

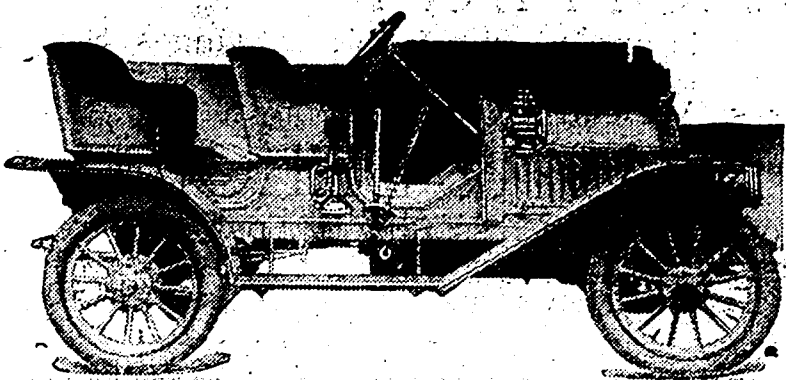
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HARVARD.

Grange.
Tuesday evening last the grange observed children's night in a very interesting and effective manner. Miss Annie Reed, chairman of the committee, presented the program of the evening: Duet, Miss Reed and Miss Merrill; recitation, Raymond Kinsman; song, girls' sextet; piano solo, Lancaster Clay; recitation, John Skillings; piano solo, Dorothy West; duet, Viola and Madeline Parker; tableaux by the smaller children, this feature creating great applause; song, Nancy and Miriam Harlow; recitation, Alston Keyes; duet, Carrie Houghton and Lancaster Clay; harmonica solo, Jessie Cameron; song, girls' sextet; piano solo, Edith Dudley; recitation, Marjorie Houghton; play, "Jenna's dream," representing the principal characters in the mother goose stories; song, Dorothy West; song, "Slumber time," by Madeline Parker with tableaux by four children with dolls.
Following the entertainment there were refreshments of cakes, ices and sherbets served to all present. As this was an open meeting several visitors as well as visiting patrons from neighboring granges were present.

News Items.

On Tuesday evening next there is to be a poverty party in the town hall under the management of R. L. Fillebrown. All are invited.
Mrs. Burton McCreery, Hot Springs, Ark., is visiting this week at A. T. West's, the guest of her brother, Gordon McCreery.
Rev. C. C. Torrey of Andover and for several years a pastor here in the Congregational church, is now staying

in town the guest of Miss Emily Hildreth at "Sunnyside."

Miss Ruth Bagster and Miss Emily E. Hersey, who have been abroad for the past eight weeks, returned home on Sunday last. While away they visited places of interest from Scotland to Italy, and report an exceedingly pleasant and interesting trip. Both return with souvenirs from different parts as reminders of their trip abroad.

Miss Flora Hastings of Lunenburg, a classmate of Miss Mary Davis at the Fitchburg business school, is visiting in town dividing her time with Miss Davis and Miss Jessie Cameron.

Miss Abbie McNiff, who has been acting as postoffice clerk, substituting for Miss Hersey, was obliged to leave on Saturday last, to resume her school work in Littleton. Miss McNiff, while here was uniformly courteous and prompt, and it was regretted that she could not continue until the vacancy should be filled. A young lady from Grafton is now doing the work at the office.

Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Windsor, Vt., called upon Miss Laura Brown and Mrs. Jennie Willard recently while on a tour of Massachusetts in their automobile.

John Kenney, who spends most of his vacation with his wife's mother, Mrs. Patrick Joyce, has a dog that he thinks is about right. Mr. Kenney was in Boston recently, and the dog came to the railroad station, and when the morning train arrived for Boston the dog got on board and had to be put off by the train men. The dog had made several trips between their Boston home and Still River, and it is supposed that he wanted his master and

took the train to go to Boston to find him.

Mrs. Henry Stone and son of Portland, have been visiting at Frank Sprague's, and Miss Alice Lincoln of Somerville spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Sprague.

Mrs. L. H. Morse had a brother from Winchendon with her Sunday.
Luther H. Bateman's family returned to their Arlington home Tuesday, after a visit with his mother, Mrs. Louisa H. Bateman.

Miss Katherine L. Lawrence spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. A. M. L. Clark, in Lancaster.

Miss Edith Fairchild started for Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Monday, to take up her duties as teacher.

Miss Adelaide Fairchild went to Northfield Wednesday to take up a special line of study.

Ralph Whitney sang at an entertainment given by the Sholan club in Lancaster Monday evening.

Charles Haskell, Willard Hudson, Kenneth Russell, Harry Lamson and Lawrence Brennan attended the automobile races in Lowell Monday.

Miss Edna Flanders and Miss Edith Farnsworth went to Palmer and Springfield respectively, Monday, to resume their duties as teachers.

The camp of the boys' brigade at Cumbrey pond was broken up Monday, the Northfield boys taking a special car at this station, and the Clinton and Maynard boys marching to Lancaster, where they took the electric. Several of the state officers were here, and they say that they are so well pleased with that location, that they will plan on having a large camp there next year.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes are spending the last of this week in Portland and vicinity.

Mrs. Florence S. Bailey returned to Boston Monday after a visit with Mrs. Haynes.

Mrs. Frank Brown and two children spent a few days with Mrs. Jennie Willard and sister, Miss Brown, and on Tuesday started for Goldfield, Nev., where Mr. Brown is located, connected with mining. They plan to make their home there. Mr. Brown has been there for several years and is nicely located, so that now they go to him, having sold their home in Westboro.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Presentation.

William J. Bailey was given a surprise party Monday, September 6, in Tarbell's hall. As he supposed, he was going to the hall to a special grange meeting, and when he arrived he was taken into the hall and was asked to lead a march with Mrs. Clara Russell. All followed and when they got to the stage Clarence R. Russell presented Mr. Bailey with a purse of \$25.40 toward expenses for his recent operation. He responded in a very grateful manner. Then the orchestra played a selection; song, Miss Maxine Nichols; song, Mrs. Louise Bailey Bragg; reading, Miss Annie Spencer; selection by the orchestra; remarks, Mr. Bailey; violin solo, Frank Jenness. Marching and dancing followed, after which all wished Mr. Bailey a speedy recovery, so as to be himself again. There were about a hundred guests to welcome him, it being a holiday. Several were missed.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Albert Hildreth, manager of the Hollis Telephone Co., has presented to the Nashua operators, for use in the retiring room, a bound volume entitled, "My Cranford." The operators are pleased with the gift and Mr. Hildreth's thoughtfulness.

Miss Mary Childs of Mason, with her niece Pauline Whittaker, is visiting Mrs. Goodwin.

C. J. Bell has fifteen cattle from his valuable herd of Ayrshires at the New England fair, Worcester, this week. It is said that the cattle have taken several first premiums.

Miss Louise Hardy and George Jones left Monday for Kingston to attend the Sanborn academy the ensuing year.

Miss Lena Ladd left home for Boston last week, where she has gone to learn to be a linotype operator.

The friends of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis are rejoiced to know that Mrs. Davis is improving rapidly from her recent illness.

About forty from Hollis attended the convention of the Nashua River C. E. union in Brookline Monday, September 6. Francis A. Lovejoy of the Hollis society was elected president of the union for the ensuing year.

Charles E. Cummings of Malden, Mass., who spent several years of his early life in Hollis, was in town Tuesday calling on old friends, renewing acquaintances.

Miss Edith Read of Berlin, who has been spending the past three weeks at the paternal home, left Hollis Monday for Berlin.

Fed by storage batteries, new London ambulances are equipped with electric lights.

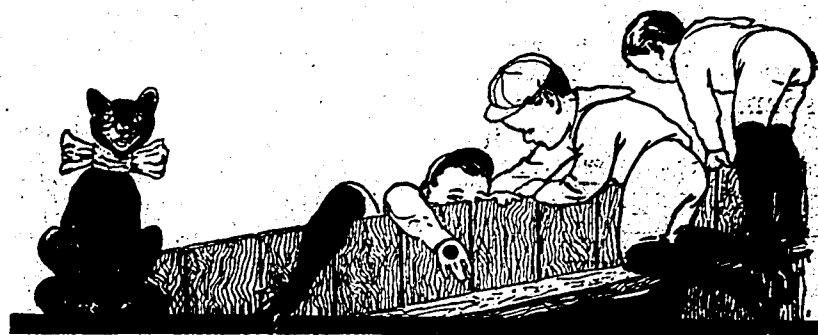
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Saturday, September 11, 1909.

WESTFORD.

About Town.

Arthur H. Burnham, one of the large farmers on the border of Parkerville, has fodder corn growing for the silo that measures 12 feet, 4 inches in height. If the usual amount of rainfall had followed it, where would it have been by this time?

George A. Kimball, another prosperous farmer, right in the density of Parkerville, is improving the village appearance by dressing up his buildings in a new coat of paint; also adding temptations to the attractions of Brick Yard hill with his Mountain Rose peaches.

Joseph David Lafayette Mudgett of Westford, Vt., is making his abiding place with Clarence Revillo Parker, Decatur of Westford, as ploughman, milkman, harvester and general dandy, handy man. Plenty of name for fame.

John Adams Taylor has finished taking the school census, and left town Tuesday noon for Miami University, Ohio. The census report shows 448 school children between the ages of five and fifteen—229 boys and 219 girls, a gain of thirteen school children over last year.

Arthur Warren of Chelmsford has moved his portable sawmill onto Oak hill and will soon commence cutting the pine lot recently purchased of Walter Emerson; also close by all the lumber on the Noah Shapleigh lot. The lumber on both these lots is in vigorous growing condition and necessarily small. Between unfortunate fires and premature cutting, Oak hill is no longer the beauty spot it once was. State forester Raine might profitably be introduced to encourage the reign of scientific forestry on this sky-towering hill.

It was regretted by all admirers of that plain, rugged, practical type of life characteristic of early New England, when it was learned that Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey, a physical, moral, social and spiritual type of this life, was ill and unable to resume Sunday services at the close of the vacation last Sunday. Besides the above class, who especially regret it, everybody does who ever knew him.

Labor day at the "Old oaken bucket" farm was observed with variety. Some went to the auto races, some stayed to the lawn tennis races, some were worldly and grasped the plow handles, and clung to worldliness until retribution broke the plow point and the horses helped themselves with speed to stable recreation. Among those who sported on the lawn tennis court were Emerson brothers of Chelmsford, Rev. J. D. Sarlee of Hanover. Among relatives who helped and looked on were Amelia, Emily and Lyman Proctor of Cambridge, Mrs. Helen H. Taylor, Miss Bessie Dame and Miss Susan Hannaford of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snow of Chelmsford.

For a real picture of thrifty prosperity just cast your eyes sideways (unless you are cross-eyed) into the lawn farm yard of Charles W. Whitney and see that bright, shining, labor-saving machine only a few hours out from the manufacturer. This is the farm now where the planting will get the start of St. Patrick's day in the morning, and some of the other early birds will have to ride on the rear seat as passenger only. Some say it will be an airship next.

Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey is in town again after vacation season, and looking better in the behavior of his health, and the Unitarian church will open tomorrow, the twelfth.

The School Question.

For the first time in history the old Stony Brook school closed its doors for the period of a school term. Such was the case Tuesday when the autumn term of the schools opened, and the scholars of this ancient and honorable district were transported by electric cars to all that is modern and attractive at the William E. Frost school at the Center. The size of the tax bills this year does not seem to hint at depreciation of farm property, and the jolly, smiling good time of the scholars riding to and fro so far is a rebuttal of the foretold evils of transportation.

There is talk of an article in the next annual town warrant to build a new two-story schoolhouse at Brookside. As this is a manufacturing center, it has the appearance of wisdom and the writer is inclined to favor it, but let us be wise enough to profit by past experiences to know what we want and where we want it.

Within the space of a little over twenty-five years the town has built twelve new schoolhouses and closed six of them. The first new schoolhouse at Granterville was not what

was wanted nor where it was wanted, and the second new schoolhouse was built. The first new schoolhouse at Westford Center was not what was wanted nor where it was wanted and a second new schoolhouse was built, so that we have gone all over the town once with new schoolhouses and have commenced to go over it the second time, so that building schoolhouses and abandoning them seems to keep us in a whirl of a stir all the time.

Solomon has a sermon on "With all thy getting get wisdom." Hadn't we better stock up with wisdom before we stock up with more schoolhouses.

Grange.

At the last meeting of the grange L. W. Wheeler occupied part of the lecturer's hour by some practical points and statistics on "Adulteration of food," and several members spoke briefly and wisely on "Farm life in the house."

On the question of making an exhibit by the grange at the Mid-diesex North fair as by invitation of Chelmsford grange, it was voted unanimously not to exhibit. The dry weather conditions as affecting fruit and vegetables had much to do with the vote. At the next meeting of the grange next week Thursday evening Concord and Tyngsboro granges will be the invited guests and will furnish the literary entertainment. Supper will be in charge of the ladies' degree team of Westford, which is another name in part for excellence in abundance. Let there be abundance of attendance.

The trustees of Middlesex North society held a meeting at the American house in Lowell last week Thursday to make arrangements for the fair to be held at Chelmsford next week Wednesday and Thursday. Chelmsford grange has charge and promises a band of music day and evening.

Weather permitting concert on the park; exhibition of fruit and vegetables at town hall, open day and evening; exhibition of cattle near the park; dinner and speeches at Odd Fellows' hall Thursday. It is hoped that the recent automobile promenade contest will not tend to side-track this ancient and honorable exhibition of what brains can do for the soil. The 19,000 acres that make the territory of Westford were once a part of Chelmsford. Let a few birthday remembrances be sent to this fair as a sort of "account of our stewardship."

Center.

Mrs. Hiram Whitney, who has been abroad since early in April, arrived in New York Saturday last week, and expects to be in Westford the last of this week.

Samuel H. Balch is having his annual vacation as mail carrier on route No. 2, Warren E. Carlin is substituting for him during the two weeks he is absent.

James S. Gill of Ludlow, Vt., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, over Sunday and Labor day, taking in the races with Mr. Fletcher Monday.

Mrs. H. N. Jaques and daughter Dorothy, who have been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland, are enjoying a trip to the White Mountains.

Among the teachers from Westford returning to their duties in other places are Miss Jennie Chandler and Miss Lila Fisher to Boston; Miss Edna Ferguson to Beverly; Miss Jennie Ferguson to Island Falls, Me.; Miss Stella Hartford to Hempstead, N. H.; Miss Ruth Tuttle to Winthrop; and Miss Edith Wright to Ayer.

Edmund Baker is the caretaker of the William E. Frost school this year, and Al Bicknell resumes his duties of many years at the academy.

George M. Balch was at his father's over Sunday and Labor day.

Mrs. J. Henry Colburn and son Clarence are visiting her father, J. S. Nathans in New York city.

A number of patrons of Westford grange attended the first meeting of the season at Lowell of the North Middlesex Pomona, Friday, September 3.

At the William E. Frost school the enrollment of scholars is about 125, about twenty-five of this number being from the Stony Brook district.

Party.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher entertained delightfully at her home last week Thursday afternoon, the event being a "showery party," in honor of her cousin, Miss Emma G. Holt of West Chelmsford. The guests were mostly Miss Holt's former classmates at the Lowell Normal school, and who are now teachers in various places, but for the time being happy school-girl fun took the place of the school-room dignity and the gathering knew not a dull moment. The shower of gifts was a miscellaneous one and it was a pretty collection, each offering enhanced in value with its accompaniment of loving good will. These were arranged in the white embroidered parasols, belonging to the hostess, tied with white ribbons, ingeniously descending upon the blind-folded recipient. Among these gifts were pieces of embroidered linen, china, pictures, etc.

At the close of this part of the festivities a luncheon was served at small tables on the veranda. This was screened in with branches of birch, studded with blossoms of hydrangeas. The centerpieces at each table were of sweet peas. The delicious menu was of chicken salad, heart-shaped sandwiches, ice cream, cakes and coffee. The place cards were of white hearts with dainty cupids.

After luncheon the guests were grouped on the lawn and had their pictures taken, and the prospective bride had hers taken separately in a chair trimmed with white ribbons. After this the guests took their departure with many assurances to their hostess of a happy time and to Miss Ruth Tuttle, who assisted Mrs. Fletcher in arranging this pleasant event.

