

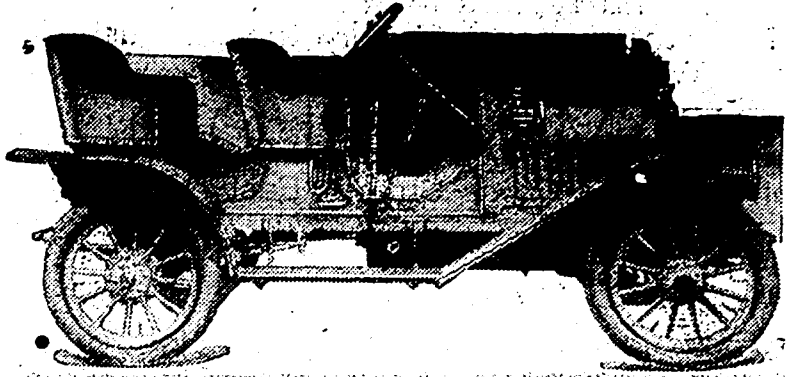
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### HARVARD.

#### News Item.

The poverty party given by R. L. Fillebrown last Tuesday evening was certainly one of the summer events. Mr. Fillebrown spared no pains to make the social, musical and supper end as near perfect as possible. The costumes were in some cases striking and had every appearance of being poverty-stricken. William Kelley, as the peanut vender, was good, as were also John Bigelow as the representative of the road. Harry Robbins of Acton as the tough kid, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. K. Bigelow and many others, also in kitchen garb. Supper of crackers, cheese and coffee, served by Mr. Fillebrown, was dispensed free to all.

There will be an auction of household furniture belonging to Mrs. Clara M. Spencer, at the residence of Herman Skillings, Saturday, September 25, at one p. m.

The family of Dr. Paul Thorndike, who spent their summer here, left town this week. They sail for Europe for a two months' trip.

Leon Dadmun of Somerville has purchased a building site on the farm of A. T. West and intends to erect a commodious bungalow with stable for his use during the summer months.

Thomas Higgs has hired the farm of George Pringle and will move his family there about October first. Pringle and Van Gelson, who have been on the road for the past three or four years with a moving-picture outfit, are now operating a theatre down in Maine.

Schools closed here on Wednesday, September 15, and teachers, carriers, committee and children enjoyed the day at the Worcester East fair. Cuth-

bert Wrangham of this town carried off two ribbons with his team, the first prize for best single draft horse with his gray horse and the second prize in plowing match. C. F. Harris, formerly of this town, had a fine exhibit of bees, honey and hives.

The grange hold their regular meeting on Tuesday evening next. Subject, "Is the closing of the district school a blow to the rural community?" Leaders Daniel Dickinson and Herman Skillings; music by A. T. West; grange paper by Phoebe Croft.

On Sunday, September 19, Rev. J. C. Duncan of Clinton will exchange with Rev. J. P. Sheafe.

The republicans meet in caucus Tuesday evening, September 21. A shake-up in the town committee is one item of interest which promises to be quite sharply contested. A large attendance is desired.

You can easily dispose of all your cider apples at the Haynes-Piper Co.'s vinegar works at Ayer for cash and the highest price paid. Gather them up and bring them to Ayer.

#### Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes went to Montreal last week Thursday, and on Friday met the steamship from Liverpool on which was Miss Elizabeth Sprague, returning from her trip abroad. Miss Sprague arrived in Montreal about noon and did not leave for her Kansas school duties until 10.30 p.m., so that she had quite a visit with her sister, Mrs. Haynes, before her start. She did not expect that anyone would meet her on her arrival, and was pleasantly surprised to look up from the steamer's deck as it was coming to the wharf and see her sister standing with the crowd to welcome her.

Miss Laura Brown and Mrs. Haynes are this week calling upon the members of the Baptist parish soliciting money to pay for putting a furnace into the church. The Ladies' Benevolent society has over one hundred dollars on hand for this purpose, and it is hoped that the result of the canvass will bring the fund up to the desired amount.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild expect to leave town for their New Jersey home Monday.

In the barn of S. P. Willard are four small kittens and a setting hen has adopted them, and it is a pretty sight to see the hen with the kittens under her wing.

W. R. Haskell commenced taking cider apples at his mill Tuesday of this week.

Two of our young men, Charles and Walter Haskell, were initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry at Clinton Tuesday evening, and Walter says he broke off the horns of the goat, but that they refused to let him take them home to show his friends in proof of his statement.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughn of Worcester are guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Vaughn.

#### Shaboken.

Rev. A. H. Wheelock and family left for their home in Marlboro last Friday, after a two months' outing at Shaboken lake.

Mrs. L. E. Potter and daughter Gladys have returned from a week's outing at Harrisville lake in New Hampshire.

Dr. J. W. Dickinson of New Haven, Conn., is at home on a visit to his mother. Mr. Dickinson has been traveling in South America.

It is due to the good nature and generosity of H. A. Skillings that so many children from here were able to attend the Clinton fair Wednesday.

D. H. Dickinson finished his haying and last Saturday went to Boston for a vacation of four days.

It is reported the deer are doing considerable damage to the gardens and fields in this vicinity.

A fawn was seen wandering about the field near the house of D. H. Dickinson. Its manner was unusual, running about in a circle, when it fell in a brook. Upon examination it was found to be totally blind. Mr. Dickinson had the fawn removed to his barn, where it remained until the game warden could be sent for. The day following the warden came, carried the fawn into the woods, where he left it to die or be killed by dogs. It seems like a case of cruelty to animals.

#### LITTLETON.

#### About Town.

The Unitarian vestry was very prettily decorated with purple and white for the King's Daughters' reception to the people rising of seventy years, and a youthful looking set they were, about fifty of them, besides the Circle members. A very social hour was spent and the ladies' quartet rendered sweet music. With ice cream, cake and tea a very enjoyable time was spent. Mr. Ewings, the oldest person in town, scarcely felt able to be present, but J. A. Kimball, the next oldest, was present and seemed to enjoy the occasion.

The Goucher family have moved to Lynn and the Steele family move in where they have vacated, in the Phelps house.

Rev. H. H. Sanderson of Cambridge, president of the National Young People's Religious Union, will preach the sermon before the union guild conference held there in the Unitarian church Sunday afternoon, September 9, at two o'clock. Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton will also speak, followed by an open discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Soulls of Dorchester have been recent guests at the Davis' home, and Miss Cora returned with them for a visit.

Here is an opportunity to dispose of your cider apples by selling them to Haynes-Piper Co., Ayer, at good prices. See advertisement on first page of this paper.

#### HOLLIS, N. H.

#### News Items.

Miss Evelyn Farquharson of Dorchester, Mass., is spending two weeks at "Maple Crest" with T. B. Mason and family.

Miss Edith W. Mason spent Sunday in Nashua with her cousin, Miss Annie H. Cheever.

Gus Roseman of Roxbury returned to his school duties at Mechanics arts high school on Wednesday, after a four weeks' vacation in Hollis.

Edward Carter of Roxbury returned home on Wednesday after six weeks spent in Hollis.

A band is being organized and is making good progress.

Miss Nellie Wood of Groton and Miss Edith W. Mason spent the day Wednesday at Canobie Lake park, Lakeview and Lowell.

A social dance was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening.

All the schools in town opened on Monday.

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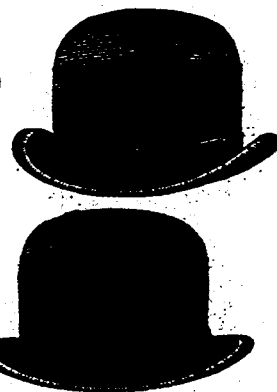
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Saturday, September 18, 1909.

**WESTFORD.**

**About Town.** George Russell Smith of Lowell has accepted the position of organist at the Unitarian church, commencing his duties last Sunday. For a young man in the teens' classification or close by, he made good what was expected of him.

Mrs. Clara Littlefield of Fitchburg and her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Coffin and two daughters of Berwick, Me.; also Rev. Seth W. Walker and son of Chelmsford, have been enjoying the rural life of the Walker homestead, with its open doors and generous hospitality.

George E. Gould was at the auto race chase last week with spread, tent and liberal possession of good things to tempt the hungry. When weary of eating, but eager to see nature in some of her freak aspects, he exhibited an animal of the cow-kind variety with six legs and three shoulder blades, four legs on one side and two on the other. This cow baby has not yet celebrated his second birthday, is hornless and harmless.

Miss Lucinda Prescott of the Stony Brook district is watching rural life in Rockland, way down east, where pine trees are so abundant that the state is named after them.

The committee on the soldiers' monument, to be presented to the town by Col. Metcalf, met last week Friday afternoon and laid out the grounds for the monument on the triangle opposite the common. The land was surveyed by Melvin Smith of Lowell, who laid out the grounds, plans for the grading and lines for the curbing. H. E. Fletcher & Co. furnish the curbing from their quarry on Oak hill. H. W. Tarbell of Lowell will place the foundation for the monument and grade the lot. The committee are amply up to the duty assigned them, and will push right along in time, tune and step with the patriotism of this event.

The Center schools opened with fifty-two scholars at the academy and over one hundred at the William E. Frost school. Charge the suddenness of increase up to Stony Brook and Nabasset transportation arrangement.

Miss Edna Currier of Carlisle has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland F. Balch.

Luther Lawton and family, after a few years' absence from town, have returned to their former home on the Dunstable road, on the shores of Long-Sought pond.

Charles W. Whitney attended the funeral of his brother in Lowell last week. Of the children in his mother's family, only two remain beside his aged mother.

The Middlesex North fair opened Wednesday forenoon at Chelmsford with a busy group of cheery people arranging the display for public exhibition. Everything pointed to sunshine except the sun, and that soon caught on through many openings in the clouds. So far as known, the only exhibitors from Westford were the Nashoba farm and the Old Oaken Bucket farm. Full account of fair when all returns arrive.

Arthur J. Emerson of Chelmsford and William R. Taylor of Westford will play with W. W. Manning and George L. Osgood of Ayer in a lawn tennis contest. The time, this Saturday afternoon. The place, Ayer or Westford, corner of Stony Brook road. At time of writing there is an element of uncertainty as to place. All else is certain as the world measures certainties. This includes as certain that the gentlemen from Ayer will have to trim lively and sharp to match the quick and experienced work of the gentlemen from Chelmsford. Fair warning you know. Read it and think it over.

Time revolves on its axis so easily and swiftly that you can almost catch the distant sound of these familiar questions, although twenty-one future, "What is your full name?" Roger Heywood Hildreth "Where were you born?" "In Westford, Saturday, September 11, 1909." Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth, baby boy and grandparents. Memory recalls the youthful school days' association in the palmy days of the old Stony Brook school with the grandfather on the democratic side of this ticket.

As per call of the State committee, the republicans will hold a caucus at town hall Tuesday evening, September 21, to choose delegates to the several conventions and choose a town committee to serve one year from next January. There are no contests in sight, and everything is expected to go about right. Our own busy, thrifty townsmen, Messrs. Herbert E. Fletcher,

is the unopposed candidate for councillor, so there now go take off your hat at that.

These are the days of fair weather and fairs, and the Congregational church is going to have their Wednesday afternoon, September 22. Come, farmer, bring on your crops and see what you can do.

George W. Bussey is seriously ill at his home at Brookside. While never rugged, the recent attempt at burning his barn induced a nervous collapse with other complications.

Herman Decatur, a former Brookside boy, has sold his milk route in Lowell, which he has been running for several years, and has bought several acres of land near Lowell poor farm, and intends to raise cream and skim milk. The farmers lost a good milkman.

The Seed family on the Providence road have left town by free will or other will.

**Death.** Sadly but surely, swiftly and permanently the clouds of life gathered over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Nesmith early Friday morning of last week, in the death of their two-year-old son, George W. Nesmith. Sadder because the only son in the Nesmith family. The funeral took place last Sunday afternoon from the Nesmith home on the Concord road, in the south part of the town, and was largely attended. Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey was the officiating clergyman. Sympathy expressed itself liberally with flowers.

Pillow of roses, pinks and asters, inscribed "Our Darling," from parents; wreath of roses and pinks, inscribed "Our baby," from grandparents; crescent of roses, pinks, asters and ferns, from aunt and uncle Kent; spray of asters and maiden hair fern, Miss Jennie McDonald; spray, Mrs. Alfred W. Hartford; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland F. Balch and family; wreath of roses, pinks and asters, from school children; bouquet, Mrs. George A. Montague; spray of white asters, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nelson; bouquet, Herman Purcell; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and family; spray of white pinks and asters, officers of Westford grange; spray of asters, Mr. and Mrs. Woodbury; spray, Miss E. W. Fletcher; bouquet of asters, Mrs. Ralph Fletcher; bouquet of dahlias, Fred Clement.

Burial was in Fairview cemetery under the direction of David L. Greig, undertaker.

**Center.** Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth are rejoicing over the advent of a son to their home. The little newcomer's name is Roger Heywood Hildreth.

The John P. Wrights moved Monday to their new home in Lowell, and their genial presence will be much missed in the community. They have made their home here for the past six years.

Mrs. Mary J. Fifield of this village and her sister, Mrs. Andrew Kelly of Nashua, are enjoying a trip to Nova Scotia with headquarters at Digby.

Among the young people going away to school are Allister MacDougal, who goes to Massachusetts Agricultural college, and Miss Gertrude Hamlin, who goes to Miss Kimball's home school for girls at Worcester. Miss May Day returns to Mt. Holyoke for her sophomore year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Willis Hildreth had a splendid specimen of the rare night-blooming cereus at their home last Tuesday night. True to its name, it unfolded during the quiet hours of the night, filling the room with its fragrance and the following day its evanescent beauty had gone.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin, previous to her departure for school at Worcester next week, entertained the Entertainment club at her home, Tuesday afternoon. The young people had a good time with croquet on the lawn and later adjournment was made to the house, where refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The refreshments were the skilful compounding of the young hostess herself and were much enjoyed.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company had its monthly practise drill Wednesday evening. The attendance was good and hydrants opened and tested at the easterly end of the village, and all found in good working condition. Afterward the men returned to the company quarters and had a routine business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Goode, Sr., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goode at Forge pond.

Rev. Henry Wentworth occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday, and was present and assisted with the evening service. Mr. Marshall preached at Franklin, N. H.

John P. Wright conducted the evening service, a final act of fulfillment to the church he has served so well during his residence in town.

**Royally Entertained.**

The Thimble club had one of its red-letter days Wednesday, when they were entertained at Camp O-at-ka for the day by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Goode. It was ever the same delightful "Goode" hospitality amid the same pleasant surroundings. The scene at the long dinner table at noon was a merry affair. Nothing was omitted, especially the club blessing. It came out during the meal that it was the host's birthday, and he was the recipient of happy felicitations, although he did not acknowledge especial maturity of years. Ample justice was done to the many good things. Among these was the result of the host's successful angling for an hour or two, and his success with the finny tribe was an enjoyable addition.

Later in the afternoon the members were true to their name, and needle work and the spontaneous sociability of long association together, was enjoyed, after which outdoor games until it was necessary to think of going home. Some crossed the pond by boat and came back to the village by trolley, while others drove home. Those members detained from being present for various reasons and much missed were Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. O. R. Spaulding, Mrs. Edward Fisher, Miss Ruth Fisher and Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth.

**Graniteville.**

What will probably be the last baseball game of the season will be played on the home grounds here this Saturday afternoon, September 18, when the Graniteville Blues and the Crescents of Lowell will come together for the third game this season. Each club

has won a game, and the third contest is bound to be interesting. Game called at three p. m. at Hillside park.

John Lorman of this village and Miss Mary Atherton of Lowell were carnival-week visitors at the house of Mrs. George M. Farrow in Tyngsborough.

Thomas Denio, station agent at the West Graniteville station, on the Nashua and Acton branch of the Boston and Maine road, is visiting friends in Malone, N. Y. During his absence the station will be in charge of W. R. Moore.

Miss Margaret Ledwith of this village has recently returned from a very pleasant vacation that was spent with friends in northern New York.

