

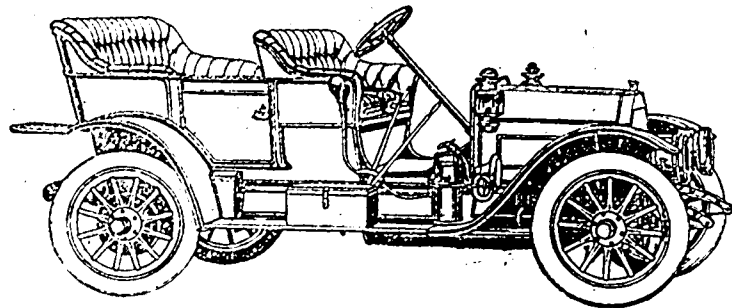
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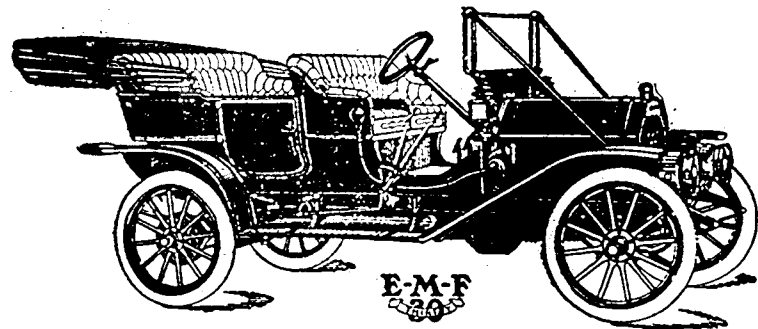
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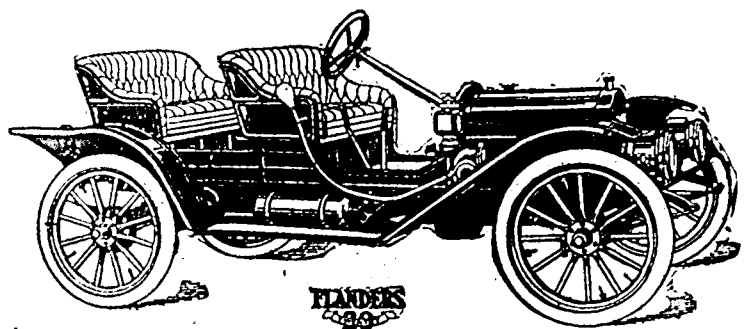
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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

The girls of the Bromfield school will give a social dance at the town hall on Friday evening, May 6. Music by Coggin's orchestra of Hudson. The committee of arrangements with Miss Amy E. Bryant as chairman, are making preparations for one of the largest parties of the season. Bromfield affairs are getting to be the popular thing of late and under the management assigned to this party, success is assured.

Franklin Hynes was in Westboro this week, where he purchased a driving horse. His brother-in-law, Bert Trook, drove back with him and spent a few hours in town.

Mrs. D. W. Ellis and daughter, Miss Georgia Ellis, who have been wintering at the Cheshire house, Keene, N. H. will arrive on Monday, May 2, at the Harlow farm for the summer months. Mrs. Marble and friend from Worcester, who for the past eight years have been summer guests at the Harlow farm, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Harlow.

Next Tuesday night the grange will hold regular meeting, and the worthy lecturer has arranged a very promising program. All are requested to be prepared to represent some book by dress or otherwise, as this is to a book social. Mildred Tooker has the current events and Clifford Dudley edits the grange paper. If you want to hear some real spicy news, be sure and listen to the reading of this edition.

On Wednesday, R. C. Davis drove to Concord and met a stunning pair of iron grey farm horses. They were led out from Boston and are for the farm of Mr. Roberts, old mill, where Mr. Davis is employed.

We are informed on good authority that W. S. Dudley has sold a part of his pasture on Prospect Hill for a fancy price. The purchasers are wealthy Bostonians, who will erect a splendid summer house. The view from this pasture is considered the best in this locality.

At the town meeting on last Saturday evening, it was voted to rescind the vote taken at the annual meeting to sell the Brookside lot. They also voted to allow the selectmen to sign articles of indemnity with the state authorities for damage incurred in the building of the new state road.

### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

Miss Florence Bartlett has been visiting friends in Somerville and Brookline this last week. On Tuesday evening, she attended the oratorio of Elijah, given in Symphony hall by 600 voices from the English high school and the Latin high school of Somerville. S. Henry Hadley conductor, with forty players from the Symphony orchestra and Joshua Pippet, organist. Among the soloists was Mrs. Marie Sundlins, who spent last summer at Bonnie Brae in Littleton.

Mrs. William J. Dodd and children have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright in Allston, for several weeks.

Mrs. A. B. Webber sang at the Altruistic club in Shirley, Monday night. Elmer Canney, Mrs. Canney and baby Ruth, are expected at George Canney's next week.

George Smith, son of James Smith, section foreman, has a position as brakeman on the Boston and Maine railroad.

#### Sad Accident.

A. L. Graydon, freight conductor on what is known as the sand train, met with instantaneous death Monday evening as he leaped from the cow-catcher of his train to the down track just in time to be caught by the engine of a fast east bound freight that passed him near the Avery chemical works. It was evidently Mr. Graydon's intention to run along and turn the switch, but ill fate attended his action and his rush to duty culminated in the most tragic calamity.

Dr. Godfrey was summoned at once and was on the scene in less than five minutes, but the loyal conductor was past medical aid. The accident occurred at 6.49 p. m. and in less than an hour his successor arrived from Fitchburg on an express train, conducted by J. H. Whitcomb of Littleton, and twenty-five minutes later Coroner Chamberlain of Concord arrived and examined the body, attributing death to a broken neck. Mr. Graydon's lifeless body was then placed in the 8.05 train, conducted by J. H. Kimball of Littleton, and borne to his home town of Ayer, which he had left well and happy less than two hours previous.

Mr. Graydon was well and favorably known and his death is widely lamented.

Funeral services were held in Ayer Wednesday and burial was at Milford, N. H.

#### Woman's Club.

The Littleton Woman's club and a few guests assembled in the Baptist vestry, Monday afternoon, and listened



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to a scholarly and well delivered lecture on "An auto trip through England" by Miss Martha Taylor of the Tadnuck club, Westford. From introduction to conclusion Miss Taylor held her audience by refreshing recollections of the country with its stretches of green lawns and hedges, unique cottages with brilliant gardens, its thickly settled towns with museums and cathedrals, its university centers, historic localities and the homes and haunts of the distinguished in science, letters and art.

Pleasant glimpses of Scotland and Wales with distinguishing features of these countries and some of their people were given. Miss Taylor spoke

with enthusiasm of the auto method of visiting England, believing it to surpass all others. An expression of thanks was given to the speaker at the close of the meeting.

The ladies' quartet sang with pleasing effect two selections—an Indian lullaby and "Longing for May."

The next meeting, the last of the season excepting field day, will be held in the Unitarian vestry, May 9, when the election of officers will take place. Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following list of names: for president, Mrs. Mattie K. Priest; vice-president, Mrs. Charlotte A. Tenney; recording secretary, Mrs. Minnie

F. Johnson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb; treasurer, Mrs. Florence B. Wilcox; honorary chaplain, Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer. Miss Atwood of Westford accompanied Miss Taylor as guest of the club.

### New Advertisements

#### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the E. A. Smith O. R. C. E. of P. and all others who so kindly rendered assistance in our recent bereavement; also, for the beautiful flowers and kind words of sympathy. MRS. LENA H. GRAYDON and Family. Ayer, April 28, 1910.



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**WESTFORD.**

**Centre.**  
 Mrs. A. S. Wright, who has been spending the cold months with relatives in Waverley, has returned to town and opened her house which has been undergoing some renovations. Mr. Newcomb and daughter, Miss Amy, are staying with Mrs. Wright.

Miss Sarah W. Loker is enjoying a trip of ten days or two weeks to Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright spent last week at the Whitney homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Woodward entertained a group of friends at their home, Saturday evening. Three tables of whist were enjoyed, after which refreshments were served.

Pearl Harmon had the misfortune to lose his faithful horse "Dolly," last week. The animal got cast in its stall and was so badly injured that it had to be killed. A. H. Sutherland also lost his family horse recently.

H. W. Tarbell has a large force of workmen on the new Whitney park and playgrounds. Donald Cameron has given a deed of about one-half acre of land near the academy and Oscar R. Spaulding has also donated a portion of his land back of the Frost school. These additions are much appreciated and add to the size and symmetry of the tract. Some of the land that is a combination of ledge, rock and moisture and at best was never anything but the poorest of pasturage is something of a proposition to make clear, drained and leveled.

Miss Hazel Hartford has been selected for the graceful ceremony of unveiling the new soldiers' monument, at the dedication, Memorial day.

Miss May Balch is teaching at Framingham, for the remainder of the school term.

After four months' suspension of travel, and after much conference between the management, the railroad commissioners, and the selectmen and town's council, we are glad to hear that the cars are to resume service between Brookside and the Centre next Monday.

According to time-honored custom, the churches of the town will unite in a union service, the Sunday preceding Memorial day and this year, according to rotation, the services will be with the Congregational church.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Congregational church met with Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher, last week Thursday, with a full attendance. The program for the afternoon was interestingly arranged from the book, "The gospel in Latin lands," which has been the study of the winter. After the close of the meeting, Mrs. Fletcher served afternoon tea, and those present enjoyed a pleasant social time and those who might not have already done so inspected Mrs. Fletcher's pretty new home.

**Birthday Party.**

Happy birthdays, especially if made memorable with a party, are always one of the treasured memories of childhood. Mrs. Homer M. Seavey, recently gave a very pleasant party for Miss Marjory, the only daughter in the household with three brothers. It was the little lady's twelfth birthday anniversary and a group of school girl friends were invited for an afternoon. There were games, music and dancing and a birthday supper, of which an abundance of cake and ice cream, and a birthday cake with candles were enjoyable features. The young hostess was the recipient of some pretty gifts. Those present were: Misses Marjory Cameron, Pauline Wallace, Adrith Carter, Hazel Hartford, Hilda Isles, Ethel Mills, Pauline Dole, Beatrice Sutherland, Lillian Sutherland and Evelyn Hamlin.

**Wedding.**

A very pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alec MacDougal on the Boston road, Wednesday of last week, when their only daughter, Henrietta May, was united in marriage to Albert Whittemore Heywood, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Heywood. The ceremony took place at six o'clock and was performed by Rev. B. H. Bailey. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie Blodgett, an intimate friend of the bride and the best man was Allister MacDougal, only brother of the bride. The bride's gown was of dainty white muslin, cut enprincesse. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion with flowers, carnations, greenery and the beautiful blossoms of early spring. After the ceremony a wedding collation was served and later the happy couple took their departure for a wedding trip. They will make their home with Mr. Heywood's parents. They were the recipients of many presents, both useful and ornamental, among which were some particularly handsome pieces of sterling silver. Both these young people are well-known in our village and they take with them in their new life, many good wishes for happiness and prosperity.

**Tadmuck Club.**

At the meeting of the Tadmuck club, Tuesday afternoon, in Library hall, the program was to have been "Old china and pottery," by Miss Charless Sampson of Medford, but owing to the illness of this speaker, Mrs. Sara Swan Griffin of Lowell, substituted with a paper on "Emerson." It and especially proved a most happy and able substitution; for Mrs. Griffin is an able speaker and a thorough student of the "Sage of Con-

cord," whom she rightly called one of the foremost scholars and thinkers of his time. To those who care for the writings of Emerson, and most members of a literary societies, are pretty apt to, in greater or lesser degree, Mrs. Griffin portrayed with discriminating and entertaining insight, Emerson the man, the scholar, the poet, the essayist, the lecturer and the philosopher. Poems were interspersed by Miss Clara Smith and Mr. Bailey. Mr. Bailey also added to the program with some interesting personal recollections of Emerson.

