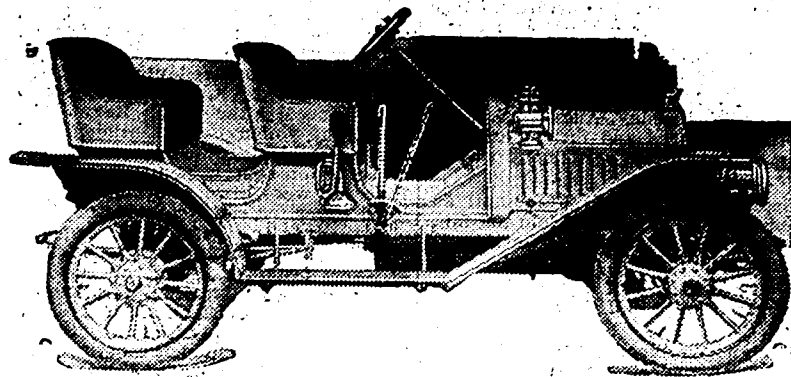


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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Heyward E. Canney of Littleton and Marjorie E. Hempstead of Roxbury, were married July 3, in the presence of members of their immediate families in the Episcopal church, with which the Hempstead family has long been affiliated through membership and service. Mr. and Mrs. Canney have the good wishes of their Littleton friends, particularly of his mates among whom Mr. Canney has ever been held in high esteem, and enjoyed an enviable popularity.

Miss Gertrude Merrill has resigned her position as principal of the Bloomingdale school in Chelsea, to accept a more desirable offer in Putnam Hall, a fashionable private school in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Miss Merrill may well be congratulated on the success that has won for her this new distinction.

P. Corning Edwards will deliver his lecture on the general subject of "Human electricity, the essential of life," at the Congregational church in Barre, Sunday evening, August 22.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scott and infant son from West Somerville.

Mrs. George Conant, who has been studying in Boston the last winter, plans to teach the coming year in Vicksburg university.

Mrs. J. N. Murray and daughter Hazel are spending a week in Gloucester. Misses Helen and Marion Brown returned home from Annisquam Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant are eastward bound. They have spent a week in Washington, D. C., and will shortly be at their new home in Malden, where Mr. Conant will continue in his profession of teaching.

A lawn party will be held on Wednesday evening, August 25, from seven to ten o'clock, on the Congregational church lawn, under auspices of C. E. society. Ice cream, candy and lemonade will be on sale, and a unique and popular open-air entertainment will be given. All are cordially invited.

Subject of the C. E. meetings for August 22, "Two prayer lessons." The leader at the Congregational church is Richard G. Conant; at the Baptist, Mrs. J. W. Godfrey.

Mrs. Florence Whitcomb has spent the past week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Heywood Hartwell, at their summer cottage at Egypt. Today her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, and their two boys leave for Egypt, where they will enjoy the Hartwell hospitality for two days.

Walter Mackinley will move into N. H. Whitcomb's cottage and enter his employ September 1.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and son Heywood went to Clifton on Wednesday. They will visit their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, and return on August 23.

Miss Ruth Thacher has been a recent guest of her uncle, Geo. Thacher, of Concord, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duclos have spent the week with their cousins, the Curtis Drews.

J. Melvin Hartwell was one of the jolly party who went on the automobile trip to New Hampshire a week ago. The boys, for such they were in spirit, visited Hillsboro, Washington, and other interesting places in New Hampshire.

Arthur W. Drew gave a pleasant barn dance Thursday evening in honor of his campers, several of whom return today to their city homes.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

William Harvey of Cambridge and Edward Harvey and wife of Nashua have been recent guests at T. J. Harvey's.

Miss Minerva Lane is a guest at C. W. Lane's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Boston are guests at A. D. Bagley's.

Thomas Downey's family are visiting friends in East Swanzey, N. H.

G. W. Adams and wife have been spending a few days with friends in Westboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Peppers and Mrs. Sears of Stoneham and other friends are stopping at the Deacon John Proctor place.

SHIRLEY.

Center.

Miss Leona M. Foster of West Duxbury has been chosen to teach the fifth to eighth grades at the Center school. Miss Mary M. Prescott of Bradford will teach the lower grades.

Rev. George W. Cooke's sermon at the First Parish church last Sunday was a most excellent one. He will supply again Sunday, August 22, at 11.15 a. m. Mr. Cooke was delighted Sunday to see so many men out to church.

Mrs. Hale has leased her residence to Mrs. Johnson of Somerville.

Regular services at Trinity chapel, Sunday afternoon, August 22. Rev. Wesley Desjardins will preach.

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Our Mid-summer Clearance Sale

Our regular Semi-annual Clearance Sale is now on. Twice each year, just before the end of each season, we clear out the balance of the season's stock by the power of cut prices. We consider it good business policy to close out each season's stock before the next season's stock arrives, and we make a great sacrifice to accomplish this result. Hence this sale and this cut in prices.

This sale includes our new, fresh Spring and Summer wearables. It's a great money saving proposition for any clothing buyer. Run your eye down the following list of cut prices and note the savings.

Men's Suits

This lot of Suits comprises the balance of our new stock of Spring and Summer Suits. They consist of Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixture Suits. Many of these Suits are the best and the newest we have. The regular price and cut price tags on each suit. The sizes are broken, of course, but all sizes in something. A saving of from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per suit.

Suits that were \$8.47 now \$6.47
Suits that were \$10.00 now \$7.47
Suits that were \$12.00 now \$8.47
Suits that were \$15.00 now \$10.00
Suits that were \$18.00 and \$20.00 now \$15.00
Suits that were \$22.00 now \$15.00

Young Men's Suits

Ages 15 to 20.

Every Suit at a cut price. Many of them the newest and latest styles and colors.

Suits that were \$8.47 now \$6.47
Suits that were \$10.00 now \$7.47
Suits that were \$12.00 now \$8.47
Suits that were \$15.00 now \$10.00

Men's Outing Trousers

Every pair at a reduced price. All new and desirable goods.

\$2.50 Trousers now \$1.98
\$3.00 Trousers now \$1.98
\$3.50 Trousers now \$2.50
\$4.00 Trousers now \$3.00

Children's Wash Suits

Ages 3 to 10.

Right in the season. Every Suit marked down.

50c Suits now 39c.
75c. Suits now 59c.
1.00 Suits now 75c.
1.50 Suits now \$1.00

Hammocks

Every Hammock now goes at a cut price.

\$2.00 Hammock, now \$1.50
\$3.00 Hammock, now \$2.00
\$4.00 Hammock, now \$3.00
\$5.00 Hammock, now \$3.75

Underwear

Four special lines of Men's and Boys' Underwear at reduced prices.

Our regular 25c. ecru Balbriggan, and also the black and White Mixed Shirts and Drawers for Men, reduced for this sale to 19c.

Our regular 25c. ecru Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers for Boys, reduced for this Sale to 19c.

Our regular 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, reduced for this Sale to 35c.

Neckwear

One Lot Four-in-hands 25c. grade—solid colors, all new goods. 2 for 25c.

One Lot Four-in-hands, regular 50c. quality, new colors and designs, while the lot lasts for 25c.

One Lot of Wash Four-in-hands in White and Fancy Colors. 25c. grade. 10c., 3 for 25c.

One Lot Fancy Bows. 15c. quality. 10c.

Miscellaneous Bargains

One Lot Men's Golf Caps, 50c. grade for 25c.

One Lot Boys' Golf Caps, 25c. grade, for 19c.

One Lot Children's Waists and Shirts, ages 4 to 14, regular 25c. grade for 15c.

One Lot of Children's Wash Knee Pants, 25c. grade, for 10c.

One Lot Men's Police Braces, the kind usually sold for 25c., for 17c.

One Lot of about 50 Pairs of Men's and Boys' Bicycle Pants, former prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$4.00 a pair, we have placed on the bargain counter for uniform price of 19c. pair.

Straw Hats

Every Straw Hat in our store at a big reduction from regular price. They must go.

25c. Hats for Children now 10c.
50c. Hats for Children now 25c.
25c. Hats for Men now 19c.
50c. Hats for Men now 39c.
1.00 Hats for Men now 75c.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Hats for Men now \$1.00

\$2.50 and \$3.00 Hats for Men now \$1.50

One Lot of Odd Straw Hats and Cloth Hats for Men, slightly soiled or shop worn, prices ranging from 50c. to \$1.50 on the bargain table for 19c.

Cloth Hats

25c. Hats for Children now 19c.
50c. Hats for Men now 25c.

Shoe Department

All our Tan Shoes and Oxfords for Men, Boys, Ladies and Misses, and many broken lines of all kinds of Shoes and Oxfords are offered at a cut price to clean up our stock and get ready for Fall Goods.

Men's Tan Oxfords

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now \$2.25
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now \$2.75
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now \$3.00

Boys' Tan Oxfords

\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now \$1.75
\$1.75 Tan Oxfords now \$1.25
\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now \$1.00

Misses' Tan Oxfords and Shoes

Sizes 11½ to 2.

\$2.00 Tan Oxfords and Shoes, now \$1.50
\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now \$1.00
\$1.25 Tan Oxfords now \$1.00

Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords

\$2.25 Tan Oxfords now \$1.75
\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now \$2.25

\$3.50 Queen Quality Patent Lace Boots, good style; also many odd pairs of Patent Oxfords, \$2.50 and \$3.00 grades at \$2.00

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Saturday, August 21, 1909.

WESTFORD.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph T. Richardson observed the tenth anniversary of their marriage last Sunday afternoon at their home on the Lowell road. A large number of special invitations were sent out and many responded.

The Westford baseball team met Waterloo in Waterloo pluck and style in their encounter against Plymouth road of Plymouth, last Saturday, by the score of 12 to 1. Never mind the defeat was worth the jolly company of the Plymouth team in sight-seeing reminiscences of this old historic town. This afternoon, August 21, the Westford team will play the Fitchburg team at Fitchburg.

Mrs. Lucy O. Byard, wife of C. A. Byard, died suddenly at her home in West Chelmsford, Tuesday evening, aged fifty-eight years. Burial in Wintertown, Me. Mr. Byard is foreman for the H. E. Fletcher granite company.

Mrs. Whitney is ill at the home of her son, Charles W. Whitney, on the Lowell road. She is close along the line of the eighties, and Dr. Wells is endeavoring to keep her by tactful skill still onward.

C. R. P. Decatur, like the representative "minute man" at Concord, has abandoned the plow and taken up marching orders on the camp and battlefields of the M. V. M., being a member of Company C, Capt. Gardner of Lowell. In this fighting they who run most stick best to their post. Troop F ought to be there.

Felix McGowan was married Tuesday evening to Miss Ruth Kenworthy at her home in Lowell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Thompson of the First Baptist church. After a short journey among rural attractions, they will reside at his home on Parker street, Lowell.

Ex-selectman and Comrade Wesley O. Hawkes is having such a fine old time at the G. A. R. celebration at Salt Lake City, that he is unable to appropriate it all to his own personal use, so he thoughtfully sends illustrations to his friends in Westford. No evidence of race suicide about these "living pictures." It is surprising how many folks can get their pictures taken and a free ride also on a U. S. postal card.

The Pelham baseball team will play the Tallent team on the Tallent farm, on the Stony Brook road, this afternoon, August 21. The Tallent team is talented in numbers, and numbers are what wins.

The Stony Brook school has been supplied during the past week with coal for the winter or any other cold day, and this per order of the school committee. Certainly this picture doesn't look very much like closing and consolidation. So there now, stop your worrying about it, and go to studying your lesson or pulling weeds.

An unusually large heron was seen Wednesday, flapping the air of the Stony Brook valley and Tadnuck road and swamp. Ah, out in your airship a-fishing. Oh, how some one for a gun went a-wishing.

The salt of the lake lost some of its savor when Dea. Andrew S. Wright ceased giving forth its flavor. Mrs. Andrew Wright is visiting friends and camp meeting at Sterling, and Warren E. Carlin is guardian for the horse.

Reunion.

The Spaulding Light Cavalry association held its second annual reunion at Nabnasset last week Thursday. The weather was loyal to the day; the heat was turned off to the point of comfort; the gentle breezes stirred the water to respond with gentle waves. The oak and pine forest nodded approval of the beauty of the scene and gentleness of the day. Facing the lake, the forest, the hill and the sunshine, as the Chelmsford band played "The old oaken bucket," why search literature or insist on the tiresome climbing of travel in search of the tonic of wholesome exhilaration? Lo, it is close to thee if there is time and training to gather it. Other contributory forces that added to the loyal joyful day was the personal influence of the 250 soldiers and soldiers' wives, widows, children, honorary soldiers and invited guests. If of this soldierly reunion none had ever seen service beyond the limitations of the peaceful "tin soldier," yet this did not detract from the reminiscences of the old camp days, with all the humorous incidents that usually are played in the ranks of blank cartridge soldiers.

Dinner was served by the D. L. Page company of Lowell at 1.30. This was another factor that justified the day, and the ability of blank cartridge soldiers. They always did have real effective ability in this direction, with an inability to cease hostilities when everything was conquered. This excellent dinner, however, was an exceptional conqueror.

Another of the loyal, glad, eloquent events of the day was the address of Hon. Solon Stevens of Lowell on the "Life of Abraham Lincoln." It was a clear, eloquent, impartial review of his life from the log cabin to the "White House," with inspired prophecy in its modern tact shown to be clearly fulfilled. Mr. Stevens has an eloquence of personality at all times; a theme like this serves to augment it. Mr. Stevens brought the eloquence of seriousness to his audience, it was quickly followed by that humorous balance wheel, S. Thompson Blood of Concord reform-

tory, a member of Troop F cavalry and association, now as of old always ready with the eloquence of the humorous.

Comrades of Troop F were present from Westford, Groton, Billerica, Lowell, Chelmsford, Carlisle and scattering representations from other places. The exercises of the day were presided over by Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher. In the early forenoon the following officers were elected: President, Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher of Westford; vice-president, Capt. Horace W. Wilson of Carlisle; secretary, Lieut. Edward Fisher of Westford; treasurer, Sergt. Charles E. Bartlett of Chelmsford; standing committee, Lieut. Edward Fisher, Lieut. W. J. Quigley of North Chelmsford, Lieut. Everett C. Williams of Groton, Sergt. Caleb L. Smith of Lowell; entertainment committee, Lieut. Edward Fisher, Sergt. James F. Mooney and Col. Royal S. Ripley of North Chelmsford.

It was voted to purchase a pool table to be placed in the upper hall of the association building, and to have water installed in the building from the Westford water company's system.

Center.

Miss Mary Morin, our village nurse, is at home after a three week stay with Mr. and Mrs. David Desmond in the south part of the town, with whom she leaves a baby daughter.

The H. V. Hildreth's were at camp over Sunday.

Edwin Flagg of Frankfort, Kansas, is visiting his native town, a guest of the Eliot F. Humiston at the family homestead, where Mr. Flagg was born. It is nine years ago that he was here last, at the time of his sister's death, the late Mrs. Harriet Humiston. Mr. Flagg has gained two new relatives in the family circle since his last visit. Mrs. Eliot F. Humiston and Eliot F. Humiston, Jr.

Mrs. Margaret Fletcher, who formerly lived at the Abel Fletcher homestead, has returned to her home in Cambridge after visiting old friends and neighbors in her former neighborhood.

The Donald Camerons have been enjoying two weeks of camp life at the Bower's camp at Nabnasset pond. This week they have been touring in their auto along the south shore with headquarters at West Harwich.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodward were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goode at their camp last week. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Goode entertained delightfully a group of friends at bridge whist.

Selectman Andrew Johnson, who with Wesley O. Hawkes and Frank Hawkes, have been attending the G. A. R. encampment at Salt Lake City, sends cards to his daughter, Mrs. Humiston, of places visited along the way. One shows a picture of a bridge in the Royal Gorge where their train passed. The next train that came after them had a dreadful smash-up with five lives lost and many injured. Their many Westford friends are very grateful that this trio were not on this ill-fated train.

Misses Sarah and May Atwood attended old home week day, Wednesday, at Pelham, N. H., which was their father's native town.

Funeral Services.

