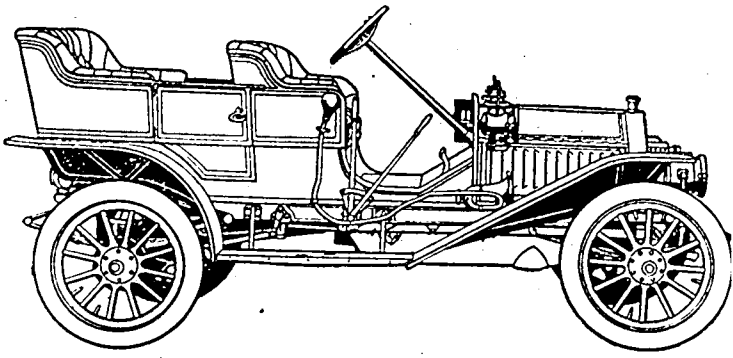


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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The first Baldwin apple-tree ever set out in Littleton was felled this week much to the regret of its owner. Until last year it had faithfully performed the duty for which it was ordained; but in the fall of 1909 it failed to yield a single apple. In spite of its fruitless prospects, Albert F. Conant would gladly have kept the tree for history's sake, but it was condemned by the tree warden who felt that its decaying and pest infested trunk and branches sufficiently warranted its destruction; so the woodman's axe removed this ancient settler from its long established seat, ten rods north of Mr. Conant's house in the field once owned by Deacon Sparhawk Tuttle.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton return to-day at the close of a pleasant visit with friends in Orange and Gloucester City, N. J., and an outing at Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prouty returned Wednesday night and report a vacation filled with enjoyment.

Iedella Stone is on the measles path. Diptheria is holding the family occupying part of the W. Decatur house at Littleton Common in quarantine. The death of one child from pneumonia two weeks ago would seem all that the family could well endure at present, and they may be assured of many sympathizing neighbors in their recent troubles.

Giles Barber had the misfortune to crush one of his fingers while sawing wood Tuesday.

The King's Daughters are busy working for their fair slated for Saturday, March 19, from two to five p. m. at the Unitarian vestry.

The Womans' club will hold the next meeting at the Baptist vestry, Monday afternoon, March 14. The program will consist of a piano solo by Miss Etta Dippman, a vocal solo by Mrs. Mattie K. Priest and "Home papers." The literary part of the program is in charge of Miss Julia S. Conant whose general subject is "A year of anniversaries."

Subject of the Guild for next Sunday evening is "Tennyson's message," and the leader, Miss Grace Needham.

The C. E. subject for Sunday evening is "Patient faithfulness that wins the crown."

Miss Della Case will lead the meeting at the Baptist Church.

The George A. Cook family has been spending a few days at Geo. Cash's.

The ladies of the Baptist society will hold a food sale at the vestry Saturday afternoon, March 12. No orders be taken previous to the sale which is to begin promptly at three o'clock, and not one minute earlier. A pleasant social will be one feature of the afternoon.

F. W. Welds' beautiful place in West Littleton, it is reported will be sold at auction April 2.

Miss Helen Brown of Cambridge was a complimentary ball guest at C. F. Johnson's.

E. W. Stone is said to have given up his position and to have returned to his father's in Gardner.

The Arts and Crafts society has set up the new loom and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell is making the first rug.

Miss Helen Cushman entertained several of the teachers at her room Tuesday evening.

Death.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Cook feel a profound sympathy for them in the great loss sustained through the death of their little nine year old daughter Marjorie who entered through the gates of death into life last week Friday morning. She was taken sick with what was apparently a heavy cold with much catarrhal trouble about February 4, and had also the symptoms of measles which, however, did not appear outwardly for over two weeks when she had high fever and was delirious for three or four days and nights. Thursday, February 24, she appeared to be better. She became conscious and the fever abated. She held her own for two or three days and then Dr. Godfrey found that the abscess had formed on a lung. A specialist was called to see if anything more could be done for her, but the long fever had sapped her strength too much for her to be operated on, and a grim fight for life began. Everything possible was done for her recovery but all in vain.

The funeral services were held at the house on Monday afternoon, Rev. Thomas L. Fisher of Ayer, officiating and using the Episcopal service throughout. The floral tributes were very beautiful and numerous. The service was attended by many neighbors and other friends, among them Marjorie's teachers. Interment was in Westlawn cemetery.

Marjorie was an exceptionally beautiful and attractive little girl, beloved by everybody who knew her, and mourned by her many schoolmates and other friends whose sympathy has found expression in various ways.

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We have just completed the Annual Inventory of our Stock. As usual, we find ourselves with many broken lines and odd lots of this season's goods which we desire to close at a positive sacrifice to ourselves rather than carry over to another season.

Our object is to clear our counters of this season's goods. We do this because it is our policy not to carry merchandise from one season to another, in order that our next season's showing of goods may be

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\$10.00 Suits, now.....	\$7.47
\$12.00 Suits, now.....	\$8.47
\$15.00 Suits, now.....	\$10.47
\$18.00 Suits, now.....	\$13.47
\$20.00 Suits, now.....	\$14.47

Winter Caps

Every cap in store now at a reduced price.

Men's 50c. Caps, now.....	39c.
Men's \$1.00 Caps, now.....	79c.
Boys' 50c. Caps, now.....	39c.
Boys' 25c. Caps, now.....	19c.

Women's and Misses Tams One-Half Price.

50c. Angora Tams.....	25c.
75c. Angora Tams.....	37c.
\$1.00 Chinchilla Tams.....	50c.

Men's Fur Coats

Every Fur Coat and Fur-Lined Coat in the store is now offered at a cut price.

Fur Coats worth \$22.00, now.....	\$16.47
Fur Coats worth \$25.00, now.....	\$20.00
Fur Coats worth \$30.00, now.....	\$25.00
Fur Coats worth \$35.00, now.....	\$29.47

Boys' and Children's Overcoats

Ages 5 to 16.

Every Overcoat at reduced prices.

\$5.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$3.47
\$6.47 Overcoats, now.....	\$4.47
\$8.47 Overcoats, now.....	\$6.47

Men's Sheep-Lined Coats

Every Sheep-Lined Coat in our stock is now offered at One-Quarter off regular price.

Fancy Overcoats

The balance of our stock of Men's and Youths' Fancy Overcoats are now offered at the remarkable cut of

ONE-HALF PRICE.

Every Coat is included at just one-half the regular marked price.

Sizes 34 to 40.

\$10.00 Coats, now.....	\$5.00
\$15.00 Coats, now.....	\$7.50
\$18.00 Coats, now.....	\$9.00
\$20.00 Coats, now.....	\$10.00

Men's Black Kersey Overcoats

Sizes 34 to 44.

Every Overcoat in our stock is now offered at a reduced price.

\$10.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$7.47
\$12.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$8.47
\$15.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$11.47
\$20.00 Overcoats, now.....	\$15.47

Furnishing Goods

50c. Negligee Shirts for Men, now.....	39c.
50c. Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers for Men, now.....	39c.
25c. Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers for Boys, now.....	19c.
50c. Working Gloves, lined for Men, now.....	35c.
25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens for Men and Boys, now.....	19c.
\$1.00 Coat Sweaters for Men and Boys, now.....	79c.
25c. Police Braces, now.....	13c.
\$2.50. Four-in-Hands and Button-on Ties, now.....	15c.

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1 Lot Children's Knee Pant Suits, ages 12 to 16, in straight pants only, marked just ONE-HALF Regular price.	
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LITTLETON.

News Items.

James O'Neil and Mr. and Mrs. James Casley of Lawrence were over Sunday guests at Michael Bradley's. The men are employed at the Arlington mills of that city.

It is regretted that Miss Sarah A. Jones has tendered her resignation from West Grammar school, to take effect March 11. She is a faithful, conscientious teacher, and her friends hope that after a much needed vacation she will feel able to continue in her chosen profession. She carries with her the good wishes of those who were privileged to make her acquaintance during her brief residence in town.

Many friends of Stephens Hutchins are pained to learn of his continued illness and discouraging outlook after a severe shock experienced a week ago Monday. He is unconscious and falls gradually.

Mrs. Mary Ireland Hibbard, popular clerk at the general postoffice, has tendered her resignation to take effect April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbard will begin housekeeping in their new home in Winchester the first of next month.

There will be a caucus held Tuesday evening, March 15, at 7.30 o'clock in the town hall, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the coming election.

Miss Margaret Thacher is at home from Lasell for her Easter vacation.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Otis N. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction the live stock, including cows, heifers and bulls, family tools, wagons, etc., belonging to the estate of E. C. Parker, late of West Acton, Monday, March 14, at ten a. m.

The registrars will be at the selectmen's room Saturday, March 12, from twelve a. m. till 10 p. m. instead of March 19 as reported last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Duren and little Marguerita have been spending the week here with his father.

Miss Cora Hartwell and Linus Hartwell were at Albert Hartwell's last week.

Mrs. W. H. Gooch entertained her friends, Mrs. Lythgoe and son of Newton last week; Mr. Lythgoe being with them over Sunday. Mrs. Chauncey F. Churchill of Dedham also spent Thursday there.

Mrs. Warren Hayward and Bennie have returned from Lynn where they have been for several months with Mrs. S. S. Searles. Mrs. Hayward has just recovered from a very severe attack of bronchial pneumonia.

Arthur Houghton was a weekend guest at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee attended the Pomona grange meeting at Groton, Wednesday and report a most interesting and instructive program.

Paul Viets is having an enforced vacation from school duties caused by an attack of the measles.

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Whereas, Lucy A. Warner, the executrix of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the second account of her administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the thirty-first day of March A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

Witness, Charles J. McInnis, Clerk of said Court, this eighth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Wesley E. H. Hawkes of Melrose spent several days last week at the home of his cousin, Miss Hazel Hartford.

Miss Elizabeth Cushing of the teaching staff at the Frost school was absent Monday at her home in Southborough attending her brother's wedding.

Miss Eva Fletcher returned to her home Monday from the Lowell General hospital where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Merritt and Mrs. Florence Isles attended the recent automobile show in Boston.

Mrs. H. V. Hildreth is convalescent from an attack of grippe. Master Leon has again been under the doctor's supervision with a serious cold.

Mrs. A. H. Sutherland is at the Woman's club hospital in Brookline, where she underwent a serious surgical operation last week, Wednesday. She is doing well at this writing and her many friends wish her a good recovery.

Last week, Friday afternoon, Wayland Balch and John Feeney invited some of the ladies of the village to visit, inspect and enjoy for the afternoon the quarters of the Spaulding Cavalry association on Boston road. About twenty-seven of the thirty invited were able to respond to this cordiality and had a very pleasant time. There were some amateur attempts to use the pool table and euchre was enjoyed. The hosts served refreshments that were all right in quality and quantity. The hospitality was much appreciated and the ladies hope they may be as thoughtfully considered again.

Last week, Friday afternoon was the cake and candy sale at the Frost school under the direction of its capable corps of teachers. The object of this sale was to swell the funds for a new piano. They already have a good sum in the bank and fully eighteen dollars will be added to this from Friday's effort. An additional and interesting feature was the exhibition of school work in the four rooms.

Rev. Wallace preached a most interesting sermon to a large congregation last Sunday morning at the Congregational church. It was a personal message to his new people and was a frank, manly and winning presentation of his ideas of the mutual relations of pastor and people. The evening service was well attended and H. G. Osgood led the singing.

The Foss-Harmon-Smith combination spending the winter in the sunny south do not forget the home-village and its people. While the green growing things are so dormant with us they have sent samples of the luxuriant vegetation where they are. Specimens of jessamine, japonica, tree of lebanon, weeping cedar, Spanish moss and kunquarto have been distributed among friends and neighbors. Genial Fred Smith has gone now to Sanford, sixty-five miles south of South Lake Weir. His letters home are full of interest. He writes of one grower having fifty acres in celery. By another month this group will probably be among us again.

Master John Gill Fletcher met with an unfortunate accident Wednesday afternoon. While at play he fell on the doorstep cutting a bad gash in his forehead. Dr. Wells was summoned and closed the wound with a number of stitches.

The ever-active and progressive Greigs at Fairview Farm have added to their equipment an up-to-date apple-house. The basement has a capacity of between six and seven hundred barrels and over this is a commodious wagon-horse for various farm running-gear, for with their well housed implements and thrifty farming are synonymous. The stone-work, mason work and carpentering were done by Warren E. Carlin.

Grange.

There was the best attendance of the season at the grange last Thursday evening. Six new applicants for membership have been received for the spring class. There were seven visitors present.

The attraction of the evening was the burlesque presentation by the brothers of the ladies' third degree. It was one of those things that needed to be seen to be fully appreciated. To the lively strain of the grange orchestra the Amazonian leaders appeared with their staff of followers in varied and fantastic array. They were marched and counter-marched and led through the remarkable maneuvers. They brandished their swords, they seated the officers with great ceremonies, their ritualistic work was like nothing ever heard before, finally they ushered in a lively and pugnacious goat (?). At any rate it was some sort of an active quadruped. By way of giving an hour of lively fun it was a great success.

It was under the direction of genial Joe Wall who has had much experience and success with entertainments.

The brothers who so capably aided him were: Samuel L. Taylor, Willard Fletcher, Edson Boyton, Edward Clement, W. R. Taylor, Horace Gould, Everett Woods, Henry Colburn, David Greig, Charlie and Fred Blodgett, John Feeney, Jr., and Lewis Jenkins were the candidates. The next meeting, March 17, will be poet's night and a good program is being prepared.

A good delegation from this grange was present at the North Middlesex Pomona grange in Lowell last Friday. The tenth anniversary of the formation of this Pomona was ob-

served. There was an excellent historical sketch by George E. Crosby of Tewksbury and many other interesting features throughout the day.

A Munificent Gift.

One of the pleasantest happenings of the week to chronicle is the knowledge that has come to the townspeople of the munificent gift, intended for the town, from Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney.

Mrs. Whitney has offered to give to the town the sum of \$10,000 for the establishment and perpetual maintenance of a public playground and baseball field. This means village improvement on a splendid scale and fully merits the hearty and genuine appreciation heard on all sides. It means the putting into good shape of the rough and unsightly four acres surrounding the Frost school and the adjacent academy and the making of a fine playground for the present and future pupils of these schools.

The gift is a memorial to the late Hiram Whitney. The accepting of the gift will be considered at the approaching town meeting.

Basketball.

The Westford academy basket ball team added another victory to their string of games Saturday at the academy gymnasium when they defeated the Shirley team known as the Crescent A. A.'s. The largest crowd of spectators of the season was present and the contest was full of interest. The score was 15 to 10.

The Westford high school second team tried conclusions with the Shirley high first team and again were victorious with a score a little closer, 18 to 14.

Reception.

The members and friends of the Union Congregational church tendered their new pastor, his wife and daughters a reception, Wednesday evening. It was a pleasant evening and a good number availed themselves of this opportunity for promoting the acquaintance between pastor and people so auspiciously begun. Rev. and Mrs. Bailey and several others represented the neighboring church.

Those in the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace were the two deacons, H. G. Osgood with Miss Loker; Arthur E. Day with Mrs. Day, and L. W. Wheeler, chairman of pulpit supply, with Mrs. Wheeler. The ushers were Wm. R. Taylor, Eliot F. Humiston and John S. Greig. The decorations were cut flowers and potted plants. Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Hartford, assisted by Misses Norris, Lawrence, Cushing, Barnard and Carter.

Mrs. W. M. Wright attended the Middlesex Worcester Pomona at Groton, Wednesday and reports a good program and a fine time.

About Town.

Frank Collins has resigned as superintendent of the Brookside mills. He has several positions offered, but has not decided where to locate.

Councillor Fletcher, who has been seriously ill at his home on Oak hill, with the grippe, has nearly recovered his usual grip on the social and business life of the community. His friends at the caucus missed him, they trust that the town meeting will not be missed by him. Dr. Wells is acting as board of health for him, which being in regard to a business way means, that Wells and got well, they are partners in business.

Joseph Marshall has rented his store on town line at Westford corner to an Italian. His name does not occur to the writer just at present, suffice to say it is a long lockjaw name with many impronounceable joints in it. This store has been as it were kept on the bread of idleness for several years, to the loss of the owner. The leasing of it will seem to add to the life that rotates about Westford corner and revenue to the owner who is weary of paying taxes on idleness.

The annual town meeting will be held Monday, March 21. There are thirty-eight articles in the town warrant.

Caucuses.

