrigan. There will also be other good pictures. On next Wednesday evening the management presents the celebrated actor, William Faversham, in "One million dollars," the vivid acts of romance, mystery and intrigue. There will be other features of interest. The ever popular Pathe News is shown at every show. See advertisement in another column of this paper.

John M. Wallace is at Monument Beach on Cape Cod, doing electrical work. He expects to return this Saturday.

Frederick Fanning Ayer, of New York, donor of our public library building on East Main street, and son of Dr. J. C. Ayer, of Lowell, for whom this town was named, has given $20,000 to the Lowell General hospital. The announcement of the donation was made by the hospital trustees Monday afternoon. This is the largest single gift of Mr. Ayer to the institution, which has received from him a total of $615,000.

P. A. Johnson, superintendent of schools, and family left Monday for Boothbay, Me., where they plan to spend the rest of the summer.

Born June 30, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Levi P. Moore.

Mrs. Rosina Q. Child, widow of George M. Child, died at the home of her son in Woburn on Wednesday, July 26 following an illness of one week, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mrs. Child was born in Sutton, Vt., on January 20, 1839, and has been a resident of Woburn for a number of years. Before moving to Woburn Mrs. Child and her husband were residents of this town for many years. She is survived by her son, George H., of Woburn, a former resident of this town, with whom she had made her home, and a brother, Alonzo Falls, of Wellesley Hills. Funeral services were held on Friday morning at her former home, and burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery in this town in the family lot.

The millinery rooms of Miss R. M. Graham, over the store of I. G. Dwinell, will be closed during the month of August.

One of the most attractive vegetable and flower gardens in town is that of Frank Briggs. Situated as it is in such a prominent place, it draws the attention of hundreds of passersby daily. It is beautifully laid out and Mr. Briggs gives it his close attention during his spare moments, and not a weed is to be seen this weedy weather.

Kenneth Savage and L. H. Wienke, of Toronto, Canada, and Miss Frances Keyes, of Concord, were guests of Mrs. M. L. Savage on Wednesday.

Alonzo E. Willis, who died in Groton last week, is survived by a widow; five sons, Edward L., Alphonsus L., Joseph, George and Frank, and a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Emmett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie leave Sunday for Mont Vernon, N. H., on a visit of a few weeks with Mr. Gleason's parents.

Miss Doris Savage, of Toronto, Canada, was a guest of Miss Helen Savage, her cousin, a few days this week, coming on Monday.

Miss Helen Savage left this Friday morning for Lac Ouimet, Quebec, as the guest for the month of August of Miss Doris Savage, at her summer cottage.

Charles W. Mason leaves this Saturday for a week's trip to Harpswell, Me. After his return he expects to go to Center Harbor, N. H., for the rest of the season at his summer cottage there.

Mrs. Henry J. Zoller and daughter Ruth leave this Saturday to spend over Sunday in Gloucester. They expect to start early next week for the Thousand Islands for a month's vacation.

Through the courtesy of the Woman's Education association of Boston an exhibition of pictures representing the pageant at Lancaster on July 4, 1912, is now being shown in the library. This exhibit consists of twenty-nine large photographs illustrating episodes in the history of Lancaster, the oldest town in Worcester county. Among the scenes are an English May festival, the arrival of the first settlers and their conference with the friendly Indians, the thrilling scenes of the massacre, the departure of Mary Rowlandson into captivity, the minutemen marching off to the revolutionary war, and the visit of Lafayette in Lancaster during his journey through this country in 1824.

The Federated church will be closed during the month of August. At the morning service next Sunday Mr. Strong will speak on the subject "The appreciation of nature." In the evening the subject will be "The reconstruction of character."

Miss Frances Lloyd of Boston and Mrs. Parker of Harvard were recent visitors at Mrs. M. J. Simmons'.

Mrs. Barker of Cambridge and Mrs. Gavitt of Providence, R. I., sisters of the late S. R. Simmons, who have been visiting Mrs. M. J. Simmons for several weeks, have returned to their respective homes.

Herbert G. Whitney has enlisted as a musician in the state militia and left last Saturday for South Framingham camp. He left there Wednesday for El Paso, Texas, for assignment.

The annual garden party of St. Mary's church will be held on the church grounds this Saturday, beginning at five in the afternoon and continuing until late in the evening. There will be children's sports, dancing, vaudeville entertainment, the pretty woodland story, Hansel and Gretchen, and an address by Judge Thomas P. Riley of Malden. Supper from 5.30 to 8 o'clock.

A large soda electric flash sign was put in place this Friday on the Barry block for Blodgett & Markham. Charles E. Perrin had charge of the work.

Mrs. George J. Andrew and two children leave this Saturday for a vacation at Hampton Beach.

Charles E. Craig has one of the finest gardens in this vicinity, his crop of peas being especially good. The peas are now nine feet high from which three bushels will be taken before the season ends. This crop comes from planting but one pint. The other crops are also very good.

Middlesex-North Pomona Grange met this week Friday afternoon at the town park. A full account will be given in next week's issue of this paper.

Jeremiah Murray has purchased one of the houses on the Thomas Hillery estate near the town park and has taken possession. The transfer of the property was made through the real estate agency of Thomas F. Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Normand and Leon B. Quimin leave next Tuesday morning for Christmas Cove, Me., to spend a vacation of two weeks.

Walter C. Winslow, chauffeur for the A. M. Winslow firm of masons, with drivers the firm's newly acquired dump motor truck loaded with three horses of line in Harvard Center this year, Friday morning, the truck and its contents turned turtle. Alfred Yates succeeded in extricate the machine but in the time of the accident it still was still in its original position. The accident was caused by the horses becoming unmanageable and in attempting to avoid a pedestrian on the road, and in so doing ran off the road into the soft earth and the truck turned over. Mr. Winslow and his fellow mechanic, Charles H. Herrick, who accompanied him, were not hurt.

Mrs. Susan Daffy and family are at Shady cottage, Sandy pond, for two weeks.

The members of Page hose company enjoyed a trip to Nantasket Beach on Monday. Those in the party were George L. Donahue, Leo O'Neil, Edward McNiff, William J. Donlon, John H. Walsh, Martin Sullivan, John Markham, James Hillery, P. J. Cheesty, F. B. Sullivan, William J. Hickey, John T. O'Brien, John C. Daffy, Daniel M. Donahue, Fred P. Nelson.

An East-Town Granger came into this office Thursday to consult our information bureau as to where the Middlesex Grange field day exercises were to be held. Upon being told that the exercises were to be held at the town park he said he had been there and found no one, and considered it so late as it was advertised for July 29, which he insisted was Thursday, instead of Friday. He was shown a calendar after which he said he would like someone to kick him, and he left the office with a puzzled expression on his face.

Fletchers From Far and Near.

Governor McCall and former governor Allen M. Fletcher of Vermont have promised to be present at the next meeting of the Fletcher family union (descendants of Robert Fletcher), to be held in Horticultural hall, Boston, September 21. The hall will be opened at 9.30 a. m. for registration and members are urged to bring written additions or corrections for the family genealogy of births, marriages or deaths, particularly of their own immediate family, and the branch to which the member belongs. If anyone has detected an error in the Fletcher genealogy he is asked to inform the secretary in writing. The forenoon will be devoted entirely to an informal reunion and an orchestra will play during the day and evening. The hall will be decorated.

At one o'clock the family dinner will be served in the banquet hall of the building. Besides Governors McCall and Fletcher, the speakers scheduled are Horace Fletcher, "the father of Fletcherism," Prof. Robert Fletcher of Dartmouth college, Hon. Samuel E. Fletcher of Chicopee, Hon. Edward F. Fletcher of Shrewsbury, formerly of Ayer, and Raymond B. Fletcher of Worcester. Miss Nina Fletcher, whose violin solos were greatly appreciated at two former reunions but who was unable to play last year, will be a feature of the coming meeting. Mrs. Alta Fletcher Hollis of Ayer will read.

At eight in the evening there will be a dance, an added feature at the past two meetings, where it proved most successful in bringing in new members who were unable to attend the daytime meetings.

Unitarian Church Notes.

Sunday service: Offices: Confession, evening prayer and divine worship at six p. m. Music: Prelude, "Last hope," Gottschalk; interlude, "Hoffnung," German; offertory, Miss Kittredge; postlude, March, Chadwick. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The feeding of the multitude."

During August the church will be closed. Services will be resumed Sunday, September 3, at 10.45 a. m. During his vacation the minister will remain in town, but may be called upon at any time for pastoral service by his own or any other people.

On Sunday next the preacher will discuss the story of the feeding of the multitude. He will point out the stupid error of accepting the story as an historical account and the equally stupid error of rejecting it as a blank fiction. He will show that the story bears truth of the first magnitude and of the most precious quality.

Unitarian Meetings.

The Unitarian meetings at Star Island are going on according to schedule and are proving very delightful. Last Saturday took place the dedication of the island. It was a remarkable program that was carried out, probably such a one as has seldom if ever occurred before in our country. The weather was favorable for the out-of-doors exercises. In the morning boat there arrived from neighboring places many people who were to take part. Everyone on the island was in it, which number included 261 people. The formal part began at two o'clock in the afternoon. A long procession was formed, every one provided with a large flag and marching by twos. Trumpeters at the wharf blew a fanfare as the procession approached to take possession in the north.

Here an Indian appeared paddling in his canoe from among the rocks, the first speech was made, the herald asked if we took possession of the island in the north, to which all the people replied "we do" and emphasized it by waving of flags. Thence the company proceeded to the John Smith monument and took possession in the east. The next point was at the Tuck monument where the south was taken possession of and then in the west by the old fort where the spirit of the island gave her address.

The people then went to the little chapel where the closing and legal acts of transference were made, the exercises being held on the rocks outside the chapel. At each point of the stops the trumpeters blew a fanfare and finally from the tower of the chapel the matter was proclaimed to the four points of compass.

A very fine musical program was carried out in the evening and fireworks in front of the hotel closed this most remarkable day.

The special week of the school of religion is holding its annual session during this third week. Three remarkable courses of lectures are being given by Dr. Dodson of St. Louis, Prof. Waterman of Michigan university and Prof. Winchester of Yale.

The attendance is very large and at the different meetings held every day there are brief talks by many interesting people. The weather is somewhat uncertain, but a rain always brings something of interest.

The special Unitarian meetings are to be continued in a series of free religious meetings after which the Congregational meetings will take place.

District Court.

John J. Hill of [illegible], Louis Lenzy, Thomas Sullivan and Daniel F. Sullivan, were arraigned in the district court of Ayer on a complaint of breaking and entering, with intent to commit larceny, on the night of June 25, at the store of Joseph Shapiro in Ayer. The complaint was made by Officer [illegible] and the prisoners were held in $1000 bonds each for the action of the superior court which convenes in Cambridge the first Monday in August. Being unable to procure bail they were committed to the East Cambridge jail to await trial in the higher court.

The evidence given by the boys and Chief Beatty revealed a wild career of crime, probably never before equaled in this state for boys of their age. The boys told practically the same story about their doings during the past week.

On Thursday a week ago last week they took an old horse and buggy which was standing on the street at Shirley, and drove to Providence, R. I., and back to Somerville, where they abandoned it. They then took a Ford automobile which they found on the highway in Somerville and went as far as Concord, when the gasoline gave out and the machine could go no farther. Entering a garage they took a Studebaker Six automobile in which they rode to Littleton, where their joy riding ended when the machine struck a tree, wrecking the automobile. In the accident Sokuloski sustained a bad cut on his head which required three stitches to close. After having the wound treated by a Littleton physician the boys walked to Ayer in company with William F. Duffy, the fifth member of the gang, who escaped at Ayer when the officers gave pursuit, and who is still at large.

