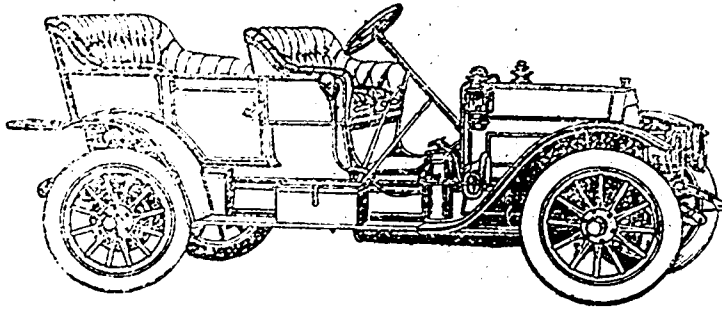


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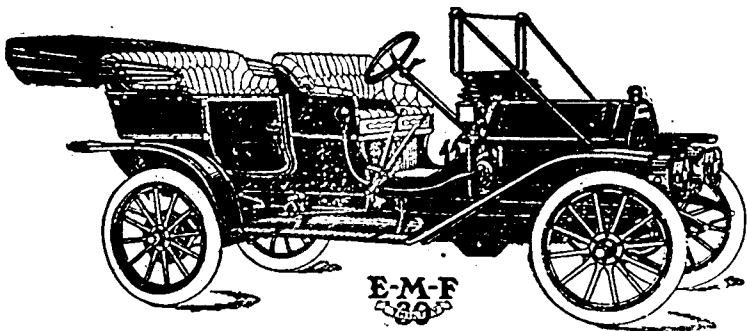
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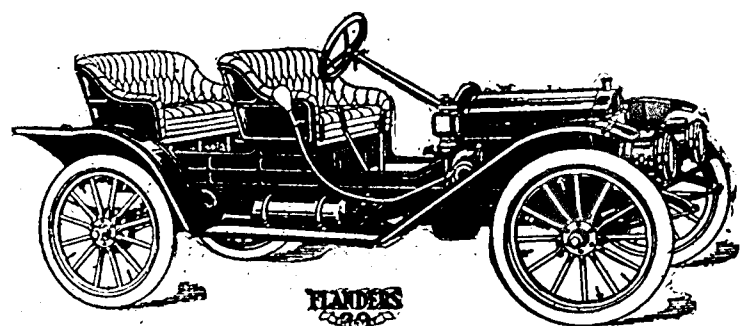
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### BOXBOROUGH.

#### News Items.

The Borough Pomona grange holds its next meeting in Boxboro town hall, Thursday, April 14. The morning question: "With the same amount of capital invested, are the results of business-like farming more profitable than any trade or profession?" The afternoon session is a patriotic one and open to the public. The G. A. R. at West Acton has accepted an invitation to be present.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins has received the appointment as census enumerator in Boxboro.

Mrs. Elsie Davidson and daughter were recent guests at Norman Wetherbee's.

William Withington has been appointed janitor of the town hall for the coming year.

Miss Florence Moore was at R. Y. Nelson's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon who have been spending the winter in Somerville have returned to the farm.

Mr. Dean and family are making frequent visits to the Hillside, being interested in putting the grounds and gardens in good condition so they may enjoy them when they come out for the summer.

Chas. Waitt has been improving the appearance of his place, giving the buildings a new coat of paint and trimming up the shade trees in the yard.

Oliver Mead of West Groton has returned from the sunny south where he has been spending the winter and now has all the available men and boys engaged in setting out pine trees on his land in Boxboro.

The school committee met Tuesday evening and organized for the coming year.

Robert Cunningham is having trouble with his eyes, a specialist has been consulted and while no serious difficulty is apprehended, it will be necessary for him to leave school for the present.

Dan Wetherbee was at home over Sunday.

There was a large attendance at the play "The corner store," given by the Odd Fellows at West Acton in which Arthur Nelson had one of the leading parts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb have both been having severe attacks of the grippe.

Last Saturday afternoon, a number of the young lady friends of Miss Catherine Mead gathered at the parsonage and surprised her with a shower of unbreakable articles which she will find both useful and ornamental in her new home.

### HARVARD.

#### About Town.

Mrs. Frank Hynes is on the sick list, and under the care of our excellent local nurse, Miss Gordon.

Miss Alice Preston is at home during her vacation. It is remembered that she is employed at Rochester, N. H.

Mrs. Jennie Merrill of Newton Center, formerly a summer resident on Cob Hill, is the guest of Mrs. Sarah Lawrence.

Mrs. E. J. Spencer, who has been spending a few weeks with her brother, Rev. H. B. Mason, returned to her home in Reading, April 2.

The new board of assessors for 1910 and 1911, consisting of Isaac P. Baker, Ralph G. Whitney and W. F. Dickson, has organized with Isaac P. Baker, chairman and Ralph G. Whitney, clerk.

Miss Carrie L. Mason, teacher in Winchester schools, is spending a part of her vacation with her brother, Pastor Mason.

A. K. Paull, superintendent of schools, was present nearly all the day at town meeting and met many of our citizens for the first time. Added interest in a public official and his work comes from an acquaintance with him.

George K. Clarke of Needham, a former resident and a present summer sojourner, was in town on Monday, an interested spectator at the town meeting.

Percy A. Atherton and Horace E. Hildreth were home to vote on Monday.

A nice young lady came into the family of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Ogilvie on Thursday, March 31. Little Miss Ogilvie found she had two brothers in her welcoming party.

On Tuesday, Charles L. Clay was elected superintendent of schools in the district comprising the towns of Dana, Greenwich, New Salem, and Prescott. He began work within an hour after his election. His post office address for the future (indefinite as to how long) will be North Dana, Mass.

Charles L. Clay has been appointed census enumerator, but of necessity declines the duty.

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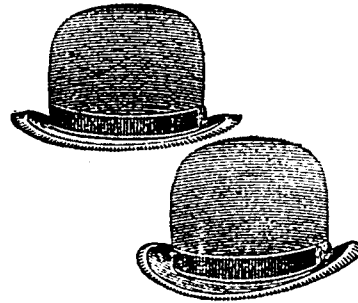
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### WESTFORD.

#### Center.

The announcement has been received by the Westford relatives of a birth of a little son to Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson at their home in Covington, Va. Miss Grace Lambert of this village is with Mrs. Anderson and reports mother and son as doing nicely. The little fellow has been named Charles William Anderson, family names from both sides of the house.

A good delegation was present from Westford grange at the meeting of North Middlesex Pomona grange at Lowell, Friday, April 1. There was a good program during the day and the fifth degree in full form in the evening for a large class.

A good delegation of ladies from the Unitarian Alliance in this village attended the Union Alliance meeting at Littleton, last Friday afternoon and as always, the same delightful report comes back of the pleasant welcome and gracious hospitality of our sister town and the excellent address of Rev. John P. Forbes, the speaker of the day. Those who comprised the Westford group were, Mesdames Richardson, H. H. Bailey, Woods, Hildreth, Feeney, Hamlin and Seaver.

The Middlesex Union Conference of churches (Congregational) will be held with the South Acton church, Wednesday, April twentieth, with a most attractive program.

Rev. Mr. Wallace was present at the session of the Middlesex north-west temperance union at Groton, Thursday, sustaining a part in the afternoon's exercise.

Cyrus Hosmer of Wakefield has been visiting this past week his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Wright, and his granddaughter, Mrs. W. J. Merritt.

Miss Jones, a former prisonier and family friend from Lunenburg, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace at the parsonage.

The new soldiers' monument has arrived and workmen have been busy putting it in place this week.

Tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith, and his men have been doing the annual trimming of shade trees on the common and about the village, and a good amount of work has been necessary particularly among some of the patriarchal elms.

The Edward M. Abbott Hose Co. held its regular meeting at its headquarters on Boston road, Tuesday evening. An excellent clam chowder supper with all the accompaniments was served. Owing to John Gould's permanent removal from town, H. L. Wright was appointed as regular man in his place and Everett Miller was proposed as call man. The supper committee for the evening were F. E. Miller, H. L. Wright and L. W. Wheeler.

Mrs. Amanda T. Fisher quietly and pleasantly observed her seventy-sixth birthday Monday of this week. The quartet of sisters were all able to get together during the day. Mrs. Burbeck, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Fisher. These and other loving relatives made the day a happy and pleasant one. Mrs. Fisher was the recipient of numerous pretty gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hildreth welcomed another little daughter into their home on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Edward Fisher entertained the Thimble club at luncheon at her home Tuesday. The June-like day, the pretty decorations, the dairy menu, the model daughters of the home, and the merry sociability with needlework during the afternoon were all factors contributing toward making it one of the fairest of pictures to hang away on the walls of memory's gallery. All the members were present.

A telephone has been installed in the town hall, 10-2. The Congregational parsonage is also accessible again by this means of communication.

#### Social.

The regular monthly social which took place at the Congregational vestry last Thursday evening was very much of a success. The supper which was served from half past six to eight was well patronized, fully one hundred people being served. It was abundant and of good variety. The tables were brightened with flowering plants and runners through the center of the tables of vivid spring-like green. Pussy willows with daffodils down stairs suggested further that spring is here. At eight o'clock a program of readings and music was given that was especially varied and creditable individually. There were piano solos by Sadie McMaster and Hazel Hartford, readings by Miss Martha Taylor and Mrs. Gould; and vocal solos by E. G. Boynton, C. A. Blaney, M. D. and John S. Greig.

After this was an elephant party, which consisted of a lot of articles sold at auction. S. L. Taylor served as auctioneer and his stand was appropriately decorated with a large well-drawn elephant. This caused much merriment and many white elephants were exchanged.

The capable committee in charge of the evening were Madames E. G. Boynton, S. L. Taylor, J. E. Knight, J. L. McMaster and Florence Isles. A good sum was turned into the amount which goes for improvements and repairs.

#### Arrivals from Florida.

Genial Fred A. Smith returned home Saturday of last week after his winter sojourn in the warmer climate of Florida and brings with him the wider outlook and enthusiasm that seeing other places and people brings to the

average person. He combined business and pleasure as much as possible and has much to report to the home friends whom he is glad to be with again. He was gone three months and five days and during that time was in eleven cities, seven towns and six counties. While in Florida his journeyings took him the length of the St. John's and Ocklawaha rivers, temperatures varying from 34° to 100°. On the homeward trip, three days each were spent in Washington and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon arrived home Saturday the day previous and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Foss expect to be here by another week.

#### About Town.

Fire started in the wood lot of Amos B. Polley, a little north of the Stony Brook railroad, Friday afternoon, last week. It was first discovered by Samuel H. Balch on the mail route, who immediately notified the owner, neighbors and fire extinguishers, soon brought it to terms of control. Charge the cause up to smoking, which set the woods to smoking.

The Westford athletic association and others danced and ate ice cream Friday evening of last week. A Lowell military orchestra furnished the music for the dancing and Albert Reeves of Graniteville furnished the food supply.

John W. O'Brien has been appointed census enumerator for Westford. He has had previous experience which was an endorsement in favor of re-appointment.

About 75,000 logs of lumber are being teamed by William E. Wright from the Stephen Hutchins farm to the Proctor saw mill at North Chelmsford.

At a meeting of the school committee, Tuesday evening, Charles O. Prescott was elected chairman and Walter C. Wright, secretary.

C. F. Ange, recently of the Hood farm, Lowell, has moved to the home- stead farm of Henry B. Read, where he is employed for the season.

Miss Arabella Walker has been entertaining her niece, Mrs. Herbert Coffin and her two daughters, Elsie and Minnie from Berwick, Maine.

John H. Decatur, who has been ill for many years, is gradually failing, being confined to his bed most of the time. Dr. Wells is keeping life comfortable, but is unable to effect nature's decree, which has been issued seventy-five years. The natural infirmities of age and paralysis, are a strong combination for medical skill to overcome.

Mrs. Coolidge of Groton was buried in the Fairview cemetery this week. She was a sister of Luther Blodgett and an aunt of Samuel Blodgett. Her husband was a son of Oren Coolidge of this town.

The friends from Florida are returning. Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon and Fred Smith are there, but Mr. and Mrs. Foss will remain in Florida another month on account of ill health of Mr. Foss.

At a meeting of the Westford athletic association on Monday evening, to arrange for the season. Edward Fisher was elected president; Charles M. Trull, vice president; William R. Taylor, secretary; J. Herbert Fletcher, treasurer; Oscar R. Spaulding, Edward Hamlin, Walter J. Merritt, Alfred W. Hartford, Harwood L. Wright, executive committee. The association has confident outlook for the future. It is cheering so many games won already.

The regularly monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Quincy Day on Wednesday afternoon. Fourteen were present. Letters were read from the Frances Willard settlement home. The president of the union, Mrs. Frank Hildreth, gave a report of the meeting of presidents and executive committees at Newton, last week. There was a discussion about the value of suggesting a penny savings system in our schools. It is in force in the Lowell schools and superintendent Webber favored it here. Mrs. Hildreth in behalf of the union presented Mrs. Day with a fine leather bound Bible, since it was her birthday. Mrs. Day was much pleased with the gift and thanked the union. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Day.

Entertainment.

The fortnight club, which includes everything in town, still continues to furnish entertainment, wholesome and strong, plain, light laughable. They are to be cheered for their record of service. Last week Friday evening, was one of their dare and do program.

Violin solo, Arthur Blodgett; reading, Mrs. Anne Lambert; song, Edward Gambin; phonograph selections, Mr. Ward; reading, Mrs. Edwin Gould; song, Horace Gould; song, Mrs. Florence Flavel; reading, Mrs. Elizabeth Wyman; song, Mrs. Emily Blodgett; recitation, Edwin Gould; dialogue, "The School." The cast of characters was, Mr. Hastings, a surly old bachelor, Edwin Gould; Julia Ford, his niece and ward, Miss Stella Glynn; Blodgett; Jennie Loring, his sister, Miss Lillian Wright; Mr. Pettigood, a clerkman, Charles Blodgett; John, a man servant, Edward Gambin; Maggie, a maid servant, Mrs. Edwin Gould.

Those in charge of the entertainment were, Carl Wright, Miss Stella Glynn, Lillian Wright, Mrs. Edwin Gould, who was appointed on the executive committee in place of Miss Lillian Wright, retiring member.

#### List of New Books.

Following is the list of new books added to the public library:

Baldwin, C. S. Writing and speaking, 808 B3  
Bennet, O. When good fellows get together, 808.5 B1  
Dole, C. F. Ethics of progress, 170 D1  
Emerson, R. W. Journals, 2 E536.6  
George, W. R. Junior republic, 364 G  
Hank, C. S. Our Plymouth forefathers, 973.2 H1  
Janvier, T. A. Henry Hudson B H886  
Mintz, F. S. New American citizen, 428 M1  
Morley, M. W. Song of life, 570 M3  
N. E. A. Proceedings 1909, 370 E3  
Palmer, L. S. Kindergarten in the Bible school, 268 P  
Rollins, F. W. Tourist's guide to New Hampshire, 917.42 R  
Steiner, E. A. Immigrant tide, 325 S3  
Stewart, R. L. Sheldon Jackson, B J142  
Williams, H. S. Alcohol, 178 W2

#### Forge Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Whigham are the happy parents of a little daughter, born Thursday, March 31.

Harold Connell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Connell of Beaver Brook road had his leg badly lacerated by being kicked by a horse, Wednesday. He will be unable to walk for some time.

Mrs. John McNiff met with a painful if not serious accident, Thursday of last week while washing. A needle that was hidden in the clothes became imbedded in her hand. The needle broke in several pieces causing much pain. Dr. Blaney was called and extracted the pieces.

The Bunting's second football team of Lowell played a picked team from this village Saturday afternoon on Cameron grove. The game resulted in a tie score being two to two.

The Ladies' sewing circle enjoyed one of the prettiest and daintiest lunches that has been served last Thursday. This week the circle will meet with Mrs. F. A. Sweatt.

Alvin S. Bennett has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went the first of the week to attend the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. Angeline Bennett, wife of Dr. Harrison M. Bennett, who died Friday, April 1.

The Ladies' sewing circle met this week with Mrs. F. A. Sweatt.

Miss Emily Collins and Miss Sarah Precious entertained the members of their Sunday school classes Saturday evening in Recreation hall. The long table was arranged to accommodate all of the children and was daintily appointed. A delicious supper was served at six o'clock. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and games. Each child received a pretty souvenir of the occasion.

Miss Alice L. Prescott is home from her school in Andover for the usual spring vacation.

Mrs. Mary Murray and two daughters will remove to Ayer shortly, where they will reside in future in their own house. They were former residents of Ayer. Miss Annie Murray has severed her connection with Abbot & Co., but Miss Emma Murray will continue to work here, going back and forth on the electric.

Ernest Longbottom of Arlington Heights visited relatives here Thursday.

#### Death.

John B. Splaine, son of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late Patrick Splaine, died early Friday morning, April 1, at his home on Union street, after a long illness, aged thirty-three years. The deceased was postmaster for a number of years succeeding his brother, the late Daniel Splaine, who had charge of the postoffice for twelve years.

John B. Splaine was born in this village and with the exception of a few years in which his family lived in Peabody, has lived here all his life. He was widely known and highly respected by all who knew him. Of a quiet disposition, he cared not for the pleasures of social, or the honors of public life, but gave freely of his time and services and always held out a helping hand to his neighbors and friends who were in trouble: no one ever appealed to him in vain. He was proprietor of the J. B. Splaine general store, and his business brought him in contact with many people particularly the summer residents who always found him ready to render assistance or information. His genial personality won for him many friends who will learn of his death with keen regret. He leaves besides his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine, three sisters, Miss Elmer E. Nutting and Miss Abbie Splaine of this village, and Mrs. Frank Rose of Belmont, also three nieces and one nephew. The deceased was a member of Court Ayer, F. of A.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at St. Catherine's church, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, officiating.

A very large number of friends and neighbors had gathered to pay their last respects. The casket was hidden amid a wealth of beautiful flowers the sad offerings of loving friends and neighbors. A large delegation of Court Ayer, F. of A., attended the services.

The floral tributes were unusually beautiful and numerous. Burial was in the family lot in St. Catherine's cemetery, Graniteville, Tuesday morning a requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Catherine's church at eight o'clock.

#### HARVARD.

#### Town Meeting.

It was a fine day, but not a full attendance. Most of the candidates received 116 votes; in addition, five suffragettes cast their votes for school committee. The following officers were elected:

Moderator, W. H. Fairbank.  
Town clerk, J. L. Whitney.  
Selectman, three years, E. J. Priest.  
Overseers of the poor, one year, C. W. Dudley; three years, J. B. Harlow.  
Assessor, three years, W. F. Dickson.  
School committee, three years, J. E. Maynard.  
Treasurer, one year, F. A. Houghton.  
Collector, one year, I. P. Baker.  
Constables, A. D. Parker, William Hanna.  
Cemetery commissioner, three years, J. B. Harlow.  
Park commissioner, three years, H. A. Skillings.  
Board of health, three years, H. B. Royal.  
Trustees Warner free lecture fund, three years, Rev. H. B. Mason, Florence Cushman.  
Library trustees, three years, Ellen C. G. Moore, H. E. Hildreth.  
Tree warden, one year, G. C. Maynard.  
Auditor, one year, W. C. Haskell.  
Highway surveyor, one year, B. J. Priest.  
Surveyors of lumber, one year, H. D. Stone, E. J. McLaughlin.  
Measurers of wood, one year, W. L. Parsons, A. A. Hutcherson, W. Robinson, E. J. McLaughlin, H. P. Mead.  
Fence viewers, one year, G. F. Hardy, E. P. Cleaves, A. W. Bryant.  
Field drivers, one year, Jerry Mongovin, J. A. Cleaves.

Some of the articles in the warrant acted upon, were as follows:

Voted, to elect the town officers on one ballot.