The funeral services for the late Andrew S. Wright were held last week Friday afternoon. There were prayers at his late home at two o'clock, followed by the service at the church of which he had been a faithful and devoted member for thirty-two years. There was a good representation of the membership of the church, besides relatives, neighbors and friends who came to pay their last respects to one who had lived a good and honorable life in their midst. The absence and inaccessibility of Mr. Marshall was much regretted, and in his absence Rev. Paul G. Favor of the Congregational church in Littleton, was the officiating clergyman. Had Mr. Favor had long acquaintance with Deacon Wright in life, he could not have conducted these last sad services with more sympathetic and comforting insight he did. He paid sincere tribute to the worth and excellence of the deceased, both in prayer, remarks and a beautiful poem, and in closing added wise and earnest counsel to the living.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Charles D. Colburn, Miss Edna Ferguson, H. G. Osgood and E. B. Boynton sang those grand old hymns of the church that Deacon Wright so loved in life and had sung so many times, "Rock of ages" and "Lead, kindly light." The bearers were Harwood L. Wright, Henry L. McCluskey, M. D., Frank O. Garvin and Thomas Newcomb. Interment was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery. The floral offerings were especially beautiful and completely banked the pulpit-rail and casket. They were as follows:

Double wreath of magnolia leaves, roses, pink and sweet peas, Mrs. A. S. Wright; white roses and sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. McCluskey; spray purple asters, Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Garvin; spray pink and white asters, C. H. Gardner and family; cross, roses, asters and sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Newcomb; M. J. Newcomb, Mrs. Charles L. Laid, Amy T. Newcomb; wreath of pink and white asters, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wright; spray purple and white asters, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer D. Cole; sheaf of wheat and asters, John Seifer; double spray purple and white asters, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Woods and family; spray white roses and white asters, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hildreth; wreath pink roses and sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brigham; spray white roses, Union church; spray flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Baker; wreath galax leaves, white asters and roses, Mary G. Wright; Harriet D. Wright; cut flowers, Miss Ruth Fisher; spray sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wright; cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler; spray white asters and ferns, Miss S. W. Loker, Mr. Buncie and Miss Mary L. Buncie; spray purple and white asters, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Merritt; spray pink asters, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wright; spray pink and asters, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day; spray pink asters, W. C. T. U.; spray purple asters and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Boynton; spray sweet peas, Frank C. Banister and family; wreath asters and galax leaves, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher.

A Fine Trip.

Reports come from the "jolly campers," consisting of Messrs. Marshall, Wright, Prescott and Perkins, of a thoroughly good time during the week that they were out in the open. In all they completed eighty miles of travel, and as would be expected encountered some low temperatures, 54° at the Tip Top house and 41° on the mountain

trails. The party left Centre Harbor Monday, climbed White Face and Passaconaway, where they slept in open camp. Wednesday through Wannalancit and up Chicorua, sleeping that night on hay in barn. To Jackson on Thursday, where Mr. Perkins left the party for his home in Grafton. Friday in Carver Lake's camp, climbed Mt. Wildcat; Saturday in Tuckerman's ravine; Sunday morning coming to head wall of ravine, the Wall of a Thousand Streams. Mr. Prescott returned to Westford Monday and Mr. Marshall joined his family at Gorham, and Mr. Wright met Mrs. Wright there and returned to South Royalton, where they are now staying for remainder of their vacation.

Granville.

The Men's club of the M. E. church held a lawn party on the church grounds on Friday evening of last week, and in spite of the cool weather there was a good number in attendance. During the evening a very successful sale of ice cream and cake, candy and tonic was held, the men being assisted by the young ladies of the parish. The whole affair was very enjoyable, and quite a neat sum was realized by the efforts of all parties concerned.

Henry Harrington, Dan Harrington, Robert Hemen and Fred Brown, the latter considered to be the best chef in this vicinity, enjoyed a week-end outing at Knopps pond recently that proved to be a great success in every way. Furbush's camp, which is supplied with all the modern conveniences, was the stopping place, and "Brown's famous fish chowder" was served at dinner Sunday and proved to be the principal attraction.

Many people from the village attended Court Wannalancit gala day, that was held in North Chelmsford last Saturday. In the afternoon a baseball club that represents Court Westford of Wannalancit, and the Graniteville club won by a score of 7 to 4. In the Graniteville lineup were such well-known players as Bob McCarthy, Jack Healy, Alfred Prinn, Jack Quessy, James Healy and Joe Howarth, a combination that was capable of winning any game years ago. Nevertheless, the game proved to be very interesting, and the boys had a very enjoyable time.

Misses Ruth and Helen Furbush are now visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn of Lawrence, after which they will spend a brief vacation at Salisbury beach and other nearby resorts.

Miss Mildred Lorman of this village and Miss May Atherton of Lowell are now spending their vacation at Hampton beach and other resorts.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wyman and daughter Mabel of Camden, N. J., are now visiting friends both here and in Forge Village.

Fred Parker, janitor of the Sargent school here, has now attended to all the minor repairs about the school building, giving it a thorough cleaning, and is rapidly getting things in readiness for the opening of the fall term, September 7.

Mr. and Mrs. John Quinn of Lawrence have been recent visitors at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Furbush in this village.

Baseball.

The Pawtucket Blues of Lowell visited here on Saturday afternoon and in a well-played game that was replete with heavy hitting on both sides, met with defeat at the hands of the Graniteville Blues by the score of 13 to 10. The Lowell team is considered one of the heaviest batting clubs in the Stony Brook league, but was forced to admit that they met their match in the Graniteville Blues, who pointed their first pitcher out of the box and scored seven runs in the first inning. As both teams are tied for first place in the league race, each club made every effort to win a victory, and although the visitors looked dangerous at times, the locals by good fast playing held them in check and landed the game. A large number were in attendance, and cheered the good plays at every opportunity. On Saturday afternoon, August 21, the Blues will play the Brookside club at Hillsdale park, this village, and as this game will be played in conjunction with the St. Catherine's church picnic, no doubt a large crowd will be in attendance.

Forge.

Alvin S. Bennett and sister, Mrs. Mary I. Drake, have returned from their western trip, having spent the last three months at his old home, Weyauwega, Wis. They made several trips to various points. Among the places visited was the Chequamegon, Waukegan, Wis., and the flour mill, Minneapolis. When returning to Massachusetts they stopped at Niagara Falls. Although both Mr. Bennett and sister have passed the three score and ten milestones, they enjoyed their trip with as much enthusiasm as much younger people.

Mrs. James Libby and granddaughter, Miss Verna Shaw, returned to Mansfield, Wednesday, having visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Parsons.

Mrs. Henry Catchpole was taken suddenly ill Thursday of last week at her home. Although more comfortable, she is not out of danger.

The old spinning room of Abbot & Co. is being torn down to make room for a new three-story brick mill. Forge Village thus loses one of its oldest landmarks. The mill was formerly the old forge and later the nail shop.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Miss Jessie Catharine Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilson, to George Henry Weaver, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver. The marriage is to take place at her home, Wednesday, August 25th.

Rev. T. L. Fisher entertained the choir of St. Andrew's mission at his summer home, Legate Hill, Pratt's Junction, last Saturday afternoon. A five o'clock tea was enjoyed in real camp fashion. They arrived home a tired but happy party.

Misses Rachael, Annie and Mary Cherry, Edith Carolyn and Mildred Precious, Theresa Lowther and Mrs. John Carmichael enjoyed a trolley trip to Lexington park, last Sunday. Miss Violet Collins, a trained nurse

in the Channing hospital, Providence, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins of this village.

LITTLETON.

A Timely Gift.

Through the chairman of the cemetery commissioners, the town treasurer has received a check for fifty dollars, the gift of George D. Pushee to the town, for the purpose of making improvements in the Littleton cemeteries.

Mr. Pushee is a prosperous merchant whose business is located in Boston. He claims as his great-grandfather John Pushee, who for forty-six years was town sexton and owned and lived in the house now owned by Mr. Dippman, near Woodlawn cemetery. The donor, although never a Littleton resident, takes a vital interest in the town, and has given that interest expression in various ways. He was present on fête day, entered the automobile parade, and declared himself well repaid for coming here. Since then he has been in town making inquiries in regard to his Littleton ancestors, and will soon return to continue research and observation that may add to his ever welcome information on a subject very dear to him.

Very Successful.

One of our townsmen has recently called at the Boston office of Edward R. Frost, publisher of the first Littleton paper, and gives a glowing account of Mr. Frost's success in printing. At its inception the business was easily conducted in half a room of ordinary size. Enterprise and popularity have made the entire building of three stories and part of another building scarcely sufficient to meet the requirements of Mr. Frost's present business. Not a few people in town have in their possession copies of the first paper, the Littleton Amateur, which was offered to the public for the first time in September, 1877, by Edward R. Frost, editor, who now enjoys such good patronage as the above facts indicate.

News Items.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence sails from Liverpool on the Bohemian of Leyland line, August 21, and will arrive in Boston, Thursday, September 2. She will remain at home a few days, then go to Hopkinton for two weeks. She will be glad to receive her friends during her stay at home.

Probably no one who has ever attended one of Frank Farmer's candy-pulls has forgotten that he entertains his friends in his unique manner Saturday, August 21, at the usual place. If, however, the afternoon proves stormy, he will postpone the good time for just one week.

Miss Elaine Havens of Colorado Springs, daughter of the late Rev. Charles E. Havens, former pastor of the Congregational church, has been visiting the A. F. and the W. E. Conant families. Miss Havens is happy in her profession of kindergarten teaching. She reports that her brother Ralph, who was considered a white plague victim at the time of the family's removal from Littleton, is now entirely cured and able to follow his chosen occupation of civil engineering in New York. Mrs. Havens and her son Leon, Colorado college, 1913, live in Colorado Springs, where the family settled at the close of Mr. Haven's ministry in Littleton.

Mrs. Eunice Chase and daughters of Sibley, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. Oscar Farwell. Mrs. Chase is Mrs. Farwell's aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant and daughter, Grace, have enjoyed an outing at Gloucester for a week, with many pleasant trips from that point.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant of Brookline were at his father's over Sunday. Mrs. Conant sang a beautiful solo at the evening service of the Congregational church.

Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and her children went to Kennebunkport, Tuesday, and will remain for one week with friends from Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown and daughter are spending part of their vacation at W. H. Brown's, Littleton Common.

Miss Clara Fletcher, Fitchburg Normal graduate in the class of '09, will teach this coming year at Mattapoisett.

Miss Helen Cushman of Waltham, graduate of Framingham Normal, has been engaged to teach the primary grades at the Westend, and Miss Sarah A. Jones of Exeter, N. H., who was educated at the Exeter, N. H., and Bridgewater Normal schools, will teach the West grammar grades. Both are experienced teachers; Miss Cushman has taught in Maine two years; Miss Jones has taught seven years, the last of which were spent in Wilton, N. H.

All the Littleton schools will begin Tuesday, September 7.

Mrs. Charles V. Flagg entertained her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Lombard of Ashburnham, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nye and two sons started for their home in Texas last Tuesday.

Wallace Robinson's relative, who had the misfortune to break his leg in the accident two or three weeks ago, was Guy Robinson, not Mr. Nye as reported.

Clarence Brown has been enjoying a vacation, part of which he spent in Stow.

Ernest Robinson has been in Maine the last week.

Miss Cora Warren and Miss Emma Tenney went to Plymouth for the day Wednesday.

Littleton friends are in receipt of the announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Morton Butler of their daughter, Cora Lella's marriage to Goldsmith Hall Conant, in St. Louis on Thursday, August 12. Mr. and Mrs. Conant will be at home to their friends after the first of October in Malden.

Mrs. M. E. Somes, who has been quite ill, is improving.

About Town.

Mrs. George Brown has been entertaining a friend, Miss Wood of Cambridge, and to that city the family are about to move, to the regret of all their acquaintances here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robbins spent last Sunday in Plymouth.

Last Thursday Alexander McDonald took a party of ladies in his auto to "Templeton Inn." It was an ideal day, an ideal place to go to, and the ride was exceedingly enjoyable.

Alvah Jewett of Rosindale with his mother has been at his grandfather's, Sherman Jewett's, the past week.

Mrs. Lucy Pickard has been at her old home in South Chelmsford the past two weeks.

Mrs. Smith of Leicester is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. G. Favor.

Mrs. M. J. Priest will go to Westminster Wednesday, August 25, when the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the town's settlement will be observed.

George Lovejoy of Cincinnati arrived in town Monday to join his family at P. S. Whitcomb's, father of Mrs. Lovejoy.

There is a case of diphtheria in the Eastman family and they are quarantined.

Evelyn Whitcomb, the little baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hosmer, died early Wednesday morning. Funeral was Friday afternoon, Rev. C. A. Drummond officiating.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The baby party on the lawns of the church and parsonage was a complete success. A graphophone afforded pleasure for a time, then after the babies had been duly admired, came games of all kinds, ending with a march, at the close of which each child as he passed Mrs. Viets was presented with a flag. Light refreshments were then served to all.

An audience of over sixty enjoyed the following program at the grange last week Friday evening: Opening song by the grange; piano duet, Misses Ebel and Catherine Mead; account of his summer outings, by Rev. F. H. Viets; Mother Goose jingles; jumbled flower contests in which the prize was given to Mrs. Mary Willard Fowler; grand march, closing with the singing of America, by the whole company.

Miss Bernice Cunningham, who has been spending part of her vacation in Philadelphia, came home Wednesday. She is not very enthusiastic over her trip from New York, Tuesday night in the wind and rain. Out of one hundred and five passengers, only fifteen appeared ready for breakfast Wednesday morning.

Miss Edith Woodward came home from Vermont Saturday, but her father will remain some time longer.

Eben Whitcomb has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. R. Cobleigh.

Mrs. Charles Waitt and children have returned from their visit to Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. Solon Blanchard is chaperoning a merry party of campers in F. R. Knowlton's cottage at Nagog. Members of the camp are Misses Marion and Ruby Viets, Ethel Fowler, Dorris Parmelee, Carrie Bradford, Mary Nelson, Mary Alice Hager and friend of Clinton, Mildred Hager and friend of Somerville, and Ralph Whitcomb, Raymond and Lewis Bradford, Clayton Hager, Clarence Fowler, Arthur Nelson and Paul Viets.

Ira Whitcomb was at home over Sunday.

Isaac Ogilvie is moving into the tenement in the house with John Smith.

Vera Bradford returned Wednesday from Bass Rock and joined the camping party at Nagog.

Arthur Houghton of Worcester is spending his vacation at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hemenway are visiting at Littlefield farm.

The friends of Mrs. E. J. Waitt are much pleased with the improvement in her condition since she began to take the X-ray treatment for cancer at Dr. Godfrey's. Mrs. Waitt is eighty-four years of age, and since early in July she has been having treatment three times a week and the trouble has nearly disappeared.

Mrs. Hattie Knights Thurston and children have been spending a few days at her father's.

Gus Wetherbee returned to Boxborough Wednesday night and is boarding at J. S. Braham's.

Miss Sarah Saunders and Miss Blanche Mason, two of our former teachers, attended the dance at Library hall, Wednesday evening.

Catherine Sherry is staying with her sister in Maynard.

Ernest Davidson's little boy got a fish hook in his foot and was taken to the hospital to have it removed.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The new principal for high school has not yet been announced, but the school committee are to meet candidates at the high school building this Saturday afternoon at one o'clock, and the decision will be given later.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Taylor are spending their vacation in Provincetown.

Miss Mabel Eaton is enjoying the sea breezes at Cottage City.

The new library is fast approaching completion, and the plasterers are now at work.

Mrs. Mary Glen, who has been an invalid for nearly three years, enjoyed the rare pleasure of a family reunion, all her children together once more, last week. Her son John from Ohio, daughter, Mrs. P. N. Proctor and family of East Jaffrey, N. H.; son Freddie with wife and child from Taunton, and Willie who lives at home with his mother. It was a very pleasant experience for her and one she will enjoy and remember for many years to come.

Surprise and Presentation.