Next came the breaking into the Sigsbee building.

In the arrest of these boys the police have ended their career of crime which has been confined chiefly to Greater Boston. They are wanted by the police of Waltham, Watertown, Somerville, Cambridge, Silver Lake and other places for breaks and other crimes.

To the quick action of Mrs. May Lynch, an employee of the Sigsbee Company, is in a large measure due to the quick rounding up of the quartet. Mrs. Lynch was in the building during the noon hour when the robbery was attempted. She immediately telephoned her employer, Mr. Osgood, who had gone to dinner. Mr. Osgood came to the scene in his automobile and notified Chief Beatty, who with Officer Thomas F. Mullin and Mr. Osgood started in pursuit of the boys.

Two were captured on Main street, between the town hall and the subway, and the other two near Flanagan's pond, off Central avenue, whither they had gone through the woods on Richardson's hill.

Later developments showed that the arrest of the gang was more important than at first supposed. The police departments in the cities and towns where these youths have been operating feel much relieved that the cause of their troubles have been removed in their capture.

Chief Kendall of Somerville came here to interview the boys. He complimented the Ayer police for their excellent work in capturing them. Other officers who came to look the boys over were Chief Urquhart of Arlington, Inspector Burke of Watertown and Officers Craig and Lyons of Concord.

The inquest on the death of George Benjamin, who was found on the railroad tracks at Graniteville on July 12 was held last Saturday morning before John M. Maloney, associate justice.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, of Ayer, medical examiner, the first witness, testified to being called to view the body which was found about 400 feet west of the Graniteville station, on the side of the track. The body was found outside the rail. The man had not been dead over four hours when he arrived on the scene. Death was caused by the crushing of the head, due in his opinion, to being run over by a train.

L. B. Palmer said that Benjamin worked as a quarry man for he and his father at times.

John Gray, telegraph operator; John McNiff, of Forge Village, and L. B. Palmer, of Graniteville, for whom Benjamin had worked, as well as for his father, as a quarry man, and Thomas F. Mullin, probation officer, of Ayer, were the remaining witnesses.

In the civil session of Louis Lapointe against Sylvain Thomas of Shirley for fifty dollars for raising Thomas' house, Judge Atwood finds for the plaintiff. In the counter action of Thomas against Lapointe for damages to his building, which were alleged to have been caused by the defendant, the court finds for Thomas in the sum of sixty-seven dollars. These cases were recently tried in court and the court withheld its decisions until this week.

John M. Maloney, associate justice, has given his decisions in the inquests into the deaths of George Benjamin, who was found dead at Graniteville on July 12, and of Frank J. Hurley, who was killed at North Littleton on July 4. The court finds that none other than the deceased were responsible for the deaths.

An interrupted elopement in which Louis Hickory, a seventy-seven-year-old widower, and Mrs. Frederick Miller, of Pepperell, aged seventy-four, were concerned was a very strange and interesting sidelight in the trial of Hickory for larceny Tuesday morning before Judge Atwood. He was discharged.

Hickory was a former resident of West Groton, but had been boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller in Pepperell. Mrs. Miller and Hickory decided to elope and get married. During their joint possession of a trunk they left Pepperell Monday morning on the north bound passenger train with the evident intention of going to Canada, where Hickory formerly lived. Their disappearance was discovered by Mr. Miller, the husband of the woman in the case, who shortly after their going away missed $43.65 and a good suit of pants which were his property. He notified Chief Smith of Pepperell.

Chief Smith told Judge Atwood that he called up various places in the hope of stopping the pair and succeeded in getting them in Concord, N. H., where they were arrested by the police in response to a communication from him. The elopers had engaged a room there and as they had but $7.25 returned them on leaving Pepperell, and being short of cash, their trunk had to be pledged for their keep in the New Hampshire city.

Miller said that shortly after his arrival home he missed the money and pants which he claimed that Hickory had taken, which drove the latter out of his room for good.

Mrs. Miller in exclamatory fashion stated that Hickory had hypnotized her so that she was unable to resist, as he was the leader in the attempted elopement since she refuse to go. She said that he had bought candy and fruit for her at times which she thinks he might have put something into that would cause her to act so. She asked the court to have Hickory removed from her presence in order to avoid any such conduct again. Miller was satisfied to take his wife back again to his home, but he also insisted in getting his stolen property back, to which the court offered no objection provided he could find it.

Gun Clubs Shoot.

The Leominster Gun club won the second leg of a contest being waged for the championship of the Trolley League of Gun clubs, which includes Ayer, Leominster, Clinton and Groton, at the Ayer range last Saturday. The contest was a fifty-bird event in which the holds, of Ayer, was high gun, with the remarkable score of 47 out of a possible 50. The teams were composed of the five high guns, although each club may have as many men as it desires, the five highest only counting. The score:

Leominster—Rice 43, Cook 43, Griffin 42, Gates 41, Woods 40, Landers 39, Lavery 38, Rousseau 38, Goodale 25, Kittredge 23, Mudgett 13.

Ayer—Reynolds 47, Hayes 42, Sabin 41, Ryan 37, Blodgett 37, Kidder 36, Fisher 25.

Clinton—Tedford 41, Jackson 35, Craig 36, Merrill 34, Snow 33, Gundeman 29.

Groton—Kalnig 38, Moulton 36, Reid 32, Wright 30, Kezar 30.

The prizes will be awarded at the end of the season. Leominster is now high by 30 birds, her total being 421 to 391 for Ayer, Clinton 356, Groton 312, out of a possible 500. The next shoot is on August 12 in Leominster.

Neighbors' Night.

Prescott Grange of Pepperell visited Ayer Grange on Wednesday evening, the occasion being neighbors' night. The visiting Grange, as is the custom, furnished the first part of the entertainment and the local Grange the other part. The program of both Granges follow: Prescott Grange—Vocal solo, Miss Elsie Cobb; farce, "Rubber boots," Misses Ellen and Ruth Miller and Florence and Jessie Flynn; vocal duet, Mrs. Cobb and O. N. Nash; reading, Mrs. Walter Shattuck; vocal solo, Mr. Nash; Ayer Grange—Piano solo, Ruth Griffin; reading, "The prisoner's plea," Linton Ward; pantomime, Elizabeth Sabin, Alice Leahy, Linton Ward and Mrs. Brooks; solo, Marion Winslow; farce, "The new schoolma'am," Miss Alice Leahy, James M. Boutwell, Linton Ward; piano solo, Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy. After the entertainment there was a supper and social. The supper committee were Mrs. Jennie Leahy, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, Mrs. Byron Murphy and Mrs. F. A. Smith.

Special Aid Society.

Twenty-two members of the Special Aid society for American Preparedness met at the home of Mrs. Theodore Barry on Tuesday afternoon. Seventy surgical bandages were made from old sheets, and these, with surgical sponges, knit by members and their friends are to be sent for hospital use on the Mexican border. The meeting appointed for Tuesday afternoon, August 1, has been postponed for two weeks. In the meantime, will the members who have learned to make the bandages kindly make a few at home, and when completed send them to Mrs. Barry. Any donations of old sheets or soft linen will be most acceptable.

Wednesday afternoon, August 2, at two o'clock, a nurse from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital will meet the members at the lower town hall and instruct them in the making of Red Cross surgical dressings.

Boxes containing comfort kits, post cards, stamped envelopes, amber glasses, and other small articles are to be sent to the young men from Ayer who are now serving on the Mexican border.

To the Editor:

The gathering of cards for the postal shower to be sent to Leonard A. Bowler, which was announced in your last edition, has proven to be of wonderful success. I received a prompt reply to my letters calling for cooperation in the plan, in nearly every instance, and the cards are still coming. I am unable to state at this time the exact number of cards which the shower will contain, but it will be between three and four hundred.

Owing to the misunderstanding among the card senders regarding the date upon which the cards were to go forward, I shall have to wait a few days before mailing. There is at least one soldier in the U. S. army who will know that the distance between he and his friends at home has not formed a veil over the minds of the latter, causing them to be thoughtless in respect to him.

I am much pleased with the outcome of my plan and I extend many thanks to the press and to each individual who assisted me in making the scheme a success.

Frank L. Davis.

Clipping.

The following article is taken from the Marlboro Daily Enterprise under the heading of "The boys of '61," and refers to James W. Haley, formerly of this town and a member of Geo. S. Boutwell post, G. A. R.:

Doing his duty in whatever sphere of life he happens to find himself, was my impression of the man whom I saw a night or so ago flagging the train which arrive from Boston at seven o'clock. He was stationed at the Hudson street crossing and was attending to his business with strict observance of the rules of the road, and with a watchfulness that was protective of any person who might be careless and endanger life. James W. Haley is the man to whom I refer, and although his position is modest and in every way unassuming, he has a record as a defender of the union of which any man in the land might well be proud.

Mr. Haley, in fact, was one of the most interesting men of the many veterans of the war with whom I have talked lately. When I told him that I desired a story of his life for The Enterprise, he was surprised, but he was not long en route to the dates and incidents of an experience rich in courage and achievement.

It was at the Hudson street flag station that I met Mr. Haley, and our little talk filled the time between trains.

Said Mr. Haley: "I was born in New York city and am now 74 years old. When I was young my father died and we moved to Shirley. At the age of ten I went to work in a cotton mill. The other members of the family also worked in the cotton mill. There were my mother, brother and sister. I was ten years of age and got fifty cents a week. I recall there as time went on, he never earned more than $5 a week. We went to work at six o'clock in the morning and did not leave our day until seven o'clock in the evening, with half an hour for breakfast and another half hour for dinner.

JAMES W. HALEY

"When I was 19 years old I enlisted in Co. E., 34th Infantry, and went with my command to Washington, where we were employed in defense work. In 1863 we were engaged in the guarding of rebel prisoners. July 12 the regiment went to Harper's Ferry and guarded the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for some time. April 15, 1864, we had a battle at Newmarket and 4000 of our men fought 15,000 of the enemy. We went into the fight, our regiment did I mean, with 550 men and lost 221 men. I got three bullets in my clothes that day. General Sigel, who commanded us, was shortly afterward succeeded by General Hunter. Our next engagement was at Piedmont and we drove the rebels out of the place.

"June 12 I saw Governor Lecher's house at Lexington burned to the ground. The governor's wife called the union men cowards and insulted us in every way. Before that some of our men had been poisoned by drinking water in the town and General Hunter arrived at the conclusion that it was time for action. Ordering Mrs. Lecher away from the place the torch was touched to the building, which was soon a pile of burning embers.

"We fought two days at Lynchburg and the enemy was reinforced. General Early drove us over the Alleghany mountains. For eight days we had a hard time. Most of the period we were obliged to live on roots, birch bark and any other thing that would furnish the slightest nourishment. Finally we got to Camp Piat and crossed the Kanawa river. We went into Ohio but returned and struck Parkersburg, W. Va. From there we went by rail to Washington. We were then sent to the Shenandoah valley, where we saw some fighting. About 1500 of us were sent across the Potomac to field of General Early. His rear guard kept falling back until finally the rebels opened on us, trying to cut us off. They drove us into the river, but were afraid that they would hit their own men and we got away.