At the business meeting the same list of officers who have served the club so acceptably were re-elected, namely: Miss Sarah W. Loker, president; Miss Ella Hildreth, vice-president; Mrs. Wm. A. Woodward secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Loker, after five years as president, rather sought a release from the duties, but with the hearty unanimous choice of the members and with the good of the club at heart, consented to retain the chair for another season, bespeaking the cordial cooperation that has always characterized the workings of the club. The next meeting will be the annual social. The date has been changed from May 10, as given in the calendar, to May 17, one week later. An attractive program by outside talent, followed by refreshments, is being planned.

**About Town.**

The warrant for the annual meeting of the First Parish (Unitarian) church is posted in the vestry of the church, and will be held Saturday evening, April 30, at eight o'clock.

C. R. P. Decatur has greatly improved the beauty and utility of shade trees and shrubbery, by setting them on his lawn. The lawn acknowledges it by looking better also. Just look out of the electric car window next Monday and see if more than half has been told that might be.

At the ball game last Saturday afternoon on Fletcher park, between Westford academy and a team from West Chelmsford, the team from the academy hilltops, won by the close calculation of 15 to 12.

The next meeting of Middlesex North Pomona grange will be held at Odd Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, May 6, at 10:30 a. m.

The Westford Tigers defeated the Westford Lions 25 to 11, on Westford Common last Saturday forenoon.

James Ralphness and family have arrived into the house of John H. Decatur on the Lowell road. He was a former resident of the town several years ago, living on the Providence road.

Miss Alma Decatur, who left town last week for California, was gladdened along the way by the fragrance of spring blossoms, until the Lake region of Chicago was reached, where announced by all the trumpets of the sky arrived the snow, and spring flowers were in vacation season under two feet of snow.

**Fortnightly Club.**

There were two crowds at the meeting of the Fortnightly club, last week Friday evening, a crowded house and a crowded program. The meeting was called to order by Ernest H. Dane, chairman of the evening, who introduced the program and its exponents. Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett and her youthful bright son, led off with vocal and instrumental music. Mrs. Glynn entertained with reading sensible humor. Arthur T. Blodgett and Gilman F. Wright called up the lively act with violin suggestions and had to be called to account for some more such. Harold Gould read a funny story in a funny way, as likewise did Edwin H. Gould and Mrs. Edwin H. Gould read some straight truth, dealing with edification, leastwise there was no gambling to the contrary. Mrs. Walter Wyman and Mrs. William Wyman were duets in reading. As variety entertainer between the acts that kept enthusiasm well balanced and useful, came George E. Gould, with the speeches, songs, dialogues and whistling gigs of the phonograph. Who says that the Fortnightly club is not alive? It is the most lively article this side of town warrants.

**Forge Village.**

Communion services will be held at St. Andrew's mission Sunday morning, May 1, at nine o'clock. The usual evening service will be held at seven o'clock. Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, who has been in Sioux Falls, S. D., the past two weeks expect to arrive in Ayer, Friday evening and will conduct the services here.

Mrs. Michael Keefe and son David of Townsend Harbor, were guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael.

Miss Jennie Cotterell is spending this week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of Worcester.

The Forge Village Lions journeyed to Groton last Saturday afternoon and defeated the Groton school second team by the score of 3 to 1. The excellent battery work of the Spinner brothers and the fine fielding of S. Campbell landed the game. Mr. Campbell is a member of the Jolly Campers of Lowell and will play with the Lions this season in the Stony Brook league.

The Tigers will play the St. Mary's baseball team at Ayer Saturday afternoon, April 30. Batteries for the Tigers will be Boucher and Dumont and Bowler and Sullivan for Ayer.

The young ladies' F. S. S. will hold a social dance in Abbot hall, Friday evening, May 6.

Cameron school was closed Monday, the teachers visiting the schools in Lowell.

John Goffa, a bricklayer employed on the new mill which Abbot & Co. are erecting, fell from the staging Wednesday of last week at nine o'clock. After he was picked up he returned to work until noon time when he suffered great pain. An examination made by the doctor disclosed the fact that four ribs were broken and he will be laid up for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family of Keithley, England, arrived on the White Star liner Megantic, Thursday afternoon of last week. They will re-

side with their daughter, Miss Sadie Smith.

Percy Wilson of Keithley, England, is visiting Mrs. Oldham and family on Pond street.

Joseph LaCourse, the ten months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaCourse, died Wednesday morning at the home of his parents on Pleasant street.

**Fair.**

The ladies of St. Andrew's mission, held their annual fair in Recreation hall, Saturday afternoon and evening, and it proved to be one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given by the ladies. The doors were opened at three o'clock and the sales began immediately. The apron and children's clothing table, did a rushing business and was all sold out and received many orders. This table was in charge of Mrs. R. D. Prescott, Mrs. F. A. Sweatt and Mrs. Nelson Prescott. Next came the candy stall, in charge of Miss Bertha Collins and Miss Marion Lord. Their stall was elaborately decorated in yellow and white, and home-made delicious candies were temptingly arranged. These were quickly disposed of. Next in line was the fancy table in charge of Miss Edith Foster and Miss E. Marion Sweatt. Many dainty and useful articles were to be obtained here at moderate prices. The table was beautifully arranged with small potted spruce trees and evergreens. Many of the articles were made by the young women themselves and sold out sign was soon posted. The flower table was presided over by Mrs. Henry Catchpole and Mrs. Holbrook. The fragrant flowers attracted many customers, and soon everybody was decorated with many different flowers. The grocery table was in charge of Mrs. Hugh A. Ferguson and Mrs. Wm. H. Fernald. This table attracted the delicious home-made jellies and the variety of good things usually kept by the model housekeeper.

Coffee and chicken sandwiches were served at five o'clock. Mrs. A. H. Conroy, Mrs. David Lord and Mrs. George H. Sanborn presided. Their tables were tastefully arranged with cut flowers. Mrs. F. A. Sweatt and Mrs. R. D. Prescott had charge of the ice cream and the demand was much larger than the supply. A charmingly arranged affair was the huge fish pond in charge of Miss E. May Lord. This spot was the center of attraction for the children who were greatly pleased with their bargains.

In the evening dancing was enjoyed by a large number. Music was furnished by Miss E. M. Sweatt at the piano and the Lounge brothers of Ayer, violin and cello. A large number of out-of-town people were present during the evening. The ladies deserve credit for the able manner in which the fair was handled. A large sum was turned into the treasury.

**HARVARD.**

**Stamps and Pictures.**

During some of the leisure days of the past winter, Supt. C. L. Clay has been looking over an accumulation of papers and letters.

The junkman has taken away nearly half a ton and the King's Daughters received 3,246 cancelled stamps from the letters.

One of Mr. Clay's "fads" has been picture-clipping; these pictures have been mounted for use in schools or put in scrapbooks. He has more than a hundred sheets of geographical mounts representing about every country on the globe; four books of historical clippings and pictures, perhaps 500 illustrations connected with the Old and New Testaments; a large book of pictures of churches, another of schoolhouses, one of the signatures of teachers and school people with whom he has had correspondence. He has also books containing pictures of authors, noted men and women missions, "food" baby's advertisements, showing "art," "Father Time" witticisms, seals, etc. Several sheets showing the beautifying of the printed page in the use of initial capitals, borders, and head and tail pieces.

He recently sent to foreign mission hospitals, four booklets for children containing 1200 illustrations, and has a box of pictures designed for the same purpose that weighs twenty-two pounds.

He also has some over seven hundred magazine articles with paper covers, suitable for pupils' reading, and some fifty envelopes of clippings relating to as many phases of school work.

Take it all together it is rather an unique and quite valuable collection.

**About Town.**

Mrs. D. W. Ellis and daughter are expected to arrive this week at J. B. Harlow's, for the summer.

Mr. Clay left for North Dana on Monday, saying the next time he came to Harvard it would be as a guest. He has bought a place in North Dana and hopes to get settled there on or before May 1.

Miss Annie Reed will spend next Sunday with friends in Cambridge.

**Death.**

Sylvester Brooks, aged seventy-five years, many years a resident of Harvard, died at his home at Sharon, Vt., on Friday of last week. Mr. Brooks was for several years foreman for the late Robert Fuller, at his summer home on Oak Hill, and later was with I. W. Sprague, on the farm recently sold by S. N. Lougee. His knowledge of medicine and diseases of cattle brought him in touch with the farming community, and in this line of work he was very skillful. He leaves a widow by second marriage and one daughter. His eldest daughter by his first marriage is Mrs. W. E. King of this town. The funeral was at Sharon, Vt., last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. King attending.

**Celebrated.**

Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F., celebrated in common with lodges all over the country, the anniversary of the founding of the order, this being the ninety-first. The committee of arrangements, H. B. Royal, W. H. Fair-

bank and W. F. Dickson, secured as the speaker of the evening, Rev. A. A. Bronson of Shirley, who gave a talk on Odd Fellowship. His remarks were full of good sense and keen humor and he was enjoyed by all who heard him. Music was furnished by a mixed quartet. After the exercises, the guest with the members, sat down to a light repast.

After a general social time the party broke up, all seeming to have passed a very pleasant evening, surely one to be remembered by the lodge members who were pleased that so large a number were able to attend the exercises.

**News Items.**

Mrs. Harry Dickinson of West Somerville is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Clay. Mr. Dickinson is at present superintending some state work at Pittsfield.

The farmers of our town gathered at the town hall on Tuesday last, to hear from the lips of state officials and to discuss the question of price of milk for the coming six months. All were agreed that the price should be the winter price and it was voted to hold the milk if the contractors refused to comply with the demands of the farmers. High prices is given as the cause for this demand.

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell C. Davis are moving their household goods to the farm of Walter H. Roberts, the S. N. Lougee place. Mr. Davis is to have charge of the farm affairs there this season. He supercedes Mr. Gabrielson, who has, for various reasons, decided to remain with his old job at the farm of C. E. Schnare.

Master Merrill Preston is visiting with his mother's folks at Amherst, N. H., for a couple of weeks.

It is said that Herman A. Skillings has sold his farm on the depot road to parties taking possession at once.

Mrs. P. D. Sampson of Lynn is at the "Elm" for a few days, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Maynard.

Noah King is working in the plumber shop of R. L. Fillebrown. He has been until the recent slack time working at the Chandler shop in Ayer.

Joseph Clements and family have moved from Harvard depot to the west tenement in I. E. Morse's house. He is working for H. D. Stone.

The household goods of Rev. J. P. Sheafe, whose pastorate closed here April 1, were removed from the Unitarian parsonage on Saturday last, and started by rail enroute to New Comerstown, Ohio, where Mr. Sheafe has a son, Richard, in business. Mr. and Mrs. Sheafe started on Monday last, for their trip west, Mr. Sheafe taking the freight with his driving horse and Mrs. Sheafe by regular passenger express.

Weekend guests at Hillcroft, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Cobb, were Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, parents of Mrs. Cobb, from Dorchester. They remained over Sunday.

Miss Nora Brooks, our popular primary teacher, is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Wright of Chelmsford, at her home here.

Wallace Small has moved to Buffalo, N. Y., instead of Tonawanda, as was stated in the news items of last week. He has taken the position of manager of Root, Neil & Co., and will reside at Kenmore, a suburb just over the city line.

E. J. McLaughlin, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the personal property belonging to Daniel H. Dickinson, in Shaoboken on Saturday afternoon, May 7, at one o'clock.

