

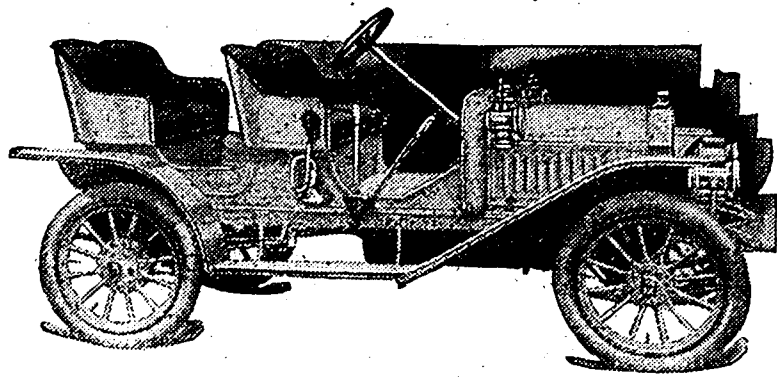
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HARVARD.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morris with their son, D. McKay Morris and wife, Mrs. Bessie (Pollard) Morris, who have been making a visit to Harvard, the guest of Geo. F. Pollard, started this week on their return trip to Pittsburg, Pa. They go by way of the Berkshire Hills. Last week while here Mr. Pollard took the party on a trip through New Hampshire, the objective point being the White Mountains. Their visit here has been a very pleasant one and will be a memory of special enjoyment for some time.

Mrs. Nichols of Boston is visiting this week with Mrs. Helen Aldrich, now staying for a few weeks at the G. F. Pollard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West of Westboro, visited Sunday with his brother here, returning Monday by auto.

Rev. Albert H. Whelock, with his party from Marlboro, are back at their old camp at Hell pond for a couple of months.

Merrill Preston is visiting his grandparents at South Acton for a few days.

Belle Wrangham is home from Boston for the summer.

Miss Susie Marsh is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Barry, here for a few weeks.

Kent Royal and Louis Savage represented the town at Old Orchard last Saturday.

The grange gave a "mum" social last Tuesday evening with very good success. Everybody was mum except the audience, who expressed their appreciation with bursts of laughter and applause. The orchestra, under the direction of Henry Waters, gave an opening selection, then followed a

series of tableaux, Miss Reed and others reading the interpretations. The grange announce a field day and picnic on August 18, at Fuller's grove. Basket lunch.

Mrs. John Hynes was a guest at Mrs. Abbie Sawyer's last week.

Mr. Buttrick of Sterling is putting new gutters and conductors on the town hall, the old ones being badly rotted. He is also repairing on the house of Harry F. Whitney.

Percy Willard arrived here Monday from New York city and is visiting for a few days at W. P. Farwell's.

The ladies' class in physical culture, under the direction of Mrs. Rachel Thorndike, meets Tuesdays in the hall with a very good number attending.

At the Congregational church, last Sunday, Rev. Scott of Lancaster exchanged pulpits with Rev. H. B. Mason.

Rev. Lyman Greenman will preach at the Unitarian church Sunday, July 25. Service at 10:45 a. m.

The ladies' club held their annual picnic on Wednesday at the cottage of Mr. Cunningham on the Lancaster shore of Bear Hill pond. The day was fine and about sixty attended. Dinner was served, and afterwards, by way of recreation, each lady was called upon to perform for the amusement of the rest, resulting in a variety of songs, readings, story telling, etc. Miss Susie Marsh, being a special guest, was called upon to sing and she responded in a very pleasing manner. Miss Cameron accompanied her on the violin. After the entertainment ice cream and cake was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Bond, with their two children, from South Boston, spent this week with Miss Annie Walker at the Shakers'.

John Lee and Will Ford spent last Sunday at Canobie lake with friends, enjoying their outing at this beautiful spot very much.

Fiske Warren has added to his finely equipped garage a new Stanley steamer car, certainly a beauty.

Reuben Reed, brakeman on the Revere and Lynn narrow gauge railway, is at home for a few days' rest.

Mrs. J. E. Morse, with the children, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton at Winchendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin A. Fairbank spent Tuesday in Boston with friends of Mrs. Fairbank.

Obituary.

Allen Danforth, former bursar, deputy treasurer and comptroller of Harvard college, died Sunday at the Parker house, Boston, at the age of sixty-three. Born in Plymouth, the son of James A. and Sarah J. Danforth, Mr. Danforth went to Harvard, graduating in the class of 1866 with many men who later became prominent in national and New England affairs.

For six years after his graduation he was engaged in mining operations in Helena, Mont., as the representative of a New York firm. The next two years he served as clerk of the Plymouth Savings bank, being appointed bursar of Harvard in 1874, and moving to Cambridge. For fourteen years he acted as bursar, winning repeated commendation from President Eliot for his systematic handling of the rapidly increasing responsibilities of the post.

In 1888 Mr. Danforth was made deputy treasurer of Harvard college, which position he filled until the post of comptroller of the college was created, when he was the first to fill the office. He resigned his official connection with Harvard in 1906.

He lived several years in Weston, moving to the town of Harvard in 1905. In October, 1906, Mr. Danforth was married to Mabel Irene Walsh, who survives him.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon in Appleton chapel, Boston, Rev. Melvin Brandow of the Unitarian church in Plymouth officiating. The body was cremated and the ashes taken to Plymouth, Mr. Danforth's native town.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

At the earnest solicitation of friends, the Sunbonnet club has decided to hold another barn dance at the library hall Wednesday evening, July 28. The last one was attended by about forty couples, who were very enthusiastic over the pleasures of the evening.

Miss Allena Gray of Boston is at Mrs. C. B. Robbins' for two weeks.

A telephone was put into A. E. Lawrence's house this week. The call is 11-44.

Miss Eva Stearns has been spending a few days at her house in Townsend.

Miss Nellie Wilson entertained her cousin from Boston over Sunday.

The Brown family, who have been living in John Blanchard's house, moved from town this week.

Willie Braham has been on the sick list this week.

The children with Mrs. Robbins enjoyed a picnic Monday at Arthur Drew's camp in Littleton.

Last week Friday Edgar Mead was seriously injured by falling from a load of hay, and at the time of writing he is still confined to his bed.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Invitations have been received by Westford friends for the marriage of Miss Edith A. Seifer and Elmer Dennis Cole, to take place at the Congregational church in this village, Wednesday evening, August 4, at seven o'clock. The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the church parlors. Miss Seifer has been for some time in Washington, D. C., where she met her prospective husband, but comes back to her girlhood home and the church of her former membership for her wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Merritt spent the greater part of the past week at the home of Mrs. Merritt's uncle in North Pomfret, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Woodward are enjoying former pleasant associations and ocean breezes at Rockport. Mr. Woodward formerly taught at the Rockport high school.

The Julian A. Camerons are at their summer home, Chebacco Island.

Mrs. Henry L. McCluskey, who has been assisting in the care of Deacon Wright during his illness for several weeks, returned to her home in Worcester the first of the week.

Mrs. George Foster Barnes of Waltham is a guest at the E. J. Whitneys.

Mrs. J. Henry Colburn is enjoying a two weeks' vacation visiting friends at Boston, Lynn and Revere beach.

The ladies of the Congregational church held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the vestry to plan for their annual agricultural fair, to be held in September. There was the usual good degree of interest and the appointment of the various committees.

The little three-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Martin died at their home in the south part of the town the first of this week. The little one was very frail and tiny from birth, and the struggle for existence proved too great. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon. Rev. C. P. Marshall was the officiating clergyman. Interment was in Fairview. A prayer service was also held at the grave. The baby's name was Dorothy Evelyn Martin, having been christened about two weeks ago by Mr. Marshall.

A number of substantial improvements have been made at the Congregational parsonage the last year or two for the comfort and convenience of its inmates. Now a piazza is being built across the entire front of the house, which will be a decided addition. William Sutherland is doing the work. Piazza-building seems especially in his line just now, he having just completed a fine one for Walter J. Merritt.

Struck by Lightning.

During the severe thunder storm last week, Friday afternoon, the house of James Spinner on the Boston road was struck by lightning. It entered the house at the gable tearing off the window casing and plastering in the upstairs room, and breaking several panes of glass in the window, after which it passed down through the floor to the room below, demolishing a picture on the wall and passing out through the side of the house. At first it was thought the house had taken fire, but what was taken for smoke was probably the dust from shattered plaster. An alarm for fire was rung, and was well responded to by the regular firemen and others. This was the second call they had had within a week, in both cases fortunate escapes from more serious injury. Luckily none of the members of the Spinner family were in that part of the house where the lightning struck.

About Town.

Fletcher & Leahy, the Oak hill stone contractors, Hon. H. E. Fletcher being the leading member of the firm, have the contract for the overhead bridges at Fitchburg, from the Boston and Maine railroad, in discontinuance of grade crossings and have the work well under way. The mere mention of the name of this firm is a guarantee of satisfactory work.

Taylor Bros. have the contract for painting the waiting station of the Lowell and Fitchburg electric railway, at the corner of Lowell and Stony Brook road, and it has already begun to remind the traveler of "the wearing of the green."

The Westford ball team went to Lincoln last Saturday and met one of the best equipped teams in any rural community, and although the Westfords had by far the best of it in the early part of the game, the score standing twelve to blank, an unexpected spurt in batting on the part of the Lincoln team made them the winners by the close margin of 13 to 12.

The many logs in Stony Brook, at Westport station, after having been immersed for several months, are being propelled to shore by man, boat and horse power. They have soaked up a deal of water, but plenty left for everybody else who are inclined that way. Some prefer to soak in something else, even if the town did say thou shalt not.

The Sunday school of the Methodist church at West Chelmsford, which includes Westford corner, Oak hill, Brookside and various other scattered fragments of rural life not yet large enough to be named village, will take a trolley ride excursion to Canobie lake park Wednesday, July 28. Special rates, special cars and a special good time. "Ho!" all who love the Sunday school and a good time, and all who love a good time, but don't know whether they love the Sunday school or not, never having tried it, but are part of the village life and its outlying environments. "All aboard" for Canobie lake. For a bill of particulars, ask some Sunday school scholar.

Henry B. Read had a seriously ill horse last week. The telephone being ill at the same time, he was obliged

to summon a veterinary from Lowell by a personal hand-shaking. The horse is better and so is the telephone.

Mrs. Houghton Osgood, who has been confined to the house by illness, is still there; some days better, and some days the better is not better.

Last Sunday at the Unitarian church Rev. H. Bailey delivered a strong and logical sermon of the earlier New England type on "Foundations," deploring the lack of foundations on the part of too many of our youth, and equally deploring the other extreme of willingness on the part of mature life to accept for "foundations" the authority of tradition and custom, largely because it is ancient. The reason of man is the telescope in search of truth; let no ancient veil obscure the search. Let no one intrude his authority without reserving the personal right to the personal discovery of truth in rebuttal. This was the last service before vacation, and the church will be closed until the first Sunday in September.

The Westford ball team had an engagement to play the Salem team at Salem today, but on account of the disbanding of the Salem team, there will be no game played, but next week Saturday the Westford team will go to Milford, N. H., and play the crack team of the state. They have played them before and beat them, and played them before with the beat left out. So now won't this game loom up to some one's dream.

Rev. Seth Walker is holding large tent meetings on a vacant lot on Shaw-st., Lowell. As a native of the town, he invites everybody to come down any afternoon and evening, except Saturday and Sunday, when at the tent there is nothing doing, for these are the days when their church on Branch-st. is a-going.

They are coming the lockjaw movement at the "Old oaken bucket" farm on that early "Peep o' day" sweet corn. Owing to the ill health of the weather in May, this movement met with a chilly delay. It was planted on May number one, and in eighty-five days the eating had begun.

Mrs. Sidney Whitney on the Lowell road has boarders from Lowell for the summer. The sidewalk and street makes the display of quite a number.

Henry B. Read is adorning Francis hill with utility with his new thrifty apple orchards set out last spring and one year ago. If there is any error it is in their too near neighborliness, an ancient error from Adam's apple orchard to date. Twenty feet apart should be multiplied by two, even if they are the early and small type. Plenty of landscape; why crowd.

The assessors have emerged from their duties so far as to make a formal introduction of the tax collector to the tax payers, clothed with warrants and books of a searching nature. So keep quiet and try and have a satisfied look while he takes your picture; the duplicate proofs of your own action will soon be mailed to you. If dissatisfied with your picture, don't throw dust at the collector. Remember it is the very picture that you ordered last March. It looked smiling then; the approach of payday may tend to make it wear a frown. The collector is not responsible for the change of expression.

The Deer Question.

And now comes word that deer are doing damage to the young apple orchards recently set out on Francis hill. Under the present law a person can shoot deer if you can get near and on the owner's land. But isn't the time watching for deer about as damaging and dear as trimming apple trees by deer? Extermination say some. Oh, yes; and crows, woodchucks and birds, say others. But extermination is not the way to deal with nature, that combines the useful and the beautiful, that is occasionally starved into an assault and battery on the creations of man.