"General Hunter was superseded by General Crook and July 25, 1864, we fought the battle of Winchester. In August Phil Sheridan took command and we fought the second battle of Winchester. Our next great endeavor was at Fisher Hill, which the rebels boasted would withstand the attack of 10,000 men. Sheridan took the works with 8,000. We fought battles at Harrisonburg, Tickner's Farm, and October 19 occurred the battle of Cedar Creek. This is the battle in which it seemed as if we were whipped, and we were on the retreat. General Sheridan was at Winchester, as all know. Winchester is twenty miles away. He heard the noise of battle and started on the famous black horse that he owned. I saw him when he came on the field. The horse was very black and his flanks were white with foam. Sheridan had his hat off and as he came up he cried, 'Face the other way, boys. Before night we will give them a twist.' The appeal touched a responsive chord. We all turned around and drove the enemy off the field. After this we were transferred to the 19th corps, army of the James. We laid easy for six weeks and then fought against Fort Harrison on March 25, we went to the left, and March 30, March 31, April 1 and 2, we took part in the battle before Petersburg and were engaged in the fighting that resulted in the surrender of Lee."

Mr. Haley saw the surrender of Lee and after the curtain had been lowered on the last fighting of the war was sent with his regiment to Richmond. July 6, 1865, he was discharged from the services of the United States. In the talk which he gave the reporter, he pointed with especial pride to the record which his regiment made from May 1, 1864, to November, 1865, when it marched 1000 miles and won nine of the fourteen battles.

At the close of the war Mr. Haley returned to Ayer and in 1868 went to work for the Boston and Maine railroad. He was section master for eighteen years and has been a resident of Marlboro for sixteen years. Mr. Haley belongs to the Ayer post of the Grand Army. He is a persistent reader and especially interested in the events of the war.

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TOWNSEND

Baseball.

Westford A. A. whitewashed Townsend A. A. last Saturday by the score of 4 to 0. Although Farrar allowed but three hits he passed five and hit three Three of Westford's runs were a direct result of a pass or by being hit by a pitched ball. Aside from the Westford team's alertness to take advantage of Farrar's wildness they were unable to do much with his delivery. Townsend hit Page harder than the hit column indicates, for by brilliant fielding on the part of Gildea, the fast Boston college player, he smothered several hits that were labeled for extra bases as they left the bats of Townsend players. Parker and E Swicker starred for Townsend, while Gildea was easily the class of the Westford team, none of whom are local boys. The summary:

WESTFORD A. A.

	ab	r	bh	tb	po	a	e
Gildea, rf.	3	1	1	1	6	1	0
Harvey, c.	3	1	1	1	8	1	0
Baker, 1b.	3	0	1	1	6	0	0
Bridgeford, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Delback, 2b.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Moranda, 3b.	4	0	0	0	1	3	0
Shea, ss.	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Page, p.	3	1	0	0	2	3	0
Gower, lf.	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	28	4	3	3	27	8	1

TOWNSEND A. A.

	ab	r	bh	tb	po	a	e
Hartford, lf.	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Leary, c.	4	0	1	1	11	0	2
Green, ss.	4	0	1	1	0	2	0
E. Swicker, cf.	4	0	1	1	2	0	1
Merrick, 3b.	4	0	1	1	0	2	0
Parker, 1b.	3	0	1	1	6	2	0
Rusk, 2b.	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
V. Swicker, rf.	3	0	0	0	1	0	1
Farrar, p.	3	0	1	2	2	1	0
Totals	30	0	6	7	24	8	7

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Westford A. A.	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	*—4

Two-base hit—Farrar. Sacrifice hit—Hartford. Stolen bases—Harvey, Gildea, Bridgeford. Double play—Gildea to Shea. First base on balls—Off Farrar 5, off Page 1. Hit by pitcher—Gildea, Baker, Delback. Struck out—By Farrar 9, by Page 6. Passed ball—Leary. Time—1hr. 55m. Umpire—Weeks and Prouty.

Center.

The band concert given by the Townsend brass band on last week Friday evening was unusually good, by far the best of the season. It was greatly appreciated by the large crowd that assembled in and around the common to hear it who were more than generous with their applause after each piece.

Mrs. Fred Tenney gave a band concert party on Friday evening of last week, which was an original idea. She invited many of her friends to listen to the concert from the large spacious rooms of her home, which is situated directly opposite the common, making it an ideal place. A social time with refreshments followed the concert.

Miss Ella Wilder gave a very pleasant whist party to her young friends Thursday evening, July 20. There were four tables of progressive whist which was played on the screened in piazza, making it cool and enjoyable, although an extremely hot evening. Cooling refreshments were served by the hostess. Those scoring the highest number of points for the ladies was Miss Lottie Bohanon, for the gentlemen, Edwin Sanders. Those scoring the lowest number of points for the ladies was Miss Evelyn Sanders, for the gentlemen was Carl Farrar.

Charles Dean of Nashua, N. H., is visiting his cousin, Ovil McKenzie.

Townsend's old nemesis, the Westfords, again put a patch on the locals' eye at Westford on Saturday afternoon by a score of 4 to 0.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Haynes are visiting their son, Rowland Haynes at Noank, Conn.

Mrs. L. E. Aspinwall is acting as nurse for the Niemer child that is seriously sick with infantile paralysis at Vinton pond in West Townsend.

Guy Hiltz, who has been in the employ of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. for the past two years, has severed his connection with that firm and starts for his home in New Brunswick Tuesday morning, July 26, for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Stepher D. Keefe and two children returned Sunday from a week's visit with Mrs. Keefe's parents in Scituate.

The many friends of Rev. B. A. Willmott will be pleased to learn that he will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning, July 30, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. S. Struthers, who left Monday morning for his summer home in Chesham, N. H., for a month's vacation.

Miss Helen C. Dobson is spending a week at Old Orchard beach. Miss Hattie Smith is assisting in the post office during her absence.

A pleasant gathering of relatives was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hildreth in honor of Mr. Hildreth's seventy-third birthday anniversary. The home was prettily decorated with yellow daisies, and the evening was spent socially and refreshments were served by the hostess, which included a birthday cake covered with pink icing and flowers, which was served by the host of honor. Mr. Hildreth was the recipient of many [illegible] cards and other pleasant [illegible] the occasion.

The Misses H[illegible] of Medfield of East B[illegible] are spending their vacation with their cousin, Mrs. Charles Hildreth.

Mrs. E. A[illegible] and Mr. [illegible] Osgood are the guests of M[illegible] Joseph R. Smith for a few weeks before going to Oakland, Cal., [illegible] of Mrs. Osgood.

Miss Annie Gibson is at the Homeopathic hospital, Boston, where she was operated on for a cataract. The operation was considered successful.

Miss Clara Sheldon of Brookline was the week-end guest of Mrs. Bruce Wallace.

Master James Woolley of Winchester is spending several weeks' vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Woolley, Brookline street.

Friends in town of Miss Ruth Rowley of North Craftsbury, Vt., will be interested to learn of her coming marriage to Rev. Mr. Gordon of Lyme, N. H. The wedding is to take place on August 16, at ten o'clock a. m. at the Congregational church at North Craftsbury. Miss Rowley is the daughter of a former pastor of the Congregational church, Rev. Charles Rowley. The future home of the bride to be is at Lyme, N. H., the present pastorate of Rev. Mr. Gordon.

Miss Helen Higgins and Miss Helen Miller were the guests of Miss Esther Bagley for two days at East Boston and the beaches, making the trip by auto.

Monday morning at the mill of B. & A. D. Fessenden Co., Hugh E. Hill, who runs the piecing saw in the heading room in trying to remove a sliver of wood which was caught severely mangled his left hand seriously injuring the third finger. Mr. Hill was rushed to Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, by Charles A. Packard, where he still remains and is as comfortable as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce of Boston are the home guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bruce.

Miss Edna Smith is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. J. R. Smith.

West.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kaddy and children, from Cambridge, are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Webster, of Josselynville.

Adron Winship, who with his mother is staying with his sister in Ayer, was in town for a brief stay on Saturday.

Dr. Myron Adams, of Atlanta, Ga., is with his wife, who is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Stevens hill.

C. S. Homer and family left last Saturday for Prout's Neck, Me., where they will spend the remainder of the summer, until after September 1.

Mrs. Dean, of Maynard, spent the week-end with his wife and daughter, who are stopping at the Squannicook Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hicks, who have been spending a few weeks with Mrs. Hicks' sister, Mrs. Winchester, at the Squannicook Inn, returned on last week Thursday to their home in Taunton.

The home of Mrs. Mary Robbins, Main street, was wired for electricity last week, the work being done by Mr. Hicks, of Taunton.

The All Ready class held a picnic at the Homer summer house for their regular monthly meeting on last week Thursday from 11.30 to 3 o'clock, and all the members of the class remaining in town were present, as well as several guests, Miss Martha Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., Miss Persis Ormsby of Winthrop, Miss Georgiana MacKean of Brattleboro, Vt., who are spending the summer here, Miss Mildred Feich and Miss Mollie Reynolds of the Center making thirteen in all. A basket dinner was served at noon, at the close of which all were presented with after-dinner mints fastened to the handle of a tiny Japanese parasol which were worn in the hair as souvenirs of the occasion. A business meeting of the class was held at two o'clock, Miss Nancy Richards presiding as chairman in the absence of both president and vice president. At the close of the business session and program hour were enjoyed, Miss Grace Waite making the most points winning the prize.

The Richardson garage on Main street is closed for a few weeks, Chauffeur George Roderick being with his employers at Prout's Neck, Me., and his wife and family remaining in New York this season.

Word has been received here of the birth of a little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Reed, of Springfield, on last week Friday.

George A. Seaver, clerk for W. A. Boutwell, is spending his summer vacation.

Mrs. Ethel Welch is acting as janitress at the reading-room in the absence of Mrs. Winship, who is ill at the home of her daughter in Ayer.

The marriage of Dr. Henry B. Boynton, a prominent physician of this village, and Miss Florence Blaisdell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trueman Blaisdell, of Franklin, Me., took place on Tuesday, July 18, and after a fortnight's wedding trip the happy couple will go to housekeeping in the Daniel Coffey cottage on Main street. Miss Blaisdell taught the primary school in this village for the past two years, and both she and the doctor have a host of friends who wish them all happiness in their new relation.

Rev. Joseph MacKean will preach Sunday morning on the topic "The folly of prophecy," and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting will be conducted by Mrs. Henry B. Hatch, with as the subject, "How missions are blessing our nation."

Fred Dwinell, of North Easton, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, while his wife and children are spending a few weeks.

Dr. Frank Hamilton, of Stevens hill, and his sister, Mrs. Myron Adams, of Atlanta, Ga., have been visiting relatives in Ayer.

Miss Carrie Chase, who has been assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boutwell, Elm street, has returned to Mrs. W. T. Cook's.

The Daniel Coffey cottage on Main street is being renovated in preparation for its new occupants, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Boynton, who are expected to join soon.

A formal business meeting of the Equal Suffrage society was held on Friday afternoon at the home of Dr. [illegible] Warren.

G. A. Seaver, who is enjoying a vacation from his duties as clerk at W. A. Boutwell's store, has been spending a few days in Boston and vicinity.

Everett Davidson and family and Miss Davidson, of Tempe, N. H., and Miss Douglass, of Ashburnham, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson, Elm street. Mrs. Davidson and Miss Douglass were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. [illegible] Elm street.

[illegible] Miss [illegible] with friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hardwick, Elm street, for a few days this week.

[illegible] W. [illegible] has been in charge of her sister's millinery store during her absence.

George Hildreth, of Lower Main street, [illegible] Aeronautic club, [illegible] Tuesday afternoon. At [illegible] was in charge of [illegible] he will be a [illegible] in a few days.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckwith, of Josselynville, has been named Hazel Marion.

Miss Davidson and her mother, from South Boston, have returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sheldon after a visit with relatives in Winchendon.