**Advertisements.**

**MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by John Linde, otherwise called Jan Linde, of Ashby in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to John Mattson of said Ashby, dated November 25, 1904, and recorded in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds for the County of Middlesex, libro 2157, folio 287, for breach of the conditions therein contained will be sold at public auction, on the premises on Saturday the 21st day of May, 1910, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the East part of said Ashby on the South side of the State Road, leading from said Ashby to Pittsburg, and bounded as follows: commencing at a stake and stones on the South side of said highway at its junction with the Kendall Road, so-called, thence by said Road, South 77 1/2 West 52 feet to a bound at land of S. C. Damon; thence Southwest by land of said Damon and a fence about 36 1/2 rods to a wall; thence by said wall and a brush fence continuing in the same direction by land of said Damon, about 107 rods to a corner at land of William S. Sheldon; thence South 56 1/2 East by land of said Sheldon about 49 rods to land of Mrs. G. S. Shaw; thence Northeast by said Shaw's land about 117 1/4 rods to the above mentioned State Road; thence Northwest on the South side of said Road about 64 rods to the place of beginning. Containing 40 acres more or less. Reserving from said tract, however, about 1/2 acre of land (a quarry) sold or leased to S. R. Damon, and about 1 1/4 acres on the East side of said Damon reservation to the said John Mattson, with the right to pass and re-pass over said tract to their reservations.

Subject to all taxes now a lien thereon and assessed by the Town of Ashby, \$100.00 will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale to be forfeited to mortgagee if purchaser refuses to carry out the sale. Balance of purchase price to be paid and deed delivered on Tuesday, the 31st day of May, 1910, at office of A. Z. Goodfellow, Fitchburg, Mass.

JOHN MATTSON, Mortgagee.

A. Z. GOODFELLOW, Attorney for Mortgagee. 3133

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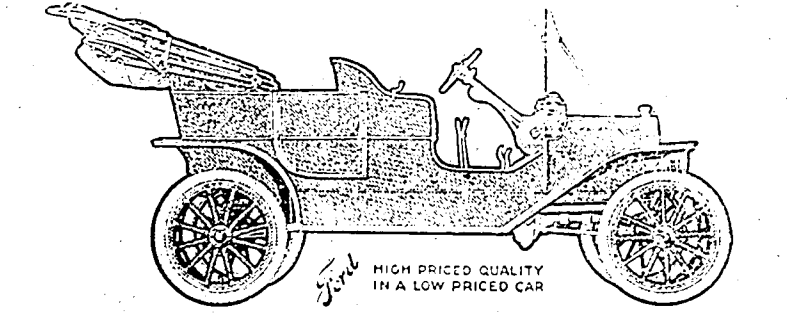
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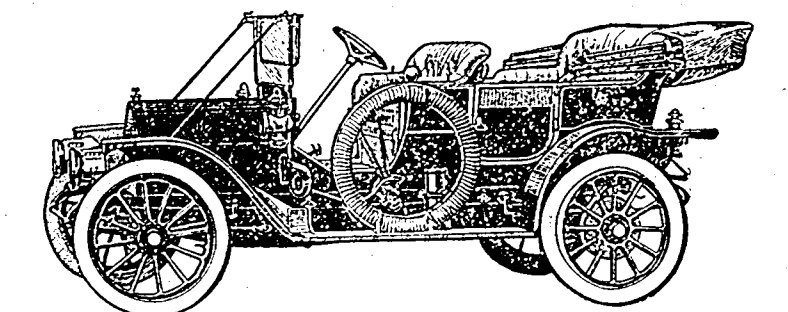
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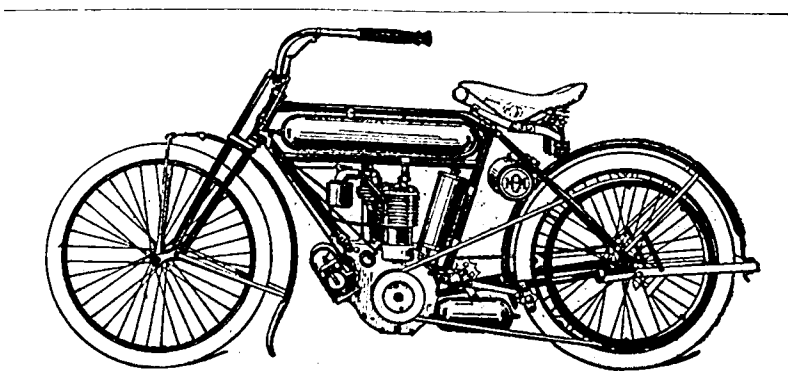
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The sworn circulation of the nine papers I publish, from January first, 1909, to January first, 1910, was  
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**GEORGE W. SANDERSON, Notary Public.**  
 Ayer, Mass., April 28, 1910.



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Middlesex, ss.

Whereas, at a meeting of the County Commissioners for said County, at Cambridge on the first Tuesday of January A. D. 1910.

On the Petition of the inhabitants of the Town of Groton, praying that the road leading from Groton to Shirley, near the gymnasium of the Groton School, may be relocated from a point opposite the house occupied by Herbert Folkins, Southwesterly to the entrance driveway of the infirmary, a distance of about 1200 feet, and that the road from Groton to Ayer may be relocated from its junction with said road to Shirley, a distance southerly of 500 feet, it was adjudged that said relocation is of common convenience and necessity.

Said Commissioners therefore give notice that they will meet at the Selectmen's room, Town Hall in Groton on the thirtieth day of June next, at 10.15 of the clock in the forenoon, to locate accordingly.

ROGER H. HURD, Asst. Clerk.  
April 26, 1910.

I certify that the Town Clerk of the Town of Groton was served with a copy of the above notification, thirty days before the meeting therein appointed; that a like copy was posted in two public places in said Town and was published three weeks successively, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, fourteen days before said meeting.

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

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The following section is taken from the latest revision of postal laws of the official order of the Postmaster General affecting newspapers in force January 1, 1908:

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3. A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed after the term for which they are paid, within the following periods—dailies within three months, triweeklies within six months, semiweeklies within nine months, weeklies within one year, semi-monthlies within three months, monthlies within four months, bi-monthlies within six months, quarterlies within six months—they shall not be counted in the legitimate list of subscribers, and copies mailed on account thereof shall not be accepted for mailing at the second class postage rate of one cent a pound, but may be mailed at transient second class postage rate of one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed.

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**SHIRLEY.**

Obituary.

Sunday afternoon, April 24, in the quiet sacredness of a Sabbath day, a noble and useful life ended and William M. Park passed over the great divide that separates time from eternity, going into the dreamless sleep of death as calm and peaceful as a child falling asleep.

Mr. Park had been gradually failing for a year past, but kept in and around the house as usual, but as time passed it became evident to his family and friends that the end of his life's journey was near at hand. However, he was only confined to his room about two weeks previous to his death, and up to the last day of life retained his mental powers and took a deep interest in town affairs and current events in general.

Mr. Park was born in Harvard in 1821, and had passed the eightieth milestone of life and loved the town of Shirley where he has resided for about sixty years, and on a pleasant day was a familiar figure on the lawn of his house with hills on either side. He could honestly say, with the poet, "As I trace thy winding hills, Mine eyes admire, my heart adores thee still."

Mr. Park was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Park, the latter being known in Shirley as deacon John Park, a pioneer resident of the town.

On April 23, 1845, William M. Park married Miss Julia A. Worcester of Shirley, who died about twenty years ago. Their union, however, was blessed with six children, two died in infancy, leaving four survivors.

Mr. Park has held about all the elective and appointive offices in Shirley, having served as selectman, overseer of the poor, tax collector, assessor, constable, etc.

All these offices he filled with honor and credit to him and the town. His record in all these positions shines bright on the historic pages of the town's history.

Mr. Park was a strong type of the old New England citizen, which seems to be waning as time rolls on in its ceaseless round. He was a man of the strictest integrity and enjoyed the proud distinction of being honest, fearless and conscientious in the performance of every duty.

He was a lover of his home, his family and fellowmen and was generous and kind in his judgment of others, and was considered by all, one of Shirley's most public-spirited citizens.

He has been a life-long member of the Congregational church and lived up to its ideals through storm and sunshine.

His memory requires no eulogy, as his record in the town bear indisputable evidence of his sterling worth as a christian gentleman.

Mr. Park, in early life, learned the trade of marble cutting, which business he followed for some years, later he engaged in farming, but has lived in retirement for some years past.

The survivors are four children, Mrs. Abble N. Longley, Mrs. Ellen W. Holbrook, Francis E. Park, Miss Mary A. Park; also, two sisters, Mrs. Elvira Tainter of Madison, Wis., and Mrs. Frances Bond of Freeport, L. I.

Funeral was held at his late home, Centre road, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Allen A. Bronson, assisted by Rev. Dr. Howard A. Bridgman of Boston, were the officiating clergymen. The home was filled with mourners. Rev. A. A. Bronson delivered the eulogy and paid an unstinted tribute of honor, affection and admiration to the memory of the deceased, and Dr. Bridgman offered prayer. The Congregational church quartet, Shipley W. Ricker, J. Albert Deardon, Mrs. Harry Collyer and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy rendered "Nearer my God to thee," and "Abide with me."

The pall bearers were John G. Conant, William H. Cram, John M. Stevenson, and Walter Knowles. There was a wealth of floral tributes, and the flowers were prettily arranged by Mrs. Edwin H. Conant. Burial was in the village cemetery.

**Fourth Anniversary.**

The members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, observed the fourth anniversary of the institution of their lodge last week, Friday evening.

There was a large number present and the evening was most delightful from a social standpoint. The meeting opened with a short business session, followed by an entertainment.

Refreshments, dainty and substantial, were served and a genuine spirit of good fellowship predominated. The noble grand, Mrs. Margaret Brockelman, presided during the evening. The program: Mandolin and organ, Misses Bertha and Gladys Love; song, Mrs. G. M. Ballou; reading, Miss Altie Howe; song, Mrs. Harry Collyer; reading, Mrs. H. W. McCoy. The entertainment concluded with the farce, "Bunch of roses," with the same cast that presented it recently at the Congregational church.

**Concert.**

The concert at Odd Fellows' hall, on Monday evening, given under the auspices of the Altruistic club, brought out a large audience. The stage was prettily decorated with potted plants, evergreens, palms and ferns, and through the kindness and courtesy of Archibald Hume of Boston, a Steinert piano was loaned the club for its use at the concert that evening.

The president of the club, Mrs. Mary W. Hazen, announced that Miss Annie P. Holbrook would be unable to serve as accompanist, owing to a death in her family, and Miss Dean had consented to serve in that capacity. Mrs. Hazen also thanked the audience for their patronage.

The artists who appeared at this concert was high-class in every respect and it would be difficult to particularize any one for special mention, as they all rendered artistic work of the classical type, which was received in a very appreciative manner. The audience being responsive, encore after encore was the order of the evening.

**News Items.**

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Casey of Fitchburg, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnard of Harvard road.

Mrs. Martha J. Conant, assisted by Forest Hooper, Jr., gave a lecture last Sunday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church upon North China, illustrated with stereopticon views. A good-sized audience was present and enjoyed every minute of the occasion.

Master John Will, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Will was taken Monday, to the Children's hospital at Boston, for treatment of curvature of the spine, and will be confined to the hospital for about six weeks.

The supper and entertainment at the Baptist church last Saturday evening, was well attended. Supper was served at 6.30, followed with an entertainment program as follows: Piano solo, Miss Gladys Phelps; mandolin and organ, Misses Bertha and Gladys Love; recitation, Thaddeus Beach; recitation, Johnny Penderseu; recitation, Walter E. Mellich; dialogue, Rosie and Willie Monahan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Deardon, with young son, spent last Sunday with Mrs. Deardon's parents in Clinton.

Miss Lena Gately spent over last Sunday with relatives in Boston.

Miss Elsa Knowles arrived home the first of the week from a pleasant visit with friends in Clinton.