Forge.

In the mission house Sunday, September 12, the sessions of the Sunday school will be resumed at 3.30, and the hour of evening prayer will be 4.30.

Henry Story of Hudson, formerly a resident here, has returned to the village and engaged on a contract of carpentering for William C. Edwards.

Two large families from Canada have come to the village this week and have taken the Michael Bradley place to live in for the present.

Our village schools commenced Tuesday with the usual number of pupils and teachers.

Miss Alice Prescott has accepted a position in one of the Andover schools for the coming year, in place of the school at Ashland, N. H.

Miss Elva Libbey, who has been visiting at W. E. Parsons', returned to her home at Easton, Me., Saturday.

LITTLETON.

Lawn Party.

Thursday evening of last week proved too chilly and damp for the proposed lawn party, so the place of entertainment and sale was changed to the Baptist vestry, which was sufficiently large to accommodate the good number present. Mrs. Marie Sandelius, who was to have sung, telephoned her regrets and inability to meet the engagement. An impromptu program was immediately planned by the powers to whom defeat is an unknown element, and included in its numbers selections by the Ladies' quartet, including Mrs. Webber, Miss Ethel Briggs, Mrs. Hartwell and Mrs. Priest; violin solos by Miss Katherine Kimball; piano solo by Miss Tenney; piano duet by Miss Tenney and Mrs. Webber, and a vocal duet by Mrs. Webber and Miss Briggs. All were applauded, and encores were requested, but limited time made them impossible. Ice cream, cake, candy and lemonade met well deserved patronage, and a sum of twenty-one dollars was netted. The money is to be donated to the cause of missions.

Birthday Celebration.

September 3, Orman Ewings celebrated his ninety-second birthday with his son, Frank A. Patch. Neighbors and other friends called informally, extended congratulations and left behind several material tokens of their regard. Among the gifts was a beautiful large birthday cake from the Forget-not-circle of Kings' Daughters. Mr. Ewings is in very good health and able to enjoy all these attentions. It was but a short time ago that he received the gold-headed cane from the Boston Post and two weeks ago his picture with a few biographical notes appeared in the Sunday edition of the Post with those of several New England recipients of Post canes.

Surprised.

A genuine surprise was given to Mrs. P. Corning Edwards last week Friday evening, when thirty-two Littleton friends by secret invitation from Mr. Edwards approached the veranda of the Ledges, prettily lighted by Chinese lanterns and the large hanging lamp. The entire party was at the door ready to be admitted without the slightest knowledge of their presence on Mrs. Edwards' part, and when she stepped to the door in response to a neighbor's request, a more surprised person could not easily be imagined.

After a short reception each member of the company was provided with a partner through twin couplets, evidently composition of the original host, and all enjoyed an hour or more of progressive whist.

Refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy were served, after which Mrs. Edwards favored her guests with instrumental selections that charmed her audience. The tables and chairs on the broad veranda were then removed and several couples lined up for Virginia reel. To describe that dance would exhaust the vocabulary of a Twain. If any person doubts the youthful jollity and fun of either participants or spectators, let him consult an eye witness of the scene. Everybody forgot that he was out of his teens until rising hour of the next morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and the kind neighbors who assisted them had every evidence of having provided a royal good time, which will always be remembered with delight by everyone present.

News Items.

Mrs. Grace Hatch of Lowell has been a recent visitor at the Ledges.

Miss Edith Houghton gave a whist party to several of her young friends at her home last week Friday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Enslin of Harrison, Me., have been visiting this last week among their former Littleton parishioners.

Miss Effie Stevens of Somerville was the guest of her uncle, P. Corning Edwards, over Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. George Gardner and children, who have spent the summer at her parents' home, returned to New Bedford the early part of the week.

J. H. D. Whitcomb will have another large auction sale of cattle at the fair grounds, Worcester, September 23. He has engaged two western auctioneers of national fame and expects this to be the most interesting and successful sale he has ever attempted.

The George F. Browns moved their goods Saturday on an automobile truck to their home in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler will board with their parents after closing their cottage at Annisquam.

Miss Marion Brown will not return to Littleton to give instruction as at first planned, but will meet her pupils from this town at her West Acton rooms.

Note Miss Dippman's advertisement in another column.

Mr. and Mrs. John Carver Alden have been guests this past week at W. H. Tenney's. Mrs. Alden will be well remembered here as the daughter of Rev. R. G. Johnson. Mr. Alden is a musical professor and composer in Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C., and a former teacher of Miss Tenney's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty left home Monday for a vacation trip.

The Misses Sanderson returned Saturday from a visit among relatives in Montpelier, Vt.

Dr. B. H. Hopkins of Ayer lost a Prest-o-Lite tank Thursday morning, near the Littleton railroad crossing, above the lactar factory. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning the same to him, or notifying him of its recovery.

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LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Miss Esther Warren has returned to her duties as trained nurse in the hospital at Waltham.

Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell of Groton visited friends in town on Tuesday, and upon her return home took Miss M. A. Abercrombie with her for a visit.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keese and family returned to Ashburnham on Tuesday, where Master Billie will return to his school duties in Cushing academy. Miss Marion Keese has returned to her school in Ohio, where she is instructor in physical training. In October Miss Ruth Keese expects to return to Labrador, where she will enter upon her third year at Dr. Grenfell's mission.

New guide boards and street signs are soon to be put up on all the roads in town. There will be 125 of them.

Mrs. A. K. Francis and Miss Helen G. Jones started on Monday for a trip to California. They expect to be gone forty days or more. They go by the southern route and return by the northern. James A. Litchfield also left town on Monday for a trip across the continent. He would spend a few days in Boston and vicinity, leaving on Thursday for the great west, visiting Illinois, Iowa, Utah, California, Washington, going by the northern route and returning by the southern.

Misses Viola and Blanche Lancy entered upon their new duties as teachers in the schools near Bellows Falls on Monday.

Miss Ruth Goodrich is teaching in the Mulpus school, and Miss Lillian Nickerson has a position in the Center.

Miss Vose and Miss Brooks have returned to their former positions in the Center school. They have engaged a tenement in the Eagle house and are enjoying their housekeeping.

Mrs. G. E. Jones and sister, Miss Fannie Peabody, and Mrs. J. E. Longley, took a trolley ride to Clinton on Tuesday and visited the Metropolitan water works.

The annual picnic by the Congregational society at Whalom park on Saturday was a most successful one, over one hundred attending. A hot baked-bean dinner with all the good things accompanying, was followed by a fine program of sports, races, boating, bathing and swimming contests, making lots of fun for all.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

One of the most interesting little girls among those who spent the summer with Mrs. Robbins was Annie Driscoll of Jamaica Plain. One day soon after her return home she was sent to find her little brother who was missing. Her search was unsuccessful and at last she went up on the roof to look for him. Soon her mother heard a crash and running to see what had happened she found the chimney had fallen over, with Annie underneath it. She was living when found, but died before she could be carried downstairs. This was sad news to those who had watched her gaining health and strength during her eight happy weeks in the country.

Among the holiday guests in town were Will Raymond and wife at R. Y. Nelson's; Alfred Goodearl and family at Ernest Davidson's; Mr. and Mrs. White at A. H. Hartwell's; Charles Lawrence and family and Mrs. Clarence Braman and baby at A. E. Lawrence's; Miss Laura Dyer at W. D. Parker's.

George W. Burroughs has been spending the past week in New Hampshire.

Miss Esther Hager, who was well known here where she lived several years, passed away Monday at the home of Miss Annie Blanchard in West Acton after a short illness of five days. Peritonitis with other complications was given as the cause of death. Funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. D. W. Lovett Wednesday morning, after which the body was taken to Orange for interment.

A baby daughter is a welcome addition to the Swanson family, where there were five boys but no girl.

There was a pleasant gathering at Library hall at the last dance of the season, Saturday evening, September 4. As a result of this series of parties, there is now in the treasury about thirty dollars which is to be used for the purchase of new settees for the hall.

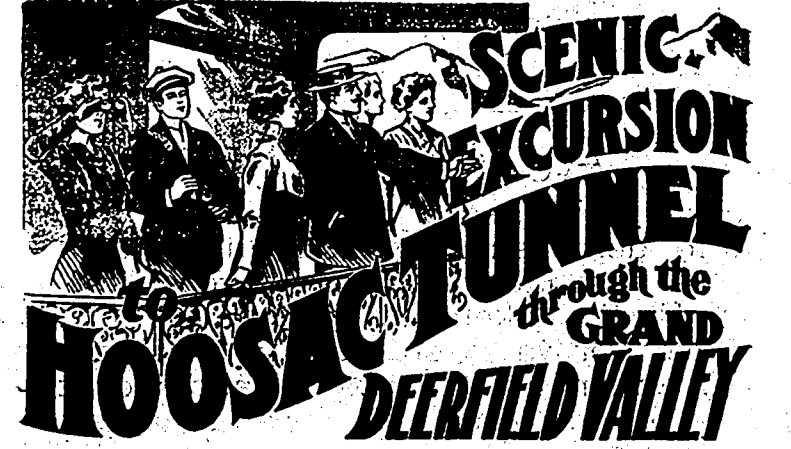
Ruth Wetherbee has returned to Cushing academy at Ashburnham.

Misses Mabel Lawrence, Mabel Wetherbee and Gladys Steele have entered the Littleton high school this week and Prescott Burroughs the Concord high. Martha Hale is attending the grammar school at West Acton.

Mrs. L. W. Richardson has been enjoying a visit from her nephew, Horace Ward.

The "country week" children all returned to Boston Monday afternoon, and the Wilson family left Bide-a-Wee Tuesday, so that the hill is once more restored to its customary quiet.

In fuel tests by the geological survey, all but three of the thirty-seven specimens of coal from the Rocky mountain region produced good coke, although several had been considered non-coke producing.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Bowman S. Gale, late of Groton, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Percy J. Benedict of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

F. M. ESTY, Ass't Register.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their sympathy, and for the beautiful flowers sent us, in our recent bereavement.

AMOS L. REID, Mrs. WM. M. FERDEN. East Pepperell, Mass., Sept. 6, 1909. 52

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the devisees, legatees, and all other persons interested in the estate of Emeline A. Kimball, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, testate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to John L. Ambrose of Somerville, in the County of Middlesex, or to some other suitable person. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth 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 Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors and all other persons interested in the estate of Eugene F. Nutting, late of Groton, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Ida S. P. Nutting of Groton, in said County, or to some other suitable person. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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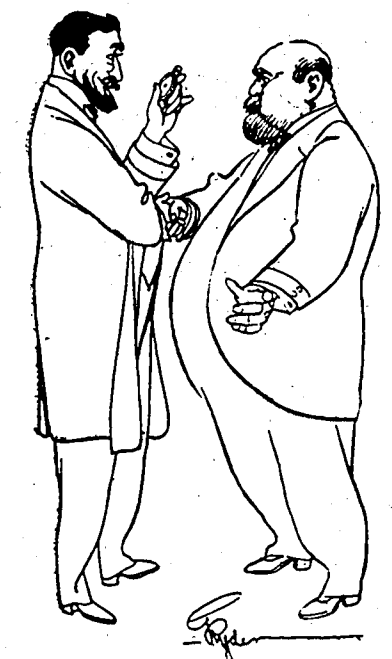
NEW SHORT STORIES

Prudence of a French Diplomat.

An amusing little adventure happened the other day to the new French prime minister, M. Briand. He paid an official visit to a little town in the southeast of France which is famous for its clocks and watches. The minister opened the local exhibition, and after the speeches the local mayor presented him with a magnificent chronometer made in the town.

"If your excellency will allow," he said, "we will keep the watch for a few days and regulate it."

M. Briand, who, though a Socialist, has a sense of humor, comes from the south of France himself and knows that promises there are not always kept. He knew, too, that a colleague had the same watch given to him last year, that it had been kept to be regulated and that it had not yet reached Paris. So M. Briand, prime minister of France, shook M. le Maire



BRIAND SHOOK HIM WARMLY BY THE HAND.

warmly by the hand, told him that he was a bit of a clockmaker himself and would enjoy putting the watch in order and would think while he did so of the kindness of the town which had presented it to him. M. Briand has discovered that the watch is an excellent timekeeper.—Paris Letter to Washington Star.

A Type Often Met.

George Gould was talking in the saloon of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. of the queer characters met on shipboard. "There was never a ship yet," said Mr. Gould, "that did not have one person aboard who boasted eternally of the number of times he had crossed the Atlantic. Now it is thirty-nine times, now it is ninety-six times. Every ship carries invariably this one passenger who seems to have devoted his whole life to making a record for Atlantic crossings."

"I once heard a Detroit girl poke a little fun at a passenger of this type. He said to her:

"Do you know, this is my fifty-seventh crossing?"

"Is it?" she said indifferently. "It's my ninety-eighth."

"Really?" the man explained.

"Oh, yes, indeed," she answered, yawning. "It's an old story with me crossing the Atlantic now. Why, actually, I always recognize more than half the waves we meet."

Presence of Mind.

Mayor Stoy of Atlantic City was praising the remarkable efficiency of his corps of life guards.

"These men have presence of mind," he said, "the right kind of presence of mind, not the wrong kind—everybody has that."

"I used to know," Mayor Stoy continued, "an aged duck hunter that we called Old Presence of Mind."

"We called him Old Presence of Mind because he once went ducking in a sneak box with a friend. The bay roughened up, and the friend fell overboard. But as he was sinking in the icy water he managed to clutch with his chilled hand the edge of the frail little sneak box."

"The old duck hunter used to conclude this thrilling tale with the words:

"And, gents, if I hadn't had the presence of mind to unshoop an oar and whack him over the fingers I'd have been drowned, as he was."

The Country Cousin.

Glenn H. Curtiss, discussing aviation with a New York reporter, said, with smiling impatience:

"Really, though, your questions show a remarkable ignorance of the principles of flight. If you are going to report aeronautical things, why don't you read up aeronautics? Your questions, as it is, denote an ignorance equal to the westerner's."

"This westerner on a visit to his rich Pittsburg cousin came down to breakfast every morning with the same genial question:

"How is things?"

"One morning the rich cousin, his nerves being a little on edge, scowled a black scowl at this question and said:

"Why the dickens do you always say 'How is things?' Jethro?"

"Jethro looked surprised and hurt. 'Because,' he answered, 'I want to know how things is; that's why.'"

SIXTY YEARS A HARPIS.

Rosalie Spohr a Figure in Berlin's Musical and Social Life.

One of the most interesting characters in the musical life of Berlin is Rosalie Spohr, the harpist, who is a niece of the great violinist Louis Spohr. She made her first appearance in public on Dec. 13, 1849, at a concert given by Jenny Lind. She attracted attention first because of her distinguished musical descent, but after the world had once heard her art made her famous.

There are few women before the public today who play the harp as virtuosos, although one sees them occasionally in the opera orchestras. So it is difficult nowadays to realize that Rosalie Spohr toured Europe in triumph. She found in Franz Liszt a devoted friend and, enthusiastic admirer, and he was proud to play with her at Weimar as well as give her the benefit of his artistic advice. Her career as a public performer ended after about six years. Then she became the wife of Count Sauerma, and the stage knew her no more. She still lives in Berlin, more than eighty years old, but enthusiastic in her devotion to the instrument with which she won the triumphs of her brief professional career. For three hours every day she practices the harp, and her technique has for that reason remained very complete for one of her age. Her talent was in a measure hereditary, since her aunt was a well known harpist in her day. It was through her playing that Rosalie Spohr, who had begun her musical life as a pianist, turned her attention to the harp.

A widow for more than twenty years, it has been her devotion to her art that has made life interesting to her during all that time. Her education was sound in the first place, for she studied for two years under the harpist Grimm, who allowed her to play in public at the end of that period, although it was one of his principles that a harpist should study for ten years. Countess Rosalie has been an intimate friend of the German royal family, and both Friedrich and the empress were delighted to hear her play. Nowadays she is a unique figure in the musical and social life of Berlin and an inspiration to the younger students, who see what a joy and consolation an art may be to one who has acquired it faithfully.

COOKING RULES.

Green Vegetables Should Be Dropped Into Salted Water.

If vegetables appear wilted they may be freshened by soaking them in cold water.