A case of the dreaded infantile paralysis has been discovered in town, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Neimi at Vinton pond being the victim. Dr. Ely was called to attend the child, and realizing the gravity of the situation he at once summoned Dr. Francis Finnegan, the official inspector, who confirmed the diagnosis, and strict quarantine was established. It is thought that the disease was brought by visitors from New York, who are at present quarantined with the family. They intended visiting in Lunenburg and vicinity and rebelled against detention until the law was enforced by the constable and a strict watch is kept of the premises. At last reports the child was as comfortable as can be expected, and Mrs. Aspinwall, of the Center, is caring for the case. One of the other children of the family have been ill, but no other case of paralysis is reported.

On Monday evening the social committees of the Brotherhood and Auxiliary met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely and plans were completed for a social, lawn party and supper on Friday afternoon, August 4, to be followed by an open-air concert by the Townsend band in the evening. There will be home-made candy, cake and ice cream and mystery packages on sale on the Baptist grounds during the afternoon and evening, and supper will be served on the cafeteria plan from five until seven o'clock, the concert commencing at eight o'clock. Should the day be stormy the afternoon sale and the supper will take place in the vestries, but the concert will be postponed until further notice. Victrola music will be furnished during the supper hours.

LUNENBURG

Old Home Week Program.

The annual observance of Old Home Week for Lunenburg begins on Sunday, July 30. Union services will be held in the town hall and the speaker will be Rev. Benjamin W. Rust, of Newburyport. It will be remembered that Mr. Rust was pastor of the Methodist church here in 1906-7, and his former parishioners, with many other friends and acquaintances, will be very glad to meet and greet him on this happy home-coming anniversary. A rare musical treat is in store for all who attend the concert at the town hall on Old Home Sunday, rehearsals for which have been held, until everyone is as nearly perfect as can be in the part each is to take. The final rehearsal was on Friday evening of this week.

On Wednesday, August 2, "the day we celebrate," the usual greetings, sports, games and exercises will be presented and enjoyed by all. In the evening several reels of moving pictures will be shown on a screen erected for that purpose on the common. The operator will be an expert from Shea's theatre, which fact insures their successful presentation. There will also be folk dancing by young ladies of the town, including a dance and tableau illustrating the word "preparedness," of which so much is said nowadays. It is estimated that the entertainment will last for two hours and twenty minutes.

There will also be shown ten views of local interest, of which no names or description will be given. Prizes will be awarded at the mid-winter festival and every pupil in the public schools is invited to compete for these prizes by the location of each picture, why they are of interest, where situated, and any point of interest or bit of history connected with them. The stories must be written on one side of the paper only. No name to be signed, but the age of the writer and grade of school attending should be given. The package should then be addressed to the entertainment committee, Old Home Week association, and left with the librarian at Hartwell library, where each one will be given numbers and corresponding numbers will be placed on the stories. By this means, the judges when looking them over, will not know who is the writer of the story. These essays or stories may be handed in to the librarian any time until October 1.

The bandstand is receiving a new coat of paint and other improvements to be in better trim for Old Home Day.

Terrific Thunder Storm.

Lunenburg was visited by the most disastrous thunder storm on last Saturday that it has known for years and the most destructive of property. Occasionally a barn has been burned and some stock destroyed, but on Saturday the destruction was more severe than has ever been known here. Great fields of uncut grass was laid low by the heavy wind and rain, large limbs of trees were broken off and thrown across electric lines, both of the trolley cars, telephone and electric lights, and nearly all of them were put out of commission by the burning out of fuses and other causes incidental to the heavy storm.

Electric light and telephone wires became crossed, and started a fire behind the switchboard in the central office, but fortunately was quickly extinguished by the prompt and free use of sand and cool nerves of the chief operator. A valuable cow owned by A. E. Brown was struck by a bolt of lightning and killed in the pasture. The worst of all was the total loss of the largest barn of Warren Proctor's farm, in the southeast part of the town, together with all its contents, including a horse, calf, some hay, a large lot of grain put in only the day before, farming tools of every kind, including mowing machine, horse rake, several wagons, etc. Fortunately it came in the day time when the herd of cows was in the pasture and two horses were saved. Had it been in the night these animals would have all been in their stalls and probably would have perished as the flames seemed to come from all parts of the barn. Mr. Proctor was at work in the barn when it was struck, but fortunately escaped injured.

Philadelphia is to have a new convention hall to cost nearly $1,500,000.

New Advertisement.

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Proposals for Bids

Townsend, Mass., July 27, 1916.

The Selectmen of Townsend, Mass., will receive bids for a contract to build 5200 feet of gravel road between a point near the house of Albert Funaiole and the Lunenburg town line, in accordance with plan and specifications of the State Highway Commission, which can be seen at Selectmen's room, Memorial Hall, Townsend.

The time for receiving bids will expire at 5 o'clock P. M., August 5, 1916.

The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

TOWN OF TOWNSEND,
By Board of Selectmen.

Modern Commissariat For the New Haven

New Plant Installed In Boston For the Distribution of Food For Company's Dining Cars—Preparing Meals In Hotels on Wheels.

The reconstruction of a building in Boston for the storage of foodstuffs and supplies used on its dining cars has just been completed by the New Haven railroad. The new building not only gives a greatly increased capacity, but also provides the most modern and efficient refrigerating system that could be found for the purposes desired.

The building is a two story structure, the top floor of which is given over to the offices of the dining car superintendent and his assistants and to a storeroom for china, glassware, linen, etc., while the ground floor allows space for the receiving and delivery departments and the refrigerators.

In addition to the offices on the second floor, there is a room for the storing of linen and silverware. In this room there are thousands of dollars' worth of linen that was purchased some time ago in anticipation of the increase in price of this class of goods. The supply on hand in this room will last the company for two years. Another room on the second floor is given over to crockery and glassware, still another to empty bottles, which are returned to the manufacturers. There is a stock room for the very few cases of canned goods that are used. Practically all foodstuffs served in the company's dining cars are received fresh daily. There are certain foodstuffs that have to be bought in cans, such as sardines, and certain vegetables in the winter months.

There are also on this floor six large lockers, each of which contains complete equipment used in a dining car. These lockers are for emergency use, and the equipment is kept in this order to facilitate equipping of extra cars when the necessity arises.

Modern Refrigerating System.

Probably the most interesting part of the new plant is the refrigerating system that has been installed on the main floor. This plant has several compartments. One is solely for fish and oysters, another for fruit and vegetables, another for poultry, another for meat, another for smoked meats, another for butter and eggs, another for milk and cream and still another for cheese. Each of these compartments is kept at a certain temperature by thermostats, but the temperature is never permitted to get down to the freezing point. It is the policy of the New Haven railroad to serve only fresh foodstuffs, and not even the poultry is permitted to freeze. The temperatures maintained in the various compartments range from 34 to 40 degrees above zero.

The principal feature of this plant is that the pipes are located above the storage space and separated from the foodstuffs by a bunker arrangement. This permits circulation of the cold air through openings on either side of the bunker down into the compartments and prevents the frost that accumulates on the pipes from coming into close proximity with the food. There is also a separate door above each compartment by which the pipes may be reached to be cleaned and scraped of the frost. This system of refrigerating has been pronounced the most sanitary in existence. Before it was installed the engineers and the dining car superintendent investigated and studied every known system to make sure that the proper plant had been selected.

The racks in the compartments upon which the foodstuffs are placed are constructed so that they may be taken down and removed with little effort for purposes of cleaning. These compartments are cleaned regularly at frequent intervals.

In addition to the refrigerating plant on the ground floor, there are the receiving and distributing departments and also rooms for storing special articles, such as bottled goods, cigars and case goods. All food that is received is checked, inspected and weighed. Not only are the goods inspected after arrival, but attention is also paid to the means of conveying the goods to the plant. If the merchant has not exercised sufficient care in packing and covering the goods for transit to the building the company refuses to take them. In the case of fruits and vegetables this is an important factor, particularly in hot weather.

Preparing Meals on the Diner.

The management of the commissary department of a railroad is a complex and intricate proposition. When all the food that is served in the dining cars is cooked especially for each meal on the car, as is done on the New Haven dining cars, no detail is too insignificant to receive the closest attention of all concerned with the management. The dining car service of the New Haven railroad has been likened to the restaurant service of a large hotel run on the installment plan. The New Haven railroad serves nearly 500,000 meals a year on its cars. There are fifteen separate "restaurants" in the system, each one of which is on wheels. Each of these "restaurants" has a manager, three or four cooks and several waiters. All of them, however, are under one management. They receive their supplies from one central storehouse. The meals served are aimed to be as freshly cooked as one could obtain in a hotel restaurant. These moving eating places travel on week days a total of about 3,000 miles.

Fresh food freshly cooked is the rule of the dining car service of the New Haven railroad. This rule is not a mere advertising slogan of the service. It is an actual fact. The only articles that are purchased already prepared are bread and rolls, ice cream and the small cakes served with the ice cream. All food is put on the cars from the central storehouse in Boston, with the exception of perishable stock like milk, cream, ice cream, cake and bread, which are put on at both ends of a car's run. The cars make Boston every other day, except a few which are on the road for three days.

About 15,000 pounds of roasting chicken, 20,000 to 25,000 pounds of beef and 7,000 pounds of broilers are consumed on the New Haven's diners each month. Each loin of beef and every chicken have to be inspected to see that they come up to the standard required. At frequent intervals samples of the milk, cream, ice cream and other supplies are sent to the company's laboratory at New Haven to be tested in order that the proper standard of purity may be maintained.

It is a matter of the minutest calculation to know how much food to stock a car with before it goes out on its trip. It is a further nice calculation to know how much food to prepare for each meal. Dining car stewards are required to send in their requisitions in advance. The supplies are packed and put on to the cars just before leaving the yards at Boston. Oysters and clams from Cape Cod which are taken out of the water in the morning are on the trains by afternoon and served that evening. As the baskets of supplies are put up the contents are charged to the car to which they are assigned.

The work on a dining car begins many hours before the meal is actually served. When a car is attached to a train en route the number of passengers is telegraphed ahead to the steward, who makes his calculations regarding the number of meals to prepare on a percentage basis. Each employee on the car is assigned certain duties which must be completed by the time the "first call" is announced. There are generally four cooks, one of whom, the chef, is in charge of the kitchen. It is the duty of the chef to prepare the meats and pastry. One of the cooks looks after the vegetables and some of the meats and soups. There is a third cook and a general utility man. The utility man has many miscellaneous duties assigned him by the chef. The work in the diner is apportioned to a nicety. Each waiter is assigned to particular tasks, such as looking after the china, the silverware, the linen and the pantry. All employees in the service have passed and are subject to rigid physical examinations.

Quality the Essential Factor.

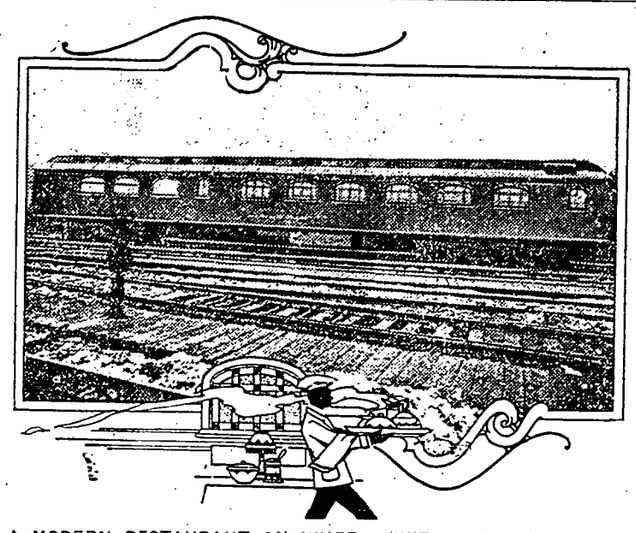
In purchasing food for use on the New Haven railroad dining cars quality is the one essential factor. The food must be the best that can be obtained, it must be handled with the most thorough cleanliness, and it must be absolutely fresh. It is the aim of the management to serve the best meals that can be obtained on any dining cars in the country.