Voted, to keep the polls open from 10.30 to twelve m., and from one to two p. m.

The license vote was 9 yes, 60 no.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,938.40 for the following purposes:

Schools, dog money and	\$2,500 00
Union superintendent of	250 00
School supplies	300 00
Conveying scholars	250 00
School physician	25 00
Highways, bridges and sidewalks	2,200 00
Breaking roads	500 00
Town incidentals	1,400 00
Town officers	850 00
Repairs on public buildings	200 00
Schoolhouse note due 1910	1,000 00
Interest on schoolhouse notes	120 00
Soldiers' relief	375 00
Memorial day	50 00
Library	100 00
Trunks	150 00
Lighting streets	100 00
Suppression of brown-tail and gypsy moth	493 48
Tree warden	25 00
Out poor	200 00
Incidentals at almshouse, including warden's salary	600 00

Voted, to use \$1,000.00 of the money in the treasurer's hands (\$1,415.73) to pay a note coming due this year.

The committee, the selectmen appointed a year ago to take into consideration the better heating of the town hall, reported and recommended the excavating for, and putting in of a system of hot air furnaces; the recommendation made was accepted and adopted, and the sum of \$1,000.00 appropriated for the purpose. The selectmen have the matter in charge.

The sum of \$250.00 was voted for the celebration of the Fourth of July, and the selectmen were made the general committee.

The town voted to sustain the by-law, relative to fishing in Bear Hill and Hell ponds, and appropriated \$500.00 to maintain the same, selectmen in charge.

Voted, to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be used under the direction of the tree warden in the suppression of the elm tree beetle.

The selectmen were made a committee to investigate the better lighting of the town hall and report at the next town meeting.

Voted, to place two drinking hygiene fountains in the basement of the schoolhouse; \$50.00 appropriated for the purpose.

Much discussion arose over the Skillings' transportation case, which has hung fire for several months, much to the indignation of the town. The following vote was finally passed:

"That the school committee be instructed to proceed forthwith to submit to arbitration of three non-residents arbitrators, one to be named by either party and the third by the two chosen, the suit now pending between Herman A. Skillings and the inhabitants of the town of Harvard, the decision of the arbitrators to be accepted and final."

The case remains just where it was before. See?

The sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to construct ash bins for the town hall. Mr. Stanley Hildreth said he would give the town \$25.00 of that sum. The unsightly ash heaps and rubbish will now be things of the past. Slowly but surely civil beauty and civil righteousness grows.

The assessors' list is to be printed this year, at an expense of not over \$200.00.

The rill from the town pump will again be heard in the village, if \$50.00 will install one—the pump. The petty jealousy that seems to be innate in every town where the outside and a village exists, showed itself in the defeat of article 27, to see if the town will vote to purchase a snow plow for use at the Centre.

Voted, not to accept the financial report of the cemetery committee, a question in the system of the book-keeping being raised by H. E. Hildreth.

Upon the last article, the town took favorable (?) action by voting to sell Brookside and authorized the treasurer to give a deed of the same in case a sale was consummated. Another unsightly spot will probably be cleaned up and our present dump nuisance abated.

The total amount voted to be raised by taxation was \$15,888.48.

#### A Choice Entertainment.

The last lecture of the Warner Free Lecture Course, for the season of 1909-10 occurred on Friday evening, April 1, consisting of a choice entertainment by the Gertrude Goodwin Miller Concert company. Everybody was out, and consequently a full house greeted the artists.

Gertrude Goodwin Miller, reader  
Ida Miller-Smith, mezzo-soprano  
Paul V. Archibald, baritone  
Francis Jares, organist, pianist

The evening will be one long remembered here for the excellence of its program. An appreciative sympathy between audience and actors rapidly developed from the first number to the last.

Miss Miller is a proficient in elocution; Mrs. Archibald's selections were gems in sentiment and rendering; Miss Miller-Smith's sweet voice would have pleased us better in less artistic efforts; Monsieur Jares proved himself a skillful master of the key-board. Besides giving a fascinating composition of his own, a piano concerto in D minor founded upon the lines:

"The roads should blossom, the roads should bloom;  
So fair a bride shall leave her home  
Shall blossom and bloom with garlands gay.  
So fair a bride shall leave today."

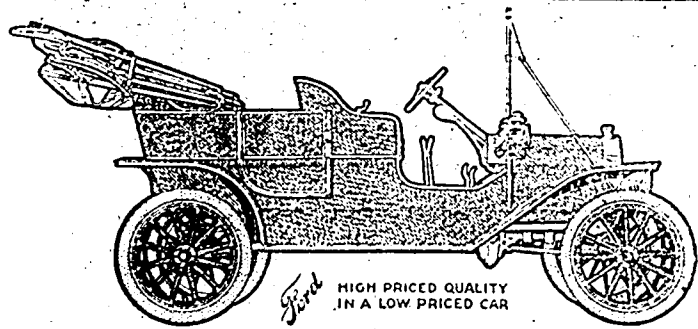
He did a stunt in improvising, using one and two airs combined impromptu, suggested by persons in the audience.

#### About Town.

The lecture trustees deserve the thanks of the people for the excellent courses they have given them. The most of the evenings have been so good, that we can forget the one "imposition." It is no easy task, we are positive, to arrange a course with all stars of the first magnitude. The lesser lights make the greater ones more brilliant, however.

E. Warren Houghton of Still River, formerly an active participant in town affairs, but now sadly afflicted with deafness and nearly blinded eyes, was present at the town meeting and probably the oldest man in attendance. Mr. Houghton is eighty-one years old. He was happy in greeting his townsmen there once more.

Miss Myra Knight is to domicile with Miss L. W. Dyar for the present.



R. B. Andrews, Leominster, Mass.

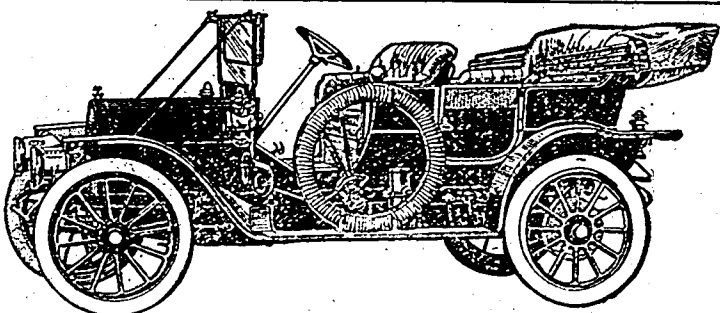
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of ORSAMUS W. ANDREWS, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, HERMAN S. HAZEN, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, and upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the twelfth day of April, 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 said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person 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 the Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of LYDIA FULLER, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES FULLER, of Townsend, 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, on the twenty-second day of April, 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 is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
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**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**

Miss Gertrude Sanderson has been spending her Easter vacation in Amsterdam, N. Y., as guest of Mrs. H. H. C. Bingham, and also made a short visit at the home of John Burroughs on the Hudson.

The school committee met at the home of A. B. Webber, superintendent, March 31, and organized as follows: Rev. Wm. C. Brown, chairman; W. E. Conant, sec.; Dr. J. W. Godfrey, supply agent; on schoolhouse supervision, center, Mr. Brown; depot, Mr. Godfrey, union Mr. Conant; C. A. Kimball, Fred Reed, truant officers; Dr. J. W. Godfrey, school physician. The resignation of Miss Sarah A. Jones, teacher of the West grammar school was accepted, and Miss Doris M. Converse of East Rindge, N. H., was appointed on the recommendation of Mr. Webber to fill the vacancy at a salary of eleven dollars per week. Miss Converse entered upon her duties last Monday.

The adjourned meeting of the Improvement society was held on Tuesday evening, April 5. A good representation of the town was present and an encouraging increase in interest was manifested. The officers elected are: F. A. Patch, pres.; E. A. Cox, vice pres.; Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, sec.; W. E. Conant, treas.; executive committee, J. P. Thacher, F. B. Priest, N. B. Conant, Mrs. G. E. Lawrence, Miss F. A. Sanderson and Mrs. C. S. Robbins. There was a free discussion of the expenditure of the money now in the treasury. Probability points to the erection of a fountain at the Common and possibly another at the Center. It was decided to set out a number of trees in different parts of the town, and that work will begin at once.

Miss Ruth Carter of Wichendon, was a weekend and over Sunday guest at John H. Kimball's.

No one is sorry to learn that modern sanitary improvements are the order of the day at Littleton station. Steam heat is also to become one of the realities long needed in the same building.

Members of the Daley family, opposite the Boston Ice Co. houses at Sandy pond, had a narrow escape last Sunday while driving to Littleton. Their horse became frightened at an automobile on the Lactart road and plunging into the gutter, threw the occupants out against the wall. One of the women received a scalp wound, but was not considered seriously injured. She was taken into Elmer Flagg's where she received all necessary attention. The party was able to return home in a short time.

A similar scare occurred at Littleton station on the following evening when Fred Reed's black horse, nerved by the terrifying buzz of the motor cycle that came up from behind him, started a pretty lively pace up the Ayer road, throwing Mr. Reed against the depot steps and making a lightning display of Boston millinery. Fortunately the horse was captured and all ended well in this case.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kimball of Gardner are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball.

James McNiff, who suffered a shock with paralysis last week, is losing ground at the present writing. The paralysis seems to be gaining the control and the patient is certainly in a deplorable condition. Much sympathy is felt for him and also for his sister who is hardly able to care for herself. Michael Keegan takes Mr. McNiff's place as flagman at Priest crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Boyd and their two sons started Monday noon for Oklahoma where they will remain for a month before deciding on their new home.

Miss Mary Keaveny and James McManus were married Monday, March 28, and held a reception that evening, at U. S. Knox's home on Taylor street. Mr. McManus has been in the employ of E. P. Sheehan for several years. The newly married couple will live in the Patrick Dorsey house on Taylor street.

Herbert Eastman, who has just vacated that house, returned with his family two weeks ago to their former home in Maine.

Miss Gertrude Johnson has given up her position in Boston to help in her parent's home. Her father, Andrew Johnson, is slowly recovering from pneumonia.

A son was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of West Littleton. The young man has begun life in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shafter.

Rev. Chester A. Drummond preached at the Highland avenue Unitarian church, Somerville, last Sunday and Rev. John Maleck occupied his former pulpit here.

Mrs. Mary Kimball, who fell two weeks ago and received painful injuries, is still suffering from the effects of the accident and is unable to do much for herself.

Monday afternoon, April 11, at 3.30 the Woman's club will give a colonial party in the Congregational vestry. A fine program has been arranged, and the committee in charge are trying to make a great success of the affair. It is hoped that as many as possible will dress in colonial costume. All members are requested to contribute to the loan exhibit of colonial articles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Tuttle returned Wednesday, from their sojourn in the south.

The grange worked the first and the second degrees on a class of twenty-one Wednesday evening. At the next meeting, April 20, the third and fourth degrees will be conferred on the same class. The quarterly report shows an average attendance of over forty. The treasurer's report credits the grange with over \$150. Littleton grange was well represented at the Boxboro grange Neighbors' night, April 8.

A large crew of men on the F. B. Priest land in Newtown, preparatory to setting out peach and apple trees.

The subject of the C. E. meeting next Sunday night is "God is here." Leader at the Baptist church, W. E. Davies.

The Ladies' circle of the Baptist society will meet at the parsonage next Wednesday afternoon.

The King's Daughters had a very interesting meeting last Tuesday. Fifty dollars was voted to Ingleside and five dollars to Gordon Rest. The County convention of the K. D. will meet at the Baptist church in Somerville, April 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith returned from New York last week Friday, and are now living in their new home.

Mrs. Jennie L. Drummond goes soon to Pittsfield for a vacation of one month, after which she will spend some time in Connecticut.

Miss Helen Gilman has recently visited friends in Littleton.

Miss Isabelle Wellesley has left the Works' home and is at present visiting a friend in Everett.

The high school dance was well attended and pronounced a great success. The music was exceptionally good, and everybody seemed to enjoy the evening. It is said that the pupils anticipate giving another party in May.

Mrs. E. W. Stone and children have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Flagg.

Miss Ruth Carter of Wichendon was an over-Sunday guest of Miss Prescott at John H. Kimball's.

The Littleton school board has organized with Rev. W. C. Brown, chairman; W. E. Conant, secretary; and Dr. J. W. Godfrey, supply agent.

Miss Nellie Whittier has been appointed to take Miss Helen Cushman's place in the West primary school.

It is much regretted that the Dippman family anticipate moving soon to Mansfield, Ohio, where Mr. Dippman is now employed in a webbing factory. Percy Crane who went to the same factory last September and James Lawton, another Littleton man, now working there are reported as well satisfied with conditions that have developed and are likely to remain in Mansfield.

The Neighborhood Alliance held in the Unitarian vestry last Friday was attended by a large delegation from the neighboring towns. Rev. Elmer Forbes, secretary of the social and public service department of the denomination gave a stimulating address. The local society served a tea at the close of the address and a social hour followed.

The dance given under the auspices of the high school juniors last week was a marked social and financial success. It is rumored that a similar party will be given the first of May.

**Lyceum.**

The annual meeting of the lyceum was attended by a small number of persons. The finances were reported as coming out about even. The officers elected for the coming season are: Rev. H. B. Drew, pres.; F. B. Priest, vice pres.; C. F. Johnson, sec.; C. M. Hartwell, treas.

The officers together with the following persons constitute a lecture or executive committee: N. B. Conant, Mrs. Annie C. Smith, Mrs. Elbert P. Wilcox, Miss Maud F. Mitchell.

After an informal discussion on the method of meeting the expense of the lyceum the vote turned unanimously in favor of the former system of voluntary subscription. Return postal cards will be sent to all persons in town who ought to be interested in supporting this excellent organization, the lyceum, which is now in its eighty-first year. It is hoped and expected that the response will be generous and prompt.

It was voted that the annual meeting shall be held hereafter at the last entertainment of the lyceum, and it is hoped by this change to get a larger representation than usual at that meeting.

**Will be Greatly Missed.**

Arthur B. Webber, superintendent of schools, has been elected superintendent of schools in Billerica and Stoneham at a good increase over his present salary. He was one of sixty-eight candidates for the position and may well be congratulated on the pleasant distinction he has received.

Mr. Webber will begin his services in the new district next month, but will not sever his connections with Littleton, Acton and Westford schools till the close of this school year. The superintendent plans to make his home in Stoneham.

Mr. Webber graduated from Harvard college in 1892. He began the profession of teaching the next year and with exception of the primary he has taught all grades, including high school. The field of his labors has been confined to Massachusetts. He was superintendent of schools for three years in Ashfield previous to his coming here.

Mr. Webber has enjoyed the cooperation of school board and teachers who have been loyal to him throughout his stay in this district. He has worked faithfully and effectively for the general improvement of schools under his supervision, and has especially sought for the application of geography to the industries, and greater efficiency in arithmetic. During the four years of his superintendency he has met the problems incident to the position with moderation, calmness and wise foresight.

Mrs. Webber, who has for two years past, very acceptably filled the position of music teacher, will also be greatly missed from schools, church, clubs and society generally, where she has been a powerful factor in the interests of these various organizations. Littleton friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Webber success and happiness in their new undertaking.

**Wedding.**

At the Universalist church on Main street, Waltham, a brilliant wedding took place last week, Wednesday evening. Miss Muriel Joy Carey, daughter of ex-Alderman and Mrs. George W. Carey, and Rev. Chester Arthur Drummond, pastor of the First Congregational (Unitarian) church of

Littleton, were united in marriage by Rev. Joseph K. Mason.

The bride was given away by her father, and the single ring service was used. She was handsomely gowned in white liberty satin with pearl trimmings and point de Paris lace. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Mabel Smith of Waltham was dressed in pink messaline and carried sweet peas. Rev. Louis Dethlefs of Hyde Park was best man.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors, and several hundred guests attended. Among them were relatives and friends from New York, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Watertown, and twenty or more from Littleton. Music for the reception was furnished by a ladies' orchestra. The decorations were beautiful and consisted of palms, Easter lilies and laurel.

The bride is a graduate of the Waltham high school class of 1902, and of Dr. Sargent's School of Physical Culture in Cambridge. For three years she taught physical culture at Wheaton seminary in Norton.

Among the gifts, which were numerous and valuable, was a purse of seventy-five dollars from Mr. Drummond's parishioners.

**About Town.**

At the lyceum meeting on Monday evening, March 28, it was the unanimous sentiment of those present, to try the old way again of raising money by popular subscriptions, so it was voted to send out return postal cards to all voters, requesting them to pledge on the cards the sum, be it small or large, they felt they could give, so making the lyceum free again, each one feeling a personal interest in the time-honored institution. The following officers were elected: Rev. H. B. Drew, pres.; F. B. Priest, vice-pres.; C. F. Johnson, sec.; Chester M. Hartwell, treas.; members of executive board, with the officers: Miss Maud Mitchell, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Florence E. Wilcox.

The King's Daughters' Circle held its April meeting on Tuesday afternoon, April 5, with Mrs. A. F. Hopkins.

The meeting of the American club of the Orthodox church, met Wednesday afternoon, April 6, at the home of Mrs. C. F. Flagg.

Leslie Hager with his family, will occupy his father's place during the coming season.

Friday afternoon, there was a large attendance at the neighborhood meeting of the Women's Alliance in the Unitarian vestry. There was over fifty delegates and friends from out of town, besides a good delegation from the sister churches here. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Elmer Forbes, secretary of the social and public service department, who spoke very interestingly of the work that could be done. Refreshments were served, with a social hour following.

The guild meeting will be a service of song in charge of the music committee.

Tuesday afternoon the Arts and Crafts meeting at Mrs. S. E. Abbott's.

Next Tuesday evening in the town hall, for the closing number in the lyceum course, under the direction of Mrs. Webber, the children of the public schools will give the operetta, "Jack the giant killer." Music between the acts by the Cynthonian orchestra.

**Death.**

Rev. William Brown of Tyngsboro, a Unitarian minister, whose death in that town Friday, March 25, was born in Concord on September 10, 1838. He was the eighth in descent from Thomas Brown, one of the original settlers of Concord. He was an alumnus of Amherst college and of the Harvard Divinity school, from which he was graduated in 1863. He has had settlements as minister in Sherborn, Walpole, N. H., West Bridge-water and Tyngsboro. He retired from the active ministry in 1902, but continued to live in Tyngsboro until his death. He served the town as chairman of its school board and as chairman of the trustees of the public library. His last work was the collection and publication of the town centennial proceedings.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widow, who was Salome S. Williams of Taunton, daughter of Francis D. Williams, who was a lineal descendant of Richard Williams, the first settler of Taunton, and by three children, Mrs. George W. Alger of West Bridge-water, Rev. William Channing Brown, field secretary to the American Unitarian association, and Miss Ophelia S. Brown of Tyngsboro. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, March 27, in the First Parish church at Tyngsboro, and burial was in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, Concord.

He was well-known in Littleton and the vicinity, having often preached in the church here.

**To the Editor:**

The Boston Post of February 5, comments favorably on a bill lately passed to the third reading by the great and general court which forbids cities and towns publishing the names of persons receiving assistance from the overseers of the poor.

This seems to be a legislative recognition of that however unpleasant and inconvenient poverty may be it is not always a disgrace.

The action of the town of Littleton at the annual town meeting in voting to publish the names of delinquent taxpayers in the annual report of the town officers seems "diametrically opposed" in principle to the action of the legislature.

Having been present at the time the action was taken and having neglected to protest against it, I acknowledge a forfeiture of the right to criticize.

I was so sure at the time that the article would be defeated that I did not think argument was necessary. I believe if the voters had given the matter some thought they never would have taken the action they did.

Delinquent taxpayers may be divided into two classes, those who can pay and those who for selfish reasons or out of pure cussedness wont, and those

who would pay but through sickness, bad luck or unavoidable misfortune cannot. The first class wont care a rap for the publication of their names in the town report, while the latter are liable to feel it keenly as a disgrace.