Perfectly fresh vegetables, however, may be cooked as soon as prepared.

Green vegetables should be dropped into salted boiling water and cooked very rapidly, but such vegetables as asparagus, spinach, beans, peas and corn should be cooked in as little water as possible, just enough to keep them from burning. Other vegetables, such as cabbage and cauliflower, should be covered with water and a pinch of soda added. In cooking onions they should first be scalded and the water changed twice during the course of cooking.

Spinach, if it is to be cooked immediately, may be washed in scalding water, which will remove the sand clinging to the stems much more thoroughly than cold water.

Green corn should not be washed. Some people prefer to boil it with the husks on.

Cabbage and cauliflower should be thoroughly washed and soaked head downward so as to remove any insects lurking inside them.

Every kitchen should have a scrubbing brush to be used exclusively for scrubbing vegetables. Potatoes, for instance, should be scrubbed thoroughly before they are pared; also parsnips and carrots.

In preparing beets do not break the skin before cooking them or all the juice will be lost.

In baking potatoes first scrub them well. Then grease them with a little butter applied on a piece of brown paper. Bake for an hour, testing one when they seem to be done by bursting it slightly with the fist. If the potato is soft and mealy they are ready to be served.

A little chopped parsley tied up in a small muslin bag will greatly improve the flavor of string beans.

Stewed tomatoes are improved by adding a little finely chopped meat and meat gravy; also a sliced onion fried in butter until brown. Stewed tomatoes are seldom cooked long enough and invariably have a raw taste. They should be cooked down until quite thick.

Torn Buttonholes.

If a buttonhole tears out lay a piece of closely woven tape back of it, stitch firmly in place, hem the old buttonhole to it neatly and then cut and work in the tape a new buttonhole of the proper size. An extra fine way is to rip the band apart and take out the threads of the old buttonhole, stitch the tape on the inside of the back of the band, stitch up the latter in its original shape and proceed as before.

When buttons have torn out it is comparatively easy to squeeze a small square of good tape through the hole, lay it flat in the proper position between the two folds of the band and stitch it in place. Hem down the ragged edges on both sides and sew the buttons to the tape. Any button or buttonhole that is to bear the strain should be stayed with tape when the garment is being made, the stay tapes for both buttons and buttonholes being placed in the band before it is stitched.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

The Townsend A. A. played the Milford A. A. last Saturday afternoon and were defeated by a score of 22 to 9. Monday forenoon the Shirley A. A. played the Townsend A. A. and defeated the local team by a score of 11 to 5. The afternoon game between the West Fitchburg A. A. was won by the local team.

A team from Pepperell will play here with the Townsend A. A. Saturday, September 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, wife and little son have returned from a vacation at Haverhill and Houlton, Me.

Mrs. George Whidden is visiting at Mrs. Emily Barrett's.

Death.

Mrs. Myra J. Dix died at her home on Townsend Hill last Saturday morning, aged sixty-four years. She has been slowly falling since last spring with consumption of the blood.

The funeral was held at the Congregational church Tuesday morning, and the large attendance of relatives and friends testified to the esteem in which she was held. The Townsend grange, of which she has long been a valued and faithful member, and in which she held the office of Pomona, attended in a body. The service was conducted by Rev. F. B. Harrison, her pastor, and the grange service was also used at the grave. Mrs. Mabel Brackett and Mrs. Ethel Eldredge sang, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

Mrs. Dix leaves a husband and two brothers, Charles and Loren Lord of Burlington, Vt., besides several nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by the townspeople and in all the social circles and ladies' sewing club, where she has been accustomed to help so much.

Teachers and Students.

Besides the large number of students which Townsend, for its size, has studying at the various schools and colleges, it also sends the following list of teachers who will teach out of town this year:

Blanche E. Baldwin, principal of Judson school, Malden; Edith Barber, art instructor, Newport, R. I.; Edith Clarke, 1st and 2d grades, Attleboro; Sarah Copeland, 7th grade, Montclair, N. J.; Minnie Copeland, 1st grade, Plainfield, N. J.; Annie Copeland, 4th grade, Grafton; Ora Craig, assistant high, Lebanon, N. H.; Alice E. Eastman, assistant high, Needham; Ellen Harvey, manual training school, Englewood, N. J.; Nettie Hinds, normal, Williamantic, Conn.; Harriet Miller, 6th grade, Attleboro; Grace Seaver, Montclair, N. J.; L. Eva Stearns, 5th, 6th and 8th, Lincoln, R. I.; Lillian Warner, 1st and 2d, Worcester; Melora Warner, Ashburnham; Edna Wilder, Lunenburg; Waldo Adams, assistant chemist at Experimental Station, N. H. State college.

The following students will return to their various schools for the coming year: J. F. Eastman, post graduate course at University of Maine; Clifford Bliss, Burdett's business college; Waldo Burgess at Hartford theological school; Lottie M. Bohannon, sophomore, Boston university; Arthur G. Eastman, M. I. T.; Lewis Howard, junior at Bates college; Marion Kellogg, second year kindergarten, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Albert Kilbourne, Bangor theological school; Ellery Kilbourne, University of Vermont; George McElligott, Boston art school; Ethel Rockwood, Johns Hopkins medical school, Baltimore; Gertrude Rockwood, senior at Cushing academy; Isabelle Morse, Fitchburg normal; Hattie Saunders, Burdett's business college; Grace Thompson, Brown university, Providence; Ruth Warren, senior at State library school, Albany; Eva Whitcomb, Fitchburg normal.

West.

Through the Boston Post a fine gold-headed cane is to be carried by the oldest citizen of this town, and Lucius F. Wood, as the oldest registered voter, was presented with this cane Wednesday evening, September 1, the presentation being made by George F. King, chairman of the board of selectmen, in the presence of his family and a little group of friends and neighbors.

Ruth Billings is attending the business college in Fitchburg and will make her home there for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Green of Westboro have been stopping a few days with his sister, Mrs. Francis, and Mrs. Lucy M. Whitney of New Ipswich spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Francis.

Mrs. Girard and family from Lynn, who have been spending a month at the home of Miss Emily Orr, returned on Monday evening. They were accompanied as far as Ayer by Miss Orr, who enjoyed a brief visit to relatives in that town.

John McElligott and family, who have been spending their vacation in town, returned to Boston Monday evening.

Miss Marion Kellogg, who has been spending the summer at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, returned Tuesday to Mattawan, N. Y., and expects to resume her duties at the Brooklyn kindergarten training school the middle of the month.

Mrs. Charles Stickney is spending a few weeks with friends in Somerville and has been a guest of Mrs. F. C. Wright, wife of a former pastor of the Baptist church here, and the friends who read of her recent serious accident will be pleased to learn that she is improving.

The L. L. A. S. accepted the invitation of Mrs. Abel G. Stearns of New Ipswich to hold their first meeting of the season at her home Wednesday, and a most enjoyable time was reported by all.

James L. Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., is enjoying a vacation with his family at their summer cottage, and Mr. and Mrs. Flynn are entertaining Prof. Matthew A. Devlin, principal of one of the largest public schools in New York city, and Miss Matilla Schadle, vice-principal of public school 132, Brooklyn, accompanied by her sister, Miss Margaret, have also been recently entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Flynn.

Miss Ora Craig, who taught at Moria, N. Y., for the past two years, has passed the State examinations with honors, and has gone to Lebanon, N. H., where she will teach this year.

Mrs. Everett Bruce is spending a few weeks at her former home at York, Maine.

Rev. J. H. Cox and family have returned from East Harpswell, Me., and Mr. Cox occupied his pulpit on Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Cox, though not entirely recovered, is very much improved in health by his summer's sojourn by the sea, and he received an enthusiastic welcome from his people.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Morgan are entertaining Mrs. G. F. Tebbetts and daughter Hazel of Melrose, Mrs. F. C. Howard of Wakefield, and Misses Clara A. Brown and Nellie M. Whitney of Boston.

Miss Mabel Flint, who taught the primary school here last year, is teaching this season in Danvers.

Miss Grace L. Seaver of this village, who is at present with her father in Boston, starts the last of the week for Montclair, N. J., where she will resume her teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. William Tenney of Shanako, Ore., who have been visiting relatives in town, returned the first of the week, traveling through the south as far as Texas, where Mrs. Tenney has relatives.

Harbor.

Recent out-of-town guests were: Mrs. George Gardner and Miss Florence Gardner of Malden at Mrs. Baldwin's; Mr. and Mrs. John Whitney of Fitchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Whitney of Providence at Mrs. M. E. Spaulding's; Miss Precious of Forge Village and Miss O'Connell of Cambridge at Mrs. Keefe's; Carlyle Kelley of Dorchester at W. L. Kelley's.

Miss Ellen Harvey, after spending a week with friends in Barnardsville, N. J., commenced her school duties in Englewood, N. J., on Monday last.

Mrs. Dana Fletcher took an automobile trip to Boston, spending a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Peppers of Stoneham and Mrs. Sarah Fletcher of Pepperell spent Sunday at the Proctor place.

Harbor school commenced Monday, August 31, with thirty-three pupils. Miss Vera Robbins, teacher.

Frederic Tangle of Boston was in town on Thursday.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

C. E. S.

The forty-ninth session of the Nashua River union of the C. E. was held at the Congregational church Monday, September 6.

The topic of the Convention was "The Christian life."

The morning exercises opened with devotional services conducted by Oscar G. Anderson of Pepperell.

Address of welcome, Harry M. Hall, Brookline.

Address, "The development of the personal christian life," Rev. C. W. Turner, Fitchburg.

Address, "Attempting the impossible in christian life," A. J. Clough, Groton.

At noon about 135 partook of an excellent dinner, served under the supervision of Mrs. Helen M. Hall and assistants. The afternoon service opened with a praise service, followed by reports of committees.

Address, "The christian life in its relation to social conditions," Rev. J. P. Townbridge, West Groton.

Address, "The law of increase in the christian life," Rev. A. M. Rice, Dunstable.

Survey of missions, Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck, Pepperell.

The coronation of the christian life," Rev. G. M. Howe, Groton.

Rev. G. M. Howe served as presiding officer, the president, Harold A. Blood, being in California.

The platform was decked with beautiful blossoms. The letters E. in golden rod were placed on the front of the pulpit, and Mrs. Emma Valedge presided at the organ.

The newly elected officers were: Francis Lovejoy, president, Hollis; Herbert Taylor, vice-president, Groton; Miss M. A. Stiles, secretary, Brookline; Rupert L. Blood, treasurer, Pepperell; Mrs. Eva Taylor, stat. secretary, Groton; M. C. Lane, Pepperell; E. A. Hills, Hollis; Miss Alice Butterfield, Dunstable; H. A. Brown, Brookline; Albert Warren, Groton; Miss Helen Harrington, West Groton; executive committee, Miss M. A. Stiles, Brookline; Pepperell; Edward Hills, Hollis; Mrs. A. M. Rice, Dunstable, mission committee.

Mrs. C. W. Shattuck, Groton; Miss Bertha C. Bixby, West Groton, look-out committee.

The next session will be held at Groton, February 22, 1910.

News Items.

Mrs. Evelyn Knight of Worcester, F. G. Henry of Nashua, William McKenow, Mrs. Blanche Gore of Philadelphia, have returned from a visit to Mrs. Louise Bragg.

Freeman Wright had a narrow escape from a serious accident, while driving at Milford, Friday, September 3. He passed a team that was leading a cow behind. The cow jumped under the horse, causing the wagon to upset and throw Mr. Wright out onto the curbstone, severely injuring his spine. Mr. Wright is a prominent granger and one of Brookline's up-to-date and progressive farmers.

Born Friday, September 3, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Dilbert Porter.

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

Mrs. Edward C. Wade of West Roxbury was recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tucker.

Miss M. Elizabeth Whitcomb of Townsend is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace.

Rhea Brown and two of the fresh air children at Mrs. Marion Hobart's and Lester Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, are ill with diphtheria.

Miss Blanche Fessenden has recently entertained Miss Winifred Stewart of Bangor, Me., and Miss Hattie Saunders of Townsend.

Miss Hattie Whitcomb of Freemont is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hall.


Miss Mary L. Brown returned to her school duties at Waltham Tuesday, and Miss Marion A. Stiles to Nashua.

The O'Rourke Brothers have placed a large new derrick at the Corey quarry, which they intend to work extensively this fall.

Mrs. Jennie Boutelle accompanied her little nephew, Clarence Reton, to New York, Thursday, September 9, and will remain two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye are to enjoy a three weeks' trip to Nova Scotia.

Willard Gorton, impersonator, will give an entertainment at Tarbell's hall, Saturday evening, September 18, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Lawrence B. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus G. Smith of Meadow farm, is taking a well-earned vacation of a few weeks and sailed for Europe on the steamer Bohemian of the Allan line.

The Ladies' Aid society of West Groton has secured the service of Willard Gorton, the famous entertainer, Wednesday evening, September 22, at Squannacook hall.

The Donnelly and Kelly families occupying the McCarthy place in the mill neighborhood, have returned to Cambridge.

Miss Marion Blood left Monday night to take a position as teacher in school in Ponemah, N. H.

Herman Huebner has secured the position as engineer to run the electric plant at sub-station on Station avenue at a salary of \$300 a year.

Miss Ethel Bruce is recovering from her illness of last week.

W. F. Gleason is working in Gardner.

Miss Margaret Cleary has been staying with her aunt in Pepperell during the latter's illness.

Miss Renie Fallon returned Monday from her vacation spent in Belknap Falls, Vt., to begin the fall term Tuesday at high school.

The ringing of bells one evening last week was not a fire alarm, as many thought, but was a call out for practice to the fire department.

Robert F. Gilson and wife from Newton Highlands were in town last week, and the brother and sister and their families enjoyed the time until Monday night camping at Baddacook, occupying the Floyd cottage. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gilson returned to their home Tuesday morning.

All the public schools opened Tuesday morning with good numbers, the high with eighty-four pupils and the same teachers. Other schools have the same teachers as last year except Chicopee Row; which as before noted, has Miss Elsie Shattuck.

Misses Helen and Charlotte Keating and Ex-Mayor and Mrs. Charles Coulter of Brockton, were visitors in town over the holiday at George H. Keating's.

The seventy-ninth annual meeting of the Middlesex union conference will be held in the Congregational church, Wednesday, October 20.

Charles Osgood, who was seriously ill last week, is more comfortable this week. His trouble, which at first was not easy to determine, has now been diagnosed as shingles by his physician.

Rev. C. J. Harding of Putnam, Conn., supplied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday.

The W. R. C. are preparing for their annual inspection, the date not yet announced.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Parkhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Balcom enjoyed a pleasant day's outing last week Friday, going by steam cars to Nashua, then by electric to Uncanoonuc mountain, a pleasure resort having a fine hotel. Uncanoonuc mountain is about fifteen miles above Manchester, N. H.

The Middlesex County W. R. C. association meets at Watertown in the Baptist church, Tuesday, September 28.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jennie Fletcher on Labor day.

There were eight from Groton grange attended the powwow at Leominster on Wednesday. Next week Tuesday will be masters' night at Groton grange. Rev. A. H. Wheelock will give an address and a supper will be served.

George H. Chase, Winthrop Chase and Howard L. Gilson witnessed the ball game at Boston between the New Yorks and Boston on Labor day. H. L. Gilson went the day before on his motorcycle to visit his sister, Mrs. Charles L. Wood in Woburn, and then out to Boston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lord Putnam and maid are expected soon at the Groton Inn for some weeks' stay.

Two large deer were in the John Gilson field near the windmill Friday morning.

Papers have been passed in the sale of the lot near Mr. Waters' premises on Hollis street by Mrs. Robert Forbes to Capt. M. P. Palmer, who will build a tenement house there.

The first of the season's sociables was held at the Congregational church Thursday evening with a good attendance and success. The affair was a la Dutch style.

A few days ago as Frank Kemp of West Groton was going from Squannacook meadows to Shirley with a load of hay, and crossing Kittredge bridge, a private bridge over the Squannacook river, the bridge collapsed, letting the horses and load into the river. Mr. Kemp was thrown ahead a rod or two through the water, striking the bottom. With the assistance of Mr. Kittredge, who hurried to the rescue, everything came out all right except the bridge. It was a fortunate escape.