If the principle of extermination were applied to all life that occasionally steps to damage, not even man would be left to say who said so. Pity that we are such brutal ruffians and lacking in foresight, that having already come too much of extermination principle on forests, and left a legacy of bushes and briars in their place, we now seek to exterminate useful, ornamental animal life, instead of providing our wasted resources with forests and well-guarded parks. The present law allowing deer to roam and damage the farmer, even with compensation, is not ideal, and "shoot on your own land" means extermination, and extermination is more damaging than roaming. Oh, that we are so rich in cider and saloon, and so poor in parks.

A Candidate.

Alonzo G. Walsh of Lowell has been making an auto visit to his personal friends in town recently. He makes the announcement that he is a candidate from this district for state senator on the republican ticket. The district is a heterogeneous affair, physically and industrially, running from Ayer out into the Atlantic ocean; how far out don't know, don't anybody. Industrially considered, it includes almost everything used in civilization, from whales to white beans, so that a man to properly represent this district should have a sort of heterogeneous ability, or should be much in many directions. Mr. Walsh has had experience in the Lowell board of trade, as chairman of the city committee, as an expert in lines of manufacture, as conversationalist and debater, as private citizen without suspicious action. Nature gifted him for this office. Nearly fifteen years ago, when part of Lowell became part of this district, he was a candidate; not receiving the nomination, he has modestly refrained from pressing his claim. His ability as well as his location should be considered as favorable factors towards his nomination.

The Soldiers' Monument.

Col. Edwin D. Metcalf has written a patriotic letter to the selectmen, informing them of his intention to present to the town a soldiers' monument in memory of those who left their homes from 1861 to 1865 at the call of Abraham Lincoln; also in memory of the pleasant school days passed by Col. Metcalf in Westford. It is his desire to curb and grade the triangular lot suggested by Capt. Fletcher. The monument is to be of Barre, N. H., granite and the figure of a marching

soldier to be of United States standard bronze. It is expected to be completed and in position this fall, and dedicated next Memorial day. He appoints Capt. S. H. Fletcher to act as his representative in consultation with the selectmen as representing the town.

The selectmen in reply to Col. Metcalf's generous and patriotic offer, express the usual abundant thanks and courtesies, and add, "It is most appropriate that your native town should accept from so successful a son a soldiers' monument, in memory of those who fought in the war of the rebellion. Particularly is this so, in that your father was the first citizen to volunteer in Westford and the only commissioned officer from Westford in the war." The selectmen also express the hope that when he retires from active business, they will again welcome him back to the home of his boyhood days. Col. Metcalf's father, mother and brother rest in Fairview cemetery, so that the associations of early boyhood days, and school days and enlisting days and cemetery days all combine to make this presentation by Col. Metcalf a memorial on many foundations. The patriotism of those who fought in the war, and the patriotism of this gift should shadow and silence all dissension as to location, inscription and details of procedure.

Graniteville.

Little Lena McCarthy, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McCarthy of this village, fell from the milk wagon of her uncle, John Healy, in which she is in the habit of riding each morning dislocating her right shoulder and injuring the ligaments of the arm. Dr. W. H. Sherman was summoned and attended the injured member, and although the child suffers severe pain at times, no serious results are anticipated. The accident happened about 8.30 o'clock last Saturday morning.

James Harrington and Miss Annie Harrington of Leominster have been recent visitors here.

Mrs. S. H. Armand preached at the Baptist chapel in North Westford on last Sunday and made a good impression.

Many people from this village attended the special memorial services for the late Myron A. Carlin, that were held in Forge Village on last Sunday evening. The services were conducted by Rev. T. L. Fisher of Ayer.

The editor of the Wardsman is to be commended for the excellent halftone photo of Myron A. Carlin that was used in connection with the story of the sad accident and death in a recent issue. It is safe to say that owing to the "speaking likeness," as many expressed it, those papers have been sent to all parts of the country.

The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., will hold a social dancing party in Forge Village on Saturday evening, July 24.

Mrs. D. W. Harrington is now taking a well-earned rest at Pleasant View farm in Tyngsboro.

Court Westford, M. C. O. F., will hold a grand gala day at Hillside park, this village, on Saturday, August 7. Base ball games, sports and a dance in the evening.

Baseball.

The Graniteville Blues visited Lowell on last Saturday and met with defeat at the hands of the Crescents by the score of 7 to 5. Both sides batted freely throughout the contest, and the result of the game was in doubt until the last man was out in the final inning. The local club was somewhat handicapped owing to the grass, diamond and uneven outfield, but nevertheless played a good game. Gilson of the Blues played a star game both in the field and at the bat, his heavy stick work coming in at just the proper moment. Ledwith also found the ball for a slashing double, and caught his usual clever game. Hanson at third appeared to have an off day, his slip-up on thrown balls being responsible for three runs. His clever catch of a hard liner in the sixth, completing a double play unassisted, partly redeemed his slow work in the early part of the game.

The locals have now lost three games, and it is time they should have awakened to the fact that more team work is needed, and unless more ginger is infused in their work they will find themselves at the bottom in the league standing. Remember, boys, that there are nine men in the club and that the pitcher and catcher cannot do it all.

Carr of the Crescents was in the game all the time, fielding his position finely at short stop, and finding the ball for a clean home run. Howarth started to pitch for the Blues, but owing to a lame arm retired after the first inning in favor of McCarthy. Ledwith, who caught, ran into a post while going after a foul fly, and although he was knocked out for the time being, he pluckily took his place behind the bat and finished the game. The battery was the Crescents was done by Mooney, McDowell and Dennett, McDowell being held in reserve until the last two innings, which was certainly a clever move.

On Saturday the Blues will play at West Chelmsford, and for the next four Saturdays following the local club will play on the home grounds. Now, boys, get into the game and do your level best, for the village people are with you and want to see you play the game as you are capable of playing it.

Forge.

Miss Catherine Brown, one of our well-known young ladies, is at the Lowell general hospital, where she underwent a very serious operation for appendicitis. Many friends brighten the long hours of illness by kind remembrances of beautiful floral gifts and also by going to see her as often as is advisable. Miss Brown has always been interested in whatever was for village pleasures. When the young ladies formed a swimming club she was one of the first to make a record by swimming across Forge pond and returning, twice during the season. The pond is about one mile wide. She was also an expert with oars.

Percy Morton and Mr. Harrison of Bridgeport, Conn., are visiting at Fenimore Morton's.

Miss Sabina Newcombe of Worcester was a Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown.

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WESTFORD.

Forge.

W. E. Parsons is making some extensive repairs on his place, which will improve the appearance very much when completed. Mr. Ferguson of Westford is doing the work. omouse bwua itshv

Ward Eaton, wife and little daughter Florence, have returned to their home in Boston, after making a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Eaton.

Davis Weed of Little Deer Isle, Me., and Mrs. Putnam of Washington, D. C., are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Eaton.

Mrs. Keefe and two children of Townsend Harbor were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cumplin of Lawrence spent Sunday at Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hunt's.

Ralph Clement and family are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Jackson.

Miss Alice L. Prescott has just returned from a very pleasant outing at Revere beach, and has entertained a party of her friends at what recently. A dainty luncheon was served, of icecream, cake and fruit punch. At present she is entertaining some of her school friends.

Mrs. Henry Catchpole is slowly recovering from a very serious illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LeClare have commenced housekeeping in their new home at North Chelmsford where he has a position in Mr. Moore's mill.

The Forge Village Lions defeated the Middlesex team on the grounds here Saturday afternoon by the score of 11 to 1.

Memorial services were held at St. Andrew's mission Sunday evening, for the late Myron A. Carlin, and there were many present, although there was a very severe thunder shower at the time the services commenced.

LUNENBURG.

Old Home Week.

Old Home week exercises will begin on Sunday, July 25, with union services in the Congregational church, at 10.45 a. m. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Alphonso Day of Ashburnham, and address by Rev. W. H. Adams of West Pelham. Subject: "Every man in his place." Singing will be by the combined choirs of the two churches.

At three o'clock p. m., if the weather is pleasant, there will be an open-air meeting on the Congregational lawn. Address by Rev. Dr. W. G. Richardson of Leominster. If stormy this meeting will be in the town hall.

Music by the Lunenburg brass band. Sunday evening at seven o'clock there will be union service in the Methodist church, and address by Rev. B. W. Rust of Cherry Valley. Singing by united choirs.

Wednesday, July 28, there will be athletic sports and games from nine a. m. to eleven. Exercises in Congregational church at one p. m. Prayer by Rev. A. T. Kempton; singing, "Heaven is my home," by Temple male quartet; address of welcome by James Hildreth, president of association; address by David I. Walsh of Fitchburg; letters from former residents read by secretary, J. A. Litchfield; address, "Old home day suggestions," by F. H. Pope, Leominster; singing, Temple male quartet, "Home on the farm," address, "Lunenburg in the revolution," by Rev. Alonzo Sanderson of Lynn; singing, "Auld lang syne," by audience, led by the quartet.

Reunion of old school districts on the church lawn, immediately following the church exercises. Banquet in town hall at five o'clock. A noon lunch will be served at Congregational vestry from 11.30 to one. Open-air concert in the evening from eight to ten, by Lunenburg military and brass bands. Illumination with red fire.

News Item.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Cass) Nims and daughter Eleanor of Yonkers, N. Y., are spending a few weeks in town. As Mrs. Nims is a former resident and teacher in the schools of Lunenburg, she is interested in old home week, and will remain to enjoy the reunion.

HOLLIS.

Collision.

There was a collision late Wednesday evening of last week between C. F. Burge's horse and wagon and an automobile operated by Murray Colburn of Nashua, which resulted in a very serious accident. Mr. Burge was driving on the main road from Nashua to Hollis, about three miles from the center of the town. He was accompanied by Mr. Bascom, who lives on that road. They were met by an automobile, which had no headlights on, and as the road is very narrow, there was not room for the two vehicles. The wagon was overturned, both the men thrown out and Mr. Burge was badly hurt about the head and face, with a few minor bruises on other parts of the body. Mr. Bascom broke one knee-cap. The physicians say it is a very serious injury and necessitates his going to the hospital and undergoing an operation. The accident occurred near the bungalow of Dr. A. L. Wallace of Nashua, and fortunately the doctor was there. The neighbors heard the calls of the wounded men and rushed to their assistance. Mr. Bascom was taken to his home, which is nearby. George F. Hill was called by telephone to come after Mr. Burge. He is able to be around, although his face is covered with bandages. Had the headlights been lighted, Mr. Burge would have seen the automobile soon enough to have gotten out of the way.

Tornado Struck Hollis.

The long-continued drought was broken last Friday afternoon with a most disastrous tornado and rain, for South Hollis. From the orchard of F. D. Rogers, near the Pepperell line, to Mrs. E. F. Goodwin's farm, about one mile north, and from the west side of C. J. Bell's farm, to a short distance below the buildings of Andrew Jewett, to the east, there was great damage done to those and intervening farms.

As new losses are discovered every day, it is impossible to estimate it at this time, but not less than one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars.

A great many trees, fruit, chestnut, butternut, walnut, also ornamental oaks and maples were uprooted and split apart, broken at trunks, even at the ground.

On C. J. Bell's farm two acres of growing pine timber is laid flat; many large chestnuts torn up by the roots on Pierce Bros.' farm, and on both farms many apple and other fruit trees.

On Mrs. E. F. Goodwin's farm thirty-one apple trees were wholly or partly demolished.

Many valuable apple trees on the George H. Blood farm and on the farms of F. D. Rogers, F. F. Twiss and S. B. Blood. On Andrew Jewett's farm forty-five apple trees are wholly or partly destroyed, uprooted and broken to pieces; also six or seven immense butternut trees and several maples. Many of the apple trees were valuable ones and loaded with apples.

On Mrs. Goodwin's farm the roof was entirely blown off her long carriage shed and one corner of the horse barn. At Pierce Bros. part of the roof of their old barn was blown off, and a board with shingles on it was blown across the road and driven into their new barn with such force that it sticks there as one would throw a knife into a board. Their fine new silo, which was built last year and was a model building, strongly and well built, was badly wrecked.

Words are inadequate to describe the havoc. The wind lasted two or three minutes. There were some trees broken down further east, but nothing more than often occurs in a shower with strong wind.

Grandma Pierce says she never saw anything like it in her life of eighty years. Other citizens, who have lived in the west, say they never saw as much damage done there during a cyclone. The heaviest losers are Pierce Bros., C. J. Bell, Mrs. E. F. Goodwin and Andrew Jewett.

News Items.

Woodbury Howe of Texas, who has been visiting in Hollis about ten days, and his brother, Dr. Horace Howe of Boston, with two of their sisters, Mrs. C. J. Bell and Mrs. Helen Leighton, took a carriage trip to Jeffrey two days last week.