In a small town like Littleton one's circumstances are sure to be fairly well known to the collector of taxes and if they are such in any case as to justify the town in allowing an extension of time for payment it seems to me the same circumstances ought to make inexcusable the making of the matter public through the town report.

I hope at the next town meeting to see an article in the warrant to rescind the vote taken at the last meeting and if the article appears I feel sure it will be carried by a large majority.

V. T. E.

**DUNSTABLE.**

**News Items.**

Mrs. Annie, wife of Leroy C. Woodward, after a brief illness of pneumonia died March 22, and the funeral was from her late residence Friday, March 26. Friends and relatives were present and the house was so crowded that many were obliged to remain outside. Rev. A. M. Rice officiated, and spoke with much emphasis of the beautiful life of the deceased, who was so patient and cheerful in her affliction, as she had been for four or five years suffering intensely from rheumatism, besides being a cripple from the effects of her ailment. Her age was fifty-seven years. She is survived by her husband. Burial was in the Center cemetery. There was a profusion of the most beautiful flowers.

The electric lights on the village streets are a great improvement.

The annual meeting of the Lend-a-hand club will be with Mrs. W. P. Proctor, Thursday afternoon, April 14.

One of the landmarks of the town for many years, has lately disappeared. The house occupied by Charles Bumford for several years, and known for some time as the Cummings' place, has been taken down. It was one of the oldest houses in the town.

Rev. A. M. Rice is the census enumerator of this town.

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**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE**  
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Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$405,023.44
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	107.90
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	86,977.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	49,634.05
Checks and other Cash Items	76.88
Notes of other National Banks	1,040.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	205.96
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie	\$17,922.65
Legal-tender notes	5,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$587,007.88</b>

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	38,612.68
National Bank Notes outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	1,022.26
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	2,260.63
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	16,729.48
Dividends unpaid	50.00
Individual deposits subject to check	406,255.97
Demand certificates of deposit	1,042.28
Certified checks	100.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	874.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$587,007.88</b>

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

I, Hobart E. Mead, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of April, 1910.

Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public.  
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- Short-Handled Dust Brushes from 10c. to 50c.
- Dustless Dusters, antiseptic, from 10c. to 25c.
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**WESTFORD.**

**Center.**  
 The announcement has been received by the Westford relatives of a birth of a little son to Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson at their home in Covington, Va. Miss Grace Lambert of this village is with Mrs. Anderson and reports mother and son as doing nicely. The little fellow has been named Charles William Anderson, family names from both sides of the house.

A good delegation was present from Westford grange at the meeting of North Middlesex Pomona grange at Lowell, Friday, April 1. There was a good program during the day and the fifth degree in full form in the evening for a large class.

A good delegation of ladies from the Unitarian Alliance in this village attended the Unitarian Alliance meeting at Littleton, last Friday afternoon and as always, the same delightful report comes back of the pleasant welcome and gracious hospitality of our sister town and the excellent address of Rev. John P. Forbes, the speaker of the day. Those who comprised the Westford group were, Mesdames Richardson, Hill, Bailey, Woods, Hildreth, Peeney, Hamlin and Seavey.

The Middlesex Union Conference of churches (Congregational) will be held with the South Acton church, Wednesday, April twentieth, with a most attractive program.

Rev. Mr. Wallace was present at the session of the Middlesex north-west temperance union at Groton, Thursday sustaining a part in the afternoon's exercise.

Cyrus Hosmer of Wakefield has been visiting this past week his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Wright, and his granddaughter, Mrs. W. J. Merritt.

Miss Jones, a former parishioner and family friend from Lunenburg, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace at the parsonage.

The new soldiers' monument has arrived and workmen have been busy putting it in place this week.

Tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith, and his men have been doing the annual trimming of shade trees on the common and about the village, and a good amount of work has been necessary particularly among some of the patriarchal elms.

The Edward M. Abbott Hose Co., held its regular meeting at its headquarters on Boston road, Tuesday evening. An excellent clam chowder supper with all the accompaniments was served. Owing to John Good's permanent removal from town, H. L. Wright was appointed as regular man in his place and Everett Miller was proposed as call man. The supper committee for the evening were F. E. Miller, H. L. Wright and L. W. Wheeler.

Mrs. Amanda T. Fisher quietly and pleasantly observed her seventy-sixth birthday Monday of this week. The quartet of sisters were all able to get together during the day. Mrs. Burbeck, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Fisher. These and other loving relatives made the day a happy and pleasant one. Mrs. Fisher was the recipient of numerous pretty gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hildreth welcomed another little daughter into their home on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Edward Fisher entertained the Thimble club at luncheon at her home Tuesday. The June-like day, the pretty decorations, the dainty menu, the model daughters of the home, and the merry sociability with needle-work during the afternoon were all factors contributing toward making it one of the fairest of pictures to hang away on the walls of memory's gallery. All the members were present.

A telephone has been installed in the town hall, 10-2. The Congregational parsonage is also accessible again by this means of communication.

**Social.**  
 The regular monthly social which took place at the Congregational vestry last Thursday evening was very much of a success. The supper which was served from half past six to eight was well patronized, fully one hundred people being served. It was abundant and of good variety. The tables were brightened with flowering plants and runners through the center of the tables of vivid spring-like green. Pussy willows with daffodils down stairs suggested further that spring is here. At eight o'clock a program of readings and music was given that was especially varied and creditable individually. There were piano solos by Sadie McMaster and Hazel Hartford, readings by Miss Martha Taylor and Mrs. Gould; and vocal solos by E. G. Boynton, C. A. Blaney, M. D. and John S. Greig.

After this was an elephant party, which consisted of a lot of articles sold at auction. S. L. Taylor served as auctioneer and his stand was appropriately decorated with a large well-drawn elephant. This caused much merriment and many white elephants were exchanged.

The capable committee in charge of the evening were Madames E. G. Boynton, S. L. Taylor, J. E. Knight, J. L. McMaster and Florence Isles. A good sum was turned into the amount which goes for improvements and repairs.

**Arrivals from Florida.**

Genial Fred A. Smith returned home Saturday last week after his winter sojourn in the warmer climate of Florida and brings with him the wider outlook and enthusiasm that seeing other places and people brings to the

average person. He combined business and pleasure as much as possible and has much to report to the home friends whom he is glad to be with again. He was gone three months and five days and during that time was in eleven cities, seven towns and six counties. While in Florida his journeyings took him the length of the St. John's and Ocklawaha rivers, temperatures varying from 34° to 100°. On the homeward trip, three days each were spent in Washington and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon arrived home Saturday the day previous and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Foss expect to be here by another week.

**About Town.**

Fire started in the wood lot of Amos B. Pooley, a little north of the Stony Brook railroad, Friday afternoon, last week. It was first discovered by Samuel H. Balch on the mail route, who immediately notified the owner; neighbors and fire extinguishers, soon brought it to terms of control. Charge the cause up to smoking, which set the woods to smoking.

The Westford athletic association and others danced and ate ice cream Friday evening of last week. A Lowell military orchestra furnished the music for the dancing and Albert Reeves of Graniteville furnished the food supply.

John W. O'Brien has been appointed census enumerator for Westford. He has had previous experience which was an endorsement in favor of re-appointment.

About 75,000 logs of lumber are being teamed by William E. Wright from the Stephen Hutchins farm to the Proctor saw mill at North Chelmsford.

At a meeting of the school committee, Tuesday evening, Charles O. Prescott was elected chairman and Walter C. Wright, secretary.

C. F. Ange, recently of the Hood farm, Lowell, has moved to the home- stead farm of Henry B. Read, where he is employed for the season.

Miss Arabella Walker has been entertaining her niece, Mrs. Herbert Coffin and her two daughters, Elsie and Minnie from Berwick, Maine.

John H. Decatur, who has been ill for many years, is gradually failing, being confined to his bed most of the time. Dr. Wells is keeping life comfortable, but is unable to effect nature's decree, which has been issued seventy-five years. The natural infirmities of age and paralysis, are a strong combination for medical skill to overcome.

Mrs. Coolidge of Groton was buried in the Fairview cemetery this week. She was a sister of Luther Blodgett and an aunt of Samuel Blodgett. Her husband was a son of Oren Coolidge of this town.

The friends from Florida are returning. Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Harmon and Fred Smith are there, but Mr. and Mrs. Foss will remain in Florida another month on account of ill health of Mr. Foss.

At a meeting of the Westford athletic association on Monday evening, to arrange for the season. Edward Fisher was elected president; Charles M. Trull, vice president; William R. Taylor, secretary; J. Herbert Fletcher, treasurer; Oscar R. Spaulding, Edward Hamlin, Walter J. Merritt, Alfred W. Hartford, Harwood L. Wright, executive committee. The association has confident outlook for the future. It is cheering so many games won already.

The regularly monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Quincy Day on Wednesday afternoon. Fourteen were present. Letters were read from the Frances Willard settlement home. The president of the union, Mrs. Frank Hildreth, gave a report of the meeting of presidents and executive committees at Newton, last week. There was a discussion about the value of suggesting a penny savings system in our schools. It is in force in the Lowell schools and superintendent Webber favored it here. Mrs. Hildreth in behalf of the union presented Mrs. Day with a fine leather bound Bible, since it was her birthday. Mrs. Day was much pleased with the gift and thanked the union. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Day.

**Entertainment.**

The Fortnight club, which includes everything in town, still continues to furnish entertainment, wholesome and strong, plain, light laughable. They are to be cheered for their record of service. Last week Friday evening, was one of their rare and do program.

Vocal solo, Arthur Blodgett; reading, Mrs. Alice Lambert; song, Edward Gambin; phonograph selections, Mr. Ward; reading, Mrs. Edwin Gould; vocal solo, George Gould; song, Mrs. Florence Flavel; reading, Mrs. Elizabeth Wyman; song, Mrs. Emily Blodgett; recitation, Edwin Gould; dialogue, "The School." The cast of characters was, Mr. Hastings, a surly old bachelor, Edwin Gould; Julia Ford, his niece and ward, Miss Stella Glynn; Harry Loring, a young artist, Fred Blodgett; Jennie Loring, his sister, Miss Lillian Wright; Mr. Pettigoud, a clergyman, Charles Blodgett; John, a man servant, Edward Gambin; Maggie, a maid servant, Mrs. Edwin Gould.

Those in charge of the entertainment were, Carl Wright, Miss Stella Glynn, Lillian Wright, Mrs. Edwin Gould, who was appointed on the executive committee in place of Miss Lillian Wright, retiring member.

**List of New Books.**

- Following is the list of new books added to the public library:
- Baldwin, C. S. Writing and ... 808 B3
- Bennett, J. O. When good fel- ... 808 B3
- Dole, C. F. Ethics of progress 170 D1
- Emerson, R. W. Journals, 2 ... E536.6
- George, W. R. Junior republic ... 364 G
- Hanks, C. S. Our Plymouth forefathers ... 373.2 H1
- Janvier, T. A. Henry Hudson B H886
- Mintz, F. S. New American citizen ... 428.361
- Morley, M. W. Song of life ... 370 E3
- N. E. A. Proceedings 1909 ... 370 E3
- Palmer, L. S. Kindergarten in the Bible school ... 268 P
- Rollins, F. W. Tourist's guide to New Hampshire ... 917.42 R
- Steiner, E. A. Immigrant tide ... 325 B3
- Stewart, R. L. Sheldon Jackson ... B 3142
- Williams, H. S. Alcohol ... 178 W2

**Forge Village.**

Mr. and Mrs. Whigham are the happy parents of a little daughter, born Thursday, March 31.

Harold Connell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Connell of Beaver Brook road had his leg badly lacerated by being kicked by a horse, Wednesday. He will be unable to walk for some time.

Mrs. John McNiff met with a painful if not serious accident, Thursday of last week while washing. A needle that was hidden in the clothes became imbedded in her hand. The needle broke in several pieces causing much pain. Dr. Blaney was called and extracted the pieces.

The Bunting's second football team of Lowell played a picked team from this village Saturday afternoon on Cameron grove. The game resulted in a tie score being two to two.

The Ladies' sewing circle enjoyed one of the prettiest and daintiest lunches that has been served last Thursday. This week the circle will meet with Mrs. F. A. Sweatt.

Alvin S. Bennett has returned from Washington, D. C., where he went the first of the week to attend the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. Angeline Bennett, wife of Dr. Harrison M. Bennett, who died Friday, April 1.

The Ladies' sewing circle met this week with Mrs. F. A. Sweatt.

Miss Emily Collins and Miss Sarah Precious entertained the members of their Sunday school classes Saturday evening in Recreation hall. The long table was arranged to accommodate all of the children and was daintily appointed. A delicious supper was served at six o'clock. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and games. Each child received a pretty souvenir of the occasion.

Miss Alice L. Prescott is home from her school in Andover for the usual spring vacation.

Mrs. Mary Murray and two daughters will remove to Ayer shortly, where they will reside in future in their own house. They were former residents of Ayer. Miss Annie Murray has severed her connection with Abbot & Co., but Miss Emma Murray will continue to work here, going back and forth on the electric.

Ernest Longbottom of Arlington Heights visited relatives here Thursday.

**Death.**

John B. Splaine, son of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late Patrick Splaine, died early Friday morning, April 1, at his home on Union street, after a long illness, aged thirty-three years. The deceased was postmaster for a number of years succeeding his brother, the late Daniel Splaine, who had charge of the postoffice for twelve years.

John B. Splaine was born in this village and with the exception of a few years in which his family lived in Peabody, has lived here all his life. He was widely known and highly respected by all who knew him. Of a quiet disposition, he cared not for the pleasures of social, or the honors of public life, but gave freely of his time and services and always held out a helping hand to his neighbors and friends who were in trouble; no one ever appealed to him in vain. He was proprietor of the J. B. Splaine general store, and his business brought him in contact with many people particularly the summer residents who always found him ready to render assistance or information. His genial personality won for him many friends who will learn of his death with keen regret. He leaves besides his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine, three sisters, Miss Elmer E. Nutting and Miss Abbie Splaine of this village, and Mrs. Frank Rose of Belmont, also three nieces and one nephew. The deceased was a member of Court Ayer, F. of A.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at St. Catherine's church, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, officiating.

A very large number of friends and neighbors had gathered to pay their last respects. The casket was hidden amid a wealth of beautiful flowers the sad offerings of loving friends and neighbors. A large delegation of Court Ayer, F. of A., attended the services.

The floral tributes were unusually beautiful and numerous. Burial was in the family lot in St. Catherine's cemetery, Graniteville, Tuesday morning a requiem high mass was celebrated at St. Catherine's church at eight o'clock.

**HARVARD.**

**Town Meeting.**

It was a fine day, but not a full attendance. Most of the candidates received 116 votes; in addition, five suffragettes cast their votes for school committee. The following officers were elected:

- Moderator, W. H. Fairbank.
- Town clerk, J. L. Whitney.
- Selectman, three years, E. J. Priest.
- Overseers of the poor, one year, C. W. Dudley; three years, J. B. Harlow.
- School committee, three years, W. F. Dickson.
- Treasurer, one year, F. A. Houghton.
- Collector, one year, I. P. Baker.
- Constables, A. D. Parker, William Hanna.
- Cemetery commissioner, three years, J. B. Harlow.
- Park commissioner, three years, H. A. Skillings.
- Board of health, three years, H. B. Royal.
- Trustees Warner free lecture fund, three years, Rev. H. B. Mason, Florence Cushman.
- Town trustees, three years, Ellen C. Gamage, H. E. Hildreth.
- Tree warden, one year, G. C. Maynard.
- Auditor, one year, W. C. Haskell.
- Highway surveyor, one year, B. J. Priest.
- Surveyors of lumber, one year, H. D. Stone, E. J. McLaughlin.
- Measurers of wood, one year, W. L. Parsons, A. A. Hutchinson, A. Robinson, E. J. McLaughlin, H. P. Mead.

Fence viewers, one year, G. E. Hardy, E. F. Cleaves, A. W. Bryant.

Field drivers, one year, Jerry Mongovin, J. A. Cleaves.

Some of the articles in the warrant acted upon, were as follows:

Voted, to elect the town officers on one ballot.

Voted, to keep the polls open from 10.30 to twelve m., and from one to two p. m.

The license vote was 9 yes, 60 no.

Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,938.40 for the following purposes:

Schools, dog money and ...	\$2,500 00
Union superintendent of schools	250 00
School supplies	300 00
Conveying scholars	250 00
School physician	25 00
Highways, bridges and sidewalks	2,200 00
Breaking roads	500 00
Town incidentals	1,400 00
Town officers	850 00
Repairs on public buildings	200 00
Schoolhouse note due 1910	1,000 00
Interest on schoolhouse notes	120 00
Soldiers' relief	375 00
Memorial day	50 00
Library	100 00
Lighting streets	150 00
Suppression of brown-tail and greyish moth	435 48
Tree warden	25 00
Out poor	200 00
Incidentals at almshouse, including warden's salary	600 00

Voted, to use \$1,000.00 of the money in the treasurer's hands (\$1,415.73) to pay a note coming due this year.

The committee, the selectmen appointed a year ago to take into consideration the better heating of the town hall, reported and recommended the excavating for, and putting in of a system of hot air furnaces; the recommendation made was accepted and adopted, and the sum of \$1,000.00 appropriated for the purpose. The selectmen have the matter in charge.

The sum of \$250.00 was voted for the celebration of the Fourth of July, and the selectmen were made the general committee.

The town voted to sustain the by-law, relative to fishing in Bear Hill and Hell ponds, and appropriated \$500.00 to maintain the same, selectmen in charge.

Voted, to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be used under the direction of the tree warden in the suppression of the elm tree beetle.

The selectmen were made a committee to investigate the better lighting of the town hall and report at the next town meeting.

Voted, to place two drinking hygiene fountains in the basement of the schoolhouse; \$50.00 appropriated for the purpose.

Much discussion arose over the Skillings' transportation case, which has hung fire for several months, much to the indignation of the town. The following vote was finally passed:

"That the school committee be instructed to proceed forthwith to submit to arbitration of three non-resident arbitrators, one to be named by either party and the third by the two chosen, the suit now pending between Herman A. Skillings and the inhabitants of the town of Harvard, the decision of the arbitrators to be accepted and final."

The case remains just where it was before. See?

The sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to construct ash bins for the town hall. Mr. Stanley Hildreth said he would get the town \$25.00 of that sum. The unsightly ash heaps and rubbish will now be things of the past. Slowly but surely civil beauty and civil righteousness grows.

The assessors' list is to be printed this year, at an expense of not over \$200.00.

The rill from the town pump will again be heard in the village, if \$50.00 will install one—the pump. The petty jealousy that seems to be innate in every town where the outside and a village exists, showed itself in the defeat of article 27, to see if the town will vote to purchase a snow plow for use at the Centre.

Voted, not to accept the financial report of the cemetery committee, a question in the system of the book-keeping being raised by H. E. Hildreth.

Upon the last article, the town took favorable (?) action by voting to sell Brookside and authorized the treasurer to give a deed of the same in case a sale was consummated. Another unsightly spot will probably be cleaned up and our present dump nuisance abated.

The total amount voted to be raised by taxation was \$15,888.48.

**A Choice Entertainment.**

The last lecture of the Warner Free Lecture Course, for the season of 1909-10 occurred on Friday evening, April 1, consisting of a choice entertainment by the Gertrude Goodwin Miller Concert company. Everybody was out, and consequently a full house greeted the artists.

Gertrude Goodwin Miller, reader  
 Ida Miller-Smith, mezzo-soprano  
 Paul Archibald, violinist, soprano  
 Francois Jares, organist, pianist

The evening will be one long remembered here for the excellence of its program. An appreciative sympathy between audience and actors rapidly developed from the first number to the last.