A very pleasant social event took place on Monday evening when about one hundred people assembled on the lawn of the Congregational parsonage, to give a pleasant surprise and happy send-off to the retiring principal of the high school, Professor George V. Emerson and his most estimable wife. For several days they have been in town packing their household goods, preparatory to shipping them to their new home and increased duties in Kennebunk, Me. Their goods were

shipped on Monday, but Mr. and Mrs. Emerson and son George remained until Tuesday morning the guests of Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Kempton, which gave a fine opportunity for the surprise, which was well planned and most successfully carried out.

The lawn was nicely decorated and illuminated with Japanese lanterns, artistically arranged and settees were conveniently disposed about the lawn, which were soon filled with people, patrons and members of the school, former graduates and others. Sherbet, cake, cookies and raspberry shrub were served; after which Rev. A. T. Kempton, voicing the sentiments of the assembled company, made the presentation speech, and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson were given a beautiful gold-plated silver tea set, consisting of three pieces, sugar bowl, creamer and spoon-holder; also two fine large bouquets of sweet peas.

Mr. Emerson gratefully acknowledged the gift, and feelingly expressed his appreciation, inviting all his patrons and friends to visit them in Kennebunk next summer and he would serve them with genuine cream from the new pitcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson go to their new home accompanied by the kindest wishes of all their friends in Lunenburg.

New Advertisements.

FOR SALE—Pilgrim 2-burner Oil Stove, with Oven; also, Parlor Lamp. Mrs. HARRY S. ALLEN, East Main St., Ayer, Mass. 1149.

FOR SALE—Two horse wheel Barge; 1 two-horse sleigh Barge; 1 roan mare, 1200 lbs. C. H. YAPP, Littleton, Mass. 1148.

FOR SALE—Bay Mare, about 1050 lbs., afraid of nothing, safe for lady to drive and harness, good roadster, will work anywhere; 1 Rubber-tired Top Buggy; 1 Carry-top Surrey; Carryall Harness and light Buggy. These goods are nearly new and are in first class condition, at a low price, and are put in my hands to sell by Mr. John Manderschied. Sold for no fault. F. B. FLETCHER, Ayer, Mass. Agent for Rogers & Hubbard's Fertilizers. Tel. 84-2.

FATHERS AND MOTHERS.

Are your Children's Eyes in the right condition for the commencement of the School Year? Do not allow them to be hampered in their school work by defective eyesight, when a pair of correctly fitted Glasses would remedy it. It is a matter of fact that in Chicago schools 60 per cent of the school children suffer from optical defects. The proportion is probably about the same here. If you have reason to think your child is troubled in this way, bring him here and we will give him a thorough test free.

G. H. BULLOCK.

Jeweler and Graduate Optician, Railroad Square, East Pepperell, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Annie J. Patterson, late of Townsend, in said County, Middlesex, deceased: Whereas, Mrs. J. J. Dix, the administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented or allowance the second account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the thirteenth day of September, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said administratrix is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Ayer, Mass., August 11, 1909.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Ayer, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1909, at ten o'clock, A. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold,

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Middlesex, ss.

Whereas, at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge, on the first Tuesday of June, A. D. 1909.

On the petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Groton, in said County, praying that Martin's Pond road, in said town, from the property line between land of Charles H. Berry and land of Lawrence Brooks, easterly to the property line between land of said Brooks and land of Arthur W. Shattuck be relocated, it was adjudged that said relocation is of common convenience and necessity:

Said commissioners, therefore, give notice that they will meet at the Town Hall in Groton on the twenty-seventh day of September next, at 10.45 of the clock in the forenoon, to locate accordingly.

THEO. C. HURD, Clerk.
August 10th, 1909.

A True Copy. Attest:
A. A. FILLEBROWN,
3448 Deputy Sheriff.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Ephraim H. Burgess, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said Court for probate, by Adeline M. Burgess, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby notified to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the seventh day of September, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

3448 JOHN W. MAWBEY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of Lurana C. Reed, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by Eudora S. Draper, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby notified to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fifteenth day of September, A. D. 1909, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, fourteen days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

4445 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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TIME TABLE.
Issued June 21, 1909.

(Subject to change without notice.)

WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days.

Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Sundays—6.55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.)

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Sheriff's Sale

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, August 2d, A. D. 1909.

Taken on execution and will be sold at public auction at my office, East Main street, in said Ayer, on Saturday, September 11, 1909, at nine o'clock, A. M., all the right, title and interest (not exempt by law from attachment or levy on execution) that Albert M. Richards of Leominster, in the County of Worcester, and said Commonwealth, had on the third day of January, A. D. 1908, at seven o'clock and forty-nine minutes P. M., that being the time the same was specially attached on mesne process, of now has in and to the following described Real Estate: A certain tract of land, situated in the northwest part of Townsend in the County of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on Chestnut Hill, so-called; thence north about 46° East, bounded by land formerly of one Hodgman one hundred and sixty-eight (168) rods, more or less, to a stake and stones at a way; thence North about 44° West about eighty (80) rods to a stake and stones; thence North about 38° East, bounded in part by land formerly of Samuel Warner about sixty (60) rods to a stake and stones at the State line; thence North about 82° West on the State line eighty-four (84) rods to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of John Richards; thence by said Richards land, South about 33° East about fifty-one (51) rods to a large oak tree marked; thence South about 71° West eighty-three rods, more or less, to a stake and stones by an oak stump, at a stone wall; thence South about 19° East about one hundred and eleven (111) rods to a stake and stones by a pitch-pine stump; thence North about 64° East fifty-six (56) rods to a stake and stones at a corner; thence about 27° West, to land formerly of one Richards about ninety (90) rods to the point of beginning.

Said property standing in the name of Ephraim H. Hildreth, at the time it was specially attached.

A. A. FILLEBROWN,
3447 Deputy Sheriff.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Ayer, Mass., August 3d, 1909.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Ayer, on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, 1909, at ten o'clock, A. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

Samuel Slavsky and Nathan Marshall.

A certain lot of land with all the buildings thereon, situated on the Southern side of West Main street, bounded as follows: Easterly by land of Bridget Brown; Southerly by Mrs. John Walsh and others; Westerly by land of Sarah and Bridget Sheedy; North-easterly by West Main street, containing 2.8 acres, more or less.

Balance of Taxes for 1907, \$13.70.

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CHARLES W. MASON,
3447 Collector.

PHOTOGRAPHS—Of Family Groups, Residences, Landscapes Views and all kinds of Scenic Photography done and Photo-graphs Supplied furnished. Arrived W. NUTTING, Fletcher St., P. O. Box 336, Ayer, Mass.

Notice.

This is to certify that I shall pay no bills contracted by my wife, May Eva Curtice, on and after this date.

CHARLES F. CURTICE,
Groton, Mass., July 30, 1909. 3447

ROOM TO LET—Corner of Cambridge Street, Columbia St. Apply at Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass. 1448

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BOSTON LETTER

Attorney General Malone Candidate For Renomination

QUIET STATE CAMPAIGN LIKELY

State Convention Gossip—Many Contests for Senatorial Nominations This Fall

There will be no vacancy in the office of attorney general, for which nominations will be made at the next Republican state convention. Attorney General Dana Malone intends to succeed himself and there will be no contest to displace him.

There has been an understanding between Mr. Malone and several candidates in the state that the attorney general will stand for election once more. After that, those who wish to make canvass for the office will be able to do so.

There will then be without doubt a spirited contest for the nomination. Some of those who are said to intend to be candidates are District Attorney W. Scott Peters of Essex county, John J. Higgins of Middlesex, Richard W. Irwin of Northampton, and probably District Attorney Arthur D. Hill of Suffolk county.

In Essex county, District Attorney Peters has announced to his friends that he will not be a candidate for renomination next fall. This means a vigorous canvass for the Republican nomination. Already Assistant District Attorney Henry W. Attwill of Lynn is in the field, as well as ex-Senator Archie M. Frost of Lawrence, and E. Mark Sullivan of Ipswich. Mr. Attwill is a former member of the house and has also served in the senate.

Mr. Frost has also served in both branches of the legislature. The latter has also done considerable special work for the attorney general's department at Washington and is a clever lawyer.

State Convention Interesting

From present appearances the state convention, which will meet in Symphony hall, Boston, on Oct. 2, will be an interesting gathering, not only because of its large membership, but by reason of the fact that ex-Governor Edwin U. Curtis of Boston will preside and former Governor John L. Bates of East Boston will prepare and read the resolutions. It is also expected that United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will be present on that occasion and speak. Mr. Bates is a very popular man with the Republicans of the commonwealth and Senator Lodge is always able to attract a large audience whenever he is scheduled for a speech.

Political leaders do not seem to anticipate a very animated state campaign this fall. Democrats are not sanguine as to the results, and Republicans fail to see the necessity for making any such campaign as has been usually waged in past years.

There is such general satisfaction with the administration of the state under Governor Draper, that even Democrats themselves have no great wish to displace him and put in a raw recruit.

Democrats Meet Sept. 30

The Democratic state convention will be held in Faneuil hall, Boston, Sept. 30. The Democrats intend to get ahead of the Republicans and not wait until the last minute to make their nominations. None of the details of this convention have been decided. The Democratic state committee has not yet met to choose a president of the convention or a chairman of the committee on resolutions. That will be done in a few days. Several names have been suggested as chairman of the convention, among them those of ex-Congressman Joseph H. O'Neill of Boston, Congressman John A. Kellher of Boston, James E. Cutter of Hyde Park, and ex-Congressman John R. Thayer of Worcester. It is understood that the Democrats are somewhat at a loss for issues upon which to appeal to the people in this campaign. Undoubtedly the veto of the so-called eight-hour bill, the question of beef inspection, direct nominations, and various other issues will be adopted in the party platform.

Contests For the Senate

There are likely to be a number of important contests for the senate this fall. In the Cape senatorial district John E. White of Tisbury is a candidate for the Republican nomination to succeed Hon. Eben S. S. Keith of Bourne. Representative Thomas Pattison of Barnstable is also in the field. It is quite likely that there may be others enter the canvass before the caucuses are held. Senator Keith has served the usual number of terms and retires for that reason. The district is overwhelmingly Republican.

In the first Suffolk district Senator Lewis Burnham of East Boston will be nominated without opposition. In the third Suffolk Senator Edward W. Dixon is not a candidate for renomination, but ex-Representative Daniel J. Kiley of ward eight is in the field and so is Representative Thomas J. Grady of ward six. Kiley is the right-hand man of Martin M. Lomeney, the boss of ward eight. He has just been admitted to the Suffolk bar and is so shrewd a politician that his chances are considered good by the political prophets. In the fourth Suffolk, where Senator James H. Doyle has just completed his first term, there are said to be signs of revolt.

He is opposed by Alderman James M. Curley, but not as a candidate. Mr. Curley hopes to find someone who will be willing to run against Doyle. The latter has long been known as a sharp politician and his chances of success seem very good.

In the fifth Suffolk Senator Charles D. B. Fisk of Brighton would like a third term. In order to secure it his ward would be compelled to go back on an agreement which was entered into at the time the district was formed, under which the nomination this year would go to ward eleven.

In that ward Representative Myron E. Pierce is a candidate and is backed solidly by his own ward and will have considerable support. If not the entire support, of ward ten.

In the eighth Suffolk district Senator W. Prentiss Parker has now no visible opposition for a Republican nomination. There is, however, considerable feeling against him among the Republicans of the ward, and an effort has been made to induce ex-Senator Edward Seaver to accept the Democratic nomination and make a campaign against him. The district is comparatively close and Seaver is one of the most popular Democrats in the district. The chances, however, would seem to favor the reelection of Senator Parker. In the ninth district Senator Gideon B. Abbott is a candidate for a third term and ex-Representative A. S. Parker Weeks is a candidate to succeed him.

World's Largest Barometer.

The biggest barometer in the world is in the city of Faenza, Italy. It is a monument to Torricelli, inventor of the barometer, who was born in that city 300 years ago. The scale of this barometer is on a basis of feet where the ordinary barometer is measured in inches. The liquid column is thirty-seven feet high at normal. It was intended to use a thirty-two foot column of water, but this was abandoned because water evaporated too quickly. Then glycerin was tried, but with this liquid the normal height was only twenty-seven feet, which was not enough. Olive oil was chosen finally. The tube rests against a monumental pillar of stone. Olive oil is the lightest liquid yet used for a barometer. When a lighter one is made available a taller barometer may be constructed. Pascal made barometers of water and wine mixed. Zophar Mills of New York made a glycerin barometer, and Jaubert set up one of water in the famous Tour St. Jacques, the weather bureau center of Paris.—Detroit Free Press.

Don't Abbreviate States.

"Your letter to Napoleon village went wrong, eh?" said the postmaster. "Well, it's your own fault. You should have written out the name of the state in full."

"Ah, what for?" snarled the complainant. "I put 'Tenn.' on the envelope. That couldn't be confused with any other state name."

"How about 'Penn.'?" said the postmaster. "Aren't 'Penn.' and 'Tenn.' a lot alike? Of course they are, and if people want their letters to go straight and prompt they ought always to write states out in full, for 'Cal.' and 'Col.' get confused continually; so do 'Nev.' and 'Neb.', 'N. Y.' and 'N. J.', 'Miss.' and 'Mass.' and 'Minn.', 'Pa.' and 'Va.', 'Me.' and 'Mo.'—Cincinnati Enquirer.

History.

History is a running account of how King Somebody-or-other either did or did not get to a certain place, which nobody ever heard of, before King Somebody-else got there, from which we are usually supposed to conclude that it would have made quite a difference whether he did or not.

Like nearly everything else, history has two sides. The history of the garden of Eden depends upon whether it is related by a man or a woman.

The history of the American Revolution reads quite different in English books from the way it reads in our own books.

History is a bore, not only because you are unacquainted with the people who figure in it, but because it repeats itself.—Life.

The Human Touch.

"But, my dear sir, your play does not even touch the chords of humanity!" remarked a theatrical lessee, referring to a comedy that he had deigned to scan.

"What! no human touch? Great Scott!" exclaimed the dramatist. "And the hero is always borrowing money from his friends!"

Vengeance.

"I wonder at your allowing Hix to marry your daughter. I thought you were mortal enemies."

"That's just the reason. Now he will have my wife for his mother-in-law."—Exchange.

She Got a New One.

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GROTON.

News Items.

The seventy-ninth annual meeting of the Middlesex Union Conference will be held in the Congregational church, Wednesday, October 20; Rev. G. M. Howe, moderator and Rev. A. F. Newton, scribe and treasurer; Rev. H. B. Mason, Harvard; Hon. Frederick Folsom, Fitchburg; Rev. A. M. Rice, Dunstable; Rev. W. B. Tuttle, Lonsdale; Rev. A. T. Kempton, Lunenburg; Rev. D. B. Scott, Lancaster; Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, Pepperell; Rev. A. J. Covill, Fitchburg; Rev. F. E. Emrick, Boston, take prominent parts in the exercises.

Groton School has cancelled the football date scheduled with the Waltham high school for Sept. 22. The Groton manager claimed that his team needed more time to get into condition for the opening game.

Miss Florence Nichols, who has been connected with the Women's college in Lockport, N.Y., but now on a furlough to this country, will speak morning and evening at the Union Congregational church, Groton, on Sunday, August 22, telling of her work among the women and girls of that country. There will be no collection at these services for this work. It is only that people may become acquainted somewhat with the amount of work and the way in which it is being done in this branch of foreign missions. It certainly ought to interest every person.

Last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Keyes of Cleveland, a young couple received the congratulations of friends upon their newly-found happiness. The bride was Miss Helen Elizabeth Baker, daughter of Mrs. Keyes, and the groom Howard Turner Spaulding of West Groton. The young people will reside in Cleveland, where Mr. Spaulding has a position in the engineering department of the National Electric Light association.

During the rainy spell this week Mrs. E. A. Barrows was visited with a downpour differing from the rainfall. It was a shower of postal cards in remembrance of her birthday, Aug. 18. They were sent by Groton Grange brothers and sisters and some other friends. On the afternoon of her birthday Mrs. Barrows visited Mrs. Wright in Shirley.

Everett Sargent of Newport, N. H., grown to be a six-footer since leaving Groton, is here this week visiting his former schoolmates and friends. His sister, Miss Nellie Sargent, has also been a recent visitor in town.