Mrs. George H. Blood is in feeble health this summer.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Henry A. Robbins and family of West Newton spent last Sunday here at her father's, P. S. Whitcomb.

G. W. Cox from Barre was also here Sunday in an auto at his father's.

Miss S. F. White visited last week with Miss Newhall in Stow.

Mrs. Florence Wilcox and daughter are spending the week in Cambridge with her parents.

Miss Elizabeth Houghton has spent the past week with her brother, John and family in Gardner.

Miss Emily F. Adams will have charge of the guild meeting Sunday evening next.

The Farther Lights of the Baptist society enjoyed a picnic at Long pond last Saturday afternoon.

An auto party was in town last Saturday looking for a camp. Arthur Drew, with his several fine camps, has more applications than he can possibly fill.

Mrs. E. H. Chamberlin and family, with Miss Jacobs from East Orange, N. J., arrived at their annual summer quarters here last Monday.

Mrs. Adeline Knowlton and son returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Woburn, and she is now substituting in the postoffice, giving the postmistress a week's rest. Miss Ireland is with her people in the Ireland camp at Forge pond.

C. F. Flagg spent last week with his son Burton and family at the bungalow in Kennebunkport, Me.

Monday, July 26, F. C. Hartwell and family go to their cottage for awhile at Wellfleet.

Rev. John M. English, D. D., is expected to be the speaker at the Union service in the Unitarian church, August 1, the churches all uniting in this service. The address will be appropriate to the spirit of the day which so closely follows fete day. The service will be at the usual morning hour of worship which the Unitarian church observes. That is the oldest church, and the pastors will have parts in the service, so there will be no other morning service.

A Sacred Bull.

An albino bull, descendant of sacred stock of the Orient, said to be the first of its kind to enter the port of Boston, arrived in Boston Monday, on the Warren liner Michigan. The bull was bred in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and came from a regal line with a pedigree extending back several hundred years. It is of a handsome cream color and weighs more than 2600 pounds. Alexander Ross, one of the owners, who, fearing to trust the care of it to the ship's crew, made the trip over with the prize himself, values it at two dollars per pound.

Though Mr. Ross declared the bull to be the most valuable on American soil, the health officials ordered it sent to the inspection farm at Littleton to pass the remaining forty-nine days of the quarantine. Eleven days were spent aboard ship.

Enjoying Life in England.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence writes from London, England, in glowing terms of her impressions of old England and its people. Although she has been handicapped somewhat by the chilly damp weather and suffered from neuritis, her pleasure totally eclipses the pain. July 8 she started on a motor-cycle tour along the Thames valley, taking in the Henley regatta, a visit to Windsor, Eton, Richmond, Hampton coast, Kingston, Twickenham Ferry, and many of the important places of interest in England. The motor-cycles she speaks of as being very popular in that country, consisting of a side chair attached to the regular machine, which carries only one passenger and the driver of the motor. Owing to the almost perfect condition of the roads, a distance of nearly one hundred miles can be covered daily without fatigue to the passenger.

News Items.

L. W. Bartlett's annual two weeks' vacation began last Saturday. Tues-

day he left home in company with his daughter, Miss Florence, for the New Hampshire hills. They will be absent from home for several days and visit friends in Holderness and Gifford.

J. H. Kimball and family have returned from a pleasant visit with Mrs. Kimball's people in Ringe, N. H.

Roland and Lucy Houghton are serving their turn at making measles a future impossibility in the family.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ewing last week Thursday.

Mrs. Laura Farmer, well and favorably known in Littleton, will move soon to Lynn, where she will live with her sister. She carries the best wishes of many patrons and friends.

Miss Mary Patten and her niece, Miss Grace Conant, are enjoying an outing at Hough's Neck.

Miss Grace Prue, district nurse of Newton, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Patch.

Littleton young men's ball team played a well-contested game against Lancaster Bandits, at Lancaster, Saturday. The teams proved to be evenly matched, as there was a tie for a long time. Eleven innings were played and resulted in a score of 4 to 3 in Lancaster's favor.

Littleton friends were pleased to read in the Boston dailies the bequest of the late Mrs. Litchfield of Somerville, and note the sum of \$13,000, besides the library, the silverware and choice pieces of furniture bequeathed to Miss Mary Fletcher, daughter of Charles Fletcher, formerly of Littleton. Miss Fletcher has lived for several years with Mrs. Litchfield as companion and manager of finances.

The electrical storm of last week Friday seemed to have lost self-control when it reached Littleton. Besides blowing down trees, it did more or less other damage. Chas. F. Johnson's cottage on the hill back of his residence was struck by lightning and several shingles were torn off. Mrs. Geddiss, living in the old post-office at Littleton Common, received a shock which prostrated her and tore the sole from one of her shoes. Other people are reported as having suffered temporary discomforts from shock received.

Bennett Sanderson, oldest son of Judge Sanderson, has been spending a week with Thomas Fisher of Ayer at Pratt's Junction, the latter returning to Littleton with him for a few days.

Carpenters have been at work enlarging the bath-room at Geo. A. Sanderson's summer house.

Mrs. Nye and family are at the home of her father, the late John Pierce.

Frank Davis cut his thumb nearly in two while chopping kindling lately.

Judge Sanderson attended the funeral of the late Francis A. Gaskill, college classmate and intimate friend of the late Dr. Laban E. Warren of Littleton, at Worcester, Monday.

The Congregational church will be closed Sunday, July 25.

Subject of the Baptist C. E. meeting July 25, "Heroes of missions in China," leader, Miss Ruth Robinson.

Mrs. A. B. Webber was an over Sunday guest of her sister at Wianno, on the cape. Supt. Webber and family left town on Wednesday for Ashfield, the field of his former superintendency, where they will remain for one week.

Ex-Superintendent H. E. Richardson is reported much out of health.

Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and daughter Marion have spent the past week at the home of their cousin, Mrs. Harry Whitten in Lexington.

The families of P. S. Whitcomb and J. Hartwell Whitcomb, including the Gardner, Lovejoy and Henry Robbins families and Mrs. Paul Brown, enjoyed a picnic at Long pond Wednesday.

Charles F. Flagg has recently returned from Kennebunkport, Me., where he was for a week the guest of his son Burton and family in their new bungalow. His grandchildren are all suffering from whooping cough.

Hon. Frank A. Patch has been confined to his bed with pleurisy several days this week.

Needham & Fletcher have been engaged to make a hood for carrying off gases in the chemical laboratory of the high school building, and also a roof window in the same room.

Miss Helen Brown went to Annisquam Monday, where she will enjoy the sea breezes at her sister's, Mrs. Wheeler's, for two weeks.

BROOKLINE.

News Items.

Married, Friday, July 16, by Rev. Warren L. Noyes, Capt. William Ladd Dodge of Brookline and Mrs. Viella C. Thomas of Brockton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Webber are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a little daughter, Saturday, July 17, Olive Bertha Webber, the little miss being named for her two grandmothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, Miss Eliza J. Parker and Allan Parker of Lowell, Mass., were at the Putnam homestead over Sunday.

Miss Amy Morris Homans, director of physical culture at Wellesley college, and Mrs. Kinsman of Salem, Mass., have been guests of Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle.

Mrs. Mary Cox attended the funeral of her brother-in-law, Caleb Cox, at Fitzwilliam on Tuesday.

Mrs. Anna Kemp of Manchester has been the guest of her sisters, Mrs. James Campbell and Mrs. Ira Daniels.

Miss Stearns of Roxbury, Mass., is boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye for a few weeks.

Miss May Robbins of Chatham, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley.

Miss Leonard of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of Mrs. W. L. Noyes at the manse.

Mrs. David Needham of Newton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence and daughter Helen of Pepperell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey, Sunday.

A lawn party for the benefit of the Methodist society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, Tuesday evening, July 27, under the supervision of Mesdames Elva Corey, Nettie Twitchell and Jennie Boutelle. Ice cream and cake will be served on the lawn.

Mrs. Sarah Shattuck of Pepperell is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson.

Miss Georgia Smith of Nashua is a guest at the Seaver homestead.

Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson and son James spent Sunday at Lake Baboosic, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guttererson and daughter, who are spending a few weeks there.

James Fessenden and Fred J. Fessenden of West Newton are guests at the Elmwood.

Irving Colleigh, treasurer of Fiske university at Nashville, Tenn., gave a very interesting address on the university at the Congregational vestry last Sunday evening, and was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Helen Hall.

Clarence Webster of Townsend is a guest at the Nathaniel Hobart homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Aston, Mrs. Lillian Blanchard and Luther Warren of Boston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichols over Sunday, coming in a touring car.

The Loyal Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. Fred Stanley Wednesday afternoon, August 4.

Edward C. Wade, deputy superintendent of the lamp department of Boston, and son Edward, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker. The latter is to remain through July.

Cooley on the School System.

At the final session of the National Council of Education, held July 6, at Denver, Col., Edwin G. Cooley, formerly superintendent of the Chicago public schools, now the president of a Boston book concern, led the discussion of what the American school-boy needs.

"While it is the privilege of every American boy to try to become president of the United States," said Mr. Cooley, "it does not follow that it becomes the business of the public school system to fit him for that position."

"Some of these boys are going to be laborers, mechanics, artisans, something besides president, and right now they are neglected."

"It has come to pass that we are educating about 2,000,000 boys for the presidency and about 30,000,000 for nothing, because our schools are cramming things into their heads which will be of no use to them when they begin work in the factory or on the farm."

Flowers for the Little Ones.

The Boston Journal has inaugurated a novel feature for the children of Boston. It has established a Flower day, when flowers may be brought to The Journal representatives, and will be distributed by them to the little ones of the city. The Journal has secured the cooperation of the clergy of greater Boston, the suburban newspapers, the florists and the good people at large.

Never before has such an attractive affair of its kind been attempted and the call for co-operation in the project has been answered a thousandfold more enthusiastically than was ever dreamed of.

With Boston as a common center flowers will be received on Monday morning between the hours of seven and noon at designated places already established in every city within a radius of twenty miles.

Receiving places will also be in readiness at the terminals of both the elevated railway and the steam railroads.

Thousands upon thousands of blossoms are needed for the work, and it goes without saying that the children who seldom see the gay warm color of the garden and the green of the fields will thrill and marvel at the beauty and fragrance that will pour into the stuffy and unclean streets of the Boston slums on Monday.

New Advertisements.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN PEPPERELL.

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Jennie A. Winch to Susan F. Wright, dated the first day of February, A. D. 1906, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, book 2213, page 241, and by assignment now owned by the subscriber, and for breach of conditions contained in said mortgage deed and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold by public auction at the house on the premises hereinafter described in Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, on Tuesday, the seventeenth of August, next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in and conveyed by said mortgage deed, to wit:

"A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate on the northerly side of Main street in said Pepperell, containing about one-fourth acre and bounded as follows: Beginning at the southeasterly corner of the premises on said Main street at a bound by land formerly of George G. Winch; thence extending westerly on said street fifty-one (51) feet to a bound at land formerly of James E. Dunn; thence northerly by said land and land now of said Dunn, one hundred and sixty-nine (169) feet to a bound at land formerly of Lucinda V. Huff; thence south sixty-eight and one-half (68½) degrees east by said Huff's land eighty-three (83) feet to a bound at land of aforesaid George G. Winch; thence south twenty-one and a half (21½) degrees west one hundred sixty-four (164) feet by said Winch's land to the point of beginning, being the same premises conveyed to George G. Winch by Geo. H. Woods by deed dated May 4, 1889. Recorded Middlesex South Dist. Deeds, book 3091, page 514, and subject to the right and privilege to take and use water from the well located on the westerly side of the described premises reserved by said Geo. H. Woods in said deed."

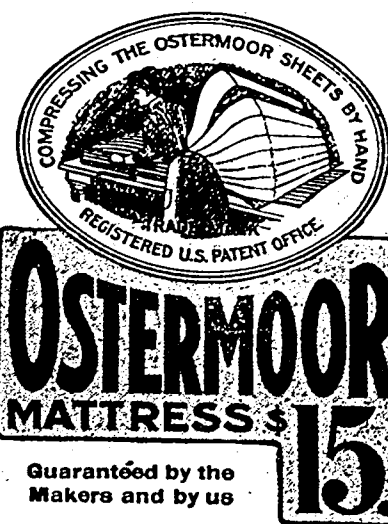
Said premises will be sold subject to all liens for taxes and any and all liens whatsoever.

TERMS: Fifty dollars to be paid down at time and place of sale; balance on delivery of deed within five days.

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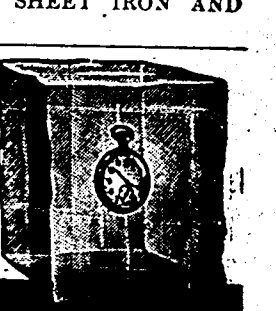
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GROTON.