The republican caucus Monday evening brought out about one hundred voters. In the absence of chairman Herbert E. Fletcher, Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher was chosen chairman. Finding that he was likely to be cornered into a candidate for selectman, he turned the office of chairman with all the regulations, pertaining thereto to H. V. Hildreth who was approved wise and worthy by the caucus. Alfred W. Hartford was chosen secretary and wrote history, as the caucus made it, which reads this way: Selectman, Sherman H. Fletcher; assessor, Chas. D. Colburn; overseers of poor, Chas. L. Hildreth; treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; school committee, Albert R. Choate, Henry B. Reed; cemetery commissioner, David L. Greig; library trustee, Charles O. Prescott; notables, Edson G. Boynton, John A. Healey; collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith; auditor, William R. Taylor.

A unanimous rising vote of thanks was passed, as a mark of appreciation for the long and faithful service of the retiring town treasurer, Nahum H. Wright, and the secretary of the caucus was instructed to convey the sentiment of the meeting, using ink and paper as an assistant messenger.

The democratic caucus was held at the town hall Tuesday evening. Edward Fisher was chosen chairman and Joseph Riney, secretary. It was a caucus of ditto marks for the candidates of the republican caucus excepting Joseph Wall who was unanimously nominated for selectman and Harold Gould for school committee in place of Albert R. Choate, and John A. Sullivan for constable in place of John A. Healey. Sixty-five were present.

Death.

The funeral of Lorenzo Sweetser, who died last week, took place from the Baptist church, South Chelmsford, Sunday afternoon. Rev. C. W. Williams, a former pastor, and Rev. John Game officiated. Singing was by Mrs. George P. Mansfield, and Mrs. J. F. Parker. The bearers were L. J. Fieko, Warren Barry, George P. Mansfield and Frank C. Byam. Burial in Hart-

Pond cemetery. Mr. Sweetser was for many years a resident of Westford, and was a successful carpenter and reliable not only as such, but extremely conscientious in all things his hands found to do. Alone with truth, if need be, was his daily meat, rather than the allurements of the crowd baited with success and pleasure at any price. His memory is worthy of its opportunities.

Forge Village.

Joseph McDonald met with a painful accident Saturday afternoon. He was cutting a tree down in the rear of the mill, when the axe slipped and cut a long gash in the side of his foot. Fourteen stitches were necessary to close the cut. Dr. W. H. Sherman dressed the injuries.

George H. Prescott, who has been very ill at his home the past few weeks, was operated upon for blood poison Monday. Dr. Martin of Lowell, assisted by Dr. Cyril A. Blaney, performed the operation. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clifford Prescott, of Nashua, N. H., is caring for him.

Work will commence shortly on the new three-story brick mill which is to be erected by Abbot & Co. The cement foundation was laid last fall and everything is in readiness to commence operations. A large force of men will be employed and work on the new building will be pushed rapidly. When completed it will furnish employment to a large number of people.

The many friends of Walter Blodgett, the well-known and esteemed conductor on the Lowell and Fitchburg electric railroad, will be sorry to hear that he has resigned his position on that line. Mr. Blodgett was the oldest conductor, being the fourth to be employed when the line was put in operation. He has accepted a position at Fletcher's clothing store at Ayer and commenced his new duties last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett and little son Edward and Mrs. Chester Blodgett of the Ridges are suffering with the grippe.

Ernest Longbottom of Arlington Heights was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett on Thursday.

Cameron school closed Friday for the spring vacation of two weeks.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle met with Mrs. Fred A. Sweatt on Thursday afternoon. The circle is working hard, making articles both useful and ornamental, which will be offered for sale at their annual fair.

Lenten services were held in St. Andrew's mission Wednesday evening, and were conducted by the vicar, Rev. Thomas Legate Fisher. At the conclusion of the services Mr. Fisher gave instructions to the confirmation class which were to be confirmed at St. Andrew's church in Ayer, Friday evening, by Bishop William Lawrence.

Sunday evening services will be held at the Mission House at seven o'clock. An attractive and special musical program will be given by the vested choir of little girls. The little tots in their white cotters and scarlet caps make a charming picture as they slowly march in the procession.

Mrs. David Lord has been confined to her home the past two weeks with a severe attack of grippe.

Graniteville.

Lenten devotions were held in St. Catherine's church on Tuesday evening at the usual hour, Fr. Schofield conducting the services.

The annual parish reunion of St. Catherine's church will be held in this village on Friday evening, April 1.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. L. A. Blood on Thursday afternoon, March 10, at the usual hour.

Hanlet S. Booth, the young man who was taken from here to the Lowell General hospital on last Wednesday suffering with typhoid pneumonia, died at the hospital Friday night, March 4, aged twenty-five years. He was ill only five days. The body was taken to the rooms of undertaker George W. Healey, in Lowell, and was sent to his former home in Spring Hill Mines, Nova Scotia, on Sunday afternoon for burial. His shopmates in the C. G. Sargent machine shop sent a beautiful set piece of flowers.

Miss Anna Harrington and Miss Mae Mack of Leominster have been recent visitors in this village.

Miss Catherine Holland and friends from Lowell have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester McLenna in this village.

The parishioners of the M. E. church appear to be highly pleased with their new pastor, Rev. Lewis F. Havermale. He is an eloquent preacher and being a young man makes matters very interesting for the younger members of the church while his forceful sermons make a deep impression on all.

Mr. Isaac Hall and Miss Lottie Doucette, two well-known young people of this village were married in Nashua, N. H., on Saturday morning, March 3. The event was something of a surprise to their many friends here, who wish the young people every success in their new life. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will at present reside at the home of the bridegroom's parents in Tyngsboro, and later will take up housekeeping in this village. Mr. Hall is employed with the C. G. Sargent Corporation here.

A Baseball Club.

The fine weather for the past few days reminded the boys that spring will soon be here, and plans are already under way for the formation of a baseball club that will represent Graniteville on the diamond this coming summer.

The Blues did remarkably well last season, winning the pennant in the Stony Brook league with a club composed entirely of local players. It is sincerely hoped that the home team will be intact for the coming season, if possible, and if there are any changes to be made that they be done with the best interest of the club at heart.

The baseball boys are all good fellows, and it is hoped that at the meeting that will be held in the near

future, everything will be peaceful and harmonious.

New Field of Labor.

At the 9:45 o'clock mass in St. Catherine's church Sunday morning, the celebrant, Rev. J. J. McNamara, announced that he had recently accepted an appointment to take charge as pastor of a new parish that will soon be opened, comprising the territory of Canobie Lake, Salem and Pelham, N. H., and will take charge of his new duties shortly after Easter. Although the appointment comes in the nature of a promotion to Fr. McNamara, the parishioners of St. Catherine's church sincerely regret his departure, for during the few years he has been here as assistant to Rev. Edmund Schofield, the pastor, he has formed many warm friendships by his untiring zeal and pleasing personality, and is beloved by all members of St. Catherine's church, both young and old. He will long be remembered by the people here who wish him every success in his new field of labor.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The Lunenburg brass band held its annual concert in the town hall on Friday evening, March 4. There was a large attendance. After the concert an orchestra of seven pieces from the band made fine music for dancing until a late hour. Ice cream and cake were no sale and the game of ringtoss and guess cake helped to make the concert a financial success.

A little daughter made her appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Emerson on Monday morning, March 7.

The trustees of the library are moving the books into the new building this week.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. served one of their deservedly popular dinners in the lower hall for the town meeting and it was well patronized as usual.

The pupils of the high school are preparing to hold an entertainment, in the town hall on Friday evening, March 18, under the direction of Miss Nettie M. Gauthier, the superintendent of music.

Deaths.

The body of Miss Eliza Jackson was brought into town last Saturday for burial. She died at the insane asylum on Thursday, March 3, having been there only one week. Miss Jackson was a native of Lunenburg, having been born here about ninety years ago or more and having spent the greater part of her life on the old home place. She was a most estimable woman, kind and sympathetic, winning friends wherever she went by her sweet, lovable manners and quiet, cheerful disposition. Every day of her life exemplifying her unflinching trust in a kind heavenly father. It did seem very sad indeed that insanity should come upon her, so near the close of her beautiful life, when the infirmities of age were creeping on. But her many friends and old neighbors—will remember her kind words and deeds for years to come.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting took place here on Monday, March 7. James Hildreth was elected moderator for the 39th consecutive term and Stillman Stone town clerk for the 16th time.

The town officers were elected, almost the same as last year, and were as follows:

1. D. Field, constable; selectmen, John Woodbridge, Ernest K. Proctor, Hiram R. Houghton, assessor for 3 years, E. K. Proctor; town treasurer, Sidney H. Francis; school committee for 3 years, C. F. Lane; school committee to fill the unexpired term of the late C. A. Goodrich, Emerson W. Baker, auditors, Charles L. Allen, Warren Lewis.

Appropriations—Poor, \$1,600; schools, \$5,200; highways, bridges and railings, \$2,500; library, the dog fund and \$500 in addition, because of the increased expense as it is intended to keep the new library open three afternoons and two evenings each week; extermination of moths, \$415; snow expense, \$400; town officers, \$1,000; inspection of cattle and meat, \$350; general expense, \$1,000; soldiers' relief, \$150; state and county tax, \$2,500; state highway repairs, \$100; old home week, \$100; street lights, \$500; schoolhouse note, \$1,000; school physician, \$75; total, \$18,050.

Voted, not to close the South school this year. On motion of C. L. Allen, \$300, was appropriated for clearing brush from roadsides, especially at corners and sharp curves, and removing other obstructions, at such places, the money to be spent by direction of the selectmen.

Edgar E. Rines was chosen agent to spend the appropriation for Memorial day. Voted, to make a new valuation of town property this year, and \$500 was appropriated for that purpose. Voted, to appropriate \$100 for the dedication of the new library, and Mr. Woodbridge announced that it was the wish of Miss C. E. Watson, the donor, that the dedication take place on old home day.

Several minor articles were brought up and were left to the selectmen to decide.

The vote on the license question was 13, no 80.

New Advertisements.

Town of Groton



Selectmen's Rooms

February 24, 1910.

The Selectmen hereby announce that the Town Books will close on Thursday evening, March 10, at nine o'clock. Please render all bills on or before that date.

Reports and articles for warrant must be in by Thursday, March 17.

FRANK A. TORREY,
JAMES R. HAWKES,
Selectmen of Groton.

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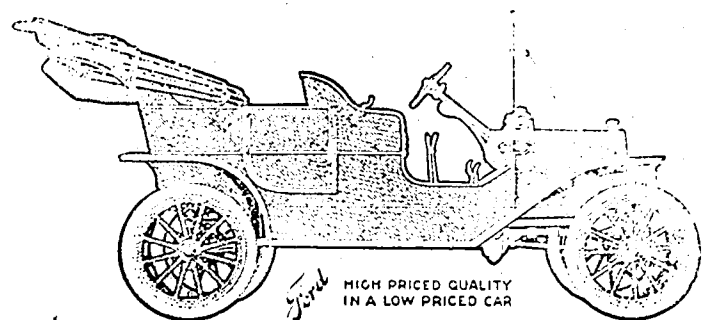
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- North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer.
- Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg.
- Fitchburg Savings Bank.
- Gardner Savings Bank.
- Clinton Savings Bank.
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Registration of Voters



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

Thursday, March 10, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.
Saturday, March 19, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.
Saturday, March 26, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, March 26, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

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

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

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PETER B. MURPHY,
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PEPPERELL.

Ninetyth Anniversary.

Mrs. Alfred Lawrence is one of our oldest residents. She was invited to the home of Mrs. John L. Boynton, Wednesday, March 2, it being her ninetyth anniversary. She was surprised to find a gathering of friends and neighbors, who came together to celebrate the event. An interesting afternoon was enjoyed.

Mrs. Lawrence sang with Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, "Thus far the Lord has led us on." Rev. R. W. Drawbridge and Mrs. Drawbridge sang, "Flow gently sweet Afton." The following poem by one of the neighbors, Mrs. M. A. Pond, was read. Refreshments were served:

The years have passed, as golden beads Slip on a silken thread; They, one by one, have passed along, Till ninety now have fled.

We come today to honor one, Who now for ninety years, Has known life's joys and sorrows too, Glad smiles and bitter tears.

In looking back through ninety years, What changes she must see; So many things, so many ways, Ar'n't as they used to be.

She used to sit by open fire And watch the glowing blaze Rush up the great old chimney's throat. When in her childhood days.

She saw her mother cook their food Within this fireplace wide, And use the crane so deftly hung; And baker at one side.

She went with other boys and girls To the good district school, Where many things were learned by rote, And they could say the rule.

No churches then were warmed by Or had electric light; The ladies took their good foot-stoves, And candies were thought bright.

No rushing cars disturbed the peace, In all the country wide, Electric power and heat of steam, Had not then been applied.

The telegraph and phonograph Were at that time unknown; And auto were not thought of then, Or useful telephone.

The women then remained at home, Engaged in household work, And were not found in every place, Stenographer or clerk.

The sewing then was done by hand, And not by a machine, For ninety years ago, you know, Machines had not been seen.

The yarn for socks was made at home, The knitting there was done, And every girl must do her stint, Ere she could play and run.

The times have changed and our good friend Has kept up with them too; She does not think, she does not act, Just as she used to do.

She kindly takes to modern ways, And thinks them not so bad; She does not say, "old times were best," And look so very sad.

She takes an interest in the world, And reads the news each day, And if you ask her what's occurred, She knows just what to say.

She laughs and talks with those she meets, And shows a cheerful face; And when an argument is up, She's sure to win the race.

Her faith in God and in his love Stands firm as in her youth; Through all his words, she loves the right, Loves honesty and truth.

And now we come and wish for her The joys that come with years, The trust that God's own guiding hand Has led through smiles and tears.

And that his hand will guide her still, Through all her years to come, And in his own good time and way Lead her to his bright home.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.
Sixteen of the friends of Mrs. Lucilla P. Peabody, surprised her the first of the week and reminded her that she had reached her seventy-seventh milestone. A very dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Belle C. Hall and Miss Blanche W. Hall. The evening was spent in recalling pleasant memories of the bygone days. There were quaint little souvenirs for all. A handsome china fruit dish and a shower of birthday postal cards and other gifts will be pleasant reminders of the happy event to the genial hostess, who is beloved by many.

Sheriff Fred K. Ramsey and Deputy Thomas B. Donnelly of Manchester, also Deputy Sheriff Frank W. Ordway of Milford and Robert Bunton of Goffstown were in town Sunday night and arrested Frank P. Farnsworth and Lovinia Hay on charge of fornication. They were arraigned before Judge Keyes at Milford and entered a plea of guilty. Farnsworth was fined \$25 and costs of \$54.49, a total of \$79.49, which he paid, while the case against Miss Hay was continued for sentence. Farnsworth is nearly sixty years old and Miss Hay is only eighteen. Her mother lives in Manchester, where it is understood she will be taken.

Mrs. Emma Fleming and daughter Winona of Fitchburg were recent guests of Mrs. John B. Hardy.

The Loyal Workers met at the Seaver homestead, Wednesday afternoon.

James H. S. Tucker of Nashua, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker.

Albert Gibson of Walpole was a visitor in town, March 5.

Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker of Nashua were week and Sunday guests at Inncroft.

Nathaniel Hobart observed his eighty-eighth birthday Wednesday, March 2. In the evening he entertained a party of gentlemen friends. Mr. Hobart is a very bright, active man for one of his advanced years and interested in all the current events.

Mrs. Ella Rockwood entertained the original members of the O. W. C. and her neighborhood friends, Wednesday, March 2. A delicious chowder dinner was served. Sociability prevailed and the hours were happy ones. Mrs. Rockwood has recently sold her home and is to move to the double house owned by the N. W. Coburn heirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, Saturday, March 5.

Miss Robinson of Mount Vernon and Mr. Everett of Chelsea have been guests of Dr. Holcomb and wife.

The Ladies' Aid society served an appetizing dinner town meeting day. About six dollars were added to the treasury.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes will exchange pulpits with Rev. D. H. Hickey Sunday, March 13.

Seventy-three tramps have been cared for by the town this past year.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall of Charlestown, Mass., were recent guests of Mrs. J. A. Hall.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the church parlors, Tuesday afternoon.

The new individual communion service was dedicated last Sunday morning at the Congregational church.

The Loyal Workers met at the Seaver homestead, Wednesday afternoon.

The school roll of Honor contains the following names:

Three terms—Laura M. Burnham, Harry D. Corey, Hazel C. Foss. Two terms—Vinella Wright, Forace R. Hajj, Matilla A. Butterley, Michael Regan, Patrick Regan. One term—Mildred H. Dodge, Wendall Taylor, Gerald Shattuck, Mary E. Regan, Cornelius Regan, Helen Le Clair, Wilfred Bouchard.

A large and enthusiastic citizen's caucus was held at Tarbell's hall Saturday evening.