George C. Raddin and family have returned to their home in Beaver, Pa., after a visit to his father, J. B. Raddin and family.

The Brown Leaf club, with their better halves, children, and a few other friends, making fifty in all, met in a picnic at Baddacook, last week Wednesday, and had a royal good time.

Rev. H. T. Slocum of Hubbardston will preach at the Baptist church this next Sunday.

George Carlin has returned to his work at Shattuck's store after a vacation.

The Durant and Meyet vacation party returned last week Friday from South Hero, Vt.

Miss Mary W. Condon left Wednesday for a visit among relatives in Boston.

Mrs. Barham, with little son, returned to her home in Somerville on Monday, after several weeks' visit to her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson.

The regular meeting of the W. R. C. was held Tuesday afternoon. Notwithstanding the downpour there was a fair attendance of members. An interesting program was carried out for the good of the order, followed by cake and ice cream served by the committee in charge.

Miss Florence Wilson, president of a Woman's college in India, will conduct the services at the Congregational church this next Sunday.

Herbert C. Rockwood has bought of the heirs of the late Alva Wright his home place on Champey-st. It is understood that Mr. Rockwood buys for occupancy, but will not move in for the present.

The Groton Alerts still keep on the winning side. In the game with the Fitchburg Wachusett last Saturday, the score stood at the finish 14 to 0, in favor of Groton Alerts.

Miss Julie Shea of Cambridge is in town visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck have not yet returned from their vacation, spending it at Mere Point, Me.

We hear that Perlie P. Fallon is making a very good vacation success selling maps in Rhode Island for a Boston firm. His employers are so well satisfied with his ability as a salesman that they are giving him the opportunity to go to the exposition at Seattle, paying his expenses and giving him a ten days' vacation after his arrival there. It is quite a temptation to accept so favorable an offer, but Mr. Fallon hesitates, not wishing to interfere with his continuance at Clark college next term with his class and graduating next summer.

ment, who was killed on Sherman's march to the sea.

The Groton band give another of their concerts next week Thursday evening.

Miss Rhett Northrup, coming Wednesday evening, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Blood.

Mrs. Needham and sister, Miss Brigham, are away on a visit to their brother at Winthrop.

Miss Fannie E. Woods is under treatment at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital.

Miss Sarah Priest of Littleton is visiting her brother, Dr. H. B. Priest.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund D. Collier with their two young sons are up from West Somerville, spending several weeks with his parents in Groton.

Mr. Collier goes daily while here to his position with the Boston and Maine in Boston.

Earl W. Gilson, son of Dr. F. E. Gilson, is home on a vacation from Townshend Vt., where he has been working for the past year or two.

Miss Helen Dodge has been ill from an abscess in her throat and under her physician's care for over a week at Dodge cottage, where Mrs. Jane Clark is the nurse in care of her. Miss Dodge is recovering.

Nesbit L. Woods has sold his candy route to Bassett Dickerman, formerly at Brown's clothing store, Ayer. It is reported that Mr. Dickerman has purchased the Olson place in Mr. Woods' neighborhood.

Miss Clarissa Coburn, bookkeeper at Shattuck's store, has been spending her vacation at Springfield, Vt., with her friend, Mrs. Emma Downes Gilson.

James F. Shattuck has been taking Miss Coburn's place during her absence.

The fire bells rang Sunday afternoon for a grass and small woods fire on that part of Miss Sears' estate near the river. It was soon extinguished. The alarm was bigger than the fire.

The men's degree team of Groton Grange meet for rehearsal on Monday evening, August 23.

Mrs. L. E. Johnson of Troy, N. Y., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Mosely Gilson.

Samuel H. Williams of New Haven, Conn., is expected this week, coming to join his wife and four children, who are visiting his brother, Everett C. Williams and family.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway has returned from Pennsylvania and is sick and under the doctor's care.

The fair of the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club is to take place on Thursday, September 30, and every preparation is being made to make this fair one of the most successful.

The fish and game laws with fines imposed for violation have been recently posted in the postoffice and everyone interested in fish and game should study them carefully.

The young men held a dance in town hall Thursday evening after the band concert.

Martin Brennan and Miss Burke, whose names were called in the Catholic church last Sunday, are reported now married and living on he Stiles place, owned by Dr. Steere.

Mrs. Henry W. Whiting entertained her friend, Mrs. George Knapp and daughters, at her home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Kennie Fletcher entertained her brother's family at her camp, Conch Rock, Long pond, on Friday.

Ball game this Saturday afternoon on Shumway field between the Groton Alerts and Nashua A. A.

H. B. Souther is to occupy the Fuller camp at Long pond for ten days from September 5.

Electric Lighting.

Tuesday stakes were driven along the village streets showing where it is proposed to locate the poles for electric lights and the necessary wiring. The townspeople will have a chance to object to the locations, and the relocations will be made by the committee.

This is the real beginning of lighting the town by electricity, under a scheme new to municipal lighting propositions. The installation will be 155 32-candle power Tungsten lights in the town proper and twenty-five on a loop to West Groton. The center lighting will extend from the cemetery on Hollis street to Dr. Gilson's and the Lowe place, and as far as General Bancroft's farmhouse.

The town will also sell the current to its residents, but no canvass for customers was undertaken, though the commission is assured of a substantial subscription to the service. The contract calls for a 2300-volt, three-phase system and the town agrees to take 20,000 kw. hours a year at six cents; an additional 10,000 at five cents; and a second additional 10,000, if needed, at four cents. The commercial rates will be at fifteen to eighteen cents. The town street lights will consume about 12,000 kw. hours, and the other 11,000 of the contract will probably be taken for the first year's consumption by commercial service.

The town committee feels that it has made a money-making bargain that will give needful service at small cost and will show an income from commercial sales.

The town has no debt, its tax rate was dropped from \$11 to \$9 this year, has a valuation of \$3,000,000 or over on a low rating.

Perley W. Sawyer of Berlin is camping with his family at Bare Hill pond.

Owing to the storm on Tuesday the annual grange picnic, which was to have taken place at Fuller's grove, was held at the town hall. Not so many were out, owing to the weather, but a general good time is reported by those who attended, the time being taken with various games. The speaker for the day was Mr. Warren of Worcester, who gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "What the State has done for the public schools."

Cedric Webster, Kent Royal and Willard Houghton started Wednesday for a two weeks' trip to Nova Scotia. They sailed on the Prince Arthur, and, landing at Yarmouth, will visit relatives and friends of Mr. Webster. They anticipate a general good time.

I. W. Forsythe of Watertown is camping with his family at Sheep Island. He is occupying the lodge.

Last week Gardner Hapgood, Ed Houghton, Stowell Davis, John Harlow and George Houghton took a pleasure trip down the harbor on the King Philip. The beautiful swell that some times appears on the surface of the harbor evidently did not agree with the pleasure (?) trippers, all but Stowell and Ed paying tribute to Neptune. However they say its good for a man's stomach.

On Saturday evening last Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barry gave a lawn party and musical to a select number of their friends. The lawn was beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns, the piazza was strewn with rugs and profusely illuminated. For entertainment Miss Georgia Ellis of Cambridge gave a selection on the piano. Susie Marsh of Ware sang a solo. Mrs. Alice Barry of Schenectady, N. Y., gave a piano solo. Frank Gale gave a vocal solo. Jessie Cameron played a selection on the violin, Miss Ellis accompanied. Refreshments of lunch ices and cake were served. In a smiling contest, Mrs. Ellis won first prize, Louis Savage second.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maynard is visiting with friends at Reading.

The union picnic of the churches was held at Whalom park on Thursday, August 19. Barges were run from here to Ayer and the trolley did the rest.

Rev. Joseph P. Sheafe and wife returned home this week from a two weeks' trip to Amherst. Mr. Sheafe drove his horse over the road, stopping over at convenient points, enjoying the trip very much.

Gordon A. McCleary, who bought the property of the estate of the late Ann M. Frost, has transferred his rights thereto to A. T. West. West has sold the larger house with a parcel of land to Orrin A. Fairbanks. Mr. Fairbanks will move with his family into this property in the fall.

The Young Men's club will hold another of their dances in the hall on next Thursday evening. They are having large parties. Carley, caterer.

Miss Annie Reed and Miss Ethel Nourse are staying at Pigeon cove, down on the coast.

E. F. Smallwood and wife, formerly of this town, are for a couple of weeks stopping at C. C. Maynard's house.

Shaboken.

H. W. Waite and family of Somerville are guests of D. H. Dickinson.

Harrie Mead is visiting with relatives and friends at Clinton for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Gerrish of Groton are among the parties camping at Shaboken lake.

Rev. Frank S. Hunnewell of Reading is staying at Camp Wheelock, Shaboken lake.

An Effort for Liberty.

Early on Monday morning as Carl Dickinson's men were about their chores, two young girls, strangers in this vicinity, came along and made inquiries of the men concerning the neighborhood and the distance to the nearest town. Impressed with the apparent interest of their informant, they became communicative and disclosed the fact that they were from the Industrial School and bent on the liberty of the wide, wide world.

On hearing these facts, Carl Dickinson communicated with the school by telephone and received instructions to detain the girls if possible. However, they travelled on and took shelter in an outbuilding of Daniel Dickinson's, half a mile further on.

Finding themselves imprisoned, they were persuaded to go up to Mr. Dickinson's. Here, while waiting for the conveyance that they knew would be sent for them, they were given breakfast and a chance to dry their bedraggled garments.

By and by an open carriage with two men in charge came for them and the girls, clad in summer garments, unprotected by hat, cloak or umbrella, started for a six-mile drive in a drizzly rain.

Thinking of them, we can but conjecture what influences had conspired to put them in their present plight. The fact that one mother works out and all her other relatives are in England may suggest the dearth of good home influences. With an undesirable inheritance of personal qualities, and surroundings more bad than good, what can be expected of homeless, unprotected girls.

Self-sacrificing home makers, who can encourage habits of patient industry and put before the young mind an ideal as high as earnest efforts may be able to attain, will have their reward.

STILL RIVER.

A Busy Day.

Thursday seemed to be a clearing-out day for Still River for on that day we note the following leaving town: Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Payne drove to Ayer for an early train to Boston, from there taking a steamer for Provincetown, returning in the evening. Herbert Atherton went to Holyoke to see how the business was doing at his store during his absence.

Mr. H. W. Atherton, Miss Bessie Shaw, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Willard spent the day in Lowell; Mrs. E. P. Fairchild and niece, Miss Edith Fairchild, went to Boston; Mrs. Herbert Whitney to Worcester; and Mrs. C. L. Russell, Ethelyn and Madeline Russell, Mrs. Jennie Willard, Ruth and Vera Willard, Eleanor Hudson, Louise and Dorothy Bateman, Kenneth Russell, Rogers Morse and Miss M. E. Cumming attended the picnic of the Unitarian and Congregational Sunday schools at Whalom park.

News Items.

Richard E. Portley, crossing tender at the Boston and Maine railroad, has been away on a vacation, his place being taken by Lawrence Beman.

Trumbull Marshall of Metuchen, N. J., is the guest of his uncle, Isaac H. Marshall.

Mrs. Charles A. Farnsworth and daughter Margaret of Worcester were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth, Wednesday afternoon, and Miss Margaret stayed longer with her grandparents.

Our enterprising coal dealer, Mr. Hutcherson, is handling a lot of coal these days. He has had several thirty-ton carloads come this month and several more on the road.

The long-looked for rain came this week, and now everything that was not too far gone, is looking fine, and all fears of the drought destroying the crops are at an end.

SHIRLEY.

Ezekiel J. Wilson of Shirley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Wilson, was married at South Framingham, last Saturday, to Miss Doris Chandler Appleton of Beverly, daughter of Mrs. Tristram Appleton. Both parties are highly respected and well connected socially. The groom holds the position of draughtsman at the Salmon cordage works, and the bride is one Beverly's leading social lights.

W. L. Allen returned home first of the week from a pleasant visit with friends in Walpole, N. H.

Fred Harlow of Buffalo is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Harlow.

Leo O'Neill, clerk for C. R. White, is spending a vacation this week in short trips around home.

Mrs. Fred S. Brown of the Brookside, who has been ill for a week past, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant started first of the week for a three weeks' vacation, which will be spent at seashore and country.

Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce, of the office staff of the C. A. Edgerton Co., is spending her annual vacation this week in company with her sister, Miss Blanche Sawyer, at Mansfield.

Miss Edith Conant, nurse at the New England Baptist hospital, Boston, is spending her annual vacation at home and will return to the hospital about the first of September.

Miss Fannie Ray of Lynn is spending her vacation of two weeks at Cowdrey Hill, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Trembley.

J. Edwin Pomfret and Miah Flynn caught a fine lot of bass at Fort pond Monday.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting Monday evening, August 23.

Fred Provost has again enlisted in the U. S. navy for a term of four years. He has passed the necessary examinations and has been requested to report for service the first of September, when he will be informed where he will be located.

There will be a social in the vestry of the Baptist church, Saturday evening, August 21, at 7.30 o'clock. Ice cream and cake will be on sale. The entertainment features will consist of games and music. An evening of enjoyment is anticipated and all are invited.

Mrs. Alice L. Wright will spend next week with her aunt at Falmouth beach.

The Shirley baseball team will go to Gardner Saturday afternoon, August 26, to play the Gardner team.

Runaway.

Mrs. Fred D. Weeks, while out driving last week Friday evening, stopped a runaway horse.

It appears that Mrs. Weeks, in company with Mrs. Guy Cook, was returning home from Shirley center, and when in the vicinity of Mrs. Ellen C. Lynch's residence, their attention was suddenly directed backward by the sound of a horse hitched to a carriage coming after them at a galloping pace with no occupant in it. At this point the roadway is narrow, and what would have happened to Mrs. Weeks' carriage, and in fact all in the track of this runaway, can easily be predicted.

However, Mrs. Weeks instantly grasped the situation and jumped from her carriage and ran back to meet the runaway. With outstretched arms she made a dash for the horse's bridle and dodged to one side and then the other.

But Mrs. Weeks kept directly in front of him and after considerable effort succeeded in catching hold of his bridle.

Mrs. Weeks, who was eating an apple at the time she jumped from her carriage, thrust it in the horse's mouth, which had the effect of quieting him to a certain extent.

The horse belonged to Amos Parker and was left in the road by a man working for the telephone company, who had called at a house on business. While feeding grass the horse's check rein got tangled and gave him a scare and off he started at a mad pace. No damage was done to either horse or carriage.

The few residents who had run out of their houses, attracted by the noise of the runaway and witnessed Mrs. Weeks' daring act, are loud in their praises of her heroic deed.

This makes the third runaway that Mrs. Weeks has stopped and in each instance has risked her own life in doing so.

HOLLIS.

News Items.

Thursday, August 12, proved an ideal day for the Sunday school picnic, which was held at Silver Lake. Many availed themselves of the opportunity for an outing. The dinner, under the charge of Mrs. L. H. Eushee, Mrs. P. A. Powers, W. L. Marshall, Miss Alice Wentworth and Miss Ethel Goodwin,

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assisted by others was up to the usual standard. When the tables were set they looked very tempting, and when ready all set down and did full justice to the good things to eat. It consisted of salads, sandwiches, pies, cake of many kinds and ice cream. Mr. Marshall made the lemonade and it was just right. During the afternoon the picnicers enjoyed boating, sports and a social time. It was declared a very successful affair.

Miss Alice Hartshorn of Marlboro, Mass., left Wednesday after a week's visit with Mrs. Goodwin and family.

About ten people from Hollis attended field day held at the State college, Durham, August 12, by the New Hampshire grange. There were interesting speakers.

Word has been received by friends in Hollis of the death of Mrs. Homer Roby of Rindge, who lived in this town several years. She was a woman who won the esteem and respect of all, and all were grieved to hear of her death.

C. F. Burge went to New Ipswich, last Saturday, to spend Sunday with relatives; Daniel Goodwin accompanied him as far as Mason. They returned Monday.