Miss Elsie Sprague of Allston is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Warren Lane of West Groton.

Frank Blood of Fitchburg is coming over fair day to race his stallion, Red Pepper, and will try to lower the 2:20 1/2 record of Hazel Grove driving park.

Mrs. George Dalrymple, who has been confined to her bed for a long time, has consented to give up her home and will live with her daughter, Mrs. George Dalrymple Decatur, in Somerville. Mrs. Dalrymple makes the trip to Somerville by auto.

The Odd Fellows' picnic at Spectacle pond, Littleton, on Labor day, was well attended. One four-horse and one two-horse barge were in ser-

vice besides various other conveyances to carry the picnickers, whose estimated number was about one hundred. The program of sports was carried out and the whole day reported most enjoyable. The ball game with F. A. Sherwin and E. C. Leonard for captains was the feature of the day, making any amount of fun. Several "used-to-be's" distinguished themselves by their playing, rivaling the younger bloods. Edwin A. Shattuck made an excellent umpire, although he knows nothing of the game.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boynton, D. E. Murphy, George Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Peabody, John McDonald, Lester Adams, Charles Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtice, G. H. Woods' family, Walter Dodge, the Gale family, and many others from Groton attended the races at Lowell during some of the days this week.

There were 103 took dinner at Groton Inn on Labor day.

The arrangements for Groton fair are about completed, the program to be similar to other years. There will be a ball game on their newly-made ball grounds, although as yet the teams have not been decided on.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred P. Dix of Brooklyn, N. Y., and maid have arrived from the Profile House, where they have been staying, at the Groton Inn for their usual full stay. Their daughter, Mrs. Lesson and husband, with maid, are expected at the Inn soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Bixby and child have been visiting at his father's, G. H. Bixby, West Groton, and his sister, Mrs. Minnie Chapman and child are this week visiting at the parental home.

E. S. Clark, W. R. C., has secured Willard Gorton, the cartoonist, humorist, reader, character delineator, impersonator of noted men, to entertain an expected large audience in town hall, Friday evening, September 24. Press notices all over the country speak highly of Mr. Gorton as an entertainer.

Amos L. Ames, Jr., George L. Smith, Morton A. Souther are drawn as jurors to attend superior criminal court sitting at Lowell.

Reports come to Groton of the recent marriage in Westford of William A. Parfitt to Miss Abbie Tallant of Westford.

Mr. and George H. Fenner of Roslindale visited friends here on Labor day.

Robert Hunter and Miss Alice Shattuck from Roslindale visited her grandmother, Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck, on Labor day.

Stanley Sprague from Allston visited in West Groton for a week or ten days recently, staying at his uncle's, William V. Bixby.

Born Sunday, September 5, a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Nutter. Born at Groton hospital, September 5, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. I. J. Wetherbee.

Lawrence Williams was operated on last Saturday at Groton hospital for chronic appendicitis and is doing well.

Miss Nellie Carley of Pepperell is at Groton hospital, being treated for an injured foot.

George Meyer is under treatment at Groton hospital, going there Monday after attending picnic at Littleton on Labor day. The trouble was abscess near end of spine.

P. J. Benedict, Jennie Fletcher and F. A. Sherwin attended the horse races at Nashua Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lawrence and son Carl Lawrence went Monday for an outing of some days at Lake George.

Burpee Blakney started on Monday on the making of a ball ground at Hazel Grove park.

George B. Pierce and daughter Mildred visited his wife's mother, Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck, last week.

Miss Jennie Thayer was at Groton Inn this week, leaving Friday to return to her position in Boston.

James B. Harrington is called this week to attend session of the grand jury.

Rev. L. F. Cook of West Somerville will supply at the Baptist church Sunday, September 12.

Miss Clara Fletcher, daughter of Sampson Fletcher, formerly of this town, is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman. Miss Fletcher fills an important business position, being head manager of a large and fashionable dress-making establishment in East Boston.

William J. Boynton returned from his scientific vacation work in Maine last week Friday, looking browned and healthy. He will return to Tufts college, September 15 or 16.

Eber J. Kierstead is visiting his old home in the Provincies. While away Frank Patterson does his work as janitor at the Congregational church.

Baseball.

The Alerts played their last game of the season here on the afternoon of Labor day. In this game they were defeated by Nashua, 3 to 2, in ten innings. The game was close and exciting throughout, both playing glit-edged ball. The work of both Mason and Taylor, the two pitchers, was the feature.

They have finished a very successful season, winning nine out of twelve games and scoring ninety runs to their opponents' twenty-nine. Following are the scores:

July 10, Alerts 11, Town Team 1; July 13, Alerts 7, Ayer 1; July 17, Alerts 13, Pepperell 0; July 24, Alerts 14, Townsend 1; July 28, Alerts 8, Ayer 4; July 31, Alerts 4, Pepperell 0; August 7, Alerts 3, Leominster A. A. 2; August 14, Alerts 14, Wachusett 0; August 21, Alerts 5, Nashua A. C. 4; August 28, Alerts 9, Townsend A. A. 12; September 4, Alerts and Calumets forfeited; September 6, Alerts 2, Nashua 3.

George H. Cook, third baseman and pitcher, leads the batting average of over 330. Bruce, center field, and Sampson, also center field and second base respectively, were batting for over 300. The fielding was exceptionally good, two errorless games being played and four one error games. The pitching staff, consisting of Mason, T. Donahue and Cook, was very effective and reliable throughout the season. The record was, Cook won 2, lost 0; Donahue won 1, lost 0; Mason won 6,

lost 2. Donahue pitched the forfeited game with Calumets.

The squad consisted of Stebbins, captain, c.; Needham, manager, ss.; Cook, Sampson, 3b.; Bruce, Sampson, cf.; Mason, Donahue, Cook, p.; Hodgman, J. Donahue, 1b.; Bowker; Sheedy, McAfee, Souther, Eastman, 2b.; McDonald, Lyons, Warren, rf.; Lawrence, lf. Next year the team intends to start the season earlier and have a good hard schedule throughout. The team will be the same as this year as far as possible. Another thing that the team owes much of its success to is the financial backers who have always been ready to do anything in their power to make the team a success and also give the townspeople an interesting game to watch on these summer afternoons.

The game last week Saturday afternoon between the Calumets of Leominster and Groton Alerts was far from satisfactory. The victory lay with the visitors by a score of 5 to 2. The game was forfeited in the ninth inning to the visitors by the home team disputing the decision of the umpire.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Chester M. Hartwell entertained twenty friends from Boston at the Spectacle pond camps over Sunday and Labor day.

Nine Littleton people took advantage of the low rates to Winnepesaukee Tuesday.

The society of arts and crafts will hold its first meeting at Mrs. S. Emma Abbott's, Tuesday, September 14.

Much anxiety is felt for many of our roadside elm trees. Some branches are nearly as bare as in mid-winter, and comparatively few trees from station to Common have a full, healthy foliage.

Rev. P. G. Faver preached at the Rollstone church in Fitchburg last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Ewing, secretary of the Congregational Sunday school publishing society of Boston, preached in Mr. Faver's pulpit. Mrs. Faver accompanied her husband by automobile to Fitchburg.

The annual fall exodus of our students and teachers, although somewhat smaller than usual, takes from our midst a large number of young people. Among them we note Misses Grace and Miriam Conant, who left on Monday for Decatur, Ill., the former to teach, the latter to enroll as student; the Misses Lucy and Emily Adams, Miss Edith Houghton, Miss Elizabeth Smith, who begins new duties as teacher in Lincoln; Miss Esther McEnnis, principal of a building in Ludlow; Miss Bertha Stratton, teacher in Nahant, and Miss Cora Warren, special teacher in Rutland, Vt.

Miss Gertrude Merrill has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred S. Kimball, for a week before going to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to assume new duties at the head of the primary department in the Putnam school.

Frank Farmer plans to start for Seattle soon.

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck are at their parents' home this week. Mr. Peck has recently returned from a lecture tour in the west and south.

The Levi Kierstead family has recently moved into their son's new house just completed for them in Draught.

Littleton sent a good delegation to the Lowell automobile races. Those unable to attend received a souvenir in the form of dust, and some have the remains of over ambitious automobiles still on their premises. Sympathy somehow seems scarce.

Fred C. Hartwell has made an important addition to his barn in the way of a windmill.

The young men's Brotherhood of the Congregational church have engaged the town hall for the evening of Sept. 28, when Willard Gorton, the famous impersonator and lyceum lecturer, will give a popular entertainment.

William H. Wilder, senatorial aspirant from Gardner, will address the men's league Thursday evening, September 16.

Relatives and friends of Mrs. William Conant of Melrose were much distressed Tuesday to learn of her serious illness which seemed to be in the form of peritonitis. At the time of writing she is considered more comfortable and the necessity for an operation less positive. Mrs. A. F. Conant went to Melrose immediately upon receiving the news and with E. H. Frost's assistance took the three little children to the sister, Mrs. Priest, who is caring for them at present.

Charles Kimball's son Prescott has been confined to his bed with tonsillitis for two weeks. He is a very patient little sufferer and entertains himself with pictures and blocks through the long hours of the day. It is gratifying to see the genuine pleasure and comfort he takes in the kind remembrances from the King's Daughters revealed from the sunshine box each morning.

The Forget-not-circle of King's Daughters will receive all their friends who have reached the seventieth milestone or more in the Unitarian vestry, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 15, from 2:30 to four o'clock.

The Littleton Historical society assembled at Houghton Memorial library, Monday afternoon, and proceeded to the Nashoba district, there to visit the site of the garrison house, Quagana hill, where Mary Shepard was captured by the Indians, the site of the old burying ground, and of the old mill and the disused road to Concord. About twenty-five were present.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hall of Taylor-st. entertained Mr. and Mrs. Kettner of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan of Cambridge on Sunday and Labor day.

The Grange held a meeting in Grange hall, Wednesday of last week, which was attended by a large and enthusiastic number of persons. There was an excellent display of flowers and fruit. The argumentative and oratorical powers of a few leading members were demonstrated in the discussion of the subject, "What vegetable is most profitable to raise in this section of the country and why?" The chief topic for consideration at the next meeting is "What influence has the home in the formation of character?" This ought to call forth a free and general discussion.

John W. Thacher attended the funeral of his brother, Mr. Knox of Dorchester, Tuesday. He was accompanied by his children, Miss Elizabeth and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thacher. J. P. Thacher remained over night to accompany the body to Concord, N. H., where interment was made Wednesday.

Miss Daisy Robbins is tending store and postoffice at the Center, and Mr. and Mrs. Thacher are taking a vacation at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fisher, tenants of the Sawyer cottage on King-st. at the west end, have a young son.

Marvin Flagg, who was operated on for appendicitis a few weeks ago, has been critically ill this last week.

Mrs. Hiram Sawler and daughter returned from Prince Edward Island a few days ago.

Former parishioners and friends in town have been much interested in an abstract of Rev. E. J. Prescott's sermon on Ex-pres. Charles W. Eliot's new religion printed in the Boston Herald recently.

The subject of the C. E. meetings next Sunday evening is, "Temperance in all things." Leader at the Baptist church Elmer Flagg, at the Congregational, A. Benjamin Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing have the sympathy of their friends in the loss of their infant son who was taken to the children's hospital, Boston, last Tuesday and passed away Thursday.

Daniel H. Woodbury's family returned from Gloucester, Thursday. Field Day.

George A. Sanderson and Chas. A. Kimball attended the field day exercises of the Boston Yale club in Brookline, Wednesday, by invitation from Sherman L. Whipple, Yale alumnus and prominent Boston lawyer, in honor of Pres. Wm. H. Taft. The forenoon was given over to sports on the Country club grounds, the president engaging, of course, in playing golf.

Luncheon was served to three hundred guests in a large tent. A fine orchestra discoursed lively music, including popular national airs and Yale songs. Later the president received the guests, shaking hands and greeting each alumnus present. In the afternoon interest centered in a ball game played on the grounds of Mr. Whipple's extensive estate of Clydehurst, where everything but the sports of the morning took place.

Peach Party.

A party of fifty accepted the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Kimball, who gave one of their delightful peach parties Wednesday evening. The long dining hall was artistically decorated with branches of beautiful foliage and handsome ripe peaches, while aged twigs and branches formed decoration for the tables. Everyone was bountifully served with luscious fruit, ice cream and cake. The company then engaged in a game of progressive whist, which resulted in a score of forty-five points for George Priest, who was presented by Mr. Kimball with a basket of peaches, and a smaller number of points for Mrs. Wm. H. Davis, who received as consolation prize a bottle of catchup.

After singing a few familiar songs the guests paid their respects to the genial host and hostess and took their departure. Was there anybody who didn't have a jolly good time?

WESTFORD.

Graniteville.

During this week while the mills and shops have been closed, the help employed with the different firms have taken advantage of their brief vacation, and are spending the time in various ways. The majority of the people attended the automobile races on the Lowell boulevard, the big races on Monday and Wednesday being the principal attraction. Others took in the New England league ball games, while quite a few went on brief fishing trips.

The mills of the Abbot Worsted Co. resumed work on Thursday morning, while C. S. Sargent's machine shop remained closed the entire week.

Alfred Prim is now taking a brief vacation that is being spent with friends in Portland, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Riney, with their little daughter Alice, have recently returned from a month's sojourn in the province of Quebec.

Miss Emily Prinn, who has been at Bethlehem, N. H., during the summer months, is now in her home in the village.

Miss Laura Healy returned from Sugar Hill, N. H., a few days ago and is now suffering with a severely sore hand, the result of blood poisoning.

Miss Lillian Moran has recently returned from a very pleasant vacation spent at Beachmont.

All the schools in this village were opened Monday morning, September 6, for the fall term and the beginning of the school year. The teachers and children appear to be greatly pleased with the new drinking fountains that have been recently installed in the school building. There were no sessions held on Monday afternoon, the teachers attending a meeting in Littleton.

Mrs. John Agnew with her two daughters, Jessie May and Charlotte, of West Chelmsford, have been recent guests of Mrs. Janet Agnew in this village.

Ralph Parker and Dwight Page of Fitchburg have been recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Robinson in this village.

James Harrington of Leominster spent the holidays with relatives in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hollows of Fitchburg have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith.

New Advertisements.

A Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking Groton people for their kindness and attention shown Michael Sullivan, when he expired so suddenly, stricken with heart trouble, Thursday evening, Sept. 2, in the public hall. Also, for the floral tributes.

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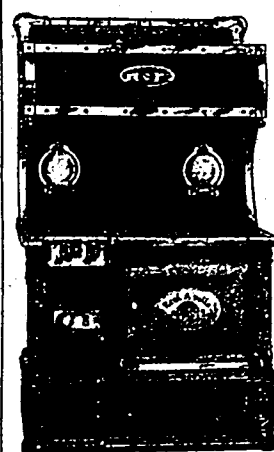
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AYER.

The Chicago Convention.

Howard B. White, president of the First National Bank of Ayer, started this week Friday for Chicago to attend the convention of the American Bankers' association, to be held in that city from Monday, September 13, to Friday, September 17. Addresses will be made during the week by many of the leading banking men and financiers of the country, among them Hon. Charles S. Deneen, governor of Illinois; Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the House of Representatives; Hon. Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the Great Northern railroad.

Wednesday afternoon a boat ride on Lake Michigan to Gary, Indiana, and return; Wednesday evening first annual dinner of the Council club.

Thursday afternoon the packers of Chicago will provide a special train to the stock yards. Thursday evening theatre and ball at the Auditorium theatre, which will be especially prepared for the occasion.

Railroad Men Meet.

Notice was issued dated September 3, for the formation of a division of the American Railroad Employees' and Investors' association in Ayer in the baggage room Wednesday evening, September 8, and E. H. Martin of Greenwood and J. M. Maloney of Wakefield were present and explained the purpose of the association. There were about twenty present, but nothing definite was done.

The following paragraph was taken from the circular issued by C. H. Kinney, J. B. O'Connell, M. P. Cole and Kimball Martin, railroad men holding prominent positions in connection with the Boston and Maine railroad here:

"Its purpose shall be, by all lawful methods, to cultivate and maintain between its members such a spirit of mutual interest and such concern on the part of all of them for the welfare and prosperity of American railroads as will best promote their successful and profitable operation, for the benefit alike of their employees, investors and the public."