The school committee has organized with Herbert F. Taylor as chairman and William H. Wilbur as clerk.

Mrs. John Chaisson, with son Charles, visited friends in Lowell last Sunday.

A. W. Porter returned from an extended trip through Europe, on Tuesday and remained over night at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, returning to his home in California, on Wednesday, April 20.

A whist party was held in St. Anthony's hall, on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies of St. Ann, for the benefit of St. Anthony's church.

The members of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., have accepted an invitation from the Universalist church to unite with them in a memorial service, May 22, and listen to an appropriate address by Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker.

William W. Preston commenced on the duties of his new position on Monday morning as depot master of the Winchendon station of the Boston and Maine.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, in the church vestry. The president, Elmer H. Allen, being out of town, the vice-president, Walter Knowles, presided. An oyster supper was served at 6.30, followed with a short business session. An address was then given by Hon. M. Fred O'Connell, mayor of Fitchburg, on the subject of "Good citizenship and ideals in public life," which was much enjoyed by all present. Henry D. Martin of Clinton, a former resident, was present and also made brief remarks.

A meeting of the members of the Ayer District School Union was held in West Boylston on Wednesday. Those present were: George H. Brown and Dr. Cowles of Ayer, Herbert F. Taylor and Dr. Lilly of Shirley, Mr. Hines and Mr. Streeter of West Boylston and Mr. Wright from Boylston. The principal business transacted was the reelection of F. C. Johnson, as superintendent of schools for the Ayer district.

The members of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge, will hold a rummage sale on Tuesday afternoon, May 3, at Odd Fellows' hall.

A fair and entertainment will be held at the Congregational church, Wednesday evening, May 4. A large variety of articles will be placed on sale at the lowest possible prices, consisting of home cooked food, aprons, homemade candy, handkerchiefs and an abundance of miscellaneous articles. The Ladies' circle, under whose auspices the fair is being held, extend a cordial invitation to everybody.

**The Churches.**

Rev. Allen A. Bronson will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church Sunday, May 1 at 10.15 o'clock. Regular services of the C. E. Society in vestry at 7 o'clock.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker will occupy the pulpit at the Universalist church, Sunday, May 1 at 11 o'clock. Regular services at meeting of the Y. P. S. at 7.30 at seven o'clock.

Services usual at the Baptist church, Sunday morning at 10.15, evening at 7.30.

**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**

Harry Smith will be absent from town next week on his long business trip in northern New England. Mrs. Smith will visit during the week with friends out of town.

The Outlook club of the Congregational church will meet Wednesday afternoon, May 4, with Mrs. Waldo E. Conant. Miss Julia Conant will give a review of "In His name." Mrs. Warren Flagg will speak on denominational missionaries in Italy. Mrs. W. E. Conant will discuss, "Little Italy." Current events will be given by Mrs. Frank Gregory.

Frank L. Litchfield has sold his farm, situated in South Littleton, and formerly the property of the late D. A. Kimball, to John Hardy, Jr., of Arlington, who is reported to have in view plans for a fruit farm.

Charles Atkins, who has given up his secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A., in New York City, is now assistant to a pastor in Springfield. Mr. Atkins has been studying for some time and is still pursuing a theological course.

Leon Nash is making a pleasant addition to his house by building a fresh air room on the second story.

Goldsmith Conant of Malden, Wm. Conant of Boston and Benjamin Conant of Harvard college were at the house of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant, over Sunday.

The King's Daughters will meet with Mrs. Charles F. Flagg, next Tuesday afternoon at the usual hour, 2.30 o'clock.

Next week Thursday afternoon, May 5, at four o'clock, the Parent Teachers' association will meet at the Union schoolhouse. The program is in

charge of a competent committee, of which Mrs. Mattie Priest is chairman. Prominent in the program will be a discussion of "A safe and sane Fourth of July." A large attendance is desired. Dues will be payable at this, the first meeting of the season. Prompt payment of the same will enable the treasurer to forward to the national congress the fee that insures for next season a number of free lecturers, a very important consideration.

Next week Friday, the Woman's North Middlesex branch of missions, will meet at Acton Centre. Conveyance from South Acton station will be provided.

Miss Elizabeth Callahan, who has severed her connections with the Conant and Houghton company, completed last Saturday evening, twenty years of faithful service at the webbing factory. It is hinted that she may join the Littleton colony in Mansfield, Ohio.

Percy Crane left home Wednesday, for Mansfield, Ohio, after enjoying a vacation of three weeks with his home people.

Mrs. Eugene Parker and her sons, have moved from Atlanta to Cuthbert, Georgia, where Mr. Parker is now engaged in business.

The Improvement society has been engaged this last week in grading the plot between sidewalk and road in front of Mrs. G. E. Lawrence's residence, and putting on loam and sowing grass seed. Further improvements are to be seen in the old cemetery, where dead trees have been cut, loam deposited, and general improvements attract the eye of the observer. This work has been done under the supervision of the cemetery commissioners. An unusually large number of shrubs and ornamental shade trees have been set out by private individuals on their own grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hartwell have rented the parsonage.

It is reported that Supt. A. B. Webber and family will move to Stoneham about the middle of May.

Judge Hardy of Arlington was the Sunday guest of his son, John Hardy.

**Church Services.**

Rev. T. G. Langdale of Tewksbury preached at the Congregational church last Sunday, May 1. Rev. F. B. Johnson of Everett will occupy that pulpit. Mr. Johnston is a young man who comes well endorsed.

The Junior Endeavor of the Baptist church celebrated the fifth anniversary of the society in the church auditorium Sunday evening. Rev. H. B. Drew delivered an excellent address. Mrs. J. W. Godfrey conducted a very creditable bible exercise by the junior endeavorers, and there was special singing and a violin duet by Misses Flagg and Kimball.

"Christ, our king" is the subject of the C. E. meetings Sunday evening. Miss Emily Robinson will lead that at the Baptist church.

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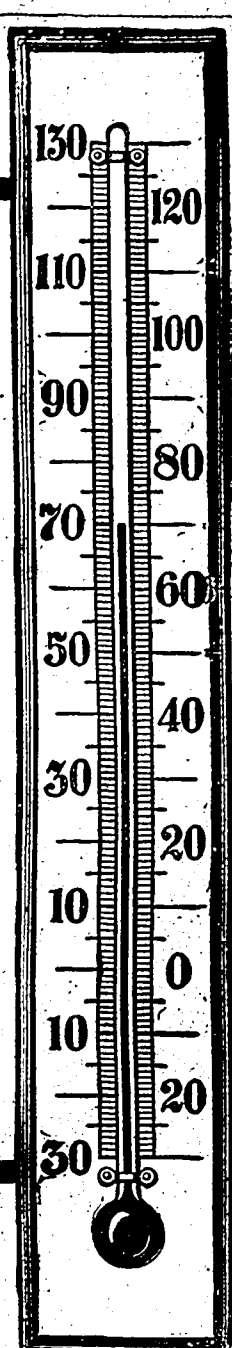
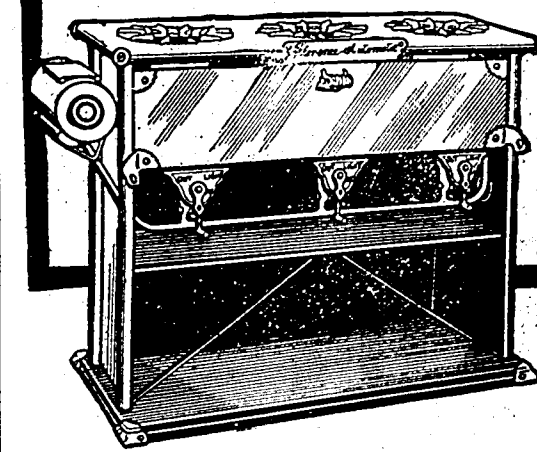
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Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, regular 15c., now		10c. each
Men's Handkerchiefs, regular 10c., now		8c., 2 for 15c.
Men's Bandanna Handkerchiefs, regular 10c., now		8c., 2 for 15c.
Leather Hand Bags, Soft Leather, regular 69c., now		48c.
Leather Hand Bags, \$1.39, now \$1.15; \$1.25, now 98c.; 89c., now		69c.
Toilet Paper, large packages, excellent quality, Regular 7c., now		5c. package
Hard Wood Toothpicks, formerly 5c. a package, now		3 packages for 5c.
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AYER.

News Items.

More than a thousand engineers on the Boston and Maine system will soon receive an increase in wages...

George H. Brown and Dr. Cowles attended the Ayer District School Union meeting at West Boylston on Wednesday...

Mrs. Rebecca B. Sanders, who is living with her daughter in Fitchburg, had the misfortune to fall and break her left arm...

The Abigail Wright W. C. T. U. will meet in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday, May 6, at three o'clock.

Augustus Pelletier, who sold his residence on the Shirley road to Wm. Walsh, has broken ground on his lot...

Members of George S. Boutwell W. R. C. will meet at G. A. R. hall on Saturday afternoon, April 30, at 1.30, to attend the funeral of Chas. W. Scruton.

The yearly meeting of the Helping Hand of the M. E. church will be held in the vestry of the church on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance will be held on Thursday, May 5, with Mrs. Albert Perkins.

Miss Agnes Walsh has secured a position as nurse in a private hospital at Baltimore, Md., and left Boston on Monday night by boat for that city.

A son was born April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Downing of Pleasant street.

The reservoir was given its annual cleaning last Sunday and considerable sediment was found.

F. W. Walker of Worcester spent last Saturday and Sunday here at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Robinson, coming here in his automobile that he recently purchased.

Mr. Phelps says that he is going to build a two-story house this summer on his land that will have all the modern improvements.

In the game of baseball last Saturday afternoon between the Ayer A. C. and the Grantville baseball club, the Ayer boys won the game by a score of 14 to 4.

L. W. Phelps has sold the house on Pleasant street, occupied by W. W. Manning, to O. P. Robinson, postmaster, for \$4,000. Mr. Robinson expects to move into his new quarters about the middle of May...

A daughter was born Sunday, April 24, to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proctor, 20 O. Proctor sold to Fiske, Warren of Harvard, Friday of this week, a Buick 19, and to Warren Willard of Harvard, Thursday, a Buick 10.

The water board has organized with E. O. Proctor as chairman and Wm. Brown as clerk and registrar.

Rev. L. E. Perry lost his overcoat last Saturday afternoon, while going to preach in Hudson. As he and Mrs. Perry left the Nashua and Lowell electric car, to go where they were entertained for the Sabbath, Mr. Perry left his coat in the car. Before he could telephone ahead, some one had stolen it. The Lowell police are on the lookout for the coat.

Mrs. M. L. Savage entertained the bridge whist club Thursday, the closing one of the afternoon parties. A spirited game was enjoyed.

A concert consisting of a cantata, "The Wreck of the Hesperus," will be given in the town hall, Friday evening, May 6, at eight o'clock, by the pupils of the Ayer high school, assisted by Charles A. Trosvenor of Worcester, tenor; W. W. Aldrich of Worcester, baritone; and the High School orchestra and mandolin club. Tickets are for sale by the pupils. Reserved seats at George H. Brown's store on Saturday, April 30, at nine a. m.

The annual public speaking by the high school scholars will take place on Friday evening, June 3.

Capt. George H. Barrett Camp, S. of V., held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Thursday evening, at seven o'clock, after which a social whist party was held for the remainder of the evening and was enjoyed by all who attended. Refreshments were served.

George E. Byram on last Saturday night, while working over his automobile, near E. O. Proctor's garage, kicked back, fracturing the large bone of his right arm, about two inches above the wrist.