Town Meeting.
At the annual town meeting, Thursday the following officers were elected:

Town clerk, Edward C. Tucker; selectmen, George L. Dodge, David S. Fessenden, Harry Marshall; treasurer, Herbert S. Corey; road agents, Delbert W. Porter, Arthur Gosse; auditors, Frank L. Willoby, Edward C. Tucker; trustees of library, Charles H. Hutchins, Ella W. Tucker, Edward C. Tucker; constable, George H. Nye; engineers, Frank L. Willoby, chief, Orville D. Fessenden assistant, tree wardens, Delbert W. Porter, Arthur Gosse; sexton, Henry G. Shattuck; public weighers, Alpha A. Hall, William S. Brown, Patrick J. O'Connell; trustees of cemetery funds, Harry Marshall, George L. Dodge, David S. Fessenden; surveyors of wood and lumber, Perley L. Pierce, George M. Rockwood, George H. Nye, Frank Austin, Albert T. Pierce; Arthur A. Gosse, sealer of weights and measures, Elmer J. Kidout; memorial committee, George W. Bridges, Charles A. Gilson, Charles H. Russell.

Voted to raise \$1,700 to pay for the support of the poor and the just debts of the town. Voted to raise \$150 over and above what the law requires for highways and bridges. Voted to raise \$175, the amount necessary to secure State aid for the permanent improvement of highways.

Voted to raise \$250 to rebuild the plank walk between Tarbell's Hall and the post office. Voted to raise \$75 to cut the brush along the highways. Voted to raise \$100 to destroy brown tail moths. Voted to pay the firemen six dollars apiece and reorganize the fire department. Voted to raise \$25 to purchase extension ladders. Voted to raise \$75 for repairs on the town hall. Voted to raise \$100 to repair the highway between Perley Pierce's and the Townsend line. Voted to accept a gift of a tract of land for a public park and a vote of thanks was extended to the donors, Messrs Clarence R. Russell, Samuel Swett, Orville D. Fessenden, Walter E. Corey.

Voted to accept one hundred dollars from Bertha Hutchinson for perpetual care of lot in South cemetery. Voted to pass the article relating to the observance of old home week. Voted to pass the article in regard to the claim of William Ladd Dodge. Voted to raise \$100 for printing town history. Voted to raise \$75 for Brookline public library.

TOWNSEND.
West.
Rev. Charles Upton of Greenville, N. H., occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday morning and evening, and the coming Sunday will exchange with Rev. Richie of Worcester.

At the regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church Saturday afternoon the resignation of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Cox, which has been laid upon the table for several months in hopes that the condition of his health might be so improved that he would be able to continue his duties as pastor, was taken up and accepted to take effect the first of April. It is a matter of deep regret to his many friends here that Mr. Cox, although improving in health, will not be able to resume his duties here and will be obliged to give up his pastoral work for the present.

Miss Blanche Sprague, the teacher of the grammar school, left Saturday noon for her home in Readsboro, Vt., where she will spend her spring vacation, returning the first of April.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle held their postponed meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Patch, last week, the topic being, "The life and work of Rudyard Kipling." After the literary program a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held Friday afternoon, March 18, at the home of Mrs. Charles B. Stickney and the topic will be Dr. Henry Van Dyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan are spending a few days with relatives in Reading and vicinity.

Dwight Rawson has left the employ of Fessenden at the Centre and has taken position in one of the comb-shops in Leominster.

Miss Doris Tenney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tenney, celebrated her seventh birthday last Saturday afternoon by entertaining a party of her young friends and classmates. Refreshments consisting of cake and cocoa were served and the afternoon was passed in games and amusements, and was enjoyed by all.

Chester Davis of Ashby is spending a part of his vacation with Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence.

It is reported that Mrs. Margaret Benner has sold her cottage on the road to the centre to Walter Bennett of Bayberry Hill, and is about to join her son, George, who is located in Oklahoma.

Miss Elsie Flanders of Boston is a guest at the home of William Thorpe.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society cleared about eight dollars as the proceeds of the supper given in the vestry last Wednesday evening.

Walter Wilder of Josselynville is serving on the jury this week.

Mrs. J. H. Cox was called to Cambridge last Monday afternoon by the death of one of Mr. Cox's brothers, Frank Cox of Cambridge, and the funeral was held at his late residence Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Mary A. Taft of Lowell is a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton of Main street.

Archibald Bennett of Somerville is stopping with his brother, Walter Bennett at his home on Bayberry hill.

The Ladies' Aid society met last Wednesday afternoon at the rooms of Mrs. E. J. Lees at Mrs. Farnsworth's house on Main street.

Everett W. Seaver of Boston, a former resident here, is spending a few days with his brother, George A. Seaver of Main street.

Center.
Mrs. Fletcher of Pepperell is visiting at Mrs. A. D. Fessenden's.

Miss Ruth Richards of Lowell is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Richards.

Isaac Conrad has severed his connection with the B. and A. D. Fessenden Co. and will be employed by the Whitney carriage concern at Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Arlin are moving into the Henry J. Miller tenement this week.

F. S. Pingry of Littleton was in town recently visiting his daughter Mrs. W. L. Bruce.

Mrs. Frank Heselon has been quite ill the past few weeks, but is more comfortable at the present time.

Mrs. Leola Brigham of Lynn is visiting his mother, Mrs. Aspinwall.

The following is the program for the Grange, Monday evening, March 14: Current Events, Galen A. Proctor; music in charge of Frank Woods; farm subjects will be discussed as follows: Corn, James A. Dixon; milk, Edgar E. Campbell; poultry, Annie M. Greenleaf; fruit, Irving A. Seaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Field, of Fitchburg road are quite ill, needing the care of neighbors and a nurse.

Clarence Stickney has given up his position at Mrs. A. L. Fessenden's and will probably be employed out of town this summer.

Club Meeting.
The Monday club met this week with Mrs. Thirza A. Fessenden, Mrs. Fessenden and Mrs. K. Frances Flagg acting as hostesses.

A very interesting and able address was given by Mr. Pietro Isola, of Boston upon "Early christian art." The lecture was made more pleasing by the passing around of many pictures of the works of early artists, representing their paintings, sculpture, bas-reliefs, and famous mosaics. The pictures of the various MacConnas were especially interesting.

Mr. Isola held the attention of all throughout the lecture and displayed an inherent love of art in his treatment of the subject. There was also a piano solo and a song by Mrs. Daisy Beckford. Refreshments were served.

LITTLETON.

A Valuable Historic Work.
The Town of Littleton, through a committee consisting of Hon. Geo. W. Sanderson, Herbert J. Harwood and the late Edward Frost, recently published a book of great merit and historic value. In this volume Joseph Alfred Harwood has carefully compiled the records of births, marriages and deaths in Littleton from 1715 to 1850; also, the early church records of the town and other valuable information. It is copiously indexed and comes from the press of Huntley S. Turner of Ayer, bound in a neat and attractive form. A wide sale is predicted for this publication, which will appeal not only to all citizens of Littleton and her descendants, but to every lover of history.

Canines in Trouble.
In the midst of the grand chorus of bluebirds that filled the air with welcome heralds of approaching spring, there resounded last Sunday afternoon the piercing yelps of a dog in distress at the mill pond. The neighborhood was immediately alarmed at the distressing cries, and many, thinking that some person must be in trouble rushed to the scene of disaster with ropes and poles. Half way across the pond near the large elm in the John A. Kimball pasture was Harry Hume's black dog, the family pet, struggling for a foot hold on the ice that constantly gave way beneath him, and pleading with almost human pathos for aid. A noose was thrown over his head and poor Fido was rescued from an icy grave, but so stiff and weary that he fell exhausted at his masters feet.

On the day previous, H. F. Proctor's family dog, a bull terrier, was killed on the railroad track and E. J. Wilcox's dog at about the same time broke his leg, so that there seemed to be a general catastrophe among our canine inhabitants.

A Capital Success.
The complimentary ball was held in town hall Thursday evening, March 10. Decorations of yellow chrysantheums and butterflies with touches of green cut an air of fairy daintiness and beauty to the scene of festivity.

The occasion was graced by guests from Ayer, Harvard, the Actons, Westford and Groton. Of the sixty-six invitations sent out nearly all were accepted.

To the music of Brigham's orchestra President C. F. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson led the grand march after a half hour's delightful concert. To the grange is given the credit for serving a delicious supper. The party was pronounced a capital success measured by the enjoyment received and given.

For the Good of Children.
Parents and teachers in good numbers assembled at the high school house Tuesday afternoon in the interest of a Parent's Teachers' association to be formed in town for the good of school children and their parents or guardians.

Superintendent A. B. Webber presided and introduced Mrs. Walter Smith of Malden who is organizing such associations throughout the state. She advised that this be made a state branch and thereby secure free lecturers and literature for the benefit of the cause.

It was voted to organize a local society and a committee to nominate officers was chosen, consisting of Mrs. W. E. Conant, Mrs. A. B. Webber; Mrs. E. N. Robinson, Mrs. D. H. Woodbury and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb. Mrs. Smith left a model constitution which will doubtless be adopted.

The meeting for organization will be held on the evening of March 14, at eight o'clock, and it is hoped that a large number of people, regardless of nationality, religion and other differences will attend.

Backlog Club.
The entertainment given at the Backlog club, under direction of the Backlog committee last week Thursday evening, proved both novel and very amusing. The admission fee consisted of an article worth at least ten cents, concealed in wrapping paper and later disposed of at auction by N. H. Whitcomb, auctioneer, ready wit and clever suppositions made the sale most alluring and entertaining.

Many of the packages sold for fifty cents and over and several bidders discovered in the settlement that their indebtedness amounted to considerably more than one dollar. The receipts from the sale were \$17.91, plus the incalculable quantity of fun originating from several sources, including that created by publicly opening the parcels.

Miss Agnes May Tillery of Rock Point, North Carolina, a student at the School of Expression in Boston, gave a variety of select readings that commanded the closest attention and called forth repeated applause. Miss Mildred Benthall, a talented musician of Somerville, rendered piano solos that merited the enthusiastic reception she enjoyed. Both artists, although young, give promise of enviable achievements in their chosen professions.

Eliot Young played most acceptably on his clarinet, accompanied at the piano by his mother, Mrs. Jessie Young. The ladies' quartet completed the program by a very happy selection.

The rest of the evening was given over to sociability in which the entire company participated freely and heartily.

Surprised.
The friends of Miss Alice Hartwell gave her a pleasant surprise in the form of a kitchen shower at Mrs. E. H. Proctor's last week Friday afternoon.

About thirty were present and helped make the event memorably bright, not only with tin, but with showers of good wishes and clever suggestions for household application.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence, whose undisputed magnitude in the rhetorical constellation, made the presentation speech to which Miss Hartwell responded with becoming modesty and sincere expressions of gratitude. The hostess served delicious ices with assorted cake.

A happy romance always creates a longing for a sequel, and Harry Smith figured as the hero in a novel shower, the plot for which was made by the immediate family and a few other relatives who carried into successful execution the various details. This shower consisted of useful tools and other articles needed by the man of the house. The scene was laid at the Smith home on King street and the time, evening of March 10, Mr. Smith's birthday. Among the leading characters was Grandma Smith whose general personality and radiant countenance contributed much to the enjoyment of both scenes.

The climax, which doesn't necessarily conform to the rules of dramatic art, will reach its height on March 26, when the hero will culminate his conquest by leading to the altar the fair lady of his choice. (To be continued.)

To the Editor:
Although at the last annual town meeting it was voted to adopt the Australian ballot in the election of town officers, there seems to be quite a goodly minority of voters as yet unconvinced that the change will be a good thing for the town. In view of this fact it may not be amiss to enumerate a few of the advantages of the "to Littleton," new system.

In the first place the idea that the town's affairs are, and have been run by a ring is rightly or wrongly fixed in the minds of quite a few of the voters. If this idea is based on fact and such a ring exists, the caucus preceding the town meeting offers a chance for dissatisfied voters to get in their work and square the ring and if the ring does not exist the same medium gives an opportunity to show the gentlemen from Missouri, wherein they err.

I have been in the town but three years and in that time have been unable to find out how, when, where and by what authority, candidates for office under the old system received nominations.

If they were nominated by a few citizens acting as a self-appointed committee because the average voter did not take interest enough in the matter to act and somebody had to do it, the matter will be regulated by the caucus.

Any voter that has too little interest in naming candidates to attend the caucuses has no kick coming if the nominees don't suit him.

Secondly, the Australian ballot gives every voter who wishes to do so a chance to vote for the entire list of town officers, no matter what time of the day it may be convenient for him to go to the polls.

Thirdly, it gives opportunity to act on the appropriations and other matters of general interest in the middle of the day when the bulk of the voters are present. Formerly some fifteen thousand dollars has been raised and appropriated in about an hour, usually late in the day when many of the voters have left and when there was but scant time for the careful consideration that should attend action of such importance.

A few good kickers are a benefit to any town and the time and place for them to get in their work is at the town meeting while the business is under consideration and not the following year after it is all settled.

Under the new arrangement the effective kick ought to be more in evidence and the post-mortem grumble silenced.

Objection has been made to the additional cost to the town of the Australian ballot.

Everything that is good costs money as we all know, but I think the advantages gained are worth the money. At any rate I have never known a town that has once adopted this system to go back to the old style of doing business.

V. T. E.
Littleton, March 7, 1910.

News Items.

Rev. Chester A. Drummond preached in Somerville last Sunday. He was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker at their home on Highland ave.

Littleton friends of Mrs. Susie Watts Dexter are interested to learn that Parker Jerome has recently entered a claim to a mother's love and father's pride in the Dexter home.

Miss Ruth Prescott entertains several friends at John H. Kimball's this evening by giving a chaffing dish party in honor of her guests, the Misses Benthall of Somerville.

New Advertisements.

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Saturday, March 12, 1910.

The circulation of our nine papers is ten times larger than that of any other paper circulating in the nine towns.

GROTON.

Pomona Grange Meeting.

One of the most instructive and entertaining grange meetings for the past twenty-five years was held here by the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange on Wednesday, March 9.

The program, given in this column last week, showed an out-of-the-ordinary selection of topics requiring thought study and ability, and was a credit to the lecturer. The carrying out of the program was in every instance complimentary to those who took part.

After a cordial welcome by Mr. Berry, the question "Has the honor of the United States been sullied by having ten war ships, six hundred men and seventy guns on the great lakes," was discussed in an animated first class fashion.

Hon. M. P. Palmer handled the subject, "How the country lyceum spread national interest on broad subjects and should it be renewed?" with his usual vigor. The speaker said the orator had been killed by the press, by numberless papers and magazines. Such orators as Beecher, Choate, Phillips, Webster and all the others who poured forth their effective and eloquent speeches were never heard today. Slavery and the times before the war furnished material for the orator. Now, too, the people prefer to go to cheap shows to be amused rather than instructed. The lyceum was a good institution and if it could be revived, would be good today.

Miss Sadie Tucker told of the Wonderberry. She had raised it and found it better cooked than raw. It tasted like a blueberry and was worthy of cultivation.

The subject given Mrs. Barrows for an original poem was "The oriole's nest." At the close of her reading of the poem she was applauded and presented with a beautiful bouquet of carnations from the grange.

Mrs. Harriet Boutelle of Leominster was not present but her able paper on "How the Maori women in a decade have excelled the American women in national importance," was read by Mrs. Starr. Besides telling of their surprising ability in all handwork, the writer spoke at length of their intelligent use of the ballot.

A lesson therefrom for American women, "The use of nitrate of soda" was given by G. A. Mahoney, of Pepperell, in his actual experiences among which was in raising onions, beets, peas and other vegetables.

A reading by Miss Cash of Littleton, "A sleigh for sale," was pleasing and well received and given applause.

"The new potato culture, how to grow potatoes in thirty-five days from planting to maturity," was the great story of the day that everybody wanted to hear. Men looked astounded and almost incredulous at Rev. A. N. Somers of Westboro's achievements with the potato.

Miss E. A. Mason read "Sary's photographing" and responded to a call for another with "The retort discourteous."

Myron P. Swallow told what he knew of sheep raising. His actual experience was limited, but he believed that as one of the meat products, farmers ought to raise sheep and that it could be done with profit.

Throughout the session music was interspersed. Violin selections by Miss I. Woods, the mandolin club song by Clarence Anderson, each responding to an encore and a song by the charming little Blanche Benedict, her sister Margaret accompanying.

News Items.

One of the important June weddings will be that of pretty Julia Coolidge and Henry Richards. Miss Coolidge, who is one of the leading debutantes, surprised her numerous friends by announcing her engagement to a man so much her senior. But it is said to be truly a love match. Miss Coolidge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., of Longwood and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coolidge of Beacon street. Mr. Richards, who is a grandson of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, is connected with the Groton school. The prospective groom is a son of Mrs. Henry Richards of Gardiner, Maine.

In the treasurer's report of the district nurse committee it was printed "it was only three which are paid for appearing in the report." The "three" should have read "those."

J. R. Hawkes has been entertaining his nephew and family from Waltham. Mr. Hawkes was at the Mass. General Hospital again this week.