Miss Miller is a proficient in elocution; Mrs. Archibald's selections were gems in sentiment and rendering; Miss Miller-Smith's sweet voice would have pleased us better in less artistic efforts; Monsieur Jares proved himself a skillful master of the key-board. Besides giving a fascinating composition of his own, a piano concerto in D minor founded upon the lines:

"The roads should blossom, the roads should bloom.  
 So fair a bride shall leave her home  
 Shall blossom and bloom with garlands  
 ray.  
 So fair a bride shall leave today."

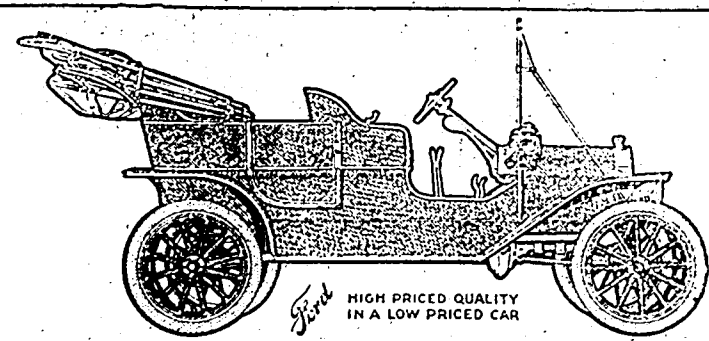
He did a stunt in improvising, using one and two airs combined impromptu, suggested by persons in the audience.

**About Town.**

The lecture trustees deserve the thanks of the people for the excellent courses they have given them. The most of the evenings have been so good, that we can forget the one "imposition." It is no easy task, we are positive, to arrange a course with all stars of the first magnitude. The lesser lights make the greater ones more brilliant, however.

E. Warren Houghton of Still River, formerly an active participant in town affairs, but now sadly afflicted with deafness and nearly blinded eyes, was present at the town meeting and probably the oldest man in attendance. Mr. Houghton is eighty-one years old. He was happy in greeting his townsmen there once more.

Miss Myra Knight is to domicile with Miss L. W. Dyar for the present.

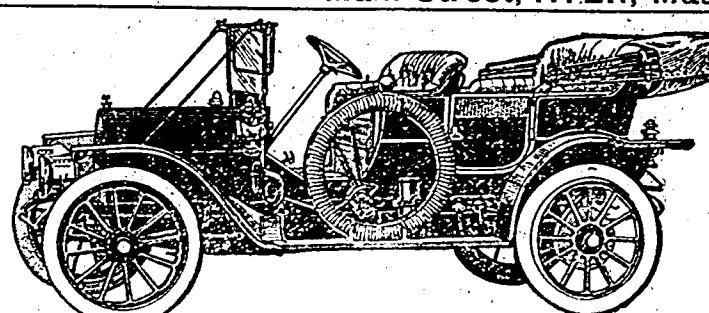


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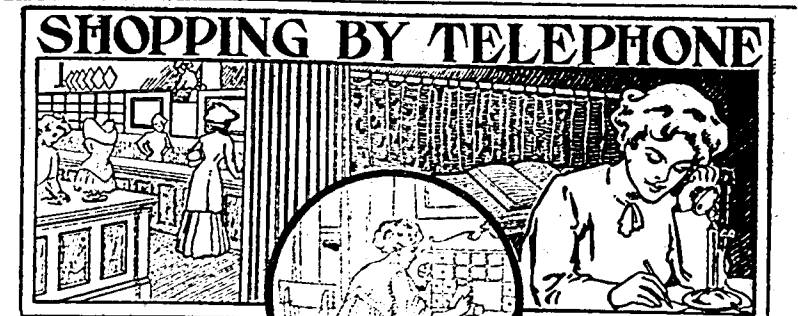
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of ORSAMUS W. ANDREWS, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, HERMAN S. HAZEN, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held in Cambridge, in said County, on the twelfth day of April, 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 said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person 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 the Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3123 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of LYDIA FULLER, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES FULLER, of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of April, 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 is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in the Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3123 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**

Miss Gertrude Sanderson has been spending her Easter vacation in Amsterdam, N. Y., as guest of Mrs. H. C. Bingham, and also made a short visit at the home of John Burroughs on the Hudson.

The school committee met at the home of A. B. Webber, superintendent, March 31, and organized as follows: Rev. Wm. C. Brown, chairman; W. E. Conant, sec.; Dr. J. W. Godfrey, supply agent; on schoolhouse supervision, center, Mr. Brown; depot, Mr. Godfrey, union Mr. Conant; C. A. Kimball, Fred Reed, truant officers; Dr. J. W. Godfrey, school physician. The resignation of Miss Sarah A. Jones, teacher of the West grammar school was accepted, and Miss Doris M. Converse of East Rindge, N. H., was appointed on the recommendation of Mr. Webber to fill the vacancy at a salary of eleven dollars per week. Miss Converse entered upon her duties last Monday.

The adjourned meeting of the Improvement society was held on Tuesday evening, April 5. A good representation of the town was present and an encouraging increase in interest was manifested. The officers elected are: F. A. Patch, pres.; E. A. Cox, vice pres.; Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, sec.; W. E. Conant, treas.; executive committee, J. P. Thacher, F. B. Priest, N. B. Conant, Mrs. G. E. Lawrence, Miss F. A. Sanderson and Mrs. C. S. Robbins. There was a free discussion of the expenditure of the money now in the treasury. Probability points to the erection of a fountain at the Center. It was decided to set out a number of trees in different parts of the town, and that work will begin at once.

Miss Ruth Carter of Wichendon, was a weekend and over Sunday guest at John H. Kimball's.

No one is sorry to learn that modern sanitary improvements are the order of the day at Littleton station. Steam heat is also to become one of the realities long needed in the same building.

Members of the Daley family, opposite the Boston Ice Co. houses at Sandy pond, had a narrow escape last Sunday while driving to Littleton. Their horse became frightened at an automobile on the Lactart road and plunging into the gutter, threw the occupants out against the wall. One of the women received a scalp wound, but was not considered seriously injured. She was taken into Elmer Flagg's where she received all necessary attention. The party was able to return home in a short time.

A similar scare occurred at Littleton station on the following evening when Fred Reed's black horse, nerved by the terrifying buzz of the motor cycle that came up from behind him, started a pretty lively pace up the Ayer road, throwing Mr. Reed against the depot steps and making a lightning display of Boston millinery. Fortunately the horse was captured and all ended well in this case.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Kimball of Gardner are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball.

James McNiff, who suffered a shock with paralysis last week, is losing ground at the present writing. The paralysis seems to be gaining the control and the patient is certainly in a deplorable condition. Much sympathy is felt for him and also for his sister who is hardly able to care for herself. Michael Keegan takes Mr. McNiff's place as flagman at Priest crossing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Boyd and their two sons started Monday noon for Oklahoma where they will remain for a month before deciding on their new home.

Miss Mary Keaveny and James McManus were married Monday, March 23, and held a reception that evening, at U. S. Knox's home on Taylor street. Mr. McManus has been in the employ of E. P. Sheehan for several years. The newly married couple will live in the Patrick Dorsey house on Taylor street.

Herbert Eastman, who has just vacated that house, returned with his family two weeks ago to their former home in Maine.

Miss Gertrude Johnson has given up her position in Boston to help in her parent's home. Her father, Andrew Johnson, is slowly recovering from pneumonia.

A son was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of West Littleton. The young man has begun life in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shafter.

Rev. Chester A. Drummond preached at the Highland avenue Unitarian church, Somerville, last Sunday and Rev. John Maleck occupied his former pulpit here.

Mrs. Mary Kimball, who fell two weeks ago and received painful injuries, is still suffering from the effects of the accident and is unable to do much for herself.

Monday afternoon, April 11, at 3.30 the Woman's club will give a colonial party in the Congregational vestry. A fine program has been arranged, and the committee in charge are trying to make a great success of the affair. It is hoped that as many as possible will dress in colonial costume. All members are requested to contribute to the loan exhibit of colonial articles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Tuttle returned Wednesday, from their sojourn in the south.

The grange worked the first and the second degrees on a class of twenty-one Wednesday evening. At the next meeting, April 20, the third and fourth degrees will be conferred on the same class. The quarterly report shows an average attendance of over forty. The treasurer's report credits the grange with over \$150. Littleton grange was well represented at the Boxboro grange Neighbors' night, April 8.

A large crew of men on the F. B. Priest land in Newtown, preparatory to setting out peach and apple trees.

The subject of the C. E. meeting next Sunday night is "God is here." Leader at the Baptist church, W. E. Davies.

The Ladies' circle of the Baptist society will meet at the parsonage next Wednesday afternoon.

The King's Daughters had a very interesting meeting last Tuesday. Fifty dollars was voted to Inglefield and five dollars to Gordon Rest. The County convention of the K. D. will meet at the Baptist church in Somerville, April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith returned from New York last week Friday, and are now living in their new home.

Mrs. Jennie E. Drummond goes soon to Pittsfield for a vacation of one month, after which she will spend some time in Connecticut.

Miss Helen Gilman has recently visited friends in Littleton.

Miss Isabelle Wellesley has left the Works' home and is at present visiting a friend in Everett.

The high school dance was well attended and pronounced a great success. The music was exceptionally good, and everybody seemed to enjoy the evening. It is said that the pupils anticipate giving another party in May.

Mrs. E. W. Stone and children have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Flagg.

Miss Ruth Carter of Wichendon was an over-Sunday guest of Miss Prescott at John H. Kimball's.

The Littleton school board has organized with Rev. W. C. Brown, chairman; W. E. Conant, secretary; and Dr. J. W. Godfrey, supply agent.

Miss Nellie Whittier has been appointed to take Miss Helen Cushman's place in the West primary school.

It is much regretted that the Dippman family anticipate moving soon to Mansfield, Ohio, where Mr. Dippman is now employed in a webbing factory. Percy Crane who went to the same factory last September and James Lawton, another Littleton man, now working there are reported as well satisfied with conditions that have developed and are likely to remain in Mansfield.

The Neighborhood Alliance held in the Unitarian vestry last Friday was attended by a large delegation from the neighboring towns. Rev. Elmer Forbes, secretary of the social and public service department of the denomination gave a stimulating address. The local society served a tea at the close of the address and a social hour followed.

The dance given under the auspices of the high school juniors last week was a marked social and financial success. It is rumored that a similar party will be given the first of May.

**Lyceum.**

The annual meeting of the lyceum was attended by a small number of persons. The finances were reported as coming out about even. The officers elected for the coming season are: Rev. H. B. Drew, pres.; F. B. Priest, vice pres.; C. F. Johnson, sec.; C. M. Hartwell, treas.

The officers together with the following persons constitute a lecture or executive committee: N. B. Conant, Mrs. Annie C. Smith, Mrs. Elbert P. Wilcox, Miss Maud F. Mitchell.

After an informal discussion on the method of meeting the expense of the lyceum the vote turned unanimously in favor of the former system of voluntary subscription. Return postal cards will be sent to all persons in town who ought to be interested in supporting this excellent organization, the lyceum, which is now in its eighty-first year. It is hoped and expected that the response will be generous and prompt.

It was voted that the annual meeting shall be held hereafter at the last entertainment of the lyceum, and it is hoped by this change to get a larger representation than usual at that meeting.

**Will be Greatly Missed.**  
Arthur B. Webber, superintendent of schools, has been elected superintendent of schools in Billerica and Stoneham at a good increase over his present salary. He was one of sixty-eight candidates for the position and may well be congratulated on the pleasant distinction he has received.

Mr. Webber will begin his services in the new district next month, but will not sever his connections with Littleton. Acton and Westford schools till the close of this school year. The superintendent plans to make his home in Stoneham.

Mr. Webber graduated from Harvard college in 1892. He began the profession of teaching the next year and with exception of the primary he has taught all grades, including high school. The field of his labors has been confined to Massachusetts. He was superintendent of schools for three years in Ashfield previous to his coming here.

Mr. Webber has enjoyed the cooperation of school board and teachers who have been loyal to him throughout his stay in this district. He has worked faithfully and effectively for the general improvement of schools under his supervision, and has especially sought for the application of geography to the industries, and greater efficiency in arithmetic. During the four years of his supervision he has met the problems incident to the position with moderation, calmness and wise foresight.

Mrs. Webber, who has for two years past, very acceptably filled the position of music teacher, will also be greatly missed from schools, church, clubs and society generally, where she has been a powerful factor in the interests of these various organizations. Littleton friends wish Mr. and Mrs. Webber success and happiness in their new undertaking.

**Weddings.**

At the Universalist church on Main street, Waltham, a brilliant wedding took place last week, Wednesday evening. Miss Muriel Joy Carey, daughter of ex-Alderman and Mrs. George W. Carey, and Rev. Chester Arthur Drummond, pastor of the First Congregational (Unitarian) church of

Littleton, were united in marriage by Rev. Joseph K. Mason.

The bride was given away by her father, and the single ring service was used. She was handsomely gowned in white liberty satin with pearl trimmings and point de Paris lace. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid, Miss Mabel Smith of Waltham was dressed in pink messaline and carried sweet peas. Rev. Louis Dethlefs of Hyde Park was best man.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors, and several hundred guests attended. Among them were relatives and friends from New York, Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Watertown, and twenty or more from Littleton. Music for the reception was furnished by a ladies' orchestra. The decorations were beautiful and consisted of palms, Easter lilies and laurel.

The bride is a graduate of the Waltham high school class of 1902, and of Dr. Sargent's School of Physical Culture in Cambridge. For three years she taught physical culture at Wheaton seminary in Norton.

Among the gifts, which were numerous and valuable, was a purse of seventy-five dollars from Mr. Drummond's parishioners.

**About Town.**

At the lyceum meeting on Monday evening, March 28, it was the unanimous sentiment of those present, to try the old way again of raising money by popular subscriptions, so it was voted to send out return postal cards to all voters, requesting them to pledge on the cards the sum, be it small or large, they felt they could give, so making the lyceum free again, each one feeling a personal interest in the time-honored institution. The following officers were elected: Rev. H. B. Drew, pres.; F. B. Priest, vice-pres.; C. F. Johnson, sec.; Chester M. Hartwell, treas.; members of executive board, with the officers: Miss Maud Mitchell, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Florence E. Wilcox.

The King's Daughters' Circle held its April meeting on Tuesday afternoon, April 5, with Mrs. A. F. Hopkins.

The meeting of the American club of the Orthodox church, met Wednesday afternoon, April 6, at the home of Mrs. C. F. Flagg.

Leslie Hager with his family, will occupy his father's place during the coming season.

Friday afternoon, there was a large attendance at the neighborhood meeting of the Women's Alliance in the Unitarian vestry. There was over fifty delegates and friends from out of town, besides a good delegation from the sister churches here. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Elmer Forbes, secretary of the social and public service department, who spoke very interestingly of the work that could be done. Refreshments were served, with a social hour following.

The guild meeting will be a service of song in charge of the music committee.

Tuesday afternoon the Arts and Crafts meeting at Mrs. S. E. Abbott's.

Next Tuesday evening in the town hall, for the closing number in the lyceum course, under the direction of Mrs. Webber, the children of the public schools will give the operetta, "Jack the giant killer." Music between the acts by the Cynthonian orchestra.

**Deaths.**

Rev. William Brown of Tyngsboro, a Unitarian minister, whose death in that town Friday, March 25, was born in Concord on September 10, 1838. He was the eighth in descent from Thomas Brown, one of the original settlers of Concord. He was an alumnus of Amherst college and of the Harvard Divinity school, from which he was graduated in 1863. He has had settlements as minister in Sherborn, Waltham, N. H., West Bridge-water and Tyngsboro. He retired from the active ministry in 1902, but continued to live in Tyngsboro until his death. He served the town as chairman of its school board and as chairman of the trustees of the public library. His last work was the collection and publication of the town centennial proceedings.

Mr. Brown is survived by his widow, who was Salome S. Williams of Taunton, daughter of Francis D. Williams, who was a lineal descendant of Richard Williams, the first settler of Taunton, and by three children, Mrs. George W. Alger of West Bridge-water, Rev. William Channing Brown, field secretary to the American Unitarian association, and Miss Ophelia S. Brown of Tyngsboro. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, March 27, in the First Parish church at Tyngsboro, and burial was in Sleepy Hollow cemetery, Concord.

He was well-known in Littleton and the vicinity, having often preached in the church here.

**To the Editor:**

The Boston Post of February 5, comments favorably on a bill lately passed to the third reading by the great and general court which forbids cities and towns publishing the names of persons receiving assistance from the overseers of the poor.

This seems to be a legislative recognition of that however unpleasant and inconvenient poverty may be it is not always a disgrace.

The action of the town of Littleton at the annual town meeting in voting to publish the names of delinquent taxpayers in the annual report of the town officers seems "diametrically opposed" in principle to the action of the legislature.

Having been present at the time the action was taken and having objected to protest against it, I acknowledge a forfeiture of the right to criticize.

I was so sure at the time that the article would be defeated that I did not think argument was necessary. I believe if the voters had given the matter some thought they never would have taken the action they did.

Delinquent taxpayers may be divided into two classes, those who can pay and those who for selfish reasons or out of pure cussedness wont, and those

who would pay but through sickness, bad luck or unavoidable misfortune cannot. The first class wont care a rap for the publication of their names in the town report, while the latter are liable to feel it keenly as a disgrace.

In a small town like Littleton one's circumstances are sure to be fairly well known to the collector of taxes and if they are such in any case as to justify the town in allowing an extension of time for payment it seems to me the same circumstances ought to make inexcusable the making of the matter public through the town report.

I hope at the next town meeting to see an article in the warrant to rescind the vote taken at the last meeting and if the article appears I feel sure it will be carried by a large majority.

V. T. E.

**DUNSTABLE.**

**News Items.**

Mrs. Annie, wife of Leroy C. Woodward, after a brief illness of pneumonia died March 22, and the funeral was from her late residence Friday, March 26. Friends and relatives were present and the house was so crowded that many were obliged to remain outside. Rev. A. M. Rice officiated, and spoke with much emphasis of the beautiful life of the deceased, who was so patient and cheerful in her affliction, as she had been for four or five years suffering intensely from rheumatism, besides being a cripple from the effects of her ailment. Her age was fifty-seven years. She is survived by her husband. Burial was in the Center cemetery. There was a profusion of the most beautiful flowers.

The electric lights on the village streets are a great improvement.

The annual meeting of the Lend-a-hand club will be with Mrs. W. P. Proctor, Thursday afternoon, April 14.

One of the landmarks of the town for many years, has lately disappeared. The house occupied by Charles Bumford for several years, and known for some time as the Cummings' place, has been taken down. It was one of the oldest houses in the town.

Rev. A. M. Rice is the census enumerator of this town.

**New Advertisements.**  
FOR SALE—Fine Seed Potatoes, Green Mountain, Irish Cobbler, Early Rose, SLADE FARM, Harvard, Mass. 3130

NO FARMER can afford to be without a manure spreader. Call and see our "Kemp 20th Century," the slickest spreader on the market and the price is right. Eclipse Corn Planters, Harrows and Cultivators always on hand. Rogers and Hubbard's Bone-Base Fertilizers, Carriages, Wagons, Harness and Horse goods of all kinds. F. B. FELCH, Carriage, Harness and Implement Dealer, Ayer, Mass. Tel. 51-2.

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**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE** First National Bank of Ayer, at Ayer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, March 29, 1910.

Loans and Discounts	\$405,023.44
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	107.90
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	86,997.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	49,624.00
Checks and other Cash Items	75.23
Notes of other National Banks	1,040.00
Fractional Paper, Currency, Nickels and Cents	205.96
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie	\$17,922.65
Legal-tender notes	5,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$587,007.38</b>

Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	28,612.68
National Bank Notes outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	1,022.26
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	2,260.63
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	16,729.48
Dividends unpaid	80.00
Individual deposits subject to check	406,255.97
Demand certificates of deposit	1,042.26
Certified checks	100.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	874.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$587,007.38</b>

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss.