Miss Susan Babneau of Lawrence has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wall in this village.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith are visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Catherine Hanley of St. Catherine's church choir is now making a tour of the White Mountains and Province of Quebec, accompanied by her brother, Edward T. Hanley, of the office staff of the Abbot Worsted Co. in Forge Village. They will be absent several days.

The A. R. Choate hose company held its regular monthly meeting in Healy's hall on Monday night, and much business of importance was transacted, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

D. W. Harrington is on a business trip to northern Vermont.

Alfred Prinn has recently returned from a very enjoyable vacation spent with friends in Portland, Me.

All the mills and shops are now running on their regular schedule once more, and the employees have returned to work much refreshed after their brief vacation.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Downing of this village on Tuesday, September 14.

**Forge.**

The ladies' sewing circle met Thursday afternoon at Recreation hall.

Charles Flanagan has returned from camp at North Belgrave, where he has been with friends from the Groton school.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hartwell are at "Treetops" for the month of September.

Edward Hanley and sister, Miss Catherine, are visiting points of interest in Canada and Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Buckshorn and little son Fisher and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, are at "The Birch" for a few days, this beautiful autumn weather.

Cider apples are what Haynes-Piper Co. are after at their vineyard works, Ayer, and they will pay the highest cash price for all you deliver to them.

**BOXBOROUGH.**

**News Items.**

Rev. C. E. Hayes of Acton will preach at church here Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. F. H. Viets.

Raymond Bradford has gone to work for the Mark Flather Planer Co. of Nashua. This is the same company where his father was once employed, and it is rumored that Mr. Bradford will return there this winter.

Miss Mary Hager has returned from a visit in Orange.

George Wait and family were recent guests of his brother Charles.

A representative of the W. W. Rawson seed store was in town this week to look at the sweet corn which W. H. Furbush is raising for seed for that company.

Mrs. S. P. Dodge spent Thursday and Friday with her daughter in Clinton.

On Tuesday Miss Alice Cobleigh returned from Wachusett and is now keeping house for C. E. Bradford during his wife's absence.

Many of the relatives and friends of Mrs. Allie Wetherbee Raymond attended the funeral of her husband, Morton Raymond, at his late home in Somerville, Thursday afternoon.

Sunday, Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee entertained Mrs. Charles Moore, her daughter, Mrs. Townsend of Lowell, and John Shackford of Ryegate, Vt.

Miss Susie Littlefield has been spending the week at her brother Nahum's.

Mrs. C. E. Bradford and Mrs. S. B. Hager and children have gone to Nova Scotia for two or three weeks.

Miss Catherine Sherry boards with Mrs. Nelson during the school week, so as to be nearer her school.

The republican caucus is called at town hall, Tuesday evening, September 21, at eight o'clock.

Mrs. C. J. Knight was very sick the first of the week, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Gooch have returned from Nantasket. They remained in Fairhaven over Sunday as guests of Mrs. Alice Willard Varley.

Ira Whitcomb was at home over Sunday.

Marys Dillon of Malden is visiting at R. Y. Nelson's.

Paul Viets, Arthur Nelson, Philip and Leo Cunningham, Ralph Whitcomb, Asa Frost, Fred Ball were among the number of those who attended Clinton fair this week.

Miss Jennie Stone of Wendell is the guest of Mrs. Ernest Bartheaux.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee has gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Davidson of Wayland.

**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**News Items.**

Mrs. Frank P. Kennedy and daughter Elizabeth are at New York city for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham of Milford were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett.

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Rev. George L. Perin, D. D., and family have returned to their home at Brookline, Mass.

Miss Katherine Lamprey of Somerville, Mass., and Ernest Burton of Portland, Me., were recent guests of Mrs. Eleanor Lamprey at the Farrar homestead.

Orville D. Fessenden has built a reservoir on the hill back of his mill at South Brookline and is having pipes laid to supply his residence and the mill with running water.

Rev. Henry B. Copp of Derry, who was the pastor of the Methodist church fifty years ago, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday, September 19, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Hickey.

Ernest Davison of Malden was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Scott are spending the week at Milford, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Needham and Mr. and Mrs. George Needham.

Born Thursday, September 9, at Nashua, an eleven-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Hobart, named Kenneth Augustus Hobart.

Ephraim Wheeler and family have moved to the Farnsworth cottage in the west part of the town.

Tablets have recently been placed in South cemetery in memory of Mrs. Laura Pierce Lawson and John French, son of the late Philemon French.

Dr. Holcombe is having a new cellar built at his home preparatory to putting in a furnace.

Mrs. A. T. Melrose of Goff's Falls is the guest of Mrs. Warren L. Noyes at the Manse.

Farley Wilkins severely cut his foot with an axe while chopping in the woods Tuesday afternoon. The services of Dr. Holcombe were required and several stitches taken.

Wedding cards announce the marriage of William Dana Verder and Miss Marlon Emmons Hill on Monday, September 6, at Auburndale, Mass. The groom was a clerk at one of the local stores in years past and has many friends in town who extend congratulations.

Mrs. Albert Sanders and little daughter of Youngstown, Ohio, Miss Ida F. Chapman of Boston and Miss Laurette L. Thompson of Northboro, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence.

The entertainment to be given Saturday evening at Tarbell's hall by Willard Gorton, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church, is one of universal merit and a large attendance is anticipated.

Brookline grange will hold a fair Friday, October 1, at Tarbell's hall. There will be an exhibit of farm products during the day. An old-fashioned farmer's supper will be served and an entertainment given in the evening.

Mrs. Ernest Nye and daughters, Doris, Ruth and Constance, of Sandown, are at the G. H. Nye homestead, to remain while Mr. and Mrs. Nye are at Nova Scotia.

Parker Webber and family are to commence housekeeping at the Stickey mill house at South Brookline.

Miss Grace Britton of Hollis was the guest of Mrs. Mary Cox, Wednesday, September 15.

William J. Bailey, who was recently operated on, is at his old stand in South Brookline, ready to meet his old customers and hopes to see all their familiar faces again soon.

All who have elder apples for sale, read advertisement on first page of Haynes-Piper Co., Ayer.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**

**News Items.**

Mrs. Sarah Tarbell and her daughter, Mrs. C. F. H. Crathem of South Braintree, Mass., recently visited Mrs. Goodwin.

A household shower was given Miss Marlon Simonds at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P. A. Powers, last week Friday afternoon, by thirty-two of her friends. Miss Agnes Tenney arranged it.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Pineo, with their three children, started Monday for a trip to Nova Scotia, for a visit of several weeks among Mr. Pineo's relatives.

Mrs. Ella Farley returned to her home last Saturday from a week's visit in Boston.

Miss Florence Woodbury is making her annual visit with her friend, Miss Mildred Rogers.

Miss Grace Hardy is enjoying a two weeks' vacation at the paternal home. She is cashier in one of the leading stores in Keene.

Mrs. Emma Morse is visiting her brother, E. F. Twiss.



C. J. Bell has been appointed one of the judges of cattle at the Vermont State fair, to be held in Burlington in October.

Mrs. Ernest Howe of Ossining, N. Y., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch.

Republican caucus at Engine hall, Tuesday evening, September 21.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a baked bean supper in the vestry, Wednesday evening, September 22, at 6.30. An entertainment will follow. Public invited.

All who have elder apples for sale, read advertisement of Haynes-Piper Co., Ayer, on first page.

### Something New In Kitchen Ware



The "1892" Pure Spun Aluminum Ware is rapidly coming into use for cooking purposes. It is taking the place of agate and enamel ware because while its first cost is a trifle more than ordinary ware, it is really much cheaper in the long run, as it is guaranteed for twenty-five years and will last practically a lifetime.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of Zara Patch, late of Groton, in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by James T. Bennett of said Groton, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, without giving a surety on his official bond, or to some other suitable person, the executors named in said will having deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth 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 known persons interested in the estate, seven days, at least, before said Court.

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

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# A PROPOSAL IN THREE LANGUAGES.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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On Lake Como, in northern Italy, is a little cluster of hotels and shops called Bellagio. The place is near the boundary line between two countries, in one of which French is spoken and in the other Italian. English Americans, French, Italians and Germans all meet here, and the lingual condition is similar to that at the famous tower of Babel. The hotel and shop keepers, boatmen and others are obliged to continually express themselves in one of three or four languages. French is the prevailing tongue, with English second and German third.

After having finished my education I decided upon a year's travel in Europe before beginning the practice of my profession, and that summer at the height of the Italian lake season I found myself at Bellagio. The hotel at which I stopped was on the very verge of Lake Como, the marble plashing against its stone and marble porch. On the evening of my arrival I dined at one of the tables on this porch. The lake—or rather this portion of it—is surrounded by mountain peaks, which stand out in bold silhouette against the twilight. On the other shore, a couple of miles away, the lights of Cadenabbia were beginning to glimmer on the line between the mountain base and the lake.

At a table on my left sat a party some of the members of which were speaking Italian, others French. Among them was a beautiful Italian girl. They were drinking champagne and chatting merrily, while I sat alone, wishing that I might even understand what they said. One of the men addressed a remark to me in broken English. I met him more than halfway and was invited to join the party.

That night I dreamed of the Italian girl, Signorina Alicia Jacenti. I had carried on a spirited dialogue with her at the table, our language being one-tenth Italian, one-tenth French, one-tenth English, and seven-tenths pantomime. Every one who knows anything about love knows that as a donkey feeds on thistles so love thrives on difficulties. A man may make love to any girl who speaks the same tongue as himself and go to sleep at the same time. There's no incentive in it. But when a fellow and a girl have but a few dozen words in common, and must "scratch gravel" to make themselves understood the little god empties his quiver before them.

Well, the next morning I hired one of those delightful little boats with which Lake Como abounds, each furnished with a canopy and soft cushions, to say nothing of a boatman to do the work, and the signorina and I went for a "promenade," as they call it there, on the water. Perhaps you think there was nothing for the boatman to do but to row. Not much. He spoke French, Italian and English, the illiterate chump, while I, a college bred American, knew but one language. The signorina spoke French and Italian. So, you see, there were three tongues in the party. Before starting I slipped a lire into the boatman's palm. He thought it was to induce him to row fast. Not a bit. I had in view a different use for him. Besides, I didn't propose that he should make me and the girl ridiculous by telling people what it was. I wanted him for an interpreter.

As soon as we were off the signorina and I leaning back on the cushions, renewed the struggle to communicate of the evening before. It ran like this: "Et is ver bellissimo" (beautiful). "Vous n'avez pas" (you have not) "aucun" (anything) "so bellissimo in Amerique."

"Not a woman in the country so beautiful as you," I replied in four languages and a superfluity of pantomime. "Ab, m'sieur!" (Clasped hands, smiles, eyes turned upward.)

It wasn't long before I had found her hand under a fold of her dress where the boatman couldn't see) and a current of language common to all people, felt, not spoken, ran between us with all the sprightliness of a bubbling brook. So for awhile we sat without speaking. The boatman fogged along over the smooth waters which splashed softly against the boat. The reflection of the mountains and the heavens trembling in the lake started me again.

"Vot're yeux" (your eyes), I said. "Boatman, what's the French for reflect?"

"Reflechit," monsieur. "Vot're yeux reflechit les— What's the French for heaven?"

"Ciel," monsieur. "Bully." Then to the girl. "Vot're yeux reflechit les ciel."

"Ab, m'sieur!" The eyes went up and the hands were clasped. Fortunately that all important word is much the same in several languages, all derived from the Latin. It is amor (love), amo (I love).

"Boatman," I began and stopped. I couldn't even bear to ask for a word at such a time. "Boatman," I began again, "what's that directly behind you?"

He turned, and I whispered with my lips close to hers: "J'amo voi" (I love you).

And so with one letter of French, one word of Latin and one of Italian I did the trick.

The signorina is now my wife and since she lives in America has been obliged to learn English. She considers it a harsh language and entirely unfitted for lovemaking.

## THE PLAYTIME OF LIFE.

Let the Boy Have Plenty of Time For Recreation.

Boyhood is the playtime of life. It is the business of a boy to play and that with all the zest which he may put into his work in after years in order that his mind and body may develop the vigor pertaining to man's estate. To this end sports are universally encouraged and boys are offered every opportunity to indulge in play, while child labor laws become more searching and rigid with every passing year. In addition to health and strength, confidence is also developed by the boy who learns to play his part and maintain his caste among other boys. This confidence, coming to the boy almost as an incident, he carries with him through life, and it aids him more than any other one thing to hold up his head among men.

Is your boy timid? Is it difficult to persuade him to make his way among boys? Is he slow to make friends? A little investigation will probably develop that the timid boy has been allowed to play only on rare occasions with other boys. His playtime may not be restricted, but his companionship with other boys has been too closely guarded. Thus handicapped a boy, or girl either for that matter, goes into the world of people carrying a distressing weight of doubt in himself.

Only play will develop this priceless self confidence. The boy who has learned the hard lessons of life when he should have been playing many times does accomplish much in life, but the chances are against him, and he usually makes his way craftily, mistrusting those with whom he is thrown and refusing to credit them with honest motives rather than boldly taking his place among them and relying for his chances of success upon a wholesome confidence in himself.

The lessons learned in boyhood are never forgotten and become an integral part of the life of the man. Too frequently are childhood's by-paths hung thickly with warning signs. A rollicking boy is told that he is going to be bad. What more natural than that he should be, with such suggestion ringing in his ears? "Tiny children are warned of bears and bugaboos that will catch them, and later danger signals tell about germs and microbes and multitudinous evils are strung along their happy pathway.

Possibly the rod may not be altogether spared, but after all it is the loving hand that leads more quickly than the rod can drive, and it is the boy or girl who is wholesomely loved, not coddled and secluded, through childhood who faces the world later with the best fighting chance.

## HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

Honey is said to be a good substitute for cod liver oil.

Celery is a good nerve tonic. It also contains sulphur and helps to ward off rheumatism.

To take the soreness out of a soft, painful corn try blinding it up each night with baking soda moistened with a little water.

If the hands are large do not wear tight sleeves. The pressure on the arms will make the hands swell. A tight wristband is as unbefitting to a large hand as a low heel is to a large foot.

An excellent home remedy for burns is pure vaseline. Olive oil will serve the same purpose. The point is to exclude air and dirt from the burned surface, and this either oily substance will do.

Many persons do not know that callous places upon the feet may be kept smooth by the use of the pumice stone. It must not be rubbed heavily, nor must it be allowed to remove too large a callosity. If you employ it daily you will get the best results, and you should buy the smoothest procurable.

Superfluous hair is a very usual affliction, and many requests come for something to remove this unsightly growth. All such remedies must be used with great care, unless one is wise enough to prefer an herb preparation, when no harm need be anticipated. One of the best of these herb depilatories is thecelandine leaf. The plant must be steeped in a quart of water, and after the mixture is cooled it should be strained and the liquid used as a wash or a compress, which may remain upon the hair all night. This process is sure, but very slow. In time the hairs will disappear, and should they show any signs of reappearing thecelandine may again be used.

### Hot Water Cure.

"There would be less indigestion and fewer sick headaches," said a London doctor, "if people would stick to the hot water cure. The first dose should be taken half an hour before breakfast. This cleanses the alimentary canal and leaves it ready to digest the breakfast. If you don't care to eat fruit for that meal squeeze half a lemon in the water, and that will give you the requisite acid.

"Most sick headaches will disappear before copious drafts of hot water. If you wake up with a headache take a tumblerful of hot water and go back to sleep, and you are almost sure to wake up feeling all right. The water should be freshly boiled."

### Lost You Forget.

If you are suffering from nervousness do not overlook the value of deep breathing. Many persons have ward off acute nervous prostration by drawing in deep breaths at frequent intervals during the day.

## TOWNSEND.

Center.

At the meeting of the grange Monday evening the program was in charge of the lecturer. Current events, Dr. Atwood, Abble A. Barber and Emma F. Seaver. Essays upon the natural wonders of America were given. Grand canon, G. A. Proctor; Yellowstone park, C. W. Hildreth; Niagara Falls, Mrs. F. W. Farrar; California trees, Mrs. M. B. Higgins; piano solos, A. G. Seaver; song, Mrs. Susie Turner. A. N. Fessenden gave an interesting account of his trip to the Grand canon. Mrs. L. W. Clement and Wilbur Seales gave a description of Niagara Falls and the churn at Marblehead Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey and little son are enjoying the week in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Augur of New York city is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Ball.