The overseer of Rivendale is having the trees and bushes on the further end of the farm, near the Balcom place, cut down and cleared up. Ornamental trees and shrubbery will be set out in that part of the place.

Miss Abby Billings of Littleton is visiting at Dr. Priest's this week.

Rev. H. A. Cornell will address the Groton Historical society at its next meeting on Tuesday evening, April 5. The subject of his paper will be "Some Big Hairs."

In printing last week the names of the brothers and sisters of the recently deceased Miss Anna Shattuck, the name of one brother, Noah Shattuck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., was omitted, a sister, who died several years ago, was Mrs. Etta Nevins, wife of Professor Nevins of Oberlin college.

Miss Ives will give her second bird lecture at Louthorpe on Monday, March 14, at 2:30 p. m.

Don't forget, the gentlemen's night Thursday evening, March 17, at the Baptist church, with supper and entertainment at the usual hours. The program for entertainment consists of readings, vocal and musical selections. As a special feature a ladies' vocal quartet will render selections. Something new in a quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle are on their way home from Florida.

Dorothy Northrup was in town visiting last week, and on Monday her grandmother, Mrs. Mosely Gilson returned with her to Somerville, remaining for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Northrup and family, after which Mrs. Gilson will visit another daughter, Mrs. Wood at her home in Woburn.

At the regular meeting of Groton Grange Tuesday evening a very interesting program was carried out. The subject for consideration was upon the question, "What constitutes a successful life?" Papers were read by Mrs. Olive Wilson, Thomas Gilson and Mrs. Isabel Hawkes, after which a general discussion took place; also, a number of musical selections were given. There was a large attendance, among the number present were noticeably welcome two old members, Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding of West Groton.

A daughter was born Sunday, March 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McMahon. This makes the sixth in the family of bright pretty girls.

George Bywater, a graduate of a commercial college is with the Buick Auto Co., Boston.

Mrs. Jennie Hemenway has been quite ill with a severe cold or gripple, requiring the attendance of her physician.

Howard G. Tuttle and fiancée were in town last week and were among those attending B. B. Lovett's party in town hall last week, Friday evening.

A son was born Saturday, March 5, to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carey of West Groton.

James F. Culver and Fred W. Coburn are serving as jurors at the court sitting in Lowell.

Miss Gladys A. Mason came home this week for the spring vacation from her school in Sterling.

Friday, March 18, the lower public schools here, close to reopen on Monday, April 4.

The report given last week about C. B. Eddy buying the house on Hollis street of G. W. Shattuck is verified. Mr. Eddy has bought the house and some of the land. It will be a pleasant home for Mr. Eddy and family.

Mr. Keirstead and Mr. Cross who occupy the house will move out immediately. Mr. Cross will move into the so-called Alden Warren house, next the public library, when it is vacated.

The Unitarian social of last week was unusually successful, twenty-three dollars was cleared.

Friends of Harold W. Smith, son of Millard Smith, will be interested to learn that he has entered upon a course in a medical college at Los Angeles, Cal., for a regular physician. It will be remembered that Mr. Smith graduated first in his class from Worcester where he trained for a nurse.

It is hoped there will be a good attendance at the gentlemen's night Thursday evening, March 17, at the Baptist church. The proceeds will go towards paying for the expense of the electric lighting in the vestry.

Mrs. Alice, wife of Barbee Miller is making a good recovery at the Groton hospital.

Mrs. George Hodgman has been out of town this week visiting relatives.

At the public apple meeting held by the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange in Ayer recently, the sum of fifteen dollars was secured as a nucleus to a fund for a traveling picnic, open to the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona and their friends. This picnic is to be enjoyed next August. The full itinerary is not yet prepared, but will include visits to places of interest, importance and significant influence.

New hymnals have been purchased for use in the Baptist church and are expected to arrive soon enough to be used this next Sunday.

West Groton.

It is to be regretted that so few West Groton people availed themselves of the opportunity to attend the Pomona grange at Groton, open to the public, last Wednesday afternoon. Considered as a means of entertainment or instruction, it was certainly a success, as both were furnished in abundance, despite the protests of the worthy lecturer, Mrs. L. E. Starr, of Pepperell, numbers on the program were repeatedly cheered by an enthusiastic audience. The grange is a helpful organization and its efforts should be encouraged. All farmers who attended the meeting surely found something worth while.

Herbert Brown has an excellent position in Foxborough, as engineer in a straw factory and intends shortly to remove his family to that town. The house in West Groton owned by him, will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ferden. Mrs. Ferden, Mr. Brown's daughter, is pleased at the prospect of returning to her childhood's home.

George Gay and family will occupy the upper tenement of the house on the corner of Main and Bixby streets, owned by G. H. Bixby, now occupied by Mr. Ferden. The house connected with the store of Bixby Webber Co., known as the storehouse, is undergoing repairs.

Mr. Bosseball has moved from a tenement there to the Davy house, owned by W. V. Bixby.

It is reported that Mr. Maylin is to remove from the house in the mill-yard at Vose.

Mrs. R. H. Burgess spent last Wednesday in Lowell.

Mrs. M. F. McGowan returned Wednesday evening from a week's stay with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Effie Williams returned from Fitchburg on Saturday of last week. Her little granddaughter is convalescent.

Mrs. Jarvis is still ill with gripple, having suffered a slight relapse.

Miss Lillian Jarvis has returned to her position in Attleboro.

George H. Hartwell, who for some time tried outdoor treatment, found it too uncomfortable and returned to a warm room. He is at present very ill.

Albert Harrington, for many years a superintendent for Hollingsworth & Vose, is a long time sufferer and is now confined to his bed. Medical skill does all possible to alleviate the pain which would otherwise seem unbearable. Mr. Harrington has the sincere sympathy of the entire community. His daughter, Mrs. F. L. Trefethen with her little son, arrived from Walpole on Tuesday evening.

Still another victim of the gripple is Mrs. Charles Lawrence.

On Friday, March 4, Mr. and Mrs. John Carey welcomed the arrival of a little son.

The automobile show in Boston has proved an attraction sufficiently strong to draw several of our well-known citizens thither. Among those who attended on various days were G. H. Webber, L. C. Roy, W. F. Lane, Harry Kemp, A. H. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley.

One of the two houses being built by Henry Adams on the site of the cottage burned last year, is nearing completion.

The L. A. society held its usual meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. W. F. Lane.

The Sunshine club holds its meeting Saturday, March 12, at the home of Ruth Bixby.

A religious service was held at the town farm last Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. P. Trowbridge. Similar services have frequently been observed there during the past two years, and are enjoyed greatly, not only by those for whom the service is conducted, but by all others who attend.

"A little old folks concert," a cantata in eleven acts, will be given by the pupils of the Tarbell grammar school on Friday evening, March 18, with the following cast of characters: Job Harkins, William Fallon; Granny Lumkins, Ruth Bixby; Fidgety Susan, Grace Young; Sleepy Cherub, James Fallon; Corporal, Elbridge Brown; Dorothy, Rose Fallon; Margery, Marion Mellish; Quakers, Ruth Mellish, Walter Lindall; also, a chorus to the number of twenty-six by Katherine McCann, a piano duet by Dorothy Thompson and Ethel Robinson, with other music, will be given between acts.

Ice cream and cake will be on sale at the close of the entertainment. The proceeds will be used to swell the piano fund started by the school last year. It is hoped that parents and all other friends of the school will appreciate the efforts of teacher and pupils, and by their generosity make the evening a success and the piano a certainty, to be realized in the near future.

Death.

Henry Skilton died Thursday, March 3, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. E. Harrington. Mr. Skilton was born in Providence, R. I., January 23, 1845. He enlisted in the civil war at the commencement, and at its close when mustered out was sergeant of Co. H, 4th regt. of cavalry. Later he became a member of the G. A. R., post 35 of Chelsea.

On Christmas day, 1866, he married Miss Abbie Livermore Blood, formerly of Groton. Seven children were born of this union, four dying in infancy. Mrs. Skilton died October 9, 1897. For thirty-five years Mr. Skilton was an employer of Bonnell and Son, Boston.

His health failing, he came to West Groton in July, 1899. He grew gradually weaker and died of complication of diseases. A patient sufferer, faithfully cared for by his children, he has passed through the valley of the shadows to the glorious beyond.

Three children, Mrs. F. Edwin Harrington, Marshall P. Skilton of Chelsea, Mrs. Samuel Richards of South Boston, three grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Toomey, Mrs. Aldworth and Mrs. Wright of Worcester are left to mourn his loss.

The funeral services took place at Mrs. Harrington's on Saturday afternoon, March 5, at two o'clock. Rev. John P. Trowbridge spoke words of comfort and consolation. Miss Kate A. Tarbell sang, "Sometime we'll understand."

There was a good attendance, relatives from Chelsea, Boston, Worcester, Pepperell, Somerville and Arlington, also friends and neighbors, all gathering to pay their last tribute of respect and esteem. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers. Interment in Groton in the family lot.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Herbert M. Dickson arrived home from an extended southern trip Tuesday. Herbert Dickson who has been actively engaged in commercial life for many years past, has been stopping with his sister, Mrs. Louise Livermore for the past six or seven months when not away on business or recreation. It is always a real pleasure for the people of the town to meet Mr. Dickson who loves the quaint and picturesque old town of Shirley where he has large numbers of friends who are looking forward with much pleasure to the time when he will locate permanently among us.

The drama, "Lucia's Lover" which was given under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Allen at Oddfellows' hall recently was given by the same cast of characters under Mrs. Allen's direction at the Unitarian church, at Ayer, Tuesday evening, for the sole benefit of the church. The young ladies taking part were: Miss Edna Harris, Arline Wilbur, Blanche Wells, Flora Shepherd, Eleanor Miner and Elsie Knowles. These were assisted by Mrs. George S. Wells.

The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church, Wednesday evening, was attended by a large number of the residents and much enjoyed. Supper was served at seven o'clock, followed by an entertainment in charge of Mrs. Blinney. The following program was rendered:

Piano duet, Doris White, Sarah Stevenson; vocal duet, Mrs. H. Collyer, Miss Nina Holbrook; reading, Mrs. Alice L. Welch; mandolin and piano, Misses Bertha and Gladys Love; songs, Miss Ruby Welch; recitations, Miss Bertha Weeks; songs, Mrs. Florence M. Balou.

Mrs. Jeremiah O'Neill spent Wednesday in Boston.

Prof. A. Hopson of Cushing academy is a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

Annual Meeting.

Old Shirley Chapter, D. A. R., held its annual meeting with Mrs. Mary J. Harlow on Tuesday evening of last week. The regent and secretary reported interesting meetings which have well attended; also, an addition of two new members.

The treasurer's report showed a very pleasing increase in the flagpole fund. The following officers were elected by ballot to serve during the ensuing year: Regent, Mrs. Minnie L. Allen; secretary, Mrs. Abbie J. Wells; treasurer, Mrs. Hattie W. Evans; historian, Mrs. Clara H. Miner. Member of board of management for two years; Mrs. Ella F. Lawrence.

Mrs. Allen reported on entertainment by children and young people and presented the proceeds, twenty dollars to the chapter. An interesting paper, "A backward glance at the nineteenth century, with a passing glimpse of the country doctor," was much enjoyed.

Entertainment.

The special attraction next week in Shirley will be the comedy and farce at the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, March 16, commencing at eight o'clock, which will be given under the auspices of the C. E. S.

The comedy, "A bunch of roses," is a mirth-provoking little play in two acts, brim full of clean, wholesome and decidedly funny situations, and the farce, "A bad case," is certainly up-to-date and lacks nothing in its make-up.

All the characters have been selected with care and are all well suited to their several parts. Vocal and instrumental music will also be given, and the evening promises to be a record-breaker in the interest of Christian Endeavor.

Cast of characters as follows:
A BUNCH OF ROSES.
Peter Petlove, Miss Shirley W. Ricker.
Mrs. F. Petlove, Miss Mildred Daniels.
Herbert Mason, Stanley Wells.
George Hargrove, Chester Phelps.
Miss Hilda Greaves, Miss N. Holbrook.
Miss M. Pilkington, Miss J. Hannah.
Higgs, maid, Miss Edna Harris.
Hopson, butler, J. Albert Deardon.

A BAD CASE.
Arthur Chisholm, M. D., Russell Miner.
Miss L. Dalrymple, Mrs. H. W. McCoy.
Miss Sylvia Dalrymple, Miss B. Wells.
Lucy, servant, Miss Arline Wilbur.

A Funny Play.

"Tommy's wife" will be staged in Odd Fellows' hall, Friday evening, April 8, under the auspices of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W.

The play with all its details and varied effects with stage settings, etc., will be under the sole direction of Mrs. Charles R. White. The cast will include a strong array of local talent, consisting of Miss Cronin, Miss McMillan, Miss Daniels, Miss Gertrude Conant, Miss Bertha Weeks, Miss Josephine Love, Mr. Ricker, Leo O'Neill.

The play itself is one of the strongest of funny comedies ever written and given a peep behind the curtain into the life of the modern-cultured home, bringing to light all the skeleton and the various mixups. It is high class in every respect and particular attention will be given to costumes and minor details.

Rehearsals are now in progress and no expense will be spared to make this complex comedy the Shirley success of the year.

Between the acts Mrs. White will present twelve young ladies who are her pupils in song and dance specialties, so there will be no dull moments from start to finish.

Center.

Mrs. Sydney Carter is reported as no better, and the many friends of the family are pained to learn that she will have to undergo another operation.

Mrs. M. W. Carey, who is slowly convalescing from a serious illness, takes this way to thank her young friends of the girl's sewing guild for the beautiful flowers she received from them.

Miss Augusta Carlson, who has been living with her sister, Mrs. William Boutellier, passed away last week, Friday. She had been employed for a long time in the family of Dr. Hopkins of Ayer, but had to stop work and went to live with her sister. The funeral was held Sunday, at the home of Mr. Boutellier and the family have the sympathy of the community.

The matrons' aid met with Mrs. Evans Tuesday, March 8, and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

The milk producers in this section are having a strenuous time in obtaining cans in which to put the milk, and the matter seems all the more aggravating just at this time because there is so much expected of the farmers in the way of cleanliness and sanitary conditions generally in the making of milk for market.

Quite a delegation of Shirley grangers, including Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Homer Holden and Mrs. Luther Holden attended the Pomona meeting at Groton, March 9.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Pastmaster T. E. Flarity inspected the Royalston grange, Wednesday night.

The schools will close Friday, March 18, for a brief vacation, excepting the high school which will close March 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Ward, who have temporarily occupied the Geo. Wyeth tenement, have returned to their New Hampshire home.

Mrs. Reuben Field, who with her husband has been ill this week, died Thursday afternoon at her home on the Fitchburg road. Cause of death is said to be heart trouble.

Harbor.

Mr. Blanchard's mill is again set up in Townsend, this time opposite the Winn place and a short distance from the site of the Eunice Locke house. About fifteen men are employed. Fol-

lowing the mill as it was being moved from Mason was a procession of four houses with the families in them and the smoke coming out of the funnel chimneys. Outside one of the houses a boy on an accordion played "Marching through Georgia" as the procession advanced on its way.

On Thursday morning Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Bagley went to Boston for a few days' stay.

Several members of the Townsend group, including Mrs. Flarity, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Knight and Helen Proctor, attended the Pomona grange at Groton on Wednesday.

The "As you like it club" were entertained on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Doron and passed a very pleasant afternoon. The next meeting is with Mrs. Gray.

The C. C. whist club had its first meeting at Oliver Proctor's last Saturday evening. The highest number of points, thirty-two, were scored by the host; Mrs. Jones won thirty. Following the cards refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening devoted to music and sociability. Saturday night, March 12, the club meets with Mr. and Mrs. Taft.

Enjoyable Time.

This week the Monday club met with Mrs. Hager and had an exceptionally enjoyable time. The literary exercises

included a short biographical sketch of Sam Walter Foss, a cousin of Mrs. George Jones and named after her father. The sketch in part was as follows: "Mr. Foss was chosen out of forty applicants for the position of librarian at Somerville. He has succeeded beyond the expectation of his most ardent admirers and has made the library a centre of usefulness with a circulation larger than any library in New England excepting the great Boston public library. Mr. Foss is not a scholarly trained librarian in accordance with the creed of the library school, but he is a big-hearted inspiration to the whole community.

Mr. Foss is in a class by himself. His only living rival is Riley. His best known poem is "The house beside the road." This is the keynote of his philosophy. Current events followed this sketch, and this in turn was followed by refreshments.

The auto advertisement of Hugh McDonald of Littleton was inadvertently omitted in our last week's issue. It will be found on page five of this paper and should be read by all interested in automobiles. He is seller for the Keo and disposed of many last season and his customers speak praises of the auto.

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Saturday, March 12, 1910.