I, Hobart E. Mead, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of April, 1910.  
Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
HOWARD D. WHITE,  
D. W. FLETCHER,  
OLIVER K. PIERCE,  
Directors.

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- Long-Handled Window Bristle Brushes at 50c.
- Short-Handled Dust Brushes from 10c. to 50c.
- Dustless Dusters, antiseptic, from 10c. to 25c.
- Galvanized Iron Pails, 10 qt. and 12 qt., especially good values at 19c. to 23c.
- Fibre Pails, 10 qt., 25c. value at 15c.

**SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK**

- Furniture Polish, formerly 12c. now 7c.
- Taylor's Gold and Silver Polish, formerly 25c. now 12 1/2c.
- Household Bluing, made by Jeffrey of Leominster, formerly 10c. now 7c. 5c. now 3c.
- Oatmeals, Gilt and Blue Decoration, formerly 10c. now 7c.
- Sponges, formerly 5c, 10c, 15c., now 5c.

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The daily labors of the Bee. Awake my soul to industry: Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?

Saturday, April 9, 1910.

GROTON.

News Items.

Rev. H. A. Cornell will speak next Sunday evening on "The Lord's Prayer," being the first of a series on that subject.

Miss Mary W. Condon has returned home, looking well and feeling nicely.

At the meeting of the Groton fire department on Monday night, cigars were passed around freely, in recognition of J. H. Sheedy's election as selectman. Mr. Sheedy has been a member of the fire department for a number of years.

Revs. G. M. Howe, H. A. Cornell attended the centennial birthday celebration held in memory of Rev. James Freeman Clarke at the Arlington street church, Boston, on Monday. Among the noted speakers were Revs. Dr. F. G. Peabody, G. A. Gordon, Robert Collyer, Charles W. Elliot, Julia Ward Howe. The church was crowded.

Miss Gladys Mason returned on Monday to her duties as teacher in Sterling, having spent a three weeks' vacation at home.

Miss Marion Blood, who had decided to teach this term in Milford, N. H., changed her decision and took a position in Peppercil, commencing on Monday.

John H. Sargent, on the Ayer road, while doing farm work one day last week was thrown against a wall and had three teeth broken out and a part of the jawbone injured. Thursday morning he was on his milk route to Ayer again.

The high school will give an entertainment in town hall on Friday evening, May 6, consisting of a farce "The real thing" and a comedy in three acts entitled "Breezy point."

Dr. and Mrs. Albert M. Shattuck of Worcester, coming Tuesday, are in town this week visiting his brother, Grant W. Shattuck.

Joseph Sheehan, the youth who has been living at Rev. C. A. Kane's, was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last week Friday. Drs. Heald and Lovejoy of Peppercil assisting Dr. Kilbourn. The patient is comfortable.

Daniel Maguire of Ayer, telegraph operator in the upper railroad Ayer, was brought to Groton hospital on Tuesday night, suffering from appendicitis and needing immediate operation, which was performed by Dr. Hopkins of Ayer, assisted by Dr. Kilbourn. The case was very bad. He had peritonitis and perforated appendix.

F. B. Shattuck of Cambridge, a tree specialist, has had a gang of men at work for the past week or two, at Shawfieldmont, spraying small fruit trees and pruning elms and other large trees. Later, there will be spraying done on the fruit bearing apple trees, and also the large elms will be sprayed to destroy the elm beetle.

Mrs. Laura Richards, the writer, and her daughter are at Groton Inn. Mrs. Richards is the mother of Mrs. C. A. Shaw.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Groton Improvement society on Tuesday, April 5. Committees were appointed and plans made for the summer work. The home gardens will be made a special feature of the season. A quantity of seeds have been procured for the children, which will be distributed later.

The next regular meeting of Groton grange is Tuesday evening, April 12. It is called "Biddy night." There will be an egg supper.

Carl McKeever was taken to the Groton hospital last Sunday night, suffering from a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Coburn of Winthrop has been a recent guest of Mrs. W. A. Brown.

Mrs. Jane Clark visited her relatives in Manchester, N. H., this week, and is now at home again.

S. Ramsden of Cambridge spent Sunday with J. R. Hawkes. Mr. Ramsden is the new owner of the farm sold to him by Mr. Hawkes and is beginning improvements on the place for his summer home.

Little Miss Isabelle Bixby of West Groton, called on her grandmother, Mrs. E. M. Mason, for a short visit last Monday while her father, W. V. Bixby, attended town meeting.

There was a Miss Dow (Miss Jane Dow, if we remember correctly) who was assistant teacher at the Groton high school a number of years ago, and she is said to be a sister of the Miss Harriet Dow shot by the confessed murderer and burglar, Bertram G. Spencer of West Springfield.

John H. Flynn of Nashua, N. H., who bought the Mrs. John Benedict place on Hollis street some two weeks ago, has retracted from his purchase and paid the forfeit money pledged, one hundred dollars. Mr. Flynn, who was coming to the country, because of poor health and had decided to engage in the chicken business here was taken with a severe attack of illness after his purchase of the place. His physician found his condition such that he positively forbade his carrying out the undertaking he had arranged for on the Groton purchase.

Montague Chamberlain, manager of the L. F. Hollander stores, Boston and New York, has purchased the fine colonial estate at Groton, inherited by Floretta Vining and known as the Charles Jacobs farm. He will occupy it shortly.

Historical Society.

Somewhere about thirty, and this was a good sized audience for the Groton Historical society, assembled Tuesday evening in the lower town hall to hear what Rev. H. A. Cornell had to say about some big liars. The speaker did not tell of any personal experiences with such people, even if he ever had them, but told only of those whose acquaintance he had made through reading and in some cases, going centuries back, passing through the years up to modern times. These big story tellers seem not to have been malicious, attacking character, reputation or property but rather self-conceited, seeking fame or trying to be amusing. Some stories passed through the stages of credulity, incredulity and finally proved to be true. Seemed like prophecy. Some of Baron Munchausen's yarns which Mr. Cornell repeated caused ripples of laughter to pass over the audience. Dr. Cook, the "Arctic explorer" or liar, as the case may be, was the last character considered, thus bringing the list up to date. Mr. Cornell held the close attention of his hearers.

The next meeting of the Historical society will be on the evening of June 16.

Death.

The sudden death of Prof. Willard Bradley Rising, which took place last February, at his home in Berkeley, Cal., has not been mentioned in this column and has just been brought to our notice.

Prof. Rising had been identified with the California State university for forty-three years. He was a noted educator, expert chemist and collector of works of art. While well versed in all branches of mining, metallurgy and chemistry, he is best known as an authority on the chemistry of heat or thermal chemistry and for his work with powders and other explosives. His works on thermal chemistry are masterpieces and authority. He was given medals and other tokens of appreciation by scientific societies in his own country and abroad.

Prof. Rising was born in New York in 1839. He was married to Sarah Frances Lawrence in Groton in 1872. Miss Lawrence was a native of this town. At the time of his decease Mrs. Rising was very ill with pneumonia. He left three children, one son and two daughters. One daughter, Ruth Lawrence Rising Menicanti, married an Italian, Count Menicanti. Prof. Rising was the brother-in-law of Francis G. Lawrence, of Powder House road, and an uncle by marriage of Lawrence Park, of Park Hill, both citizens of Groton.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting was held on Monday, April 4. The attendance was of the average. The total vote cast was 344. The meeting was called to order by the town clerk, A. H. Torrey.

Article 1. Henry W. Whiting was chosen moderator.

Article 2. Voted, to accept reports of selectmen and other officers.

Article 3. The following officers not required to be balloted for were chosen the same as last year:

Finance viewers, W. V. Bixby, J. B. Baddin, W. A. Parkhurst. Field drivers, J. C. Shattuck, H. C. Beckwood, W. W. Ames. Assessors of wood and bark, C. B. Baldwin, G. W. Shattuck, A. H. Thompson. Surveyors of lumber, C. B. Baldwin, S. L. Blodgett, A. M. Shattuck, J. F. Shattuck, A. H. Thompson. Pound keeper, G. S. Chase.

Article 4. Voted, to raise and appropriate money, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Schools in general (\$3,100.00), Transportation (\$1,300.00), School incidents (\$1,100.00), School superintendent (\$500.00), Repairs on Butler school (\$800.00), Library, dog tax and salaries (\$1,000.00), Electric current, salaries, supplies, painting poles, renewals, depreciation and connections and income from commercial lighting (\$2,400.00), Roads and bridges (\$1,000.00), Serviced for removal of snow (\$4,500.00), Repairs on sidewalks (\$190.00), Removing snow from sidewalks (\$200.00), Repairs on Main street (\$500.00), Fire department (\$1,000.00), Forest fires (\$250.00), Hydrant service (\$1,125.00), For use of Park commissioners and revenue from playground (\$300.00), Salary of treasurer (\$150.00), Town incidents (\$2,000.00), Support of poor (\$2,250.00), Soldiers' relief (\$200.00), Salaries of selectmen (\$50.00), Board of health (\$150.00), Interest on notes (\$1,000.00), Memorial day (\$75.00), Care of Old Buryal Ground (\$90.00), Lawrence fountain (\$25.00), Care of clock in Baptist church (\$25.00), Bridge construction note due in 1910 (\$1,000.00), Insurance premium on town buildings (\$250.00). Total: \$39,000.00.

Article 5. Voted, to adopt same method as last year for collection of taxes.

Article 6. Voted, to allow same pay to engineers, forest fireward and enginemen as heretofore; \$35 to chief engineer, \$30 to other engineers, \$25 to enginemen.

Article 7. Voted, to authorize town treasurer to borrow such sums of money, etc.

Article 8. Voted, \$500 for sidewalk in West Groton.

Article 9. Indefinitely postponed appropriating for band concerts.

Article 10. Indefinitely postponed appropriating for Fourth of July celebration.

Article 11. Indefinitely postponed purchasing set of scales.

Article 12. Voted yes, to authorize the selectmen to defend and institute suits for or against the town.

Article 13. Indefinitely postponed building of sidewalk from F. F. Woods to Mrs. Augustus Woods.

Article 14. Indefinitely postponed building of sidewalk from Joseph Messenger to Farmers' Row.

Article 15. Voted, not to extend electric lights to Thomas Gilson's.

Article 16. Voted, \$1,000 to extend the electric commercial line to West Groton.

Article 17. Voted, \$150 to extend electric line to house of Nicholas Dinan.

Article 18. Voted, to raise money to remove obstructions from sharp corners.

Article 19. Indefinitely postponed repairing road from Nicholas Dinan's to Mrs. C. Coughlin's.

Article 20. To hear and act on report of committee.

The following town officers were elected:

Selectman, three years, Frank A. Torrey. Selectman, for two years to fill vacancy, J. H. Sheedy 159, W. H. Whitehill 159. Assessor, three years, Frank A. Torrey. Assessor, two years, to fill vacancy, J. H. Sheedy 159, W. H. Whitehill 159. Overseer of the poor, three years, F. A. Torrey. Overseer of the poor, two years, to fill vacancy, J. H. Sheedy 159, W. H. Whitehill 159. Town clerk, A. H. Torrey. Town treasurer, G. W. Shattuck. Trustees of public library, three years, H. K. Richards, Ellen M. Needham. Board of health, three years, H. C. Beckwood, J. H. Hynes 234, M. Swallow. Trustee of Dairyville fund, three years, J. F. Shattuck. Trustee of Luther Blood lecture fund, three years, L. E. Blood, Whitehill 159. School committee, three years, H. E. Priest. Park commissioner, three years, M. P. Swallow. Electric light commissioner, three years, M. P. Swallow. Electric light commissioner, two years, H. Bixby. Electric light commissioner, one year, F. F. Waters. Auditors, Charles Bixby, H. W. Whitehill. Tree warden, J. H. Hynes 234, M. Swallow 62. Road commissioner, three years, Burpee Blakney 175, E. A. Shattuck 67, J. C. Shattuck 52, W. S. Jewett 26. Collector of taxes, G. H. Rockwood. Constables, J. H. Hynes, J. C. Shattuck, D. H. Young. Taxpayers on the liquor question, yes \$9, no 151.

Shocking Occurrence.

Mrs. Maria (Blodgett) Coolidge died last Saturday afternoon, the result of her clothing taking fire while burning leaves.

Mrs. Coolidge was a tenant of Dr. F. Earland Gilson in the Fosdick house on South Main street and for several days previous had been clearing up, raking and burning the leaves in the yard about the house. That forenoon about eleven o'clock she was burning a pile in the rear of the house nearer the barn. Her dress caught from behind, finding herself on fire, she rushed into the house and must have soon been enveloped in flames. Her neighbors, the Denaby family, hurried to her assistance as they heard her screams and summoned Dr. Kilbourn. He found her conscious but terribly burned. She lived a few hours. Mrs. Coolidge was born in Tynsboro; her age is given as seventy-three years. She was an aunt of Samuel Blodgett of this town and has a sister whose home is in Ashby. The funeral was on Monday, Rev. P. H. Cressey officiating. The interment was in Westford, where she was buried beside her husband.

This shocking occurrence of fatal burning under these circumstances, coming in our own town and under our own knowledge brings forcibly home to all the fact that has been too frequently demonstrated in other places, that no woman or girl by reason of her dress should be around attempting to help in fires, especially field and grass fires or bonfires of any kind. A spark falling on the thin material of thin skirts, spreads so rapidly that only a few moments is necessary to produce a fatal condition.

In case of emergency, when they feel help must be given, the greatest care should be used; a thicker woolen skirt substituted if possible for the more inflammable one. Surely this is a sad object lesson which should be heeded.

West Groton.

Mr. McCleric, who last year bought the Powell farm, has taken possession this week.

Harry Horne, who has for some time occupied the upper tenement at J. H. Hunkins', is moving to Ayer, where he is to be employed in the ice business.

Mrs. Frank Worster and daughter Lois of Fitchburg are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Williams.

Mrs. George McCurdy and son Royden of Dorchester are guests at C. H. Bixby's.

Dr. S. T. Bowthorpe, who has spent most of the winter with relatives, has returned to his cottage on Shirley road.

Clarence Thompson, employed in the sawmill, had a finger caught in the machinery, while working on the planer, some days ago. The wound was dressed by a physician and is doing well, though quite painful.

L. C. Strand is suffering from a painful hand caused by piercing with a barbed wire. The injury seemed slight at first, but unpleasant symptoms developed and treatment by a physician became necessary.

The Sunshine club met this week with Dorothy and Myra Thompson.

Mrs. Justin Spaulding of Ayer and Mrs. Frank Healey and baby daughter of Clinton were guests at H. Spaulding's on Monday and Tuesday.

At the meeting of the fire department last Tuesday evening, Fred Blood was elected a member of the company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of G. H. Hartwell.

Alfred Sparrell, a former resident here, has sold his large farm in Bethel, Vt., and has taken up a section of land in the west. He is soon to take possession, his family to follow later. The claim is reported as located on the Canadian Pacific, near the Rocky mountains. Mr. Sparrell is this week a guest of his sister, Mrs. A. H. Thompson.

Not lack of help, but lack of tenements to properly house the families of would-be employes, seems to be the trouble at the papermill. Quoting

from one of the overseers at the mill: "I know of several fine men who would be glad to work for us but they cannot afford to board here and support their families elsewhere, and there are no tenements to be found."

John Carr has not only severed his connection with the papermill, but, report says, has deserted a wife and five children as well, leaving them without means of support.

A. H. Thompson has been seen this week with a different automobile, this time a Reo. Supt. Lamb's new car is said to be a Maxwell.

Will Be Repeated.

The cantata by the Tarbell grammar school, "A little old folks' concert," will be repeated next Friday evening, April 15. The entertainment will be essentially the same as on its first presentation with the addition of several new features. Ice cream and cake will be on sale and there will be a social hour with opportunity for dancing. The children hope for a full house as the piano for which they are working is still in the distance, though drawn considerably nearer.

Mission Work.

The address of Rev. G. H. Guttererson last Sunday was enjoyed by an appreciative, though not a large audience. He spoke in an interesting manner of the various missions supported by the A. M. A. in this country and its dependencies. From Alaska to the Hawaiian Islands with its leper mission to the great mass of uneducated in Porto Rico, back to our Indian reservations and millions of southern negroes he carried his hearers with a brief outline of the characteristics of each people and the work being accomplished among them. He dwelt particularly upon the primitive, feudal people of the southern mountain region and their great need of education and culture. Mr. Guttererson did not beging, but his words were simple, earnest and convincing.

Accident.

While carrying its daily cargo of school children, the North Shirley barge met with an accident last Tuesday afternoon. The horse becoming frightened by an automobile, overturned the barge, depositing the children, variously reported from seven to eleven in number, in a promiscuous heap by the roadside. None have been reported as injured beyond a few uncomfortable bruises, with the exception of a Woods boy who received a kick from the frightened horse, though not seriously injured, it is understood. The barge is reported as somewhat wrecked.

A Gift.

During a recent illness, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge received from the Sunshine club, a gift of oranges, as an expression of their sympathy and affection. The pastor's "thanks" gave much pleasure to the children, and by request they are passed on for the enjoyment of others. Following are the verses:

O my happy Sunshine Band, 'Till I know your good intent, You are working heart and hand, For the great world's betterment. 'Tis with hearts as well as hands We go climbing up to God, Just as roses twine their strands Around the garden trellis-rod. Something good to do and be, That to keep us young and true, That is what God wants of me, That is what He wants of you. Golden was the gift you brought, Yellow fruit so fresh and new, Golden with your loving thought, Golden in its beautiful hue. I can never forget to say, How, when cold the north winds blew, You sent Summer here one day, And I penned "my thanks" to you.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The next regular meeting of the First Parish of the Alliance will be held on Monday, April 28, at the church parlor. It is the annual meeting and the usual business will be transacted.

Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom is spending a few days at the home of her son Frank in Baldwinville.

Miss Emma Knowles spent over Sunday with her friend, Miss Kolowrath of Littleton.

The annual Parish meeting of the Congregational church will take place in the church vestry, Monday evening, April 11.

Charles H. Weare, Jr., has just completed extensive alterations on his residence on Chapel street, which gives him an addition of three nicely finished sleeping rooms with bath on the second story, making a total of seven rooms and bath, throughout the house with modern improvements and hard wood finish with open plumbing.

The arrival of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tremblay, on Tuesday, was the cause of much rejoicing.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fasette of Leominster with little daughter spent the first of the week with her sister, Mrs. Charles Stebbins.

Sylvester Thomas has purchased the Foreier meat market and took possession Thursday morning.

Miss Mary Marvin of Boston will give a missionary talk before the Ladies' circle in the Congregational church vestry on Thursday afternoon, April 14.

The ways and means committee of the Altrurian club are arranging for a concert to be given in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening, April 25. Particulars will be given later.

Ezekiel Wilson is making plans to build a residence on the southerly side of the John T. Smith house on Lancaster road.

Jerome Myers of Lawrence is visiting at the home of John J. Chaisson.

A large number attended the whist party in St. Anthony's hall on Thursday evening to enjoy the whist party given under the auspices of the St. Jean Baptiste society. An entertainment was given at the close of the game of whist and selections both

popular and classical was rendered by a Fitchburg orchestra. The last number of the program of entertainment was an address by Rev. F. Barriere of Fall River. The whole affair of the evening was under the direction of president Daniel Tatraut and the evening's receipts was given to St. Anthony's church.

The senior class of Shirley high school will hold a dance in Odd Fellows' hall, Friday evening, April 15. It will be an invitation affair.

Miss Maher of Boston is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Dr. Lilly.

Mrs. Inez Sawyer has arrived from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, and is convalescing at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Ford.