Miss Viola Misner entertained the members of her graduating class last week Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Higgins. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening enjoyed.

Mrs. Erving Marshall and Mrs. Arthur Bliss are enjoying a short trip to Minot, Mass.

David Howard will enter the Worcester Polytechnical school this fall. The Phoebe Weston Farmer, D. of V., announce a fair, supper and drama the afternoon and evening of October 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity are enjoying a vacation at Bethlehem, N. H. Rev. T. B. Harrison, pastor of the Congregational church, exchanged pulpits with Rev. A. T. Kempton of Lumburg last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge entertained his mother, Mrs. William T. Eldridge of Plymouth this week.

John Gwinn, who has been on the sick list for the past week or ten days, is improving slowly.

All the freemen and a large aggregation from here are planning to attend the freemen's muster at the West Village this Saturday. Quite a number of out-of-town companies have accepted the invitation to be present.

William Lang has been on duty at the Townsend National bank during the vacation of Carl Willard and H. B. Hill.

Mrs. Hattie Smith of Worcester was a recent guest at W. L. Bruce's.

Miss Katherine McKenzie, who has been away the greater part of the summer, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Aden Swicker, Spurgeon Misner and Albert Corkum, who have enjoyed several weeks' visit at their homes in New Cumberland, N. S., have returned to their homes here.

Ivan Hiltz rather stole the march upon his friends and acquaintances by taking a few days' vacation, and returning with a bride from New York. However, Ivan is now passing around the cigars, and the young couple are receiving the best wishes of their friends for a happy future.

Willard Gorton will appear at Memorial hall Tuesday evening, September 21, under the auspices of the Epworth League of the M. E. church.

West.

Rev. J. H. Cox occupied the pulpit Sunday morning and evening and was heartily welcomed by the people.

Miss Mabel Patch has returned from her week's vacation and resumed her duties as postmistress last Monday morning.

Charles Thorning, who has been employed by Walter Weston of Joslyville, has given up his position and taken a situation in Temple, N. H., and his place has been taken by Charles Wyman.

Alden P. Sherwin, who has been confined to the house for a few days the past week with a sprained foot, has resumed his duties at the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith have returned from a brief visit to friends in Haverhill.

Carl Willard returned Sunday from a week's trip to Montreal and vicinity, returning by way of Niagara Falls.

Winfield Reed, who has been confined to his home for the past three weeks by illness, resumed his duties in Boston Monday morning.

Mrs. Daniel Smith is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle.

Elph H. Willard, who enjoyed a week's vacation at this home here, returned to Boston Monday.

Mrs. S. W. Upton is spending a few weeks with friends in Temple, N. H., after a visit to her daughter in Milton.

Rev. Granville Pierce, who succeeded Rev. G. S. Shaw in the Unitarian pastorate in Ashby, will hold a meeting in Seminary hall on Sunday afternoon, September 19, at three o'clock, to which all are cordially invited. Mr. Pierce has the reputation of being a very pleasing speaker and will doubtless be greeted by a large number, as Unitarian services have not been held in the village since the death of Rev. G. S. Shaw.

George McElligott is spending a few days with relatives in Boston and vicinity and preparing for a return to the Boston art school the last of the month.

William Upton lost a horse last week from a sudden and severe illness, and A. H. Wilson of Bayberry Hill also had a valuable horse injured in an accident so badly that it had to be shot.

Amos Jodery and family are spending a few weeks in Nova Scotia.

Fred A. Patch has resigned acting as janitor of the Baptist church and Fred Carter is serving in his stead at present.

Mrs. Everett Bruce has returned from a visit to her former home and her relatives in York, Me.

Older apples are wanted at the Hayes-Piper Co.'s establishment, Ayer, for which the highest cash prices are paid. Advertisement on first page.

### Honored Resident.

Deacon Lucius F. Wood has been a highly-respected and honored resident of this village for sixty years, and will attain his ninety-third birthday November 9. He was born in Bolton and was the ninth child of a family of seventeen. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, but found he preferred the activity of a wider ex-

perience and became a travelling salesman for a medicine concern, journeying throughout this section of the country for about twenty years, then taking up the manufacture and sale of medicine for himself, which business he carried on till in his eighty-third year.

He became converted when a young man and joined the Baptist church at Still River, taking a letter to the Baptist church in this village upon making his home here, and holding the office of deacon for the past forty-two years.

He is a man of literary and musical tastes, and was at one time chorister in the Baptist church in Leominster, and a performer upon both the violin and bass viol, and a composer of a number of musical selections and some very pleasing poems.

He has been three times married, and his third wife is still living, and during his long life has been a resident of Bolton, Leominster, Pepperell and Boylston. He has had six children; four of them are dead, the two surviving being Francis W. Wood of West Bridgewater, a veteran of the civil war, and Mrs. Edith I. Ball of Concord. He also has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Although quite deaf, he retains his other faculties to a marked degree, and is still active and interested in the affairs of the times. He is fond of attributing his health and length of years to temperance, of which he is a strong advocate, regular habits and a cheerful disposition.

Muster.

The second annual freemen's muster will be held by the Eclipse Engine Co. at Farrar's ball ground Saturday, September 18. Among the companies who are to participate are the Gardner Four and General Miles of Westminster, the Warrens and the Unions of Pepperell, the Undine of South Ashburnham, the Watactics of Ashby, and the Eclipse of West Townsend. The prizes are first, \$125; second, \$75; third, \$50; fourth, \$25. The judges are F. J. Piper and A. N. Fessenden from Townsend Center, Benjamin Parker from Pepperell and James G. Allen of Ashby.

The morning will open with a street parade of the companies, escorted by the Townsend brass band, with H. B. Boynton and J. L. Flynn as marshals, which will start at ten o'clock, and at the close of the march the drawing for position will take place. Races on foot and bicycle and other sports will take place at eleven o'clock, and dinner will be served in Engine hall from 11.45 till one o'clock, when a concert by the Townsend brass band will be given on the muster grounds followed by the playout.

After this a baseball game between the West Fitchburgs and the Townsend A. A. will be the attraction, followed by more sports such as the greased pig and the greased pole, doughnut-eating contest and other sports will take place. In the evening there will be a social dance in Seminary hall; music by Thayer's orchestra; dancing from 7.30 till 11.30.

### New Advertisements.

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It's a matter of food. The finest food for making strength of bone, muscle and nerve is fine oatmeal. Quaker Oats is the best because it is pure, no husks or stems or black specks. Farmers' wives are finding that by feeding the farm hands plentifully on Quaker Oats they get the best results in work and economy. If you are convenient to the store, buy the regular size packages; if not near the store buy the large size family package.

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### Million of Stomachs Refuse to Do Their Work

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GROTON.

News Items.

Frank Archibald Woods, son of Francis F. Woods, was awarded five dollars, the first prize at the children's gardens exhibit at the Horticultural rooms, Boston, last week.

Rev. C. W. Turner moves from the Baptist parsonage about the first of October and will occupy the so-called Alden Warren house, which has been undergoing repairs, paper-hanging and painting.

John W. Bradley left Thursday for Amherst agricultural college, where he enters the freshman class.

J. E. Messenger visited for some days recently his father and folks at his home in Beverly and other friends in Haverhill and elsewhere.

William Reed from Brockton is working at George E. Hodgman's market and driver of the market wagon.

George H. Woods is having a hot-air heating plant installed in his house this week.

Eber J. Kierstead is expected home this week Thursday or Friday from St. John, N. B.

Miss Annie L. Gilson returned last Saturday from a visit to Mrs. Dill in Manchester, N. H.

Mrs. George H. Cook and children of Ayer, coming Wednesday, are visiting at her father's, Charles Woolley.

Mrs. Allen Woods went this week to Manchester, Concord and Boscawen, N. H.

Charles H. Torrey, carrier on route one, rural free delivery, has been taking a fifteen days' vacation, a part of which has been spent with his son in Concord. E. Dexter Howe is substitute carrier, on route one until September 23.

Mrs. Charles Williams, a patient suffering a severe attack of neuralgia for some days last week at Groton hospital, has returned home.

Groton School opens Tuesday, September 21.

Winthrop Lawrence Shedy left last week Saturday for Williams college, where he enters this fall as freshman.

The conference of Unitarian churches meets with the Unitarian First parish of this town Monday, October 7th.

Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Hugh Bancroft are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son at Cohasset on September 13.

Ask town clerk, Appleton H. Torrey, to show you the picture of Mark Twain and his big fish and then laugh.

William H. Boynton returned this week for his second year at Tufts.

Mrs. William F. Patch returned last week from Amherst for a visit with her son, Ralph S. Patch, previous to his entering on his duties as teacher at the high school in Wayne, Pa., about fourteen miles from Philadelphia.

The park commissioners have been overseeing the good work going on for a month past on Lawrence playground, ploughing, grading, and this week to be seeded down. This is being done in preparation for a ball ground.

Misses Helen and Charlotte Keating of Boston, accompanied by Misses May L. Reed and May Cronin of Lowell, have just returned home after a month's vacation at the White Mountains. The young ladies were chaperoned by Mrs. Eugene P. Grant of Milton.

Ex-Mayor Green, who recently fell while walking down the steps of the Boston public library, and broke his ankle, is back in his old familiar post, the Massachusetts Historical society rooms.

Albert P. Warren enters upon a course of study at Burdett college next Monday.

Miss Isabelle Woods has commenced to learn millinery with an established firm in Boston.

The call for the republican caucus, to be held Tuesday evening, September 21, is posted.

The W. R. C. ask you to remember the Willard Gorton entertainment, to be given in town hall next week, Friday evening, September 24. Tickets are now on sale. Take one or more.

Groton grange had a good attendance Tuesday evening. The Ladies' Degree team in their usual pleasing and successful manner conferred the third degree on a class of four. The fourth-degree was given by the regular officers, and Rev. A. H. Wheelock as always gave a most interesting talk on the subject, "The opportunity of the hour." A number of visitors were present from neighboring granges. Supper was served and musical selections given, all making a well-spent evening.

The Baptist society held their first sociable and supper of the season Thursday evening.

Mrs. Hemenway attended the funeral, Tuesday, at Leominster, of Mr. Joy, the brother-in-law of the late Mrs. Eliza Hemenway.

A telephone call summoned Dr. Priest Thursday afternoon to West Groton, to attend Robert W. Bixby, who had broken his arm.

J. B. Raddin has had at least a thousand baskets of peaches so far, and the crop not yet exhausted. Mr. Raddin will also have a good crop of apples this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Minot have returned to their Groton home on Farmers' Row from New Haven, Me., where they have spent the summer. Mrs. Minot is much improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and daughter of Philadelphia were guests this week of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Park.

John Lawrence and family are expected from their Nahant summer home this week. Mrs. Lawrence's father, who is also Rev. Endicott Peabody's father, is critically ill at his home in Salem.

The christening of John Gray Park, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence G. Park, took place at the First Parish Unitarian church on Thursday afternoon, September 16. His first birth-

day anniversary was the day before, on September 15. A number of relatives from out of town, besides the family and a few others, were present at the christening ceremony.

J. H. Robbins' house on Main street and Miss Webster's on Champney street, are being wired for electric lighting.

James Dunphy, graduate of last year's class at high school, made his first start out in the world, September 8, going to Natick, where he is working in a shop in the eyelet machine department. It is the same machine that his father travels for, setting up in the different shoe manufactories. His companions give James hearty good wishes for success.

Fred A. Sherwin had the misfortune to lose one of his best horses this week.

Howard W. Raddin, clerk in post-office in Greenfield, spent his vacation in Worcester and at his father's in Groton, leaving here Thursday to return to his position in Greenfield.

Visitors from Groton to Clinton fair include Phineas Harrington, Mark H. Blood, John Moyle and Mrs. Moyle, his mother, F. F. Waters, Mrs. B. A. Miller, Miss Clemma Blood and members of Walter Floyd's family with other town folks.

Gather up all your elder apples and ship them to Hayes-Piper Co., Ayer, and get the highest cash price for them. Read their advertisement on first page of this paper.

LITTLETON.

Reception.

The ever resourceful and thoughtful Forget-not circle of King's Daughters have again won the highest commendation of their friends and admirers in the red-letter day they planned and carried out so beautifully to the minute details last Wednesday afternoon, when they entertained forty of the eighty Littleton residents who have passed their seventieth birthday.

The auditorium of Unitarian vestry was converted into a bower of artistically arranged hydrangeas, asparagus and asters of purple and white, the circle colors. Each guest upon entering was greeted by the King's Daughters' president, Mrs. J. W. Godfrey, and then received a buttonhole bouquet of sweet peas, which was pinned on to suit the individual taste.

The first hour was spent in a good, old-fashioned social, topics of conversation lacking in no way, and the time passed almost unnoticed. In a few well-chosen words Mrs. Godfrey addressed the company, extending a cordial and heartfelt welcome to all who honored the circle with their presence.

A musical program followed, the ladies' quartet singing several selections of different kinds and giving genuine delight to everyone in the audience.

Refreshments consisting of delicious icecream, cake and tea were served, and another social hour followed very pleasantly. Final respects were paid the generous hostess, who had omitted nothing in the way of courteous attention and comfort. All who wished were treated to an automobile ride through the generosity of Dr. Godfrey, and if one may judge from the countenances, it was fully enjoyed and appreciated.

Would that space might be allowed us to repeat the expressions of gratitude that were heard on all sides from the venerable guests, some of whom had not been so far in years. It is certain that everyone felt repaid for the effort made to be present—and an effort it did cost in many cases. One gentleman even walked from the Willows in order to enjoy with his friends the afternoon so delightfully planned and carried out. The K. D. may well be congratulated on the success of the occasion, which their venerable friends hope may become an annual event.

Death.

Gordon Winslow Ewing, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ewing, who died Thursday, September 9, was buried in Westlawn cemetery, Saturday. Funeral services were held at the house at two o'clock, and Rev. P. G. Favor officiated in his usual comforting manner. Mrs. Mattie K. Priest sang with exceptional tenderness "The little white lambs of the fold," and "There is a home for little children." The services were largely attended and silent yet sincere sympathy was expressed by the large number of beautiful floral tributes, including:

Wreath of pinks and roses, Mr. and Mrs. John Ewing and family; spray asters, Frank Smith; spray pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Showe; spray pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bartau; bouquet, Miss Abbie Cutter; bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chappel; bouquet, Daniel and Clyde Stetson; spray asters, Allan Stiles; chrysanthemums, Mrs. T. H. Stephen; bouquet sweet peas, Mrs. Libbey; spray asters and sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchinson and family; spray pinks, H. T. McGovern; spray pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crane; basket, family.

The grave was lined with chrysanthemums by the King's Daughters. "Fear not," methought, he whispered. "I take it but shall be restored. I take it but to plant it in the garden of the Lord." "God wanted one more angel To join his happy band; So Jesus, bent with loving smile, And clasped your darling's hand."

A Lecture Tour.

Dr. Stevens W. Fletcher of the Virginia agricultural experiment station, Blacksburg, Va., accompanied by his wife and youngest son, also his sisters, Mrs. Fletcher of Newton and Miss Mary Fletcher of Somerville, enjoyed a drive through familiar streets of Littleton, Ayer and other neighboring towns last week Friday. Mr. Fletcher, who saw many of these places for the first time in twenty-one years, was very loud in his praise of the improvements noted all along the way.

In the evening he addressed an audience which was much smaller than his lecture would have called out had the weather been more propitious. However, those who braved the storm were amply repaid, for Dr. Fletcher presented his subject, Civic Improvements, and the planting and care of home grounds with the grasp of a master in the art, and gave many practical suggestions that can easily be carried out with little expense and much satisfaction.

Mr. Fletcher continues on a lecture itinerary through cities and towns of Canada before returning to Virginia.

News Items.

Miss Rebecca Fletcher Doyle of San Diego, Cal., is the guest of her great-aunt, Mrs. J. Hartwell Whitcomb. Miss Doyle is on her way to Newton, where she expects to live with her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Fletcher, and attend Mt. Ida school.