The Anna Powers Keyes Chapter, D. A. R., held a Colonial tea and sale on the lawn and residence of Dr. P. A. Powers, Wednesday, August 18, the funds to be used to help pay for the tablet which was placed on the site of the first settler in Hollis, Peter Powers.

Company H, Seventh regiment, held its annual reunion and picnic at Silver Lake, Thursday, August 19.

The entertainment given by the Church Improvement committee, Wednesday evening, August 11, realized more than eighty dollars, to add to the fund already pledged.

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Tennis Tournament.

The Wachusett Valley Tennis league
tournament for individual honors
among members of the four clubs com-
prising the league, was played simulta-
neously on the courts in Fitchburg
and at Leominster, Saturday, and re-
sulted in some close and well played
matches in which good playing, was
the rule, and considerable rivalry was
developed during the day. This will
not be fought out to the finish until
Saturday, when the tournament will
be completed on the Alpine courts in
Fitchburg.

The tournament commenced at ten
a. m. and continued through the re-
mainder of the day, the courts being
busy continuously until late in the af-
ternoon. The final still remaining to
be played. The list of matches was ex-
ceptionally large, practically all of
the good players of Fitchburg,
Leominster, Gardner and Ayer clubs
entering in the contest. Seven large
handsome silver cups are being com-
peted for and the winners will be de-
termined when the winners of the pre-
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together the last of this week for the
finals.

The results of last Saturday play-
ing were as follows:

Preliminary round: Hill of Leominster
defeated Marcy of Fitchburg, 6-2, 6-1;
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Gardner of Fitchburg, 6-3, 6-2;
Hill of Leominster, 6-4, 7-9;
Cutter of Fitchburg, 6-4, 7-9;
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Robbins of Fitchburg, 6-4, 7-9;
Merriam of Leominster, 6-4, 7-9;
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Second round: Jackson of Leominster
defeated Marcy of Fitchburg, 6-2, 6-1;
Cutter of Fitchburg, 6-2, 6-1;
Harrison of Leominster, 6-2, 6-1;
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Robbins of Fitchburg, 6-2, 6-1;
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Final round: Hill of Leominster
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Mrs. M. H. Burgess has been visit-
ing at Pepperell and Brookline this
week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Carman and two
children go to Hampton beach for a
week Monday, August 23.

Schools will commence Tuesday,
September 7. No superintendent has as
yet been chosen.

Thomas F. Mullin has sold the East-
man place on Pleasant street, recent-
ly purchased by him, to Albert B.
Downing for investment.

Bassett-Dickerman has sold his resi-
dence on Cambridge street, where he
has resided for several years, to
Mrs. Samuel Sargent of West Acton,
formerly of Littleton, and where she
will take up her residence.

Justice Atwood, Mrs. Atwood and
daughter Theodora, Mrs. Everett C.
Sabin and daughter Elizabeth, left
Monday for Old Orchard beach and
may return this Saturday. During
Mr. Atwood's absence Justices Wor-
cester and Maloney have been attend-
ing to the cases coming up before the
Ayer district court.

The town furnishes seats about
the town house for the weary, and ob-
jection is made to occupying the door-
step of some of the stores when they
are open for business, as it is very
inconvenient to patrons of the stores
to enter and not all pleasant for wo-
men, especially when the weary ones
occupy both ends of the doorsteps.
They should arise, tip their hat and
move on.

Mr. Willard, who is aged over nine-
ty, is around and about with his gold-
headed cane that was presented to him
recently, being the oldest man in
town. The oldest lady is Mrs. South-
wick, mother of Mrs. Fenner, who is
over ninety-two, and is about and very
active for one of her years.

Mrs. Christopher Townsend, who
has been visiting Mrs. James Nixon,
formerly of Littleton, left Thursday
for Lowell on a visit there with her
sister and other relatives, and Sep-
tember 15 Mrs. Townsend will leave
for Glenary, Manitoba, where her
husband last spring took up a section
of land. He is a carpenter by trade
and has plenty of work at high wages,
and very much pleased with the coun-
try, where thousands of Americans
are flocking to.

Four defendants were arraigned up-
on complaints of drunkenness in the
Fitchburg district court, Thursday
morning, August 19, and all entered
pleas of guilty. Among them was
George F. Kingsbury, who was sen-
tenced to two months in the house of
correction. It seems that Kingsbury
could not get sentenced to the house
of correction here, so went to Fitch-
burg.

Walter Filibrown, son of A. A.
Filibrown, was taken suddenly ill
last week Friday morning, and a phy-
sician was called. He pronounced it ap-
pendicitis, and on his recommendation
the young man was hurried to Clin-
ton hospital on the one o'clock train,
and Dr. Bowers performed the opera-
tion and it was done just in the nick
of time. The appendix was found in
a mortified condition, and the delay
of an hour or two would have made
the operation not such a successful
one. It is expected that Walter Fil-
brown will be in condition to be re-
moved to his home here in a week or
ten days.

Nelson Turner, youngest son of
George B. Turner, is to enter Phillips-
Exeter academy this fall.

George W. Stuart went to Sterling,
Thursday, to attend the camp meet-
ing.

Miss Hortense Butterfield has as
guest Miss Geraldine Clark of Ogdens-
burg, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Harlow, two
children and Mrs. Harlow's sister,
Miss Grace Downing, are spending
two weeks at Fort pond.

Mrs. Edward Wyman is visiting her
mother in North Weymouth.

District Court.

Bernard Le Poer of Pepperell,
charged with drunkenness at Pepper-
ell, August 16, was tried August 17,
found guilty and fined five dollars.

Louis Brown of Townsend, charged
with assault on a female child and
also charged with assault on a woman
at Townsend, August 13, was in court
August 18, and on examination there
was found probable cause, and he was
held in the sum of \$1000 on each as-
sault and committed to Lowell jail
for his appearance Tuesday after the
first Monday of September before the
superior court.

Bowling.

With the "Dummy" rolling the high-
est string of the team, the Ayer bow-
ling team succeeded in defeating the
Jolly Five of Fitchburg in the first
and third strings, Wednesday night, at the
Whispering alleys, in a match
which was notable for the hard work
necessary to pass the 400 mark. Ayer
succeeded in doing it in all three
strings by small margins, while the
losers dropped below it in the first and
last game and jumped over it by 23
pins in the middle clash. The Jolly
Five has proven a stumbling block for
nearly all the teams, lately, and the
victory by Ayer rather spoils the last
of the season finish of the happy fam-
ily.

It was the last match of the season
for the Ayer team and they wanted it
badly, so they managed to take it away
from their opponents. In the opening
string the Jolly Five aggregation was
all to the bad and barely secured 371
as the string ranged from 69 to 81.
The Ayer team was somewhat better
and turned in 403. The middle string
found both teams at their best, but
Ayer had to bow to the Fitchburg boys
by a five pin margin. It looked easy
for the Jolly Five in this string till the
Dummy got busy and turned in a
string of 102, which was far above
everybody else. With four men down
the score found the Jolly Five team
two pins to the good. This put it up to
Fitzgerald and Max Berger. Neither
was in good form, but the Ayer man
had to stop at 70, while the local ex-
pert crept up to 73, adding three pins
to the two pin lead.

Fitchburg paid for this victory in
the third string when it had to stop
at 398, while the other team went up
to 408. In this string the Jolly Five
had that same two pin lead when the
two anchor men met, but in the final
struggle the Ayer men beat out Berger
by 12 pins, giving his team a 10-pin

lead. F. Rivers with 257 and Dummy
with 256 led the bowlers. The sum-
mary:

AYER.			
G. Filibrown	84	53	75-242
Farnsworth	78	82	93-253
Thomas	74	102	74-253
A. Filibrown	86	74	82-253
Fitzgerald	86	78	84-246
Total			403-1222
JOLLY FIVE.			
F. Rivers	75	93	89-257
Lamb	74	82	83-239
Fredenburg	72	89	82-243
Hick	69	80	72-221
M. Berger	72	78	82-232
Total			371-1222

J. C. Rockwell's New Sunny South Co.

After years of experience with all
the greatest colored shows of recent
times, J. C. Rockwell has reached a place
in the recognition of the theatre-going
public that has secured a secure place
in the recognition of the theatre-going
public, which is billed to appear in
company, Saturday evening, August 28, in
one of the most brilliant and most
capable colored organizations of the
day. Mr. Rockwell does not believe in
allowing the greater part of his salary
to go into one or two cents and allow-
ing the balance of the performance
to suffer through the employment of
the cheaper ones. He always dis-
tinguishes his band, but he has found
that the expenditure of money for the
purpose of making each act and detail
complete pays twice over in the box
office receipts. This explains why the
Sunny South company always gives
one of the largest of its kind, being
composed of twenty-five colored people,
being composed of a first-class band,
each of very one an expert in spe-
cialty work, and a large number of
dancers can do so well and keep
the audience in a constant state of
laughter and excitement from start to
finish.

The organization is accompanied by a
high-class solo concert band and a su-
perb orchestra. The band will head the
Koon-ton parade, which takes place
at noon.

The prices of admission have been
placed at 25, 35 and 50 cents.

The performance will be given in
Page hall.

SHIRLEY.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team defeated
the Bigelow A. C. nine of Worcester
in Davis field last Saturday after-
noon, 19 to 0. The visiting team were
outclassed at every stage of the game
and were a disappointment to the
home team, who won with apparent
ease. A large number witnessed the
game, and it was evident after the first
innings that the Shirley team would
win hands down. However, the Shir-
leys put up a good game and only
made two errors throughout the con-
test. Warner struck out eleven men
in six innings and Labuff seven men
in three innings. Guy Cook and Cor-
nors each made three-base hits, while
Collyer, Gaudette, Labuff and St.
George each made two-base hits.
Only two scratch hits were scored by
the visiting team during the game
from both pitchers.

The Shirley team appeared at this
game in their new uniforms, which
were made of the very best material
and workmanship, and gave them a
distinct athletic appearance. At the
close of the game the Shirley team
were all photographed in a group by
Frank Collyer, photographer at Har-
vard college, who is spending a vaca-
tion in town.

The baseball game Monday evening
between the Indians and the Shirleys
attracted an audience of 250 people.
Seven innings were played and the
Shirley team won the game by a score
of 15 to 5. The Shirley boys all played
well, their batting and fielding be-
ing exceptionally fine. The home
team certainly deserves credit for its
work Monday evening, as it was play-
ing to a disadvantage, not being ac-
customed to the arc lights or the yam
balls which were used in the game.
The lighting facilities, which con-
sisted of 29 arc lights, were not pow-
erful enough to give sufficient light
for good ball playing. The ground
was enclosed with 1200 feet of canvas.
The total receipts were forty-eight
dollars, and of this amount the In-
dians receive seventy-five per cent.,
or thirty-six dollars, and the home
team twenty-five per cent., or twelve
dollars. The rain during early eve-
ning kept many away from nearby
towns who had planned to witness the
game.

The Indians will return to Shirley
for another game Saturday afternoon,
September 18. The Indians arrived
in their special car last Sunday morn-
ing and were side-tracked close to the
George Adams crossing. They live
entirely in this car; their crew con-
sists of the manager and his wife,
eleven ball players, five men who
work on the canvas, one cook and one
waiter, making a total of twenty who
live in this car. The salary of the
ball players ranges from forty-five to
eighty dollars per month, and all liv-
ing and traveling expenses paid. The
railroad management charge the sum
of twenty-five dollars per day for the
car, and an extra charge is made when
the car travels more than fifty miles
in one day. Their season commences
in April and ends the latter part of
September. Their average gross re-
ceipts for a season amount to \$15,000,
and the manager of this team cleans
up for himself from \$5000 to \$6000 a
season. There is also an advance
agent who is always on the road mak-
ing dates and contracts for games.
Their rule is to receive seventy-five
per cent. of the gate receipts at every
game where they play. They left Shir-
ley Tuesday morning for Clinton.

Fined for Cruelty to a Cow.

From the Fitchburg Sentinel, August
13: John H. Stickney of North Shirley
paid one of fifty dollars at the district
court this morning, Judge Thomas F.
Gallagher presiding, for cruelty to a
cow in that town on Thursday, August
8. The case was brought by Agent Robert M.
Dyson of the S. P. C. A. Stickney beat the
cow with a club, knocking off one of
her horns, and dragged the animal
some distance on its side, when it
touched the rear of a wagon, bruising
and lacerating it severely. The court
characterized the case as one of ex-
treme cruelty, and one that demanded
a heavy penalty.

Stickney was arraigned in court a
week ago, at which time he entered a
plea of not guilty, and the case was
continued until this morning for trial.
At that time he retracted his former
plea of not guilty and entered one of
guilty, being represented by counsel
in the person of Thomas Casey. The
court was arraigned upon another com-
plaint today, charging him with per-
mitting the animal to be subjected to
unnecessary suffering, to which he
pleaded not guilty. The case was
made in this case, but the court
thought that part of the responsibility
of caring for the injured animal re-
sided upon the Lumbering officers
who kept the cow away from Stickney
and placed it in another barn, as upon
the question in view of the case,
and the heavy fine imposed, or-
dered this case placed on file.

After entering a plea of guilty on be-
half of his client, Attorney Casey in-
curred the court of the facts of the
case as he understood them from his
client. This was to the effect that he
had attended the alleged offense,
Stickney, who lives in North Shirley,
near the Lumbering line, went to Lu-
nington and purchased a cow, attempt-
ing to keep her home. The cow did not
lead well and gave the defendant con-
siderable trouble. He urged her on in
cow field down and on one occasion the
cow fell down and was dragged a few
feet. The animal fell down an em-
barrassment during the tussle and broke
one of her horns. The matter was re-
ported to Chief Field of the Lumbering
police, who interfered and took the cow
away from the defendant, placing her
in the barn of a man named Cook, who
lived on the road. Mr. Casey said that
his client had been drinking previous
to the trouble with the cow.

Stickney sent for a veterinary after
his arrest, who examined the cow, and
reported that there were two lumps on
the shoulder and two on the hip, one
side, and that the hair was scraped off
the cow's side on two or three places.
The veterinary saw the cow on the fol-
lowing day and she did not seem to be
suffering any pain.

Agent Robert M. Dyson told the
court that he saw the cow on the day
following the cruel treatment and that
the cow appeared to be suffering con-
siderably. There were large lacerations
on the cow's side and on the hip, and
bruises on the animal, and instead of
the cow being worn out the side of the
animal, there were large lacerations
there, there being five or six large
spots the size of a man's hand, where
the cow had been dragged on the ground.
Mr. Dyson said that he had plenty
of witnesses in the court room who
could tell the court that the ani-
mal was dragged over twenty-five feet
and the cow's horn was knocked off by
a club in the hands of the defendant,
each of which had beaten the animal
severely. When the cow was taken
away from the defendant, it was un-
able to walk and was removed to
Cook's barn on a sack-bag.

The witness had seen Stickney ear-
lier in the day and ordered him to take
the cow home. He found him late in
the afternoon at home in bed, and he
said that he had been there since noon,
admitting that he had not gone near
the cow. The court then proceeded to
neglect was the basis of the second
complaint, upon which Stickney was
arrested this morning. The court
thought that the responsibility

THE RAT SWINDLE.

By BRUCE PARKER.

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"Yes," said a retired United States mint inspector, "a mint manager needs to keep his eye open to be able to turn back the metal he receives. Gold is valuable in very small quantities. It's just as good in filings as it is in coins and as good in chips as in bars. There are lots of ways a small bit of the metal can be carried away, and as soon as one method is found out another is invented."

"When I was inspector at a western mint a young man named Trevor came into the service, in whom I took a deep interest. Indeed, it was natural that I should be interested in him, because he was engaged to marry my daughter Betsy. I had no objection to the match provided they would wait long enough for Trevor to become sufficiently valuable at the mint to command an adequate salary and to have saved a little money for a nest egg. He thought differently. He wished to be married first and get the salary and the nest egg afterward. But I stood firm, and he was obliged to wait."