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

C. K. Bolton has announced that he will not be a candidate this year for re-election to the school committee.

There was a very nice supper and pleasing program of entertainment at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening. Supper was served at seven o'clock.

Miss Aileen Lynch of Claremont, N. H., a former resident, is the guest this week of Miss Elsie Knowles.

The regular meeting of Old Shirley Chapter D. A. R., was held Monday evening with the secretary, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, who organized and has been several years the president of the Woman's Relief Corps of Ayer, was present and gave an interesting talk on the work of that large body of women. A very handsomely engraved book which was loaned the chapter by Miss Clara Crane of Dalton was read and admired. The book contained an account of the first Nantucket tea party. During business, Mrs. Harlow, registrar, presented the papers of Miss Minnie Hobbles who is to become a member of the chapter.

Alliance Meeting.

A delegation of ladies from the Shirley First Parish Branch Alliance went to Littleton on Friday afternoon of last week to attend a neighborhood meeting of Alliances.

Rev. Elmer Forbes of Boston, gave a talk on social service showing how to work along this line in any community, large or small, emphasizing the fact that it is a work the churches ought to do, not singly but collectively, and with the help of all interested men and women. Delegations were present from Ayer, Groton, Lowell, Peppercil, Ashby and Westford, so that nearly one hundred ladies were entertained by the Littleton branch, which, on this occasion, surely added fresh laurels to its reputation for hospitality.

Bowling.

Day's and McGinnis' teams played their usual weekly game with their thin pins at the local alleys, Wednesday evening of last week. Day's team won out by substantial margins. The first string was won by McGinnis' team with eleven pins to the good. The victors then rallied their forces and captured the second with a margin of sixty-two pins and the last game by a majority of nineteen pins, which gave them a total pinfall of 1287 as against 1217 for the losers.

McGinnis' team with eleven pins to the good. The victors then rallied their forces and captured the second with a margin of sixty-two pins and the last game by a majority of nineteen pins, which gave them a total pinfall of 1287 as against 1217 for the losers.

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, Pins, and Score. Includes MAHER'S TEAM, McGINNIS' TEAM, and BASTINE'S TEAM.

McGinnis and Burfill's team of the Shirley bowling league rolled their regular weekly game at the local alleys Tuesday evening.

McGinnis' team won by a close score only winning the second string by six pins and the last single by four pins. The winners recorded a total of 1227 as against 1224 for the losers.

Two men from each team were absent, Eddie O'Neill tied with Eddie Tremblay for the highest score, each rolling a total of 260.

Entertainment.

The supper and entertainment at the Universalist church Wednesday evening, April 13, promises to be one of unusual merit. At the close of the supper hour an entertainment will be given under the direction of Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce, who will present the popular drama, "Chums", with the following cast:

Mr. Breed, a Vermont Squire, Mr. Libby, Harry Breed, A. B. Hayward, his son, Mr. Esterbrook, Tom Burham, leading lady of the Pi Eta Theatre, Dr. Branigan; Flora Strong, Miss Perry; Mrs. Breed, Mrs. Edgerton.

A pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment will be vocal selections by Mr. Gerrish of Groton.

The supper will be served at seven o'clock and will be excellent in every respect.

Church Services.

Rev. Allen A. Bronson will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock. In the auditorium at five p. m. there will be a vesper service. The regular C. E. meeting at seven p. m., being omitted.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker will occupy his pulpit as usual at the Universalist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Regular meeting of the Y. P. C. U. in the vestry at seven p. m.

Rev. Wesley H. Desjardins will preach his farewell sermon in the Baptist church next Sunday evening. Mr. Desjardins expects to take up work in the North Bellingham church.

Learn to read the date stamped with your name on the paper, and if in arrears send along your dollar before your memory fails you.

The Boston Store GLOB TURNER & SON AYER, MASS. Muslin Curtains. The bare flatness of a plain unfinished looking room disappears, when the curtains, come to give it a home like coziness. House cleaning time is here, you will need new muslin curtains soon. Come and see our new lines, you will find handsome patterns, fine-quality muslins, superior workmanship and right prices. Figured Muslin Drapery Curtains, 2 1-2 yards long, hemstitched ruffles, At 98c and \$1.25 per pair. Plain Muslin Drapery Curtains, 2 1-2 yds. long, tucked and hemstitched ruffles, At 65c, 79c. and \$1.50. Nottingham Lace Curtains At 69c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.49 and \$1.98. Tapestry Table Covers Couch Covers WINDOW SHADES We have on hand at all times, a stock of the most popular colors, in oil and water tints At 25c. and 39c. We give our prompt attention to orders for special size window shades, which we can supply at reasonable prices. Give us a trial order. Brass curtain rods for sash and drapery curtains. Silk and cotton curtain loops. RUG FRINGES RUGS RUGS



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Saturday, April 9, 1910.

## AYER.

### Town Meeting.

Monday, April 4, the meeting was called to order at 5.45 a. m. and polls opened at 6.05 and closed at 4.05 p. m. The election officers were C. E. Sherwin, P. N. Lawrence, H. G. Turner, Thomas McGuane, A. P. Richardson, M. J. Griffin, P. H. Hooley, E. H. Bigelow and E. S. Dwyer. The following articles were acted upon:

Art. 3. Moved that reports submitted by different officers and committees be accepted.

Art. 4. Voted that the treasurer be and hereby is authorized with the approval of a majority of the selectmen to borrow from time to time during the current municipal year in anticipation of the taxes for said municipal year a sum or sums not exceeding at any one time outstanding \$25,000 for the purpose of meeting the current expenses of the town and to give the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from their dates. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of said current municipal year. All such notes shall state on their face that they are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts.

Art. 5. Voted to authorize the town treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, at any time between March 1, 1911, and the close of the financial year, to transfer an unexpended balance from any appropriation to any other appropriation.

Art. 6. Voted that this article be divided and taken up separately under different heads.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums:

Poor, \$2300. All money received as a reimbursement, whether from state, town or individuals, be appropriated for support of poor.

Relief of soldiers \$639, to be appropriated from reimbursement received by town from commonwealth.

Schools \$8200 and refund of dog tax.

School incidentals \$2000 and receipts from the Holmes property.

Superintendent of schools \$500.

Medical inspection of schools \$50.

Highway and bridges \$2500.

Voted that the street railway franchise tax received from commonwealth and excise tax levied by assessors be appropriated to highways and bridges.

Sidewalks \$500. Voted that all sums received from assessments on abutters on sidewalks be appropriated to sidewalks.

Fire department \$2200. Voted that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to investigate fire conditions, fire protection and water pressure and report at some future meeting, that the chair file with the town clerk within a week the above appointments.

Library, \$1000.

Notes and interest \$500, subway note No. 1, due December 1, 1909; \$500 for subway note No. 2, due June 15, 1910; \$1000 to pay schoolhouse note No. 4, due October 1, 1910; that \$350 of the uncollected taxes of 1908 be paid to the town treasurer for cash advanced by him to the town; \$1300 to pay interest on notes for the ensuing year; that all interest received on bank balances be applied to meet charges of the town.

Lighting \$2700, which also includes the lighting of the subway.

Hydrants \$400.

Sinking fund \$600.

Town incidentals \$5000 and receipts of town house and court fees.

Art. 7. Voted to instruct the selectmen to change the location of the culvert in front of the factory of R. Murphy & Sons, so as to carry the water around on the southside instead of in front of it.

Art. 8. E. A. Richardson in chair. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 to be paid to Mrs. Julia A. Craig in full payment and satisfaction of her claim against the town for injuries received on its sidewalk and that the selectmen be authorized to pay that sum upon her executing a release satisfactory in form to them.

Art. 9. Voted that a committee of three be appointed by the chair and file with the town clerk within a week to revise the bylaws and suggest additions thereto and amendments there-in and report at some future meeting.

Art. 10. Voted that reading of report, as shown on page 70 of town reports, be omitted, and that report of laying out of Nashua street, as shown on page 70, be accepted and allowed.

Art. 11. Voted that reading of report be omitted, and that report of laying out of Taft street, as shown on page 68, be accepted and allowed.

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$40 to pay the premiums on the bonds of the town treasurer and collector of taxes.

Art. 13. Voted to instruct the assessors to furnish the town treasurer a duplicate of the tax list committed by them to the collector of taxes and that the collector of taxes be instructed to enter all payments made to him on the treasurer's duplicate tax list at sometime within the week following the week of payment.

Art. 14. Voted to instruct the town clerk to publish in the next annual town report a list of all the statutes of the commonwealth which have been accepted by the town, giving the chapters, sections and titles only, together with the dates of such acceptance.

Art. 15. In relation to cement walks instead of concrete, was passed over, and art. 16, to instruct selectmen to

let town hall for moving pictures, was also passed over.

Art. 17. Voted to accept the offer of the W. C. T. U. to give the water fountain in front of the town hall to the town and that the thanks of the town be extended to them for their generous gift. Voted to pass over the balance of the article.

Art. 18. Voted \$500 for observance of Memorial day to be expended under the direction of Post 48, G. A. R.

Art. 19. Salaries of town officers same as last year.

Art. 20. Voted, that poll taxes be payable on demand and that all other taxes become payable October 1, 1910, and that interest at the rate of six per cent per annum be charged on taxes not paid at that time and be added to such taxes.

Art. 21. Voted, to raise and appropriate \$200 for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Art. 23. Passed over, not to appropriate a sum of money to be expended with an equal amount to be allotted by the Massachusetts highway commission, under the provisions of the "small towns act."

Art. 24. Voted, to accept the provisions of section 35 of chapter 57 of the revised laws of Massachusetts, relating to weathers of hay and their compensation, and the regulation of hay scales.

Art. 25. Voted, to raise and appropriate \$100 for public shade trees and for suppression of insect pests other than gypsy and brown-tail moths; to raise and appropriate \$600 for the suppression of gypsy and brown-tail moths. That the unexpended balance from last year and all reimbursements received by the town for work done on private property be added to this appropriation.

Art. 26. Voted that the sum of five thousand dollars be appropriated for the purchase of the property of Sarah J. S. Bennett, known as Nutting grove, for a public park and that to meet said appropriation, the town treasurer be authorized when directed by the selectmen to borrow that sum and to issue the notes of the town therefor, signed by the treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the selectmen with interest payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four percent per annum. Such notes shall be dated May 1, 1910, shall be made payable in such annual proportional payments as will extinguish the same in twenty years from date and shall state on their face that they are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts.

Art. 27. Voted, to adopt the by-laws relative to the removal of snow, sleet or ice from the sidewalk within twelve hours after the ceasing to fall, form or drift thereon. Whosoever violates this by-law shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars.

The following is a list of the town officials elected:

Moderator, L. K. Clark.

Town clerk, G. B. Bemick.

Selectmen and overseers of the poor, J. M. Maloney, F. S. Pierce, E. D. Stone.

Assessor, one, C. C. Wood 183, C. A. Mullen 155, H. M. Beverly 83.

Town treasurer, E. D. Stone.

Collector of taxes, F. W. Carley.

Auditors, C. A. McCarthy, H. E. Evans, J. L. Markham.

Constables, A. A. Fillebrown, James H. O'Connell, J. C. Dafty, J. F. Hurley.

School committee, three years, G. J. Burns.

Board of health, three years, F. S. Bulkeley.

Tree warden, one, Calvin Blood 181.

D. W. Mason 114, W. C. Winslow 100, Augustus Lovejoy 65.

Water commissioner, one, W. F. Walsh 151, C. H. Hardy 132, A. P. Fillebrown 103, J. H. Richardson 57.

Surveyors of lumber and measurers of bark and wood, A. McC. Phelps, I. G. Dwinell, A. M. Sullivan, Henry Leavitt.

Finance viewers, R. C. Blackford, J. H. Whitcomb.

Library trustees, three years, one, H. S. Turner 210, F. S. Bulkeley 175.

Park commissioner, one year, T. L. Fisher.

Commissioner of sinking fund, three years, S. Cotton.

Fish commissioner, Thomas Tuohy.

Field drivers, H. E. Fisher, J. E. McGuane.

Pond keeper, W. J. Delano.

The vote on license was, no 265, yes 223, blanks 18.

There were 506 ballots cast and 597 names on check list.

There were forty different people voted for auditors and fifty-one different people voted for constables.

Not at any time in the afternoon were there present a hundred when the articles in the warrant came up to be acted upon.

There was raised and appropriated the sum of \$32,340.

News Items.

Traffic conditions on the Boston and Maine railroad system again felt in February the effects of the unfavorable weather conditions and the resultant increase in operating costs. Although the gross income for the month showed a gain of \$133,407, expenses showed an enlargement of \$233,456, with the result that the net operating revenue fell off, in comparison with the corresponding month last year, \$100,049. "Other income" was relatively small, showing a decrease of nearly \$1,500, and the total net earnings over and above tax requirements, \$400,488, was \$129,587 less than in 1909. The aggregate net operating income for the eight months of the fiscal year to February 28, was \$7,162,206, or \$722,435 more than for the corresponding period in the preceding year.

John F. Lentz, manager of the railway station restaurant, has been on the sick list, but is now feeling a little better.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance met with Mrs. Franklin Lawton, afternoon. It was a large gathering. Appropriations were made to the Alliance at Berlin, the Swedish church in Chicago and to the building fund of the Potter Point church in New Hampshire. Plans were made for the annual sale to be held the last week in April and committees appointed for it. Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. Lawton and Miss Emma Butterfield was made a committee to nominate officers for the next year to be voted for at the annual meeting in May. At the close during a social hour refreshments were served by the

hostess, assisted by Mrs. Roy Lawton.

At the annual meeting of the Middlesex Country club held at their clubhouse, Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected: Dr. B. H. Hopkins, pres.; Kenneth Clark, vice-pres.; Theodore W. Barry, sec. and treas.; these officers and Geo. H. B. Turner, H. M. Beverly and John H. Burns, governing board. It was voted to discontinue membership in the Wachusett Valley tennis league.

On Friday evening, May 6, the high school will give at town hall the cantata, "The wreck of the Hesperus," with a miscellaneous musical program. Miss Modest Fanuef, teacher of voice culture, will assist.

At the Board of Trade Wednesday evening Superintendent of Schools F. C. Johnson spoke on "The influence of the school upon the pupil." It was a fine address. Lunch was served.

E. O. Proctor has sold to E. A. Lawrence, last year's model 10 Buick toy tonneau, belonging to John Allison, who has bought of Mr. Proctor, a model 19 Buick touring car. Last Saturday Mr. Proctor had a carload of Buick autos and this Saturday another carload.

At the thirty-first department convention of the Women's Relief Corps, held in Boston Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy was unanimously elected as second member of the executive board.

The annual exemplification of the capular degrees of the eleventh Masonic district, comprising the Royal Arch chapters of Ayer, Fitchburg, Clinton, Gardner, Athol and Orange will be held with Thomas chapter of Fitchburg, April 19. Bancroft chapter will work the first section of the Royal Arch degree.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold their regular supper in the church vestry, Wednesday evening, April 13, at 6.30 o'clock.

The ladies of the Unitarian Social Gathering will serve their regular social supper on Tuesday, April 12, at six o'clock, in the Unitarian vestry. Business meeting at four p. m., also in vestry.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Stroud visited Concord, March 30, and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Stroud were driven through the town visiting many places of historical interest.

The "Union Station" by local characters will be given in Page's hall, Friday evening, April 15, under management of the Beck entertainment bureau for the benefit of the gymnasium.

The Civic club held its annual meeting in the town hall at the close of the athletic contest and elected these officers:

George H. Brown, pres.; George A. Sanderson, vice-pres.; George H. Hill, treas.; Rev. T. L. Fisher, sec.; S. L. Cotton, fin. sec.; George H. Hill, J. J. Audin, P. C. Johnson, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, E. E. Sawyer and S. L. Cotton elected a social committee; J. M. Maloney, H. L. Whitman, H. H. Proctor, William Brown and George A. Sanderson, committee on gymnasium.

The club then adjourned to the second Wednesday in May when arrangements will be made for July Fourth.

William J. Mullin, janitor of the town house, is changing the appearance of the town house grounds by the erection of a post fence about the postoffice, digging up the ground where the grass has been worn off by travel and will sow some fresh grass seed.

Manzor A. McElroy, blacksmith, has moved his furniture to Shirley, and is now a resident of that town where he is in the blacksmith business for himself.

Chief of police Thayer of Fitchburg was in town last Sunday looking over his old beat when he was chief here.

The Hill Whist club met with Mrs. Benjamin Taft on Monday afternoon, and an unusual feature was the lowest score having the first choice of the dainty prizes which were awarded. Light refreshments were served, and everybody said that they had a most enjoyable time.

Walter S. Lougee went to work for the Haynes-Piper company on Monday. He intends to move his family from Harvard to Ayer as soon as he can find a tenement.

Mrs. Huntley S. Turner, who has been quite ill at her sister's in Sterling for the past two or three weeks, is much better and on the way to recovery.

The Sigbee company did through the month of March this year thirty percent more business than for the same month last year. Mr. Osgood gives steady employment to a number of girls.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Stroud are attending the Methodist conference at Westfield this week.

Mr. Delano and his help have been giving some of our streets a spring cleaning and more of them are being attended to. How much better they look.

Bordering on Tannery street the Boston and Maine railroad have erected for quite a distance a very finely constructed picket fence so as to stop all passing over their tracks by workmen in the shops and other of our townspeople. Now that this fence is up the subway will be used more than ever and much safer than crossing the railroad tracks.

Work has been commenced in earnest on the railroad grounds on Main street and men have been busy for three or four days in setting out shrubbery which, when blossomed and leaved out, will be a beautiful sight to behold. The storekeepers and the townspeople in general will greatly appreciate this and all feel more than thankful to the Boston and Maine railroad for their efforts in making the Main street a veritable beauty spot.

H. B. German, photographer in Carley's building, has done some cleaning up and improving the entrance and hallway to his studio, making it more inviting. He is well up in the art of photography and has taken some fine photos. As soon as he can find a tenement he will move his family from Leominster to Ayer.

S. N. Lougee has sold his farm in Harvard to a Boston lawyer, and will move to Ayer with his family in the near future.

Mrs. W. W. Manning left Friday for New York city, where her husband is advertising solicitor for the McClure magazine company, and will remain there until next Tuesday.

L. W. Phelps bought last week the building, corner of Main and West streets, lately occupied by A. E. Lawrence & Son, and the deed was passed last week Friday or Saturday. He contemplates lowering it a foot or more and putting the first floor in condition very likely for a store, and considerable will be done to the second story.

The Handy Dandy Mfg. Co., have established quarters in Carley's building with Edward H. Burns as treasurer, to manufacture the Handy Dandy brush and dentifrice.

Daniel Maguire employed in the telegraph office in the upper yard of the Boston and Maine railroad was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday and that night he was taken to the Groton hospital by Dr. Hopkins where he was operated upon for appendicitis. It was found that there was a perforation and that it was a serious case. He is doing well as can be expected.

Edward Parmenter, car inspector in the railroad yards here for the past three years, left last week for Panama where he has secured the position of car inspector in that place.

E. A. Whitney will have a new lot of Ohio horses at his stables on or about Tuesday, April 12.

District Court.

Frederick McDonald and Oscar McDonald, disturbing the peace in Pepperell April 3, were in court April 6, found guilty and placed in charge of probation officer till October 8.

George F. Kingsbury, charged with being a common nuisance, was in court, April 5, and case was continued to Saturday, April 9.

Samuel Slovski, the junk dealer, charged with receiving stolen property, was in court April 7, and on trial was found guilty and fined five dollars. The property found was brass valves and part of them were identified as property of the Haynes-Piper company.

Carl Bratt of Groton, drunkenness at East Pepperell, was in court, and on trial was found guilty and fined fifteen dollars.

Herbert Craig of this town, was in court April 7, charged with disturbing the peace, was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Gymnasium Exhibition.