Mrs. Nellie Johnson has gone to Leominster to visit her sister, Mrs. Mary K. Harris, for two weeks.

Mrs. Leslie Hager and daughter have been visiting relatives in Vermont for three weeks, returning Tuesday.

Miss Grace Davis, primary teacher at the Center, went to her Concord home, Wednesday evening, to attend the large house wedding of her sister on that evening.

Capt. William H. Sawyer spent last Saturday and Sunday with friends in Oxford, Mass. Friday of this week he attended his regimental reunion at Worcester.

The democratic caucus will be held in lower town hall Wednesday, September 22, at 7.45 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John Flood of Boston visited Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Palmer, Tuesday.

Those who have fortunate enough to hear Miss Edith Marion Sweat play are glad to know she is forming classes for the piano here. Miss Sweat has had several years' experience in teaching and has great ability, giving special attention to the little folks.

The Woman's missionary society will meet in the Baptist vestry Wednesday, September 22, at 2.30 p. m. Miss Emma Reichert of Cambridge will speak. All are welcome.

The subject of the C. E. meetings, September 19, will be Pilgrim's progress, series 9, Vanity Fair. Leader at the Baptist, Dr. J. W. Godfrey; at the Congregational, Stanley F. Conant.

Fred Moore, who has been staying at home for the last six months on account of his health, has returned to his place of business, going back and forth daily on the cars.

Judge Sanderson and family have moved back to their Ayer home for the winter.

The M. Gauthier family has moved from the Charles Watts house to a more congenial climate.

Edgar H. Hendley spent Sunday at his mother's.

Miss Reba N. Warren, violinist of South Acton, who is well known to Littleton audiences, left home last Sunday for South Dakota, to fill the position as instructor at Decatur college.

Street lamps were lighted for the first time this season last Saturday night.

Marvin Flagg, who was operated on for appendicitis three weeks ago, has been reported much worse, but is now making rapid improvement.

Mrs. William Conant of Malden remains ill and has been taken to a hospital in Boston for an operation. Mrs. E. H. Priest is caring for the two older children, and Mrs. A. F. Conant for the baby.

Little Prescott Kimball is making slow improvement each day, although still unable to sit up unaided.

Mrs. Somes is convalescent. However, she experiences a poor day occasionally.

Elmer Flagg stepped on a nail several days ago, sending it into his foot. He has suffered a good deal, but the swelling has decreased and he is steadily approaching his normal condition.

Edward M. Stone's little girl is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. Clifford Smith is at home sick with a carbuncle. Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is also on the sick list, but reported as convalescent. She will close her home this winter and board at Miss Marshall's. Mrs. Harold Wakefield will spend the winter with her mother in New York.

Uitaro Tsukakoshi, the Lactart chemist, injured one of his eyes with chemicals a week ago, and has been taking an enforced vacation since. He has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties at the factory.

Charles Hunt's infant son has been very sick this week.

Mrs. Ballard of Lexington is visiting her sister, Mrs. Amelia Wakefield.

Mrs. Austin Kimball is a week-end visitor at Mrs. Elizabeth Hamlin's in Westford.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Dickson of Harvard, spent last Sunday in Plymouth, going Saturday and returning Monday. They attended the most ancient church in the town on Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Kimball and her sister, Miss Laura McKinley, are spending two weeks down east.

Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Cook, enjoyed a pleasant surprise party on her birthday last week Saturday.

Miss Margaret Thacher returns to Lasell seminary Wednesday, September 22.

Prof. Wilnot Mitchell was a recent visitor at Fred S. Kimball's.

Mrs. Helen Locke, Tewksbury, and son of Newton, were recent guests of her former classmate, Mrs. Paul Brown.

Mrs. Stevens, for a few years resident of the Common, has been visiting at Mrs. C. K. Houghton's. She has engaged a room at Mrs. Canney's and will remain in town for some time to accommodate several customers. Her home is now with her daughter in Maynard.

The hitching posts which have lain useless behind the Fitchburg railroad station so long, have finally been set in place, and provided with rods and rings. The posts were given by the Improvement society on condition that the Boston and Maine company set them up. How much more tidy the place looks for the work of a few hours, and how much more useful the posts are in a vertical than in a horizontal position. Speaking of improvements, does the board of health frequent the station?

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler are spending a week in their Mill street cottage. Mrs. Wheeler's sister, Miss Marion Brown, has been a visitor at their home this week.

Invitations to the wedding and reception of Miss Ethel Marion Brown and Gardner Edward Fronty, on the evening of September 27, in the First

Congregational church, Littleton, have been received this week.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold their annual fair on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, November 10.

Twenty of the sheep at the U. S. quarantine were shipped to North Conway Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wing of Lowell were Sunday guests at A. T. Kimball's.

The George Lovejoy family left town for Cincinnati last week Saturday. Montgomery remained for hunting sport, and will leave in another week.

AYER.

"Is It Worth While?"

A recent editorial in the Boston Globe comments on E. H. Harriman as follows:

"The imagination even of a person living in this marvellous epoch of ours is staggered, if it tries to put into concrete form the actual potency of a man who was worth \$100,000,000, who of a man practically owned three great railroads, who was director of 100,000 employees, and who controlled or influenced properties valued at five billions.

"Yet, as the magic skin gave Balzac's hero everything but an unlimited leasehold on life, so the Harriman genius had no more prestige at the court of time than the humblest trackman on his iron roads.

"I have often wondered," he said, "whether it is worth while to put one's nerves into huge enterprises. I have longed for the shades, rest and comfort. But there is something in man, that makes him want to go on to finish what he has begun."

Echo answers, "Is it worth while." What a tragedy in that life. That man the greatest genius the world has ever known for organization of the means to distribute the product of labor, the comforts and necessities of life, as well as to enable distant people to maintain social intercourse compelled by the competitive system under which we live to prostitute that genius to acquiring enormous power over vast numbers of his fellowmen, in order to save himself from other keen and cunning minds drunk with power and filled with the mad lust for the possession of wealth.

And though he longs for the shades, rest and comfort, that sword of Damocles, the insecurity and fear of want which is ever present in this struggle for existence, compels men to fight their fellowman to acquire this power in order to survive.

To remove this fear of want and struggle for existence and have the comforts and necessities of life absolutely assured, would leave all the genius at man's command free to develop all these natural resources and means of production and distribution for the benefit of all, and then rivalry for possession and such genius as Harriman's would promote love, respect and happiness, instead of greed, avarice and dissension.

As long as a part of society is economically controlled by the other part, just so long will men acquire wealth and power, and control men through the system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution, with all the evils attendant thereto.

When all mankind is economically free then mankind will be controlled by the power of love and a sense of duty and brotherhood to each other, then the earth will ring with glad voices, and then that something that is in man will have a chance to go on and finish that which it has begun without a selfish thought to hinder its success.

Which one of these systems would give E. H. Harriman the greater solace and comfort as he passes through the valley of the shadow, the glad voices and happy living of little children and men and women living and enjoying this whole earth and all the products thereof which modern machinery and science makes possible if publicly owned; or, the present state of affairs, thousands of little children toiling and sweating their lives out in factories with never a gleam of sunshine in their pitiful lives, men and women working for a mere existence and only a few days from poverty, thousands maimed and killed on those iron roads and in the manufacturing industry through lack of safety devices, which cost more than human lives, all sacrificed to the God, profit.

The Socialists are working to make all mankind economically free, and which one of these systems is it best to make "worth while," perpetuate the old or work for the new?

E. G. Bartlett. Ayer, Mass., Sept. 15, 1909.

Registry Fee is Increased. On and after November 1 of this year the fee for registered letters will be ten cents wherever Uncle Sam's postal department reaches. The order to this effect was signed on Tuesday by Postmaster Hitchcock.

At the same time the department increased the department's liability for registered mail which may become lost, fixing the maximum at \$50 instead of \$25.

These actions followed recommendations made by a special committee now investigating the registry service and is in accordance with recommendations of registry experts recently in conference in Washington.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock says these changes are the first steps in a movement to make the department self-sustaining.

To the Editor: Here is what Speaker Cole wrote, without solicitation from anybody, to a resident of this district, of Frank P. Bennett, Jr., for Senator.

My dear Mr. Upton: I have wanted to see you for some weeks to say a word in favor of Frank P. Bennett, Jr., of Saugus, for Senator. If you knew him as I know him, you would know that the public service would be greatly benefited by electing men of his calibre to office.

We are not particular friends; in fact he opposed me when I was a candidate for Speaker, and opposed me again when I was out for Lieutenant Governor, and I am under no obligation to him, but I admire the fellow very much, and found him so thoroughly balanced and a able in every respect that I would like to see him a member of the Senate.

He was without exception the strongest debater in the House in the year 1906, and I cannot say too much of him as being a worthy man for the position for which he aspires. Cordially yours, (Signed) John N. Cole.

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AYER.

Caucuses.

The democratic caucus will be held in the lower town hall, Wednesday evening, September 22, commencing at eight o'clock.

The republican caucus will be held in the town hall, Tuesday evening, September 21, commencing at eight o'clock, for the purpose of electing two delegates each to the republican State, Councilor, County and Senatorial conventions of 1909, and delegates to the Representative convention; also to choose a republican town committee for 1910, to consist of eight members, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the caucus. This caucus is called and will be held under the provisions of Chapter 560 of the Acts of 1907, and will be called to order by the chairman of the republican town committee, Elisha D. Stone.

Masonic.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M., will be held in Masonic hall building, Monday evening, September 20, A. L. 5908, at seven o'clock sharp, for the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it. Right Worshipful Horace S. Bacon, district deputy grand master of the Eleventh Masonic district, will make Caleb Butler lodge an official visitation. Work—M. M. degree. Mr. Henson of the Ayer Inn is to furnish the supper.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be opened at Masonic hall, Bank block, Tuesday evening, September 21, at seven o'clock sharp, for the transaction of such business as shall regularly come before it. Official visitation of R. E. Dexter L. Crandall, district deputy grand high priest of the Eleventh Masonic district.

District Court.

Daniel Daley, drunkenness at Westford, was in court and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars and placed on probation for six months.

James Crowley of Littleton, trespass of fowls on land of Harry E. Humphries, was in court and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars, from which decision he appealed and furnished sureties in the sum of one hundred dollars for his appearance for trial at superior court at East Cambridge, fall term.

News Items.

A godly number of the Odd Fellows took the eight o'clock car on Tuesday evening, September 14, and went to the summer cottage of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richardson, and gave them a complete surprise. The object of this call, which was exceedingly pleasant, was to present Mr. Richardson one of the very nicest past noble grand's collars, which was presented in behalf of the members by M. P. Cole, a past noble grand, who fathered the movement. Mr. Richardson responded in a feeling manner, after which Mr. Cole presented Mrs. Richardson with lovely cut flowers. A social hour followed. The members were rowed to the eleven o'clock car, but had to walk from the car to the cottage that it might be, as it was, a complete surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Mailoux and little girl returned Monday evening from a two weeks' vacation spent at the home of his parents, Reviere du Toup, Province of Quebec.

Miss K. E. Lynch returned last week Wednesday from a vacation spent with her mother in Bath, Me., and Saturday Miss Lynch returned to Bath, owing to the sudden and serious illness of her mother.

Herbert J. Allen left Wednesday forenoon for Tufts college. He graduated from the high school here, class '06, and since then has been employed in the freight office at the railway station. For the past three or four years he has made his home with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Parsons.

It will take just fifty-two setting of poles for the Ayer Electric Light Co. to reach the Groton line from Mr. Barry's on Washington street, as far as the electric light poles now extend.

Marion Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Weber, returned to the Boston school for the blind Thursday.

May Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Weber, has gone to teach for the coming year at Goshen, this state, where she has a nice school. The Ayer high school football team will play their first game with Waltham at that city Wednesday, September 22. The Waltham team is in every way a better team than Ayer, but the boys will do their best to hold them down.

Mrs. Mary Connors, who has cared for Mrs. S. F. Farnsworth as nurse for the past nine or ten months, gave up her position last Monday. The subject of the morning service at 10.45 in the Congregational church will be "Jesus healing the body and why." In the evening at seven o'clock the subject will be "Moses, the great statesman." This will be the beginning of a series of Sunday evening sermons on great men of the bible. C. E. prayer meeting at six o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Williams of Dorchester have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Simmonds the past week, attending the Methodist church in the morning, and were greatly interested in the service given by the children from Little Wanderers' Home, Boston.

Herbert L. Hardy started Monday for North Bridgton, Me., where he is to attend the Bridgton academy for one year preparatory for college, which he hopes to attend in another year. This school at North Bridgton is of long standing, having celebrated its centennial last year. Nelson Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Turner, left on Tuesday for Exeter academy for one year, after which he will enter Dartmouth college.

Mrs. Young of Stoneham is here on a visit with Mrs. S. F. Farnsworth. They are old friends from away back. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Downing left Wednesday morning, for a trip to the White Mountains and Lake Winnepesaukee.

Two large auto express wagons were started for Providence, R. I., Thursday morning, loaded with furniture taken from F. W. Moses' house, leaving at half past six, and are coming back for the rest of it. The men connected with the moving put up at the Ayer Inn.

Middlesex is indeed the judicial county. With the appointment of Marcus Morton to succeed the late Francis A. Gaskill, Middlesex can now claim ten of the twenty-six judges sitting on the superior court bench. But Governor Draper is to be commended for disregarding precedents and politics and appointing the man whom he found best fitted for the place.

Mr. Lovett will reopen his class in Page hall, Ayer, Friday evening, September 24. The instructor will devote the first part of the course to teaching, the latter to assemblies and parties.

Charles Wood was called to Indiana last Saturday by the illness of his brother. He writes that his brother is somewhat better and able to sit up a little.

Mrs. Albert Phelps has as guest her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Morrison from Laconia, N. H. Mr. Morrison is expected today, Saturday, to remain for a few days.

Mrs. Byron Pearson of Stoneham, daughter of Mrs. S. F. Farnsworth, came last Sunday and returned Monday afternoon.

Frank H. Reeve leaves town Sunday, September 19, with a party from Worcester, for a trip south, visiting Richmond, Norfolk, Va., and other cities. They will be gone a week or more.

Mrs. Charles Craig met with a serious accident Wednesday evening on Fletcher street, near the Hurley house, in stepping into a depression in the sidewalk, spraining her left ankle severely, and otherwise shaking her up. For a moment she was unconscious, and the lady with her assisted her to her feet, and went with her to her home. Dr. Hopkins was called that night and early Thursday morning he received another call. Unless something new sets in, Mrs. Craig will get along nicely.

Ellis Z. Nutting has bought of E. A. Richardson two lots of land in rear of Sanday pond, and he intends having built a building to house his automobile. Later he will have constructed a summer house. He and his family have enjoyed summering at Sanday pond so much that he has concluded to spend his summers there with his family in his own summer house.

A son was born Wednesday afternoon, September 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Kimball Martin, Washington street. Mrs. James I. Galvin, who resides on Jackson street, leaves with her daughter and two sons for Malden the last of the month on a visit with relatives, and from there she starts for Ontario, Cal., where her husband and oldest son have been for some time. Ontario is a few miles from Pasadena.

The fire department was called for a fire, Monday evening, in the Phelps building on West Main street, known as the Pullman preserving building, in which Mr. Dwinell keeps his horse and in which Mr. Williams of the five and ten cent store stores some of his goods. It was readily extinguished. The horse of Mr. Dwinell was smoked and the goods of Mr. Williams were damaged to some extent from water and smoke. The origin of the fire is not known and may have started from some shavings and other stuff from combustion or from a stray spark from somewhere.

C. H. Hardy has purchased of Mr. Phelps the lot of land in rear of his house on Washington street. He has cleared it off and will start right away to erect a barn. He has put in cement walks about the house, and a cobble-stone wall in front, which greatly improves the place. Frank S. Bennett, now of Fitchburg, moves October first into the tenement in A. E. Lawrence's house, recently vacated by his son, F. N. Lawrence. It is being put in thorough repair.

Percy N. Lawrence moved into his new house on Nashua street last Monday. The house was built by C. H. Hardy and in every way it is satisfactory. The plumbing was done by O'Boole Brothers of Clinton, and Mr. Lawrence is very much pleased with the work.