"In a mint the gold ingots are sent to the rolling room to be rolled into strips. When received they are carefully weighed and when sent out are weighed again. Of course both figures should tally exactly. Well, one day there was a deficit of about \$10. Of course I was greatly troubled. Before letting any one out of the room I made a personal search of every employee. Trevor worked in the rolling room, and when he came up to be searched he seemed to me to be a trifle agitated. Now, we inspectors are like detectives. We build up theories on small occurrences. It popped into my head that Trevor in his impatience to marry had fallen under temptation. But nothing was found on him or any one else. The next day there was another shortage of about \$14, and the next and next shortages of various similar amounts."

"My theory about Trevor was a terrible anxiety to me. I liked the boy, and I knew Bet was bound up in him. To discover that he was a thief would be a disappointment to me and a heavy blow to her. Ordinarily I did my own investigating, but in this case I was so disconcerted over Trevor's probable guilt and so averse to watching him that I introduced a detective into the rolling room under the guise of an employee, with instructions to look for a clew and to watch Trevor especially."

"Whether my feelings betrayed me to Bet or to Trevor or both or whether they saw through the detective ruse I don't know, but a constraint sprung up between me and them. Neither party said anything about the matter between us, but each knew the other's secret. One day Trevor came up to me and said he'd like to see me in the cologne department. I saw that something was on his mind and went with him in a state of dread, fearing a confession. When we reached the room we had started for, Trevor suddenly turned to me and said:

"Do you smell anything?" "Surprised, I sniffed and replied that I certainly did smell something dead."

"It's a rat in a trap," he replied. "Well, what of that?" "Go in there," pointing to a place of concealment, and watch. We will close in twenty minutes. Before that time you will see the rat removed. Then step out the door, go down the back stairs and look out the window into the yard."

"Now, it would require several days for a dead rat to emit an odor. The rat had not been there more than a day, probably not half a day. That I knew because I had seen one taken out the evening before by an employee—a 'stamper.' I'll call him Jim Smith—who tossed it out through the slot above the window."

"Rats had bothered us more or less, and I was not surprised at the trap or the catch. What puzzled me was that a rat's dead body should decay so quickly. Taking this with Trevor's act—I hate punning; I don't mean to pun—I smelled a rat. I hadn't been on watch ten minutes before Jim Smith came into the room, stopped at the trap and, jocularly saying, 'Hello, another rat!' took out the corpse by the tail and tossed it out through the slot. In a jiffy I was down the stairs with my eye to a window overlooking the yard. I had been there but a few moments when I saw a man pick up the rat, put it in a canvas bag and walk away."

"And so the man I had set the detective to catch had caught the detective napping. I kept mum and the next day removed the same rat from the trap and inside of him found gold worth \$25."

"It is singular how criminals will give themselves away. If the man who used the dead rats to convey gold out of the building had taken the trouble to get a fresh rat once in awhile he wouldn't have been betrayed by an odor. We didn't like to prosecute such cases of ingenuity for fear of putting others on to the game, but the thief was soon discharged on a pretext."

"Well, as for Trevor and Bet, they had the tables turned against me. I had no difficulty in securing Trevor's promotion after his bit of detective success and hadn't the face any longer to oppose their marriage. Trevor continued to rise, and when I went out he went into my place."

"I've given you only one of the plans for secretly removing gold. I could give you dozens of them. But of all the plans ever uncovered I place the dead rat swindle first in ingenuity."

TOWNSEND.

Center. The engagement of Miss Katherine Stahl to Ernest Clarke, both of Lynn, is announced. Mr. Clarke is a former resident, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clarke.

Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Wachs are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, El Rita Elaine, on Friday, August 13. The mother of Rev. V. H. Wachs, whose home is in Ohio, is at the Methodist parsonage.

John Spaulding is quite ill of typhoid fever.

Miss Lillian Hildreth has returned to Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Farrar left Monday for a vacation, the most of which will be spent in Maine and New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hildreth returned Monday evening from their trip to Fitzwilliam, N. H., and other points, and Mrs. Sherrin has also returned from her vacation.

Mr. Babb, who is employed at E. and A. D. Fessenden's, moved last week from the Dickey place to O. D. Evans' house, which has been until recently occupied by Mrs. Milo Seales.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Richards are visiting in Malden and Reading. On their return their nephew, Eldon Saunders, will accompany them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Withers have been visiting Mrs. Withers' father, George Tarbell.

Miss Florence Powers of Springfield, a former resident, is visiting in town.

Miss Letitia Van Etten has gone to Troy, N. Y., for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bemis and family of Wellesley Hills have been at Clarence Mead's this week.

Superintendent of schools and Mrs. E. L. Haynes and family have returned from their summer outing at Kennebunkport, Me. Mr. Haynes and daughter Beth making the trip from York, Me., by auto on Tuesday.

H. H. Peckham is visiting relatives in Providence.

Rev. L. A. Nies of Dorchester, a former pastor, occupied the Methodist pulpit last Sunday.

Rev. William Dodge of North Andover, also a former pastor, will occupy the Methodist pulpit Sunday, August 22.

The Milfords are to play the T. A. A. next Saturday on the local grounds.

Ralph Kilbourn, a former resident, is visiting relatives in town.

West. Miss Martha Neale of Derry, N. H., niece of Mrs. Maria Bruce, has been a guest of her former teacher while in this village, Miss Lucy Brooks of Ashby.

Benjamin Lawrence is spending his vacation with relatives in Portland, Maine.

Mrs. L. O. Barker is entertaining her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Lewis of Danvers.

The many friends of Rev. Maurice A. Levy of Newton, a former resident of this village, enjoyed the privilege of hearing him from the pulpit of the Baptist church last Sunday morning and evening, where he addressed a large audience at both services, which were especially helpful to the young folks. Singing by a male quartet, Walter Wilder, Clarence Streeter, Perry W. Sawtelle and Ashbel Streeter. Mr. and Mrs. Levy were greeted by an enthusiastic group of friends and former neighbors, who gave them a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Streeter entertained Rev. Maurice Levy and party at their home on Sunday.

George Roebuck, chauffeur for C. S. Homer, New York city, now at their summer home at Prout's Neck, Me., spent Sunday with his family here.

Miss Ina Sargent is spending her vacation at her home in Ashby during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan, who are visiting in New Hampshire for a few weeks.

Mrs. Osgood and a friend from Newton are guests of Mrs. House at her summer home here.

James L. Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived at his cottage here last week Thursday evening for a brief visit.

Miss Emily Orr of Somerville has opened her home for a few weeks and is entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Quirk and a party of relatives from Lynn.

Mrs. Herman L. Stickney is enjoying a visit from her eldest son, Fred B. Rawson, instructor of manual training at the Goodwill farm, Hincley, Me., who has been taking a summer course at Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Marion Kellogg has returned from her visit to West Swanzy, N. H., and will spend the remainder of her vacation with friends in town.

Mrs. F. H. Ormsby is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Walter V. Byrther of Beverly, at her summer home.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son Randall, who have been spending a part of the summer with Mrs. Brayton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams, returned to their home in Providence, Friday of last week. They were accompanied a part of the way by Miss Emma Adams, who spent a few days with friends in Clinton and Worcester.

The vestry at the Baptist church is undergoing repairs which will be a great improvement, the rooms having received a fresh coat of paint and new paper is to be added to the audience room, dining room and kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Parsons are spending their vacation in the vicinity of Marblehead.

Baseball. Saturday's game at Townsend was an old-time slugging bee with Manager Fessenden's home team winning out by a good margin in the final inning. The contest was a rich treat to all lovers of free hitting, with the honors for heavy hitting in favor of the local club, and three members of the home nine won a silver cup offered for home runs. Rarely, if ever, have the local patrons witnessed more than one home run in one contest on these spacious grounds, and each player executing this feat may well feel pride in his ability to wield the willow.

In the first, with two down, Eastman slammed the sphere through the fence in left field for his second home run of the season, bringing in his captain ahead of him, and in his next two turns at bat contributed a triple and a double. Teehan made his initial appearance with the A. A., by opening the second inning with a beautiful line drive to left field, and before the ball could be returned he had completed the circuit, giving a pretty exhibition of base running, and in the final inning as a reward for the four passes received, Arlin, the reliable backstop, drove the pellet between left and center for the circuit, besides driving O'Brien in with the final tallies of the game. Persons, the visiting catcher, robbed himself of a home run by cutting second base in his endeavor to complete the circuit on a grand wallop to left in the sixth.

To offset their fine batting the locals played the worst fielding game of the season, allowing the visitors to keep the score close and interesting up to the final inning, when the home team bunched their hits for five runs. Whitcomb and Miller contributed the fielding features.

The visitors were a fast, snappy aggregation, and by their alertness and daring on the bases were quick to take advantage of any misplay on the part of the locals.

Much commendation is due Umpire Flarity, who had a very busy day deciding the many close plays, and his decisions were highly satisfactory to both clubs, as well as the spectators, who appreciate an umpire's task. The score:

TOWNSEND A. A.									
Morse, cf.	ab	r	h	tb	po	a	e		
Lancey, 2b.	5	1	1	1	2	3	0		
Whitcomb, 1f.	4	1	1	1	2	0	0		
Eastman, 1b.	5	1	3	3	0	0	0		
Miller, ss.	4	1	2	2	0	0	0		
Teehan, rf.	3	1	2	2	0	0	0		
O'Brien, 3b.	5	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Arlin, c.	5	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Spaulding, p.	1	0	2	2	0	0	0		
36 14 12 26 26 10 12									

MAYNARDS.									
Ryan, ss.	ab	r	h	tb	po	a	e		
Gilroy, 2b.	5	1	1	1	4	1	0		
Nevels, 3b.	4	1	2	2	4	0	0		
Person, c.	4	1	2	2	4	0	0		
Sullivan, 1f.	3	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Ledgard, cf.	5	1	2	2	0	1	0		
Brayton, 1b.	5	1	1	1	0	0	0		
Dyson, rf.	5	0	1	1	0	0	0		
Foley, p.	4	0	1	0	0	2	0		
39 9 12 12 23 10 5									

Innings.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Townsend A. A.	2	1	3	0	0	2	1	5	14
Maynards	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	9

Two-base hits—Eastman, Whitcomb, Miller. Three-base hit—Eastman. Home runs—Eastman, Teehan, Arlin. Double play—Persons to Brayton. Bases out—Spaulding 4, by Foley 2. Struck out—By Spaulding 4, by Foley 2. Stolen bases—Lancey, Ryan, Gilroy, Nevels, Ledgard. Sacrifice hits—Spaulding, Gilroy, Nevels, Persons. Passed balls—Persons 2. Hit by pitched ball—Whitcomb, Teehan, Miller, Dyson. Umpire—T. E. Flarity. Time—2 hours.

—Morse out, hit by batted ball.

—Persons out, not touching second.

HOLLIS.

Obituary. Mrs. Myra E. Blood of Hollis passed away at St. Anne's hospital, Fall River, on Sunday, August 8. She was born in Littleton, Mass., April 4, 1859, and was the daughter of Chas. A. and Ellen L. Willard. She attended the public schools of Littleton, Ayer and Pepperell. She entered the Ayer high school, and until her removal to Pepperell, was a member of the class of '76, under the instruction of James A. Powell.

She taught in the public schools of Dunstable and Pepperell.

On March 17, 1880, she was united in marriage to George H. Blood of Hollis. Mrs. Blood was always of a self-sacrificing disposition, which was continued even through her last sickness. A faithful wife, a devoted mother and a sincere friend, she will be mourned by a host of acquaintances.

She leaves three children, Mary L., Dr. George W., and Henry D. Blood, a mother, Mrs. George G. Puffer of Ayer, Mass., a sister, Miss Mabel E. Puffer of Ayer, Mass., one uncle and several aunts and cousins. Mrs. Blood's father passed away when she was eight months old. The funeral services were held at her home in Hollis on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at two p.m., Rev. C. H. Davis officiating. Music was rendered by a quartet composed of Miss Belle I. Gilman, Miss Helen M. Gray, Fred W. Dudley and Francis A. Lovejoy.

The floral tributes were many and beautiful, consisting of: Spray pink and white sweet peas and palm, Mary L. Blood; spray pink and white roses, Dr. George W. Blood; crescent of pink roses and white asters, Henry D. Blood; wreath of asters and roses, Mr. and Mrs. George G. Puffer; spray pink asters, Miss Mabel Puffer; wreath of magnolia leaves and asters, Miss Harriet M. Blood; wreath of white asters and roses, Miss Mary A. Blood; spray white roses and purple asters, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burley; spray white carnations and purple asters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Blood; floral star and cut flowers, Mrs. Martha A. Lawrence; cut flowers, Mrs. Cochran and Mrs. Jones; spray white asters, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leavitt and Miss Laura S. Leavitt; pillow of pink roses and white asters, P. of H.; wreath of pink roses and gladioli, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spaulding, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Twiss, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hills, Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Hills, Mrs. Henry Goodwin, Mrs. Adelle Gale, Mrs. Elmina Pierce, Mr. D. F. Pierce; spray white asters and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pierce; spray of white and pink asters and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hardy; spray geraniums and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blood; spray white asters, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McEnnis; spray pink and white asters and ferns, Miss Clara E. Adams; spray purple and white asters, Mrs. Curtis H. Bill, Miss L. E. Worcester and Miss Alice Worcester; floral crescent and cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert S. McNay; floral wreath and cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Dow; cut flowers, Mrs. Frank Dow; cut flowers, Mrs. Anderson; cut flowers, Miss Isabel Bancroft; red roses, Miss Lizzie Fletcher; sweet peas, Miss Abbie Flagg; sweet peas, cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis.

Items of Interest. It is estimated there are 500,000,000 birds in cages in this country.

On January 1, 1909, Japan had 3398 telegraph offices, and the lines were 5387 miles long, with a total length of wire 92,227 miles. Nearly 8,000,000 telegrams were handled last year.



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L. H. CUSHING, Supt.

The Term "Copper." While many police officials believe that the term "copper" as applied to policemen had its origin in the use of the copper badges that were formerly worn, an authority states that the word may be traced back to the Normans in the twelfth century and that it is a corruption of "catch." The Normans not only applied it to the catchers of criminals, but to the implements used in catching or holding them. There were "hand cops," or handcuffs, in the twelfth century, and the Anglo-Saxons used foot cops. In the "Vocabulum, or the Itogues' Lexicon," written by George W. Mote in 1850, coppered is thus defined:

"Copped—Arrested. The knuck was copper to rights, a skin full of honey was found in his kicks poke by the copper when he plucked him. The pickpocket was arrested, and when searched by the officer a purse full of money was found in his pants pocket." This is the derivation of copper. There is an implied compliment in the sobriquet.—London Saturday Review.

Blood Travels Fast.

The speed at which the blood circulates in the veins and arteries of a healthy man is something surprising. All day long, year in and year out, the round trips continue from the heart to the extremities and back again. The red blood corpuscles travel like boats in a stream, going to this or that station for such service as they have to perform, and the white corpuscles, the phagocytes, dart hither and thither like patrol boats, ready to arrest any contraband cargo of disease germs. The mileage of the blood circulation reveals some astounding facts in our personal history. Thus it has been calculated that, assuming the heart to beat sixty-nine times a minute at ordinary heart pressure, the blood goes at the rate of 207 yards in the minute, or seven miles per hour, 168 miles per day and 6,320 miles per year. If a man of eighty-four years of age could have one single blood corpuscle floating in his blood all his life it would have traveled in that same time 5,150,808 miles.—Exchange.

Afghan Frontier Tribes.

There is an interesting little story in Dr. T. L. Pennell's book "Among the Wild Tribes of the Afghan Frontier" which illustrates the attitude of the frontier tribes to their great neighbors. A political officer was talking with the headmen of some independent tribes, and he asked them what part their people would take in the event of war between Russia and England.

"Do you wish us to tell you what would please you or to tell you the real truth?" was their naive reply.

"I adjure you only to tell me what is the 'white word' (meaning the true statement).

"Then," said an old graybeard among them, voicing the feelings of all present, "we would just sit here upon our mountain tops watching you both fight until we saw one or the other of you utterly defeated; then we would come down and loot the vanquished till the last mule! God is great! What a time that would be for us!"

One Comfort.