There was almost a holdup in town, early last Sunday morning. A resident of the town went to Lowell last Saturday afternoon and returned late in the night and in his wanderings about town, brought up near the telephone building. In his sleats on the grass he fell asleep and three fellows, well-known in town, whose records are not the best, were about to go through the man who was tired, so it is reported, but were scared off by the approach of a couple of men on their way home. The man had ten dollars in his possession and he said he was glad they did not get it. The reason there are no arrests, is that the man, at the request of his family, decided not to enter a complaint.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Perry have sent out invitations to their twenty-fifth anniversary celebration, which takes place at their home, 10 Williams street, Saturday evening, May 7.

The officers of Caleb Butler lodge, A. F. and A. M., went to Lowell Tuesday, where they did the work in the second and third sections of the first degree and changed the lodge to the second degree and witnessed the rest of the work of the third degrees. The officers report a very enjoyable time.

A man who gave the name of "Broadwith," called at Masonic hall last Sunday and pretended to be a mason in order to get aid. He proved to be a crook and while they were looking for his name in the rogues' gallery he got wise and skipped and was assisted in his attempt of the boot.

The selectmen have made these appointments:

Fire engineers, A. A. Filibrown, P. H. Hooley and C. H. Hardy; weighers of hay, Benjamin Simonds; weighers of coal, Benjamin Simonds, A. E. Lawrence and H. C. Harlow; sealer of weights and measures, H. M. Beverly; burial agent, H. C. Sherwin; registrar of voters, three years, J. L. Kennison; forest warden, C. E. Perrin; local superintendent, brown-tail and gypsy moth work, D. W. Mason; inspector of petroleum, H. M. Beverly. Common victualler's licenses were granted to W. E. Woods, station restaurant, and A. L. Brown.

E. W. Carley opened his ice cream parlors Saturday, April 30, in his building on Main street, where he will dispense his famous ice creams, sherberts and ices.



ALVIN LEE GRAYDON.

Sad Death.

Last Monday, at six p. m., Alvin Lee Graydon left his home to take his train for Boston as was his usual custom. When reaching Littleton his train stopped and Mr. Graydon stepped off to see if things were going well, and as he did so, an east bound train struck him and was instantly killed. As soon as the 7.20 express train from Boston reached here bringing the body of Mr. Graydon, the news of his sudden death, spread rapidly and expressions of deep sorrow were heard on every hand.

The body was not seriously bruised or injured though the nature of the accident was such as to cause instant death. The body was taken at once to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright & Son, where it was cared for.

The funeral was held from his late home on Pleasant street at twelve o'clock Wednesday, Rev. L. E. Perry officiating. The flowers were beautiful and there were many. Members of the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Railway Conductors were in attendance.

The deceased was a native of Greenville, Alabama, where he was born thirty-seven years ago. Mr. Graydon was married to Miss Lena Hamblet of Sanford, N. H., seven years ago in May, who with one daughter, Helen Graydon, five years of age, survives him. There are also four sisters, three brothers and two half-brothers, who reside in Alabama.

Mr. Graydon was highly respected by all who knew him. His sudden death has deeply moved all the people of Ayer. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the wife and little girl, of whom Mr. Graydon was extremely fond.

Wedding.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 27, Miss Jennie A. O'Brien of this town and John C. Frohn of Boston were married at St. Mary's church by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie F. Hyde of this town and the best man was Frederick J. Driscoll of Boston. The bride was gowned in a dress of imported prunella cloth in a mode shaded with corn color but trimmed with pink roses. The bridesmaid gown was of wistaria cashmere de soir and black but trimmed with lace bow and roses, and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas.

The bride's gift to the bridesmaid was a topey ring set in diamonds, and the best man received gold cuff links. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold chain with diamond pendant. After the ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, West Main street. The happy couple then left for an extended wedding trip to New York and Philadelphia. Upon their return they will reside at 61 Bay State avenue, West Somerville, where they will be home to their friends.

It was a very pretty wedding and relatives and friends were present from Boston, Worcester, South Boston, Cambridge and Somerville. They were the recipients of many costly and beautiful presents in silver, cut glass, linen, choice pieces of furniture and many other useful articles.

Increase of Fares.

This is what President Lucius Tuttle of the Boston and Maine railroad says about the coming increase in the passenger tariff:

"We have not yet completed our plans for the change. It takes at least thirty days to put such a matter before the interstate commerce commission and secure its approval, but we probably shall go back to the rates which were in effect previous to February 1, 1907.

"The company has got to raise the

money somehow. The increases in wages which we have agreed to make will cost the company at least \$1,500,000, if not \$2,000,000. The only way we can see to secure this additional sum is through putting the passenger rates back to where they were before the last reduction."

Suburban commutation in the vicinity of Boston will not be affected but other rates will probably be advanced to the point at which they stood previous to February 1, 1907.

The reductions published in February, 1907, amounted on the average to ten percent.

District Court.

Minnie Farnsworth of Ayer, charged with being a railer and a brawler, the complainant being Maud Jewett, who are near neighbors, brought their troubles into court April 28, Judge Atwood after listening to what they had to say, gave them some excellent advice and Minnie and Maud wended their way to their respective homes, but not as companions.

Elmer Hodgkins of Pepperell, charged with assault and battery, Lewis Bernard of the same town being the complainant, got into a quarrel and the result was that Lewis Bernard got the worst of the battle, as when he appeared in court his face was patched with considerable sticky plaster. Under the circumstances Hodgkins was fined five dollars.

Sunday School Convention.

The Ayer District Sunday School association met in the Congregational church Tuesday. The rain storm prevented its success numerically, as there were only a very few in attendance. The following persons were elected to fill the offices of the association for the ensuing year:

A. S. Howard, Townsend, pres.; Rev. H. A. Cornell, Groton, vice-pres.; Mrs. Jennie McLean, Ayer, secretary and treasurer; department secretaries: Mrs. A. L. Wright, Shirley, elementary grades; Rev. H. B. Mason, Harvard, advanced grades; Rev. H. B. Drew, Littleton, adult classes; L. P. Blood, Pepperell, home department; Rev. T. L. Fisher, Ayer, teacher training; H. L. Webb, Ayer, Rev. L. H. Morse, Still River, Dr. J. W. Godfrey, Littleton, executive committee.

The general theme of the day was, "The home, the teacher and the school." Different speakers dwelt on different phases of the above subject. Rev. J. P. Trowbridge of West Groton, spoke on "The home department," of Sunday school work. "Attitude of church members," was ably treated by Rev. W. H. Powell, Dorchester, who will be remembered here as pastor of the M. E. church seven years ago.

The children of the primary class in the Congregational church, sang very nicely, this song, "It never pays to be bad." Mrs. Eva Richardson sang a solo. Then came the two closing addresses of the convention. Rev. F. A. McDonald of Lowell, spoke on, "Teacher training problem," and secretary Conant on "The school and the teacher." The ladies of the entertaining church provided the dinner.

Death.

Charles W. Scruton passed away suddenly Thursday morning of heart failure. Mr. Scruton was a native of Sheffield, Vt., and was seventy-five years of age. He married Miss Augusta D. Knowlton of Lowell, fifty-four years ago and they have lived in Ayer the past thirty-four years. Their home is on Pleasant street. Mr. Scruton served in the Civil war. He was a member of the George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., and a member also, of the Golden Cross. The deceased leaves a widow, three sons, W. N. and C. A. Scruton of this town, and W. S. Scruton of Boston; one daughter, Miss Minnie Young of Lowell.

The funeral will be held at three on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Thomas will officiate.

Anniversary.

Friday evening in the Odd Fellows' hall, Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., and Vesta Rebekah lodge, together observed the ninety-first anniversary of the founding of the order, the exact date being, April 26, 1819. There was a large and popular audience present. The program consisted of music by an orchestra composed of Walter and Ruel Lougee and Miss Edith M. Sweet of Forge Village, accompanist; singing by the Rollstone quartet and an address by Rev. L. E. Perry.

The lodge rooms have recently been frescoed and painted and newly carpeted, and presents a fine appearance.

Real Estate Sales.

E. H. Bliss, real estate agent, sold fifty-four acres of land belonging to L. E. Holden in Shirley Centre, part in a mode shaded with corn color but trimmed with pink roses. The bride carrying a bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaid gown was of wistaria cashmere de soir and black but trimmed with lace bow and roses, and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas.

He sold the place belonging to F. A. Delano, a twenty-four acre farm, called "Overbrook," on the Groton school road and well known away back as the Reuben Hartwell place, and since he died has passed through four or five hands. It has been very much improved to what it was originally. The last purchaser is L. K. Coffin of Melrose.

He also sold in Harvard, the Herman A. Skillings farm, on the Harvard Depot road to the Centre, about half way, and known as the Elbridge Stone place. Mr. Skillings is in expectation of going to Maine. The new purchaser of the place has bought part of the personal property.

Entertainment.

On Friday evening, April 22, Mrs. C. S. Viall and her Sunday school class, assisted by Miss Margaret McMillan and Mrs. Charles Wood, gave a fine entertainment in the Congregational church vestry to a large audience. It was also a financial success, as they cleared eighteen dollars. Mrs. Viall is at home in such work, having done much of it, and she had a good lot of young people to cooperate with her in this entertainment. The high school orchestra played well. Miss Bessie Rowell, one of the teachers in town, is a singer, and aided much with her voice.

"The Gumtown farce," was the leading feature of the evening and made much amusement. The following characters were in this farce: Devona and Mary McLeod, Pearl Carley, Violet

Viall, Mildred Bales, Howard Stone and Warren Winslow, all of whom took their parts well, concerning the subject of woman's rights.

"His old sweetheart," was another part of the program and Roy Smith was the one to have them, and these were the sweethearts: Beatrice and Gertrude E. Harrington, Jennie Wheeler, Edith Wright, Bessie Rowell, Clara Scribner, Maud Whitaker, Margaret McMillan, Ruby Viall, and Mildred Bales.

The third part of the program was the representation of the ten virgins by these young ladies: Bessie Rowell, Maud Whitaker, Helen Hardy, May Peterson, Miss Cole, Margaret McMillan, Marion Winslow, Edith Wright, Jennie Wheeler and Beatrice Harrington. Mrs. C. S. Viall gave a reading and responded to an encore. Miss Edith Longley was the accompanist.

About Town.

The annual sale held by the Unitarian Woman's Alliance on Tuesday, was quite successful. The food table was in charge of Miss Emma Butterfield and Mrs. Carrie Murphy; candy was sold by Mrs. H. L. Whitman and Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, and the apron table had a brisk business in charge of Mrs. Lyman Clark and Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker returned on Thursday, from Boston, where she has been for two weeks, caring for her sister, Mrs. H. M. Calef of Keene, N. H., during an operation for cataract.

The Art class of the Woman's club held its regular meeting Thursday evening, with Miss E. A. Blood. The program included papers on "Homer," by Mrs. Barker; "Eschylus," Miss Blood; "The Caryatids," Mrs. Avis Fisher; "Demosthenes," Mrs. Lynds; "Laocoon," by Mrs. Alice Butterfield. Officers of last year were re-elected for another year.

The mill of the Haynes-Piper Co., was broken into on Thursday evening and also on Friday morning. They failed to enter on the first attempt, being seen by the watchman. On the second attempt they forced the door by breaking the lock and got in. The watchman fired on them and they ran up the track toward Shirley. This is the third attempt this week.

Church Services.

In St. Andrew's on Sunday, May 1, the vicar will conduct the communion service at eleven o'clock.

Rev. W. E. Waterbury, evangelist from Boston, who has been assisting Rev. J. W. Thomas at the Baptist church in special meetings the past week, found the interest such that he decided to come back and preach next Sunday at 10.15 a. m. and seven in the evening. Last Sunday night the audience was large and the discourse to railroad men very impressive. Something like sixteen in all have expressed a desire and purpose to live the christian life.