AYER.

District Court News.

The continued cases against the intoxicating liquors taken from the Ayer Inn, Taylor house and Michael J. Coughlin's, resulted in an order of the court adjudging that the liquors in the last two cases should be forfeited to the commonwealth. Albert Bates appearing as claimant for the liquors seized at the Ayer Inn and L. K. Clark, counsel for the government, stating that the government was satisfied that his claim was a true one, the court ordered the liquors returned to him.

Michael Scully, claimant for the Coughlin liquors, was ordered to pay costs which amounted to \$5.50.

Herbert E. Bruce, claimant for the Taylor house liquors, was ordered to pay costs amounting to \$5.40.

The case of commonwealth v. Michael J. Coughlin, charged with keeping and exposing intoxicating liquors for sale, was called and Chas. F. Worcester, his attorney, stated to the court that he did not desire to have his client plead at that time, but that he would plead guilty Saturday, March 12. He said that the Boston and Maine railroad had ordered Mr. Coughlin to move his building off of their land and in view of the expense thus caused him and also because of his large family, a fine of \$50 would be ample punishment. This was assented to by Mr. Clark and the case was continued until March 12, with the understanding that it would then be disposed of by a plea of guilty and a fine of \$50.

Accident.

Albert Raymond, a former resident, met with quite a serious accident at his home in Charlestown, N. H., five or six weeks ago. He was crossing the railroad track when he was caught between two freight cars and his foot was crushed between the bumpers. The foot was amputated at the ankle, but later it was found necessary to remove it near the knee. Charles E. Sherwin went to see him last Sunday and reports him as doing well. Mr. Raymond at the time of the accident was removing his business, the manufacture of caps and ties, into a new factory just completed. He has a wife and one child.

Albert Raymond is a printer and served his apprenticeship in this printing office many years ago when he resided in this town.

Social Gathering.

About one-hundred people enjoyed the supper served Tuesday evening by the Unitarian social gathering in the vestry of the church. The committee in charge was Mrs. E. H. Bigelow and Mrs. Maria Lovejoy. They were assisted by Mrs. S. H. Proctor, Mrs. Cora Lyman, Mrs. Mary A. Beverly, Mrs. A. M. Spaulding, Mrs. A. C. Perkins and E. H. Bigelow.

The supper was followed by a very pleasant entertainment which included the three-act farce "Lucia's lover" very creditably and acceptably given by young ladies from Shirley, Edna Harris, Elsie Knowles, Arline Wilbur, Flora Shepherd, Blanche Willis, Eleanor Miner, Mrs. Abbie Walls.

The play was varied with music by the high school orchestra. This is the first time this orchestra has appeared outside of the high school, and it is safe to say it won laurels for itself. The selections were very well rendered and elicited continued applause from the audience, they were given by Roger Lawrence, Howard Stone, Wallace Kittredge, Frank E. Griffin, May Peterson, Mabel Sargent, Mildred Sanders, Edith Longley.

The vestry was full in the evening with an audience very well satisfied with the program.

Reception.

The Unitarian church will give a public reception to their new pastor and his wife on Tuesday evening, March 22. The following committee of one from each organization of the parish has been appointed to make all arrangements for the reception:

Mrs. S. M. Barker of the standing committee; Mrs. A. C. Perkins of the Woman's Alliance; Mrs. M. A. Beverly of the social circle; Fred Hosmer of the Y. P. R. U.; Miss Nettie Roe of the Sunday school.

This reception is intended as a public recognition of Dr. Fisk as the new minister of the Unitarian church in place of usual formal installation services. The local pastors of all churches in Ayer, Catholic and Protestant alike, and their people, will be invited, and the neighboring ministers of the Unitarian churches of Harvard, Groton and Littleton.

Light refreshments will be served, and a program of instrumental and vocal music presented with brief speeches by the ministers present. The reception will extend from 7:30 to 10:30.

News Items.

On March 22, in the lower town hall, the Loyal Temperance Legion will hold a sale to consist of useful and fancy articles, homemade food and candy in the afternoon and in the evening the senior class will give a public speaking.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team of Fitchburg play the Ayer Civic Gymnasium team and the Centralville Intermediates in town hall, Saturday evening, March 12. This is an opportunity for the basketball fans to see how well the local players can do against Fitchburg's best basketball team.

The officers and members of Caleb Butler lodge are completing the arrangements for the fiftieth anniversary in the afternoon of Monday, March 14, at which time a large number of masonic brethren are expected from out of town. All resident masons, not members of the lodge, are cordially invited to be present on this occasion.

There is a very serious case of diphtheria at Mitchellville. The patient is the ten-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman.

The Union no-license meeting last Sunday night held in the Baptist church was one of deep interest, the large audience room being filled. The order of service was as follows:

Song service by choir and congregation; scripture reading by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Thomas; prayer by Rev. A. D. Stroud; solo, "Have courage my boy to say no." Mrs. Thomas, address by Miss Elizabeth Gordon; quartet, "Never give up," W. J. Delano and son Philip, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Lowell; benediction.

Miss Gordon made an appeal for persons to join the local W. C. T. U., and quite a number came forward and gave in their names.

The citizens' caucus will be held at the upper town hall on Tuesday, March 22, at eight o'clock p. m., and will be called to order by Lyman K. Clark.

The parish committee of the Unitarian church met last evening with Chas. Sherwin and transacted routine business.

The board of registrars of Voters held their first meeting here on Thursday evening. They meet again on Saturday, March 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 and on Saturday, March 26 from twelve m. to ten p. m.

The sewing school had a few visitors last Saturday. The school presents an orderly, busy scene every Saturday and should be visited by every one interested in our town girls. It will pay. Session from 2:30 to four p. m. At the teachers' meeting this Saturday afternoon the subject is gussets.

Isolated cases of diphtheria continue to be reported from various parts of the town. It is not epidemic, but in order that the disease may be stamped out, the board of health earnestly requests that all cases of sore throat be promptly referred to a physician for diagnosis and treatment.

The ladies of the Helping Hand society of the M. E. church will hold a baked bean supper and social at James Boutelle's, East Main street, Thursday evening, March 17. Supper from six to eight o'clock.

There are a number of cases of grippe and severe colds in town. Very few families are free from them. William Brown, druggist, for two or three days was confined part of the time to the house.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Spencer of Holyoke are guests of Mr. Spencer's sister, Mrs. Mary A. Farr. They came last Saturday. Mr. Spencer is one of the caretakers of the Mt. Tom state reservation.

Charles Sherwin is ill with a serious cold.

Div. No. 7, will meet in A. O. H. hall, Sunday morning, at 8:30, to receive holy communion in a body, at St. Mary's church.

The fifth grade baseball team played Friday afternoon, March 11, with the second seventh grade team, the latter lads winning the game by a score of 4 to 2. Leo Martel is captain of the seventh and James Sherman is captain of the fifth.

Rev. Arthur Woods of Harvard university will preach on Sunday, March 13, at the Congregational church at 10:45.

Dr. J. Q. A. McColester of Waltham, for years the leading physician of this town, underwent a successful surgical operation at Corey Hill hospital, Brookline, March 2. Dr. Maurice H. Richardson performing the operation. Dr. McColester is in his seventy-ninth year. The anesthetic was very successfully given and he is improving rapidly and expects to return to his home in Waltham in a few days.

Mrs. Asa S. Burgess observed her birthday, Friday, March 11, and a number of her friends and neighbors congratulated her on reaching the eighty-third milestone.

We learn that Mr. Carley is a candidate for nomination for tax collector of this town. He says he has plenty of spare time and can give strict attention to the duties of the office.

We learn that Frederick Whitney on no account will be a candidate for reelection on Ayer water board. His term expires this spring.

It is currently reported that our tax collector for so many years, C. W. Mason, will not accept a re-nomination on any account. He has been a very capable, honest and straightforward man for the position.

According to the new regulations with regard to the running of the electric cars on Lowell and Fitchburg railway, the electric cars will leave Ayer to North Chelmsford five minutes past the hour; from North Chelmsford for Ayer twenty minutes past the hour; North Chelmsford to Brookside fifty minutes past the hour, leaving Brookside five minutes past the hour.

On Snake Hill there is a broken millstone of considerable size that was cut out of the granite ledge on that hill that has lain there for almost a century. No one knows who cut it out of the ledge and in raising it, when completed it fell over and broke in halves. There are people living who noticed it over fifty years ago.

The citizens' caucus of the town of Ayer will be held at the upper town hall on Tuesday evening, March 22, at eight o'clock and Lyman K. Clark, Esq., will call the meeting to order.

Arlida Augusta Carlson passed away March 4 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Boutillier in Shirley Centre, after a brief illness from diabetes. She was born in Werberg, Sweden, in 1878, and came to this country eight years ago. She lived in Dr. Hopkins' family for five years and was much beloved for her cheerfulness while with them. She leaves a sister and half brother in this country and father and sister in Sweden. The funeral was last Sunday at home of her sister conducted by Rev. Thomas L. Fisher.

Chief of police P. J. Beatty was appointed chief of police of Natick on Wednesday. He has not decided as yet whether to accept the position offered. Mr. Beatty has filled the position of chief of police in that city three or four times. He is an excellent and faithful officer here and it is hoped will stick.

At the meeting of the Ayer whist party with Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner, Wednesday evening, the fol-

lowing were the winners: Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Fox, first; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps, second.

Walter Blodgett of Forge Village, who has been conductor on the electric road between Ayer and North Chelmsford, since July, 1907, resigned his position last week and is employed in the clothing store of Fletcher Bros., outfitters, commencing last Monday.

Manzor A. MacElroy, blacksmith who has for some time past been in the employ of Frederick Whitney has bought out the blacksmith shop of H. H. McNeill in Shirley and takes possession April first.

A. O. H. Hall.

The following is the program for the grand concert and ball of Div. No. 7, A. O. H., in town hall, St. Patrick's night, March 17, commencing at 7:45. March, "Victor"; overture, "Schauspiel"; the O'Donnell brothers of Boston, Irish bag pipe players, in Irish music, dancing and singing, cornet solo, "Poles"; (b) "Kiltarney"; K. W. Holt; selection, "Rage in Ireland"; trombone solo, "Somebody loves you"; dear H. D. Tolles; descriptive, "The scene of the capture"; comic opera selection, "Stubborn Cinderella"; finale "Irish melody."

The hall will be beautifully decorated under the direction of William F. Walsh. Music by Holt's orchestra of Nashua.

Basket Ball.

The basketball games last Saturday evening in town hall were quite exciting. The Civic Gymnasium team was up against a crack team from Lowell, and although they were not victorious they did very creditable work. The score was 50 to 28 in favor of Lowell. The audience was large and enthusiastic. A good game of unusual interest is promised this Saturday when Fitchburg's Y. M. C. A. will play our boys. CIVIC GYM. INDIANS. Sullivan r. f. H. Cote Green. Kidder i. f. Donovan Green. Law. Mason b. A. Redman 4. Goals from fouls. Sullivan 2. Referees, Coulter, Allen. Time keeper, McDonald. Scorer, Carman.

The second game last week between the Intermediates and the Shirley Crescents showed good work on both sides. The score was 22 to 13 in favor of the Ayer team.

CIVIC INT. SHIRLEY CRES. Saboll, Felch r. f. La Rose Sanders i. f. Sanders r. b. Connors Ryan c. Redman 4. O'Neill Briggs r. b. O'Neill Bangs Hooley l. b. Bangs Goals from fouls. Sanders 3. Connors 2. Referees, Sullivan, Allen. Time keeper McDonald. Scorer Carman.

Moving Pictures.

The feature picture for this Saturday evening is the Biograph film, "The light that came." A certain delicious and soothing tenderness pervades this film, which casts a hallowed influence over the audience and holds them in an impressive silence which lasts as long as the picture remains with them. It is a tender story. A young girl, disfigured for life by an accident, her beauty gone, must needs be overlooked, even neglected, when her handsome sisters are about. A blind violinist meets here at reception, their hands touch, and in that touch each recognizes the affinity of the other. But the girl must undergo a supreme test before she is permitted to enjoy to the full her newfound happiness. It is discovered that sight may be restored to the blind eyes, and in supplying the money from her own savings to remove the curtains from the eyes that may loathe her when they see her, the young woman rises to the standard of great dramatic interpretation. The operation is successful. The girl waits with fear the verdict, but the young man knows her soul. He sees not the disfiguring mark, and the happiness of both is assured. The development of character in this picture is so natural and is accomplished with so little effort that one seems to feel the story as it is illustrated. Its suggestiveness is so strong that one does not forget it easily and it will serve as a basis of comparison for many days to come.

About Town.

The rhetorical in the high school last week Friday were unusually good and a long program was given. Following are the recitations:

"Language," Albert Irwin; "In the past," Helen Hardy; "Sandy," Frank P. Griffin; "Truman Wickwer," Edith Longley; "Ivanhoe," Lillian McGuane; "The Sun American," Kathleen Fallon; "Masters of situations," Harold Felch; "Gabriel Grue," Edna Brown; "The Helen Ames; 'Toussaint l'Ouverture,'" Earl Bunting; "A girl's confession," Madeline; "The Promise," Maud Orkan; "The Victor of Mar-engo," Frank E. Griffin; piano solos, Kathleen Hackett and Sopha Delano; Parnsworth; and selections by the orchestra.

The Art class of the Woman's club met last week Friday evening with Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield. The program included report of Miss Merritt's illustrated lecture on Palestine, Mrs. Barker; papers on Greek sculpture from 400 to 323 B. C., Mrs. Butterfield; The Hellenistic period of Greek sculpture, Miss Madolin Whitney; The Nike, Miss S. A. Blood, The Erechtheum, Mrs. Barker.

The Hill whist club met with Mrs. W. N. Howies Tuesday afternoon.

Howard Martin is ill with diphtheria. He is a brother of Kimball Martin who has had a very serious time with the dread disease.

Recognition of Good-Friday.

To Oberammergau is the principle attraction offered by every touring agency and steamship line this summer. The "Passion Play" will draw many thousands even at the expense of fatigue and financial outlay. But here at home, in our towns, the commemoration of the historic anniversary of Christ's crucifixion will be more realistic than a play.

The scene of devout followers of the Christ, assembled in humble homage to their crucified and risen Master, will be a higher token of undying love. The event which immortalized Good-Friday appeals to the grateful impulse of every human being. To be true to our common Saviour, let us express the courage of our convictions and unite on that sacred Friday in doing honor to him. I will gladly join with my brother-pastors and their congregations in commemorating Fri-

day, March 25. Awaiting a response from them. Yours sincerely, Thos. L. Fisher.

Church Services.

Unitarian church services at 10:45 a. m. and seven p. m. Sunday school at 10:15. The topic of the morning sermon will be "The increasing power of goodness." The Y. P. R. U. services will be of special interest. Stanley Cotton, the president, will be the leader.

Services in St. Andrew's on Sunday will be at ten and eleven o'clock a. m. and Lenten devotions on Monday at 7:45 and Tuesday at four p. m. Bishop Lawrence preached at St. Andrew's, Friday, March 11, at 7:45 p. m.

Next Sunday the pastor will preach at the Baptist church at 10:45, subject, "Old Paths." Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven followed by a short sermon on "Christ stilling the Sea of Galilee."

HARVARD.

News Items.

The Harvard items of news mailed to Public Spirit office Friday morning did not reach us and they have gone whether or not one knows. That is the reason there are no Harvard items this week.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction all the farming tools and eight heifers belonging to Stephen N. Lougee at his farm on the main road from Harvard to Ayer and known as the Jonathan Hapgood farm, on Monday, March 21, at nine a. m.

SUN RIVER.

The annual supper and entertainment by the men of the village will be in the chapel Thursday evening, March 17. It goes without saying that this will be in every respect both for supper and for entertainment, better than ever before. And it is to be a "Shamrock" play.

The funeral of Mrs. Willard was from her home last Saturday, Rev. Mr. Morse officiating. The house was filled with friends, and beautiful flowers covered the casket, showing in part, the love of her friends.

Club Meeting.

The Tuesday club, met this week on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Luther Willard, at which meeting resolutions on the death of Mrs. Willard were passed.

After business, Miss Alice Harrod gave instrumental music, Mrs. Flanders read "Dr. Grenfels reindeer herd," and Miss Lawrence read "A woman's pocket." "The sign of the wren's nest" and "Roosevelt on his way home," were then read by Mrs. W. B. Haskell and Mrs. H. D. Stone. Miss Harrod then gave more music on the piano and Mrs. Willard read "A friend," Miss Harrod read "The woman who married at eighty" and "Abili's story." Miss Laura Brown read "President Taft's smile," and the program closed with instrumental music by Miss Harrod.

Word was received Monday of the death in Newton, of Mrs. Charles Howard, formerly a frequent visitor in Still River, when her cousins Mrs. Mary and Belle Willard were living.