Dick was a very clean little boy, and dirt disgusted him. One day he found a poor little starved kitten crouching in a ditch at the roadside, and he carried the wet, muddy little wail home with him. He took it to the hydrant and carefully rinsed off all the mud, but the shock was too great for the sick kitty, and the breath of life departed. Dick went with her to his mother, who exclaimed at the sight of the wet, drooping kitten. "Why, Dick, what have you done?" "She was all mud, and I washed her," Dick replied.

"Ob, Dick," his mother said sorrowfully, "I'm afraid she's dead." Dick looked shocked and grieved for a moment; then his face lighted up with a gleam of comfort as he exclaimed, "Well, she died clean, anyway."—Delineator.

The Tiger's Skin.

Whether its color helps the tiger in its furtive life or not, it is a royal livery that it wears. The "spoil of lions," but for their manes, have not much majesty. A cowhide may be handsome. But a throne can ask no more sumptuous trapping than a tiger's skin, and if a jury were to be impaled to select the noblest looking animal now in the zoological gardens the verdict would almost infallibly be unanimous in favor of the Siberian tiger. It is difficult to imagine anything more beautiful, more full of dignity and of the simple grace of strength than one of these gorgeous, deep furred brutes.—London Times.

More Cautious Now.

"Yes," said the popular actor, "I had to refuse the part. It was beyond my powers."

"That's strange," replied his friend. "There was a time when you would undertake any part."

"Ah, yes! That was when I was an amateur, and amateurs, you know, will attempt anything."—Exchange.

Expected Back.

Prisoner—Can I speak with the convict Jack for one moment? Jailer—No; he has just left, after finishing his time. But ask me again in about a week.—Filigende Blatter.

Not Her Poss.

Yeast—Does your wife ever sit with her chin resting on her knees? Criminal—No; my wife seldom sits with her chin resting at all.—Yonkers Statesman.

Take heed of many, advice of few.—Danish Proverb.

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LOVE AND DEAFNESS.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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Fergus MacAllister, a Scotch Presbyterian minister, having lost the power of speaking distinctly, became a burden on his congregation. In order to get rid of him they suggested that he go to a more salubrious climate and build up another church. There were many English speaking tourists in southern Italy, and the pastor was packed off to Naples, where, instead of succeeding in establishing a church, he supported himself and his family by entertaining said tourists in what is called in Europe a pension, in America a boarding house.

There came to Mr. MacAllister's pension an American party consisting of Mr. Blobson, an old gentleman deaf as a post; Mrs. Harker, a widow, deaf as Mr. Blobson, and Alice Harker, her daughter, aged twenty-five, a confirmed globe trotter. Miss Harker was especially anxious that her mother, whom she found it inconvenient to drag about with her, should in some way be soothed. The Harkers had met Mr. Blobson in Paris, and they had all traveled together to Naples. On the way Miss Harker had conceived the idea of marrying her mother to Mr. Blobson, though how the two were to get on together, both suffering from the same physical defect, she did not consider.

The beginning of the party's stay with the MacAllisters was not auspicious. Mr. MacAllister at dinner, after his guests had been seated, bent his head and began to speak in a low tone.

"What's that?" asked Blobson.

The host paused, somewhat disconcerted, then, without noticing the interruption, began again.

"Speak louder, I'm hard of hearing," persisted Blobson.

The Scotchman raised his head and spoke as loud as his impaired voice would admit. But it was no use. Blobson drowned his words with his demands for louder speech.

"Ye irreverent mon!" MacAllister exclaimed angrily. "I'm saying grace."

It seemed as though all the deaf tourists in Europe were destined to meet at MacAllister's boarding house.

Sir Douglas McCracken, born deaf and dumb, an old friend of the dominie, was expected to visit Naples and during his stay was to be a member of the household. Alice Harker, who was used to talking with her mother by the finger sign language, was asked to assist in entertaining him. One morning on coming in from sightseeing she was told that Sir Douglas had arrived. Entering the drawing room, she saw a man with a young face and a bald head reading a guidebook. Seeing a pretty girl, he rose deferentially. She addressed him in the sign language, and he replied in kind.

Now, it happened that this meeting involved a case of love at first sight. For an hour the two plied their fingers in mutual entertainment, and Miss Harker began to think how singular it would be if she succeeded in marrying her mother to the deaf Mr. Blobson and she herself should marry the deaf and dumb Sir Douglas. Presently the dominie came in with a man as old as himself and introduced him as the real, original and only Sir Douglas McCracken.

"And this gentleman?" Alice asked, pointing to the man she had been conversing with.

"He's Sir Douglas's son, Angus."

"And I've been talking to the young lady," said Angus, "supposing her to be a deaf mute."

There's nothing like sightseeing excursions for love-making. Angus McCracken and Alice Harker walked together on the hills overlooking Naples and its picturesque bay, sailed to the island of Capri, spooned in its celebrated blue grotto and drove from Sorrento to over the most beautiful drive in the world to Amalfi. Proposals often come at opportune moments, and in this case the declaration was made while the two were looking down into the crater of Vesuvius. However, Alice was ready for it, and while giving her reply she was meditating upon a plan to bring about the union of her mother with Mr. Blobson.

She told Angus McCracken that while her mother was on her hands she could not marry, but she hoped to make a match for the old lady, after which she would be pleased to become his wife. Angus, realizing that his happiness depended on the success of the scheme, forthwith devoted himself to Mr. Blobson, sounding all the while Mrs. Harker's praises and suggesting what a fine thing it would be for him if he could secure her for a wife. Blobson was finally convinced and told Angus that he would propose. Angus communicated the news to Alice. Alice in turn confided it to her mother.

Angus McCracken and Alice Harker, although they had plighted their troth coughing up the fumes of a volcano, considered that a romantic situation would be most effective in closing the matter between the elder lovers. The party were at Sorrento at the time. On a road winding up the cliff a short distance from their hotel is a house of entertainment with a square open cupola overlooking the enticing bay and surrounding mountains. The youngsters drove their elders there one moonlight evening and pushed them up into the cupola, Angus giving the old man the tip that he had better make his proposal then and there. When the couple descended Alice drew her mother away and asked her if the proposal had been made.

"I suppose so," said the old lady, "but I couldn't hear what he said."

Mr. Blobson told Angus that he had "told his story."

Angus told Alice, Alice told her mother, and the affair was settled.

A Tiger in Wales.
Some years ago it was reported that a tiger had escaped from a traveling menagerie at Brecon, in Wales. Mangled sheep were said to mark its course across country to Llandrindod Wells, some farmers lost their dogs and on market days at Bullth, Brecon, Penybont and Llanmairach the wild beast was the center of rumor. Country schools were closed because parents feared to let their children go along the roads, and bands of armed men sought to hunt the tiger down.

This state of terror lasted a week, though no person was found who had actually seen the tiger, but only people who "had heard that some one else," and so forth. Then the truth was hunted down and the origin of the whole affair discovered at the remote hamlet of Eberedw. One night the schoolmaster there, in dismissing the children, playfully had warned them not to loiter in going home lest a tiger should get them.

The scared children accepted the warning as real and hastened home with stories of a savage beast lurking behind hedges or growling in ravines. And so the story grew, as stories do under the culture of imagination.

As Clear as Crystal.
An English firm whose shipment of goods was delayed in reaching Japan received the following communication from its newly appointed Japanese agent: "With regard to the matter of escaping the penalty for nondelivery of this—there is only one way to creep round same—by diplomat. We must make a stir or strike occurring in our factory. Of course big untrue. I place my presence on inclosed form of letter and believe this will avoid the trouble of penalty of same. As Mr. — is most religious and competent man, also heavily upright and godly, it fears me that useless to apply for his signature. Please therefore attach same at Yokohama office, making—forge. But no cause for fear of prison happenings, as this often happens by merchants of high integrity. But if this involves that your honor look mean and excessive awkward for business purpose. I think more better a little serpentine wisdom of polite manhood and thus found good business edifice." The firm knows as much now about the delay as it did before.

Not Complete.
"Sir," says the sleek looking agent, approaching the desk of the meek, meekish looking man and opening one of those folding thingumajigs showing styles of binding, "I believe I can interest you in this massive set of books containing the speeches of the world's great orators. Seventy volumes, \$1 down and \$1 a month until the price, \$890, has been paid. This set of books gives you the most celebrated speeches of the greatest talkers the world has ever known, and—" "Let me see the index," says the meek man. The agent hands it to him, and he looks through it carefully and methodically, running his finger along the list of names. Reaching the end, he hands the index back to the agent and says: "It isn't what you claim it is. I happen to know the greatest talker in the world, and you haven't her in the index."—Chicago Post.

The Turtle's Cunning.
Although not credited with any high degree of intelligence, the turtle when about to deposit its eggs exhibits considerable cunning. It scoops out a hole, as if to prepare a repository for its eggs, but in order to delude the birds and other enemies the turtle throws the sand again into the hole, leaving the surface rough, and waddles off to another spot, where it repeats the process. Sometimes this is done three times, and eventually the eggs are laid in an excavation within a few yards of the sham nest, the surface being smoothed and flattened down. When hunting for the eggs the Queensland blacks probe the sand in the vicinity of one of the sham nests and are usually successful.—London Globe.

When the Dog Was Dressed.
"Oh, mamma," said little Jack, running into the house, "our dog Tige is dressed awful funny!"

Mamma looked out of the window. "Why, there is Tige," she replied, "and he's not dressed at all. How could a dog be dressed?"

Jack's eyes sparkled. "I wanted you to ask me that," he told her, "because I wanted to tell you that a dog is dressed after he's been running—when he wears a collar and pants."

Cause For Tears.
"What's the matter, dear?" queried the mother of five-year-old Helen, who was crying as if her little heart would break. "What are you crying about?"

"I w-want s-somethin'," sobbed Helen.

"What do you want?" asked her mother.

"I've f-forgot what I w-want," answered the little miss. "Th-that's what m-makes me c-cry."—Chicago News.

Overwhelmed.
"Your pulchritude is peerless. You are an astounding aggregation of feminine faultlessness. Be mine!"

"Sure," responded the girl. "I never could resist that press agent language."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Might Have Been Much Worse.
"You admit that the audience howled and whistled through the whole three acts of your play, and you say it might have been worse. How could it?"

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New Rules of the Post Office Department.

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During the forty years that we have published this paper we are not aware that we have lost a dollar during that time in money enclosed for subscriptions. Enclose your subscriptions in an envelope directed Turner's Public Spirit, Ayer, Mass.

HANDLING THE BROOD SOW.

The man who gives proper attention to the care of the brood sow and her litters and gets the young pigs started right has solved one of the great problems connected with successful pork production. The men who have made the greatest success as breeders of pure bred swine have attained success by attending to all of the details of the business, and if it has proved profitable for them to attend to the small things connected with their business why not for the man who is growing market hogs?

My experience teaches me that the easiest method of making sure of saving the litters is to begin by feeding the brood sow a proper diet for four or five months before the pigs are farrowed, says a successful swine breeder. They should be fed some form of warm slop that is composed of good, wholesome muscle and bone building foods, such as wheat middlings, ground oats, oilmeal, roots and clover. The man who gives his sows good, dry sleeping places and feeds along the above lines is invariably the man who always has good luck in saving these early litters.

Sows that are fed on corn and other highly concentrated rations during this time are quite certain to have more or less difficulty at farrowing time, and we need not wonder if they run after their pigs and chase them up in one corner of their pens or even turn upon them and devour them.

It is only by feeding the brood sows under the right conditions that such troubles can be avoided. The sow that has a coked udder that is the result of being fed a heat producing ration suffers severe pain and cannot be blamed for being restless and not lying still for the little pigs to suck. How much better to have our sows trained so that we could go in with them and bathe their udders with warm water when they are sore and fevered!

We find that nothing pays us better than to be on friendly terms with our brood sows at farrowing time, and for that reason it is best to remove them to their farrowing pen at least two weeks before they are due to farrow. This gives the feeder or herdsman time to get acquainted with the sows, and they have a chance to get accustomed to their new quarters and quieted down before farrowing time arrives.

The most severe losses in a herd of swine come at farrowing time, and a large proportion of these losses are unnecessary if the sows have good farrowing houses and judgment is used in caring for them during this most critical period. Many pigs are lost by accident at the time the sow is farrowing, some by feeding the sow too much soon after farrowing and others from damp, filthy nests and sudden changes in the weather. When a man is on friendly terms with his brood sows it will pay him to be with them at farrowing time and take the young pigs as fast as they come and place them in a nest or basket away from the sow until she has completed the farrowing act and then place them with her and see that each pig finds a teat and gets a good start in life before leaving. I believe that an average of two pigs to a litter can be saved by taking these precautions.

One of the most difficult problems that confront the hog grower is to find a way to prevent scours and indigestion. I believe that this complaint comes largely from insanitary conditions, and for that reason it will prove an excellent plan to sprinkle the nests and floors of the pens with lime and spray the inside of the houses with a mixture of one part crude carbolic acid and fifty parts crude oil. There are numerous commercial disinfectants on the market, but this mixture is very cheap and effective.

We prefer wheat middlings as a grain food for our sows, although other feeds should be fed in connection with it. Bran, ground oats, corn in limited quantities and tankage are all good feeds and will bring results when properly proportioned. The feeder must use his own judgment as to the condition of the sow and the pigs. No man can tell just how much care and attention a sow and her pigs will require. Constant attention alone will decide the question.

Start the pigs right and push them every day from birth to maturity on a well balanced ration and they will make a rapid and uniform growth. A uniform lot of pigs look better, feed better and will sell better on any market in the country.

Drink For Tired Horses.
A horseman says that for horses fagged out after a tiring journey there is no safer or better tonic than a "white drink" made by stirring in a bucket of water a pint of oatmeal off which the chaff has been taken. White drinks of this kind are not only good thirst quenchers, but they also seem to act as a restorative and are found to be very effective in enabling animals to regain strength lost through illness or severe exertion.

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Asked why he hesitated for a moment, then, bursting into tears, "I've been wondering," he said between sobs, "when mother's dead—and nurse's dead—and my wife's dead—who'll look after me when I'm sick!"

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Goldsmith somewhere tells of an old lady who, lying sick unto death, played cards with the curate to pass away the time and after winning all his money had just proposed to play for her funeral expenses when she expired.

His Only Chance.
The young man lends his bride to the altar, but that's as far as he goes in the leading business.—Meddler.

Up to Date Canvassing.
As I opened the door I saw a man with a burglar's mask kneeling before the safe.

The next moment he had turned and shoved a revolver into my face. "Throw up your hands!" he said. I did so.

"You understand," he remarked pleasantly, "that I can, in the present circumstances, loot the premises at my pleasure!"

I confessed that he could. "You realize that you are at my mercy?" he asked.

"I do," I replied.

"You acknowledge that I can blow out your brains if I like?" he persisted.

"Certainly," I admitted.

"Well, then," he said, "you will be interested to know that I got in without difficulty through your parlor window. Had it been equipped with Smith's patent safety burglar alarm and prevented this could not have happened. Installed complete with batteries for \$5. Allow me to hand you a circular. Good night, sir."

Therewith, pocketing his revolver, he withdrew.—Pearson's Weekly.

It Worked Out Badly.
There is such a thing as carrying the discount business too far, as the smart advertising agent of a new publication discovered.

"As I understand," said the merchant, "your rate is \$50 a page for a single insertion and you deduct 1 per cent from this rate for each additional insertion?"

"That is correct," replied the agent. "The total rate decreases by 1 per cent for each insertion contracted for after the first," he went on to explain. "If you agree to take it ten times there will be nine insertions after the first and you will get 9 per cent off the rate. In other words, you will only have to pay \$45.50 each time."

"The idea commends itself to me," said the merchant thoughtfully, "and if you will stick to that plan I will be glad to make a contract with you to use a full page for 101 consecutive issues."

The agent was jubilant until he thought it over. Then he wasn't. This discount business can be carried too far.—Exchange.

How a Submarine Dives.
All submarine vessels are brought to a condition of readiness to submerge by taking in water ballast in suitably arranged and controlled tanks. This causes more of the boat to sink below the water's surface and finally leaves her with only a small part of her conning tower out of water. The remaining part above water represents what is called "reserve buoyancy." This buoyancy varies generally from 200 to 1,000 pounds, depending upon the size of the craft, and it is to overcome the permanent tendency to rise represented by this reserve that pressure is brought to bear upon the submerging rudders or the hydroplanes in order to make the boat sink after she is once put in motion. It is the height out of water or reserve of buoyancy of the submersible which gives her her superior sea keeping qualities, which permits the vessel to be driven safely on the surface at higher rates of speed and which contributes in other ways to the efficiency, the habitability and the military value of the craft.—Harper's Weekly.