Death.

Walter Theodore Saunders, oldest son of Robert T. Saunders, died at his home on Central avenue, early Friday morning, September 17, aged 18 years, 1 month, 21 days. The deceased was born in Ayer, attended the lower schools and entered the high school with the class of '09, and would have graduated but for ill health. His health began to fail in the summer of 1907, and in the fall of that year he went to the state sanatorium at Rutland, for treatment, where he remained for eleven months. He returned apparently much improved, and it was hoped he had permanently regained his health. The disease appeared again, however, and he has been falling all summer.

Walter was well liked and popular among his associates, and a large circle of friends have shown him many attentions during his trying illness. He is survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Saunders, his father, brother, Harold, and sister, Blanche. Mrs. Oren Kidder is an aunt, and other relatives reside out of town. The funeral will be held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. A. D. Stroud officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn cemetery.

Chandler Planer Co.

The shop of Chandler Planer Company will soon be running to its full capacity on full time, with the possibility of a night force. Important planer orders are being placed, and the company has just closed a contract which will utilize the surplus capacity of the shop over and above its regular business. The resumption of business at our shop is of great importance to the town of Ayer. Prior to the panic of 1907, we had a weekly payroll of over \$2000, most of which remained in town. Our employees were desirable citizens, intelligent, industrious and well paid. Our product was of high quality. It went to the best shops and

brought to our town prominent men, many of whom expressed their surprise at our advantage as a manufacturing and distributing center.

Like all machine-tool builders, we were hit hard by the panic. We were hit even harder than the average, because our planers went largely to the railroads and kindred lines, which absolutely stopped purchasing equipment at any price. How our business grew and how suddenly and effectively it fell off, is indicated by our sales, which had grown from \$4300 for the first six months of 1905 to over \$90,000 for the first six months of 1907. The sales for the month of September, 1907, were over \$26,000. From that time they fell off with a rush, and all through 1908 our shop was at a standstill.

The panic came at a particularly unfortunate time. We had disposed of but little over one-half of our authorized stock issue. Our entire paid-in capital was tied up in our plant. We counted on disposing of the balance of our stock for working capital. The panic made all kinds of securities unsalable. There was nothing for the directors to do but to stand by the proposition, which they did at great individual sacrifices and risks, confident that upon the resumption of business, capital could be commanded.

The citizens of our town are under obligations to our directors, who declined to entertain any proposition which contemplated moving the plant from Ayer. Our stockholders are under obligations to our directors for declining to favor any deal that would sacrifice the stock, no matter how much relief it promised the directors personally. The executive officers have declined to endorse propositions that guaranteed them more than they would ask the stockholders to give.

We have a good proposition mechanically and commercially, and it has been managed conservatively and honestly.

George J. Burns.

Unitarian.

Services will be held on Sunday at 10.45 in the Unitarian church with sermon on "The responsibility of the Unitarian church for the redemption of christianity and the perpetuation of reasonable religion." Sunday school session at twelve.

The officials of the Unitarian Sunday schools have recently published a new series of graded studies which have required several years to prepare. The subjects are adapted to all ages, from the primary to advanced senior classes, and are probably superior to any system of graded studies for Sunday schools ever published. The Ayer Sunday school has introduced these studies which will facilitate the work of teachers and increase the effectiveness of religious and ethical instruction.

On Sunday, September 19, the members and friends of the North Middlesex Federation of Young People's societies will join with the Littleton guild in a neighborhood meeting. The meeting will begin at four o'clock with addresses and discussion. Members of the Unitarian church are invited to be present.

The Unitarian social gathering served the first supper of the season Tuesday evening. The committee in charge was Mrs. W. B. Cotton, Mrs. Albert Perkins, Mrs. George J. Burns and Miss Hattie Whitcomb. At the business meeting plans were made and committees appointed for the annual fair, which is to come probably Thursday, October 14. It is planned to serve a dinner that day, and have an entertainment in the evening.

Taxpayers.

The following is a list of taxpayers who are assessed for twenty-five dollars and over:

Samuel J. Andrew	\$55.68
Joseph C. Anno	33.39
Charles W. Atherton	50.20
Warren H. Atwood	59.07
W. H. Atwood, J. M. Maloney, trustees	67.30
Ayer Ice Co.	128.19
Estate of Willard W. Balcom	25.26
Sarah F. Ball	54.32
Susan M. Barker	38.41
Baptist Society	29.23
George H. Barrett	69.23
George V. Barrett	28.73
Samuel Barrett	51.05
U. H. Barrows	43.16
Martha B. Bartlett	99.05
Eugene Barry & Son	157.43
John J. Barry & Co.	103.50
Sarah J. S. Bennett	163.66
Emanuel Bergquist	33.40
Millie Beverly	25.95
Nina H. Beverly	25.02
Mary A. Bishop	57.09
Reuben C. Blatchford	34.35
Clara A. Blood	45.26
Ida C. Boutwell	39.10
Thomas J. Bowler	32.45
Frank P. Briggs	34.87
Edith M. Brown	40.22
Bridget Brown	90.74
George H. Brown	255.62
Sarah E. Brown	53.11
J. E. Brown	126.59
Joseph E. Bulkeley	79.42
Lyrena B. Bulkeley	62.71
Asa S. Bunker	75.12
George J. Burns	138.84
George J. Burns and Clara L. Burns	206.30
Thomas Burns	65.48
Alice F. Butterfield	41.35
Emeline E. Butterfield	41.70
Ell W. Carley	47.32
John Carney	75.70
Thomas Carney	252.49
Central Real Estate Association	252.49
Chandler Planer Co.	252.49
Melvin A. and Florence Stevens	80.79
Children	59.87
Trustees, Estate of S. A. Childs	26.12
W. Clark and Marie M. Clark	26.12
Delle M. Clark, adm'r	47.40
Elizabeth Clarke	28.89
Patrick Clarke	28.89
Emily F. and Viola M. Cole	26.12
Narcisse Connolly	53.90
Alice J. Corner	45.67
William N. Cowles	126.77
Lester M. Crawford	25.36
James and Kate Curran	38.23
Sarah M. Curran	25.43
George G. Day	75.91
Frank and Marian Delano	21.49
S. B. Dickerman	34.00
Patrick Donlon	123.02
P. Donlon & Co.	54.50
Margaret Donahue	31.23
Patrick J. Donahue	29.85
John P. Donahue	29.85
Albert B. Downing	11.95
W. H. Dudley	67.57
Annie E. Dwyer	29.66
S. E. Farnsworth	48.30
Annie A. Farwell	39.10
F. E. Feich	82.39
J. E. Feich	130.59
Arthur Fenner	61.43
Alice Fleet, trustee	43.25
D. W. Fletcher	43.25
W. Fletcher & Son	103.50
Joel E. Fletcher	68.43
Calvin Fletcher	34.18
Heirs of Sarah, Fletcher	51.47
Patrick Fletcher	39.53
Annie Fuzzard	162.36
Mary J. Farr	28.03
Edward Gray	28.03
John Gray	28.03
Lena H. Graydon	57.09
L. Etta Green	38.41
James E. Grimm	28.47
Thomas F. Grockett	28.47
Ellis B. Harlow	33.14

Table of names and amounts, likely a list of donors or contributors.

New Advertisements.

Ayer, Mass., August 30, 1909. To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Ayer, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the selectmen of Ayer to grant permission to erect poles and string wires for the purpose of furnishing electric current to the town of Groton, Mass.

From the junction point of Washington Street, Nashua Street and Howard Street; east on Washington Street or road to Groton to the boundary line of the towns of Ayer and Groton.

We respectfully request that you will grant us a hearing and take as early action on this matter as possible.

Yours very truly, AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY G. B. Spring, Superintendent.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Ayer, September 13, 1909.

Upon the foregoing petition it is ordered that a public hearing be held at the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall, at 7.30 p. m., Thursday, September 23, 1909, and that the petitioners give notice thereof by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Ayer News, and Turner's Public Spirit, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least three days before the date of said hearing; and that the clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least three days before the date thereof, to the owners of real estate along the ways or parts of ways upon which it is proposed to construct said line, as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

EDWARD A. RICHARDSON, FRANK S. PIERCE, JOHN M. MALONEY, Selectmen of Ayer.

Republicans of Ayer

Don't you prefer that the nominee of your party for State Senator this fall shall be one who has had service in the House of Representatives, and whose service there has been of distinct and positive advantage to the Commonwealth? Frank P. Bennett, Jr. was the "most effective and successful speaker in the whole House of Representatives" in 1906.

The following letter was written without Mr. Bennett's solicitation, and in fact without his knowledge, by Mr. Robert Luce, who is probably the best known legislator Massachusetts has had in recent years:

What Robert Luce Says:

Boston, June 12, 1906.

Dear Sir:—As the legislative session draws to a close, I want to express to you my appreciation of the work of Frank P. Bennett, Jr. In the House this year. In the course of my seven years in the House, I have seen no other man grow as fast as he has grown in legislative capacity. In my judgment, he has been this year the most effective and successful speaker in the whole body. It is a real pleasure to listen to him, for he has developed a clearness of statement, a felicity in expression, and a power of logic unusual in its quality, and delightful both to ear and to mind. He has seemed to me on the right side so often that when I have differed from him I have wondered if it was not I who was in error. Wherever principle has been involved, he has been on the side of high ideals. Men of this type are not so plenty in the Legislature as could be desired, and it seems to me right to tell you that his service has been of distinct and positive advantage to the Commonwealth.

In writing this, I am in some degree prompted by a casual word I overheard today, suggesting to me that he might think of going to the Senate. He has not spoken to me on the subject, and I am quite independent in expressing the hope that if he should be willing to be a candidate for the upper branch, you may not deem it unwise to encourage him in the candidacy.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT LUCE.

(Signed)

If so, DON'T FAIL to attend the Republican caucus in Ayer Town Hall

Next Tuesday Evening, September 21st,

and vote for delegates favorable to Frank P. Bennett, Jr.

"Experience Counts."

FRANK E. PARKER, SAUGUS, MASS. JAMES SWITZER, LYNN, MASS.

LYMAN, the well-known Photographer of Nashua, is in Carley's Block, Main St., Ayer, Mass. 24 pictures, 25c. 111"

A Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness and sympathy shown us at the time of our bereavement; also, for the many floral tributes.

JOHN WELCH AND FAMILY. East Pepperell, Sept. 15, 1909. 1\*

A Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to our neighbors and friends for their kindness at the time of the sickness and death of our dear little Gordon; for the comforting words spoken at the time of the funeral and the kindness shown by the King's Daughters.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES EWING AND FAMILY. Littleton, Sept. 16, 1909. 1

NOTICE

All persons indebted to Nutting Bros. of Groton on Sept. 1st, 1909, are requested to settle same at once. After Oct. 1st, 1909, any account remaining unpaid will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. All orders after this date, Sept. 18, 1909, must be cash before delivery.

HARRY E. NUTTING, Representing Nutting Bros. Groton, Mass., Sept. 14, 1909. 311

Low Prices for House Lots

I will sell you a Lot 60 ft. by 160 ft. for \$100, situated on East Main St., Ayer, on line of electric cars. City water and finely located. Chance to make some money. Apply to

it PATRICK DONLON, AYER.

GIRL WANTED—For general household work. Apply to Mrs. A. F. PARKER, Brookline St., East Pepperell. Tel. 43-3. 111

WANTED—A girl for general household work. A knowledge of cooking required. Mrs. GEO. A. SANDERSON, Ayer, Mass. 111

Less Than Half Cost

Edison Home Phonograph, perfect condition, with large horn, reproducing outfit and three dozen records; also, a five-drawer cabinet all finished in a beautiful green oak. price complete, \$30.00.

H. A. STONE, Jeweler, Ayer, Mass. 111

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.

JOHN L. KENNISON, PETER B. MURPHY, FRANK J. MALONEY, GUY B. REMICK, Registrars of Voters.

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Call and See Them at Donlon's Ayer, Mass.

NOTICE—In accordance with the vote of the Republican caucus, Sept. 22, 1908, notice is hereby given that candidates for delegates to the several Republican conventions and town committee, desiring to have their names appear on the official ballot to be used at the Republican caucus, Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, 1909, may apply in writing to the committee at the office of its chairman, on or before Saturday, Sept. 18, 1909, at 12 o'clock M. Each candidate's application must be endorsed by ten Republican voters. Republican Town Committee, E. D. STONE, Chairman, E. A. RICHARDSON, Secretary. 111

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WALDO BLOOD

House Painter CHURCH ST., Ayer, Mass.

All Kinds of Furniture Refinished.

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With Patent Leather Trimmings

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Ayer, Mass.



# STATE POLITICS

## Caucuses Will be Held Next Week, Then the Campaign

### DRAPER HIS OWN PLATFORM

Some of the Fruits of His Administration Seen in Reduced State Tax, Merging of Boards and Departments, to Save the Taxpayers' Money

The caucuses to elect delegates to the various conventions will be held next week and the active campaign will then be practically on. After the caucuses it will soon be determined who are to be the nominees for the various offices. So far as the state tickets are concerned, the leaders of both sides are already well known.

Governor Draper will be unanimously renominated and all the other state officers now serving will be added to the ticket without opposition. The governor is extremely busy these days representing the state at various functions throughout the commonwealth. The best platform he can possibly have is his record as acting governor and governor.

Under his administration the state tax has been reduced by the enormous amount of \$1,000,000. It will also be noticed that during the last session of the legislature there were no recess committees drawing pay for work which was practically useless to the state but which furnished occupation and compensation in the past to a considerable number of members of the great general court. This was a saving which the people will appreciate.

Merging of Departments  
Another splendid piece of work carried out on the recommendation of Mr. Draper is the consolidation of the state board of education and the commission on industrial education. There was no necessity for both these boards when one could do the work as well. Another piece of legislation for which the governor is responsible is the change in the method of making appropriations for improvements in harbors and public lands, whereby there is provided an annual appropriation of \$100,000 for each year for the period of three years. Under the previous log-rolling policy of making these appropriations piecemeal in the legislature, a great deal of money was wasted and some work which was really needed was neglected.

The agitation for the conservation of the state's lumber supply has been materially aided by the passage of a law relieving from taxation newly planted woodlands for a term of years. The new fire laws, also, passed for the preservation of the forests, are measures recommended by the governor. The consolidation of the Charles river basin commission and the metropolitan parks commission merges the former with the latter after a certain date and thereby will result in a large saving in salaries and office expenses. Whatever work remains to be done on the Charles river basin after that commission goes out of office will be handled by the park commission. Another money-saving change was the merging of the gypsy moth commission with the office of the state forester. This merger has been found to work well. Another piece of legislation recommended by the governor was that permitting towns to lease lands to individuals for the culture of lobsters and mollusks.

The Boston Charter Measure  
There is another measure which had the recommendation of the governor and was supported by the leading citizens of Boston, namely, the Boston charter bill. This was enacted after considerable opposition and under it the governor has appointed a finance commission which stands as one of the strongest ever named by a Massachusetts executive. Its members include ex-Congressman John A. Sullivan, John F. Moors, ex-Police Commissioner Charles P. Curtis, Francis N. Balch and Geoffrey Leahy.

Another matter which had the warm support of the governor throughout was the act incorporating the Boston Railroad Holding company. This corporation was organized to purchase the stock of the Boston and Maine railroad held by a man named Billard, a citizen of Connecticut, his holdings constituting a controlling interest in that road. Under the act a majority of the directors of the holding company must be citizens of Massachusetts, thus bringing back to this state the control of the Boston and Maine. For two or three years this control has been held outside of the state, ostensibly by Mr. Billard but probably through him by the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Very shortly it is expected that the holding company will secure the transfer of these shares from Mr. Billard to its own vaults, thereby consummating a result which many citizens have desired, and straightening out a vexatious tangle, a continuation of which would have benefited no one.

Appointment of Arthur D. Hill  
One of the notable appointments made by Governor Draper was that of Arthur Dehon Hill of Boston to be district attorney for Suffolk county in place of John B. Moran, deceased.