On Thursday Fred Bateman and sister, Miss Eliza Bateman, attended the funeral of Mrs. Howard in Newton. Mrs. Adelia Turner returned to Still River, after a visit of several months with her brother, Herbert Atherton in Holyoke.

Miss Flora Murchie returned to her home last Saturday from the hospital in Worcester.

W. B. Haskell and C. H. Haskell attended the automobile show in Boston this week.

Mrs. A. H. Keyes, who has been spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes, went to Springfield on Friday to stay with her other son, Lester Keyes.

Norman Marshall of Newton spent Sunday with his father, Isaac H. Marshall.

Items of Interest.

The shooting and hunting of game by rural mail carriers while they are officially employed on the service on the routes, or the carrying of guns for that purpose, is to be prohibited in the future. An order to this effect has been issued by the postoffice department. Complaints were received that delay in the delivery and collection of mails was caused at certain places by the practice of carriers hunting and shooting game.

A farmer brought two hogs to a Salem, N. H., butcher and offered them for sale. A price was quickly agreed on, and the farmer said he would sell, but wanted the hams and shoulders. The butcher was willing, and after the weight had been taken and the desired parts were cut off and handed to the farmer, who asked for the balance coming to him. After figuring a moment, the butcher replied, "You owe me \$2.85." And the farmer had to pay it. The butcher had bought the hogs at wholesale price and charged the farmer retail rates for the parts he reserved. In effect, the farmer had made the butcher a present of two hogs, and had then paid him \$2.85 for certain parts of them.

New Advertisements.



The Committee on Appropriations will meet in the Lower Town Hall, Groton, Mass., Thursday evening, March 17, 1910, at eight o'clock at which time and place all who wish will be heard in regard to appropriations to be made by the Town of Groton for the ensuing year.

Per Order of the Committee Groton, March 10, 1910.

NOTICE.

The Citizens' Town Committee will meet on Wednesday evening, March 16, 1910, in the Lower Town Hall, for the purpose of receiving names of those who wish to be Candidates for nomination at the Caucus to be held on Tuesday evening, March 22, 1910. All applicants for places on the ballot must present a written petition signed by at least ten legal voters of the town of Ayer, these names to be verified by the lists of the Registrars of Voters for the present year.

The Committee will be in session from 7:30 until 9 o'clock. STANLEY L. COTTON, Secretary. Ayer, March 10, 1910. 1126

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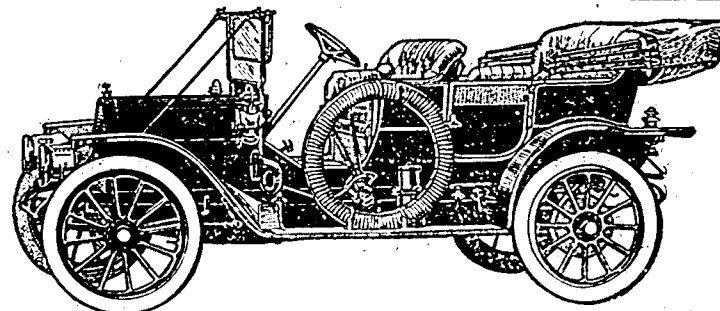
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Her Snowball

By MOLLIE K WETHERELL

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Eleanor Bartow was one of the many young women who hammer on typewriter keys all day, go to bed as soon as they get home, arise in the morning and begin hammering at the keys again. The only hope she had for anything better was in saving from the meager salary received, accumulating a pecuniary snowball and letting it roll and roll till it was a great mass.

But the snow was very thin and dry and cold and wouldn't pack. Again and again she thought she had her ball started, but it fell to pieces. She calculated ahead so far as she was able in the matter of necessities, but just when she expected to put something sizable into her savings bank her shoes would give out or she would need a winter coat or some other article of clothing, and so it was a long while before she had got together even a hundred dollars.

Then her snowball began to pack, and at the end of another year by dint of the severest parsimony she had doubled her capital. But just as she was feeling elated that she would be in receipt of \$8 a year which she would not have to work for she was taken ill, and nearly \$50 of her savings were paid out for doctor's fees and medicines.

As soon as the plucky girl was well she began again, and in another six months her snowball had recovered what it had lost. From that time forward she did better. She not only received an increase of salary, but her funds were paying interest. There were setbacks, of course, but when the semiannual figuring of interest came round and she looked at her total it was always increased till at length she had got together a thousand dollars.

The receiving teller of the savings bank where she kept her funds was a nice looking young man, and always when she made a deposit he smiled at her and had something pleasant to say.

One day there came a commercial panic. Prices went down, down, down, till securities could be bought in many cases for half their intrinsic value. One day when Eleanor went to the bank to make a deposit her teller friend said to her:

"There is an opportunity just now for you to make some money. Take what you have in here and buy a few shares of some kind of stock. Choose only what is regarded as sound, pay for it out and out and put it away."

He gave her a list of shares he considered good and the address of a broker. The result of this advice was that she put all the money she had in the stock of a corporation which could be bought so far below par that she held what represented four times what she had paid.

Several years passed. The panic was over, and securities has resumed their normal value. One day Eleanor concluded to sell the shares she had bought during the panic and put the money back in the savings bank. She knew nothing of banking, so when the broker offered her his check she asked for currency instead. He sent out the check, got it cashed and paid her forty-five hundred-dollar bills.

She went to the savings bank flushed with the thought of meeting her teller friend, but on reaching it saw another face at the window. She was told that the former teller had gone to the —th National, around the corner.

The clock in the savings bank stood at five minutes to 3 when Eleanor started for the —th National bank and at two minutes of 3 when she reached the receiving teller's window. On seeing Eleanor his face lighted with a smile, but when she laid down her treasure his expression changed.

"You're too late to deposit that today," he said.

"Isn't the closing hour 3 o'clock?" she asked.

"Yes, but I'm too busy to attend to it today."

"Heavens! What can I do with it? I shall be robbed!"

"Very well, I'll take it, but I haven't time to make a deposit ticket for you or give you a bank book. Come tomorrow."

He took the money, and Eleanor saw him put it in a safe. Then the next depositor took his place and the next. When the window was closed it was 3 o'clock.

The next morning Eleanor heard people talking about the failure of a bank. Her cheeks blanched when she learned it was the institution where she had put her snowball. She hurried to the place, found the doors closed and a crowd of melancholy people standing about. Oh, the misery of that moment! Hot tears were starting from her eyes when she felt a tap on her shoulder. Turning, there stood her teller friend. Putting his finger to his lips and walking away, he gave her a look that told her to follow him. She did so, and when they were alone he said:

"Five minutes before you came to the bank with your money yesterday the directors decided not to open today. I was told to give out no information till this morning. I tried to send you away and failed. But you made no deposit in the bank and have nothing to show that you intended to make one. Your money is in my own private box. I will bring it to you this evening."

And so he did. That snowball is now over \$50,000, and the bank teller manages it as the capitalist's husband.

SHIRLEY.

Bowling.

Burrill's and Collyer's teams of the Shirley bowling league rolled their weekly match game at the local alleys Tuesday evening. Collyer's team won out being victorious in the first and second strings and registering the highest total pin fall with 25 pins to the good.

The feature of the games was the good bowling of both teams in the final string. The losing team rallied its forces and won this string by a close margin of one pin.

The winners tied on their first and last string, rolling on each a total of 438, and while some good average bowling was recorded in the contest, no player reached the century mark in a single string.

Guy Cook was the highest individual scorer, finishing with a total of 277. Harry Collyer was a close second with a finished record of 275. Eddie Tremblay followed close behind Collyer, scoring 273. Willie Gilmartin rolled a total of 268.

The summary:

BURRILL'S TEAM.			
Allen	76	73	83-231
Tremblay	91	89	93-273
W. Gilmartin	90	86	92-248
Burrill	80	88	91-249
Dummy	80	80	80-240
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COLLYER'S TEAM.			
Dick Pomfret	91	76	89-256
Chas. White	82	79	78-240
John Leopold	89	87	74-230
Guy Cook	85	94	98-277
H. Collyer	94	85	96-275
438 421 438 1297			

McGinnis' and Burrill's teams came together at the local alleys last evening for a match game. McGinnis' team won capturing all three strings and the highest total pin fall. The winners scored 431 on the first string as against 380 for the losers. The remaining two strings were won by smaller margins.

No heavy rolling was recorded by any of the players, Joe Gately being the highest with a total of 272. Morin and McGinnis tied, both scoring 259. Burrill came next rolling 257.

The summary:

MCGINNIS' TEAM.			
Bodah	83	82	82-249
J. Gately	99	87	95-272
Morin	82	88	89-259
O'Neill	80	80	80-240
McGinnis	97	86	76-259
431 438 423 1292			

BURRILL'S TEAM.			
Dummy	80	80	80-240
Gilmartin	97	72	199
Burrill	86	86	85-257
Pierce	71	86	92-249
380 391 413 1184			

Collyer's and McGinnis' team played a match game at the local alleys Tuesday evening.

Collyer's team won, taking three straight and the highest total pin fall. The winners accomplished good average bowling while the players of the losing team fell below their usual records.

Guy Cook led the honors of the evening securing the highest individual pin fall scoring a total of 280. R. Pomfret came next with a total of 277. Joe Gately and Joe McGinnis tied for the highest score on the losing team, both rolling 256.

The summary:

MCGINNIS' TEAM.			
J. Gately	71	197	71-256
B. Bodah	68	71	90-235
A. Morin	77	83	72-242
E. O'Neill	73	68	80-221
J. McGinnis	73	80	83-256
369 425 496 1210			

COLLYER'S TEAM.			
R. Pomfret	85	95	97-277
C. R. White	83	83	80-246
J. Leopold	89	91	72-253
G. Collyer	85	86	95-280
H. Collyer	92	89	81-262
445 444 429 1318			

News Items.

The shareholders of the Shirley Co-operative Bank will hold a meeting at the office of the bank, Peasley's block, Tuesday evening, March 15, at eight o'clock. Officers for the ensuing year will be nominated at this meeting.

Mrs. Ruth Phelps entertained the members of her Sunday school class at her home Monday afternoon. Games music and refreshments were the features of entertainment.

The King's Daughters met with Mrs. A. A. Bronson at the parsonage, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant entertained at their home, Thursday evening, the members of the prayer meeting, lookout and missionary committees connected with the C. E. S. of the Congregational church. A short business session was held. The remainder of the evening was devoted to vocal and instrumental music and the playing of games. Refreshments were served and the evening was made a most delightful one for all present.

The Shirley Crescents basketball team was defeated at Westford last Saturday afternoon in a match game with the Westfords by a score of 15 to 9, and in the evening were defeated at Ayer by the Ayer Civic Club Independents by a score of 22 to 13.

The Shirley Crescents basketball team plays the West Fitchburg team at Odd Fellows' hall, Saturday evening of this week.

The girls' basketball team of the Shirley high school go to Leominster Saturday afternoon of this week to play the girls' team of the Leominster high school.

Dr. Thomas E. Lilly addressed the boys at the Industrial school last Sunday afternoon on the subject, "First Aid to the Injured."

Miss Orellia Landry of Newburyport and Stanislaus Landry of Lowell were visitors at the home of their uncle, Joseph Landry last Sunday.

Shirley W. Ricker, principal of the high school gave the boys and girls of the basketball teams a reception at the home of Mrs. Louise Butler last Friday evening. The evening was passed in games and refreshments served, followed by a social hour.

George S. Wells is ill, being confined at home for the past two weeks.

Miss Edna Hanna led the C. E. meeting last Sunday evening at the Congregational church, speaking from the topic, "Christ our guide."

Miss Elphina Heroux was pleasant-

ly surprised by her friends last Saturday night in honor of her nineteenth birthday by the presentation of a beautiful bracelet. The evening was passed pleasantly with music and games. Refreshments were served.

H. H. McNeill has sold his blacksmith shop to Manzer A. MacElroy, who for some time has worked for Frederick Whitney of Ayer. Mr. McNeill intends going to California, where he formerly lived. Mr. MacElroy will take charge of his new business about the first of April.

Miss Simpson of Clinton was the guest over Sunday of her sister, Mrs. J. Albert Dearnod.

Mrs. P. F. Miller of Harwich is a visitor at the home of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilson.

Thomas Love, who has been a visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Will Love for the past two weeks left town last Monday for Missouri, where he will join his brother Vern, who has been there for some time.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Chas. Petersen, Wednesday afternoon. The occasion was a most delightful one. A goodly number were present. The hostess served dainty and delicious refreshments. Sewing and the usual order of business was transacted.

Mrs. Newton Damon of Fitchburg with two children, who has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant, returned home Thursday.

Miss Gertrude McNally has left town for a visit to her parents in Granville, N. Y.

W. W. Longley, auctioneer will sell on Saturday, March 19, at one o'clock p. m. a lot of personal property at the residence of the late Orasmus W. Andrews, on Groton Road.

Dr. Howard A. Bridgman will occupy the pulpit of the Universalist church, Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Rev. Allen A. Bronson will preach as usual at the Congregational church, Sunday morning at 10.15 a. m. and will also preach again in the evening at seven o'clock.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10.15, and in the evening at seven.

The circulation of our nine papers each week can be easily ascertained by looking over our subscription books and mailing lists. No lying circulation. A sworn statement will be furnished by asking.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Rev. John Malick occupied his former pulpit in Littleton and preached an excellent sermon on "Every man a chance."

The ladies of the Baptist society held their regular sewing circle at Mrs. Millard's, in the Baptist parsonage Wednesday.

Elmar A. Flagg, Mrs. Flagg and their daughter Laurice arrived home Thursday from their trip to California and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Kimball and granddaughter, Miss Hardy of Miss Kimball's school in Worcester are expected at A. T. Kimball's March 16. Mr. Kimball is considerably out of health and hopes to derive benefit from a visit to his boyhood home.

The Barber family on the Benjamin Priest farm, Southend, never to be outdone in the number of diseases and accidents within the realm of human experience, have opened their home to scarlet fever, and have the sympathy of their fellow town people in the ill fate that hovers about their home.

The Worthens, who purchased the farm of the late John Pierce, have taken possession and are making extensive repairs.

The Arts and Crafts society has set up the new loom and Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell is making the first rug.

Mrs. Ellen Johnson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harris in Leominster.

Frank Stone has been confined to the house for some time, because of illness, and is greatly missed by his companions at the village store.

Frank Farmer, a recent grip victim, has been housed for a short time notwithstanding his averseness to such submission.

Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb has returned from a visit with her sister in Worcester.

The high school Juniors are planning a benefit dance in view of senior graduation.

The Oddfellows will hold their next meeting Monday night, March 14, when several applications will be acted upon. A good attendance is requested.

To the Editor: Will you allow me a small space in your columns to express the thanks of my family and myself, to all those who in any way have extended sympathy or help to us during the recent fatal illness of my little daughter. The written expressions of regret are so many that it is impossible to reply to them all and I am taking this course to assure those who wrote that their kind thoughts have been of great help to my wife and me.

I would also wish to thank the King's Daughters as a body for their gift of flowers to brighten the sick room and to those individuals who were called upon to assist in the domestic duties by cooking or otherwise. Also, the many other ladies who continually lightened the burden of work in the house.

My gratitude is also extended to the doctors for their skill and to the nurses for their unceasing toil, especially the one who at the last made a great but unsuccessful fight.

To those many, who wrote, offering help and sympathy after our loss, and to those who sent the beautiful flowers as the last expression of love to the little girl, as well as to those whose kindly assistance was accepted, I would say that words fail to express my thoughts, but that I earnestly hope that in any time of trial, loving sympathy and help may be as freely extended to them as theirs has been to us.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to HENRY T. BALCOM, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner hereby directed to give public notice of the same, by publishing this citation in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on day, at least, before said Court. Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 14th day of February, in the 12th one thousand nine hundred and ten.

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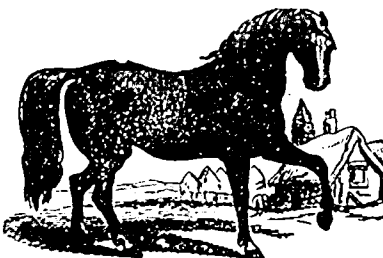
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We will suppose that some child's name is Ruth Pitman, so that her initials are R. P. Suppose the first question is, "How does she look?" The answer might be "Really perfect" or "Rather pretty."

The next question is, "What is her favorite color?" and the answer might be "Reddish purple" or "Rose pink." Another question is, "What is her favorite dish?" and might be answered "Raspberry pudding," or "Roasted plumpkin," or "Red plums," or even "Raw potatoes." "What is her favorite amusement?" can be a question. Why, that might be answered by anything from "Reading poetry" to "Roasting peanuts." "What is her greatest accomplishment?" "Riding ponies" or "Raising pausses." "What is her greatest fault?" "Recurrent peevishness."