Parish Picnic.

The members of St. Mary's parish held their annual picnic at Nutting's grove on Monday, September 6, and made it a grand success. At ten a. m. the children marched from the church to the grove, headed by the drum corps of the S. of V. of Nashua.

At eleven a. m. the St. Mary's team played the Peppereil team and defeated them by a score of 8 to 6. The Ayer high school and the Red Taps played at three o'clock and the high school won by a score of 16 to 8.

The four-mile run was won by Arthur Coughlin; 100-yard dash, won by A. Coughlin; and relay race by Bowler's team.

Barrows' orchestra furnished music for dancing during the afternoon. Clam chowder, tonic, ice cream and cake were for sale during the day.

One of the features of the day was the clog dancing of Henry Gilson of Ayer.

Congregational.

At Acton Center on Labor day, September 6, the twenty-first semi-annual convention of the Middlesex local union of the Christian Endeavor society was held in the Congregational church. The following program was carried out: Devotional service led by the pastor of the church, Rev. C. E. Hayes; address on "Echoes from Sagamore," Rev. L. E. Perry; F. P. Greenwood of Everett spoke on "Christian endeavor in business," Rev. F. H. Viets of Boxborough led a praise service after the noon recess; Rev. S. Knowles of Lexington spoke on "Enthusiasm in religion" and the closing address was by Rev. E. F. Evans of Holbrook on "The strong man."

The entertaining church served a nice dinner at noon and the members extended a hearty vote of thanks for it. The convention, though not well advertised, was well attended by the local people and all the speaking was good.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church served a supper in the vestry Wednesday evening at 6.30 o'clock. These suppers are served monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 6.30, and a cordial invitation is extended to all whether members or not.

On Sunday morning at 10.45 a. m. there will be public worship in the Congregational church. The subject of the service will be "The human sympathy of Jesus." Evening services as usual. C. E. prayer meeting at six o'clock; good music. The subject of the service, "The hardening of Pharaoh's heart."

News Items.

At ten o'clock, Sunday, September 12, the holy communion will be celebrated, and at 10.45 morning prayer will be said in St. Andrew's church, followed by Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Usual choir rehearsal on Saturday evening at seven o'clock.

Last week Friday a Boston paper had it that a man, Alfred Burgess, twenty-four years old, had committed suicide that day in Ayer. It was found out afterwards that Burgess belonged in Athol and not in Ayer.

An Italian, whose name was unknown, was found on a truck at the railway station last Saturday afternoon, and so weak that he could hardly walk. Dr. Cowles was called and he said his weakness was from illness. He could not speak English and an interpreter found out that he has been in a hospital in Rockport, N. Y., and was on his way to the home of his sister, who resided in Lawrence. He left in the evening train of that day for Lowell.

Charles S. Viall, a travelling salesman, recently of Keene, N. H., has moved to town, occupying Mrs. L. M. Knowlton's house on Williams street.

Mrs. E. M. Nutting, a former resident, now living in Brooklyn, who has been spending the summer in Townsend, was the guest of Mrs. G. W. Shattuck from Saturday till Tuesday.

Capt. and Mrs. Reuben H. Blatchford went to Hyannis last week Friday. The captain returned Wednesday, but Mrs. Blatchford will remain some time longer.

Rev. M. H. Callahan, curate of St. Mary's church, formerly of Charlestown, will attend the fiftieth anniversary of St. Francis de Sales church in Littleton morning, September 11, and last night Monday evening, September 13. It will be a brilliant religious observance in commemoration of the golden period of the life of the parish. Father Callahan resided in that parish from early boyhood.

Ellis Z. Nutting, who is at Sandy pond, where his wife and son are summering, in alighting from his automobile last Saturday afternoon, near his cottage, stepped into a hole and seriously injured his ankle, which will confine him at his cottage several days before he will be able to move about.

The Lincoln A. A. of Lincoln, one of the fastest semi-professional teams in the state, will play the Shirley A. A. on the Civic grounds here Saturday afternoon, September 11. Game called at three o'clock.

Among recent guests at the summer camp of Howard B. White, president of the First National bank, were E. S. Brown, cashier of the Mechanics' National bank of New Bedford, and William A. Macle, cashier of the First National bank of the same city.

Rev. E. C. Winslow, missionary agent of the New England Home for Little Wanderers, Boston, accompanied by four children from the home, will speak at the Methodist church here Sunday morning, September 12, at 10.45.

Mrs. G. H. Greenwood of Dorchester is visiting her father, Peter Tarbell. On Friday they visited the old Tarbell homestead in Shirley.

Dr. B. H. Hopkins lost a Prest-o-Lite tank Thursday morning, September 9, near the railway crossing in Littleton, just above the lactart factory. The finder will be rewarded by notifying Dr. Hopkins or by returning the property to him.

From Wednesday night after sundown to Friday night after sundown, September 15 to September 17, the Jewish residents of Ayer will observe Roshishuna, a yearly festival, and synagogue meetings will be held here in charge of a rabbi from the city. The occasion will be observed by all the Jewish people in town and their places of business will be closed during that time.

Henry B. Spencer, son of W. G. Spencer, left last Monday on another trip, not knowing where it may end. He is now in St. Paul, Minn. He has in the past three or four years traveled many thousands of miles of this country and Canada sight seeing.

The public schools all opened Tuesday with about the usual attendance, a slight variation in some grades. The enrollment is: high school, 81; eighth grade, 40; seventh, 38; sixth, 49; fifth, 34; fourth, 44; third, 43; primaries, Washington street, 55; East Main street, 41; Shirley street, 20.

An unfortunate accident happened one day last week at the new house being built on Pleasant street. The masons left a heavy plank on the staging which they had used in their brick laying. One of the carpenters, who was shingling on the roof, found it necessary to throw the plank down to the ground, which was done after a fair warning to those below. The plank struck a heavy joist and rebounded, striking Louis Lapointe, the boss carpenter, on the shoulder and breaking his collar bone.

Plans are being made for the children's annual exhibit of flowers and vegetables, which will probably come next Friday.

There will be an important business meeting of the Unitarian social gathering Tuesday afternoon, September 14, at four o'clock, and supper will be served at six. All are invited. A full attendance is expected at the business meeting.

There will be a special meeting of the executive board of the Woman's club Saturday evening, September 11, at 7.30 with the president, Mrs. Nina M. Beverly.

On Saturday the Ayer boys played the final game with Peppereil at that town and were defeated by a score of 8 to 7. Despite the considerable weakness by the absence of four of their regular players, they put up a stiff game and came near winning as it was.

Rev. E. G. Brown will conduct the service and preach the sermon on Sunday in the Unitarian church at 10.45. Sunday school session at twelve.

Mrs. A. M. Phelps and Miss Cora Parker of Lowell were guests of Mrs. Phelps' cousin, Willard Morrison of Lowell, a member of Vesper County club, at its elegant club house, Tyngsborough, Wednesday, to witness the automobile races.

Mrs. F. W. Moses and son Carl left Tuesday for a three or four weeks' stay at Quonochontaug beach, R. I. Her daughter Kathleen is stopping for a week at Brant Rock, and will later join her mother Wednesday. September 15 the furniture in their house here is to be moved to Providence. Carl is to enter the Moses Brown school at Providence, September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick T. Moses leave town October first for Billerica.

John Ryan took the position at the electric light plant, Tuesday morning, September 7, vacated by Herman Huebner, who has accepted the position at the sub-station, Station avenue, Groton.

P. Donlon has sold the Moses cottage at Sandy pond to W. H. Bruce of Groton.

It does seem that if a little care was taken that the business portion of Main street could be kept clean of paper, banana skins and other rubbish thrown into it that makes it so filthy looking and a terrible sight to behold. What must the people think of us when travelling through the town?

Reserved seat tickets for the Willard Gorton entertainment, September 15, will be on sale Saturday at 9 a. m. at Carley's store.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday as usual. Preaching at 10.45 a. m.; Sunday school at twelve; praise meeting at seven in the evening.

District Court.

Samuel Slofski of Ayer, keeper of an unlicensed dog, was in court last Saturday, found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Search was made September 4 for liquors in the two-story dwelling-house, and known as Elmhurst farm, in Littleton, occupied by M. Gauthier and Mrs. Knapp, and the officer secured about 1 1/2 pints of whiskey in four bottles, about half a pint of ale in one bottle and an empty whiskey glass. Order of notice issued returnable September 11.

John Koziel of Shirley, charged with assault and battery, Andrew Zarski, complainant, was in court September 7, and on trial was found not guilty.

Trial Test.

The fire engineers purchased two of the Eastman nozzles, one and 1/4-inch, after a trial test. They cost fifty dollars apiece and are a good investment for the town, as they are much superior to the old nozzles and are far more efficient, as they throw a steady solid stream to the top of the highest building in the business portion of Main street before it breaks.

The trouble with the ordinary nozzle is that the stream breaks into a spray before reaching any height on a building.

The new nozzles were thoroughly tested last Tuesday evening, the fire department running out five hundred feet of hose and they worked to the entire satisfaction of all who witnessed the severe trial. They are a great addition to the department and more effectual in the extinguishing of fires.

A New Buick.

Dr. Hopkins has purchased a new Buick automobile from E. O. Proctor. This makes the tenth one of these cars sold by Mr. Proctor this season. The doctor had a little accident last Saturday when he got the car.

He cranked the car all right and got in and started it, but for some reason the motor stopped, and the doctor, leaving the throttle open, got out and cranked it once more. This time the car went all right enough, but he was not in it, as it started before he could reach his seat. He had presence of mind to grab the wheel and turn his car in time to avoid running into the fence and also narrowly escape a pile of junk lying outside the driveway.

Clinton Fair.

The Clinton fair management this year proposes a fair September 15, 16, 17, that will, be even more what the people desire than those of the past. The management will keep those features of former fairs that have been approved, whose commendation by the people has given assurance of value as drawing cards, and will add still others that promise to accord with the measure of excellence before being made permanent.

The management will award purses to the fastest horses in trotting and pacing events this year \$1500, and to the runners an additional \$200.

All entries for live stock will positively be closed on Friday, September 10, and all entries will close at six o'clock p. m., Tuesday, September 14. The Battery B band of Worcester has the contract to provide musical pleasure for the patrons of the fair on the opening day. On the second day the Leominster Military band will provide the musical features, and "Horse show day," the big third day of the fair, the Marlboro band will do the honors musically.

The New System Working Well.

Train dispatching by telephone instead of by telegraph has passed its apprenticeship on one division of the Boston and Maine railroad, and so satisfactory are the results that ultimately every division of the Boston and Maine railroad will be equipped with a telephone train dispatching system.

The new system sounds the knell of the railway telegraph operator. An expert in telegraphy has no advantage over the man with good sight, a good ear and the ability to act quickly in an emergency.

The Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine was selected some time ago for a try-out of the new system, which has demonstrated its success on western roads.

Its main line of track, fifty-one miles from Boston to Fitchburg, and embracing nineteen towns and stations, was made ready for telephone dispatching early in the month, but it was only last week Sunday that the actual operation of trains by telephone began.

The same routine of office goes on under the new system as under the old system of dispatching.

The dispatcher sits in his Boston office and gives his orders for conductors to stationmen, but instead of the click-click-click of the telegrapher's key, simply the buzz of a bell is heard and the voice of the dispatcher, giving his orders to the men in the stations.

These orders are repeated back and forth, just as under the old system of telegraphing, and recorded as before in the books of sender and receiver.

All orders for the movement of trains include the spelling out of train numbers and the time given and the station or tower designated.

"Train twenty-seven will wait at C-o-n-c-o-r-d," talks the dispatcher in Boston over the wire, "until passed by Train T-h-l-r-t-y from Fitchburg, due at T-h-r-e-e F-o-r-t-y O-n-e."

And back from station or tower operator, the order is repeated, all spelled out as received, and then repeated over again.

Accuracy and promptness are insured more than under the old system of telegraphing, and the train dispatcher is in almost immediate touch with all the operators and station and tower men on his division.

The simple turning of a key in the office of the train dispatcher calls the station required, just as the putting in of a switch calls any department of a mercantile house from the office of the establishment.

The train dispatcher can give his orders and if necessary hold an extended talk with Fitchburg without waiting at all for the delay consequent upon using the telegraph. Railroad dispatching is brought by the telephone as near to the instantaneous as possible.

Station and tower men can also get the dispatcher in Boston simply by the pressing of a button, and in Boston the dispatcher sits at his desk with headpiece adjusted waiting as well for calls upon him through his receiver as to transmit orders himself.

The dispatcher, by the turning of a key, can cut out all stations except the one called or calling, but a bell contrivance gives warning meanwhile that other stations desire to talk to the dispatcher.

The apparatus used is a combined receiver and transmitter horn, set up on a swivel and on the desk of the operator, thus allowing the use of the hands for writing down the orders transmitted.

An ingenious contrivance for use in case of wrecks or where conductors or inspectors may desire to talk to headquarters of a division, consists of a portable pocket set, combining receiver, transmitter and wires. A wire may be tapped anywhere on the division and communication opened up through the train dispatcher with the main office of the railroad. The advantage of this contrivance in case of wreck or emergency, in the saving of time toward hurrying succor and in many events of "railroading" where time is the great factor, cannot be over-estimated.

"The telephone system of dispatching," says Superintendent S. A. D. Forristall, who has charge of all the telegraphy of the Boston and Maine system, "is a complete success. We run ninety trains a day on the main Fitchburg line, and since last Sunday all of these have been dispatched by telephone. The system has worked easily, accurately and perfectly. There has not been a hitch, and I can't see a chance for a hitch. The telephone will undoubtedly supplant the telegraph for train dispatching on all our divisions."

WALSH vs. BENNETT.

From the Lowell Daily Courier-Citizen, September 10, 1909:

Now that the dangerous part of carnival week is safely over, let us turn for a moment to questions of politics, and more especially to those affecting the fight for a senatorial position in the Seventh Middlesex district. It has come to our attention that the Lynn end of the district is being exploited vigorously by young Mr. Bennett of Saugus, who seems to think he ought to be nominated by the Republican party rather than Mr. Alonzo G. Walsh of Lowell, mainly on the argument of "locality." He has issued a somewhat self-laudatory circular to this effect, claiming that it is time the Lynn end of this most remarkable shoe-string district had its share of the representation, etc., etc. But let us see how far this will hold water.

To begin with, the Lynn end of the district hasn't been a part of the district long enough to acquire any sore grievances on the score of mere locality. It is a new hatched, unfledged comrade. The district was only made over so as to take in this remote corner of the world in 1906—so that for three long years Lynn hasn't had a senator to represent the towns of Ayer, Westford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Bedford and Billerica, not to mention a very important section of the city of Lowell. Alonzo Lowell, which has been a member of this district for a good many years, has gone without any representation for much longer than that. Looking back over the record, one will seek for many years before he finds anything that even looks like a Lowell name. Hon. H. E. Fletcher, as a matter of fact, came the nearest to being a Lowell man, and he lives in a town that doesn't even adjoin Lowell! The others, such as Brigham, Patch, Grimes and Clark, came from even farther away. On the score of locality alone, therefore, Lowell has a claim that is several hundred times stronger than Lynn's, simply because Lowell has been without representation much longer than Lynn has. Lynn has only just come into the family! Why, then, this sudden clamor to be recognized as if it were somehow a matter of right? Has not Lowell a prior claim?

Now, of course, locality isn't all there is to it. If a very strong man were asking this recognition in Lynn it might under other circumstances have some pertinence—but that seems not to be the case here. Mr. Walsh is a much better qualified candidate than Mr. Bennett can claim to be, and the district wants more than anything else a senator who will give it the greatest measure of influence. As between Mr. Walsh and Mr. Bennett we can see no possible comparison that doesn't redound to the favor of Mr. Walsh. He has never been honored by his party in any appreciable way, save by requests for hard work which has always been faithfully performed. Other things being more equal than they are, one might possibly turn to a locality argument to decide the matter—if the locality argument as applied to Lynn in this case were not so laughable in itself.