Town Meeting.

There was a good attendance at the special town meeting, Thursday evening, July 22. Henry W. Whiting was chosen moderator. The report of the investigating committee on the municipal lighting act for furnishing light, heat and power, was read by M. P. Swallow and was accepted.

Under Art. 2 of the warrant a heavy vote in favor of electric lighting etc., was cast.

Under Art. 3, voted to retain the present committee consisting of M. P. Swallow, H. K. Richards and F. F. Waters, and add two others, J. H. Robbins and George H. Bixby.

Art. 4, voted not to have the substation on the northwest corner of town house lot, but to leave the choosing of position to the committee, the place to be anywhere suitable, but not on town house lot.

Art. 5, voted to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$15,000 at rate of not over 4 1/2 per cent., the same to be paid by a series of notes of \$1500 each, payable yearly.

Art. 6, voted to elect at the April town meeting, a municipal lighting board to take charge and operate the town lighting.

Arts. 7 and 8, in reference to road commissioners' dumping board and the cleaning out of James brook, were indefinitely postponed.

Improvements.

Were some modern Rip Van Winkle to return to Groton after his sleep of twenty years, more or less, emotions of admiration, as well as astonishment, would fill his soul as he noted the changes and improvements in his native town.

These changes, some of them, are due to the progress of the age and speak well for the public spirit of the citizens and the faithful care of the town fathers and other serving officers. Visitors, who, not like old Rip Van Winkle, sleep on, forget and are forgotten, but who come at different intervals to visit here, speak highly in commendation of the beauty of the town, the neatness of the houses and their surroundings, and especially the cleanliness of the streets. Not visiting Groton for several years, they ask, "What have you been doing?" Groton is greatly changed for the better since we last visited the place. How neat and attractive your Main street is, etc."

It is in these particulars of neatness and beautifying that the work of the Village Improvement society shows in the general tasteful appearance of the town. The plots of land, the school yards, etc., which they have cared for, were rough and unsightly before the work began. It is they who, seeding down, have kept these plots smooth as velvet and blossoming with choice shrubs. Their watchful eyes have succeeded largely in freeing our streets of litter. Neatness is contagious. The good work has spread, until now an ill-kept slovenly lawn or yard is a rarity in Groton, especially on our principal streets.

The town is heavily indebted to the persevering work of the society, for its improved condition. Sometimes, perhaps, too little encouragement is shown or appreciation expressed by those who from familiarity with the improved conditions give them little thought, but the good work speaks for itself, and the old town grows more beautiful. May the good work go on.

News Items.

Evelyn Fernald is visiting friends in Worcester.

Captain and Mrs. J. C. R. Peabody have gone to their camp in the Adirondacks. They have left their Groton place where they have passed the winter, for the mountains.

Mrs. James T. Bennett and children visited her brother, Robert F. Gilson, at Newton Highlands this week.

Rev. C. W. Turner preaches his farewell sermon at the Baptist church Sunday, July 25, thus closing five years of service with the Baptist church here.

The Groton band gives the next concert at West Groton, Thursday evening, July 29.

Mrs. Andrew Blood and little son from Gardner are visiting here at her parents' home.

Mrs. Mosely Gilson, returning from an enjoyable week at the Isle of Shoals, went for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Charles L. Wood, at her pleasant home in Woburn.

Miss Annie L. Gilson, after the week spent at the Isle of Shoals, went for a short stay at York Harbor, returning to Groton this week.

At the Unitarian church Sunday, July 25, the anthem, "Come unto me," will be rendered by a quartet composed of the following voices: Miss Genevieve Hodgman, soprano; Mrs. W. B. Robinson, contralto; H. R. Sampson, tenor; Daniel Needham, bass. The anthem will contain solos.

The Groton district nurse association were much gratified to add forty dollars recently to their treasury. This sum was their share, half the net proceeds, from the presentation of "A Fool's Paradise," under the auspices of the King's Daughters in Harvard some two or three weeks ago. The entertainment committee of the district nurse association are also pleased to announce that they have secured Arthur Hadley, cellist of the Boston Symphony orchestra, as a special feature of their concert, to be given in Groton town hall, Thursday evening, October 14.

The C. E. S. has reorganized with Herbert W. Taylor as president and Arthur M. Mason as vice-president.

Miss Sawyer of Clinton, who has been visiting Mrs. Elsie Shumway the past two weeks, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. G. M. Howe and her friend, Miss Laura Haraden, of Worcester, left for Merse Point, Me., Wednesday.

Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey is expected to speak at the vestry of the Congregational church Sunday evening, July 25.

Mrs. J. M. Warner, after spending a few days with friends at Swampscott, returned home Wednesday. Her aunt, Miss Martha Kimball, stayed at Dr. Priest's during her absence.

Rev. G. M. Howe expects to attend old home day at Lunenburg on July 28, and is urged to sing "The old well," as an addition to the pleasurable day's program.

A small addition is being built on the Amory Lawrence house, outside parties doing the work.

On August 4 the board of agriculture and the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange hold field day at Whalom park. Various demonstrations will be made both interesting and instructive. A full program of the day's events will be given later.

Groton grange has received an invitation from Harvard grange to picnic with them at Fuller's grove, Tuesday, August 17.

Mrs. C. E. Greenwood recently received a visit from her great-grandson, William Stanley of Lexington.

Rev. F. J. Gould of Leominster will preach in the First Parish church, Sunday, July 25.

Ralph F. Culver of Norwood, formerly of this town, has been elected trustee of Lowell Textile school for four years by a large majority.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Culver of Norwood, are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter in their home, born July 15.

A vesper service will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Frank O. Nash of Boston will conduct a brief organ recital and there will be short addresses by Rev. Geo. M. Howe of the Congregational church and Rev. Pemberton H. Cressey of the Unitarian church. This service will mark the conclusion of the present pastorate of five years.

During August Mr. Turner will supply the pulpit of the Beth Eden Baptist church of Fitchburg.

The dam at the Nashua, near the Nashua River Co.'s paper mill, has recently been inspected. It is reported that a new one may have to be built soon.

A young girl patient who was brought from West Groton to Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, died at the hospital Monday night.

Ernest C. Willard is home from Louisville, Ky., where he has held a position with the sewerage commission of that city since last fall.

Rev. and Mrs. John Barstow of Lee, going for a vacation at Sagamore beach, stopped over in Groton for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Whiting.

The rate of taxation for Groton this year is nine dollars on a thousand, two dollars less than last year, a reduction gratifying to general taxpayers.

William L. Patterson, who has been spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, returned to his position in Boston this week.

P. J. Donahue and Waldo E. Harrington, stenographers and typewriters, who have been enjoying their vacation here, have returned to their positions in Boston.

The Alerts are keeping up their good work at ball playing. Last Saturday they beat the Pepperell Independents by a score of 13 to 1, fielding without an error.

This Saturday afternoon, donning for the first time their costumes of red sweaters and red stockings, they will make quite a dashing appearance, as they play Townsend A. A. on Shumway field. Turn out all and encourage the ball players.

LITTLETON.

Midsummer Fête.

All roads will lead to Littleton on Saturday, July 31, when the town will enjoy a regular gala day. It is expected that former townspeople and others from all over New England will grace the occasion by their presence. A very elaborate program has been planned and will be formally opened by Edwin A. Cox, grand marshal of the day, and vice president of the V. I. S., under whose auspices the entertainment is given. Thirty different committees are spending their time and energy in the interests of the affair, and attending with much care to the various features of the day. Hon. Frank A. Patch, president of the society, and chairman of the executive committee, as well as E. A. Cox and the various chairmen, are devoting themselves, heart and soul, to the success of the occasion.

The Fitchburg military band will arrive on an early train and furnish music for the day and evening. The state house minstrels, inferior to none in the country, have been engaged for part of the afternoon program. Competitors are practicing for the sports with marked zeal and enthusiasm.

A committee of some sixty or seventy persons, including the older residents of the town, will hold a reception in the Unitarian church at eleven o'clock, and also at seven in the evening. For those who are unfortunate enough to miss the program of the day, as well as all others who like to trip the light fantastic, there will be a dance in the evening.

The parade committee are putting in heavy strokes and announce that they will have their floats, ready to start promptly at ten o'clock a.m. Read the posters carefully, and all come and have a good time. People in the surrounding towns have been very generous in their contributions to the advertising columns of the souvenir pamphlet. The entire program follows:

Morning, band concert, 9.00 to 10.00. Parade, 10.00 to 11.00. Horseback riders, decorated automobiles, carriages and floats.

Reception, "Auld lang syne," Unitarian church, 11.00 to 12.00. Unitarian church—organ recital, P. Corning Edwards.

Dinner served in the lower town hall, 12.00 to 1.30.

The Clover mandolin, banjo and guitar club of Boston, 1.30 to 2.00.

Vaudeville carnation drill, lower town hall, 2.00 to 2.30. Dorothy Priest, Emile Harwood, Florence Whitcomb, Thacher, Louise Whitney, Elmer Whitney, Blanche Wright, Emile Robinson, Vera Libby, Ethel Edwards, Elizabeth

Robinson, Gladys Kimball, Lucy Houghton, Lorna Chandler.

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make out deeds, wills and other legal documents. The interest of his clients he made his own, and into his transactions for them he carried the same care, wisdom and good judgment that he exercised for himself.

The entire community mourns for a citizen of inestimable worth and sympathizes deeply with Rev. and Mrs. Brennan and the two brothers, Orville, of Orange, and Capt. William H. of Littleton, with whom the bond of friendship was equal to that of Jonathan and David.

Family Reunion.

Thomas C. Nye of Laredo, Texas, pioneer of the union industry in that state, and rated as a millionaire, will arrive with his wife and two sons at Edwin H. Robinson's today. They, with members of the Nye family of Littleton, will attend the meeting of the Nye family of America association, August 4, 5 and 6, at Highgate, Vt., where they will be well entertained. A house boat party on Lake Champlain, a sugaring-off, a day's outing at Highgate Spring, meetings in the church, receptions, etc., will constitute important features of the program. Mrs. Annie C. Smith, secretary and treasurer of the association, has a mailing list of 3000 members of the Nye family who are scattered all over the country.

After the reunion the Thomas Nye family will visit their relatives in Littleton. It was noted through the Nye genealogy recently published that Mr. Nye for the first time discovered that he had any living relations.

Spoke on Missions.

Enoch F. Belle, secretary of the foreign mission board, delivered a convincing discourse on the value and importance of foreign missions, at the Congregational church Sunday morning. At the Sunday school he spoke informally of his experiences as missionary in Japan, from which field he was obliged to return a few years ago on account of his wife's health. By request he played several selections on the harmonica that he used as a means of entertaining the large audiences which he afterwards converted, doubtless through his beautiful personality. Mr. Belle pleasantly alluded to the influence of his father and college mate, Supt. Kimball, in the choice of Yale as a college, which determined his whole career.

Birthday Anniversary.

John A. Kimball, who reached his ninety-first birthday on Wednesday, July 21, with his wife, now eighty-one, received calls and congratulations of friends, nearly fifty in number, from morning till evening of his anniversary. Among those who helped to make the day bright and beautiful was his only sister, Miss Martha A. Kimball, who accompanied her nephew, Fred A. Porter, and wife, of Leominster in their automobile, and her nieces, Mrs. Wm. A. Lawrence and Mrs. M. F. Warner of Groton. Letters, flowers, confectionery, fruit, a beautiful birthday cake, the latter from the Forget-not circle of King's Daughters, and many other visible tributes of affection and esteem, were received with grateful acknowledgment by our venerable townsman. With the exception of a cold, Mr. Kimball's health is, generally speaking, very good. His faculties are well preserved and his memory is as keen as in the days of his prime. He is a constant reader of this paper and the daily, letting not even the advertisements escape his observation. He is pleased to learn of all the plans for the coming fête, and hopes to enjoy meeting his friends of the present and past on that occasion.

News Items.

The new teachers appointed are Miss Grace Davis of Concord, Framingham alumna, for first grade at the center. Miss Davis has taught in Granville and South Sudbury. Miss Janet Livingstone of Needham, another Framingham normal graduate, has been selected for Miss Barker's room, and Miss Barker is to take Miss Sargent's place. Miss Livingstone has taught two years each in Sutton, and Danvers.

Mrs. Arthur Blanchard will return to her home in West Acton next week, after a very pleasant visit at her father's and among other relatives and friends in Littleton. The month of August she expects to spend in North Woodstock, N. H.

The Littleton grange enjoyed an out-door social at the pleasant residence of John Wright of Pingreeville, Wednesday evening. Games, music, refreshments of icecream and cake, cookies and candy, constituted the program of the evening. About sixty were present and report a grand good time.

The Harry W. Knights house is progressing rapidly. The plasterers have been doing their work this week. A large force of men are at work on the road leading from Mr. Knights' to Foster-st.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer B. Canney are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Ruth Frances.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Needham of East Lexington have been visiting at his twin brother Osman's this past week.