The governor had known Mr. Hill for some time and when the vacancy in the office occurred, he looked about him to find a keen, energetic, persistent, capable lawyer to put in the place. He sized up Mr. Hill as a man who could fill the position in a manner acceptable to the discriminating Boston public. That his judgment of Mr. Hill was accurate has been proven beyond a doubt by the brilliant success which has followed his trial of a number of cases left on the docket by John B. Moran. Mr. Hill has certainly covered himself with glory and proved a distinct credit to the governor who appointed him.

Another excellent appointment was that of Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke to be bank commissioner. Mr. Chapin was state treasurer at the time he was selected but his term would have expired at the end of this year, and having served in that office five years, he was not eligible for renomination; consequently the governor, knowing his sterling qualities and his keen business judgment, believed him to be just the man for the place. It is the general verdict that Mr. Chapin in the five or six months he has been in the office has made good in every sense.

Former Senator James H. Vahey of Watertown will undoubtedly be the Democratic candidate for governor unless something entirely unforeseen should occur prior to the convention. While he is acknowledged to be a fair campaign speaker, he will find it necessary to present something besides eloquence to overcome a record such as Governor Draper has made during the present year.

The Grouchy View.  
Secretary (writing advertisement)—Wanted, an intelligent young man, unmarried—Old Grouch—Leave out the "unmarried." You said intelligent, didn't you?—Exchange.

The hogfish, swimming down the cod's throat, kills its host and eats its way out.

### New Advertisements.

## ANNUAL FALL EXCURSION

TO FROM  
**NEW YORK CITY** Wednesday, **SEPT. 22**  
via the  
**DEERFIELD VALLEY ROUTE**  
and the **HUDSON RIVER**,  
arriving in New York City in time to attend  
the official opening exercises of the  
**HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION**  
one of the greatest events in American history.

ROUND TRIP **Special Train**  
**\$5.00** Leaves at **8.29 A.M.**

For details see **HAND BILLS** or apply to **B. & M. Ticket Office**

**BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD**

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, and he has been 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 postpaid, 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.

3521 F. M. ESTY, Ass't Register.

TREES AND PLANTS.—All varieties. Automatic sprayer and barrel sprayer with "Kant Klog" nozzle and spring shut-off. H. D. EVANS, Ayer, Mass. Nursery established 1883.

Apple Barrels  
As good as the best and better than the rest.

Manufactured by the HARVARD COOPERAGE WORKS  
Saw and Grist Mill, 50 Harvard, Mass.

FOR SALE—Canopy Top Surrey, 2 Corn ing Top Buggies, 1 Depot Carriage, 1 Piano Box Open Wagon, 1 Express Wagon. These vehicles are in first class condition and are about as good as new. I also have a full line of new Democrat, Concord and Farm Wagon and Carriage, Stanhope and Top Buggies. All kinds of new and second hand Harnesses. A small fireproof safe cheap. F. B. FELCH, Carriage, Harness and Implement Dealer, Ayer, Mass. Agent for Rogers and Hubbard's Fertilizer.

FOR SALE—Small Potatoes, 25c. per bushel. Inquire of P. Donlon & Co., or write Lock Box 402, Ayer, Mass. 4132

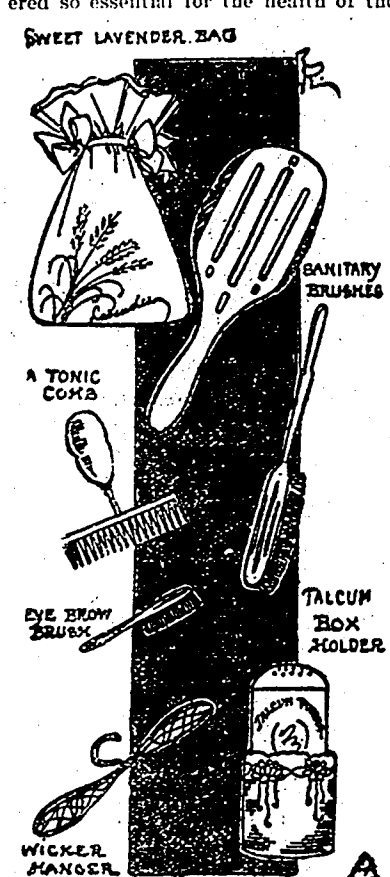
C. W. Green  
Piano Tuner, Littleton  
AGENT FOR TEN MAKES OF PIANOS AND THE REST PIANO POLISH MADE. Telephone connection.

# THE DRESSING TABLE.

## New Appointments For This Necessary Piece of Furniture.

There is an old time charm about sweet lavender that appeals to the woman of refinement, and one of the prettiest novelties of the season is a bag of lavender to hang in the clothespress or tuck in the chiffonier drawer. Pongee silk is utilized successfully for such bags, the original of the accompanying sketch being of natural colored pongee with design of lavender blossoms.

Sanitary brushes, as they are called, represent the latest addition to the boudoir collection, the most approved being fashioned from celluloid. The backs are perforated to permit the free circulation of air and drainage of the bristles. Another new contrivance for the toilet table is a hollow comb by means of which the tonic now considered so essential for the health of the



### DRESSING TABLE APPOINTMENTS.

hair may be satisfactorily applied to the scalp. A special brush for keeping the eyebrows in good condition has also been added to the list.

As a substitute for the glass or metal holder for talcum powder which has been in vogue for some time past there now appears a silver stand in filigree design in which the original box may be placed. This is likely to prove as satisfactory an arrangement as transferring the contents of the tin powder box to a bottle of crystal or silver. The remaining article here illustrated is a wicker hanger.

### WHAT WOMEN INVENT.

Five Safety Razors Among the Things to Be Exhibited in London.

What was the inspiration of the five Englishwomen who during the last year felt that their inventive powers were put to their best use in inventing safety razors? At all events, five such appliances will be exhibited in the forthcoming London exhibition of inventions by women. The inventive spirit of Englishwomen seems well developed. There are on an average every year about 1,500 new contrivances patented. The greater number of these are, naturally enough, intended for the use of their own sex, although there are such occasional exceptions.

Other recent forms of their inventive skill when it scoured far beyond the needs of mere women were shown in an automobile, a steam engine and a flying machine. Of sterner stuff than most of their sex even in this country of militant suffragettes were the inventors who applied to patent their methods of strengthening the sides of ships in their powers of resistance and the new kind of invisible shield to be worn in war. Yet these superwomen were rare among the whole number, most of whom devoted themselves to such characteristic inventions as new kinds of hats for women and children, a method of washing furs, an apparatus to kill chickens painlessly, new fangled clothes for dogs and similar evolutions of feminine necessities.

This exhibition is a contrast to that which will soon be opened in Paris, dedicated to proving the social misery of women through their legal and social inferiority to man. It is prophesied that the most stubborn opponent of woman suffrage will be convinced by this eloquent collection of documents, pictures and other evidence.

### Furniture News.

To give the desired "old" look to a new finish has been found for furniture. This is nothing more or less than rubbed off edges. In heavy fumed oak the rungs and arms of chairs, the corners of sideboards, all little protuberances that would naturally have met the most wear in real antique furniture, have been treated—possibly with sandpaper—so that the lighter ground wood shows through irregularly. Inlay is a feature of much of the new furniture. Strips of satin wood in mahogany, fanciful designs in colored wood, mother of pearl, etc., and even that imitation of inlay gained by painting or stenciling some glaring flowers or vines on the surface, in the manner of bedroom sets of old, are seen on some of the handsomest pieces for use in every part of the house—drawing room, dining room, bedroom, boudoir.

# Roscoe M. Lindley

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LOWELL and FITCHBURG STREET RAILWAY CO.

Change of Time Beginning Monday, Oct. 12, 1909.

First car leaves Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell at 6.05 a. m., then five minutes past every hour up to and including 10.05 p. m., connecting with cars from Fitchburg and Leominster.

First car leaves Lowell for North Chelmsford, connecting for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster at 5.18 a. m. The next car leaves Lowell at 6.33 a. m., then thirty-three minutes past every hour up to and including 10.05 p. m. For Ayer only, the cars from Lowell for Ayer leave North Chelmsford at 11.18 p. m., due at Ayer at 11.53 p. m.

Sundays.  
First car from Ayer 7.05 a. m.; last car from Lowell 10.05 p. m.; first car from Lowell 9.33 a. m.; last car from Lowell 9.33 p. m. for Ayer, Westford, Fitchburg and Leominster; last car from Lowell 10.32 p. m. for Ayer only, leaves North Chelmsford 11.05 p. m., due at Ayer at 11.50 p. m.

L. H. CUSHING, Supt.

BOSTON and NORTHERN ST. RY. CO. LOWELL DIVISION.

### TIME TABLE.

Issued June 21, 1909.

(Subject to change without notice.)

### WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell, for Boston via Tewksbury and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.45 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.45 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—7.45 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m. Boston via North Middlesex, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6.25, 6.25 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (10.25 p. m. to Woburn only.) Sundays—6.55 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. (10.55 p. m. to Woburn only.) Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6.32 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Sundays—7.32 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Lawrence—6.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.15 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. the same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—6.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m., then same as week days. North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—6.15, 6.40, 6.50, 6.55, 7.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.30 p. m. 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# BILLIARDS--AND SOMETHING ELSE.

## The Chance That Came With a Lesson in the Game.

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The trouble was that, while Carrick admitted his offense and was anxious to present his excuse, Miss Welland by her manner ignored the existence of an offense and so made excuse impossible. At first blush that sounds all right, but it wasn't.

For how could a fellow secure freedom from his grievous dungeon when the pardon board publicly and officially pretended to believe that he was enjoying the sweet atmosphere of liberty? That was the question which bothered Carrick.

He felt that five minutes' talk with Miss Welland would set everything right. But she was graciously and firmly unapproachable. She insisted on treating him just the same as ever, only more so. And Carrick rattled his dungeon chains, while Miss Welland smiled sweetly on Purves Bland.

Carrick wasn't really to blame. They had been going to the theater Wednesday evening after having waited three weeks to get tickets because everybody else seemed to want to go too. And that very Wednesday afternoon the manager had sent for Carrick.

"Be here at 8 o'clock tonight," he directed. "There will be a special meeting of the board for the purpose of discussing your carbon improvement plan. If we take it up—His pompous smile was rich with promise.

For a young man whom opportunity had seized by the nape of the neck and was thrusting headlong into prosperity Carrick was singularly unappreciative. He knew how Miss Welland was anticipating seeing "What a Woman Would Do" and the impossibility of securing other tickets during the remainder of the run. Miss Welland's slightest wish was more important just then than a good many other things, so he mentioned "another engagement."

"Then you must break it, Mr. Carrick," said the manager quite decidedly. "Mr. Kern, who is our president and heaviest stockholder, will be here from the west tonight on his way to New York. He can stay only two hours. We can do nothing without his approval. So you see how necessary it is that you attend the meeting."

There seemed no way out of it. Carrick wrote a note to Miss Welland explaining the circumstances, sealed it and rang for a messenger. When a diminutive representative of the A. D. T. arrived Carrick was smitten with a brilliant idea. Why not send the tickets so she could go anyway? So he wrote another note, inclosed the tickets with it and handed both envelopes to the messenger. And the one containing the tickets was never delivered.

All unconscious of this fact, Carrick went back to the office at 8 o'clock. Fifteen minutes later word came that Mr. Kern was delayed by a wreck and that the board meeting would be held next morning.

On the chance that he might yet be in time to escort Miss Welland to the theater he rushed off to find her, only to be informed by the maid that she had gone out. He went on home then, where he was promptly pressed into service by his sister Beatrice, who wanted company as far as Gladys Burton's. And at the Burton doors they had encountered Miss Welland.

That young lady had smilingly cut short his explanations before they were begun. Later, when he heard of the nondelivery of the tickets, he tried again. But Purves Bland was now in the play, and explanations were impossible. He never saw Miss Welland unless the hint-impervious Mr. Bland was at her elbow. He haunted balls and recitals and tea fights in an endeavor to tell her of the meeting that didn't come off, but in vain.

Weeks of plotting and planning and waiting for opportunities that never came left him worried and hungry looking. Why rejoice that his carbon improvement scheme was a go when the only girl in the world-it had reached that stage-wouldn't look at him or, worse still, looked at him precisely as she looked at everybody else?

But his persistence won finally. By the assistance of Dick Sargent, engaged and consequently sympathetic, he was assured of a monopoly of Miss Welland and the billiard room during a dance at Burton's one night. Dick promised fifteen minutes if he had to tie Purves Bland with the portieres.

"Miss Welland," he began breathlessly when Bland had been lured away by Dick and the future Mrs. Sargent, "you know the night of 'What a Woman Would Do'?"

"But you were to teach me to play billiards, you know," remarked Miss Welland.

"But I want to explain," he urged. "I got your note," Miss Welland reminded him. "And Beatrice has told me about the loss of the tickets. So that's all over and forgotten."

Being equipped only with the slow going mental processes of mere man, Carrick was somewhat dazed by this information. For weeks he had been preparing himself to take the enemy's fortifications by storm. To find that there was to be no war was surprising, to say the least.

"You know all about it?" he queried stupidly.

"Yes."  
"And it's all forgotten?"  
"Yes."

"Forgiven too?"  
"I suppose so."  
"Then," said Carrick, with a radiant smile and a glint of determination in his eye, "we shall take up the billiard lesson--and something else."  
"First we will send the balls to the lower cushion to see who gets the first shot. That is a bank."  
"What a funny name!"  
"Yes," said Carrick. "The word is usually applied to the edges of a river; also, with a sidewise glance, 'to institutions where young men who are contemplating matrimony board up their money.'"  
"Haden't we better join the others?" asked Miss Welland irreverently.

"No; they said they'd be back for us."  
"O-h! I missed that one," said the girl presently.

"You don't hold the stick properly," pronounced Carrick. "It's like this." And he calmly took possession of both her hands as they rested on the cue.

"Isn't billiards very difficult to learn?" asked Miss Welland.

"Why?"  
"It takes so long to learn how to hold the cue!" The lesson progressed better after that--for a time.

It came Carrick's shot. The balls had stopped in the form of a triangle. A clever "draw" earned him the billiard. Miss Carrick applauded. "It came as though a magnet were attracting it," she said.

"That being my ball," expounded the teacher, "the same forces act upon it as act on me. A magnet has been drawing me for about two years now. And doesn't the red ball remind you of some one? See how closely it has stayed near your ball since we've been playing!"

"Why shouldn't it?" queried Miss Welland saucily as she shot and missed. "And, anyway, resemblances have nothing to do with the game. You're teaching me billiards, remember."  
"Billiards--and something else," said Carrick. "See how the red ball sulks at the lower end of the table. I'm going to stir it up!"

His ball clicked Miss Welland's cue ball gently and drolled the corner just in time to be stopped by it. They met square on its return from the cushion and stopped, a few inches apart.

"See how near they are," said Carrick--"no chance for a misunderstanding, no opportunity for theater tickets to get lost en route from one to the other. The red ball is the length of their world away. That's the way they belong, side by side, always."

"What is it called," asked Miss Welland hurriedly, "when one ball prevents the other from going, like that?"  
"That," said Carrick, laying down his cue with a certain finality and advancing around the table, "is called a kiss!"

Dick Sargent is in favor of a double wedding, "for," he says, "a fellow needs the moral support of his kind in a crisis." Carrick is building a house with a billiard room in it.

A Decisive Step.  
His chum came in and found him slipping a lock of hair into an envelope, not furtively or surreptitiously, but just placing it under cover in a calm, businesslike way.

"Hello!" says the visitor. "What's up?"  
"Nothing," he answered. "I'm only sending back Miss Hamilton-Highlow's lock of hair; that's all."  
"Engagement off again?"  
"Yes."  
"How many times does this make?"  
"Five. It's final this time, though, one way or the other."  
"Does she say so?"  
"Oh, she always says it's final. I'm deciding things just now. It's off forever or cards out soon!"

"How do you do it?"  
"Little scheme of my own. You know the color of her hair, don't you--warm brown, with a little raw amber in it? Well, this sample of hair I'm doing up is red--good, regular, standard red. I tell you we're going to get down to genuine emotion this time. She'll know whether she loves me or not, and if she does she'll walk me in by the ear."--London Mail.