The services at the Unitarian church Sunday will be as usual.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mrs. W. H. Gooch, who has been confined to the bed for the past month, was taken to her mother's, Thursday, in an auto. It is hoped that the change will be helpful to her.

Carl Barrows has come to make his home here with his mother, Mrs. Ball. Friday afternoon there was an auction sale of the household goods of Mr. Petersen, who has sold his place and is going back to New York.

Last Tuesday, S. D. Salmon hurt himself by trying to lift more than he ought and has been quite ill since.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge were in town over Sunday.

J. B. Perkins of Acton, one of our former residents, passed away Wednesday morning at the Massachusetts General hospital, where he went for treatment last week.

The Old Folks' concert, which was given here April 19, is to be repeated in Odd Fellows' hall, West Acton, Wednesday evening, May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Hager and daughter were weekend guests at E. P. Dodge's.

HARVARD.

Still River.

Miss Laura A. Brown read a paper before the Woman's club at West Acton on Monday evening.

The Milk Situation.

A. E. Jones, a milk peddler of Boston, who is getting over one hundred cans of milk daily, from this village, was here on Wednesday, trying to engage the milk for the summer, but was unable to get many signers to his contract, as the milk producers wish to be free to take their milk off in response to the strike order, or not, without being bound to any contracts. A few signed, but not until he had agreed that they could hold their milk the first day of May, if they wished, without invalidating their contract.

There is much speculation as to how much milk will be held back from Still River. At the meeting of the directors of the Milk Producers in Boston, Wednesday, it was voted to call off all milk, unless the contractors came to a satisfactory agreement before Sunday, and as to how well the Still River farmers will comply is an interesting question. Some think most of it will be held back, while others think most of the farmers will be troubled with cold feet and refuse to keep it at home.

Chester Willard, the president of the Harvard Milk Producers' Union, was an attendant at the Boston meeting, and is doing all that he can do to get the farmers into line for a strong strike.

AUCTIONS.

A. A. Filibrown, auctioneer, will sell for Floretta Vining, at the Charles Jacobs' farm, so-called, in Groton, on Saturday, April 30, at ten o'clock a. m., fourteen cows, Holstein bull, six months old, a large lot of family implements, and a lot of household goods. Sale, rain or shine.

Administrators' sale by auction of household goods and a small lot of garden and lawn tools, to settle estate of the late Sarah E. Whitcomb, on Saturday, May 7, at nine a. m. Also, an attractive sale by auction in Concord, of very desirable household furnishings, belonging to Miss Maude A. Huttman, on Monday, May 2, at nine a. m. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

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### TOWNSEND.

Centre.  
Mrs. Mary Holden of Shirley, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bruce.

There will be a salad supper at the M. E. church vestries, next Wednesday, and a cantata, "The garden of singing flowers," for which the young people are rehearsing, will be given in the evening.

The minstrel show given here by local young men a few weeks ago, was given at the west village, Friday night.

Dr. A. J. Atwood and his mother, Mrs. Jane Atwood, left for New York State, Friday, where Dr. Atwood's sister has lost a daughter by death this week.

Mrs. George Page of Pawtucket, R. I. is at her mother's, Mrs. George Gates.

The Monday club will hold its annual meeting this coming Monday, with Mrs. Florence Fessenden, as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge are entertaining Mr. Eldridge's mother, from Plymouth, this week.

Miss Harriet Miller of Attleboro, and Miss Edith Clarke are at their homes on short vacations.

Mrs. J. F. Livingston was called to Hollis on Wednesday, by the sudden illness of her father.

While driving the barrel team across the track in the millyard on Monday afternoon, Charles Wilson was thrown from his team by the freight train's hitting the end of the wagon. The force of the blow pretty well demolished the wagon, threw the horse down and Mr. Wilson, in landing, broke the small bone of his left arm and dislocated his wrist. The horse was helped up and did not seem hurt.

The high school concert given at Memorial hall, last week Friday night, was enjoyed by all. Many of the choruses and also the songs by the quartet shows the good training of the school's musical instructor, Mrs. V. H. Wachs, who had the concert in charge.

Clarence Morse of Togus, Me., is enjoying a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Morse.

The Townsend high school nine won a victory over the Pepperell high, at the new grounds here last Saturday, the score being, 21 to 2. The game was tied for five innings, when the visitors suddenly went to pieces, allowing the large score which followed. Saturday, April 30, the Lawrence academy second nine of Groton, will play them here. This will take the place of the game scheduled with the Ayer's for May 4, which has now been cancelled.

Besides current events at the grange meeting on Monday night, there were excellent papers upon various branches of domestic science, by Abbie A. Barber, Clara C. Flarity, Mrs. Mabel Brackett and Mrs. Irving Seaver. Songs by Mrs. Brackett and Mrs. Greenleaf finished the evening's program.

### Silver Wedding.

Over sixty friends and relatives arrived at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Goodwin, on Monday evening, and gave them a genuine surprise party, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin had just arrived home from Gloucester, on the night train and soon found their neighbors and friends pouring in upon them. All went in for a good social time and ice cream and cake was served. Miss Harriet Miller gave a musical selection and Mrs. Victor H. Wachs sang "Put on your old grey bonnet," with the words fittingly changed. During the evening, Rev. V. H. Wachs presented Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin with a purse of silver, amounting to nearly thirty-five dollars. He gave a cute original poem, and as he spoke, he gave each a dollar by turn, until he had finished the pile, excepting a small bit of silver, which he donated to the bridegroom as a recompense for expenses paid on the wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin responded and all departed, wishing them many more happy years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are prominent workers in the M. E. church. They also received many letters of congratulations out of town.

### West.

A very pleasing and interesting illustrated lecture on "Fishing and hunting in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick," was presented in Seminary hall last Monday evening, when Rev. A. T. Kempton of Lunenburg, invited his audience to enjoy an imaginary trip with him through the beautiful scenery and places of historic interest of this country, and his audience heartily appreciated the magnificent views thrown upon the screen, as well as the pleasing manner in which the lecturer presented his subject.

Mrs. Fay has returned from her visit to Waltham, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle are spending a few days with relatives in Lynn and vicinity, leaving her in care of their mother, Mrs. Daniel Smith.

Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence entertained the Ladies' Mission circle, instead of the Ladies' Benevolent society, as reported, at her home on Wednesday. The L. B. S. will hold their annual meeting next Wednesday.

Nelson Hart and Leaverett Ellis of Joslyville have purchased a farm in Ashby and will soon take possession, while their tenements in the Webster house will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Seabon.

Mrs. Clara Perkins and her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Glazier, who have been spending several months in New York, have returned and have opened their cottage here.

The wedding invitations are issued by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Clark of Worcester for the marriage of their niece, Miss Marion Ruby Kellogg, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Kellogg, former residents of this village, to Charles Arthur Hodgman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman of this village, to take place at three o'clock on Monday, May 9, at the Manning house on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Shorwin have commenced housekeeping in the upper tenement of the Stickney residence on lower Main street.

Miss Charlotte Hobart, who has been employed at Mrs. Frank Farnsworth's for the winter, is now at the Centre.

Ernest Kaddy and family from Cambridge took an auto trip to town and called upon their relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney returned to their home last Sunday afternoon.

The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry on Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

Mrs. Bell has been on the sick list and under the doctor's care for the past week.

Miss Marion Kellogg returned from a brief visit to her former home in West Swanzy, N. H., last Saturday.

Charles S. Homer of New York, spent Sunday at his summer residence here.

Mrs. S. W. Upton entertained the Ladies' Whist club at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alexander Reed, last Thursday afternoon.

The many friends of Miss Lena Thompson, one of the members of the graduating class of the Townsend high school, are congratulating her upon being the valedictorian of her class.

Mrs. George Tenney has been quite ill at her home here, but is now improving.

Mrs. Harry Marr, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Haggood, has returned to Fitchburg.

Mrs. Abbott is caring for Mrs. Irena B. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bruce have moved from the south tenement in the Bruce house into the one vacated by Mrs. M. C. Bruce, who is making her home with her sister at the Centre.

Wilson Blye and daughter from Lynn, former residents here, visited friends in town recently.

Mrs. Aiden Basford and daughter Mildred, have been recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Basford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler.

The Manning house is being renovated and receiving a new coat of paint, much improving its general appearance.

Miss Stella Tucker of Leominster has been a recent guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker of Joslyville.

Mrs. Edward Vivian, who has been visiting her home in Roxbury, returned to her home in Joslyville last week.

The Baptist pulpit was occupied last Sunday by Rev. A. A. Lawrence of South Leverett, a candidate, who was entertained at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence.

Mr. Hannant and family have moved to Townsend Centre, instead of to Fitchburg, as was at first reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook from South Framingham, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt Ellis of Joslyville.

### Harbor.

The Remnant club met with Mrs. Mary E. Spaulding on Tuesday. The guest of honor was Miss Susie Phelps, a sister of the hostess. Readings, anecdotes and reminiscences was the order of the afternoon. The lunch was served on old-fashioned crockery, Mrs. Spaulding being in a modest way, quite a collector of ancient articles. She exhibited a tin kitchen, a warming pan of brass, foot-stone, iron candlestick and snuffers, and a sundial of 1774. Apple blossoms and Japanese quince were used most effectively as decorations.

### New Advertisements.

### Administratrix's Sale of REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a license granted to me by the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as administratrix of the estate of John Dalley, late of Littleton in said County, dated April 18, 1910, will be sold at public auction on the premises, Monday afternoon, May Ninth, 1910, at three o'clock, the following described real estate, to wit:

A certain farm with the buildings thereon situated in the southeasterly part of said Littleton, containing seventy-six acres or less consisting of four parcels, three of said parcels containing about sixty-three acres being the same premises conveyed to said John Dalley under the name of John Dalley by Alvin Rhoades by deed dated April 16, 1879 and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds Book 1597 Page 30 and one of said parcels containing about thirteen acres consisting of pasture and woodland being all and the same premises conveyed to said John Dalley by Benjamin F. Burlingame by deed dated October 23, 1879, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds Book 1525 Page 242. Said premises to be conveyed subject to any rights of way if any there may be.

The premises are subject to the taxes and assessments for the current year 1910, which the purchaser is to assume and pay.

Terms \$200 cash at time and place of sale and the balance within ten days thereafter upon delivery or tender of the deed.

ELLEN F. DESMOND,  
Administratrix of the Estate of John Dalley.  
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GROTON.

News Items.

The preachers at the May services in town hall, commencing at 7.30 p. m., are:

- May 1. Rev. Henry S. Nash, D. D., Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge.
May 8. Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia.
May 15. Rev. Elwood Worcester, Emanuel Church, Boston.
May 22. Rev. Philip M. Rhinelander, Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge.
May 29. Rev. Edward T. Sullivan, Trinity Church, Newton Centre.

The music will be by the Groton school orchestra. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Groton school nine lost to Worcester classical in its opening game of the season, Saturday, April 23, by the score of 5 to 4, in thirteen innings.

Miss Clara L. Hutchins, who is quite an expert in incubator hatching, has just purchased a new insurable machine. This fact will be of interest as there has been considerable talk here about insurance where incubators were used.

Charles G. Shattuck is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Dr. Armstrong and family at Maplewood.

John W. Parker has not been quite so well lately as usual, having suffered an ill turn last Saturday.

The Neighborhood Bible class will meet in the vestry of Groton school chapel, Friday, at 7.15 p. m.

One of those painful afflictions, a felon, has caused much suffering to Mr. Woolley, this week.

Lawrence academy won over Tufts 2d in the game last Saturday afternoon, by the score of 2 to 1.

The present Chinese laundryman in Palmer's block, leaves at the close of this week. When asked "why?" he says, "no good."