During the month of October, 1915, the company served 36,276 meals on its diners, an increase over the corresponding month of 1914 of 2,836. Despite this increase in the number of meals served, the average cost per meal was greater than in October, 1914. This was due to extras and selection of higher grades of certain products.

In addition to running its dining car service, the New Haven operates several restaurants throughout New England. One of these is at Bridgeport. This restaurant has been managed by the company for several years, and it is considered a model of cleanliness. On every occasion that the Bridgeport board of health has inspected it it has received a rating of 100 per cent.

On Nov. 1 the company took over the management of the restaurants in the stations at New Haven and Providence, and on Dec. 1 the restaurant in the new station at Hartford was opened. The company also operates the restaurants at Waterbury and Willimantic stations and a hotel at Midway, Conn., for its employees. Several changes are being made and more being considered in the restaurants at New Haven and Providence. The standard of cleanliness and sanitary excellence attained at Bridgeport will be maintained at the new restaurants. The local restaurants in the stations named buy their supplies from local merchants.

In the management of its station restaurants the company aims to give a wholesome, uniform, satisfactory service. The food is subject to the most rigid inspection and tests, and the attendants are as carefully selected as the waiters and chefs of the dining cars.



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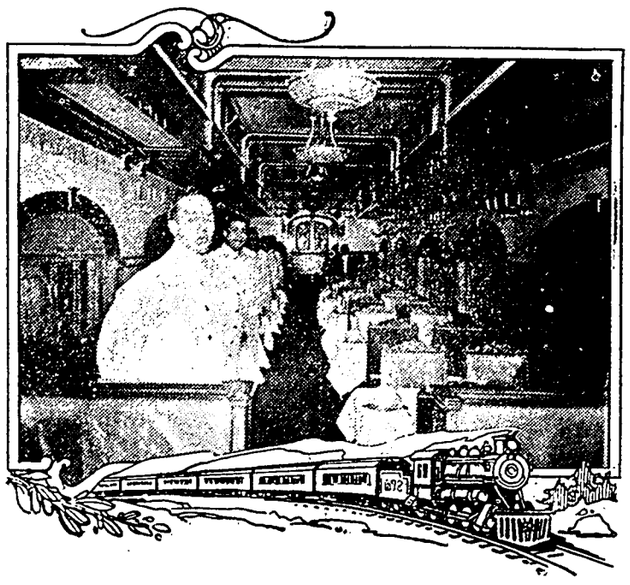

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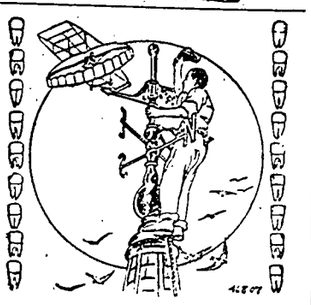

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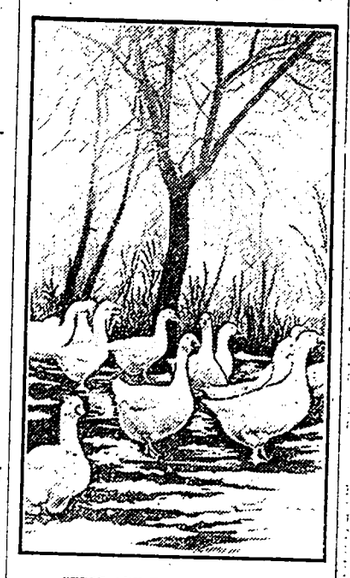
Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

With grain and mill feed unusually dear poultry owners and farmers generally are compelled to give close study to the cost of growing a pound of meat.

Without stopping to argue that geese are the most profitable fowls I wish to make it clear that they grow into money fast and are easily managed. Their advantage over ducks is that they will thrive wholly on grass pasture, just like a young animal. It will be noticed that when goslings begin to eat they will leave their dish of moistened cornmeal or mash of wheat middlings after taking a few mouthfuls and begin picking at grass or clover. Still, it will pay to help along their growth with light rations of ground feed.

It is useless to try to raise a flock of geese on a town lot, but they are a desirable product on every farm, especially small places. Young geese will grow to a value of $2 or $2.50 the first season. It does not pay to keep them longer than this except for breeding purposes. Toulouse geese may be depended on to reach a weight of fifteen to eighteen pounds in one season. Whether the flock is large enough or is still being developed there will always be a number to sell when the market is right. After the first year Toulouse geese weigh twenty to twenty-five pounds. Gray African geese are by many raisers considered the most profitable to keep. They grow the heaviest in the shortest space of time and are ready for market in ten weeks if the owner is catering to a select trade. These goslings gain about a pound a week.



GEESE ARE EASILY MANAGED.

The Embden geese also grow fast and are a fine type, but at the end of two years the Toulouse fowls will outweigh any of the others. For the first couple of years the owner should give special attention to the selection of breeding stock. Those that are not up to standard for size and vigor should be disposed of, while the best ought to be kept for improving the flock. Ganders of the highest type should be used, but must be killed when three or four years old, as they are then declining in virility. The females are best for egg production when three years old and upward. There is no better method of developing a good flock than to buy a lot of well bred goslings in the spring. At least one setting of eggs or a dozen good young males should be bought every season in order to get the best results.

Geese do well on common field grass, clover, rape artichokes or any of the ordinary forage crops. They should have a few acres to themselves and a swimming place if possible. It is not good policy to have geese and cattle in the same pasture. To fatten young geese place them in a pen and feed three times a day all they will eat up clean of cornmeal mixed to a dry, crumbly state and beef scraps amounting to 20 per cent of the cornmeal. While fattening young geese they should be kept as quiet as possible. Keep them from being disturbed or excited. The breeding flock needs to be kept in clean, well ventilated houses. They must have fresh air and sanitary surroundings. Give them as much clover and other green stuff as they will eat through the winter, with a light supply of mash or grain. Where the flock is of a considerable size it is good policy to separate them as much as possible. They should have clean, comfortable nests, so that they will feel safe from intrusion. All these little points are as important as the matter of feeding. It will soon be found that they are easily managed and more profitable than many other farm products. Chickens, if skillfully handled, may surpass geese in the matter of profits, but with indifferent management they seldom do so. Geese are hardier than other fowls, and they have the faculty of keeping themselves clean.

Sow California Cabbage and Parsley.

Cauliflower, cabbage and parsley should be sown now, placing the boxes in a gentle warmth and near the glass. When the seedlings are well up plenty of air must be given and an excess of heat avoided to insure a stocky growth. The plants can be set out as soon as the weather will permit.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Jean Baker, of Framingham, was at home over Sunday.

Born on July 15, a daughter weighing 7¾ pounds, to Mr. and Mrs. Emery Kline, of Mechanicsville, N. Y. Mrs. Kline was formerly Miss Helen T. Powers, of this town.

George W. Hardy has filed his notice as candidate for the assessors.

Elmer Boulton has been quite ill. He is improving and is able to work a little.

Mrs. Josie Maxwell, who was reported last week as somewhat better, is now able to sit up a little.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M[illegible], of Melrose Highlands, Mass., and their two children, Richard and Dorothy, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Woodin.

Alfred Eaton and son Clyde, of Manchester, have been guests of Asa R. Eaton during the past week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown is visiting her sister, Mrs. Samuel Bascom.

Mrs. James Roble, of Quincy, Mass., is visiting Mrs. Charles Woodin.

Alfred F. Smith, of Vergennes, Vt., has been elected superintendent of the Milford, Amherst and Hollis district upon the resignation of John Bacon. Mr. Smith is strongly recommended by Superintendent Morrison and has had considerable experience in the New Hampshire schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeden have bought the Almond A. Wheeler farm and have arrived.

The marriage of Gertrude Anna Robinson, of Claremont, to Clifford Hardy Burbee, formerly of Hollis, has been announced. Mr. Burbee was born in Ashburnham, Mass., and is a graduate of the Hollis high school. Afterwards he attended Kingston academy and New Hampshire college. He was a Kappa Sigma. Miss Robinson is a well-known Claremont girl and is a graduate of Claremont high school. Mr. and Mrs. Burbee were married by the Episcopal minister in the rectory at Claremont. They will reside in Boston for the present. Mr. Burbee has recently taken a position as mail clerk running from Boston to Springfield and back.

Mrs. Warren Colburn is quite seriously ill.

Mrs. Norman Bennett was ill for a few days last week, but is now around again.

Miss Winnie Parker has been ill for nearly a week, but is almost well again.

Leonard Bennett was ill last Sunday and on Monday was some better.

The next Grange meeting will be held on Tuesday evening. It will be the people's night, in charge of Master Mazzer Nelson Parkhurst and Lecturer O. Marshall. It is a good time a good number will be present to enjoy the entertainment and social time.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

George Stanley, Jr., of Milford Street, is spending two months of the school vacation visiting an aunt in West Newbury, Mass.

Mr. Yarrick performed before the Grangers of North Andover and West Rindge on Tuesday and Friday evenings of last week, and on Saturday he entertained at a private home in Beverly.

Capt. John Andrews, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Ruth, spent last Saturday in Milford.

Mrs. Jessie Poland and her children of Chelsea, Mass., are visiting at the home of her brother, Silas Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Burrus of Milford spent over last week-end and the day with their daughter, Mrs. Silas Wheeler.

Miss Eva Corey is entertaining Miss Alberta Gage, a classmate from Fitchburg.

Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. G. Ray Falconer, of Milford, for the past two weeks, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood has entered on her new duties as housekeeper at the parsonage.

Mrs. Charles Russell, of Milford Street, has so far improved in health that she has dispensed with the services of her nurse, Miss Dolphin of Boston, who has been with her for about a year. Her sister, Miss Annie Gibson, is with her for the present.

Miss Minnie Taylor of Fitchburg is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb.

Mrs. Frank Austin spent last Saturday visiting in Milford.

Miss Edith Stickney, of Hollis, was the week-end guest of Miss Blanche Hall.

Miss Helen Rockwood accompanied her great-grandmother, Mrs. Charles Gibson, to Boston on last Monday.

Mrs. Ella Tucker, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Badger, are at their home here for a week or two.

James Whitcomb Riley, whose death was recorded in the Boston papers of Monday, was a cousin of Mrs. Mary Beach, who acts as housekeeper for Mr. Jameson.

Misses Celia Powers and Miss Ellen Sawtelle are spending a couple of months at the home of Mrs. Powers' sister, Mrs. Perley Gould, of Silver Lake, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Whitcomb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Person, of Gardner, Mass.

Mrs. Ellen Swett spent last Saturday visiting in Fitchburg and Whalom Park.

Miss Pieper, who is spending the present month at the home of Rev. George L. Perrin, received word last week of the death of her brother in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Emma Donovan, accompanied by her daughter Helen, of Linden, Mass., was a guest last week at the home of her father, Joseph Swett.

Miss Alvina Ouellette has returned home from a visit of two weeks spent with relatives in Lowell.

Wallace Jenness, one of our volunteers, was home on a furlough over the last week-end.

Mrs. Patrick O'Connell is entertaining her sister, Miss Margaret Lynch, of Cambridge, Mass.

Friends here have received word that William French, who went from here to the home of his son in Norwood, Mass., is under the care of a trained nurse and is quite feeble.

Mrs. Albert Pierce last week lost a parrot that had been in the family for years. The bird was given to her by Mrs. Mary Cox and was thought to be between thirty and thirty-five years old.

One of the children of Morton Klein is suffering from a light attack of the measles.

LITTLETON

News Items.