The closing demonstration by the classes of the Ayer Civic Club Gymnasium was held Thursday evening in the town hall in the presence of a large audience. The excellent work was watched with the greatest interest and solicited enthusiastic applause. The opening number was a dumb bell medley and maze running by the juniors and seniors; this was followed by groupings and mat work by both classes; then there was parallel bar work and horse work by the seniors; gymnastic dancing and illuminated club swinging by the girls' class and the dance of the Hottentots by Ralph Fish, Clifton Merriam, Levi Lawrence and Harry Hall of Fitchburg. The greatest interest was in the contests for prizes:

In the eight potato race of the juniors, George Reed was 1st, Jack Sanderson 2d, Paul McGuane 3d and Dewey Downing 4th. In that by the seniors John Hooley was 1st, Victor Fillebrown 2d, and John Ryan and Joseph Donahue were both 3rd. In the running broad jump of the seniors J. D. Donahue was 1st, 15 ft. 10 in. John Hooley 2d, Henry Bower 3d, Frank Hooley 4th. In the standing high jump there was a tie between Henry Brown and John Hooley, while J. Donahue and Frank Hooley were close seconds.

These contests were the last in the series that have been held semi-weekly for some time for the prizes offered by Mrs. S. M. Davis. The prizes were announced and awarded at the close of the demonstration by Geo. H. Brown, president of the Civic club.

For all round work and for the greatest number of points the seniors were awarded to John Hooley of the seniors and the up to date, best of the juniors. The other prizes were ribbons of which these went to the juniors: George Reed three, 1st in standing broad jump and running high dive and 2d in running high jump; Frank Brown three, 1st in standing high jump and 2d in standing broad jump and running high dive; Robert Green three, 2d in standing broad jump and running high jump; Ralph Brown one, running high dive.

The seniors were awarded these ribbons: John Hooley seven, 1st in two standing broad jumps, one standing high kick, 2d in standing broad jump and bar vault, 3d in ring snap for height, in rope climb, and hop, step and jump; Leon Briggs six, 1st in dips, in rope climb, and in ring snap for height, 2d in snap under bar, 3d in pull up and bar vault; William Hart five, 1st in snap under bar and in pull up, 2d in ring snap for height and in rope climb, 3d in standing high kick; Joseph Donahue four, all firsts, in standing high jump, bar vault, rope skip and in hop, step and jump; Henry Brown four, 2d in standing high jump, in hop, step and jump, and in standing high kick; Martin Donahue three, 1st in standing broad jump, 2d in two standing broad jumps, 3d in rope skip; John Ryan three, 2d in dip and in pull up, 3d in standing high jump; Robert Green three, 3d in standing broad jump, in snap under bar and in dip; F. Donahue one, 2d in rope skip.

The Judges Thursday evening were J. W. Waters of Fitchburg, Y. M. C. A., Principal H. L. Whitman and Judge J. M. Maloney.

The general verdict is that the demonstration Thursday evening was the best and most enjoyable ever given. The special points were the numbers and variety of exercises, they were brief, not terrifying, and the spirit of good feeling quite evident.

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### Club Meeting.

A very choice program was presented before the Woman's club on Wednesday. The meeting was in charge of the art section of the club and the program was a presentation of work as it is regularly done at the fortnightly gathering of the class. The first number was current art news, in which number each member gave a brief item of news on some art subject found in some paper or magazine. Then came question work, each member drawing from the collection questions which she read and these were answered by the member at the left. The picture work came next, which was a rapid recognition of fifty pictures on Greek art studied during the year; the Perry pictures and University prints were used for this. Then followed five-minute papers: Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield gave a sketch of the Greek god "Apollo"; Miss S. Adelaide Blood gave the story of the Greek sculptor Praxiteles whose statue of Hermes is the only original work of a Greek artist of which there is sure evidence; Mrs. A. B. Burns Fisher summed up briefly and clearly the story of the Greek poet Homer, and Mrs. Susan M. Barker with the topic "The Parthenon," emphasized, as well as the time allowed the three P's: Pericles, the great statesman, the Parthenon, the Greek temple and Phidias, the most noted sculptor of the world. The papers were illustrated with

pictures and statues. The music was a vocal solo by Mildred Sanders and cornet solo by Violet Barrows. The chairman of the art class, Miss S. A. Blood, presided at the meeting. The music was arranged by Mrs. Beulah B. Hopkins. At the close there was a social half hour during which an abundant supply of dainty home-made candy was served by the art class. Miss Madolin Whitney, now at the Waltham hospital, is a member of the class, and contributed to the refreshments, although she could not give her paper.

At the business meeting it was voted to solicit the club for the children's sewing school party, and Mrs. Carrie Bigelow and Mrs. Mary Farr were chosen to have charge of the refreshments.

It was voted to interview the club members in regard to the May breakfast, and it was suggested that it be made a May dinner this year on some convenient day, as the first day comes on Sunday.

The art class voted to send a box of the candies to Miss Whitney. Their was a fine display of sketches and copies of Greek works of art made by some members of the art class when they were students at Boston art schools.

### Items of Interest.

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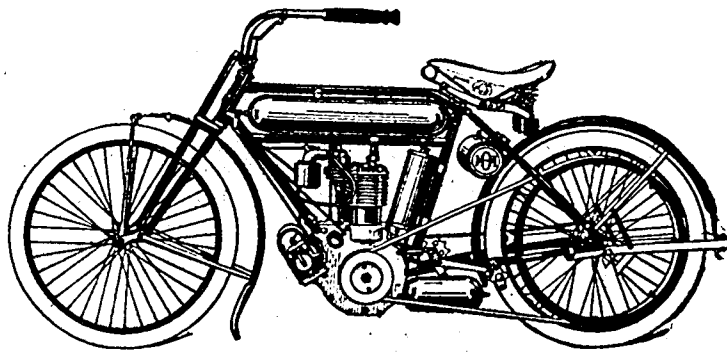
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### TOWNSEND.

**Centre.**  
Mrs. Chas. F. Worcester entertained the members of the Monday club and a few invited guests at her home Wednesday afternoon. There was a rare treat in the entertainment line. A farce entitled, "Mrs. Oakley's telephone," was given by Mrs. Florence Fessenden, Mrs. Helen Fessenden, Mrs. Evelyn Warren and Mrs. Worcester, which greatly pleased the guests. There were also songs by the Misses Gerrish of Groton, and a piano solo by Mrs. Cressy also of Groton. A violin solo was rendered by Mrs. Willoby of Groton. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed.

A crowded house greeted the Townsend minstrels at Memorial hall last Friday night and the dance afterwards was well patronized, Wright's orchestra of Ashby being in attendance. Quite a sum was netted.

The annual town meeting was adjourned last Monday for one week from date. This was done in order to give the voters and taxpayers ample time to look over the town reports, which were unavoidably delayed in the printing, hence the meeting will be held Monday, April 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Mead and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead attended the wedding of their sister, Miss Katherine Mead, at Boxborough Thursday.

Lewis Howard, who is home from Bates college on a vacation, is assisting at C. W. Hildreth's, as Wilbur Bruce is ill with the grippe.

The delegates and several members of the Anson D. Fessenden camp, S. of V., and Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. of V., attended the conventions of their orders held at Tremont Temple, Boston, Wednesday and Thursday.

Ollie Clarke of Westminster, Vt., is the guest of Harry Winchester, at Al Richard's.

William Crombie of Boston is to take Harry Winchester's place as chauffeur at Mrs. A. L. Fessenden's.

Fred Carroll, who has been ill at the hotel with pneumonia and complications caused by it, was able, after thirteen weeks, to go by auto to his grandmother's home at Peterboro, N. H., Wednesday. Mr. Carroll is still operator at central and was well liked, much sympathy being shown for him during his long illness.

There was a good attendance at the citizen's meeting at Memorial hall, Sunday evening, Prof. Cowell of Cushing academy giving an able address. The meeting was opened by prayer and the speaker was introduced by Rev. V. H. Wachs. The singing by Temple quartet of Fitchburg and by James Dodd of West Townsend was greatly enjoyed.

**Fire.**  
Quite a good deal of excitement was caused Tuesday afternoon by the discovery of fire in the basement of Miller's grocery store. Early in the afternoon about one hundred bunches of green bananas had been placed in part in the basement, which is used by George Diamond's fruit store company. There was a hot air explosion, it is thought, which blew in a partition and also upset a gasolene torch lamp. The flames spread with rapidity owing to the burlap-lined walls and tarred paper, and had it not been for the timely use of four or five fire extinguishers before the engine arrived there would have been a very serious fire in the most thickly settled spot in town. The proprietor of the fruit store in endeavoring to save his stock was severely burned upon both hands and face. The damage to property was slight.

**Harbor.**  
The Remnant club met with Mrs. Babcock at the Harbor, Wednesday afternoon. It was a surprise visit, and to insure finding Mrs. Babcock at home, Mrs. Ella E. Spaulding sent her word, that she and Mrs. Lane were coming calling that afternoon, and they did, and most of the Remnant club followed right after. Mrs. Babcock was invited to listen to the literary exercises, which consisted of current topics, by Mrs. Lane, assisted by Mrs. Mary Spaulding and Mrs. Doherty, president of the club, followed by an informal discussion of the topics touched upon. The comet and its suggested direful effects upon the world and the reflex influences upon the minds of the ignorant and some of the latest thought along religious lines and its effect on health. After a short musical program tea was served, Mrs. Ella Spaulding and Mrs. Keenan poured. A most enjoyable time was had and it was generally considered to be one of the best meetings the Remnant club ever held.

**West.**  
A fire was discovered in the garage of Charles B. Stickney of Lower Main street last Monday afternoon, which might have had serious results had it not been for the prompt work of Frank D. Parsons, who with the assistance of Henry Hathaway, who was passing at the time, succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before much damage was done. The fire started from a pile of rags used about the auto, and was caused probably by spontaneous combustion.

Little Walter Davis brought the first bunch of Mayflowers to the Baptist church last Sunday, and the extremely warm weather is hastening the blossoming of the spring Mayflower crop very rapidly.

Mrs. E. J. Lees has returned from her visit to Washington, D. C., where she has enjoyed a ten days' vacation.

Mrs. Leola Brigham from Lynn is stopping with Mrs. Eldridge for a few weeks.

Rev. Charles Upton from Greenville occupied the Baptist pulpit Sunday morning and in the evening there was no service at the church on account of the citizens' meeting at Memorial hall. A large number from here attended, Prof. Cowell from Ashburnham, the speaker of the evening, being a favorite with the audience in this village.

At the Covenant meeting Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. H. Cox took leave

of his church to the great regret of all, and he and his family left the last of the week for Harpswell, Me., where he will be at his summer home till fall.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch entertained the Ladies' Literary and Social circle at her home in Joslyville last week Friday afternoon, it being the last meeting of the season. The subject was, "The life and works of Henry Drummond," and refreshments were served during the social hour. The meeting adjourned till the first Friday afternoon in October, when they are to meet at the home of Mrs. Louise McElligott and take up the study of Robert Browning.

The Monday club held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. George Adams on Thursday evening, to make plans for the next year's work. Ten were present and Mrs. Fred A. Patch was chosen chairman of the meeting. It was voted to elect three chairmen, each to serve one month, and a new member to be elected as one went out of office and Mrs. L. O. Barker, Mrs. Alexander Reed and Miss Alice Seaver were elected. The adjournment was to the second Monday in October, when a meeting was to be called by the chairman to prepare the winter's work.

Mrs. George Ball and little daughter from Concord, are visiting Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Woods. They are accompanied by her niece, Miss Freda Jodery.

Mr. Lawrence and family who have lived in the cottage next to the town farm, moved to Pepperell the first of the week.

Mrs. Burton Bruce and little son Nelson, from Boston are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruce on the Ashby road.

Miss Helen Plummer returned Sunday from a visit to relatives in Somerville.

The public schools opened the spring term on Monday with the usual number of pupils. Miss Blanche Sprague, grammar school teacher, returned Saturday evening from her home in Readsboro, Vt., to her boarding place at G. A. Seavers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Homer have returned to New York City after a brief visit at their summer residence here.

Mrs. Joseph Thompson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Wright of Winthrop, this week.

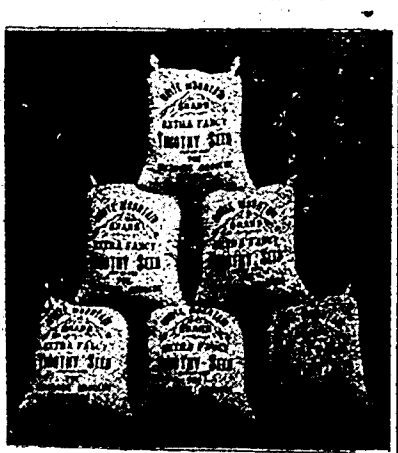
### Reception.

A farewell reception was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cox in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening, and the large number present and the many expressions of sorrow and regret at their loss testified to the esteem and affection with which they are regarded. During the few years of their work here they have by their loving spirit and faithful service endeared themselves to the hearts of the people and the continued ill health which necessitates a withdrawal from active duties for a time calls forth the loving sympathy of all their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Cox left Thursday morning for their summer home in Harpswell, Me., followed by the best wishes of the people that their summer may be happy and prosperous. The vestry was prettily arranged and decorated with carnations, easter lilies and arbutus, and the new upright piano was used for the first time. The program consisted of solos by Miss Emma Adams, songs by Mrs. B. M. Steele of Dorchester and select readings by Miss Alice V. Seaver who gave "The donation." At the close of the program, Mr. and Mrs. Cox received, and ice cream and cake was served. About a hundred were present, including the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cox, Mrs. B. M. Steele of Dorchester, Mrs. Edward Hutchinson of Lexington, and Ernest Cox of Boston.

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Whereas, FRED W. LOVEJOY, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented his petition for authority to mortgage certain real estate therein described, of the estate of said deceased, to raise the sum of four hundred dollars, for the purpose of paying debts;

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

Said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Clerk of said Court, this twenty-third day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3128 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Pepperell, at East Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, March 29, 1910.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$128,427.28
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	328.16
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	700.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	85,315.03
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	810.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	27,160.07
Notes of other National Banks	260.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	53.88
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie	\$4,650.00
Legal-tender notes	9,430.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	2,500.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	300.00
Total	\$309,934.42

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	3,300.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	9,105.36
National Bank Notes outstanding	50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	193,491.06
Cashier's checks outstanding	4,038.00
Total	\$309,934.42

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of April, 1910. George G. Tarbell, Notary Public. Correct—Attest:

I. J. ROWELL, E. D. HOWE, CHAS. S. DENHAM, Directors.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, March 29, 1910.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$254,309.51
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	34,893.81
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	35,976.22
Checks and other Cash Items	1,212.87
Notes of other National Banks	958.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	28.73
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:	
Specie	\$8,056.00
Legal-tender notes	4,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	5,000.00
Total	\$445,564.14

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	29,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	29,554.59
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	10,000.00
Dividends unpaid	48.00
Individual deposits subject to check	185,961.55
Total	\$445,564.14

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 1910. E. Alonzo Blood, Notary Public. Correct—Attest:

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## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Land Court.

To Melvin E. Cobligh and Walter T. Fuller of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and said Commonwealth; George W. Whitcomb of Littleton, Betsey M. Walker, Arabella W. Keyes, Burpee C. Steele and George S. W. Keyes of Boxborough, in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth; Mattie B. Stodder of Brookline, in the County of Norfolk, and said Commonwealth; the heirs, devisees or legal representatives of Henry W. Keyes, of Sarah A. Keyes, formerly of Ayer, in said County of Middlesex, and of Moses Whitcomb, formerly of said Boxborough, deceased; Nellie M. Kittredge of said Ayer; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Robert Y. Tait of said Boston, to register and confirm his title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the west part of said Boxborough, and bounded and described as follows, viz: South-easterly by Liberty Square Road (so-called) four hundred and thirty-three (433) feet five inches; southwesterly partly by land of Betsey M. Walker and partly by land of George W. Whitcomb by various courses seven hundred and fifty-nine (759) feet four (4) inches; northwesterly by land of said George W. Whitcomb four hundred and eighty (480) feet eleven (11) inches; northeasterly by land of Burpee Cobligh four hundred and seventy (470) feet eight (8) inches; southeasterly by land of George F. Keyes heirs one hundred and forty-four (144) feet eleven (11) inches; and northeasterly by land of said George F. Keyes heirs three hundred and eighty (380) feet three (3) inches.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the eighteenth day of April, A. D. 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of March, in the year nineteen hundred and ten.

Attest with Seal of said Court. [Seal.] 3t28 CLARENCE C. SMITH, Recorder.

Groton, January, 1910. To the Middlesex County Commissioners:

Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Groton, in said County, that the road leading from Groton to Shirley near the gymnasium of the Groton school is in need of relocation for the purpose of making alterations in its course and width; also, that the road from Groton to Ayer should be relocated in like manner near the premises aforesaid.

Wherefore, we pray that you will, after due proceedings, cause said road from Groton to Shirley to be relocated from a point opposite the house occupied by Herbert Folkins, southwesterly to the entrance driveway of the infirmary, a distance of about 1,200 feet, and on the road to Ayer from its junction with said road to Shirley, a distance southerly of 500 feet.

Grant W. Shattuck and 23 others. A true copy. Attest: A. A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the twenty-second day of March A. D. 1910.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Selectmen's room, Town Hall in Groton, in said County on Monday the twenty-fifth day of April next at 10.45 o'clock in the forenoon by serving the Clerk of the said town of Groton with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

ROGER H. HURD, Ass't Clerk. A copy of petition and order thereon. Attest: ROGER H. HURD, Ass't Clerk.

A true copy. Attest: A. A. FILLEBROWN, Deputy Sheriff. 3t28

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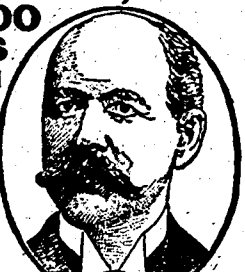
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of FRANCES H. JEWETT, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to JOHN L. BOYNTON of Pepperell, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of April 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 is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Peppereil Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
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**BROOKLINE, N. H.**

**Entertainment.**  
The Sunbonnet club enjoyed Friday, April 1, at the pleasant home of Mrs. G. L. Dodge. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Hattie Pierce, a delightful drive was enjoyed to and from the Dodge farm, J. H. Pierce proving himself a very efficient driver. The usual tempting dinner was served with its varied menu. Oysters being included in the bill of fare.

The favors and the box of French confectionery was a bit misleading and reminded that it was the first day of April. The literary program was given on the lawn and veranda, readings being given by Mrs. Clara Russell and Mrs. Ella W. Tucker and an excellent paper on the Wachusett reservoir by Mrs. Helen Hall. The day was replete with happiness and sundown came all too soon. From the roadside floated back to our genial hostess, the sweet notes of "God be with you till we meet again," as we homeward sped.

**Lecture.**  
Tuesday evening, Hon. Albert O. Hadley of Peterborough, gave a public lecture at Tarbell's hall, under the auspices of the Brookline grange, taking for his subject, "From ocean to ocean," describing in a beautiful manner his trip to the Pacific coast. Mr. Hadley is a very pleasing speaker and held the individual attention of his large audience for nearly an hour and a half. So vivid were his word pictures, they reflected lasting impressions of the busy, hustling west, with all its grandeur and beauty of scenery. In closing he said, "Ours is a great country, there are possibilities everywhere. There is just as good an opportunity for a young man in New England as in the west. I would not leave New England for any spot in the west."

Musical selections were finely rendered by a singing orchestra composed of Mrs. Louise Bragg, William Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fessenden, Frank Bailey, Henry Bailey, Alton Jensen, William Randall. A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the lecture. Surely the public are indebted to the grange for two very instructive and uplifting lectures during the past two weeks.