In reading recently the sketch of the life of Stephen A. Douglass we noticed that his birthplace was in Brandon, Vt., the same town where Rev. C. W. Turner, late of Groton, holds his present pastorate.

The J. Warren Wetherbee family left town this week, Thursday, for their bungalow in Pepperell on the Townsend road. Mrs. Wetherbee returned Friday to receive the Ladies' Whist club, which met with her that afternoon.

The stork called at four o'clock on Wednesday morning, April 27, and left a nine-pound boy at Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Taylor's.

Mrs. William F. Patch has returned from visiting her son, Ralph S. Patch, at Wayne, Pa., and her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. Richardson, at New York city.

James R. Hawkes has hired the tenement in the Baptist parsonage. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes will move in later.

Mrs. Hannah Smith of Milford, N. H., is a guest of her niece, Mrs. Chas. Woolley.

Mrs. R. Chase is much better and is now able to sit up.

There were seventy-five present at the Neighborhood Guild meeting at the Unitarian church last Sunday evening. Rev. Adams Peterson of Lancaster, gave a most enjoyable and instructive address on the words, "Stand to thy lot," taken from Daniel 12:13, being the last verse in that book. Revs. D. Childs of Pepperell and C. A. Drummond of Littleton, both spoke interestingly. A light lunch was served, particularly for those who made the long drive to and from Groton, to their homes in the neighboring towns.

The last Unitarian sociable of the season on Thursday evening, May 5, will be a Wellesley college evening. Supper at 6.30. The entertainment is in charge of Miss Genevieve Hodgman, whose kindly interest we all appreciate, assisted by her college friends, the Misses Margaret Gifford, Helen Adair, Gretchen Harper, Margaret Swackhamer, Alice Irwin and Florence Messer. It will be a miscellaneous program of the most interesting character, sure to bring good cheer.

The senior class of the high school will present the one-act comedy, "Breezy point," in town hall, Friday evening, May 6. Music by Thayer's orchestra.

The Groton Improvement society will meet on Tuesday, May 3, at the home of Mrs. Needham at 3.30 o'clock.

The Boston Post of April 26, remarks: Dr. Samuel A. Green, ex-mayor of Boston, and librarian of Massachusetts Historical society, is over eighty years old and still engaged in active work. He has done much too, since he was seventy years old. His activity was aptly illustrated yesterday by the fact that despite his eighty years, he was out of town on business. The Sunday Globe of April 24, gives pictures of Dr. Green in his present and younger years, and mentions that the ex-mayor is feeling somewhat disturbed over proposed changes which may necessitate his removal from his present quarters for so many years, his city home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Manning attended the funeral of his mother at Andover last Saturday. Mr. Manning has received many expressions of sympathy in his bereavement. The Butler schools, over which he is principal, sent a handsome floral tribute, as an expression of their sympathy for him in his affliction. Mrs. Manning was a frequent visitor at the home of her son here in Groton.

J. W. Wetherbee remains in town for his business and while his family are at their bungalow "Hechgee" in Pepperell, will board at Mrs. Dodge's.

The following is taken from the Fitchburg Sentinel of April 22: Mrs. Joseph G. Egerly underwent a serious operation at the Burbank hospital this morning and but little encouragement is given by the surgeons in charge that she will recover. Mrs. Egerly was formerly Miss M. J. Graves of Groton.

Miss Clara Robinson is recovering from a severe attack of gripe.

Mrs. G. M. Howe is visiting in Worcester this week.

One of the span of horses at the town farm was seriously hurt on a barbed wire fence a few days ago. It may be thought best to have it put out of the way.

The Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., held an anniversary meeting Thursday night at their hall on Hollis street. It was in honor of the first founding of the oddfellow organization of this country.

Last week Thursday Miss G. A. Boutwell gave a dinner to her friend, Miss Abercrombie of Lunenburg, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell, in honor of their birthday anniversaries, both falling on that day. In the afternoon Miss Boutwell received a number of family friends and relatives for a social enjoyment of the anniversary. Tea was served, flowers and other gifts were received and a large birthday cake did duty for this double birthday.

The Groton chapter, D. R., met on Thursday, April 21, at the home of Mrs. Endicott Peabody. Although but a small number were present the meeting was most enjoyable. The reading of Rosette's poem, "The king's tragedy" by Mrs. Sturgis was a rare treat and the piano selections by one of the Groton School students and the songs by another of the students completed a delightful program. Refreshments were served, after which the meeting adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Trull of Manchester, N. H., have arranged to take the first of next week to occupy J. W. Wetherbee's residence, which Mr. Trull has hired for the coming season.

At the meeting of the Sunday school association held in Ayer, Tuesday, Rev. H. A. Cornell was elected vice-president.

Miss Georgianna Boutwell is away this week on a visit to her relative, Mrs. Abbott of Lowell.

Mrs. Henry A. Johnson spent last week visiting her sisters, the Misses Hoar of Lancaster, and her other two sisters residing in Spencer and Worcester.

Moses Gill, the eldest son of the late Moses Gill of this town, and who has for years held a position in the postoffice in New York City, died Thursday night, April 21. His wife, Mrs. L. R. Gill, left New York last Sunday night, with his body, to Morrisville, Virginia, and interment was in the cemetery in that town.

The game Thursday afternoon, between Lawrence academy and Nashua high played on Shumway field, resulted in a score of 3 to 0 in favor of Lawrence academy.

William Nutter has bought a house in Worcester, where he is employed and will move his family there in a week or two.

Mrs. R. A. Chase, who is getting better, was remembered by several postals on her birthday last Saturday.

The Book and Thimble club met last week with Mrs. E. A. Barrows, with the subject, "Eminent American women." The meeting next Friday afternoon will be with Mrs. William Souther. It is the eighth anniversary of the organization of this club and the usual observance will be made.

Mrs. M. C. Sawyer writes that she is soon to return to Groton from Westbrook, Me., where she has spent the winter.

Revs. G. M. Howe, H. A. Cornell and Supt. T. R. Clough were the Groton representatives at the Sunday School convention at Ayer, on Tuesday.

James Wilson of Hollis street has taken out a license as auctioneer.

William A. Souther arrived last week Friday, from Florida.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church held their regular meeting Thursday afternoon, subject, "The Philippines."

Dr. Eames, who has occupied the Dr. Bristol house for the past few months, commenced moving out Thursday. Samuel Blodgett moves the goods to Boston.

Mrs. Jane Clark is ill with tonsillitis.

During the downpour of rain on Tuesday, April 26, Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck experienced a surprise postal downpour. Friends from far and near, remembering her seventy-fifth birthday anniversary, engaged the postoffice department to convey to her their expressions of friendship and hearty good will, congratulations and best wishes. These came in the shape of sixty-two handsome postal cards, numerous letters, flowers and other gifts. Years have not set heavily on Mrs. Shattuck, although her life has not been all sunshine. It was only the other morning she was up at the early hour before sunrise and out to see Halley's comet, which was first recognized, as it is now known, seventy-five years ago, the year of Mrs. Shattuck's birth.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

Vesper service will be held at the academy, Sunday, May 1, at five o'clock. Hon. Frederick Fosdick of Fitchburg will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Saturday the baseball team played Tufts second, winning by a score of 2 to 1. Both pitchers were very effective. No man on the Tufts team reached second base until the ninth inning.

Saturday the baseball team plays the Boston Latin school.

Grange. There were two hundred present at the grange meeting, Tuesday night, and everybody seemed to have had a right good time. Deputy Morris from Billerica was present to witness the conferring of the third and fourth degrees on the seventeen new members. The Ladies' Degree Team went through their work most satisfactorily. Ninety-five of those present, were Groton members, the others were representatives of Cushing, Me., Brookline, N. H., Shirley, Pepperell, Lunenburg, Merrimack, N. H., Townsend, Westford, and possibly some from other towns. A pleasing incident of

the evening was the distributing of one hundred and seventy-five carnation pinks by Mrs. Lizzie E. Starr, the master of Groton grange, who had bought them, intending to give one blossom to each person. The rooms were very prettily decorated, flowers, flags and fruit being used with fine effect. A most bountiful supper was served, so much food being left over, that it was put on sale. The entertainment consisted of reading, Mrs. Whitehill; monologue, Mrs. Cora Spaulding; violin solo, Miss Inabelle Woods; bell solo, Henry Adams. Groton grange now numbers 158. Five new candidates have been favorably voted for, and will soon be received into membership. They are: Rev. H. A. Cornell, Dr. E. B. Branigan, Miss Effie Gillespie, Miss Laura Swallow, Miss Gertrude J. Nokes.

Entertainment. The program of the entertainment at the Baptist church on Thursday evening, was as follows: Piano solo, Alice Kemp; piano duets, Miss Parsons and Paul Wilson, Miss Kemp and Margaret Benedict, Louise Nutting and Lillian Tuttle, Miss Barrows and Mary Perkins; reading, "Spring Cleaning," Mary Perkins; vocal selection, Marion Young, Marion, Lottie and Ethel Patterson; piano selection, Miss Benedict; dialogue, "Points of view," Marion Young and George Perkins; reading, "The new-boy," Charles Shattuck; reading, "Gossip," Geneva Harrington.

The attendance both at the supper and the entertainment was large, and the financial results was very satisfactory to the committee in charge.

West Groton. Miss Kate Tarbell has been confined to the house for several days with quite a severe attack of the gripe.

Mrs. Michael Moran is ill and a physician is in attendance.

It is reported that the little son of Ellis Smith, of Mill street is in care of a physician.

Little Rudolph, son of W. V. Bixby, was quite ill the first of the week.

Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, though still receiving medical attendance, is not confined to the bed, but is convalescing slowly.

E. P. Brown was called to Keene, N. H., last Tuesday, by the death of a brother of whose illness he had not heard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler of Westmoreland, N. H., were guests this week of their granddaughter, Mrs. C. L. Roy.

Roscoe Harrington of Brookline, was a recent visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington.

Bert Perry, who has lately occupied one of James Fallon's houses on the road leading from the paper mill toward Groton, has removed, with his family, to Pepperell.

F. E. Harrington, who has for some years been employed at the leather-board mill, has given up his position there.

Frank Powell left the leather-board mill last Monday, and on the same day resumed work at the Hollingsworth & Vose mill.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington, going Saturday, visited relatives in Boston, returning on Monday to attend the funeral of a great aunt, Mrs. Harriet Conant, of Pepperell. Mrs. Conant was formerly of Groton and was ninety-three years of age.

The next meeting of the L. A. society will be held May 5, with Mrs. H. Spaulding.

By vote of the townspeople, electricity in the homes of this village is assured to all who wish to avail themselves of the privilege. The house of H. Spaulding, on Bixby street, is being wired by G. H. Jones & Co., of Townsend, who will later install electricity in the house of A. H. Thompson, also on Bixby street. Others who are soon to adopt the new method of lighting are Charles Bixby, G. H. Bixby, L. G. Strand and at least five others whose names were pledged.

W. V. Bixby, M. F. McGowan, Patrick Kane and several others, it said, are seriously considering the advisability of discarding kerosene. The store of Bixby-Webber Co., the church, and hall are also on the waiting list, if report speaks truly.

Mrs. Charles Parkhurst visited friends in Groton this week.

Word has been received here, of the birth of a nine-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proctor of Ayer. Mrs. Proctor was, before her marriage, a very popular teacher in the primary department of the Tarbell school.

The interior of the Trefethen house, on Shirley road, is being freshened with new paper and paint, in preparation for its tenant next month.

Evadne Harrington, going Friday, of last week, spent the weekend and until Monday, with her aunt, Mrs. Lillian Harrington, of Ayer.