Mrs. Minna Tenney Peck delivered her lecture on Greece and Sicily at the Laurel Park Chautauqua, Northampton, Saturday and Monday evenings. She was the guest of Prof. Alfred Evans, son of a former Baptist minister in Littleton. She is now in Schenectady, N. Y.

Mrs. Josephine Toll Laine, Brookline, N. Y., is spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Wm. H. Tenney.

Miss Mildred W. Holden of Somerville, a student at Mt. Holyoke, has been spending a week at W. E. Conant's.

Ralph W. Conant returned Monday to his place of business, after enjoying a week at home.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

G. Paul Smith, the well-known impersonator, is the guest of Albert G. Seaver, this week.

Tuesday, July 27, there will be a union picnic of the Sunday schools of the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist churches at Vinton pond.

Miss Harriet Miller is visiting at Danielson, Conn., her former home.

Announcement cards have been received in town of the marriage of Miss Florence Edith Lamb of Spencer and Earl Percy Friese of Granby, Saturday, July 17, at Worcester. Miss Lamb has been one of the assistants in the Townsend high school for the last two years and has made many friends in town. Mr. and Mrs. Friese will reside in Granby, where he teaches in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Fessenden are enjoying a few weeks' vacation at Lake Dunmore, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce are enjoying their vacation at Brookline and Rockport.

Baseball.

The Nashua team was easy for the home club, Saturday afternoon, the latter winning 16 to 7. In the fourth inning with a good lead, Spaulding let up and his supporters also faltered, allowing the visitors to make seven tallies. After this inning the team settled and were never in danger of being scored on. The feature of the game was Capt. Whitcomb's sensational catch of a foul fly after a hard run. He timed it nicely, and just as it was going over his head made a desperate leap and pulled it down with his bare hand for the final out of the inning. O'Brien was also very much in evidence in fielding his position, gathering in one exceptional hard foul fly, and his timely wallop was the longest hit of the game. Keefe and Eastman also contributed triples, the latter with the bases full. Spaulding went into right field in the sixth, allowing Knight, the high school twirler, to finish the game and he held them out during the final innings. Lancy continued his fine work with the willow. The score:

TOWNSEND A. A.										
	ab	r	h	t	b	o	a	e		
Keefe, c.	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0		
Lancy, 2b	4	2	1	4	2	0	0	0		
Whitcomb, 1b	4	2	1	3	9	0	0	0		
Parker, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
O'Brien, 3b	4	1	1	3	3	0	0	0		
Miller, ss	4	2	1	1	2	3	0	0		
Arlin, c	5	4	1	1	6	3	0	0		
Spaulding, p. rf	5	4	1	1	6	0	0	1		
Knight, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Morse	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	37	16	12	20	27	12	5			

NASHUA A. A.									
	ab	r	h	t	b	o	a	e	
McAfee, lf	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Reynolds, ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0
Woodward, 2b	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	0
Collins, c	4	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1
Gaffney, 1b	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Cobb, cf	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Dionne, rf, p	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	0	0
Pomilio, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	2	0
Barry, p, rf	4	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
	27	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-

Items of local interest are solicited, and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith, and will always be considered strictly confidential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence, and do not wait unnecessarily.

"Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals
All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, July 24, 1909.

AYER.

Bowling.

The second round of the Whalom summer bowling league began Tuesday night, when the Ayer team threw a surprise into the ranks of the Dry Goods by winning two of the three points. The clerks began hostilities like three-time winners, but before the match had proceeded very far the boys from the end of the line came back strong and captured the last two strings, the middle one by a small margin and the final clash by a substantial one. The scores were a little better than the majority of the matches of last week, as both teams went over 1250, the winners by sixteen pins and the losers by five.

Farnsworth of Ayer, who struck a single of 119, last week, came to time, this week, with 103 and a total of 264, followed by Whitcomb with 261 and G. Fillebrown with 260. The Dry Goods rolled in their best form in the first string when they captured a total of 440 against 410 for their opponents. The good work of the week was nullified by the doings of the middle string when the clerks slid to 336 while the Ayer team moved up to 432. The final clash was interesting as both teams wanted it. Farnsworth's 103 gave the Ayer team a good start but the clerks gradually closed the gap, so that only five pins separated them at the windup. The score:

AYER.			
G. Fillebrown.	96	82	260
Farnsworth.	74	87	261
A. Fillebrown.	79	94	247
Fitzgerald.	83	81	247
Kelly.	78	88	248
410		432	1266
DRY GOODS.			
Gay.	60	70	242
Whitcomb.	70	81	261
Cutler.	83	77	247
Goodwin.	87	80	244
Hastings.	87	82	261
440		396	1255

Tennis.

By winning all of the six matches from Ayer Tennis Club, at Ayer, Saturday afternoon, the Alpine club of Fitchburg placed itself in a position at the top of the Wachusett Valley league from which it can not be dislodged even though it lose all of the matches from Leominster this Saturday.

The old stand-bys—Marcy Merriam, Atwood and Fairbanks of Fitchburg, carried off the honors in the singles, though Manning made Marcy extend himself in both their games and in the second carried him to a love game, and Clark caught Atwood off his stroke in the second of their games and won hands down, six sets to two. Atwood recovered himself in the third and won the match. Godfrey paired with Hatch in the double with Clark and Hopkins and they were easy winners, but Hamlin and Dr. Gay had to hustle to get away with their match with Manning and Osgood, who are always in good condition and whose team work is of a high order. After losing the first set, 2 to 6, Hamlin and Gay won the second, 8 to 6, and were forced to do their prettiest in the deciding set, which they won, 6 to 3. The summary:

SINGLES.
Marcy beat Manning, 6-4, 7-5.
Atwood beat Clark, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Fairbanks beat Osgood, 6-3, 6-2.
Merriam beat Hatch, 6-2, 6-2.

DOUBLES.
Godfrey and Hatch beat Clark and Hopkins, 6-3, 6-2.
Hamlin and Gay beat Manning and Osgood, 2-6, 8-6, 6-3.

This Saturday afternoon the Ayer team meets the Gardner team at Gardner.

Death.

John Keating of Woburn, who has resided with his son-in-law in Ayer, Thomas F. Ryan, for the past three months, and who had a shock about five months ago, died July 20, at the advanced age of eighty years. His death was the result of the shock. He was a native of Ireland, coming to this country when a young man, settling in Woburn, and was a currier by trade. The funeral was Thursday forenoon. A high mass was held at St. Mary's church and the body, accompanied by several relatives, was taken to Woburn Thursday afternoon for burial in Calvary cemetery. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. T. F. Ryan of Ayer and Mrs. Wm. Murphy of Woburn, and one son, Frank Keating of Somerville.

A Great Treat.

Forty-two Oddfellows gathered at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Richardson on Thursday evening, July 22, and enjoyed their bountiful hospitality, "boating" and "horse-pitality." It was arranged beforehand that all should come on the seven o'clock car from Ayer and so they did, with few exceptions. Landing on the west shore of Sandy Pond, guided by the revolving light which goes by clockwork in front of the Richardson cottage, and being conducted through the subway up to the fine apartments of that unique residence and then being greeted by the cordiality which one receives there, is an experience which no one would care to miss, whether Oddfellow on any other fellow.

The first thing on the program was to sit down to a delicious dinner, such as many never ate before, in the dining-room, which is long enough to seat the above number at one table. The dinner was prepared by Joseph C. Anno and wife, who served it in real Italian style, and which consisted of spaghetti served with powdered cheese and meat balls, mosaic salad, bread and butter with Swiss cheese, smoked sardines and sliced olives, coffee, cake and ice cream, candy and nuts.

After the banquet was over the order was card-playing, billiards, checkers, college songs and harmonica solos and clog dancing by Fred Hosmer, and much hearty laughing and three cheers to the Richardsons for one of the very delightful times a person enjoys along life's way.

Congregational.

The duet last Sunday evening in the Congregational church by Misses Bertha Perry and Mabel Sargent, and the solo by Miss Helen Hardy were excellent; and so was the cornet solo by Howard Stone. One new member was received by letter. The pastor, Rev. L. E. Perry, will take his vacation, as usual, through the month of August.

In the Congregational church Sunday morning at 10.45 the subject of the service will be, "After the mountain experience." In the evening at seven o'clock the subject will be "Heavenly visions." C. Leroy Lyon is expected to be present at this service and sing "The sparrow" song and others as solos. Other special music and a short sermon.

Baptist Notes.

The electric lights for some reason did not work at the Baptist church last Sunday evening, yet a meeting was held, the pastor giving an earnest talk and others bearing testimony freely and joining in singing familiar hymns.

The ladies' food sale on Tuesday afternoon was successful and the lemon sherbet went quickly.

Services next Sunday as follows: Preaching at 10.15 a. m.; Sunday school at twelve; praise and quotation meeting at seven p. m., with short address and special singing.

Wednesday evening, July 28, the ladies' aid society will hold a lawn party on the church grounds. Lemonade, sherbet, cake and home-made candy will be for sale.

Last Sunday Mr. Newhall of Stoneham, who is camping with a class of thirteen boys at Sandy pond, attended the Baptist Sunday school.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Sherlock leave here August 3 for North Angeles, Cal., where they are to make their home if they like the place. Mr. Sherlock has been employed on the Lowell and Fitchburg electric street railway as motorman since the road was opened three years ago last June. He is a fine fellow and liked by everyone, and will be greatly missed.

The members of Geo. H. Burns hook and ladder company start for Boston Saturday, July 24, on their annual outing, leaving Boston that night by steamer for Boothbay, Me., and leaving that place Monday night on their return home.

W. W. Fleet and son Stanley are spending their vacation in Nova Scotia. They will visit the beautiful Annapolis valley and several other places in that section.

Services in St. Andrew's will be conducted by the vicar Sunday, July 25, at ten and 10.45. During August Paul Roberts of Hartford, Conn., will be in charge.

Henry Waterman left first of the week for Cottage City to spend his vacation of a couple of weeks, and where his sister, Mrs. E. R. Washburn, has been for some time. During Mr. Waterman's absence at the store of Berton Williams, Miss Maud Organ has taken his place.

James Galvin, son of Mrs. Patrick Galvin, died suddenly of apoplexy in Boston, July 12. By reason of a mistake in the address of the letter sent to his mother, she did not learn of his death until July 15. The interment was at St. Mary's cemetery here Saturday, July 17. Deceased was born in Harvard fifty-two years ago and was a painter by occupation, working at his trade mostly in Worcester and Boston for many years. Besides his mother he leaves three brothers and two sisters.

Douglas C. Smith, ex-selectman, was taken ill the forepart of this week from a strain in overworking in getting in his hay and taking cold from being overheated. He is better and will be about in a day or two.

The rate of taxation for this year is \$17.30 on \$1000. Last year it was \$17.20.

Wendell Nutting has a very fine power boat at Sandy pond, where his parents are summering, that he recently received. It is a speeder and attracts considerable attention.

Miss Edith L. Perry with her Sunday school class enjoyed a very pleasant picnic at Whalom park last Saturday afternoon.

The cellar is being put in on Pleasant-st., on the lot west of the house of Mary Lawton and on it is to be built a nice looking house of two stories, where Fred Morrison is to make his home later. It is being built by L. W. Phelps.

Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth, accompanied by Marion and Raymond Farnsworth, went to Old Orchard, Me., last Tuesday for the summer, where they have rented a cottage.

Etta M. (Phillips), wife of Frank C. Brown of Leominster, died Saturday night at their summer cottage, Lancaster road, Lunenburg, at the age of 28 years, 4 months, 15 days, after an illness of two years, from tuberculosis. Mrs. Brown was a native of Ayer and a graduate of the Ayer high school and the daughter of H. H. Phillips. She leaves a husband, three children and two sisters, Mrs. Lynch of Nashua and Miss Nina Phillips of Ayer, besides her father. The funeral was Tuesday morning and burial was in St. Leo's cemetery.

Miss Grace E. Downing left Tuesday morning for Meredith, N. H., expecting to be gone several weeks visiting friends and relatives in Ashland, Laconia, Concord and Manchester.

Judge Warren H. Atwood attended the funeral of Judge Francis A. Gaskill, of the Massachusetts Superior Court, at Worcester Monday afternoon, July 19.

Members of Ida McKinley chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, with their families and friends, are invited to hold their annual basket picnic with Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Richardson, at their summer cottage at Sandy pond on Thursday, July 29. Steamers, row boats and other water craft will meet electric cars at Tat's cottage, commencing with nine a. m. car out of Ayer up to and including the one o'clock car. Let there be a full and complete membership to accept this kind invitation, and do not forget to carry a large basket full.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Osgood left Thursday morning in their auto for Portland, Me., and after reaching

there Mrs. Osgood will go by steam cars to Sullivan, Me., and Mr. Osgood will follow after in his auto for the same destination and they will be there for two or three weeks.