For the sixth year the protestant people of Littleton of all faiths are asked to meet together at one place for common worship in gratitude for the great ideals we hold in common and to strengthen our souls for community service. The union service will be held on Sunday morning at the Unitarian church and the sermon will be preached by Rev. James C. Alvord of the Congregational society. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The date for the Sunday school picnic at Whalom Park has been set for Wednesday, August 23. Plans for going will be announced later.

Rev. H. L. Cauldins and Rev. J. C. Alvord exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning. At the Congregational church Mrs. L. A. Hager sang a most acceptable solo.

Miss Strong, of Brunswick, N. J., has enjoyed the hospitality of her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Harwood, this last week.

Miss Elizabeth Glyn, of Fitchburg, has been a recent guest of the Joseph Wainwrights, and Miss Martha Wainwright was at home from Fitchburg over Sunday.

The Colonial orchestra, led by Miss Eva Gilmore, has had engagements for nearly every evening this week. On Tuesday evening they played for a party given by the Military Whist club of Ayer; on Wednesday evening they went to Lake Boon; on Thursday they played for the Notca Chamard club in Acton Center; Friday, for Concord Junction society, and on Saturday night the orchestra, consisting of five pieces, will play in Ayer.

The LeBean family recently vacated the Whitney house on King street and moved to Westboro.

C. F. Watts has heard from his sisters, Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Elizabeth Watts, of Henderson, N. C., concerning the breaking of the dam and the subsequent flood that followed a path near them. They report suffering no personal loss or damage.

Ellsworth Bonnell is visiting his cousin in Waverley.

Mrs. John Stickney and daughter Ruth, of Auburndale, have visited Mrs. F. S. Kimball this week.

Miss Mildred Frost, of Newton, is visiting Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, Jr.

Miss Eleanor Weeks was the Saturday and Sunday guest of Miss Eva Gilmore at "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Russell street.

The ladies of the Baptist society enjoyed good patronage at their food sale last Saturday and plan to hold another soon.

Charles L. Smith is taking his annual vacation. The past week he has spent at his Raymond's in Swampscott.

The U. S. quarantine has had considerable business this summer. A consignment of sheep was recently shipped from this place to Mr. Plant, the boot and shoe manufacturer, in New Hampshire. At present twenty-five head of Hereford cattle are housed at the quarantine and will soon be sent to the owner, Mr. Taylor, of Kentucky, and another herd of sheep will arrive here soon.

Climb Pike's Peak.

Under perhaps the most dramatic circumstances ever attending the opening of a new highway, 200 automobiles, 150 of which were Studebakers, participated in a parade from Colorado Springs to Pike's Peak, July 16th, and successfully ascended the new Pike's Peak highway for the first time.

The celebration marked the formal dedication of the new highway, which is the highest and in many respects the most wonderful motor road in the world. The summit of Pike's Peak is 14,150 feet above the level of the sea.

Now that the new highway is completed, the trip to the summit of Pike's Peak is no longer the bugbear to tourists that it once was. The long twisting uphill journey, however, still furnishes a severe trial to the power and hill-climbing ability of any car. Aside from the many steep grades that are encountered between the base and the peak, there is the consideration of the distance above sea level and the rarified atmosphere at the 14,150-foot altitude which imposes tests upon the efficiency of a motor car.

Of the 150 Studebaker cars that made the climb up the Pike's Peak highway, all made the trip successfully and without trouble, giving them a performance record of 100 percent perfect, according to a dispatch from Colorado City.

Although far from being a joy ride, the journey up the Pike's Peak highway is expected to prove one of the most popular for motorists in the west. It is predicted that many tourists who hitherto have passed up this drive will make it in the future. The highway is the result of long and patient effort in building, and is an expensive stretch of road construction.

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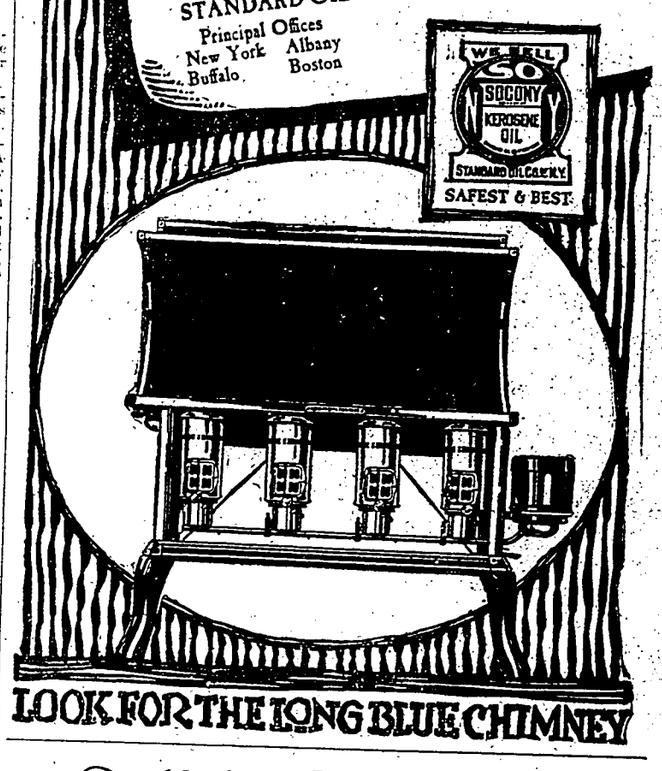

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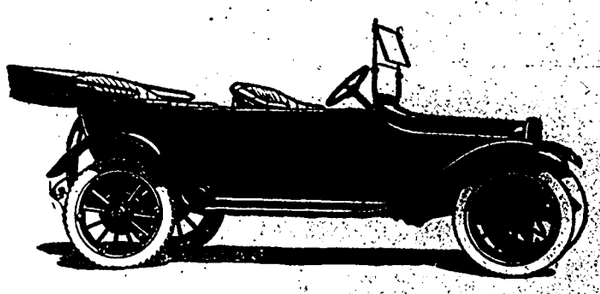

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Saturday, July 29, 1916.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

Doris Durant is visiting relatives at Milford, N. H., this week.

Mrs. Frank Bennett is out with a Ford runabout for her personal use.

The summer change in the time table on the Fitchburg branch causes the evening train to arrive at 6.29 instead of 6.39, as formerly, as it now leaves Ayer ahead of the Greenville train. The down train also arrives earlier, at 3.55, instead of four o'clock. The morning trains are running the same time.

Miss May Tierney, who has been visiting for the past two weeks at the home of her brother, Frank Tierney, returned to her work at Newton Sunday. Their brother, Lieut. John Tierney, is in service on the Mexican border, stationed at Fort Blinn, Texas.

Mrs. Ann Davis, who has been visiting her son at Waterford, Me., has returned to her home on Nashua street.

Mrs. Will Hutchinson and daughter returned to their home at Milford, N. H., Tuesday, after a short visit at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson's sister, Mrs. Cuthbertson.

Miss Margaret Anderson recently entertained Miss Etta M. Rutherford of Boston at the pleasant Anderson homestead on Oak hill.

Miss Flora Smith, who has been spending part of her vacation with Mrs. G. F. Durgin, has gone to Nova Scotia to pass the remainder with relatives, camping.

Master Jerome C. Smith, jr., from Newton Center, is under the care of Mrs. Gustaf Anderson for the summer vacation.

Mrs. William Rice Newhall of Springfield visited at the home of her brother-in-law, Rev. George M. Newhall, last week. Her daughter, Miss Harriett, and son Parker, accompanied her and Miss Janet Newhall, who has been at Waban, came home to enjoy their visit, returning with them on Friday.

Mrs. Sarah Patch had an ill turn Sunday, brought on by the heat and humidity. She is slightly improved at this time of writing.

Mrs. Abbie Woodward is taking a trip in Vermont and as far north as Quebec in Canada.

Mrs. Edward Thompson of North Shirley is visiting Mrs. Leroy Nutting.

David Tierney has been at home the past week from Waterford, Me., where he is employed.

Alfred O'Neal has a position as night engineer at the Maynard woolen mills.

Jerry Lorden and family have moved back from Nashua where he has been employed at the mill of the American Box Company with his team, during part of the winter. He has resumed his former work of teaming at the Nashua River Paper Company.

The Pennemaquan Camp-fire Girls, with their guardian, Mrs. Beers, took a hike late Tuesday afternoon to the home of Miss Ruth Wilson, Townsend street. Picnic lunch was served on the lawn, regardless of the slight dampness. Later the group adjourned to the house to sing some of the camp-fire songs to Mrs. Wilson and to Mrs. Markham, who is aged and a shut-in, and thus doubly appreciated the little attention and cheer.

M. Luther Boynton started for Rheinbeck, Iowa, Tuesday, where he will make an extended visit with cousins. He intends to stop off at Niagara Falls and other points of interest on the way.

Mrs. J. B. Lewis had been entertaining a friend, Mrs. Hubbard, of Springfield, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin R. Paull and Mrs. Deane came from Ocean Park, Me., by auto, Sunday forenoon, returning in the afternoon with their son, Raymond Paull, who will take a ten-days' vacation, and Miss Mildred Lunt, who will spend part of her school vacation at that delightful summer resort.

Mrs. H. A. Pike went to Boston on Tuesday, intending to visit friends in Dorchester and vicinity, for two weeks.

Miss Harriet Dow came from Palmerton, Pa., last week Friday for her annual summer vacation with her mother at the Pierce homestead.

William Lewis, of Lynn, visited his cousin, L. A. Johnson, over the week-end.

Miss Della O'Neal returned to her work in Groton on Wednesday after a week's vacation at her home here.

Lindsley and Wilfred Lane, the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Lane, former residents here, came from Fitchburg last week for a few days' visit with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lane. Cottage street. Lindsley will be recalled as the baby when the family moved from here to Fitchburg, but he is now taller than his uncle, and a senior in the high school.

Charles H. Miller has been confined to his home on Park street with illness, the first symptoms of which seemed like whooping cough. At present the case has not developed the regular symptoms which would be expected to follow, although there are enough to make the patient quite ill. A name for his cough and ailment has proved puzzling to physicians and family.

Many friends of the late Harry I. Jelley attended his funeral services at Nashua on Sunday, among them Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tarbell, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brown, and Joseph Toth, Mr. Jelley's assistant at the paper mill.

Calvin Pierce, the aged brother who resides at the Pierce homestead, has been suffering from the effects of heat prostration on Friday of last week.

The oiling of the Dunstable road is completed and Main street has been finished this week, and short distances on High, Mill, Groton and Railroad streets have had a coating of the same preparation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tarbell expect to start on Saturday for an auto trip to South Portland, Me., for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunton.

Mrs. Mary Attridge, an aged resident of Groton street, is suffering from the effects of a fall she had last week, and at present pneumonia is feared. At her advanced age, which is claimed by some to be nearly 100 years, her recovery would be doubtful if this disease became seated. Her son, Richard Attridge, from Natick, was in town on Tuesday for a few days' stay.

Miss Beatrice Keith extended her visit instead of returning home as was expected last week, going from Haverhill to Salem to visit another relative. She returned this week Tuesday.

The auction sale of the personal property of the late Frank H. Behrens which was held on Tuesday was fairly well attended, the old-fashioned articles and furniture attracting many from Groton and outside towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dwyer went to Nashua, N. H., Sunday, to attend the services for the late Harry I. Jelley, Mr. Dwyer acting as one of the bearers.

Much has been said about the authenticity of the weekly items from the average newspaper correspondent, but what shall be said of the daily weather report, "generally fair," day after day, when the sun does not appear for two consecutive hours for a week.

Robert Coy, station agent, is out with an Oakland auto.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald and William McDonald are at their summer place on the South road from Boston with guests.

Mrs. Francis Lawrence has had a telephone installed at her rooms on Main street—66-3.