No Cause For Worry.  
"It's sure enough strange how marriage changes some men," commented a Washington Heights dweller to a friend who stood with him on a corner. "Now, see that chap entering my apartment house? He's been married only two weeks, and yet--say, do you see what he's carrying? Well, it's a garbage pail for their new flat. Why, if any one had told him three months ago that he'd carry a garbage pail through the street he'd have been ready to fight. I never saw such a--"  
"All right--all right," the friend interrupted. "Tell me about him next year."  
"Why?"  
"Because he'll be changed back again by that time. Don't worry about the case."--New York Globe.

Not the Time For Magnifying Glasses.  
There was a little Scottish boy who had the quality of astuteness highly developed. The boy's grandmother was packing his lunch for him to take to school one morning. Suddenly, looking up into the old lady's face, he said: "Grandmother, does yer specs magnify?"  
"A little, my child," she answered.

"Aweel, then," said the boy, "I wad juist like it if ye wad tak' them aff when ye're packin' my loonch."--Liverpool Post.

Playing With Words.  
"Matinee idol?"  
"Yes."  
"And it's all forgotten?"  
"Yes."  
"Yes."--Theater Magazine.

# HUMOR OF THE HOUR IS GENIUS DEVISABLE?

## Too Good For This Sphere.

"When it comes to ideal domestic women," said the proud young author, "the heroine of my new novel is the paragon."  
"That's just the kind of heroine we're looking for," replied the busy publisher.

"Yes, sir, she is a woman you don't meet every day. In the first place, she never leans out of the back windows and criticises her neighbors' Monday wash."  
"She must be perfect."  
"Nor does she hang over the back fence gossiping by the hour while the dinner scorches."  
"I'd like to meet one like her."  
"When new neighbors move in she does not criticise their old furniture and wonder if they have paid for their new."

The busy publisher held up his hand. "Stop! That would not be a woman." "Not a woman?"  
"No; that would be an angel."

No Cause For Alarm.  
Mrs. Newpop--John, dear, do you think so much bread and molasses is good for the baby?  
Newpop--Sure it is. Bread is the "stuff of life," you know.

Mrs. Newpop--Oh, I suppose the bread won't hurt him, but so much molasses--  
Newpop--But he doesn't eat the molasses, my dear. He leaves that on the chairs and doorknobs.--Chicago News.

Happy Combination.  
It happened down on the beach. A little boy sat on a fence, swinging his feet. Beside him sat a girl playmate. "I'll tell you my name if you'll tell me yours," he said.

"Well, what is it?" said the girl. "Lemmy Kishew. What is yours?"  
"Ollie Wright."  
Then she dug her fairy toes into the sand and waited.--Lyre.

Looking For a Bargain.  
"No," said the frigid hearted maid, "I cannot be your wife. My heart and hand are priceless."  
"That being the case," rejoined the wise young man, "I'll leave my address."  
"What for?" she asked in surprise.

"So you can send me word when they are marked down," he explained. --Houston Post.

Easy to Answer.  
"Say," queried the city chap, "can you tell me how to make a slow horse fast?"  
"Sure I kin," replied the old farmer. "Don't feed him."  
And it was nearly six hours later before the innocent c. c. saw the joke.--Atlanta Constitution.

Their Absent Friend.  
Bessie--You should hear Mame Sanders go on about Fred Mills. She says she wouldn't have him for a husband if there wasn't another man in the world.  
Bertha--Yes; he has proposed to Mame's friend, Edith Moore.--Boston Transcript.

Her Quandy.  
Her Mother (to bride elect)--What, frowning on your wedding day?  
Bride Elect--I'm in a quandy. If I go to the altar smiling people will say I'm simply crazy to get Charlie, and if I look solemn they will say I already regret the step. What shall I do?--Tit-Bits.

Two of His Strong Points.  
The Young Man--I don't take any credit to myself for being able to spell better than other people can. Spelling is a gift.  
Miss Snappigh--You acquired your modesty, I presume, by diligent application.--Chicago Tribune.

The Surgeon's Charges.  
"I hear you're dissatisfied with your doctor's bill."  
"Yes; I don't think he's entitled to \$250 for that operation."  
"Why not?"  
"Because if he was he'd claim more."--Philadelphia Ledger.

Grudging Praise.  
"Did the critics say anything favorable about your performance of Hamlet?"  
"Yes," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "They admitted that I had selected a pretty good play."--Washington Star.

Sterile Ground.  
Cholly--Caw'n't imagine what's the matter with Gussie. There seems to be something preying on his mind.  
Miss Sharpe--Oh, whatever it is, let it alone. It will probably die of starvation.--Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Like Tendencies.  
Friend--How is your star spending his free time now?  
Manager--He's fallen in love, and he's just moaning around.--Baltimore American.

The Physical Culture Girl.  
I read the physical culture girl  
For reasons far more than one.  
She knows too much of science, I fear,  
And things that shouldn't be done.  
"Early to bed and early to rise"  
Is one of her watchwords true.  
She won't sit up late nor keep a date,  
As some other girls will do.  
She won't let me kiss her, worst of all,  
Kisses are microbes, says she.  
She won't hold hands. "It wrinkles them so!"  
She really said that to me.  
She isn't the ruby of olden times,  
Although she may be a pearl.  
If I want some fun I really must shun  
The physical culture girl.  
--Joe Cone in Boston Herald.

## By HARRIET COWLEY.

Whoever is born with superior mental powers must pay a penalty. Such persons are not satisfied to work in a common field. They struggle for a higher one to which admittance is denied them until their fitness for it is recognized. And how many a "mute inglorious Milton" has lived and died without any such recognition while his untalented brother has won a high position! The same is often true of one who loves madly. The very intensity of his person robs him of his coolness. He frets and fumes while a rival unmoved by sentiment lays siege to the maiden and wins her by regular approaches.

When John Gregory went to college he expected to lead his fellow students as he had led his schoolmates and afterward to lead the world as he had led his university associates. The only other being he loved except himself was Bertha Avery, and he loved her far better than himself. It was Bertha who was accountable for her lover's self admiration. She recognized his superior endowments and called his attention to them. Therefore he, believing that through them he would win and hold her love, came to set great store by them.

John was graduated at the head of his class. Not only this, but he was the college literary light of his time, editor of the university magazine and winner of all the prizes given for essays. Indeed, so marked was his success as a college scribbler that he determined to enter the field of literature. He was never quite sure that Bertha loved him--indeed, she had never told him that she did--and he did not expect to make the conquest of her heart till he could lay a laurel wreath at her feet.

John entered his chosen field encouraged by all. There was no doubt that he had very superior literary facilities. He entered the editorial service of a magazine for an income, proposing to write out of office hours. He soon concluded that to win the success he coveted he must furnish something in an original vein. To swim in the great ocean of the commonplace did not please him. The first important story he wrote was a satire on certain fads of the day. He had resolved not to embarrass his employers by offering them any of his work, so he sent his satire to another magazine. It was returned with the indorsement that it was too good for the class of readers of that particular magazine.

Meanwhile as editor he was accepting stories of one Jefferson Spangler. They were not to be considered as within the realms of literature, but they seemed to please people who had little or no literary taste. Spangler was a connection of Bertha Avery's, and she had introduced him to John, asking him to help one of whose literary ability she had a poor opinion, but who was a very "amiable, deserving fellow." John published some of the young man's productions partly to favor Bertha and partly because they helped to widen the circle of the magazine. At least so thought the editor in chief and owner.

While John was experimenting with different novelties to attract the attention of the public to his work he maintained a sort of indefinite understanding with Miss Avery. He would not ask for her till he had met the coveted success. He always had something under way or finished which he hoped would make the expected hit. Bertha encouraged him to push on and he would eventually reap the reward of his perseverance. But, though many of his works were recognized by a few as scintillations of genius, only those of which he himself had an indifferent opinion found their way into print. One or two stories of marked originality were published and attracted some favorable comment, but not enough to fix the attention of the public on the writer.

Meanwhile Jefferson Spangler was plowing in the field of mediocrity. In time he published a novel which met with a moderate success. John Gregory, surprised, read it, or all of it he could force himself to read, and wondered. But what was his chagrin when the owners of the magazine with which he was connected told him that the next issue would contain a likeness and notice of the "new literary light" and that they had decided to "boom" him.

While Gregory had been trying to dash in upon the public by a brilliant stroke, humble Spangler had been slowly crawling up upon it. He possessed a homely faculty of portraying the common events entering into the lives of ordinary people. Having reached a point where capital concluded that it could make his work profitable, he had nothing more to do but wield his pen. Capital did the rest. Within a few years publishers were competing for his next novel and offering him fancy royalties for it.

The next chapter in John Gregory's life was the receipt of a letter from the girl he adored announcing her engagement to Spangler. Since John had never made a formal proposal for her hand, there was no occasion for her entering into any explanation or apology. She did say, however, that she was not to marry her ideal, but people never did that.

John Gregory is getting old and is a bachelor. He is second assistant editor of the magazine that "boomed" his rival, without prospect of ever attaining any greater prosperity. Different opinions are given as to the cause or causes of his not having succeeded, the most common of which is that "he flew too high."

A Towel Story.  
In a certain New England town they manufacture a well known kind of towel, most efficient for drying purposes. How that towel first happened to be made in the form which has proved so profitable to its makers is the subject of an amusing legend. It savors strongly of belonging to the "too good to be true" genus of anecdotes and is as follows:  
Once the machinery in the towel factory, busily engaged in turning out a very conventional brand of towel, suddenly went wrong and began practically to go backward. There was much excitement. Eventually the machinery was chastised and set to rights again.  
But--it was discovered that the towels turned out during that interval of mechanical anarchy were of a texture quite unrivaled for use as bath towels. As once the machinery was set going backward again and has been traveling in that direction ever since, to the great delight of the stockholders in the towel company.--New York Times.

When Linen is Translucent.  
The whiteness and opacity of dry linen, as of writing paper, are due mainly to the fact of repeated reflections at the surface, so that the light is wasted in these reverberations before it can reach to any depth. The body of linen is a network of transparent fibers not in optical contact, which intercept the light by repeatedly reflecting it. Now, if the interstices of these fibers are filled by a body of the same refractive index as the fibers themselves the reflexion of the surface is destroyed and the linen is rendered more translucent. Water does this; hence linen when wet is darker, but more translucent, just as is the oiled paper used for tracings by architects and engineers. The same holds good with ordinary glass and ground glass, the repeated reflections of the latter making it far less transparent. To a similar cause are due the whiteness and opacity of snow, of salt and of pulverized glass.

An Entertaining Catbird.  
Nothing escapes the eye of our pet catbird, for he is curiosity personified. He wants to know the why and wherefore of everything that is a little strange and does not rest until he has found out. When let out in a room he will carefully examine every nook and corner. He is an inveterate joker and delights to play jokes on his fellow prisoners, while his sense of humor is almost human at times. The pincushion is a constant wonder and delight to him. He flies to it as soon as let out of his cage and either pulls the pins all out or drives them into the cushion as far as possible. If he pulls them out, he hops to the edge of the table and drops them on the floor, flitting his tail and uttering a note of great satisfaction when they strike the floor.--Suburban Life.

How He Felt.  
He was an Englishman of the ultra sort and recently arrived, but he was striving strenuously to catch up with American idioms and New York slang. He had made some progress. He loomed up in the breakfast room of his hotel the other morning after a too convivial evening and encountered one of his companions.

"How do you feel, old chap?" asked the latter.

"Feel?" repeated the Englishman. "Feel? Oh, yes, I see what you mean, old fellow. Well, really, don't you know, I feel like one and six."

"Like what?"  
"Like one and six, as you chaps say here. No! Hold on, there! I mean 30 cents, you know; feel like 30 cents. Yes."--New York Globe.

Convenient.  
"Providence," said the deacon, "sho do look after de cellulid race."  
"How come?" demanded Brother Dickey.

"Well, hit's disaway: De nigger baby ez dey say, walk too soon."  
"Sho do!" assented Brother Dickey. "Dat makes him bowlegged."  
"Now you talkin'!"  
"An' bowlegs is de mos' convenient legs in de worl' fer climbin' a tree when a possum's on de top limb!"--Exchange.

A Brief Introduction.  
Mark Twain said the only introduction to a literary audience that seemed to him the right word in the right place, a real inspiration, was as follows:  
"Ladies and gentlemen, I shall not waste any unnecessary time in the introduction. I don't know anything about this man--at least I only know two things about him. One is that he has never been in prison, and the other is I can't see why he hasn't."

An Illustration.  
"Now, Harold," said the teacher to a small but unusually bright pupil, "give an illustration of the superiority of mind over matter."  
After a moment's reflection Harold replied: "I have to mind you. That's what is the matter."--Chicago News.

Alice Alias Alys.  
Mr. Squiggles--What's the little Nuxor girl's name? I couldn't catch it when her mother introduced us. Mrs. Squiggles--Plain Alice, only her mother's trying to pronounce it so you'll spell it "Alys."--Philadelphia Bulletin.

Both on the Line.  
"The artist over the way was boasting to me that his work is now being hung on the line."  
"Humph! So is his wife's."--Baltimore American.

Revenge is the subject pleasure of an object mind.--Juvenal.

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PEPPERELL.

Much is Being Accomplished.

A lot of necessary concreting and repairing of our sidewalks is being completed by Deware & Jordan, particularly on Main and Mill streets.

Pull for Pepperell.

Among the list of would-be aspirants and others mentioned as candidates for office in this state at the coming election, we notice the name of our fellow-townsmen, Waldo Spaulding, candidate for the senate from the eighth Middlesex district.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Patterson of South Lancaster were in town over Sunday, guests of Mr. Patterson's sister, Mrs. A. H. Harris and family.

The cup at the Country club links was won last week by Edward L. Tarbell. There will not be any match play this Saturday on account of the firemen's muster at Townsend.

Special attention is due the entertainment to be held in Prescott hall, under auspices of the L. B. S. of the Congregational church, Thursday evening, September 23, beginning at eight o'clock.

An old-time house-warming party was enjoyed by over one hundred guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deane in their new home, Main street.

Filling the silo is the busiest item of the present and next few weeks. The one at the town farm was topped Wednesday and work commenced at the farm of C. A. Dennen, where there are about forty acres.

It is understood that the water board have decided to extend the water system into Burkinshaw Village. This is one of a number of important sections which have been neglected.

The baseball game at Townsend last Saturday was Pepperell's victory by 2 to 0, until the eighth inning, when Townsend tied the score and won in the ninth on errors of throwing by our players.

S. M. Nokes has had another bit of misfortune with one of his horses. A large chestnut mare, which had been at work in Amherst, was brought home Sunday and it will be several months before the animal will be fitted for hard work.

It is reported that Raymond Boynton is quite ill at his home in Lowell. Frank Hall was in town Saturday, returning to Nashua Monday.

A large oak tree fell of its own accord Monday night near the Pepperell Spring drive on Mrs. Jennie L. Williams' land. This tree was most three feet through at the butt and must have stood at least one hundred years, as it was completely rotted through at the bottom.

The Pepperell A. A. ball team go to Milford Saturday, to play a game and they intend to make up for the loss of Monday, September 6, and will try to shut out their opponents.

Cider apples are in demand at the vineyard of the Haynes-Piper Co. Ayer, and get cash for them and the highest price paid. Advertisement on first page.

A welcome returned vacationist is Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, who has been absent almost two months.

The family of George T. Keyes have returned home, having spent the summer at Falmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McConnell of Arlington, N. J., have been spending a few days with Mrs. Archibald G. Pike.

Dr. C. F. Rice, district superintendent, will preach at the M. E. church next Tuesday evening, September 21, at 7.30 o'clock.

George McCurdy of Lynn, Mrs. Wentworth McDonald, Mrs. Elizabeth Greenwood, Mrs. Chester Kibble and two daughters of Milford were guests of Mrs. McElhinney over Sunday.

Members of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will meet at chapter house, Thursday afternoon, September 23, at 2.30 o'clock.

The registrars of voters will meet at their room in the town house next Monday evening, September 20, 7.30 to 9 o'clock.

Practical Politics of September 4, has a fine picture of our representative to the lower branch of the legislature. It is understood Shirley will be represented by a candidate and that D. Chester Parsons is the choice.