Phony Mistake.
The mistakes that occur through and by the telephone are numerous," said the lady who had one in her house, "and some of them are as amusing as the others are annoying. The last one I had happen to me was rather curious. My sister-in-law is named Drake, and I called her up at her house. The maid told me she had left word to call her up at a certain number, which I thought I had right. I called it and asked for Drake. They said there was no such person there. Then I wanted to know what place it was. The man at the other end said it was a poultry store, and he didn't laugh when he said it. It struck me as so funny that I laughed right out, and the man asked me what I was laughing at. He hadn't seen the point, and I rang off without enlightening him."—New York Herald.

The Owl in History.
The owl was in former times generally regarded as an omen of misfortune or death, but as the Egyptians represented Minerva under the form of an owl the Athenians, who were under the care of this goddess, looked upon the appearance of the owl as a favorable omen. It therefore formed upon the ancient coins referred to the symbol of Athens and her foreign possessions. The Chinese and the Tartars have also held the owl in high esteem. The first named used to wear owl's feathers in their caps, and some Tartar tribes still worship idols made like owls.

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PEPPERELL

Centre.

A "Pop concert" will be presented in Prescott hall, Thursday evening, September 2, under the auspices of the Unitarian church. An entertaining program by out-of-town and local talent is being arranged. Among the numbers will be Frank O'Harell, the well-known musical magician. The public will be glad to be able to hear and see him again, in his mysterious tricks.

Mrs. Sarah Watts of Holliston and Mrs. Martha Randall of Bolton were recent guests of Mrs. Sarah Patch.

The L. S. C. of the Unitarian church will hold a food sale Thursday afternoon, August 26, in Central hall, from three to five o'clock. Vegetables of various kinds, food, candy and anything eatable for sale, and is solicited for that purpose and to decorate the tables.

Marshall Meriam, clerk and paymaster for the past twenty-three years at the Champion-International Co., has been appointed for Pepperell and neighboring towns special agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Boston, the oldest life insurance company transacting an agency business in America. See announcement in another column.

Rev. F. E. Webster of Waltham will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church, Sunday morning, August 22.

An adjourned parish meeting of the Unitarian church will be held in Central hall, Tuesday evening, August 24, at 7.30 o'clock. All interested please take notice and attend.

Miss Edith Lawrence of St. Louis sister, Mrs. Susan Parker, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Ruth Whiting of Dedham.

Mrs. Bessie Allen is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Susan Parker, of South St. Louis, and Mrs. Smith Whiting of Dedham.

Mrs. Mary B. Stone of Marblehead is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. L. P. Blood.

Misses Annah P. and Margaret G. Blood are expected to return from St. John, N. B., on Sunday.

Mrs. George L. Perlin of Brookline, wife of Rev. George Perlin, and her sister were guests of their early friend, Mrs. William Kendall of Townsend street, this week Friday.

Mrs. Jane Goodwin and Mrs. John H. Blood are visiting Mrs. Florence E. Swain in Stoughton.

Marshall Meriam returns to his business in Providence, R. I., on Monday.

East.

Mrs. W. M. Blood has gone to Winthrop beach for a few weeks.

Mrs. A. A. Elliot of Gardner is at her old home on Pleasant street, after several weeks at Camp Comfort, Massachusetts.

George F. Turner, formerly principal of the high school, will meet students at the high school building, Monday, August 23, from two to five p. m., to return report cards. After this date they can be had at the store of George H. Swift, member of the school board.

Station Agent A. H. Harris and family left Tuesday for a week at Hampton Beach. Mr. Valencourt, his assistant, is in charge during his absence.

David Cuthbertson left Monday for Liverpool, N. S., for a two weeks' outing. His work at the N. R. P. Co.'s stable is in charge of John Tune.

Several deer have been seen in the thickly settled part of the town recently, just off Main street. The other day a large buck was seen crossing the field of Miss Sibley, near the golf course.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Harris of Hampton Beach were guests at his brother's, A. H. Harris, Pleasant street, over Sunday.

Thomas C. Klien of Natick, formerly of this town, a member of Company L, Ninth regiment, is with the "Blue army" in the present war game.

A social dance is announced for Monday evening, August 23, under the auspices of F. R. Bennett, J. A. Wiley and A. L. Carter. It will be held in Prescott hall. Music by Thayer's orchestra. A jolly good time is assured.

The game of ball announced for Saturday at the public playgrounds is between the Hasbeens and Colts. This will no doubt be the most interesting of the season. The Hasbeens are perfectly correct in the attitude of disgust at the continuous defeat performance received by the younger team. The following lineups will stir up enthusiastic fans: Hasbeens are Brainard, c; Tune, p; Hayes, 1b; T. Millan, 2b; R. Shattuck, 3b; P. Morrissey, ss; T. Hayes, lf; M. Gilchrist, cf; T. Morrissey, rf. The Colts are Cushing, Foster, Soule, Thomas Connolly, John Connolly, O'Toole, LaBean, Lawrence, Sullivan, McCord.

The water supply in the watering trough on Main street has been seriously short this past week.

Archibald Harriman and family of Danvers are at his father's, Walter Harriman, Pleasant street.

O. M. Nash was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. W. M. Mault and Miss Louise Williams are at York Beach for a vacation.

The Chapman family will hold their annual reunion at Grange hall, Friday, August 27. A good time is anticipated. Friends do not forget the day.

There will be an important business meeting of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., at the chapter house, Monday, August 23, at three o'clock. Board meeting at 2.30. At four, Miss Louise Shattuck, chairman of the "Children of the Republic" committee, will conduct a chapter's hour. Each member may bring a guest, and one child under ten years of age.

The E. V. social club picnic, which was to have been held August 18, at Mrs. Allen Parker's, has been postponed to August 25, and if stormy, to August 26.

F. W. Hall of Winthrop has been visiting at his sister's, Mrs. W. S. Parker's. Mrs. W. F. Brown and daughter Ruth, who have been spending the past month at W. S. Parker's, returned to Lowell this week.

John J. Attridge of Cottage street, foreman in the cutter department of the Nashua River Paper Co., is spending a few weeks with friends in Malden.

F. H. Ward has had town water installed in the Hutchinson place on Pleasant street, which he recently purchased.

The social dance at Oak Hill Monday night was very successful, of the kind which everyone enjoys and all mutually join in and have a good time. A large party of Brooklinites were present, including many of their summer visitors. Thayer's orchestra supplied the necessary lubricant and all made merry.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church at their last meeting voted to adjourn for a few weeks. The next meeting will be at the call of the president. It is understood that an interesting event will be announced about the last of September.

From time to time warnings have been given by interested citizens and others, of the dangerous turns and curves on many of our highways. Suggestions have previously been made in these columns that the authorities cause signs to be placed near these bad corners, cautioning autos to slow down. It is said that the collision at Hollingsworth recently might have been less possible if certain amount of trimming of bushes had been done. This is not a case of improvement only, but of self-preservation.

George H. Swift has gone to Buffalo on a week's business trip. His sale at low prices, of fine goods, continues, in charge of his son Dean, and his daughter, Miss Jessie Swift.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar French of Everett are visiting this week with Mrs. Elmer Andrews and Miss Rilla Lawrence, Hollis street.

Alex Duby and son Elliott of Pleasant street are this week visiting with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Jennie Merrill arrived Wednesday at her father's, Otis A. Merrill, Oak Hill, for a vacation from her duties in Boston. Her young brother, Dana, who has been sight-seeing at the metropolis, returned with her.

L. A. Boynton has accepted a position in Newton, where he went this week.

There was a gathering of Fletcherites at a reunion picnic at the Pepperell springs, Thursday afternoon.

The Warrens left a part of their apparatus at Lawrence by mistake of some one, and when they arrived here the pole from No. 2 had to be used to draw the tub to its domicile. Better luck next time; we are glad they did not leave the dear old tub.

A note of importance is the changed hour of closing at the bank here. Saturdays at twelve o'clock instead of one o'clock.

A large number of cars of coal have arrived this week for the Champion mill, and are being unloaded by teams of I. J. Rowell.

The Warrens were unable to have the desired practice Monday evening, on account of the rain, but tried out the new nozzle near the bridge, Wednesday evening.

The I. C. School display in the windows of William H. Mansfield have attracted large crowds. There are now about eighteen students of this school in the town. One of the interesting features of the display was several examination papers of Herbert Fie, one of the employees of the Boston and Maine here.

There will be a local golf tournament at the Country club this Saturday. Last week's cup was won by Archibald C. Pike.

The results of the firemen's muster at Lawrence Thursday were a great disappointment to the many loyal supporters of the Warrens, for they all were to bring home a prize. But this time it took from early reports as if the results would not land them within the winning line. The tubs which won big money were Hancock, 246 feet; Hingham, 234 feet; Nonantum, 232 feet; and Columbia, 230 feet. The Warrens played about 216 feet with an undermanned crew, only about forty-five being present; if the required fifteen more had been there it would no doubt have made results somewhat different. Our boys arrived home about ten p. m., tired, but not discouraged.

Charles Bartz and Mr. Wentworth attended the muster in the former's auto.

Among those home for their respective vacations we notice from Boston Misses Catherine Morrissey, Alice McGrath, Minnie Gaine, Arthur Bolles, Minot Blood. Miss Morrissey was an enthusiastic supporter of the home team at the game in Ayer last Saturday.

Leo Minter of Boston was in town this week, calling on old favorites. Thomas Cunniff was also home from the city over Sunday.

The late connections made with town water are: Groton street, John O'Toole, N. Lessard, T. O'Brien; Leighton street, J. Burke, Mrs. C. Burke; Tarbell street, J. Millan, P. W. Flynn, J. Morrissey; Prospect street, P. Gaine, Mrs. Handley; Main street, Miss Sibley, public library and A. A. Tarbell's new building. In all to date about 150 have been connected and almost half as many more applications have been received.

A shipment of shoes was made from the shoe factory Thursday afternoon to Boston.

C. B. Hamilton has resigned his position as local editor of the News and is to accept a position in Boston. Mr. Hamilton was formerly employed with the Pepperell Advertiser for three years. During his work here he has made many friends among the merchants and townspeople who wish him success in his future undertakings.

Harold, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Copp, is recovering from his recent illness.

Mrs. J. Silney is slowly improving from her serious illness. Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence is caring for her.

Mrs. C. A. Conant returned Tuesday from Babouise, where she has been camping with friends.

Arthur Bartlett, Misses Alice Blood and Jessie Swift enjoyed a drive to Camp Comfort, Massachusetts, Thursday afternoon. Although having just returned from a two weeks' outing there, the delights still attract.

Dr. John Farrar left Tuesday for New York, after enjoying a visit with his old friend, J. O. Bennett, Townsend street. The doctor was formerly a resident here, and in the reception room of the public library is to be found substantial evidence of his interest in our town. Dr. Farrar expresses pleasure with the close touch with which the Clarion-Advertiser constantly kept him with the town, although he was many miles away.

Louis A. Tarbell has returned from his vacation and resumed his duties in charge of the store of A. A. Tarbell. Louis says he had a good time, and his tan and happy appearance proves it.

Mrs. Foster of Cushing, Me., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, Main-st.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Appleton have entered upon the season of camping out at their delightful summer home on Mt. Lebanon. Miss Jordan and Miss Annie M. Brown of Oak Lawn, R. I., are their guests this week.

Mrs. B. J. Farrell is ill at her home on Main street. Mrs. E. A. Heywood is attending her.

Mrs. Jelano of Lowell is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Archibald G. Pike.

The Pepperell boys will play the Townsend Independents Thursday, August 26, on the new grounds here.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Gilson, Groton street, are happy over the arrival of son and heir, which arrived Saturday morning. Mr. Gilson is one of the engineers at the Nashua River Paper Co., while his friends are congratulating him.

Winford Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard, is steadily recovering from his recent accident, causing a broken arm.

William H. Mansfield was at Lowell, Monday, to attend the funeral of his friend, Charles Carter, who was one of the leading druggists of that city.

Andrew Pillsbury, a teamster for I. J. Rowell met with a painful and what might have been a more serious accident last week. While adjusting a farm machine, to which the team was hitched, he was kicked by one of the horses. His injuries were attended to by Dr. F. W. Lovejoy and he was able to be out again the first of the week.

Don't forget the Farmers' and Mechanics' meeting, Saturday evening, August 21, in town house, to decide about a fair.

A pop concert is announced for Thursday evening, September 2, in Prescott hall, under auspices of L. S. C. of the Unitarian church. Special features and unusual events by out-of-town talent.

Glen Upson has been assisting W. M. Mault in his store during the absence of Arthur Bartlett on his vacation.

Postmaster A. P. Wright returned to town from York Beach on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wright would have stayed longer at this delightful resort, but the cold weather which prevailed was not magnetic.

Bernard La Poer of the south part of the town paid to the tune of ten plunks in the district court at Ayer last Tuesday, where he was taken by Chief of Police J. Monteith. Our chief is certainly doing his work for sportless town and the rain has saved the watering cart another trip.

The selectmen have had considerable work done on the baseball section of the new playground, besides the fine backstop and taking away of rocks and boulders. The well upon the grounds has been cleaned, and a new pump placed for use. This well will not only furnish a good supply, but will relieve the neighborhood of the bother caused by supplying water. The funds given to the town by the young men from their minstrels was less than seventy dollars and the amount has already been spent.

Master Arnold Bishop of Pawtucket, who has been the guest of Charlie Greenhalge at his grandmother's, Mrs. L. B. Page, returned home Tuesday.

Surprise Party.

Surprise parties are always enjoyable affairs in many ways and for many people, but last Tuesday's entertainment at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. A. LeRoy Shattuck was beyond the superlative degree of classification. It was not entirely a surprise to the young couple, for they had been forewarned, and the large, convenient barn was made clear for the dancers and attractive with the many decorations of wild flowers and golden rods. The reception rooms and parlor of the house were made inviting to those who enjoyed smoke talk or games. Refreshments were brought by the merry visitors and Thayer's orchestra along too. The evening's merriment was made memorable by the gift to the kind host and hostess of a set of solid silver spoons. The fun was kept up until the small hours of the morning and its memory not to be forgotten. Mr. Shattuck is oldest son of A. A. Shattuck, a graduate of Amherst college, and has not forgotten how to play ball, for it is understood he is to play on the strong Hasbeens Saturday.

A Bad Flight.

A very narrow escape from what seemed sure death was witnessed at the farm of C. A. Dennen, Park street, Tuesday. A large cow had become untidy and refused to be driven into the barn, and finding herself cornered by four men, she proceeded to fight her way out. The first she made for sought shelter, the second stood his ground and inflicted a severe blow with an oak cordwood stick of fair size, but of such weight that he could not swing it quickly enough to deter the bovine from her intentions. He proceeded to shelter in such haste that he slipped on the wet grass, and the enraged animal seemed to note her advantage; as she approached, the unfortunate raised and met her with another cloud and then threw himself flat on the ground, and the cow not

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finding anything to stay her progress while she was soothed the alarm, when the fire was soon extinguished. Mr. Bussey has the rags in his possession and an attempt will be made to connect the rags and the incendiary. Quite a sprinkling of hair from a dog figures in the circumstantial evidence of the rags.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell thirty-five cows and heifers by auction, belonging to M. T. Carrigan, Concord, on Thursday, August 26, at one p. m.

Items of Interest.

At a cost of \$100,000 the congregation of Carr's Lane Chapel in Birmingham, England, have built club rooms and a restaurant for working women.

Some of the cigars in the Philippines are two and a half feet long.

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An attempt was made about midnight, Wednesday evening, to burn the barn of George W. Bussey at Brookside. A bundle of rags saturated with oil was found on fire back of and close to the barn. The barn had just commenced to burn slowly when discovered. The recent heavy rain acted as fire department until the Brookside

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