There are two things the matter with Mr. Bennett's claim at this time: (a) He isn't nearly as able a man as Mr. Walsh. (b) Lowell has a much better claim on the score of locality than Lynn has. The great bulk of the Seventh district lies up this way. Lynn has only been added to it for a year or two. And during all the time that Lowell has been a part of it, she has gone without any local senator. No, no! Mr. Bennett can't make any claim to this office as a matter of justice to Lynn and Saugus. And he can't make any claim to being stronger than Mr. Walsh in ability or equipment. Besides, he hasn't done half the thankless work for the party that Mr. Walsh has done many years before young Mr. Bennett entered the Lowell textile school. If the Seventh district has any sense of justice or of duty at all, it will turn a very deaf ear to the entreaties of Bennett of Saugus. By the way, isn't it possible for this state to get its law-making done without a Bennett of Saugus? And hasn't that particular clan had about all it can fairly claim in the way of political preferment for a while?

LITTLETON.

News Items.

In Maine and New Hampshire, Miss Louisa will not return until next Tuesday, and will leave for Wheaton seminary on the following day.

Varnum Flagg and family are at home again after a month's outing. The George Lovejoy family plan to leave Peter S. Whitcomb's today for their home in Cincinnati.

Items of Interest.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18, at 9.30 a. m., all the household goods belonging to the estate of the late Joseph A. and Rebecca B. Smith, Concord, consisting of lots of antique furniture, grandfather's clock, etc.

In 1543 the first cannon to be cast in one piece was made by an English ironmaster.

In Calcutta all the machinery in the Indian government mint is driven by electricity.

Including handling and storage, the coal bill of the United States navy last year was \$5,544,945.

From plants imported from Florida, German East Africa has since 1893 been raising sisal hemp.

Thirty-eight prizes, valued at over \$300,000, are being contested for by aviators.

Illinois, Kentucky, Colorado and Arizona are the only states that produce floorspar in commercial quantities.

By covering it with hot beeswax, finely shaved, and then melting it with a hot flatiron, canvas can be made waterproof.

For over two thousand years the volcano of Stromboli has been known to emit flames persistently and lava and cinders spasmodically.

Violet-tinted tubers stand highest in nutritive value, according to tests made of potatoes.

Ecuador annually exports 20,000 tons of vegetable ivory, of which Germany takes about one-half and the United States one-fourth.

To remove feathers from chickens an electric fan has been invented which is said to completely clean a fowl in a few seconds.

Brazilian scientists have succeeded in developing a new variety of coffee with unusually large, fine berries, which ripen very early.

An Italian has invented a kleptograph. It is a burglar alarm which ignites a flashlight and photographs the intruder who invades the room in which it is set.

Russia's mines, which produce ninety-five per cent. of the world's supply of platinum, are giving out and a platinum famine is feared.

French scientists say electric fans are injurious to health because they stir up bacteria in nearby dust and thereby circulate them through the air.

Marseilles is the leading vegetable oil center in the world. Its forty-five mills crush 465,000 tons of seed annually. Each year hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil are handled there.

American and Belgian schools have graduated a number of Chinese students of mining.

Modern steam plows are being introduced into India. One of them made in London can plow ten to fifteen acres of ordinary ground in one day.

One hundred American cows have been imported and 500 acres of land have been purchased near Guadalajara, Mexico, for the purpose of establishing a modern dairy.

Russia claims to have the most powerful dredge in the world. In the course of an hour it can move 7000 cubic yards of earth from the bottom of a river.

Americans are building a large cement mill in Japan and a vigorous campaign is being started to teach the Japs how to make use of the material.

Last year Manchuria's balance sheet was 6,000,000 taels on the wrong side, the result of extra expenses incurred by becoming a province.

Edison is at work on a new telephone transmitter which is very sensitive and enables conversation to be carried on with greater ease and less liability of error.

In Chili nearly all the civil, mechanical and electrical engineers, architects and salesmen are Europeans. This is the reason America gets such a small share of that country's business.

A wind movement of fifteen miles an hour against the side of a building will force 185 cubic feet of air through a one-sixteenth of an inch crevice in an hour.

New Advertisements.

Care in Preparing Food.

In recent years scientists have proved that the value of food is measured largely by its purity; the result is the most stringent pure food laws that have ever been known.

One food that has stood out prominently as a perfectly clean and pure food and which was as pure before the enactment of these laws as it could possibly be is Quaker Oats; conceded by the experts to be the ideal food for making strength of muscle and brain. The best and cheapest of all foods. The Quaker Oats Company is the only manufacturer of oatmeal that has satisfactorily solved the problem of removing the husks and black specks which are so annoying when other brands are eaten. If you are convenient to the store buy the regular size packages; if not near the store, buy the large size family packages.

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LOST—In the Ladies' Rest Room at Walnut Park, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 1, Lady's Green Pocketbook, property of Mrs. George M. Lovejoy. Finder will be suitably rewarded upon returning same to P. S. WHITCOMB, Littleton, Mass. 2151.

BOY WANTED—To learn the Printer's trade. Apply at office of Huntley S. Turner, Ayer, Mass.

GIRL WANTED for general housework. Apply at Public Spirit Office, Ayer.

BOY WANTED—Apply to ROBERT MURPHY & SONS, Ayer, Mass. 1150.

NOTICE is hereby given that bankbooks No. 9142, No. 9441, and No. 8764, North Middlesex Savings Bank, have been lost, payment stopped thereon and application made for new books. Any person coming into possession of these books will please forward them to the North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass. 3150.

NOTICE is hereby given that Bankbook No. 6883, North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass., has been lost and application has been made for the payment of the amount represented by said book. 3152.

LOST—On Thursday morning, Sept. 9, a Prest-o-Lite Tank, near the Littleton railroad crossing above the Lactart factory. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to or notifying Dr. B. H. HOPKINS, Ayer, Mass. 62.

PIANO LESSONS.

Miss Etta Dippman, Teacher of Piano, wishes for a few more pupils. Terms satisfactory. Littleton, Mass. 1152.

TO LET—A Tenement of five rooms on Groton St., Ayer, with or without stable. Key at house. F. G. OSBORN, Station A, Boston, Mass. 5132.

WANTED—A capable Nurse Girl. Address, Mrs. A. W. LAMB, West Groton, Mass. 1152.

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Registration of Voters.



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, Oct. 23, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, Oct. 23, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register must bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1909.

Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificates of naturalization.

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OUT ON BAIL.

Strange Things to Which Running Over a Cow May Lead.

By HELEN MARDEN QUINN.
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"I'm going to fall in love with that girl!"

It was at a New England summer resort, and "that young man from Boston" had been there less than an hour when he had his first view of Miss Minnie Haddon. Young men from New York and other places had arrived a week ahead of him and uttered the same words, but as Paul Dillon didn't know it he was not dismayed.

To fall in love properly with the handsomest girl at a summer resort there should be a formal introduction, and a formal introduction may be hard to achieve under certain circumstances. There must be a mutual acquaintance to bring it about. Miss Haddon's mother was a widow and an invalid and kept to herself most of the time. Paul Dillon looked the crowd over twice a day for sight of faces he knew, but looked in vain. Four days passed, and the hotel did not take fire, the mountain behind it did not slide down, and there was no strike of waiters to give him an opportunity to play the hero and present his card. Then he decided to take a spin in the auto which had been shipped up to him.

When undecided what to do in a case of love, trust to the auto. It has a hundred possibilities.

Mr. Dillon had driven fifteen miles and stopped at a hotel to refresh himself, when he was pleased and surprised to see Miss Haddon and another young woman drive up in another auto. They had followed him from the hotel. They alighted and disappeared. By indirect information he learned that Miss Haddon had brought back the other young lady to her hotel and was to make the return trip in care of the chauffeur.

In the course of an hour Miss Haddon reappeared and after thirty or forty goodbyes to her girl friends took a seat in the tonneau and moved off. Three minutes later Mr. Dillon was traveling the same road. All went well for five miles. He was following so closely that he could see that the other machine was holding anything but a straight course. There were wabbles to right and left to signify that that tract on intertemperance that he had seen the chauffeur reading hadn't quite cured him of his thirst for highballs.

By and by two things happened in the same minute. The chauffeur suddenly increased his speed, and a cow suddenly started to cross the highway in front of a farmhouse.

The best mechanical engineer could not have planned things better. There was a whoop, a scream and a smash, and then an auto brought up against a rail fence and sent the splinters flying.

Fate was with the young man from Boston. He stopped his machine and leaped out and over the dead cow and the unconscious chauffeur lying on his back, and his strong arms were extended to the half fainting girl in the tonneau. She fell into them just as the farmer came from the house with a milk pail in his hand and cried out:

"Now, by crickets, but this is a nice state of affairs, ain't it? What in Jericho have you folks been doing?" "This auto struck your cow," briefly explained Mr. Dillon as he placed the girl on her feet on the ground.

"Struck my cow? Why, it's killed her as dead as a doornail! By gum, but you've got yourselves into a nice scrape. Yes, sir; gone and killed my cow and smashed my fence, and the two things together will send you to jail for at least thirty days!"

"We shall pay all damages, of course. Please let this young lady go to the house. She isn't hurt, I hope, but the accident has shaken her up."

"Oh, she can go to the house. Look at that cow lying there! Only seven years old and giving ten quarts of milk a day! Worth \$30 of any man's money. It's a serious job, my friend."

Miss Haddon was assisted to the house, where the farmer's wife received her, and then Mr. Dillon returned to the chauffeur. He had been dung out, but those highballs had saved him from serious injury. He was more intoxicated than hurt, and after being propped up against the fence, proceeded to indulge in a good, long cry. When finally at liberty Mr. Dillon turned to the farmer and said:

"I am now ready to talk with you."

"Yes, there's got to be some tremendous talking over this thing. In the first place, I'm a constable, and it's my business to arrest somebody for speeding. If that machine hadn't been going thirty miles an hour the cow could have dodged it. I've been throwing stones and clubs at her ever since she was a calf, and she's dodged 'em all. It's speeding and killing a cow and smashing a fence all in one, to say nothing of the shock to my feelings."

"We are very sorry, of course," answered Mr. Dillon. "If you will figure up the damages I will pay."

"Well, we'll call the cow \$30 and the fence about \$2. As for the speeding, you'll have to be taken before Squire Johnson. He lives six miles away, but is off on a visit to his brother in New Jersey just now, and I can't say when he'll be home."

"But we can't fool around."

"Can't you? Well, I guess you'll have to. When you're talking to me you're talking to the law. I could handcuff the three of you and take you

right to jail. Why, man, killing a cow is next door to killing a human being! Can't you realize it?"

"But, you see, we are stopping at the Elms hotel, and the young lady is anxious to get back to her mother. If I pay the damages you can take the bull on the speeding case, can't you?"

The constable thought the case over and decided to take bail. When Mr. Dillon pulled out his purse to pay the \$32 he received a shock. Four dollars was all he had with him. The weeping and muttering chauffeur was searched, but he had less than a dollar. Blushing and stammering and perturbed, the young man called upon Miss Haddon for a cash loan. She had only \$2.

"I hate to take you to jail," said the constable when informed of how things were. "I guess your watch and pin will be enough to secure everything. You've got to come back in a week, though, to face the squire."

The things were handed over, the fuddled chauffeur loaded in like a bag of sand and the smashed auto left "to be called for." Then the other auto headed for the hotel. In the excitement of the hour neither of the principals had thought of names. It was only as they were rolling smoothly along at not too fast a gait that the error was repaired. Then a silence lasting five long minutes ensued. Then two peals of laughter broke from two pairs of lips in chorus. The whole thing was grimly ludicrous.

"And how did you raise the \$32 and the bail?" asked the girl.

"The constable has my watch and pin."

"And won't we have to go to jail?"

"I think not, but we are prisoners in a sense. If you fly the country you will leave me in a bad fix."

Of course the mother thanked Mr. Dillon, and of course Mr. Dillon thanked his stars and pushed his luck. Once always and sometimes twice a day that couple had to ride out to see about bail; they had to wander about the grounds evenings; they had to sit in grooves and beside waterfalls. After a month had passed Mr. Dillon begged the mother to let him be a bondsman to the daughter for life.

"Dear me," said the mother, "but what strange things running over a cow may lead to! Don't let Minnie do it again!"

His Crushed Cigar.

"Yes," said the man with the open countenance. "I married a girl in the mutilated currency bureau of the treasury department at Washington. Quite a little romance it was too."

"How did it happen?" asked the man with the crumpled necktie.

"It was her deft fingers, her marvelous skill, that chiefly attracted me."

"Patching together ragged old dollar bills?"

"Restraining your sarcasm, if you please. She could do much finer work than that. I had seen her once or twice and thought her a pretty girl, but was not particularly impressed. One evening, though, when I was calling on her at the boarding house where she lived I happened to notice that in some way I had crushed a twenty-five cent cigar in my upper left vest pocket, and I showed it to her."

"That's nothing," she said. "I can mend that and make it all right in a jiffy."

"It was a shapeless mass, but I told her to go ahead. She got a little paste, and in five minutes she fixed it up as good as new. Well, sir, that caught me, and I proposed to her on the spot. She said 'Yes,' and we were married the following week."

"Old chap," said the man in the mackintosh after a long pause, "how had you crushed that cigar?"

"That's none of your business!"—Chicago Tribune.

Corn Products Entrained.

The president of a western railway system was spending the week end at the country house of a friend in New York when one evening some reference was made by a layman touching the commercial greatness of the country as evidenced by railway operations.

"What you say is quite true," observed the head of the big system. "Do you know that if the corn products in this country for the last year were loaded into one train the engine thereof would be entering the state of New Jersey just as the caboose was leaving Los Angeles?"

At this remark a woman present could not suppress her astonishment and incredulity. "How you men do exaggerate!" she exclaimed. "You know very well that even two engines could not pull such a train!"—New York Tribune.

Preferred the Men to Talk.

A Philadelphia writer who belongs to the Society of Friends is a charming story teller. Here is one from his store of Quaker anecdotes.

"The story goes," he said, "that loud talking among the congregation once interrupted a certain Friends' meeting. The women at this meeting sat on one side of the room, the men on the other. The speaker when the talking became intolerable paused and looked at the audience reproachfully."

"A woman, rising, said to him: 'I beg thee to take notice that the talking you object to comes not from our, but from the men's, side of the house.'"

"The speaker smiled upon her. 'So much the better, good woman; so much the better,' he said. 'It will be the sooner over.'"

Mother-in-law Again.

Husband—Why do you hate to see me come home smiling? Wife—Because I know it means something has happened to poor mother.—Illustrated Bits.

FACTS IN FEW LINES

In Budapest is a school where people are taught the art of eating.

Switzerland does a bigger business in chocolate than in watches.

France finds itself unable to join the United States in a two cent postal rate.

Officers and crews of Austrian merchant shipping on the Adriatic are nearly all Italian.

In Denmark is an old man of 100 years of age who has never seen a railway train or a steamship.

In the last fifty years the population of England has almost doubled itself, while that of Ireland has decreased by about one-third.

In the cabin of the Kaiser's new racing yacht Meteor IV. is an oak armchair, presented by King Edward, made from the bulwarks of Nelson's Victory.

The Mexican government has contracted with the Krupps to build a plant for the manufacture of bullets, smokeless powder and gun cotton near Vera Cruz.

Why the London directory is printed is one of the mysteries. You cannot look up a man in it unless you know already where he lives or what business he is in.

Black men are plenty in Paris. They are straight faced natives of north Africa. In prosperous Algeria black men do well. They speak French and seem educated.

Among the epithets exchanged by members of the Russian duma during a recent sitting were "Baltic pig," "German monkey," "Parisian hypocrites" and "murderers."

So severe are the snow and sleet storms of Silesia that the government, which owns the telephone lines, has the wires taken down each winter and stored away until spring.

Transparent diamonds have been manufactured by the aid of electric furnaces. The largest, however, yet produced by this means is only one-fortieth of an inch in diameter.

In Germany and also in Holland girls are employed as clerks at the banks and hotels, as cashiers and bookkeepers at restaurants and at railway stations as booking office clerks.

The ground to be reclaimed for the new harbor works at Yokohama, Japan, covers an area of fifty-six acres and will be inclosed within a length of quay walls of a little over 6,800 feet.

The South African National union has been formed in London, and twelve branches have been formed in South Africa. The union is independent of politics and will develop trade and industry.