**News Items.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a little daughter, Sunday, April 3, Thelma Etta Perkins.  
F. D. Taylor has been drawn as a grand juror and L. S. Powers as a petit juror to serve at the May term of court.

Miss Elsie Ware of Hancock has been a recent guest in town.  
Mrs. C. B. Valedge and little daughter Ruth are spending the week at Rockland, Mass.

Miss Lillian Ames, who has been employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Corey, for the past year, has returned to her home at Groton, and will spend the summer at Littleton.

An alarm of fire Sunday morning was caused by a brush fire near the Bohannon farm.  
The Misses E. C. Sawtelle and Martha Wright of Boston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Powers over Sunday.

Donald Perin and friend of Brookline, Mass., are spending a few weeks at the Perin summer home.  
Mrs. Ella Rockwood is employed as nurse at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Perkins and Miss Katherine McKenzie is assisting in household duties.

Mrs. Herbert Hall and son Russell are guests of Mrs. Helen Hall.  
Miss Mary L. Brown spent Sunday at home from school duties at Waltham.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rockwood spent the week end in town. They are to make their home at Winthrop, Mass. Monday a large automobile moving car from Hyde Park took their household goods to Winthrop.

The primary schools commenced Monday with Miss Clara Campbell as teacher at the village, Miss Helen Pratt at the West and Miss Tripp of Wollaston at the North.  
Horace Randall and family are to move to the Samuel Thayer cottage.

J. Clarke Barnaby is to occupy the cottage owned by Mrs. Nellie O'Connell.  
Edward P. Gerrish has recently purchased an automobile.  
George Beterly attended the funeral of his uncle, Charles P. Hall, at Nashua, Monday.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes commenced the second year of his pastorate Sunday. The past year has been a very harmonious one.  
Rev. F. D. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., was in town Monday.

The program of the local grange, Wednesday, April 13, will be: Discussion, the proposed federal income tax, Dr. Holcombe, Mrs. Clara Russell; song, Misses Maud and Ethel Taylor; reading, Miss Gladys Slocum; dramatized reading, Mrs. Hattie Pierce.  
Dr. Holcombe was called to Milford, Tuesday afternoon by the death of his mother.

John H. Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pierce is seriously ill.  
J. N. Seaver is to supply the Methodist pulpit.  
C. P. Hall, a native of Brookline and for many years a resident, died at St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, Friday, April 1, after an illness of nine days, aged seventy-one years. Mr. Hall was engaged in the grocery business in town for several years and was an active member of the Methodist church. The past four years he has resided at Nashua. The funeral took place at his late home Monday, burial in the family lot at the West cemetery, Brookline. The floral tributes were many and beautiful, bespeaking the love of many friends. A widow, a son, F. D. Hall and a grandson, Roscoe Hall mourn his loss.

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood was held at the vestry, Friday evening, April 1. A tempting collation was served, including delicious maple syrup and hot

rolls. Stephen T. Marshall was toastmaster and the following responded: The church, Rev. W. L. Noyes; Last boat from Europe, C. B. Valedge; Mending our ways, A. A. Goss; Temperance and timber, P. L. Pierce; Being a bachelor, H. C. Bailey; Fishing, E. E. Gilman; Latest in electricity, C. R. Harding; The phonograph, Carl Clifford; The automobile, E. P. Gerrish; The first part of spring, Dr. Holcombe; Training young ideas, S. T. Marshall; accordion solo, A. A. Goss.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**

**News Items.**  
Rev. R. W. Drawbridge of Pepperell preached last Sunday in exchange with Rev. C. H. Davis.

News has been received in town of the very serious illness of Miss Harriet Gerould, in Florida. Miss Gerould is a daughter of our former pastor, Dr. Gerould, and spent her early life in Hollis. Her friends grieve to learn of her illness, and hope for her recovery.

Will Carleton, the poet and author, will lecture in the town hall, Tuesday evening, April 12, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. It is a rare privilege to hear the noted writer and speaker. He offers a volume of his poems to all young people who are able to sell twenty-five tickets each to the lecture.

The valuable horse of Leo McInnes, which has been so sick, died Monday forenoon after two weeks' suffering.  
The Ladies' R. and C. society met with Miss Clara Smith, Friday afternoon, with tea at five o'clock.

The Hollis Woman's club met with Miss M. A. Hardy, Wednesday afternoon. The following was the program: Current events by Miss Tenney, supplemented by several other ladies; a paper on leading cities of Holland was given by Mrs. S. A. Worcester. After a recess a duet was rendered by Mrs. Colburn and Miss Hayden, "The swing song." After this duet, Miss Abbie Plagg gave her personal reminiscences while in Holland, two years ago.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.** Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN DAILEY, late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas ELLEN F. DESMOND admitted to be the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at public auction the whole of certain parcels of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the eighteenth day of April 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 said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person 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 the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
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Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5:25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12:25 a. m. until 9:55 p. m.) 10:25 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—5:30 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 9:30 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10:30 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m.) Sundays—7:32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m.  
Lawrence—5:15, 6:15, 6:40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sundays—7:20 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5:20, 6:10, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:50 p. m. Sunday—7:20 a. m., then same as week days.  
North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5:15, 6:00, 6:35, 6:55, 7:02 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:33 p. m. Sundays—7:33, 8:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10:33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5:30, 6:55, 6:40, 6:57, 7:18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. then 11:45 p. m. Sundays—8:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m.  
Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 30 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 1:35 p. m. until 10:35 p. m.) Sundays—7:35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m.  
Lowell via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:55, 7:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:48 p. m., then 10:48 p. m. Sundays—5:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:18 p. m. Sunday—6:03, 6:03, 6:57, 7:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. THOMAS LEES, Supt.

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**PEPPERELL.**

**Gleanings.**  
Mrs. Esther Shattuck of Foster street, who has been sick for a number of weeks, was taken by carriage to St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua on Saturday last. Mrs. Shattuck was accompanied by Dr. F. W. Lovejoy and the district nurse, Mrs. Shattuck is very sick with little hope of recovery.  
Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks have moved into the house on Foster street recently purchased by Mr. Fredericks. Their daughter Lillian, and two children of Keene, N. H., are visiting them.

Mrs. Llewellyn Lane, who has been caring for Mrs. Esther Shattuck, has returned to her home on Mill street.  
Mrs. Putnam Webber, Miss Marion Webber and Master Fred Webber, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. McDowell.  
Mrs. Charles Goff of Pleasant street is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. J. Chadbourn of Hillsborough Bridge, N. H.  
Mrs. Abbie Hackett, aunt of Mrs. Fayette Bicknell, formerly of this town, died at her home in Poland, Maine, March 26, of heart failure following an attack of the grippe. Mr. Hackett, father of Mrs. Bicknell, remains about the same.

Miss Ada Upson and Miss H. L. Lawrence, attended the funeral of Charles H. Hall in Nashua on Monday of this week.

Edward Fitzpatrick is very sick with pneumonia at his home on Cottage street.

Miss Lillian Harrington, who has made her home at the Methodist parsonage since the death of her parents, is now at Mrs. David Cuthbertson's.  
Rev. Putnam Webber left town to attend the Methodist conference in session this week at Westfield.

Miss M. E. Flowers, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Putnam Webber at the Methodist parsonage, returned to her home in Salem on Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie McNayr led the mid-week meeting at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. John Frossard is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Nodding of Somerville.

Mrs. Arthur Stevens of Burrage, has been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. E. E. Handley.

Mrs. Eliza Hobart of this town died from the effects of a paralytic shock, at the home of her granddaughter in Hampton, N. H., on Monday, April 4.

The Ladies' degree team of Prescott grange confer the third degree on eight candidates, and the fourth degree on the regular officers in grange hall on Friday evening, April 8. The deputy will be present. After the exercises supper will be served in the lower hall.

Miss Jennie Sharp visited her mother in Littleton on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Teresa Fitzpatrick has been a recent guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. M. Dowling of Cross street.

**About Town.**

The new lady assistant teacher at the high school is Miss Louise Cooper of Arlington Heights.

Mrs. Bessie Allen, who has been traveling the past winter, returned to Pepperell and will occupy the Cauldwell cottage on Elm street for the summer.

Rainsford Deware lately appeared out with a new touring car.

Miss Lucy Woodward, teacher in Newton schools, is spending her vacation in town.

Mrs. Joshua Blood of Park street, returned from Newton Lower Falls, April 5, where she has been visiting since last February with her parents. Lucius Peck, a nine-year-old boy, who lives at Mrs. Joshua Blood's, is sick with congestion of the liver.

Miss Marion Blood of Groton has been substituting this week in the Groton street building in place of

Ethel Wells, who is out of school on account of illness.

Mrs. Sarah Fletcher returned Saturday to her home on Heald street after an extended visit with friends in Townsend.

It is currently reported that Charles Gage of New York, formerly of this town, is coming to Pepperell to engage in the manufacture of paper bottles.

The grange play, given in Prescott hall last Monday evening, was in every way a grand success. The seats were all taken and more tickets could have been easily sold. There is some rumor of its being repeated in the near future. All say that it is one of the best plays ever presented in Pepperell.

**News Items.**

The spring meeting of the North Middlesex Ministerial association was held at the residence of Rev. D. R. Childs on Tuesday, April 5.

The L. S. C. of the Unitarian church have an Indian meal supper and entertainment in preparation.

The Ladies' social circle will hold its regular business meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 14, at three o'clock, in Central hall.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. M. E. Swasey on Wednesday, April 13.

Miss Emily Deware has returned to her home in Charlestown, N. H.

S. M. Hokes, superintendent of streets, has his notes and men at work on the roads. There are a number of places in our sidewalks sadly in need of repair, which it is understood he is planning to have attended to at once. He is the right man in the right place.

A meeting of the Pepperell sewing club was announced for last Tuesday evening. So few showed up that the usual amount of business was left unattended to.

News of the death of Charles P. Hall at Nashua hospital was a shock to his many friends here, where he had lived for many years. He was seventy-one years of age and leaves a wife and one son, Frank D. Hall of Holbrook Marshall Co., Nashua.

Mrs. Granville Davis will be eighty years of age on Monday, April 11, and is in the enjoyment of good health. Mrs. Davis will be pleased to receive friends from two o'clock to six that afternoon.

The L. A. S. of the M. E. church will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. H. C. Thurston, Main street, on Friday afternoon, April 15 at three o'clock.

Rev. J. H. McLellan of Worcester will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. church Sunday morning, April 10, at the usual hour of service.

E. A. Williams was unable to attend to his work for a few days owing to a painful injury by stepping on a rusty nail. Dr. C. G. Heald treated the injured foot.

Rev. A. T. Bowser and Mrs. Bowser of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowser and daughter Mary of Sackville, N. H., were guests of Miss F. J. Bowser this week.

There have been a number of cases of the prevailing influenza the past week. Sidney W. Chinn had been quite ill and Edward and Doris, children of E. P. McCord. In all cases noted it has been a particularly painful and distressing illness.

The drama presented by the Prescott grange was a strikingly successful event. The entire program was pleasingly rendered and illustrated what success can be attained by combined local talent. There is a rumor that it will be repeated for the benefit of the public playground, providing suitable terms can be reached for the use of the Opera house.

The Woman's club has been a power for good in many ways since its organization started here a little over a year ago. Their forestry committee has succeeded in securing State Forester F. W. Rane, to deliver a free lecture in Prescott hall on Monday evening, May 16. It is not only desired that a large and representative audience of our citizens greet this distinguished authority, but also that many from adjoining towns will attend. What he knows should interest everyone, for not only in towns and states but also the national government is paying particular attention to these matters.

Last year's work of the legislature included numerous changes and additions to the laws on taxation. There have been a number of important acts passed this year. Governor Draper has permitted one to become law without his signature, empowering the tax commissioner to compel the assessor to reassess where property is discovered which has not been assessed or which is being under assessed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp have returned from their trip south.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stewart have returned from Maryland, having spent a short time on their large farm there. It is understood that they intend moving their family there at an early date and will also take the fine herd of Holstein cattle.

The fire department has been called out for a number of grass and brush fires; also, what might have been a serious fire at the house of Alfred O'Neil, Groton street. By the quick responding of the fire department the damage is limited to a small hole in the roof and a few charred rafters.

Most of our student folk have returned to their respective halls of learning. Roger Robbins is having an enforced vacation on account of undergoing an operation for adenoids and catarrhal growth.

Mrs. Clara Beaulieu is making a new departure in her five and ten cent store, having taken the K. of L. block, formerly occupied by Stenstream & Deloid. It is understood a restaurant is to open in her old stand.

James Gray returned to his work at Raymond, N. H., Wednesday, after a few days at his home on Park street.

Patrick J. Morrissey met with an accident on Thursday morning while at work on the calendars of the N. R. P. Co. He received several serious cuts on his arm and his wrist. He was quickly attended to and the wounds properly treated, and it will be some weeks before he can have free use of the arm.

Miss Irene Salter enjoyed a birthday party at her home last Thursday and invited a host of friends to attend. Games, music and refreshments formed an important part of the festivities and all had a never-to-be-forgotten evening of pleasure.

The third degree was exemplified at Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening.

For the past ten days there has been an abundance of Mayflowers in many of the spots where they grow and have been gathered in by the admirers of that beautiful and ever fragrant wild flower.

**Deaths.**

The past week's record of deaths is unusual. Edward F. Fitzpatrick, age sixty-two, died at his home on Cottage street on Thursday morning after only a few days illness. He has lived in this town a greater part of his life and leaves a large family. Funeral will be Saturday morning, April 9.

Mrs. Mary Allen, age fifty-eight, passed away at her home on Groton street after a short illness. She was the widow of the late J. P. Kerin, a native of Ireland, and is survived by three children, Miss Mary Kerin, Mrs. Attridge and J. P. Kerin, the noted umpire of the American league.

Miss Etta M. Stark died at her home on Crescent street after a lingering illness of tuberculosis, aged twenty-three years. Three brothers and sisters beside her parents are left to mourn their loss.

**Sewing School.**

The spring term of the sewing school opens Saturday, April 9. During the winter term the work was somewhat interrupted on account of stormy weather. Therefore it is desirable that each child be in her place every Saturday, if possible, the remainder of the year. No new members will be received after April 9, and all members who are absent more than two Saturdays in succession without sending an excuse will be understood to have voluntarily withdrawn and will not be admitted again this year. The girls are much interested in the preparations for their fair, which they hope to hold early in the summer. Any assistance rendered them in the way of material or useful and fancy articles will be gratefully received.

**SHIRLEY.**

**Shirley Center.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Wood were in town Monday, April 2 and moved their goods from the Barnard cottage to the Fairchild place, which they will occupy for the summer.

Charles Bruso and a gang of men have been scraping and paving the road from the Centre to the village.

On Saturday evening, April 2 about twenty young people met at the home of Miss Elsie Holden to celebrate her eighteenth birthday. The party was a complete surprise to Miss Holden. The party was held in Holden's hall, where they danced and played games until eleven o'clock, when refreshments were served and all spent a most enjoyable evening.

Albert Adams has returned from Boston.

Shirley grange held its regular meeting Tuesday, April 5. The third and fourth degrees were worked and inspected by the deputy after which supper was served in the lower hall.

The Alliance met Tuesday, March 31 with Mrs. H. A. Bridgman.

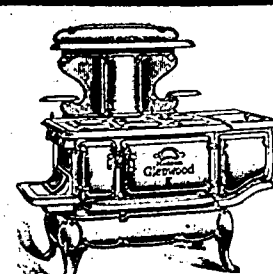
On Friday, April 1, Caroline Carkin celebrated her ninth birthday by entertaining nine of her little friends, from 2.30 to five o'clock.

M. W. Longley, auctioneer, will sell all the personal property of the late John L. Farnsworth, at Shirley Centre, on Saturday, April 9, at 12.30 p. m.

**TOWNSEND.**

**Center.**  
Waldo Adams left here Wednesday to take a position as Asst. State Chemist of New Hampshire. His friends wish him success in his new field of labor.  
Stella Farrar has been enjoying a visit with her grandparents at Middleboro.  
Charles Hildreth attended the G. A. R. convention at Boston this week. Several friends and former patients of Mrs. Mary Sherrin came down from the west village and gave her a surprise last week at her home on Brookline street, where she has lately returned from William Russell's. A social time was enjoyed, the guests staying to supper and returning in the early evening.

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Ayer, April 5, 1910.

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**Church Services.**  
Rev. Edward C. Hayes, from Acton will preach in the Congregational church Sunday, April 10, at 10.45 a. m. and at six p. m.  
Unitarian church services at 10.45, when Rev. J. P. Sheafe of Harvard will preach the sermon. This will give the friends of Mr. Sheafe in Ayer their last opportunity to hear him before he goes to Ohio to reside after fifteen years in Harvard. Dr. Fisk will be present at the service. At the seven p. m. Y. P. R. Union service, superintendent Johnson will give the address. Sunday school at twelve m.

**AUCTIONS.**  
A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell the real estate and personal property of the late Otis Brigham, on Washington street, Saturday, April 16, at two p. m. This is a very attractive sale.

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**AYER.**

**To the Editor:**  
The acquisition of a public park is the passing from the provincial to the progressive towns in Massachusetts. The best reasoning in its behalf is the experience of towns which have them. The steady increase of parks is a guarantee that they have been proved beneficial to public welfare. The modern park includes public playgrounds, and so deep rooted is the conviction of their usefulness, that it has created a literature on the subject, of eighty booklets endorsed by the "Playground association of America." In the old countries, especially England, Scotland and Ireland, travelers notice a peculiar charm about the frequency of local names for spots quite adjacent to one another. This custom imparts a certain personal individuality to places and things. So also in churches. The number of memorials adds the interest of personal associations. It is possible to carry this pleasurable feature into the local colony of our new park in Ayer. Individual donations to various purposes, as the construction of the main driveway around the park, the building of the bridge to the island, the preparation of the island itself and its provision with suitable seats; the erection of shelters and seats on the top of one or two high knolls would give opportunity to associate with each the name of some well known personality in the town. It is to be hoped that such private co-operation may enable the park commissioners to bring the area into more speedy preparation for

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MISS BLANCHÉ L. LIVINGSTON,  
Ayer, April 5, 1910. 30\*

**Commissioner's Sale of REAL ESTATE**

In Townsend, Mass.

By virtue of a warrant dated March 10th, 1910, given by the Middlesex County Probate Court to E. Alonzo Blood, of Townsend, in said County, as Commissioner to make partition of certain real estate hereinafter described among the tenants-in-common thereof, whose names and shares are as follows: Lendall U. Clement, Albert M. Richards and Arthur D. Barber, each one-third (1-3), there will be sold by public auction at the house of Thomas J. Smith, in said Townsend, on Wednesday the 4th day of May A. D. 1910, at two o'clock in the afternoon, a certain parcel of land in the Northwesterly part of said Townsend, containing one hundred thirteen (113) acres more or less, and bounded:

Beginning at a stake and stones on Chestnut Hill, so-called; thence North about 46° East, bounded by land formerly of one Hodgman, One Hundred Sixty-Eight (168) rods more or less to a stake and stones at a way; thence North about 44° West about Eighty rods to a stake and stones; thence North about 38° East, bounded in part by land formerly of Samuel Warner, about Sixty (60) rods to a stake and stones at the State line; thence North about 82° West on the State line Eighty-Four (84) rods to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of John Richards; thence by said Richards' land South about 33° East about Fifty-One (51) rods to a large oak tree marked; thence South about 71° West Eighty-Three (83) rods more or less to a stake and stones by an oak stump at a stone wall; thence South about 19° East about One Hundred Eleven (111) rods to a stake and stones by a pitch pine stump; thence North about 64° East Fifty-Six (56) rods to a stake and stones at a corner; thence about 27° West to land formerly of one Richards about Ninety (90) rods to the place of beginning.

The premises will be sold subject to taxes assessed or to be assessed for current year.

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