A crew of Charles H. Miller's carpenters are at work this week repairing the roofs of the Morrow house on Mill street, occupied by F. H. Parker and family at the time of the recent fire.

Forrest Winch seems to be one of the happiest men hereabouts, and is still wearing the "smile that does not come off." The new Miss Winch is to be called Shirley Louise.

Mrs. Eloise Grenier was in town last week from Nashua, where she is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Gagnon. She was accompanied by her brother, who was visiting her from New York State.

A valuable registered Jersey cow was shipped from the J. B. Henderson form on Tuesday to parties in Connecticut by express, being billed at something over 1200 pounds in weight, including crate.

The friends of John Rodier and his bride, having discovered that they had arrived at their new home on Cross street, gave them a rousing welcome in the guise of an old-fashioned serenade on Monday evening of this week.

Grant Palmer, foreman at Frossard's shop, was obliged to lay off from work from an injury to his eye this week. A particle of steel flew from the lathe and became imbedded in the eyeball.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kittredge, of Leominster, were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls Kittredge.

Wendell Lovejoy, who has been conducting an auto livery business in Bethlehem, N. H., came home for a few days the last of the week. On his return to the White Mountains Saturday morning he was accompanied by several young ladies whom he had secured as assistants at the Highland hotel. Among them were Emma Spaulding, Alice Marshall, Grace Haggerty, Mary Sullivan, Florence Salter and Nellie Attridge.

Mrs. Rudolph King, of Millis, has been spending this week with her friend, Mrs. E. L. Hill, and children at their bungalow.

Miss Minnie Miller, who has assisted at the home of Mrs. Elijah Reed for several years, is now staying with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, to care for her since her recent affliction, and will remain with her for awhile.

Lyman Robbins is having a two-weeks' vacation from his duties at Lane Brothers' store. He will spend a part of the time in North Conway, N. H., with his wife and daughter Thurlo, visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Wiggin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tierney in Fitchburg, returning by auto that evening.

The dampness of the grounds and atmosphere on Sunday evening caused the community sing to be held indoors at the Congregational church instead of on the lawn. The speakers, Stephen Webster, son of Rev. F. E. Webster, of Waltham, gave a very bright, inspiring talk on "Religious Life in the great schools." He gave an interesting account of the routine and work among the 600 students at Phillips academy in Exeter, N. H., of which he is a student, and throughout his talk was listened to with much pleasure. The usual good music was also enjoyed with violin accompaniment, Miss Elizabeth Wright giving two selections to the pleasure of her audience.

Mrs. P. J. Hayes has been entertaining her relative, Mrs. Fred Blood, of Springfield.

Fred F. Robbins came from Fitchburg on Sunday to see his brother, L. G. Robbins, who was seriously ill, and has since passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice, from Pittsburgh, Pa., have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lovejoy, the parents of Mrs. Rice.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball visited friends at her former home in Concord on Monday.

Flossie and Hazel Robbins, from Raymond, N. H., are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Judson Willoughby.

Rita Vallaincourt, the oldest daughter of J. W. Vallaincourt, assistant at the Boston and Maine station here, is recovering from a critical operation for appendicitis which was performed at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, last week.

The tenement recently vacated by Lyman Robbins, Pleasant street, has been rented by Mr. and Mrs. Percy O'Neal.

Mrs. Jasper Shattuck is at Lake Spapoo, N. H., Mr. Shattuck having returned last week after a short vacation there.

Mrs. Hannah Barry, who has been in failing health for some weeks, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Friday of last week, where she underwent an operation about a year and a half ago. She goes this time for treatment only.

Mrs. George Badger and daughter, Mrs. Edward Tucker, of Quincy, were guests of Mrs. N. W. Appleton at Blakesmere on Friday.

A movement has been started through the W. C. T. U. to interest the members of the various Camp-fire circles in town and the girl scouts in preparing "comfort kits" or companions for the soldiers in the preparedness camps and in service.

Miss Edith Hatherly motored here with friends from Waltham for the week-end.

Mrs. Clarence A. Cook has been entertaining her mother, Mrs. Warner, from Lancaster, at the home of Mrs. S. M. Nokes.

Joseph Frossard from Leominster was in town Thursday at the home of his brother, John Frossard.

Mrs. William Geltweldt from Boston has been spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. W. D. Withrow, Park street.

Rev. C. G. Robbins and his mother, Mrs. Sarah Robbins, were summoned here this week from Camden, Me., where they were taking a summer trip, by the illness and death of L. G. Robbins.

George L. Lakin has established a lunch car between the Lawrence block and his home, and is preparing to run it with his son George as helper.

Miss Ethel Hall, who is in training for a nurse at the Lawrence hospital, is spending her vacation in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Nutting.

Wesley Gillespie, who had been sent by his company from Erie, Pa., to do some construction work at Lake Placid, N. Y., only received the message of his sister's death in time to reach here on Tuesday noon before the service. His brother, Fred, and brother-in-law, Howard Smith, arrived from Philadelphia Monday.

Nathaniel Appleton, who wishes he was young enough to be at the camp at Plattsburg, recently learned that two of his nephews are there, John Appleton Knowles of Boston being in the business men's division, and William Channing Appleton, jr., who is in the Harvard college regiment, has lately been advanced to the rank of corporal.

Seven energetic members of the East Village Social club met with Mrs. Alice Raymond on Wednesday afternoon. The lawn party had to be abandoned on account of the showers, but the members with five guests held a very pleasant indoor meeting. There was singing by the club, as usual, with Mrs. Gertrude Geiger as accompanist. Mrs. John Pierce read an instructive article from the College bulletin on "Fruit, as a food," Mrs. Charles Chapman read a paper on the weather, which was very apropos, and Mrs. Alice Raymond gave a humorous sketch "Peggy, at Revere beach." Refreshments of ice cream and cake, appropriate to the weather, were served by the hostess.

Playground Notes.

A good crowd of boys gathered at the playground Tuesday morning for the hike to Silver Lake, and shortly after nine o'clock fourteen lads, with Instructor Tower, started off in good marching order. Some of the number were a little over the required age, nine years, but all seemed to take the hike easily, arriving at the grounds in Hollis in a little over two hours.

A rest in the grove and lunch was enjoyed. The manager of the picnic grounds opened his booth for refreshments and kindly allowed the use of a few boats, and swimming was free and twice indulged in. There was a ball game, also, in the cooler part of the afternoon, and the return home was made in the later hours, all arriving home a little after six, happily tired.

The girls of the playground, under Miss Florence Flynn, expect to take a short hike to Boiling Springs on Friday if the weather is favorable. There are also to be games and story telling for the younger children of the playground on Friday afternoon.

The playground was the scene of a ball game last Saturday afternoon between the ball team of the St. Joseph parish, organized under the name of the Holy Name society, and a team from Forge Village. The game was called at the third inning on account of the shower, the score at that time being 7 to 0 in favor of the Pepperell team.

Church Notes.

At the Congregational church Rev. J. B. Lewis will preach, this being his last Sunday before his vacation. On Sunday, August 6, Rev. George F. Durgin will preach both morning and evening. On Sunday, August 13, Rev. Mr. Webster, of Waltham, will preach at the morning service, being in town at his summer residence.

If the weather is pleasant there will be a community sing Sunday evening in front of the church. This service will be held at 6.30, as it gets dark earlier now.

On Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock Miss Margaret Rochester, of Buffalo, N. Y., who is spending her summer vacation at the Peck farm, will give an illustrated lecture on animals and birds, using about fifty stereopticon slides. The lecture is free and all are invited, both young and old. The lecture should be of special interest for pupils in the public schools and members of the birds clubs. Miss Rochester is sure to prove an attractive speaker and we are fortunate to secure her here.

The Forward club are to hold their outing on the Nissitissit river this Saturday, starting from the church at nine o'clock in the morning.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject, "The perfect law." At 7.30 in the evening his subject will be "Grace for grace."

The church services will be discontinued for the first two Sundays in August, as the pastor will be away on his vacation.

The Knights of King Arthur at their last meeting adjourned to the second Monday in September.

School Savings Fund.

The work of the school savings fund which was commenced under the auspices of the Woman's club early this year, has proved very successful. The committee of Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Mrs. Nelson Wood, Mrs. Linville Shattuck, Miss Clara Shattuck and Mrs. L. A. Shattuck with Mrs. M. H. Lane as collector, feel very gratified at the results of the experiment. The plan was made to encourage the children of the public schools to form a habit of saving. Collections were to be made regularly by the one appointed, and put on deposit in the bank. There have been twenty of these collections made by Mrs. Lane, the first one being January 28. The amount in the bank now aggregates $417.62, as reported by her. This amount was gathered from four schools, Main street, Townsend street, Oak hill and Groton street. The high school entered into it at first, but withdrew leaving the younger pupils of the grade schools, who have saved their pennies until they can report the above amount.

Sudden Death.

The sudden death of Harry Jelley, head electrician at the Nashua River Paper Company's mills, on Friday morning of last week, caused universal sadness among all his associates, and was a shock to the entire community. Just how it could have happened to anyone so competent in his line of work will never be explained. He was called about two o'clock to adjust a difficulty that had arisen in the dynamo room, occasioned by broken wires on Mill street, caused by falling limbs during the wind storm of Thursday afternoon. He was seen to step behind the switchboard and the next moment a workman, about twenty feet away, heard him fall. Within two minutes the electrical engineer Mr. Gilson, was at his side, but life was extinct. The only mark on the body was a slight burn on the right forefinger. It is estimated that 2400 volts had passed through his body and death was instantaneous. Had Mr. Jelley apprehended the extent of his danger it has been suggested that he had the power to cause the shut-down of the whole electric plant, rather than to run any risk in replacing the burned fuses. Early the same day an electrician from the Shirley Company was sent here to finish repairs and connect the broken wires on Mill street, and he ordered the power shut completely off before touching the work.

Mr. Jelley was thirty-two years of age and came here in July, 1914, being formerly employed at the power station of the Nashua Light, Heat & Power Company, where he was general "trouble man." He was considered a first-class electrician and the wonder is that he did not apprehend his danger until too late.

The body was viewed by a physician and the coroner from Ayer, and removed to Mahoney's undertaking rooms. On the arrival of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Jelley, of Nashua, arrangements were made to remove the body on Friday afternoon to that city, his former home.

Besides his parents the deceased leaves a young widow and three children, Hammond aged 8, Dale aged 5, and Cora aged 3. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to this little family so suddenly bereft of husband and father. The deceased also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Mary Webster, of Walpole, and Miss Blanche Jelley, of Nashua, N. H.; also, a brother, Romeo, of Nashua.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at one o'clock from the Church of the Infant Jesus, Allds street, Nashua, solemn mass of requiem being celebrated by the pastor, Rev. J. G. A. Jutras, and burial was also in Nashua.

Community Service Club.

With the three-fold purpose of "knowing each other better, of keeping in touch with current events, and of doing something for their home town," certain young women of Pepperell have joined forces in an organization which they have named the Community Service club.

But four meetings have been held, yet already the club is making history under the leadership of its founder and president, Miss Anna Boynton. Her able staff of officers consists of Miss Margaret Boynton, vice president, and Miss Ruth Wilson, secretary and treasurer.

The two movements in town with which the club has elected to co-operate are the playground and the District Nurse association. Beginning on July 12, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, different members have been conducting a story-telling hour and folk dancing at the playground. This will continue throughout the summer. For their share in the district nurse work they are planning something which promises to be the sensation of the season. Watch for further developments.

Deaths.

Effie Emma Gillespie, daughter of the late Willis W. and Emeline Gillespie, passed away at her home on South street early Saturday morning, July 22, of diabetes, having been confined to the house only one week. She had been somewhat out of health for more than a year past with lung trouble and a complication of diseases, but her sudden death was a shock to all her friends.