The usual morning service will be held in the Unitarian church on Sunday, July 25, at 10.45 with a sermon. The function of law is the sphere of morals, with special reference to the recent law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to juveniles. The services will be discontinued during the month of August.

Mrs. Harry Stone, with her two daughters, Bertha and Gertrude, and son Howard, are enjoying a week's vacation at Hampton beach. Mrs. E. H. Longley and daughter Edith are also at Hampton beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel W. Mason go Saturday morning, July 24, to Center Harbor, N. H., and return the following Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mason will leave in a couple of weeks for the same place, where they have a summer cottage to be gone a month.

John C. Davis of the Dighton district who was recently chosen superintendent of schools for Ayer, Shirley and West Boylston, was in town the early part of this week and when here he was undecided whether to accept the call. Since the meeting of the school committees of the three towns, who voted his salary to be \$1750, the Dighton district do not want to part with him, and have increased his salary as an inducement to remain at his old post.

More light! that is what Harlow & Parsons wanted when they removed the old wooden covering over their sidewalk, and they have it. They will later have an awning.

Rev. Mr. Holmes, assistant to the rector of Christ's church, Fitchburg, preached last Sunday a most excellent sermon at St. Andrew's church.

On Tuesday evening Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., was paid an official visit by D. D. G. M. George F. Buxton of Shirley and the following suite: D. D. G. W. Charles R. White; D. D. G. M. J. E. Pomfret; D. D. G. C. S. W. Longley; D. D. G. G. C. H. Ware; D. D. G. H. Jacob B. Beach.

Officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows: Geo. C. Peterson, n. g.; Harvey W. Winslow, v. g.; Joseph K. Ward, R. H. Irwin, con.; A. E. Manzer, chap.; Erastus B. Lewis, J. S.; Wm. H. Landry, l. s.; E. A. Richardson, s. s.; G. C. Downing, l. s. g.; P. B. Daudelin, r. s. g.; Charles Harris, l. s. v. g.; L. E. Perry, l. g.; J. L. Kennison, o. g.

The gypsies, who were here last spring, one of whom met with an accident, the queen who came near being knocked off by being thrown against the telegraph pole near the switch house at the West Main street crossing, is alive and still the queen when they passed through the town Wednesday. They were ordered to move on.

George Vancellot of Shirley, charged with assault and battery at Shirley, July 15, on complaint of Paul Max, was in court July 19, and on trial was found not guilty.

Search was made by Officer Beatty for intoxicating liquors said to be concealed in a house on southerly side of Tannery street in Ayer and occupied by Joseph Sabin and warrant was returned with about one-half a pint of whiskey in one jug. Order of notice issued, returnable August 7.

Edward Gamlin of Groton, charged with assault and battery, Newton Carlin, complainant, was on trial found guilty and fined twenty dollars.

Miss Agnes Walsh occupied this week the Donlon cottage at Sandy pond and has friends from Baltimore visiting her. The next occupant of this cottage will be Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Perlin for two weeks, and then John F. Lentz has it for two weeks. It is let up to Labor day.

Mrs. Anderson on Church-street was attended by Dr. Hopkins Wednesday, and Dr. Bulkeley assistant. The trouble feared was blood poisoning. She is doing nicely.

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice, July 20: Jean Raunon, K. E. Smith, Dora Whitcomb.

Killed.

The body of the man who was found last Saturday morning at North Leominster alongside of the tracks of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine is believed to be Henry F. Cahill of Winthrop, who it is thought left here for Fitchburg that morning.

The information which led to the identity was furnished by the operator here, who telephoned to North Leominster that early that morning a man who said his name was E. Duby of Nashua, N. H., was inquiring at this station for Henry F. Cahill with him earlier in the morning. Duby told the operator that he and Cahill jumped the train at Ayer, and when it arrived in Fitchburg he was unable to find his companion. He gave the operator a general description of Cahill and told where he lived. After the discovery of the body Duby could not be located.

SHIRLEY.

Sunday School Plein.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church held its annual picnic last Saturday at Fort pond. About 150 attended from the church and Sunday school. The day was an ideal one, the atmospheric conditions being invigorating, which added to the beauty and splendor of the day, which was one of real pleasure for all whose privilege it was to be present. Bathing, boating and swinging held full sway during the day. Mr. and Mrs. Snell did everything possible to help make the day one of interest and happiness for young and old. George S. Wells conveyed the party to and from the pond in barges and teams. It was the largest attended and most successful picnic ever held from the Congregational church.

The Baptist church and Sunday school held its annual picnic last Saturday at Whalom park. The party, about fifty in number, by a pre-arranged plan, kept together and visited all the points of interest. They returned home in the early evening, after spending a very enjoyable day.

In a Flourishing Condition.

The directors of the Shirley Cooperative bank held their regular monthly meeting, Tuesday morning, at the home of E. H. Conant. A dividend of three per cent. was declared on all shares in the first, second and

third series. Other reports showed the bank to be in a flourishing condition. The money is being loaned every month as quick as it is received, on gilt-edged security, and applicants for loans are now waiting their turn. The bank is one of the very best institutions for the Shirley residents that was ever inaugurated, and many are availing themselves of the opportunity to buy homes of their own.

It has certainly proved an incentive for thrift and there is no limit to the amount of good this bank will eventually do for Shirley and its people. The shares of the fourth series are now on sale.

Struck by Lightning.

During the thunder storm which prevailed last Sunday evening, between six and seven o'clock, the house of Michael P. Bolger, of Front-st., was struck by lightning, doing considerable damage. The bolt struck the roof of the western side of the house, tearing off a patch of shingles and boards, making a hole about four feet square, and then went down through the clapboards and plastering, and tore off the plastering and laths in a chamber, making a large opening and scattering the debris all around the room. The bolt then went downward, taking a southwesterly course, between the clapboards and plaster, and entered the kitchen just over the sink, striking a clock, tearing all the woodwork away and leaving the works entirely bare. The bolt then entered the pump in the sink, wrecking it badly and drawing the water from the well, left the kitchen in a water-soaked condition. It is presumed that the bolt went out of the house through the well.

The building is a one and a-half story, ten-room framed house and lined throughout with brick. Two rooms on the easterly side of the house are used by Mr. Bolger as a store, the stock consisting of dry goods and small wares. None of these goods were damaged in any way. The loss is estimated at about two hundred dollars.

Mr. Bolger's family consists of wife and four children. None of these were injured, but all badly scared. As Mr. Bolger said, he thought the whole house was being blown up. However, the shock from the bolt rendered unconscious Mrs. Isaac Loomer, who resides next door on the easterly side. Mrs. Loomer was at the sink washing dishes at the time. Dr. Lilly was sent for and remained over an hour, endeavoring to restore her to consciousness. The attending physician thinks Mrs. Loomer will recover entirely from the effects of the shock in a few days without any serious after-effects.

Baseball.

A large number of people witnessed the ball game on Davis field last Saturday afternoon. The Shirley team was again victorious, winning the game easy by a score of 6 to 0. The visiting team, composed mostly of college students, made a poor showing, which proved to be a disappointment, as the game was a one-sided affair from start to finish. The summary:

	bh	po	a	e	to
Sibley, rf	1	0	0	0	to
Connors, ss	1	2	2	0	be
St. George, 2b	1	4	3	0	
Cook, cf	0	1	1	0	ita
Colver, lb	0	1	0	0	Ju
Bergo, 1b	0	2	0	0	
Labatt, 3b	1	3	1	0	
Woodcomb, c	2	6	1	0	le
Warner, p	0	1	1	1	th
Totals	7	27	18	2	

NASHUA RESERVE.		bh po a e		
Guttran, lf	1	4	0	0
Sughrue, ss	1	0	0	1
F. Ryan, c	1	0	5	1
Trombly, cf	1	0	2	1
Black, rf	1	0	2	0
Bolster, 2b	1	0	5	0
Hoyt, 3b	1	0	0	0
McLellan, lb	1	6	0	0
Hill, p	1	0	1	5
Shattuck, p	1	1	5	0

Runs made by Sibley 3, Connors, Labatt, Woodcomb. Two-base hits, Connors, Labatt, Stolen bases, Sibley, Colver, Bolster, off Warner. Errors, Hill, Shattuck. Sacrifice hit, Woodcomb. Umpire, Wallingford. Time, 1h. 45m.

Bowling.

The Shirley bowling team of the Whalom league played the Dry Goods team of Fitchburg at Whalom last week Friday evening. The Shirley team lost the game on close margins. The Shirley's, however, won the first string with nine pins to the good, scoring a total of 396, against 387 for the Dry Goods team. In the second string the Dry Goods team rolled a total of 418, against 407 for Shirley. The third and last string was a close one, the Dry Goods bowlers winning by a single pin, scoring 416, against 415 for Shirley. Willie Connors was high man for Shirley, scoring 268, with Collier a close second, rolling 262. Hastings was high man for the Dry Goods team, finishing with a total of 252. The total pin-fall was won by the Dry Goods team, who registered a total of 1221, against 1218 for Shirley. The summary:

SHIRLEY.					M
Connors	80	81	97	268	hom
McGinnis	85	82	81	248	che
Day	85	81	69	235	S
Sleeper	59	68	78	205	of
Collier	77	95	80	262	cot
	396	407	415	1218	
DRY GOODS					

DRY GOODS.		bh po a e		
Gay	88	81	82	251
Whitcomb	68	75	74	217
Fairbank	80	100	80	260
Cutler	78	74	86	238
Hastings	73	88	94	255
	<u>387</u>	<u>415</u>	<u>416</u>	<u>1221</u>

Obituary.

The funeral of Frederick A. Edgerton took place last Sunday afternoon. Services, which were strictly private, were held at the house of Robertus F. Colburn of Center road. Rev. E. B. Saunders, pastor of the Universalist church, Fitchburg, officiated. Burial was in the family lot at Clinton cemetery where his wife was laid at rest about ten years ago.

Mr. Edgerton died last week Friday of a complication of troubles, at the home of Mr. Colburn, where he has been stopping since his illness commenced last December. He was seventy-eight years of age, and was the youngest of a family of fifteen children. Mr. Edgerton was a native of Shirley, being born in the old Edgerton homestead on Main-st., in the building now used by the C. A. Edgerton Manufacturing Company as their leather department, familiarly

known as "the old store." He moved to Clinton twenty years ago, accepting the position of machinist at the Clinton gingham mills, which position he held until his sickness commenced last winter. The old residents of Shirley who knew Mr. Edgerton speak in the highest terms of his splendid life, being recorded with deeds of kindness, sterling integrity and honor.

He was a life-long friend of R. F. Colburn, at whose home he died, and where every kindness and consideration was given him during his sickness by Mr. Colburn and his son Edward. The survivors are one brother, Edward E. Edgerton.

News Items.

Miss Helen M. Winslow has been re-elected historian of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in Vermont for the fourth consecutive year. This organization is quite the most exclusive for women, inasmuch as one must be lineally descended from the early colonists of note. Miss Winslow and her adopted daughter Allison are spending the summer at their Cambridge residence, making short visits among friends away from the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parmenter and son of Brockton are spending a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. White.

Chauncey M. Olcott of Boston is spending a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen. Victor O'Brien, Conant Bros. popular clerk, started Monday in company with his wife and children, for a two weeks' vacation in Maine.

Miss Helen M. Winslow is entertaining her sister, Miss Harriet P. Winslow, at her new home on Irving-st., Cambridge. Miss Winslow's home is in Jacksonville, Fla., and she will go south again in August after visiting her other sister, Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, whose home is at Shirley.

Joseph Harper of Shirley, for whom the local police have been looking ever since he was defaulted in the local police court at Fitchburg a few months ago on a complaint of conducting a house of ill-fame in Lunenburg, appeared before that court, July 19, entered a plea of guilty to the complaint and paid a fine of \$100.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning, July 25, at 10.45. Regular evening services, at seven p. m., with preaching by the pastor, who will give an address to young people. Special music by the choir.

Miss Louise Jennings of Providence is spending a vacation in town with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miner.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will occupy his pulpit Sunday morning, July 25, at 10.45. Regular meeting of the C. E. S. in the vestry at seven p. m. Subject, "Heroes of missions in China."

Mrs. Frank Balcom of Baldwinville, with young son, are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Balcom.

Miss Eleanor Gately has returned home from a pleasant visit of three weeks with relatives in Boston.

The Shirley baseball team go to Nashua Saturday afternoon, July 24, to play a match game with Nashua's best team.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting Monday evening, July 26.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon and family leave Shirley Monday, July 26, for their summer home in Pocasset and will return to Shirley the first week in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant have returned from their vacation spent in Friendship, Maine.

Mrs. P. O. Bernard of Lowell was the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. John Chaisson.

Mrs. M. C. Cobleigh of New York city has been a guest for a week past at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland.