"What is her greatest virtue?" "Remarkable patience."
You see, this Ruth Pitman might be surprised to find what a versatile person she was, and you will find that you have made all sorts of funny and surprising combinations when the papers are finally read aloud at the end of the game.

Br'er Rabbit and the Foxes.



"I'll stop those tramps sitting about my grounds," said Mr. Rabbit.



"It's very kind of Mr. Rabbit to put these nice chairs under a tree for us. We are very comfortable," said the wicked pair.



Just then Mr. Rabbit cut the string holding the tree down, so Fox and his friend got a rise in the world.

A Feast of Magic.

Take a large apple and cut a few pieces in the shape of candle ends, round at the bottom and flat at the top—in fact, as much like a piece of candle as possible. Now cut some slips from a sweet almond as near as you can to resemble a wick and stick them into the imitation candle. Light them for an instant to make the tops black, blow them out, and they are ready for the trick. One of two should be artfully placed in a snuffer tray or candlestick. You then inform your friends that during your travels in the Russian empire you learned, like the Russians, to be fond of candles, at the same time lighting your artificial candles (the almonds will readily take fire and flame for a few seconds), pop them into your mouth and swallow them one after the other.

A Pen and Ink Trick.

With a pen and ink make a streak on your hand along the line from the index to the little finger. You ask some one in the company to cover your hand with a hat, which you make him hold, and while he holds it you bend your hand as if to close it. You open it immediately and invite him to take the hat away, and a cross is made.

Strange Things.

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And a toiler toils,
And a toiler toils,
And a toiler toils,
But no plumber plumbs
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The dictionaries say,
A waiter waits,
And a skater skates,
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How He Got Even

With a Girl Who Refused Him.

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"Your action toward me throughout this affair has been dishonorable," said Shotwell.

"I see no occasion for you to make any such charge. You proposed to me, and I asked for time in which to make a decision. Meanwhile I was studying you. Had you not accused me of treating you dishonorably I should not have given you the result of my observations. As it is, I will say that I have discovered traits in your character that I do not fancy."

"This is simply an invention to cover your duplicity. You know very well that you encouraged me, then threw me overboard."
With that he withdrew, inwardly vowing revenge. The girl, instead of considering a man who would take the position he had taken contemptible, was crushed at his charge, weeping hot, bitter tears.

Shotwell was suffering from what he considered unfair treatment and in no mood to look at the matter dispassionately. Had he done so he would have recognized the fact that no contract had been made between them. Miss Gwynne had not accepted him, and even if she had and afterward dismissed him he should have remembered that it is a woman's privilege to change her mind. But in this particular case the lady had refused him for reason. Beyond all this no man should take revenge on a woman for refusing him, whether for or without cause.

The rejected lover's path led across a district of the city where the lowest part of the community lived, or, rather, existed, for in such crowded tenements as are occupied by the poorer classes people cannot be said to live. Coming toward him he saw a man whose face and bearing belied his torn and dirty clothing.

"That fellow resembles Belding, the multimillionaire, for all the world," mused Shotwell. Then, suddenly caught by an idea, he turned and called:

"Hi! You there!"

The man faced about. Shotwell beckoned to him, and the two stood together on the sidewalk, when Shotwell began a series of questions.

"Have you ever been told you look like any one?"

"Not that I remember."

"Want a job?"

"What kind of a job?"

"Well, there's a bit of personation in it."

"What do you mean by that?"

"I know a young lady who I think wouldn't mind marrying a fortune. You very much resemble Howard Belding, the millionaire. How would you like to try it?"

The man looked Shotwell square in the face, but Shotwell could not tell how his proposition was received. For a moment he thought he saw a flash of indignation, but the first remark that came from the ragged man reassured him.

"I couldn't play a game like that in these rags."
"I'll dress you up like a gentleman."
"But how would I pass myself off for one with such ignorance as mine?"

"Oh, you've seen better days! I can tell that. Something has broken you down. What was it—liquor?"

"No; I don't drink."

"Well, do you accept?"

The man appeared to be thinking. Presently he asked:

"What is there in it if I don't succeed in marrying the girl?"

"I'll give you \$500, besides what you need for spending money."

"All right. When shall I begin?"

Shotwell gave him an address at which he was to call at a certain hour the next day. When he appeared Shotwell had a wardrobe ready for him, and when properly dressed he certainly looked like a refined and intelligent man. Shotwell told him that Howard Belding, whom he was to personate, had inherited an estate of several million dollars, which he was giving to charity.

Having coached his man, Shotwell sent him away to form the acquaintance of Miss Gwynne. He instructed his decoy so far as possible as to the lady's idiosyncrasies, recommending him not to go too fast with her, and that he might not want for funds he instructed him to draw on his employer for reasonable amounts. The decoy was to report regularly through the mail.

Shotwell waited in vain for a report. A week passed, and he became impatient; two weeks, and he began to think he had been duped. The man had doubtless taken the good clothes and the money furnished him and decamped. But why no drafts came Shotwell could not imagine.

Unfortunately for Shotwell, he had broken with Miss Gwynne and therefore had no occasion to visit her. He knew several of her intimate friends and would have asked them if she were receiving attentions from any one, but he was himself known to have been attentive to Miss Gwynne, and any such questions from him would of course be impertinent. He went so far as to hang about the Gwynne domicile at hours when a visitor might be expected to call, but discovered nothing. He listened to all the gossip

he heard, hoping he might hear something pertaining to the case. He was disappointed in all his attempts to learn if the man he had employed to do his work was doing it.

Finally he made up his mind that if a man resembling Mr. Howard Belding were paying marked attention to Miss Gwynne it would be known and he (Shotwell) would certainly hear of it. There was but one inference—the man had either gone off without even an attempt to make Miss Gwynne's acquaintance or he had betrayed his employer with a view to making capital with the young lady. Either of these propositions was sufficient to throw Shotwell into a fever. He fretted and worried and pried till at last he could stand the strain no longer and concluded to get away from it by making a trip abroad.

He came to this conclusion not only because he wished to get the matter off his mind, but because, having somewhat cooled, he felt that he had risked the respect of all good men and women who knew him. If the matter should be known he would rather be where he could not be called upon to face it. Perhaps by the time he returned, if any trouble came of it, it would have blown over. These considerations, however, did not seem to him of great importance, for he had little doubt that the fellow he had hired to personate Belding had simply pocketed the perquisites and left the job to take care of itself.

Three months after Shotwell had laid his plan for revenge upon Miss Gwynne he went to Europe. There after a time the matter he had come away to get rid of ceased to occupy the greater part of his attention, and eventually he thanked heaven that the man he had employed to revenge him had gone off without doing so. He was feeling much relieved when in Venice he met an acquaintance from America, who said to him, among other things:

"I hear your old flame, Virginia Gwynne, is to marry the rich young philanthropist Howard Belding."

Shotwell was astonished, terror-stricken, that so long after he had repented of his meanness the damage had yet been done. He questioned his informer as to when the wedding was expected to come off, but received no satisfaction.

One desire now took possession of Shotwell—to reach America before Virginia Gwynne should fall irrevocably into the trap he himself had laid for her. Making for Genoa, he found a steamer about to sail for New York. For two weeks he paced the deck, looking out on the same watery waste trying to stifle his impatience. They were the longest two weeks he had ever known. But at last the voyage was ended, and he hastened ashore, his first object being to learn if Miss Gwynne had married.

The wedding had not yet taken place.

Shotwell wrote his former love a note telling her that he had something of great importance to her welfare to communicate to her and asking for an interview. He received a brief reply appointing the next afternoon at 5 o'clock at her house. The clock was striking the hour when he mounted the steps leading up to her home and rang the bell. He was all of a tremor when he entered the drawing room, where he had had many happy tete-a-tetes with Miss Gwynne and where he had parted with her in anger. Presently she came in and stood with her hand resting on the back of a chair. He rose and stammered:

"Thank heaven I am not too late."

"For what?"

"To save you from marrying a man whom you suppose to be a gentleman, but who is really—"

"Heavens!"

"I am here to make a confession. On the day I left you I felt much aggrieved. I did that which I admit, was unworthy of me. Seeing a man in rags who was the perfect image of Howard Belding, I persuaded him to personate that person to win your heart. But I never intended that the matter should go so far. And, not hearing from my man, in my cooler moments I congratulated myself that he had disappeared without taking any action."

Miss Gwynne stood for a moment as if trying to recover from the blow; then with one word, "Wait!" she left the room. In a moment Shotwell heard the ring of a telephone bell. He remained where he was for some minutes, when the front door opened and Miss Gwynne entered with her fiance.

"We've met again," said the man who had come in to Shotwell. "What have you to say against me?"

Shotwell was astonished at the man's assurance.

"You know what you are and of the bargain I made with you," said Shotwell.

"I know of the bargain most assuredly. As to myself, I am Howard Belding. When you met me that day I was endeavoring to meet you to find out the needs of the poor. I was succeeding. I could best do this in the costume of that region—rags. I have to thank you for being the means of my winning a lovely girl. I have never sold her till now of her own escape by making known your contemptible conduct. Will you oblige me by vacating these premises?"

Shotwell stood for a moment looking at the man, wondering if there could be truth in his assertion.

"Prove what you say," he said presently.

The man turned to his affianced.

"Do you require proof?" he asked.

"Proof? No. If that man said you were Mr. Belding I would require proof that you were what he said you were."

"Then, sir, I see no reason for you to interest yourself further in our affairs."

Shotwell, cowering, left them.

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Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—6.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. only. 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. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 9.15 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 5.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.35 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—8.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then 11.33 p. m. Sundays—9.03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

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PEPPERELL.

East.

The sewing class is in need of material for use in its work Saturday afternoons. Persons who are interested in the good work this class is doing and who wish it to be a success are earnestly solicited to send in cloth suitable for aprons, fancy bags, etc., and also small pieces of gingham or percale for squares, and fine white goods for ruffles. The committee to who this should be sent are, Mrs. J. L. Boynton, Mrs. A. Woodward, Mrs. Etta Spaulding, Mrs. A. Wright and Miss Josephine Lawrence.

The re-appointment of postmaster Arthur P. Wright, whose term expires March 23rd was recommended last week by Congressman Charles Q. Turrell, in accordance with the petition forwarded by our republican town committee. No doubt this appointment will be made by President Taft, and thus we will be assured of the continuance of the high degree of efficiency enjoyed by the public through Mr. Wright and his assistant Miss Harrington. It is understood Mr. Wright intends to have the office lighted by electricity.

The annual Easter sale, supper and entertainment under the auspices of the ladies of the M. E. church was held in the vestry Wednesday afternoon and evening and was a decidedly popular affair. The booths were tastefully decorated and the success reflects much credit on the work of the committee.

Mrs. Bessie M. Wright enjoyed a day from the telephone office Wednesday and took a trip to Boston, visiting her son Russell P. Wright, who is employed at H. P. Hood's large laboratory in Charlestown. She also went to the auto show before returning.

Don't forget the chicken pie supper to be given by the men of the M. E. church Friday evening March 25. Not only chicken pie which will melt in your mouth but the usual delicious delicacies found at the suppers.

Mrs. John A. Frossard is ill at her home on Cross street. She underwent an operation on Sunday, by Dr. Chas. G. Heald assisted by the district nurse, Mrs. Frossard is recovering rapidly. Her daughter Mrs. Nedding of Somerville arrived Monday.

F. R. Bennett, Dr. C. A. Greenache, E. A. Johnson, W. M. Wood, Fred Bennett, Arthur Banton, H. F. Hobart, were at the auto show in Boston this week.

The meeting of the Warren's was held last Monday evening and a committee elected to take charge of the annual supper and smoke talk. This comes later than usual, but will be all the more welcome to the many who have previously enjoyed them and always anticipated the next. It is to be sometime this month; the committee are, L. P. Shattuck, W. E. Chapman, S. E. Marshall, L. G. Robbins, Addison Woodward, F. D. Bolles and E. S. Durant.

For a fourth time in about a year death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tillman, Mill street and took one of their children, Joseph, aged 12, passed away last Saturday morning. Funeral services by Rev. Drawbridge, and the usual kind attention by those good women who interest themselves in the needy, and to whom this poor colored child was no distinction.

It is with regret the news is received that Marion L. Bartlett and family will move to Springfield. Arthur W. Bartlett, who has been in the employ of Wm. N. Mault for a number of years, also leaves having accepted a position in that city.

There has not been any school in the Townsend street school this week on account of water in the basement. School kept Friday and will be in session Saturday.

A. H. Gilbert has an interesting antique, one dollar national bank bill

of the Home national bank of Milford, Mass., being few of these ever issued by any bank, and none of our oldest business men have ever seen any before. It was issued by the act of 1875, and guaranteed the same as any other national bank bill.

It is understood that the coming town meeting will have an opportunity to consider an extension of the municipal water works.

It is understood that Frederick H. Parker has consented to allow his name to be placed in caucus for nomination as a candidate for the board of selectmen. Mr. Parker is of the firm of H. A. Parker & Son, a Pepperell boy who needs no special mention.

His good work on the school committee of previous years certainly will aid him in the present election. It is also stated that P. F. Sullivan will be a candidate for election to the board of water commissioners. With A. A. Lawrence, H. F. Hobart, I. J. Rowell and Edward P. McCord mentioned for collector, there appears a contest of unusual interest. For superintendent of streets W. M. Blood and his many friends will try to regain the position lost to S. M. Nokes last year.

Mrs. Leonard Nodding and daughter Phyllis of Somerville are visiting at the home of Mrs. Nodding's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard.

Mrs. Carrol Robbins has been quite ill and under the doctor's care. She is now improving.

Mrs. Walter Harriman, who suffered such a critical operation six weeks ago, is making rapid strides towards recovery and is able to walk about her room. Mrs. Anna Jenks is still with her.

Mrs. David Belyea is better of the blood poisoning with which she has been afflicted, but a weak heart still confines her to her room.

N. Augustus Lawrence, a life-long and highly respected resident of this town, celebrated very quietly his eightieth birthday at his home on Nashua street one day last month. Mrs. Wm. Peach, a daughter living in Fitchburg, visited her father at that time. Albert of Chicago, Charles and Mrs. Orta Swasey of New Haven, Conn., and Wm. Peach of Fitchburg, sons, daughters, and son-in-law of Mr. Lawrence, although unable to be present, sent substantial tokens of their remembrance of the day.

Mrs. John Frossard was operated on at her home on Cross street Sunday March 6. Dr. Charles Heald was the operating physician. Dr. Qua and the district nurse were also in attendance. Mrs. Frossard is reported as resting comfortably.

Mrs. Austin Saunders of Tucker street is quite ill.

Mrs. A. A. Blood of Gardner has been visiting friends in town this week.

Miss Susie Andrews was detained at her home on River street the last of last week, on account of illness and unable to go to Fitchburg where she is attending a business college.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald G. Pike spent Saturday and Sunday last with relatives in Boston, returning to their home on Monday.

It is reported that H. N. Tower has disposed of his Pleasant street property, which was recently occupied by George Spooner. Charles I. Marshall is the purchaser and his family has moved in.

Beacher Cotton is receiving congratulations from his many friends upon the arrival of a eleven pound baby girl last Thursday morning.

The East Village social club will meet with Mrs. Allen D. Parker, Brookline street, Wednesday afternoon, March 16. Subject: Spring.

An interesting sight may be seen on the maples in the yard of S. R. Merrill, Prescott street. Here four fat gray squirrels make their home and live like fairy princes, for they are fed daily with apples and nuts placed on the lawn in front of the house where they sport and are care free to the admiration of all, even those who want the law repealed that protects them.

The annual supper and entertainment by the men of the First Parish church will be held in Central hall on Thursday evening, March 17. Supper at 6.30. Entertainment of vocal and instrumental music; also, a farce entitled, "His lucky day." A prominent feature will be the taking of all the characters by men. Dancing afterwards.

News has been received of the serious illness of Miss Mabel Burns at Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She has scarlet fever. It will be remembered she was employed for some time as bookkeeper in the store of E. E. Tarbell.

Wm. H. Mansfield has some apple tree slips which are budding. They are in his window and he expects they will blossom in a short time.

Geo. G. Tarbell is able to be at his office and about his work this week, after almost two weeks' illness with grippe.

Henry Harris of South Merrimac is visiting his son, A. H. Harris. Arthur Bartlett is to leave the employ of W. N. Mault this week and has accepted a position in Springfield.

Miss Susie Andrews is ill at her home on River street. She was so sick with acute indigestion while attending school in Fitchburg, it was with great difficulty she reached home last Monday.

Dogs will be taxed beginning the first of April instead of May, as noted in the new law on assessing.