Francis J. Milan of Portsmouth, N. H., is spending a two weeks' vacation with his parents, Groton street.

Miss Edith Lawrence of St. Louis, who has been spending her vacation with her parents, Mt. Lebanon street, has gone to Groton for a short visit with her brother, George E. Lawrence.

J. A. Wiley of Elm street and M. Drummy were drawn on the jury and are serving in the criminal session at Lowell.

Dr. William Merrill and T. A. Hayes left Monday by auto for Brattleboro, Vt. Their dogs were sent by early express to that point, and it is expected these sportsmen will have a good hunt.

The reappearance of a moving picture show is to date successful. Wednesday and Thursday evenings' entertainments were of the popular kind, and it could not very well be otherwise with choice songs and over a mile of pictures.

The large and inviting rooms were filled with enthusiastic friends. Many from Boston, Lowell, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Haverhill and nearby towns were present, and it was a memorable occasion.

An old-time house-warming party was enjoyed by over one hundred guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rainsford Deane in their new home, Main street.

The evening's entertainment was added to by the Harvard quartet and Thayer's orchestra. Refreshments were served, dancing and general sociability enjoyed by all.

Elmer A. Chase of Lowell was in town recently, a guest of A. A. Blood. His many friends and acquaintances are pleased to meet him again.

Margherita Chase, aged fourteen, only child of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Chase, died last week Friday morning. She had been ill only a short time, taking suddenly ill Wednesday afternoon, and that evening after a consultation an operation for appendicitis was performed by Dr. Smith of Nashua and Drs. C. G. Heald and F. W. Lovejoy of this town.

The Pepperell Woman's club will hold a meeting at Central hall, Tuesday, September 21, at 2.45. There will be a report from the State Federation meeting at Springfield and a conference committee.

It is understood that Waldo Spaulding has signified his unwillingness to enter the senatorial contest. This is heard with many regrets, for with two Lowell men as candidates it was thought our candidate would stand a good show of getting the support of enough Lowell delegates to win.

An alarm from Box 27, Thursday at midnight, aroused many, but the fire was of small account. Riverside hotel, as it is commonly known, caught fire from some unknown cause. It was discovered by Dr. C. G. Heald, who was passing in his auto and quickly notifying police officer, Tarbell, the alarm was given and in a few minutes a stream of water from our new water works' supply did the trick.

W. M. Blood has gone to Plymouth for a few days, but will be home on time for the muster.

The funeral of Marguerite Chase, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Chase, whose death occurred so suddenly last Thursday, was held privately from her late home, Willow street, Sunday. Services by Rev. Robert W. Drawbridge, her pastor. Burial was at Park Street cemetery. Pall bearers were the child's uncles, Edgar Chase, James Taylor, E. Williams and Percy Blake. Her many friends sent loads of choice flowers, and although the funeral was private, her schoolmates may be seen from day to day visiting her last resting place.

The many friends of Joseph A. Welch were shocked to hear of his sudden death at his home in North

Pepperell, Wednesday evening, September 8. He was thirty-five years of age. He had for some time been employed on the W. C. Perry farm as a butcher. The funeral was held from his home last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiated. Interment was in the family lot at Woodlawn cemetery. He leaves a father, two brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, among which were:

Pillow roses, "Brother," family; spray carnations, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Welch; wreath roses, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch; wreath asters, "Cousin"; Orrin Williams and family; spray carnations, Mr. and Mrs. George Grainger; basket flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Robbins; wreath wild flowers, Mr. and Mrs. William Dow; spray asters and ferns, Mrs. L. A. Terry and family; cut flowers, Charles Kniffel; spray asters, Mrs. C. B. Nichols; cut flowers, Miss Blanche Suprenant; cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Albert McNary; spray asters, Miss Esther Robbins.

A very auspicious and attractive event was the wedding here Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's church, by the pastor, Rev. T. I. Coghlan. Dr. Patrick H. Cleary of Leominster and Miss Clara Beatrice Dalphé of this town were the contracting parties. Miss Blanche Duprels was bridesmaid and Bernard Cleary assisted the groom. After the nuptial knot had been tied, a wedding dinner of sumptuous preparation was enjoyed. Many costly and magnificent presents were brought by the friends of the couple. They took the afternoon train to New York, amid showers of congratulatory and good wishes. They will make their home in Leominster.

News was received of the marriage last Wednesday in Boston of Miss Deborah Belyea of this town and George R. Kennedy of New Bedford. Miss Belyea is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Belyea, Groton street. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lulu Belyea. After their honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy will make their home in New Bedford.

A pretty wedding was witnessed Wednesday when James B. Hackett of this town and Miss Julia Green of Groton were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the cathedral in Nashua. After a short tour to the principal cities they will reside in our town.

On last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock Dr. Percy Farrington Miller of Harwich and Miss Hannah Wilson were united in marriage at Boston. Dr. Miller is the youngest son of Selectman Charles H. Miller. After the wedding ceremony the happy couple went to New York and other points of interest and will be at home after October 1, in Harwich, where it is understood the doctor is well established in his profession.

Townsend A. A. added another clean-cut victory Saturday afternoon, winning out in an uphill contest, 4 to 2, from their old rivals, the Pepperells, who had in their lineup Hall, Gagnon, Tune, Gilchrist and Bartlett, all former diamond stars for the past several years.

The game proved to be a pitchers' battle with honors about even. Mahan, an imported school twirler from Boston, did some classy serving for Pepperell, his change of pace being very baffling to the locals and being retired on strikes. His two passes proved costly, as they aided in the run getting. Spaulding also acquitted himself with honors, using good headwork with bases full, pulling himself out of several difficult places. But three scattered singles by Bartlett were recorded during the last eight innings. After getting an earned tally in the first the visitors were handed one in the fifth, but were held in check thereafter by some fast, snappy playing.

As the game progressed the Townsend team put in its best effort and succeeded in tying the score in the sixth on Lancy's pass. Whitcomb's infield hit and Eastman's timely bingle, and they clinched the game in the eighth after Miller's timely drive had followed Lancy's hit and a pass to Whitcomb, giving the Townsend club the final tally by a couple of wild throws.

Gagnon and Gilchrist contributed some fast fielding for Pepperell, while Morse and Teehan duplicated for the Townsend nine, and Lancy helped out his firing partner by starting a fast double play. Both twirlers were accorded fine support at the receiving end. The score:

Table with 10 columns: Name, ab, r, h, b, t, po, a, e. Rows include Townsend A. A. and Pepperell A. A. scores.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9. Townsend A. A. 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 2 4. Pepperell A. A. 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2.

Double play—Lancy and Eastman. Bases on balls—By Spaulding, 5; Gagnon, by Mahan, Lancy, Whitcomb, Eastman. Struck out—By Spaulding, Gagnon, Mahan, Teehan, Morse, Whitcomb, Miller, 2; Arlin, Morse, 2; Parker, 2; Spaulding, 2. Stolen bases—Eastman, Bartlett, Whitcomb, 2. Errors—Hitch, 1; Lancy, 1; Morse, 1; Arlin, 1; Umpire—William Copeland. Time—1 hour, 55 minutes.

Mrs. Rollins of Bedford is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. Sarah P. Fletcher, of Heald street.

Bernard Shattuck, who has spent the summer at Bethlehem, N. H., as an assistant in a hotel, returned home on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Hamblett of Willow street has been enjoying a visit from her son-in-law, Alphonso Billins of Worcester. A favorite cat belonging to Mrs. Hamblett died the first of this month at the remarkable age of fifteen years.

Dr. Percy F. Miller and Miss Hannah Wilson were united in marriage on Saturday, September 11, in Boston

and will be at home to their friends in Harwich, where the doctor has located.

Intelligence has been received this week of the illness of Mrs. Arthur Lawson and her little daughter in a hospital in Hartford, Conn. They are both improving at the latest account.

Miss Margaret Park returned on Wednesday last from a visit in Waltham at the home of Misses Hamilton and Pinkham, the owners of the bungalow on Townsend street.

Miss Margherita Chase died at her home on Willow street, suddenly on the morning of September 10, after an operation for appendicitis, aged fourteen years and three months. She was about as usual during the early part of the week, calling on her friends in her usual genial manner, giving no sign of illness. Dr. Smith of Nashua was the surgeon, and Drs. C. G. Heald and F. W. Lovejoy the attending physicians. It was a very unusually complicated case, and nature succumbed to it. Hers was a loving nature, and she will be sadly missed by her many friends. The funeral service was held on Sunday morning, attended by the family connections of Mr. and Mrs. Chase only. Her uncles were the bearers. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge was the officiating clergyman and rendered the most comforting remarks, quoting from Whitler's and Longfellow's beautiful poems appropriately.

God calls our loved ones. But we lose not wholly what he has given; They live on earth in thought and deed, As in his heaven.

SHIRLEY.

Mrs. Newton Wilson leaves Shirley Tuesday, September 21, for Anniston, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. James P. Tolman will accompany her on this trip. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have been residents of Shirley for past twenty-five years, and during this time have made many lasting and affectionate friendships, which will take a stronger world than eagerness to express all that is felt at their leaving Shirley.

The Alliance met with Mrs. Chester Mills Thursday afternoon, at Lunenburg. The meeting was very interesting and entertaining. Lunch was served.

Eddie Smith, who has been working for the Fitchburg Machine Co., has accepted a position in Gardner and commenced his new duties Monday morning.

Mrs. Warner of Davis street is very ill and confined to her room with Bright's disease.

Miss Elsie Knowles is spending a week's vacation with Miss Fannie Lowe of Clinton.

Arthur B. Story and sister, Mrs. Charles H. Gerry, and daughter, came to visit their sister, Mrs. J. C. Babb and niece, Mrs. E. S. Baker, recently.

Mrs. Warner of Davis street is very ill and confined to her room with Bright's disease.

Miss Abby Gately of Boston, a former resident, visited her sisters, Misses Etta and Lena Gately last Sunday. Miss Abby Gately, who for a number of years past has been saleslady at Shepard & Norwell's, accepted the position of assistant buyer at the largest dry goods house in Salem, and commenced on her new duties Monday morning. Her many friends here in Shirley wish her success in her new position.

Mrs. Belle Hardy and Mrs. Mary Kelly of Somerville visited Mr. and Mrs. James Gately of Main street last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Baker started the first of the week for a two weeks' vacation with some relatives in Epsom, N. H.

Miss Mary Gleason has entered the Fitchburg Normal school.

Services at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10.45 and in the evening at seven o'clock.

Services at the Congregational church Sunday morning at 10.45. Regular meeting of the C. E. S. in the evening at seven o'clock.

Edmund B. Winterbottom spent a few days last week with relatives in Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Charles McNally of Graniteville, N. Y., visited her daughter, Miss Gertrude McNally at the Brookside in the latter part of last week.

Miss Helen M. Winslow has sold her country estate at Shirley, preferring to remain in town on account of her adopted daughter, Allison, who is so musically gifted. Miss Winslow will be a special guest of the Colonial Dames during the coming Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York city.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman will supply the pulpit of the First Parish church at the Center, Sunday, September 19. Hour of service, Shirley, regardless of denomination, are always glad of an opportunity to listen to Mr. Bridgman. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman are interested in the lovely town, and it is expected they will remain in Shirley for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Damming and Miss Nellie Fuller of Auburn, Cal., are guests at the home of Mrs. Louise Livermore. Miss Fuller is a cousin to Mrs. Livermore.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon went Monday morning to join his wife and boy at their summer home at Pocommet and they returned home the latter part of this week.

The forty hours' devotion was opened in St. Anthony's church with high mass at 10.30 a. m. last Sunday, Father J. H. Cote officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hare of Ashburnham were the guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Miss Flynn.

J. C. Ayer Lodge, A. O. U. W. held its regular meeting Monday evening. A good attendance, with much enthusiasm was the feature of the evening. A social hour followed the business session.

The directors of the Altrurian club will hold a food sale at the clubrooms on Friday afternoon, September 24, at three o'clock p. m., for meeting expenses for flowers.

The engineers and firemen of Shirley hose company and their invited guests held their annual outing last Sunday at Fort pond. Dinner was served at Mr. Snell's cafe and the day was very pleasantly spent. The engineers present were Dennis O'Neill, chief, and Willard White. The firemen present were Captain Charles Stebbins, Alex. Bodah, Harry Collyer, Bernard Bodah, Guy Cook, Joseph Murphy, Joseph Gately, Thomas S. Gately, William Lougee, Leo O'Neill and William C. Wolf. About fifteen invited guests were present.

The Franco-Independent club of Shirley, recently organized, held a special meeting at its hall last Sunday afternoon. Henry J. Draper, representative of Lowell, nominee for senator for the eighth district of this county, was the guest and speaker of the afternoon. Other speakers were J. Paradise of Cambridge and brief remarks were also made by Sylvester Thomas, president of the club, and Michael Glonek.

Cider apples are in demand at the vineyard of the Haynes-Piper Co. Ayer, and get cash for them and the highest price paid. Advertisement on first page.

Best Wishes for Success. Mrs. Newton Wilson left first of the week for the home of her daughter, Mrs. Percy F. Miller of Harwich, and will return home the first of next week, when she will leave for her future home in Anniston, Ala., where her husband has recently assumed the management of a cordage plant, owned by J. P. Tolman and others. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will board at a hotel in Anniston.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson from Shirley is a loss to the town, as both have been residents for many years past, and have been a practical help along all lines of good.

Mrs. Wilson has been actively identified with the Altrurian club. They leave Shirley with the best wishes of all for success and happiness in their new far away home in Alabama.

Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Newton Wilson announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Hannah Tallow Wilson, to Dr. Percy Farrington Miller last Saturday at Boston. They will be at home in Harwich after October first. The bride, Miss Wilson, is well known in Shirley, a graduate of the high school class of '08, well accomplished, with a very amiable disposition and has been a leading factor in the social life of the town.

The groom, Dr. Percy F. Miller, is the son of Dr. Miller of Pepperell, and has recently started to practice in the town of Harwich. The match is considered an excellent one.

Birthday Party. Harvard road was the scene of merriment last Saturday afternoon when Miss Ruth Knowles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, celebrated the tenth year of her birth by giving a party to about a score of her young friends. Games and music were the features of entertainment. Miss Bertha Wheeler carried off the prize in the peanut scramble.

Refreshments and confectionery were served, and the party, which lasted from three to six p. m., was a busy one for the little folks, who entered into the spirit of the occasion with vim and enthusiasm. Mrs. Knowles and Misses Emma and Elsie Knowles assisted in the receiving and entertaining.

The festivities came to a close with all surrounding the piano and playing and singing songs, after which all departed for their homes wishing their young hostess many happy returns of the day. Ruth was the recipient of a score of loving tokens of remembrance, and those present were: Millie Parker, Doris White, May Stebbins, Gladys Annis, Hazel Ballou, Gladys Peterson, Esther Harris, Agnes Lynch, Bertha Wheeler, Ruth Day, Vera Day, Sarah Stevenson, Blanche Barak, Hattie Adams, Edna Young, Beulah Eisner, Mildred Eisner and Gladys Eisner.

Postmaster Hildred and all others in Massachusetts are granted from one to five days' leave of absence in order that they may be able to attend the convention of Massachusetts State league of postmasters, fourth class, at American House, Boston, September 23. The postmaster-general will send George G. Thompson of the division of supplies from the postoffice department, at Washington, to be present at the meeting on that date.

Tuesday afternoon, September 21, at 1.30 p. m., the household goods of the late Ellen M. Levy will be sold at auction from her late residence on School street.

Mrs. Emma Spaulding of Boston is spending a week with her niece, Mrs. A. C. Josselyn. During her daughter's absence in Europe, Mrs. Spaulding has been with her sons in North Rochester, N. H.

Miss Blanche Baldwin has returned to her school duties in Maiden.

Miss Marlon Dana has returned to Boston university, where she will resume her studies.

Thomas Hollahan, station agent, returned from his vacation on Wednesday last, bringing with him a bride. The couple have commenced house-keeping at the Parker place.

Frank Taylor has rented A. C. Josselyn's tenement over the store.

F. J. Knight visited with friends in Tyngsborough and attended the Lowell automobile races. Wm. Hill is assisting him at the blacksmith shop.

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