Frank Lee of Montreal, Can., is in town on a vacation, joining his wife, who is spending the summer at the home of her aunt, Mrs. John H. Logue.

Alfred E. Jenner, one of the office staff of the C. A. Edgerton Co., has accepted a position in St. John, N. B., and will leave Shirley about September first. Mr. Jenner is prominently identified with the Baptist church and is also noble grand of Fredonian lodge, A. O. U. W. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jenner are highly respected and their leaving Shirley is very much regretted by their large circle of friends.

There was a meeting of the parish of the Congregational church in the vestry Thursday evening, when plans were made for extensive repairs to the church this summer.

Irwin Livermore has returned to his business in Cincinnati, after a pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. Louise Livermore of Chapel street. His wife and little daughter will remain as the guests of Mrs. Livermore till the last of this month.

Andrew Flynn has been confined to his home this week with a severe attack of indigestion.

Mrs. Ida M. Warren has returned home from a pleasant visit to Manchester, N. H., with relatives.

Stanley White entertained a number of his young friends at his father's cottage, Fort pond, first of the week.

Center.

Robert Evans was very pleasantly surprised last Saturday evening by a party of his friends, it being his eighteenth birthday. About twenty-five gathered and marched into the house to his great surprise, and Harry Brown, in behalf of the donors, presented him with a beautiful gold watch fob. He thanked them for so kindly remembering him. Light refreshments were served and games were enjoyed. At 11.30 the merry party bade Mr. Evans good-night and wended their ways to their homes.

Miss Rae Carpenter is visiting with friends in Worcester.

A very pleasant concert and dance was given in the town hall last Saturday evening. Phonograph music was furnished by Robert Holden and dainty refreshments served. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening.

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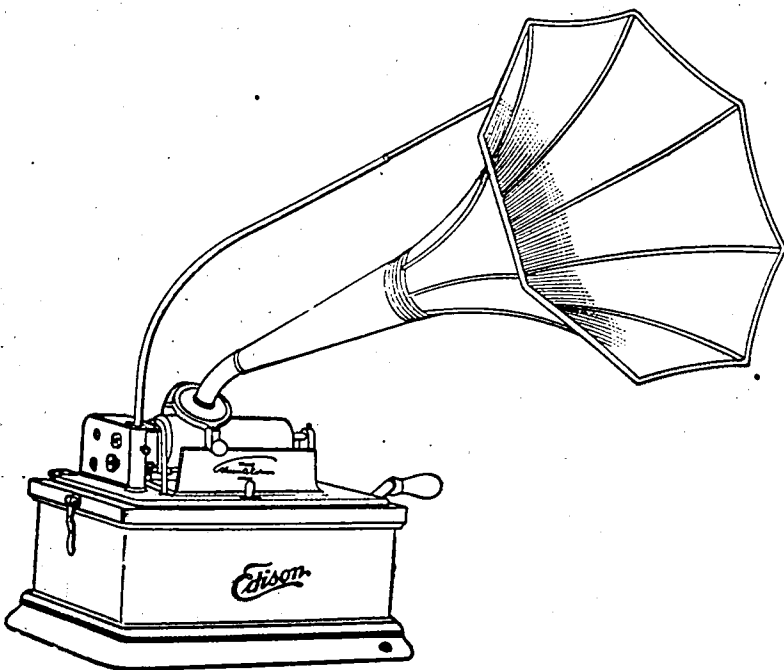
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TOWNSEND.

West.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan and Miss Ina Sargent are at the Morgan cottage at Ashbury Grove, South Hamilton.

Lawyer Pickering of Somerville has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Upton.

Miss Bessie Conway of Joslynville is spending a few weeks at her home in Salem, and her mother and little sister from Salem are stopping with Mrs. Manchester in Joslynville for a few weeks.

Miss Grace Seaver and Miss Wilner Seaver of Boston are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver this week.

Miss Dodd from Edinburgh, Scotland, and Miss Black from Glasgow, who have been visiting the former's brother at the Squannicook house, returned last week to Cambridge.

Miss Ora Craig has returned from her visit to Danielson, Ct., and was accompanied by Miss Harriet Blackman, daughter of Rev. Virgil Blackman, a former pastor of the Baptist church here.

A baseball game was held here on Farrar's field Saturday afternoon between the West Townsends and the Ashbys, resulting in a victory for the visitors, 7 to 3.

Mrs. Vose is enjoying a visit from relatives from Ashburnham. Mrs. John Vose, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and three children.

Miss Willmott of Boston is a guest of her sister, Mrs. George Roebuck.

Mrs. George Seaver is spending a few weeks with relatives in Salem and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz and little daughter Dorothy from Kittery, Me., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Homer left Wednesday for their annual sojourn at their summer home at Prout's Neck, Maine.

Ralph and Carl Willard returned Saturday from a vacation spent in Nova Scotia and vicinity. Alden Sherwin, who accompanied them, has also returned.

Miss Ruth Bennett, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett is visiting relatives in Worcester.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch has received the name Priscilla Agnes.

Ralph H. Willard, who has been enjoying a fortnight's vacation, has returned to Boston.

George Roebuck, chauffeur for C. S. Homer, has accompanied the family to Prout's Neck, Me.

A union picnic of the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist churches will be held at Vinton pond, Tuesday, July 27, weather permitting. If the day should be stormy it will be held the next day. Mrs. L. A. Lawrence was appointed to serve with members from the other churches on the dinner committee and Mervin Wares and M. Elinor Tower on the entertainment committee.

Owing to the illness of Rev. Frank Sleeper, Walter Wilder, who recently received a license to preach, occupied the Baptist pulpit both Sunday morning and evening very acceptably. It is expected that Prof. Lane of Cushing academy, Ashburnham, will preach here Sunday, July 25.

Waldo Newell of Acton, a former resident here, is visiting friends in town.

Walter Bruce of Boston is spending his vacation at the home of his father, Everett Bruce of Elm-st.

Mrs. Amos Jodery is very seriously ill at her home on Bridge-st.

Clyde Hannant is assisting as clerk at Lawrence's store for a few weeks.

Walter Wilder will occupy the pulpit at Mason, N. H., Sunday, July 25.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Tyler and little son from Clinton spent Sunday with Mrs. Tyler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Miss Helen Plummer assisted Miss Alice Seaver at the delivery station for library books at I. P. Sherwin's store last Saturday.

Overcome by Heat.

Rev. F. B. Sleeper of Rowley, who has been serving as acting pastor at the Baptist church for the summer, is very seriously ill at his boarding place at Mrs. Lawrence's, suffering from a complication of troubles, the primary cause of which is the extreme heat of the past week. Upon his arrival in town last week Friday afternoon, he had proceeded only as far as the Manning tenement on Main-st., when he was seen to fall to the sidewalk in extreme suffering. Passersby went at once to his assistance and medical aid was summoned, and he was at once taken to his boarding place in a neighbor's automobile. Mrs. Sleeper arrived in town Saturday morning and is caring for him, and at this writing his condition is considered critical. While Mr. Sleeper has been serving the church here but a few weeks, he was heartily liked both in the pulpit and in social relations, and made many friends who are hoping for his recovery.

Harbor.

Mrs. Caroline Hittinger, Mrs. Betty Haggood, Mrs. Huntley N. Spaulding of Boston, and Randall Spaulding, superintendent of schools in Montclair, N. J., all former residents of this village, were in town this week, calling on old friends.

Carlyle Kelley spent Sunday with his father, C. L. Kelley.

Mrs. Hattie Lane of Leominster has been a recent guest of her sisters, Mrs. Mary Spaulding and Miss Susie Phelps.

Frederic Lanzley of Boston was in town on Wednesday.

Items of Interest.

British investments in India are estimated to be \$1,350,000,000.

For the benefit of pedestrians the city of Berlin is having compasses built into the pavements.

Efforts are being made by the British government to introduce reaping machinery into the Punjab wheat district. The Indian agriculturalist's prejudice against the use of agricultural machinery is hard to overcome.

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THE GRANGE

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LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

Some Facts About the Great Houlton Grange of Maine.

Houlton grange of Maine was organized in April, 1864, with twenty-eight charter members. It had uphill work for several years. Four years later it had only fifty-four members. In 1879 the question of giving up the charter was seriously discussed, and the records of one evening read something like this: "Met according to appointment. Quorum present. No meeting opened. Nothing said, nothing done, nothing received." During the winter of 1888 meetings were held at the homes of the various members, and in that year the grange became incorporated and built its first grange hall. When it celebrated its twentieth anniversary it had only fifty members, but from that time on it took a new lease of life, and now it has nearly 1,000 members.

The grange now owns a large hall, built in 1898, which is 36 by 60 feet, two stories high, with lodge room on the second floor and dining room and kitchen on the ground floor. It also owns a blacksmith shop, two large stables and a store and feed mill.

The present store, built in 1902, cost about \$1,900. It is 30 by 80 feet and one and one-half stories high. The cost of running the store in 1903 was about \$800. Six years ago the store had no capital, but bought on credit and was open only three days each week. The stock on hand in 1903 was less than \$1,000 and the volume of business \$15,000. The store was not open six days a week until 1904.

Within the last six years the capital has increased to \$10,000 in stock, and the store has turned over to the grange treasury about \$6,000. The cost of running the store the last six months was \$1,880.80. The volume of business for the year ending Dec. 10, 1908, was \$137,000.

The grange feed mill was built in 1907. It is a two story building 50 by 90 feet. The second story consists of storeroom and grain bins. The mill proper is on the ground floor. It is simply a feed mill run by electric power from a waterwheel falls. There are a twenty horsepower motor and a twenty inch attrition mill for grinding feed, with a capacity of sixty bushels an hour. The miller and electrician is Guy C. Porter.

Although since 1898 the business of the grange has been so pressing that the moral, intellectual and social advancement of the American farmer has been somewhat neglected, the grange is still doing excellent work in literary and social circles.

A HUSTLING GRANGER.

L. H. Healey, Master Connecticut State Grange.

L. H. Healey, the energetic master of Connecticut state grange, is showing his capacity for work and his ability to fill his office in a most commendable way. The grange in that state is growing substantially under his management. He is a fluent and forceful speaker and is in great demand among the granges of that state.

One of the points driven home by him is the fact that the grange is a farmers' organization and that the lecturer owes it to members to bring within their reach the best information obtainable concerning work upon the farm. Better methods of agriculture are needed, and cases are too rare in which farmers are receiving what they should from their soil and crops. The cost of raising crops must be reduced, says Master Healey, and it should be one of the chief functions of the grange to help farmers in this respect. Lecturers, if true to the purposes of the grange, will not fail to bring out the experiences of their best and most successful farmers on topics relating to the farm, the household and the home. Let the grange be the center toward which all the best farmers and their families look for practical assistance in their work.

Connecticut has now something over 12,000 members. State Master Healey was instructed at the last state grange meeting to appoint a committee of ten from each Pomona jurisdiction to assist to develop plans for more general co-operation among the members of the Order with regard to financial matters.

Salaries of National Grange Officers.
Will the editor give me some information as to salaries of the national grange officers and members of the executive committee?—E. S. P.

At the last annual meeting of the national grange the finance committee fixed the salaries as follows: State master, \$500 per year and \$3 per day and actual traveling expenses while away from his office in discharge of his official duty; worthy lecturer, \$400 a year and \$3 per day and expenses; the worthy secretary, \$1,200 a year and traveling expenses when on duty for the Order; the worthy treasurer, \$500 a year and expenses. Each member of the executive committee gets \$3 per day and expenses when engaged in the work of the grange.

State Lecturer Lowell of New York has devised a system of leaflets for use of subordinate lecturers, which contain brief essays and other appropriate matter.

There has been a rapid advance in the use of industrial alcohol the year past. Many grange halls are now lighted with it.

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Saturday, July 24, 1909.

PEPPERELL.

Center.

Mrs. Adelia H. Carter left town last Wednesday for a visit in Bryn Mawr, Penn., with members of the family of her sister, Mrs. Henry Wilbur, deceased.

Mrs. Clarence Tucker is on the list of sick; also Mrs. Henry Tarbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Wright have been visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Lawson, in Hartford, this week.

The boarding houses on Mt. Lebanon street, Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Reed, proprietors, have all their rooms engaged for the months of August and September.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Thompson Blood of Concord Junction visited last Sunday at the home of L. P. Blood. Mr. Blood returned on Sunday evening to his business.

Mrs. Herbert Williams and her mother left town on Wednesday for a visit at the summer home of Mrs. Jennie Noyes, on Peak's Island, Portland harbor.

The superintendent of the Massachusetts reformatory, Concord Junction, A. S. Baker, and Mr. Jones, one of the instructors there, have called by automobile on Edward M. Comery this week. Mr. Comery is at his early home recruiting from sickness. He has been one of the supervisors in the institution for many years.