Under the guidance of the White Cross society of Geneva a second congress for the repression of fraud in the production and manufacture of food products will be held at Paris next October.

Dr. Raymond Pearl and Frank Surface of the University of Maine said that selection for high egg production carried on for nine consecutive years did not lead to any increase in the average production of the flocks.

A Geneva boy, aged fifteen, who accidentally lodged the bullet of an air gun in his heart was taken to the hospital, where Dr. Girard opened the wound, extracted the ball and sewed up the heart. The victim is now out of danger.

Munich, with a population of over half a million inhabitants, has only 68 apothecary shops and 773 physicians. Permission was lately sought to build more new drug stores, but the apothecaries protested, and the authorities refused their consent.

Perhaps because of the revolution western Europe is full of Turks this year—Turks in costume, merchants, politicians, travelers. Some take their wives along—not common in past years—curious, silent, veiled or half veiled little shuffling women.

There is in London a school for mothers. One poor woman was dissolved in tears when her baby was undressed at the hospital and its wasted limbs revealed. She ingeniously explained her grief by saying that "it was a beautiful child last time it was undressed."

Manitoba became a province in 1870. Its population was 62,200 in 1881, 152,506 in 1891 and 253,211 in 1901. The value of Manitoba's harvest last year was a little short of \$70,000,000. The census of 1906 gave Winnipeg, its capital city, a population of 90,000. There is nothing wild in a guess that its present population is not far from 120,000.

Many unsuccessful attempts to produce a noninflammable celluloid have caused new substances of the kind to be received with skepticism, but it is claimed that the cellulite of Dr. A. Elchengrun, made at Dusseldorf, Germany, is a cheap and useful material. It is expected to prove especially valuable for really safe moving picture films.

W. Warde Fowler, who wrote "Social Life at Rome in the Age of Cicero," declares that the age of Cicero is one of the most important periods of Roman history and that the Ciceroian correspondence of more than 900 contemporary letters is the richest treasure house of social life that has survived from any period of classical antiquity.

Prince Rupert, the proposed western terminus of the new Canadian line, the Grand Trunk Pacific, will be a made to order city almost. It faces a fine natural harbor, yet a few years ago the land was held at a nominal price. Since the decision of the railroad was made known more than a million dollars' worth of lots have been sold there at auction.

Jet.

In his "Mirror of Stones" Camillus Leonardus calls jet "black amber" and states that it possesses the peculiar property of attracting to it when rubbed light substances of all kinds. He also tells us that the thin smoke produced by this friction of rubbing was used by the ancient Britons for driving away devils and dissolving spells.

"Jet," says Dr. Young, "appears to be wood in a high state of bituminization." And certainly jet often appears with traces of ligneous structure. At the same time there are specimens of bones which seemingly have been gradually impregnated with and at last wholly replaced by this substance. Among the jet rock there is found a liquid hydrocarbon somewhat resembling petroleum oil, which occurs in the cavities of ammonites, etc., and is also sometimes found in nodules, the presence of which is generally supposed to point to a rich vein of jet.

From these and other observations it would appear that jet existed as a liquid substance and that this substance gradually permeated between the laminations of the shales, etc., covering over or in some cases entirely replacing any woody matter which it met with.—New York Post.

Snuff Spoons.

All the world is familiar with snuff boxes, but snuff spoons are pretty little refinements of which this generation has hardly heard. Very probably they came into use about two years after Sir George Rooke's expedition to Vigo bay in 1702, when he captured half a ton of tobacco and snuff from the Spanish galleons, and snuff thus became a common article in England.

One of the characters in a comedy published at Oxford in 1704, entitled "An Act at Oxford," by Thomas Baker, says, "But I carry sweet snuff for the ladies," to which Arabella replies: "A spoon too. That's very gallant, for to see some people run their fat fingers into a box is as nauseous as eating without a fork."

In the forties and fifties of the last century snuff spoons were still in use on the Scottish border. They were of bone and of a size to go into the snuff box. People fed their noses, it was said, as naturally as they carried spoons to their mouths. As late as 1877 a farmer at Northam-on-Tweed was seen using one.—London Saturday Review.

A Tramp of Resource.

Much experience of thirly tramps had caused the author of "An English Holiday," J. J. Hissey, to foreknow almost exactly what they would say to him. One day, when sending his motorcar slowly along a shady English road, he met one of this guild, who accosted him with the preliminary touch of his cap. Mr. Hissey anticipated him by exclaiming:

"I be mortal thirsty! Have you, good sir, the price of a glass of ale about you? I've driven nearly fifty miles to-day, and since the morning not a bite of food has passed my lips."

The look of astonishment that tramp gave me was a delight to observe. But this tramp was a man of ready resource, and, seeing I was a hopeless case, he rose to the occasion and promptly exclaimed, with what dignity he could command and with a comically serious expression:

"If there were a policeman in sight I would give you in charge for begging, that I would!"

Between Two Fires.

She was desperately gone on them both, and she couldn't think which one to choose. It was rather perplexing, no doubt, for one she was bound to refuse.

She gazed at them both in despair, quite puzzled to know what to do. As soon as she thought about one she cared for the other one too.

They still remained under her gaze, little reeking the trouble they brought. It really was hard to decide. They were both so delightful, she thought.

She couldn't say which one she'd have; her efforts fell hopelessly flat. It's really exceedingly hard selecting a new autumn hat.

He Told Her.

Housekeeper—You promised that if I'd give you a good meal and a suit of old clothes you'd tell me how to keep the premises free from tramps.

Tramp—Yes, mum, an' I'm a man of my word, mum, an' I'll keep me promise, although that meal wasn't no great shakes an' this suit of clothes ain't much of a fit. But I'll tell ye.

"Well, what course am I to pursue?"

"Never give 'em anything, mum. Good day, mum."

Good and Simple.

Let it not be in any man's power to say truly of thee that thou art not simple or that thou art not good, but let him be a liar whoever shall think anything of this kind about thee, and this is altogether in thy power, for who is he that shall hinder thee from being good and simple?—Marcus Antonius.

How He Raised It.

"How on earth did you ever cultivate such a beautiful black eye?" asked Brown's friend.

"Oh," replied Brown, who had unintentionally been illustrating the fall of man on roller skates. "I raised it from a slip."—Everybody's Magazine.

Shows No Improvement.

"I don't see that her college education has improved her much."

"No?"

"No. She helps her mother with the housework just as if she hadn't been educated."—Detroit Free Press.

An Apt Simile.

"Some men have a career like a golf ball. They are helped out of one hole only to get into another."—Lippincott's.

Dickens and Diet.

Dickens is the novelist of the meal. No other writer, like him up never such lists of delicacies fit for Lucullus, has the gusto in describing humble feasts which gives the very reader an appetite. Thackeray, for all his "Ballad of Bouillabaisse," never touched the hem of his garments in the recording of meals. Who that has read them can ever forget, for instance, Mrs. Gamp's directions to the chambermaid for her nocturnal refectory, or the tea which awaited Joe Willett and Dolly on their return to the locksmith's dwelling on the occasion of Miss Migg's final rout, or the unassuming meals recorded in "David Copperfield," or the more pretentious feasts in "Pickwick," not forgetting the leg o' mutton "swarry" to which Mr. Weller was invited by the elite of Bath footmen? And has not every reader of "Martin Chuzzlewit" allowed a tender smile to curl his lips over the evolution of that incomparable pudding in the preparation and consumption of which such damage was done to John Westlock's affections? So go and read and acquire your appetite.—London Chronicle.

Above and Below Proof.

Before the means of determining the true quantity of alcohol in spirits were known dealers employed a very rude method to form a notion of the "strength." A given quantity of the spirit was poured upon gunpowder in a dish and set on fire. If the gunpowder continued dry enough it took fire and exploded, but if it had been damped by the water in the spirits the flame of the alcohol went out without setting the powder on fire. This was called the "proof." Spirits which kindled gunpowder were said to be "above proof," those that did not set fire to it were said to be "below proof," but this did not fix the strength. Clark in his hydrometer, which was invented about the year 1730, fixed the strength of proof spirits on the stem, at the specific gravity of .920, at the temperature of 60 degrees. This is the strength at which proof spirit is fixed by act of parliament, and at this strength it is no more than a mixture of forty-nine pounds of pure alcohol with fifty-one pounds of pure water.—London Standard.

Case of Too Much Ham.

One morning not long ago there tripped up to a butcher stall in a Baltimore market a dainty little thing out for her first marketing.

"My husband bought a couple of nice hams from you not long ago," she announced.

"Yes'm," said the smiling butcher; "I remember well. Fine hams, weren't they?"

"They were delicious," said the young wife. "Have you any more like them?"

"Lots," responded the butcher, indicating a row of hams in the rear of the stall.

The young thing surveyed the hams thoughtfully. "Are you sure," she finally asked, "that they're from the same pig as that from which my husband bought?"

"Yes'm," answered the butcher without so much as a quiver of an eyelid.

"Then you may send me three more of them," she said.—Pittsburg Post.

The Caspian Sea.

The Caspian sea is, as Herodotus said 2,000 years ago, "a sea by itself, having no connection with any other." Every schoolboy knows that now, but it is remarkable to find Herodotus saying so, because centuries after his time such authorities as Strabo and Pliny believed that it was connected with the northern ocean by a long and narrow gulf. Geography seems to have had a setback in the interval through false information received at the time of Alexander's conquests. Herodotus says that the Caspian's length was fifteen days' voyage with a rowboat, its breadth eight days'. Since the actual figures are 750 miles and 400, this shows that a rowboat of the time did fifty miles a day.—London Graphic.

Shank's Mare.

"I haven't got a limousine or any aeroplane; I haven't got a coach an' six, not e'en a special train; I haven't got a bicycle nor yet a hoss an' team. I git along all right, by jinks, 'thout gaserline or steam. I travel jest by shank's mare an' never hear no fear but what I'll reach my stoppin' place the same day in the year. No artificial rigs for me, no busted tires or bones, no landin' all up in a heap upon the highway stones. I may be slow a-gettin' round an' cause the world to stare, but I will git there by an' by all right side up with care."—Boston Herald.

Not Guilty!

The unable seaman referred to by the American Thresherman probably thought he was being accused of "mussing up the bedclothes."

Enthusiastic Amateur Sailor—Let go that jib sheet!

Unenthusiastic Landlubber (who has been decoyed into acting as crew)—I'm not touching the thing!

Most Tactless of Men.

"Clarence unintentionally offended the aspiring young poetess."

"In what way?"

"He sent her a gayly decorated wastebasket as a birthday present."—Philadelphia Record.

A High One.

Friend—Does the baron, your son-in-law, speak with much of an accent? Richpurse—He did when he discovered how I had fixed his wife's dower.—Puck.

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.—Confucius.



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—Worcester ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Solon W. Whitney, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased, I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that a petition was presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Harriet E. Whitney of Harvard, in said County of Worcester, on the fourteenth day of September, A.D. 1908, at nine o'clock in the forenoon; to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Herald, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, WILLIAM T. FORBES, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine.
—SWORN—JOHN W. MAWNEY, Register.

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PEPPERELL.

Wedding.

The following from the North Adams Herald will interest the friends of Miss Provencher, who with her parents formerly resided here:

Miss Marie Provencher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Provencher of this city, and John Dion, a resident of Richfield, Conn., were married last week at Notre Dame church, the ceremony being conducted by Rev. Fr. C. H. Jeannotte, followed by the celebration of a nuptial mass.

The attendants were Desire R. Provencher and Miss Natalie Provencher, a brother and sister of the bride, the bride wearing white silk and her attendant blue silk, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

After the church service the bridal party went to the home of the bride's parents, where there was a wedding reception and repast. This was attended by the immediate relatives of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Dion left for Boston. An abundance of wedding gifts were received by the couple. They will live in Richfield. The groom is an electrician there.

East.

It is of interest that the amount of water pumped each time into the standpipe does not make any perceptible impression at the wells. It will be remembered that it was prophesied that the test by Mr. Starr was not conclusive, and a very dry spell might find the supply exhausted. Everything to date is working satisfactory, and the department is hustling connections as fast as possible.

The new telephone directories are being distributed. The pages of instruction and suggestions are not only interesting reading, but of value to all who desire best possible service.

Between the hours of seven a. m. and noon of Monday, September 6, over 150 autos passed through Railroad square toward Lowell.

Earl Mention arrived Saturday evening to spend a few days at home. He returns to Franklin on Tuesday, where he is employed as baggage master at the railway station there.

Franklin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Attridge, has been ill with chicken pox, but now almost fully recovered.

Mrs. Silvey, who has been so ill, is so much improved that her nurse, Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bullock spent the holidays with friends in Waltham, returning Tuesday.

Mrs. D. B. Perkins and Josephine of Malden are guests at Oak Hill farm of E. P. McCord.

Miss Edith Warren of Winchester spent the holidays with Mrs. Francis A. Lawrence.

Russell P. Wright returned Monday from his extended trip of vacation enjoyment to his duties at the store of Stenstrom & Deloid's, Tuesday.

An entertainment will be given under the auspices of the L. B. S. of the Congregational church in Prescott hall Thursday evening, September 23. Willard Gorton, the entertainer and modeler in clay, will present unusually fine character studies in costume also cartoons in charcoal. Tickets on sale at C. D. Hutchinson's store, beginning Thursday, September 16.

Rev. Frances E. Webster of Waltham, who has his summer home here, and Henry C. Gray, took an auto trip recently. Their destination was Dorset, Vt., where they enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. Gray's sisters. They also visited Rutland, Bellows Falls, Keene and Chester, thoroughly enjoying the beautiful scenery and unsurpassed views. They returned by way of the Berkshires, and the last of their journey was even better than the first, showing off the delightful valley views in their best harvest time appearance.

The cane given by the Boston Post to the oldest resident of South Poland was presented to Daniel Hackett by F. B. Shackford, chairman of the board of selectmen. Mr. Hackett is 92 years and 8 months old. He has planted and cared for three-fourths of an acre of hoed crops unaided this season. When Mr. Shackford presented him with the cane he found him busily engaged in cutting bushes. He is certainly one of Maine's smart old men. Mr. Hackett was the father of Mrs. Fayette Bicknell, a former resident of this town.

George Raymond of East Groton met with a painful accident Monday morning while harnessing the horses to a farm wagon. One of the horses started suddenly and he was hitting the tug and it caught the end of his finger in such a manner as to cut it clean off. Dr. Lovejoy dressed the wound and at this writing everything is again normal with the exception of a shorter finger.

Elmond Hodgkins has closed his lunch room on Tarbell street for a few days on account of two cases of scarlet fever in his home.

Mandana M. Hodgkins, daughter of Elmond Hodgkins, was discharged from the Boston city hospital, August 25. She has been in the hospital since May 11, and has had several serious diseases while there. At present she seems to be regaining her former health.

Rev. Dudley Childs will occupy the pulpit of the First Parish church of Pepperell on Sunday, September 12. He has accepted the call of the church to become its minister. Sunday school will reopen at usual hour, 12.15.

Reports from Allan McElhinney, who was obliged to go to eye specialists for an operation, are that the work was successful, and although it may be some little time before he returns home, it is expected this operation, which is the third undergone

this year, will bring permanent cure. During his absence Mrs. McElhinney has full charge of the large poultry plant and is assisted by Robert Ripley.

Roger Robbins is assisting at the farm of Mrs. Lucy Perry during his vacation, but expects to return Monday to his studies at Dean academy. Very fine reports have been received of this boy's work and ability shown in his school. It is rather significant for he left our high school with his course incomplete, and this is just the kind of a pupil that would bring glory to any school.

It is understood that E. F. Harmon of this town was one of the prominent speakers at the Worcester-Middlesex Pomona grange, which met at North Leominster Wednesday. His talk was on the relation of the bread line of New York city to the farmers of New England, and was decidedly interesting and instructive.

George H. Swift's closing-out sale still continues and at ridiculously low prices for the stock. Mr. Swift states that he must sell the balance in a few days, and these low prices are the result.

Joseph A. Welch, age thirty-six, died at his home at North Pepperell, about ten o'clock Wednesday evening, while sitting in a chair. Heart failure was the direct cause. He was born here and lived in town all his life, working on the farm of W. C. Perry, and was considered one of the best butchers in this section.