The last opportunity to register is Saturday, March 12, afternoon and evening. Citizens' caucus on Monday evening, March 14, at 7.30 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Peppereil Woman's club will be held Tuesday afternoon March 15, in Central hall. A drama, "Counsel for the Plaintiff" will be given at 3.45 o'clock, to which any lady not a club member may be admitted, by paying the regular afternoon fee. The following is the cast:

Mr. Frank Rice, Mrs. Ida Woodward; Mr. Solomon Nathan, Mrs. Gertrude Tower; Mr. Phineas Phunnel, Mrs. Alice Hayes; Mr. Percy Primmers, Mrs. Anna Wright; Miss Lucy Lowborn, Miss Ethelyn Hincley; Miss Phoebe Stoppel; Miss Hattie Kendall; Mrs. Percy Primmers, Miss Mary Wood; Sarah, Mrs. Florence Pike; Kitty, Mrs. Elsie Copp. Home made candy will be for sale.

Resigned.

P. J. Kemp and Charles Chapman have resigned from the board of assessors. Mr. Kemp had one more year to serve. Mr. Chapman two. These vacancies, and that of the third member, Mr. Woodward, whose term has expired, will require the election of three to this important board. This year is valuation year, the last valuator, having been taking in 1909. The revised laws of 1909 contain numerous changes, in all about fifty amendments on assessing. These must be mastered by the officers and is only a small part of the task involved.

It is very unfortunate that all of these veterans in this work should be unable to serve. Some criticism is heard and a large amount of demand for enlightenment, as it comes very sudden to the entire public who have repeatedly sustained them by convincing majorities. On the other hand it is known that their work has been eminently satisfactory. It is understood that State tax representative Patton who has seen a great many records, recently stated he had not found any better, and few books as completely satisfactory as those of our assessors. So in addition to having performed their work well, they have established a high mark of efficiency as a beacon to the officers. Very little discussion is heard who these new members may be. But there is no doubt there are many citizens capable of serving the town, and fully competent to uphold its best interests, which should most certainly be foremost in their work.

About Town.

Mrs. Fred Robbins of Fitchburg has been visiting among her relatives the past week.

Miss Hill, a former teacher in our high school, now from Pembroke, N. H., is making a stay with Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton.

George Willett and Mrs. Willett of Lynn were in town recently on a visit.

A son and heir was born to Brooks Phelps Monday morning, February 28 weighing six pounds.

There was no school at Townsend street school building last week or Monday following as no fire could be kept on account of the water flooding the basement.

Mrs. Anna Nutting and little granddaughter Madeline visited Roy Nutting and family a few days this week.

Waldo Spaulding and nephew, Roy Fisher, went Friday noon on a trip to Washington to be gone some time.

Mrs. Dr. Percy Miller of Harwich visited at Charles H. Miller's this week.

On April 19 there will be held in Prescott hall, a prize speaking contest under the auspices of the Peppereil Farmers' and Mechanics' club. Vocal music by Miss Burns. Thayer's orchestra will furnish music for dancing after the entertainment.

A new whist club called the Hard-scrabble club which met at Mr. Tibault's last week met with Mrs. Roy Nutting this week, Friday evening.

Mrs. Gertrude Dempsey (Phelps) of Fitchburg visited her relatives the past week.

Rehearsal of the second degree was to have been worked last week at Prescott grange, but owing to the small number present was postponed. It is understood that a large class of candidates will be initiated in the near future.

The Pomona grange meeting at Groton, Tuesday evening, March 8, was well represented by members from Pepperell. Watch for the grange play on April 1.

Miss Luella Parker has returned from her visit in Hudson, where she has been staying for several weeks.

Joseph Tillman, eleven-year-old son of Charles Tillman, passed away at his home on Saturday, March 5. He died from an apoplectic stroke. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family, who out of a large family of nine children, have buried four recently. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, March 7, in charge of Harmon and Mahoney. The body was placed in the receiving tomb at the Centre.

The sawmill of Mr. Blanchard, which was moved from the property of the Walter Warner heirs to Greenfield, N. H., is now being returned to a spot nearby the site formerly occupied.

Miss Gladys Mason of Groton visited her sister, Mrs. Fred O. Parker this week.

Centre.

On Friday night, March 11, Thayer's orchestra furnishes music for a party in Prescott Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies' Social Circle of the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Bessie (Jewett) MacCarthy and daughter, Constance, of Boston, are guests of Mrs. Mary M. Pond at their old home on Main street.

Mrs. Orpha (Lee) Potter of Somerville has been a guest of Mrs. Robert W. Drawbridge, the past week.

Mrs. Gertrude (Phelps) Dempsey of Fitchburg has been visiting at her early home on Park street with Mrs. Harriet S. Phelps.

In the absence of Rev. Dudley F. Child, who is attending the national religious meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, the Unitarian church will not be open for a service next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Kemp are spending the month of March at Old Point Comfort, Va., for the benefit of Mrs. Kemp's health.

Mrs. Helen Wetherbee and her little daughter Ann, have been guests of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald this week.

Mrs. Sarah P. Fletcher has been spending a few weeks with her friend, Mrs. Fessenden, in Townsend.

The Tuesday evening meeting was held at the parsonage of the Congregational church as the water flowed over the furnace, preventing the lighting a fire.

Miss Emma Haynes has bought the Boynton cottage, next house to Dr. L. R. Qua's.

Mrs. Henry A. Wright of Townsend street is enjoying the company of her sister, Miss Doe of Everett.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Friday afternoon, March 4, many of the friends of Miss Marion Powers gathered at the Congregational parsonage and gave her a kitchen shower. Miss Powers is teaching school in Meriden, Conn., but will give up her position there next June. She is a popular teacher in that city and her many friends that she has made in that city gave her a short time ago a wooden shower.

The annual school meeting was held in the town hall last Saturday afternoon and Hon. Franklin Worcester was elected moderator and M. J. Powers clerk. As Mr. Worcester's term of office on the board of education had expired he was re-elected and S. M. Spaulding was also re-elected treasurer. There was appropriated \$2,200 for the expenses of the school for the coming year.

Communion was observed at the Congregational church last Sunday and five were received into the church. Frank B. Ellsworth on confession of faith, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Reed and Misses Hazel and Ora Reed by letter from the First Church of Nashua.

The Sunday school voted last Sunday to observe a birthday bank for the main school, the primary department having had one for years. The appropriation of the money will be made later.

There was no session of the high school last Monday as Prof. Dudley was called to Epsom to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dudley's mother, Mrs. Towle.

Mrs. Remick of Brookline, Mass., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hills.

At the annual meeting of the Hollis social library last Monday the association voted to present the library and all its furniture to the town when the new library building is handed over to the town.

The Hollis Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon with Miss M. A. Hardy and twenty-one ladies were present. Current events was given by Miss Hardy, supplemented by a very good attendance.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting took place last Tuesday in the town hall and lasted through the day and there was the usual flow of eloquent oratory. The following town officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: W. C. Barbee, George F. Hills and George Hale were the selectmen. At the caucus held last week W. B. Simonds was nominated for one of the selectmen but declined serving. Edson Howe was elected town treasurer; A. F. Hildreth, town clerk; S. A. Worcester, D. J. Wright and J. E. Hills, road commissioners; C. A. Hale, sexton; George A. Ladd, Charles E. Hardy and Thomas A. Greenleaf, fire wards.

It was voted to accept the Hollis social library. Voted, to reimburse Hon. Franklin Worcester for the use of his well which gives the town the privilege of using the water in it in the case of fire, the sum of two hundred dollars.

The sum of one hundred dollars was appropriated for the celebration of old home week.

It was voted to dig a well at the Earl cemetery and an appropriation, not to exceed one hundred dollars, for the same.

Six persons were appointed to serve as trustees for the social library; F. A. Lovejoy and Miss Bertha Hayden for one year; W. C. Hardy and Miss Anna Van Dyke for two years; Hon. Franklin Worcester and D. W. Hayden for three years.

Voted, to leave it with the selectmen to do the town's part toward the expense of insurance and slate roofing for the Congregational church.

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Spohr and the Violin.

Louis Spohr, the greatest of all German violinists and a man whose name is otherwise indelibly written on the pages of musical history, was born at Brunswick on April 5, 1784, just fifteen days after his great contemporary and rival, Nicolo Paganini, first saw the light of the world. Two greater contrasts than these two men could not be imagined. Paganini, the brilliant, fazzling, comet-like apparition, over-awed the masses, for whose favor he made a high bid, while the German, the serious, dignified, deep artist, appealed to the connoisseurs and cultured musicians. Spohr both by precept and example exerted a tremendous influence on violin playing and violin composition and, in fact, on composition in general. The greatest musicians of his day stood in awe of him, and even Richard Wagner, after Spohr had produced "The Flying Dutchman" at Cassel in 1843, where he was then conductor of the opera, in a letter written to the great violinist displayed a sense of gratitude of which in later years he seemed incapable. Spohr died at Cassel in 1859.—Argonaut.

Tit For Tat.

A newspaper man who called on a local manufacturer the other day to pay a friendly visit found the latter in no mood for friendly calls. He was in a white heat.

"What's the matter?" asked the visitor. "You don't seem pleased to see me."

"Oh, I would be pleased to see you," said the other, "if I wasn't so mighty mad at the meanest piece of petty holdup I ever saw. Here's a check from a fellow who owed me a bill for ninety days, and darned if he hasn't mailed the check at last and subtracted the 2 cents for the postage stamp that brought the letter."

"Can you beat that?" exclaimed the visitor as he eyed the check.

"I can," said the other as he reached for a telegraph blank. "I am going to wire him a receipt in full, and I'll wire it collect."—Newark Call.

Supreme Court Says.

When the supreme court of the United States assembled at 12 o'clock on each Monday the room is filled with lawyers, clerks, newspaper men and spectators. Routine announcements are made by the chief justice in a voice no one can understand. Decisions of great moment are rendered by other justices in mumbled words which are not heard. Lawyers, clerks, newspaper men and spectators stare hard at the honorable justice who may be talking or reading, some with hands curved into a round board so that they can catch a few words if possible. But no one in the courtroom shouts "Louder!" No one would last very long if he did. And should a person be sentenced for contempt of the supreme court it would be the end. As an old colored employee once said, "Dere ain't no appeal from dis cote."—St. Louis Star.

Swallowed and Climbed.

A woman newly rich was invited to an aristocratic dinner party. During the course of fowl and salad this woman noticed with dismay a fat, furry caterpillar on her topmost leaf of lettuce. Glancing up, she met her aristocratic hostess' eye. The hostess, too, had seen the caterpillar. Her gaze implored the guest to save the dinner from catastrophe. The guest gave her hostess a reassuring smile. Then she doubled a lettuce leaf around the caterpillar and swallowed it calmly. The look of awe and gratitude that her hostess gave her was an assurance that her footing in society was at last firmly established.

"Did you think," said Mrs. Newry-lich to her daughter afterward, "that I'd lose a chance of establishing the family socially for a little thing like a caterpillar?"

Spanish Surnames.

In addition to three or four Christian names the Spanish child bears the combined family names of his father and mother. When the surnames are doubled or connected by the y, meaning "and," the first is the more important one and the only one that may be taken alone, for it is in the father's name, while the last is in the name of the mother. In Spain they know no "senior" and "junior." Father and son may bear the same Christian name, but each takes his own mother's name as a distinction, the father being, for instance, Pedro Diaz y Castillo and the son Pedro Diaz y Blanco.

O'Connell's Big Head.

Thackeray was six feet two inches in height, and Sir H. W. Lucy says the great novelist wore a seven and three-eighth inch hat, beating Dickens and John Bright by a full half inch. Mr. Gladstone's hat was of seven and three-eighth inch measurement—the same as Macaulay's—while Beaconsfield needed a full seven inch. The hat of Daniel O'Connell, however, would have beaten them all, measuring eight and one-half inches by ten inches.

Unreasonable.

She—I don't see why you should hesitate to marry on \$3,000 a year. Papa says my gowns never cost more than that. He—But, my dear, we must have something to eat. She (petulantly)—Isn't that just like a man? Always thinking of his stomach.—Boston Transcript.

Why?

When a mother tells her boy he is getting to be just like his father he knows well that it is not intended as a compliment.

In Awful Shape.

"Why don't you go to work?" "I'm so dead tired of doing nothing that I'm too tired to do anything."—Cleveland Leader.

Items of Interest.

As a result of the fight made by Dr. Richards, secretary of the State board of health, against the common drinking cup for more than a year, a bill has been prepared and introduced in the legislature by Representative Freeman O. Emerson to abolish the public drinking cup. The bill declares that a common drinking cup is an undoubted source of infectious disease, and it gives the State Board of Health full authority to make necessary rules and regulations to eliminate the cup from all public places, including schools and railroad trains. Anyone allowing the public to use a cup in his place of business will be liable to a fine of twenty-five dollars for each offense. The bill will go before the committee on public health. Many schools in the state within the past few months have abolished the public cup.

Up in Santa Paula a Miss Parrott has just married. Her stepfather's name is Bird and her sister-in-law is named Peacock, while her father-in-law is a prominent member of the local Eagle lodge. The girl's nest ought to be pretty well feathered.

Gold has been discovered on the Siberian coast, and it is said that the fields are larger than those of California and as rich as the famous Alaskan strikes. Siberian mines produced about \$20,000,000 in gold in 1907.

Internal revenue collections in Massachusetts for the six months ending December 31, 1909, exceeded those for the same period in 1908 by \$668,314.28. The total collections for the past year reached \$4,199,316.57, and in 1908 were \$3,866,764.01. Collector Gill stated today that the business for the first six months last year ran behind of the collections for the corresponding period in 1908, but the change for the better took place from the beginning of the last half of the year. Special taxes on spirituous liquors, cigars, tobacco and cigarettes are the main source of the great revenue to the government.

According to the Board of Trade returns for the twelve months ended December, 1909, exports show receipts of \$2,348,724.54, an increase of \$65,000,000 as compared with the previous year. The imports were \$3,228,702.58, an increase of \$160,000,000. The exports for December were \$217,124,090, an increase of nearly \$30,000,000 over the same month in 1908. The imports for December were \$403,029,415, an increase of nearly \$200,000,000 over the same month in 1908. During the month of December the imports of raw cotton decreased nearly \$700,000, as compared with the same month in 1908. The exports of cotton and grain increased nearly \$7,500,000 during the month.

Pittsburg car building companies have booked more than \$55,000,000 of orders for cars during the year 1910, according to reports just made public. During the past year orders were placed for 189,360 freight cars, 4414 passenger cars and 3359 locomotives. Many of these orders are yet to be filled.

In ten years nearly 7,000,000,000 people were carried by the railroads of the United States, and in a single year 1908, 1,500,000,000 tons of freight were transported over the shining rails from one part of the country to another. The weight of individual locomotives has increased 115 percent, and the number 75 percent, there being now almost 57,000 puffing over the United States. The increase in the capacity of freight cars has been approximately 120 percent, making their present carrying capacity more than 71,000,000 tons. Perhaps the statistics giving the number of railroad employes are the most impressive. Nearly 1,500,000 people, an increase of 67 percent are now on the payrolls of United States railroads, drawing a compensation of \$1,000,000,000 a year, an increase of 110 percent over ten years ago.

The difference in the cost of living for the traveling employe of the department of agriculture in the different sections of the country has been shown in testimony just submitted to the house committee on expenditures by Chief Disbursing Officer Sappone of that department. In the south the expense for lodging and meals, as shown by their sworn statements, averages between \$1.00 and \$2.50 a day, in the far west \$3 and \$3.50, in the central west \$3.50, and in the east \$4 to \$8. In New York, Boston and other large cities it is very difficult for them to obtain satisfactory accommodations.

Lessons in deportment and etiquette are the latest innovation on the Union Pacific. The education bureau of the company, which is under the management of D. C. Ewell, has undertaken to educate the employes of the company as to how they should best conduct themselves when meeting the public.

While optimistic over the future of this country Dr. Andrew D. White, former president of Cornell and ambassador to Germany and Russia, sees grave danger in the prevalence of crime, especially murder, which continues in this country. He finds that homicide is forty-three times greater in the United States than in Canada, while it is seven times greater than in Belgium, which is considered the worst country in Europe. The average criminal, he continued, serves but seven years of a life sentence, while one out of seventy-four murderers is convicted. The number of felonious homicides per year per million population for various countries follows: Canada, 3; Germany, 4 to 5; England and Wales, 10 to 11; France, 12 to 15; Belgium, 15; United States, over 129, says Dr. White.

There were in Russia in 1908 2676 vodka breweries, one fiscal spirit distillery and thirteen sections of the same, 511 private distilleries, twenty-six reserve stores and 27,402 shops for the sale of vodka. The total amount of vodka sold during the year was 232,813,382 gallons, a consumption of 1.66 gallons per capita. The total sales were 2,356,232 gallons less than in 1907. The revenue and expenditures were as follows: Revenue, \$365,015,424;