Miss Mary E. Gernon of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is at the home of Miss Annah P. Blood, who was an assistant in Miss Gernon's school before going into the city schools of New York.

Mrs. J. E. B. Jewett and Miss Martha Swinnerton left town on Wednesday for a visit at the summer home of Dr. and Mrs. Frank McCarthy in Scituate.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Drawbridge left town on Monday for a vacation of two months at the home of her niece at Bryn Mawr.

George Park of the Old Colony Trust Company's bank, Boston, spent last Sunday in town visiting his sister, Miss Margaret Park, of the Woman's college, Baltimore, who is at her summer home at Miss Anna M. Jewell's. Their brother Charles is spending the summer at work in a Canadian forest. He is a student in Harvard university.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck joined the party to the Uncamoonas.

Mrs. Hattie Hildreth and daughter of Worcester visited at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles G. Hamlett, recently.

Mrs. Chas. Bird is visiting her son, William Bird of Lowell, the past week.

Mrs. Harry Newell of Lawrence has been at her early home this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Taylor.

The ladies of the Evangelical Congregational church are making preparation for an attractive fair to be held next week in Prescott hall.

Lloyd W. Chapman of Moosic, Pa., is at the home of his parents spending a vacation.

The pupils of Mrs. George G. Tarbell held a reception in Central hall on Wednesday evening, and gave an exhibition of the Delsarte motion system. Mrs. E. B. Head and Mrs. E. W. Blake were the patronesses.

Mr. Underhill of Hyde Park died at the home of his daughter Mrs. McDowell, on the Dana Jewett farm, aged seventy-five years. The remains were taken to his home on Friday, July 16, for burial by Rolan H. Blood. Service was held by Rev. Putnam Webber of the Methodist Episcopal church at the house where he died. His health had been poor for some time. He leaves a widow.

The annual picnic of the Unitarian church and Sunday school was held on Thursday of last week at Silver Lake and a pleasant occasion was enjoyed.

The arts, crafts and tea room, on Townsend-st., is well patronized and is proving quite a success. The room is quite attractive, a pleasant place for a halt for automobiles.

Rev. Mr. Durgin of the Bromfield-street Methodist Episcopal church, in Boston, is at his summer residence on Shattuck-st. He purchased with Mr. McDowell the Dana Jewett farm last year.

Henry Anderson of California and sister, Mrs. William Patterson of New London, Conn., were guests of their cousin, Geo. W. Maynard, and wife the past week. Miss Georgia Maynard is spending her vacation at Allin's Point, Conn., as a guest of her grand mother, Mrs. Geo. Maynard.

Rev. Emmeline Harlington, a former minister, will preach in the Unitarian church, Pepperell, on Sunday, July 25.

Mrs. Albert C. White of Clintonville, Ohio, sister of Mrs. N. S. Shattuck, is visiting in town and meeting with a warm reception from her many friends and admirers. Miss Margaret White will join her mother here on Saturday, July 24.

Sight Seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard, Main-st., took their family on a pleasure trip to Boston and its suburbs last week. The boys were delighted with all they saw, and that was more than can ordinarily be witnessed on such a trip. When at the fire department headquarters, Mason street, Boston, they were attended by Chief Mullin in person, and his kind attention and courteous explanation of the many puzzling things to a stranger, was out of the ordinary and will be long remembered by his guests. While they were there an automatic alarm sounded and the complete working of this great up-to-date system was witnessed. The boys were again in luck, for while in the harbor on a pleasure boat the entire fleet of U. S. warships in these waters was there, and a splendid opportunity to witness a large fleet maneuvers was experienced. The boys are still talking of what they saw and kind Chief Mullin.

Damage Done by Storm.

Last Friday's storm did a tremendous amount of damage in some sections of the town, both by wind and lightning. The neighboring town of Hollis suffered more and worse damage, but at North Pepperell our citizens are quite satisfied with the demonstrations they experienced. Large fruit trees were torn up by the roots on the farm of C. M. Blood and near Samuel Bancroft's, huge oaks were splintered and thrown across the highway, taking telephone lines along like twine; the same at the Prescott place. The lightning struck in surrounding places in the west part of the town. At A. A. Shattuck's, Maple street, a tree was struck; at the David Parker place the buildings narrowly escaped destruction.

At the residence of Allen McElhinney and Louis Rowe, the same street, the telephone service was put down and out to the extent of destroying the sensitive wiring of the instruments. At Mr. Rowe's the lightning punctured the wall in three places and entered a china closet where it played havoc with the fine chinaware, melting the gilt figures and smoking many different dishes, so that they cannot be scoured white again. Not far from this residence the lightning split a large piece of one of the telephone poles, taking a strip off clean from the top to the ground. At the bottom of this pole no doubt would be found what is electrically termed a true ground, and it would appear that greater damage might have been done to these different residences if the wires had not carried the worst of the current to the ground. Mrs. Rowe and her one-year-old son were sitting near the telephone at the time of lightning and this is the second narrow escape that this child has had within a week. While driving home Tuesday the horse stumbled, throwing mother and child out, the child going over the dashboard. At present no serious results are expected.

East.

The C. of F. of A. will hold a lawn party at the residence of N. Nalette, Groton street, Friday evening. If stormy to be held Saturday evening, July 24.

Mrs. D. A. Weston and her grandson, Ralph Buck, are spending a few days at Greenfield, guests of Mrs. Weston's brother, Henry Horton, of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Nokes of South Boston are at his sister's, Mrs. J. F. Flynn, Oak Hill street.

Minot Blood of Taxicab company, Boston, arrived home Thursday for a few days.

The bridge on Main street, over the Milford branch of the Boston and Maine railroad, has had many new planks placed where absolutely necessary. It is a very unsightly and rough job. If the workmen had used an adz and levelled them off, teams and autos would not notice the humps. It is understood that an entire new wood-work is planned for this bridge within a year. The present work was not

done by Mr. Kenfield's men of the local section, but by the bridge department of the road.

Fred McGrail has entered the employ of the W. E. Corey store, Brookline, during his vacation.

The Pepperell-Clarion Advertiser is the local paper, which not only has all the news, but has it fresh and up-to-date. When you go on your vacation drop us a card or phone us and we will change your address for the time you wish.

The lightning last Friday played havoc with the phones in the entire west section of the town and many places at the center. Much damage was done in nearby towns, so that the entire repairing here was left with Inspector McCord, who had the broken lines and burned fuses in order by noon Saturday, with the exception of the damage done to the cable. This necessitated about two hundred feet of new thirty pair cable at Pepperell center, which was put in place by the company's men from Fitchburg on Wednesday.

Harold Copp, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Copp, is ill at his home with fever.

The steamer team has been busy improving Park street this week, besides mowing and taking away the grass; several loads of ashes were teamed into that part of the walk from the asphalt walk to Sartell st. The work they did last week on Main street with the cesspools will not be again necessary as soon as is usual after a rain; as they have not teamed on any sand to be washed off by the first shower.

Mrs. B. M. Wright, the popular operator at our central office, enjoyed a trip to Lowell, Thursday afternoon, and witnessed the ball games.

The paper mill of H. A. Parker & Son is idle a few days for necessary repairs on the flooring of the beater room and the bed of the canal.

The connecting of water-takers is merrily proceeding. A. H. Gilbert's residence, Prospect street, was connected Wednesday. It is noticed that Mr. Gilbert is the first to have service both at place of business and residence.

The residence of Mrs. Sumner Parker, Hollis street, has been connected by telephone.

Fred A. Milan has returned to his duties at the Mansfield pharmacy, after a two weeks' vacation.

Raymond Boynton of Lowell was a guest at the Boynton farm of Otis A. Merrill, Wednesday.

The Dutch fair is going to be the hit of the season. Read the particulars and help make it the success it deserves.

Mrs. Frank Marston has arrived at her mother's, Oak Hill. It is understood Mr. Marston will arrive in a few days to spend his vacation here.

At the regular meeting of Oak Lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., Tuesday, the following officers were elected: B. A. Keith, n. g.; E. Prescott, v. g.; Chester Fuller, treas.; E. P. McCord, p. s.; John Tune, warden; Sidney W. Chinn, district deputy.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange will hold their annual picnic

at Whalom park, Wednesday, August 4. A program interesting to strangers will be given in the morning and an address in the afternoon by Ex-governor N. J. Bacheider of New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodward of Brooklyn, N. Y., are at Mrs. Woodward's sister's, Mrs. C. T. Williams, Lowell street. Mr. Woodward is superintendent of the large manufacturing plant of H. W. Johns, that city. He is also visiting his father, A. S. Woodward, Mill street.

Arthur Bannon has accepted a position with the water department as assistant to Supt. Perley Blake. Mr. Bannon has just returned from a trip to New York. While there he and Mr. Perley visited Kingston, N. Y., to see the work of constructing what will be when completed, the largest aqueduct in this country. It is to supply the Metropolitan city with water.

Many who were at the East Pepperell postoffice last Friday evening about six witnessed a balloon, in the direction of Dunstable, collapse and its occupant apparently fall out, but after he had shot downward a short distance his parachute opened, and his descent was apparently much easier. Many of those who watched it were much relieved at the appearance of the parachute.

Nicholas Sliney was so unfortunate as to be injured last Monday at his work in the Pepperell card and paper company mill. His hand accidentally caught in a gear and several fingers were badly pinched. His wounds were quickly dressed and are healing nicely.

Dr. J. N. Woodward and Mrs. Woodward of Nashua are guests at Mrs. C. T. Williams', Lowell street.

Everyone knows what it means when a supper is held in the Congregational church vestry. The next one will be Thursday evening, July 29.

The home tournament cup of the golf club was won by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, last Saturday. Lunch was served by the ladies. It is expected members of the club will go to Concord, N. H., next Tuesday for a friendly match.

Bert Morrow's fine new car met with an accident last Monday. It is understood the piston rod broke and the main shaft was bent.

A welcome visitor is the whistle of the shoe shop. It has blown regularly this week, and, as the farmer passing by, said, "Well, I'll be blowed." There is no doubt but that the shop is going to do business. Manager Bailey has persistently kept busy trying and the present condition shows he is about to win the success his efforts merit.

The Unitarian church Sunday school picnic was held at Silver Lake, Hollis, Thursday, and was well attended, and favored with fine weather and very enjoyable time throughout. Barges, surfs, singles and many of all kinds of vehicles took the pleasure seekers to the shore of the lake, where boating, bathing and other aquatic sports were enjoyed. Games of ball, plenty of fun and lots to eat made all happy, and the perfect success desired was experienced, and much credit should be bestowed upon those in charge.

The baseball field in the new playground is ready for players. The first match game there will be July 31, Groton vs. Pepperell. Support the boys with plenty of good cheer. They suffered defeat last Saturday by the Groton boys, but hope to do better next time.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold a Dutch fair in town hall, Wednesday afternoon, from 3.30 to six, and Thursday afternoon and evening, July 28 and 29. Special booths with special attractions, including housekeeping furnishings and a candy booth. Do not miss the children's department at the Dutch mill. Thursday a supper will be served in the church vestry at six p. m. and at seven p. m. Ice cream on sale both afternoons and Thursday evening. The same evening at eight p. m. an entertainment will be presented, consisting of Dutch drill by twelve little girls, followed by a drama, entitled, "Old maid wooing."

Tuesday several large automobiles passed through town, bearing loads of youngsters, who are in care of the Salvation Army.

Merrill Underwood, age seventy-five, of Hyde Park, passed away suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. G. McDowell, Shattuck street. Mr. Underwood has been ill for some little time, but death came unexpected. He was visiting his daughter and expected to return to his home in a few days. Service was offered by Rev. Putnam Webber and the remains sent to Hyde Park by Undertaker R. H. Blood. Besides his daughter, one son survives. His death occurred last Saturday.

There may be other papers circulated in Pepperell, but there is only one Advertiser, the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, and that is this one. Publication office, Railroad square, next door to the postoffice. Call and get sample copy.

A decidedly interesting evening was spent Wednesday in Central hall. An entertainment and drill by the physical culture pupils of Mrs. G. G. Tarbell. It was the most successful local entertainment witnessed throughout the season. The costumes were very effective and the work with the dumb bells well executed. The young girls completely captivated all by their graceful exhibition.

Miss Daisy Lovejoy is at her old home, Daniel Lovejoy's, Harbor street, for her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Blood of New York have arrived at their beautiful home for the summer.

The choir of the M. E. church have decided to disband during the hot weather. There will be congregational singing until the first Sunday in September. Saturday, September 4 every choir member is expected to be present at rehearsal.

The lecturers of the different granges have been requested to meet in convention in G. A. R. hall, Fitchburg, Wednesday, July 28, at 1.30 p. m. Miss Sarah Tucker and Mrs. L. E. Starr will attend.

Hon. A. P. Stone, judge of the Cambridge court, was in town over Sunday.

Miss Madeline Scanlon left Tuesday for a short stay at Sunapee Lake, N. H.