Her splendid courage and indomitable will caused her to keep up and be of unbounded assistance to her widowed mother, who is nearly helpless from rheumatism. The sympathy of her many friends is with her in this sad hour. Miss Gillespie had unlimited patience as well as skill in assisting her mother with the care of the little children and infants, of whom they have had over 100 to board in the years that are past and up to the present time.

The deceased was born in Lowell on February 16, 1873, making her age forty-three years. She has lived nearly all her life, however, in this town. She was one of a family of four children and is survived by her two brothers, Frederic W., of Philadelphia, and C. Wesley, of Erie. A sister, Mabel, who was younger, died in 1909. Miss Gillespie was educated in our public schools, and having a marked ability for elocution, took private lessons. Many societies and the Grange with which she was connected are indebted to her powers on many pleasant occasions and she will long be remembered by them.

Besides the members of her immediate family she is survived by an adopted brother, George, and an aunt, Miss Minerva Miller.

Services were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. W. H. Beers, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. Two selections, "Gathering home" and "I am coming, Lord," were rendered by Mrs. Copp and Mrs. Lawrence. An abundance of beautiful flowers filled the room in which the casket was placed, testifying to the esteem of relatives and friends. They were as follows:

Wreath of tea roses, from the mother; spray roses, Fred Gillespie and family; spray pink and white carnations, C. Wesley Gillespie and family; spray carnations, Howard Smith, a brother-in-law, from Philadelphia; spray roses, Mrs. Fales, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Stewart, cousins, from Malone, N. Y.; spray pink roses, Miss Minerva Miller, an aunt; spray carnations, George Gillespie; wreath, "A Friend"; sickle of red roses, Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange; spray roses, Groton Grange; cross of sweet peas, Mrs. Annie Willard; spray sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Sherwood; basket sweet peas, Mrs. Adelaide Tarbell; spray sweet peas, Mrs. M. M. Richards; spray carnations, Mrs. H. F. Tarbell; sprays of carnations, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carr and family, Mrs. Sadie Clapp, Eddie Duffey, Mr. and Mrs. Davenport of Ayer; spray tea roses, Mrs. John Marshall; wreath, Mrs. E. A. Barrows and Helen, Groton; spray sweet peas, Marion Kemp; mixed spray, Mrs. Alfred Hill.

Other flowers were sent by those whose names were not attached.

The bearers were the brothers, Fred and Wesley Gillespie; the brother-in-law, Howard Smith, of Philadelphia, and George Gillespie, the adopted brother, of Groton. Burial was in the family lot at Woodlawn.

The death of L. Gilman Robbins occurred at his residence, High street, on Tuesday, July 25. Although he had not been in his usual health for the past few months it was not thought to be serious until the ill turn he suffered on the Monday of the week preceding his death. On Tuesday and Wednesday he was at his office, however, until a more acute attack occurred Wednesday afternoon. He never rallied from this, passing from the pain into a semi-conscious and at times delirious state. A trained nurse was obtained and on Monday a consultation of physicians was held, the case being pronounced anæmic poisoning, too far advanced to be curable, and he sank rapidly until the end came.

Mr. Robbins was born in Nashua, N. H., March 21, 1856, making his age sixty years. He was the son of the late Freeman L. and Sarah A. Robbins, and one of a family of four children. His sister, Miss Elizabeth Robbins, an instructor at Perkins' Institute for the Blind; a brother, Rev. C. Guy Robbins, pastor of the Universalist church, Lawrence, and a brother, Fred F. Robbins, of Fitchburg, survive him, with his aged mother.

LUTHER G. ROBBINS

The family removed from Nashua to Dunstable and the early life of the deceased was passed here, receiving his education in the public schools of the town. His marriage to Miss Effie M. Kemp, of Groton, occurred on May 28, 1882. She survives him with a daughter, Miss Helen M. Robbins, of this town. He has been a resident of Pepperell during the years of his married life, being employed for some years as cutter at Leighton Brothers' shoe factory, and later employed in the finishing room of the Nashua River Paper Company. In October of last year he purchased the insurance business of D. W. Fletcher, of Ayer, which he conducted up to the time of his death.

During all the years of his residence in town he has taken an active, intelligent interest in town affairs. He served the town on the board of selectmen for nine years, and was in his fourth year as its most efficient tax collector; also, for several years past he has presided as moderator at the annual town meeting, his decisions being made wisely and well.

His connection with the fire department is manifold, dating back many years. He has been one of the board of engineers for more than twenty years. He has been foreman of the Warrens since the organization; also, foreman of the No. 1 and the Steamer company. At the time of his death he was first assistant engineer and secretary of the board.

Mr. Robbins was connected with many lodges and fraternities, both in this town and others. He was a 32° Mason and a member of St. Paul lodge, F. and A. M., of Ayer, which has the distinction of being the oldest daylight lodge in this state, its charter being signed by Paul Revere. He was master of this lodge in 1906-7-8, and has retained an active interest in the same. He was also a member of Jerusalem Commandery of Fitchburg, and of the Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., of Ayer. He was a member and a past noble grand of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., and was a charter member of Acoma Rebekah lodge and the first noble grand. His death marks the first break in the ranks of the past noble grands of that order. In the receptions to the past noble grands from time to time, Mr. Robbins, it will be recalled, has often mentioned the fact that no break had occurred since the organization. His knowledge of the work of the lodge was invaluable, and his regular attendance was helpful, and he is already missed by every member.

He has been trustee of Beacon lodge for several years and trustee and degree master of Acoma Rebekah lodge. Mr. Robbins was a member of the U. O. G. C., and held the office of keeper of records. He was also a member of the Men's club of the Unitarian church and a regular attendant at the monthly meetings as well as the regular services of the church where he was a member of the choir. He was a proficient musician, being cornetist in the Pepperell band at various times, and in the orchestra of his name.

His genial manner won a place for him in his social and mason affiliations, as his integrity and uprightness had among his business associates and citizens of the town generally. He has been universally respected and liked in the circles in which he moved.

The services, which were held at two o'clock on Thursday afternoon from his home, were largely attended. The officiating clergyman was Rev. D. R. Child of the Unitarian church, and the service was conducted by the St. Paul lodge, F. and A. M., the members of which attended in a body. Two selections were rendered by the Verdi male quartet, "Beautiful isle of somewhere" and "Beyond the parting and the weeping."

The members of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Acoma Rebekah lodge of this town attended the service in a body. There were also delegations from the Masonic New Hampshire consistory, 32° Masons; from the Jerusalem Commandery, Knight Templars, of Fitchburg; from the Hiram Council Royal and Select Masters, Worcester; from the Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Ayer, and from Bancroft Royal Arch chapter, Ayer. There was present also a representative of the Past Masters' association of the thirteenth Masonic district, George W. Currier, of Nashua, a 33° Mason, deputy of the northern jurisdiction of the consistory, and Walter Greenland, Africa, of Manchester, N. H., a 32° Mason and representative of the New Hampshire consistory.

The funeral procession moved to Walton cemetery, escorted by the members of Beacon lodge, with L. A. Johnson as marshal, members of Acoma Rebekah lodge, Mrs. Harris Tarbell acting as marshal, and the fire department in a body, the escort being preceded by two members of the police force, mounted. The Masonic ritual service was held at the grave, the male quartet rendering the hymn.

The bearers were Charles W. Mason of Ayer, George E. Wilder of Townsend, Louis P. Shattuck, J. Gardiner Willey, D. Elmer Weston and Lincoln A. Johnson.

A touching incident took place as the casket was being lowered to its final resting place. By order of the chief of the fire department the alarm signal for the recall, two blasts, was sounded.

There was an unusually beautiful display of floral pieces and sprays as follows:

Pillow, wife and daughter; sprays carnations, mother, sister, brother and Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Robbins; spray roses, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fish; spray roses, Hale F. and Mrs. H. G. Jordan; sprays of carnations, Mr. and Mrs. L. Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Neal C. Russell, and from Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robbins; spray asters, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ashton; spray roses, Mrs. E. J. Tolles and Willard and Morton; standing wreath, fire department; crescent roses, W. V. F. A.; basket and dove, Rebekah degree staff; standard, roses, Jerusalem Commandery, K. T.; triangle of carnations, Hiram Council, R. and S. M.; harp with broken string, New Hampshire consistory; wreath of roses, Masonic lodges of Ayer; emblem piece, "the broken link," Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F.; spray, white carnations and sweet peas, Men's club of First Parish church; spray carnations, Ladies' Social Circle, First Parish church; wreath, Past Masters' association; emblem, star, Ida M. McKinley chapter, O. E. S.; spray snapdragons, U. O. G. C.; spray, Universalist society, Dunstable; basket sweet peas, Unitarian choir; wreath galax leaves and roses, D. of R.; spray roses and pinks, Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy; wreath, Thomas Drummey; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Felker; spray roses, James L. Sliney; spray carnations, Mrs. C. A. Hynes; spray sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drummey; spray, J. M. Annis; spray white carnations, P. J. Hayes; sprays, J. A. Saunders and family, Miss Nellie E. Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parker, Mrs. W. H. Deware, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard; sprays of asters, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deware, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower; sprays of carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Copp, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Farley and family; broken wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson; spray roses, Mrs. C. A. Conant; spray sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Card and family; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bemis, Mrs. N. M. Gutterson, Mrs. S. J. Richardson; spray sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. French and Mrs. Caroline Tolles; spray roses, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Donnelly; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson and Miss Wilson; spray sweet peas, Mrs. A. C. Shattuck and Miss Gladys; spray snapdragons, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darling; sprays of carnations, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Mault, Mrs. Louise W. Lawrence; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Parker J. Kemp, and Miss Florence Kemp; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Durant, Mr. and Mrs. Neil McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Blood, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett; wreath of sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. William Dow; wreath, Rainsford Deware and family; spray carnations, A. F. Parker; spray white roses, Mrs. Bessie J. Wright, Russell Wright; sprays of carnations, Mr. and Mrs. John Tune, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. Attridge; spray pinks and roses, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thayer.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sherwood spent last week Friday in Fitchburg.

S. S. R. Holmes, of Boston, was a week-end guest of Miss Harriette Clapp.

Walter Corey, Jr., returned to his home in Brookline last Saturday after a week's visit at the home of Calvin Lawrence.

Miss Marion Clapp came from Newton with R. E. Sylvester, Sunday, and spent the afternoon with her folks.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold a special meeting on Saturday afternoon, July 29, at the chapter house.

All the standing grass on the farm of the late F. H. Behrens will be sold by public auction on Tuesday morning, August 1, at ten o'clock in lots to suit purchasers. The farm is on River street.

So many horses have been commandeered in Germany that oxen are being used for plowing.

Japanese do not use buttons for buttoning, but stick them through their sashes and let them hang down by silver chains or silken cords.

Ayer Coming Up

Great interest is being shown in solving the problems published by the Fitchburg Business College from week to week, and while Ayer is coming to the front in the number of solutions received, yet no correct solutions have been received to date.

PROBLEM NO. 6

Harris is the proprietor of a concern; he admits James and Williams as equal partners upon each investing $20,000 cash in the business and upon paying to Harris the sum of $12,000. The Balance Sheet of Harris is as follows:

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	$8,000	Creditors	$8,000
Accts. Receivable	2,000	Capital, Harris	45,000
Buildings	10,000		
Merchandise	33,000		
	$53,000		$53,000

Show the Balance Sheet of the firm of Harris, James, and Williams newly formed. What sum did James and Williams pay in respect of good will?

NOTE

Owing to lack of space we will send correct solution only to the ones sending us an answer.

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