The trip to Mt. Uncanoquic and its popular delights has attracted many from here this season. On Tuesday a party of jolly ones enjoyed the day, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Durant. Among them we noticed Misses Wilson, Lillian Frost and Helen Robbins, Joseph Wiley, E. Boynton and Fred O. Bennett.

Mrs. Theresa (Wickless) Wood of Shirley and Miss Florence Page, Syracuse, N. Y., were in town Wednesday, calling on their many friends and old-time acquaintances. It has been a long time since they have seen this, their native town. And it is understood they hardly knew the town with so many improvements and changes.

Forrest Winch is now considered one of the luckiest persons on record. On Tuesday he lost a pocketbook containing almost thirty dollars and other valuables. It was found by A. S. Woodward and returned to its owner. Thursday morning he again lost the same article and within an hour it was returned to him.

Dr. Percy Miller has returned to his practice at Harwich, Cape Cod, having spent a few days at his father's, Charles H. Miller. Miss Hannah Wilson of Shirley was also a recent visitor in town. It is understood that wedding bells will be heard at an early date.

Master Dana Merrill, son of Otis A. Merrill, Oak Hill, enjoyed a trip to Lowell Wednesday and witnessed the auto races, returning home Thursday evening.

Miss Lena Brown, Cottage street, is spending the week with Miss Helen Baker at Hollis, N. H.

Miss Audrey Haskell has returned to her home in Roxbury after a visit with Mrs. Frossard, Cross street.

Mrs. Albert Baker and daughter of Hollis, N. H., were guests of her sister, Mrs. L. H. Bean, Cross street, last week.

J. Irving Merritt of the Boston Divinity school, favored the M. E. church with a very interesting service Sunday morning.

The regular meeting of the Warrens at their hall Tuesday evening was of the live variety. It was voted not to attend the Brockton muster, but to put extra pump, pull and pump into the Townsend muster, Saturday, September 18. New blood was administered, as two new candidates were elected to membership. It is not only hoped, but it is felt certain, that all will heartily cooperate for victory. There will be a practice meet Monday, September 13, and if weather is bad, the first fine evening following. All who wish conveyance to Townsend and return should secure passage by L. P. Shattuck or L. G. Robbins.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Parker, Miss Louella Parker, Mrs. Nellie Guttersen, Mrs. Minnie (Dane) Green, E. F. Harmon, Mrs. L. E. Starr and Blanche Pansy Howe attended Pomona grange at Leominster Wednesday.

Mrs. L. E. Starr, Misses Howe and Farnsworth attended grange meeting at Hollis, last week Friday evening. It was neighbors' night and a visit was enjoyed from Milford grange, who furnished the entertainment. The other features were supper and dancing.

Mrs. Anson Bolte and family from Chicago returned home Saturday, having spent the summer with Mrs. Jennie L. Williams, Oak Hill.

Mrs. H. W. Shattuck is ill at her home with neuralgia.

Misses Alice and Maud Chinn went to Revere Monday for a visit with friends.

Reunion.

The Chapman family held their annual reunion at Grange hall, Friday, August 27. The number present was smaller than any year, but it was unanimously voted to meet next year at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Tucker, Head street. Town relatives please notice and remember when next August comes to meet there.

The gathering was a success, with plenty of good things for dinner, and a social hour afterwards. Francis Lawrence, grandson of Silas Chapman, was again made president. Letters were received from many of the distant relatives. A telegram from Dr. Francis Chapman and Miss Bertha Lawrence was received late in the afternoon.

Death.

Mrs. Sarah Reid, wife of Amos L. Reid, died Friday evening, September 3. Mrs. Reid was taken violently ill Thursday noon and lingered till the next day, when she quietly passed away. She was aged 67 years and 6 days. The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at her late residence, and Rev. Mr. Merritt of Boston officiated.

The singers were Miss Beatrice Wallace and Miss Laura Herrig, who sang "Nearer my God to thee," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Mrs. Reid

is survived by a husband and a daughter, Mrs. William M. Ferden of Sudbury, and a grandson in West Groton. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers. Roland H. Blood conducted the funeral, and burial was in Sudbury cemetery, Monday, September 6. Following is the list of flowers:

Wreath and asters, Harriet E. Guttersen; spray of mixed asters, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Card; spray purple asters from Ladies Aid society; white pinks, lilies and asters, Mrs. Dow; beautiful spray of mixed asters, Mrs. Weston and Miss Abbie Lawrence; spray purple asters, Mr. and Mrs. David Reid of Fitchburg; spray of white asters, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ferden of South Sudbury.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell post-office September 8: Miss Gustie Dutra, Mrs. Julia Leveaux, Harold J. Rolsten, Irving N. Weed.



Michael Sullivan.

Obituary.

News of the death of Michael T. Sullivan while attending a dance at Groton last week Thursday seemed at first incredible to his many friends, who had only a few hours previous seen him in robust health and enjoying the few hours of recreation. "And our hearts like muffled drums are beating, funeral marches to the grave." And the hearts of his companions in the evening's jolly time were like a flash changed to sorrow and mourning. He was only twenty-three years of age, of bright, cheerful temperament, a favorite with all and had hosts of friends. Never in this town has a greater number paid respect to a departed friend.

The funeral was Sunday afternoon from St. Joseph's church, but all through the interim of days friends called and the floral tributes were lavished in quality and quantity. He was a fraternal man. Council 317, K. of C., Court Pepperell No. 41, F. of A., Division 29, A. O. H., attended in a body and choice set pieces were brought by them; also the Warren veterans and hook and ladder company, all of which enjoyed his membership. The pall bearers were Michael Morrissey and P. Flynn of the A. O. H.; Thomas Drummy and Frank O'Toole from K. of C.; Michael S. Sullivan and John J. Sullivan of the Eorsters.

Friends from Boston, Natick, Nashua, Groton and Ayer were present to pay last respects to their departed brother.

His father, two sisters and one brother survive him, and the best measure of his character is found in the attachment of these sisters, whose grief seems unconsolable.

Baseball.

The baseball game with the Ayer team Saturday was a hummer. A ten inning game resulted in a win for our home team, score 8 to 7. The game was closely contested from the start. The features were the playing of O'Toole and Tune, batting of Cushing, O'Toole, Bartlett, Lawrence, O'Neill and McCord, who hit in the tenth and stealing second and third was able to score the winning run on Cushing's sacrifice. Following is the score:

PEPPERELL.									
Cushing, ss	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
O'Toole, 2b	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bartlett, c	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lawrence, rf	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
O'Neill, 3b	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ladd, 1b	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Carter, cf	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Shattuck, lb	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
McCord, rf	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tune, 1b	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
F. Lawrence, p	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Totals	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

Pitched 9th and 10th innings.

AYER.									
Hurley, 2b	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sullivan, c	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Clark, 1b	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
McGee, cf	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
O'Neill, 3b	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Donahue, rf	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hootey, lb	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Parmenter, cf	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
McGuane, ss	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Totals	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

*A winning run made on one out.
Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Pepperell: 2 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 1 3
Ayer: 3 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 3

The game Monday, September 6, with Townsend Independents resulted in a victory for the visitors, 8 to 2. Much criticism of decisions by the umpire causes a general opinion that a closer game would have resulted from correct judgment. However, our boys were not greatly disappointed by defeat, as the team was unusually weak, on account of a better team going from this town to Milford that day. A good game is looked for Saturday, September 11, when our braves will play the crack A. A. team of Townsend on their grounds. Game at three o'clock. The assistance of several old timers will aid our team.

Center.

Clyde and Walter Elliott of Worcester, sons of Edward Elliott, have been visiting at the home of their father's sister, Mrs. Etta Pelton, at Hovey's corner.

Miss Dorothy Edson, who has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Edward F. Harmon, left town Saturday 4 for Hastings, Iowa, the home of her mother, Mrs. Maud Parker.

Mrs. J. B. Thrall's discourse last Sunday, on the life of the poet Tennyson, was listened to by an interested audience. She read several of his poems as illustrating his character.

Her evening talk was on optimism. The friends who had the pleasure of her acquaintance during the seven years of Mr. Thrall's pastorate here, enjoyed meeting her again.

Rev. R. W. Drawbridge will occupy his pulpit Sunday, September 12.

S. Thompson Blood visited over Sunday at his early home. His son Prentice W. has been a recent visitor among his friends here.

Misses Annah P. and Margaret G. Blood visited at Mt. Ida school, Newton, last week.

Harry Loring of Elmira, N. Y., is visiting maternal relatives in town. Mrs. Alice (Haskell) Hall of New York has summered at Newport.

Miss Esther Peckham of Boston and a friend of hers, Mr. Wood, have been guests of her grandmother, Mrs. William Kendall.

Mrs. Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has spent a part of the season at High Lodge, the home of Mrs. N. E. Merrill, has returned.

The stars and stripes floated from the staff of the common to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the treaty of peace at Paris, September, 1873.

Everett Boynton of Swampscott has been a guest at the home of his son Charles E. Boynton, on Head street, the past week, for a few days. His health is failing.

Mrs. Helen Nodding of Somerville has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard of Cross street.

SHIRLEY.

To become a Nun.

Miss Annie McCool, a former resident, recently visited her friend, Mrs. Margery Richardson of Fredonian street. Miss McCool left here seven years ago at the age of fourteen years and entered the Wellesley Catholic academy, from which place she graduated this summer and has gone to Halifax to be a sister of mercy and will later become a nun. Besides being thoroughly trained for her duties as a sister of mercy, Miss McCool has become an accomplished musician, and can speak French and German.

Many of the old Shirley residents remember her and are pleased to hear of her success in her preparation for her life work. Miss McCool possessed a good supply of natural characteristics essential and invaluable for the duties of a sister. She will always be remembered for her kindly and self-sacrificing disposition as a girl and from early youth always had a strong desire to be a nun and in this she sought the aid of her aunt, Miss Maggie Conley of Newton, who cheerfully paid all her expenses at college.

Miss McCool's parents died here in Shirley and it was after their death that she made a determined effort to enter college. Miss Margery Richardson, who was much impressed with her beautiful young life, offered Miss McCool a home with her when her parents died, but she refused and pleaded with Mrs. Richardson to send for her aunt, Miss Conley, who came to Shirley and was convinced of the girl's sincerity and took her to the Catholic academy at Wellesley.

Miss Conley feels well repaid for what she has done to help her niece, who has justified all expectations.

Picnic.

Members of St. Anthony's Catholic church held their annual picnic on the church grounds Monday, September 6, and about 500 attended, to enjoy the festivities of the day.

Mrs. Simon Guerin was in charge of the lunch counter; Miss Lizzie Hache the ice cream and bon bon table; Mrs. Sylvester Thomas the variety table; Mrs. Eli Bolger the five-cent grab table; Timothy Thomas the sporting gallery; Sylvester Thomas the refreshment table; hunting the coon, Sandy Gionet; bowling, James Gionet; the races, Emile Gionet and Birdy Latour.

The egg race for ladies was won by Mrs. Richard Cormier. The 100-yard running race for ladies was won by Miss Lucy Chaisson. The 100-yard running race for men was won by John Cormier. Threading the needle race was won by Felix Gionet.

Accepted Another Position.

Wilbur S. Beaman, who had been engaged to teach the high school for another year, arrived home from his vacation Monday morning, September 6, and notified the school committee that he had accepted a position at Windsor Locks, Conn., and wanted to leave here at once. However, he agreed to remain a week to give the committee an opportunity to secure another teacher.

The school committee has been unfortunate this year, as Mr. Beaman is the second one who has broken his agreement.

John C. Davis of Dighton was engaged and accepted the position as superintendent of schools and he also later declined to come because he had been offered more salary to remain in the Dighton district.

Mr. Beaman, in an interview, said that he was very sorry to give such short notice in leaving Shirley, but he felt it was his duty to accept the position at Windsor Locks, and while he did not care to state the salary he was going to receive, it was considerable more than that paid in Shirley, and furthermore, he was going to have three assistants, and besides the equipments of the school were more modern and the school itself was considered one of the finest for the size of the town in Connecticut.

Mr. Beaman's salary here last year was \$900, and the committee had this year raised that figure to \$950.

The school committee are now endeavoring to obtain a high school teacher that will fully meet all the requirements of the position.

News Items.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting Monday evening, September 13.

Rev. W. H. Desjardins will preach at the Baptist church Sunday, September 12, at 10.45 a. m., and in the evening at seven o'clock.

Miss Bessie Darnum spent Labor day with relatives in Sudbury.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of Clinton spent Monday at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Desard.

Mrs. Divoll with daughter Ethel spent last week with relatives in Boston.

Miss Eva Bowers of Merrimack, N. H., is spending a vacation with her cousin, Miss Annie Slocumb, who returned home last week from a visit to relatives in Manchester and other places.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young of Westminster spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Balch.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will preach Sunday, September 12, at 10.45 a. m. Communion at the close of the morning service. Preaching in the evening by the pastor at seven o'clock, the usual C. E. meeting being omitted.

Misses Mary Chaisson and Kate Perry of Lawrence and Mr. Cherrette, the organizing president of the St. Jean Baptist society of Woonsocket, R. I. and Alexander Gaudet of Providence, R. I., were visitors Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chaisson.

Mrs. Peter Barnard with daughter Mary of Lowell is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. John J. Chaisson.

A republican caucus will be held Tuesday evening, September 21, to elect delegates to the several conventions, and also this year to choose a candidate for representative to the general court. The twelfth Middlesex representative district takes in the towns of Ashby, Townsend, Pepperell, Groton, Shirley, Dunstable and Tyngsborough.

Mrs. Harry Collier is camping out this week with a party of friends at Wayland.

Miss Sarah Knowles is spending this week with her grandmother at Revere.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Young of Westminster spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch.

Miss Minnie Doolan spent Monday with relatives in Athol.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wilbur with daughter Arline started last Saturday for two weeks' vacation in Watford, Vermont.

Miss Annie and Nina Holbrook spent a few days this week with their aunt in South Framingham.

Phileas Bolger spent Monday with friends in Fitchburg.

Anicet Ledger of Newcomb, N. Y., and Miss Georgianna Barter of Shirley, were united in marriage Monday, September 6, in St. Anthony's church by Rev. J. H. Cote. After a brief honeymoon spent in Lowell and other New England cities they will reside in Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sandlin and Grace Orman of Worcester spent the week end and Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sandlin.

Mrs. Andrew Stultz of Bridgeport and Mrs. Fred Colvin with young son Howard are spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sandlin.

The boys at the Industrial school enjoyed themselves Monday with outdoor sports. In the afternoon a match game of base ball was played, with the boys who work on the farm on one side and the boys who work in the kitchen on the other. Nine innings were played. The kitchen boys won by a score of 16 to 20. The farmers have previously won from the kitchen boys three straight games. Herbert F. Taylor, the superintendent, umpires the games.

The Lincoln A. A. of Lincoln, one of the fastest semi-professional teams in the state, will play Shirley A. A. on the Civic grounds, Ayer, on Saturday afternoon, September 11, at three o'clock.

The Phi Alpha Pi fraternity of the Congregational church will hold an entertainment in the church vestry on Thursday evening, September 18, and have engaged the services of the well-known entertainer, Willard Gorton of Boston, whose program consists of impersonations, cartoons, modelling in clay, etc. Entertainment will commence at eight o'clock. The boys' fraternity deserves the patronage of all in its splendid work.

Brockelman Bros. closed their store on Friday afternoon of this week so they would have an opportunity to attend the golden wedding celebration of their parents at their home in Lancaster.

Rev. E. C. Winslow, missionary agent, New England Home for Little Wanderers, of Boston, accompanied by four children, will speak in the Congregational church, Sunday evening, at seven o'clock. Offering taken. All invited to attend.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team defeated the Nashua team at Nashua last Saturday afternoon by a score of 3 to 1. The Shirley team did some good all-around playing and the work of Warner was particularly fine. The score follows:

SHIRLEY.									
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Sibley, rf	0	1	0						
Conners, lf	1	1	0						
St. George, 2b	1	5	2						
Nashua, ss	2	1	5						
Collier, 1b	2	12	2						
Labuff, 3b	0	0	3						
Cook, cf	2	0	0						
Woodcomb, c	3	6	3						
Warren, p	0	1	5						
Totals	11	22	13						