Birthday Anniversary. On Tuesday, April 26, R. H. Burgess reached his seventieth milestone. If we may believe the legend traced on the white surface of the birthday cake, which read, 1840-1910. In the evening, Mr. Burgess was made happy by the presence of children and friends. His two daughters, Mrs. Charles Nichols and Mrs. David Petrie, arrived from Lowell. Mr. Nichols was also present. The grandchildren were Miss Elsie Tarbell of West Groton, and Fernald and Fremont Nichols of Lowell. Had Miss Olive Tarbell and Mr. Petrie been present, the family circle would have been complete. Neighbors who responded to the birthday summons, were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby, Mrs. M. E. Williams and W. V. Bixby. Unfortunately, others to the number of nine were prevented by illness, previous engagements or climatic conditions from giving Mr. Burgess a congratulatory hand-clasp. The evening was passed pleasantly with games and music. Delicious cake and ice cream were served by the hostess. Mr. Burgess was the recipient of various gifts and souvenirs, noticeable among them, a beautiful bunch of roses, pinks, daffodils, and ferns from the little grandsons.

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

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Children's night will be observed at the grange next Wednesday evening.

Last Tuesday evening forty-five members of Littleton grange went to Groton to see the degree work of that grange. John A. Wright took a four-horse load of people and James Ewing carried a large load. The others went in individual teams.

Mrs. Daniel G. Houghton attended the neighborhood Alliance held in Lowell, Thursday, and took as her auto guests, Mrs. A. M. Hendley, Mrs. C. A. Hosmer, Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb, Mrs. S. E. Abbott and Miss A. S. Billings. Harold Conant went as chauffeur.

The Boston and Maine railroad is putting in electric bells and wires at Littleton station to give timely warning of coming trains. This is a long felt need and will doubtless be much appreciated by all concerned.

Lecture at Concord Junction by Rev. H. Bellows Drew last Monday night was well attended if one may judge by the Littleton representation of thirty-six persons. Conveyance was provided by Elmer Flag, Geo. Brown, Conant & Houghton and Dr. Godfrey.

The Farther Lights held a poverty party at Gladys Kimball's Wednesday night. Some of the costumes were striking to say the least, and all were amusing. The young ladies enjoyed an evening of games and a good time. Appropriate refreshments were served. During a brief business meeting the following officers were elected for next year: Ruth Robinson, pres.; Emma E. Tenney, vice-pres.; Emily Sawler, sec.; Katherine Kimball, treas.

Members of the Dippman family are packing their furniture preparatory to moving to Mansfield, Ohio, where Mr. Dippman has already gone. Although the family has lived in Littleton only about one year, pleasant friendships have been formed and the Misses Dippman, who have filled a large place in the music and church interests of our people, will be greatly missed. Mr. and Mrs. Dippman and their children leave pleasant memories with the people here and carry with them the best wishes of all whose privilege it was to make their acquaintance.

Rev. John H. Morley of Boston will deliver the address Memorial day.

A Good Sum Realized. The experience party at the Orthodox church last Wednesday evening brought out a large number of people. A perfect representation of the church and its surroundings was drawn upon the blackboard by Miss Gertrude F. Sanderson. On the border of the board were drawn blocks in which was marked the amount given by each contributor as she or her representative gave the sum and related in rhyme or otherwise the method by which it was earned. Three men gave substantial contributions to the sum. Cream, cake, candy, May baskets and aprons were sold. A fine program was given under the direction of Miss Barker and Miss Davis; singing and recitation by Miss Davis and Miss Barker's pupils; violin solo by Miss Kathleen Wright of Lowell; vocal solo by Miss Livingston. About seventy dollars was realized.

About Town. Last Sunday, at the Clinton hospital, Charles Hartwell's little girl, Marjorie, had another operation on her throat and is doing as well as can be expected.

A number were present at the Monday evening parish meeting in the Unitarian vestry. N. H. Whitcomb, scribe, called the meeting to order, reading the warrant and J. M. Hartwell acted as moderator. It was voted to accept with regrets, Rev. A. C. Drummond's resignation. It was the sentiment of the meeting to supply the pulpit by candidating. Mr. Drummond will lead the guild meeting on Sunday evening.

The May meeting of the King's Daughters' Circle will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 3, with Mrs. C. F. Flagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes of Somerville were over Sunday guests at D. G. Houghton's. Mrs. Barnes is a cousin of Mrs. Houghton.

TOWNSEND.

Center. Lawrence Morgan, auctioneer, will sell by public auction on Wednesday, May 4, at two o'clock, the real estate known as the Bldreth lot.

Robert S. Brown of Leominster enjoyed last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus T. Brown.

Elmer Wallace moved his household goods from Brookline, N. H., to the house owned by the Misses Warner on Main street, this week, where he will now reside.

Supt. E. L. Haynes is entertaining his mother from Kennebunkport, Me.

Mrs. Beila Gleason of Upton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Goodwin.

Harbor. John Dustin has moved from Townsend Hill into the Old Mansion.

Mr. Josselyn has moved his business from the building he has so long occupied to the store near the station.

Proctor's mill, opposite the John Burke residence, has begun to get out timber. The mill with its houses and camps makes quite a settlement.

On its way through the Harbor, one of the houses in the wake of Blanchard's mill stopped to receive the household goods of the family opposite the church, then all intact, the journey was resumed.

At the meeting of the Monday club with Mrs. Fletcher this week, Mark Twain and his writings were the subjects under discussion.

Last Tuesday, the As You Like It club met with Mrs. Taft. The exercises consisted of a library contest. The next meeting will be with Mrs. E. Wharf.

At the C. C. Whist club at Pinehurst, Saturday evening, Mrs. Conant scored fifty points and E. Wharf forty-two. These were the highest scores made by any of the players at the five



Muslin Underwear The Odds and Ends From the Special Sale

Those who went shopping on muslin, under the last two weeks, forgot one or two things.

They left some of the best sizes and prettiest styles, not many to be sure, only a very few in some lots.

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LOT No. 1. A few Children's Waists and Drawers at 10c.
LOT No. 2. A very few Children's Waists and Drawers at 15c.
LOT No. 3. Children's Combination Waists and Skirts at 29c.
Children's Trimmed Drawers at 25c.
Ladies' Drawers, extra value, at 25c.
Ladies' Hamburg and Lace Trimmed Corset Covers, all sizes, extra value at 25c.
LOT No. 4. A few Gowns at 50c.
A few Hamburg Trimmed Short Skirts at 50c.
A few Hamburg Trimmed Drawers at 50c.
Corset Covers, extra fine quality, Hamburg and Lace Trimmed, at 50c.
LOT No. 5. Regular \$1.00 Gowns at 75c.
Handsone Corset Covers at 75c.
Short Skirts, Hamburg and Lace Trimmed at 75c.
Handsone Lace Trimmed Drawers at 75c.
LOT No. 6. A few fine Hamburg Trimmed Short Skirts at \$1.00
Plain and Cross Barred Muslin Gowns at \$1.00
Hamburg and Lace Trimmed Drawers at \$1.00

New Spring MILLINERY

We wish to call extra mention to our Flower and Draped Straw Turbans, \$5.00.

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tables and among the highest made by any member since the club was formed.

Sunday, May 8, at three o'clock, Rev. Horace G. Wellington of the American Sunday School Union, Boston, will preach in the Harbor church. A cordial invitation is extended to all. It is Mr. Wellington's plan at the close of the sermon to organize a Sunday school, and it is hoped much interest will be manifested. This proposed movement has already met with approval, as it affords bible study privileges for those unable to attend church elsewhere. Mr. Wellington and his wife will be the guests of Mrs. Greenleaf. Mrs. Wellington and Mrs. Greenleaf are life-long friends and at one time, both were members of the Elliott church in Roxbury.

New Advertisements. FOR SALE.—Owing to my removal from Ayer on May 15, I offer for sale my household goods, which are all in fine condition: New leaded glass electric Dining-room Fixture, Midge Range, Gold Oak Book Case, Mahogany Divan, Mahogany Upholstered Parlor Chair, small Oak Table, Two 1/2 Iron Beds with Brass Trimmings, Two National Springs and Mattresses, Green Wash Stand, China, Iron House, WALTER W. MANNING, Pleasant Street, Ayer. 1133

WANTED.—Cattle to pasture at the Patrick Desmond Farm, Harvard. For terms, etc., apply to W. H. FAIRBANK, executor estate of Patrick Desmond, Harvard, Mass. 2133

LOCKE'S ICE CREAM ROOMS will open for the season in the Lawrence Block, East Pepperell, Saturday, April 30. Ice Cream furnished in quantity on reasonable notice. 1133

FOR SALE.—A carload of Manure from the stockyards where hogs, cattle and sheep are kept. Inquire of T. W. TITUS, Sandy Pond Road, Ayer. 1133

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ON HAND FOR DELIVERY at F. H. Farmer's, Littleton Depot, John Deere Plows and other Farming Tools. F. H. FARMER, Littleton Depot. 1133

FOR SALE.—Narragansett and Newport Row Skiffs. No better. Boats for lakes, ponds and harbors. Non-capable. Paddles, oars and rowlocks a specialty. CAPT. SIMMONS, Ayer. 33

FOR SALE.—A good hair cloth Parlor Set, without Aubrey (6 pieces). Air-tight and 1 Parlor Stove. Prices very low. Apply to MRS. JOHN BENE-DICT, Groton, Mass. 1133

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of SARAH E. KEMP, late of Pepperell, in said County deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by MARY LOUISE HERBERT, who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, without requiring sureties on her bond, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined to accept the trust.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of May 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 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 on one day at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, a copy of this citation to the heirs-at-law and next of kin of said deceased, seven days at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-eighth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3133 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 SARAH E. KEMP, 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 SARAH A. SHATTUCK, of Pepperell, in said County, or to some other suitable person.



**AYER.**

**News Items.**

More than a thousand engineers on the Boston and Maine system will soon receive an increase in wages, as a result of a conference Tuesday between General Superintendent C. E. Lee and Chairman C. E. Mitchell of the employees' adjustment committee. The increase, which affects 1,250 men, will go into effect in the near future.

George H. Brown and Dr. Cowles attended the Ayer District School Union meeting, at West Boylston on Wednesday, and F. C. Johnson was re-elected superintendent of schools for this district.

Mrs. Rebecca B. Sanders, who is living with her daughter in Fitchburg, had the misfortune to fall and break her left arm. She is very comfortable for one so aged, reaching her eighty-sixth birthday, on May 16. Mrs. Sanders is one of the oldest residents of this town and her home is on Washington street. Mrs. Sanders is the widow of Edwin Sanders, who died a number of years ago.

The Abigail Wright W. C. T. U., will meet in the vestry of the Baptist church, on Friday, May 6, at three o'clock.

Augustus Pelletier, who sold his residence on the Shirley road to Wm. Walsh, has broken ground on his lot this side of his late residence and will have built for him, a cottage house.

Members of George S. Boutwell W. R. C., will meet at G. A. R. hall on Saturday afternoon, April 30, at 1.30, to attend the funeral of Chas. W. Scruton.

The yearly meeting of the Helping Hand of the M. E. church will be held in the vestry of the church on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance will be held on Thursday, May 5, with Mrs. Albert Perkins.

Miss Agnes Walsh has secured a position as nurse in a private hospital at Baltimore, Md., and left Boston on Monday night by boat for that city. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Patrick Walsh, who goes there on a visit.

A son was born April 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Downing of Pleasant street.

The reservoir was given its annual cleaning last Sunday and considerable sediment was found.

F. W. Walker of Worcester spent last Saturday and Sunday here at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Robinson, coming here in his automobile that he recently purchased.

Mr. Phelps says that he is going to build a two-story house this summer on his land that will have all the modern improvements.

In the game of baseball last Saturday afternoon between the Ayer A. C. and the Graniteville baseball club, the Ayer boys won the game by a score of 14 to 4. The Ayer team plays Saturday afternoon, April 30, on the Civic grounds, the North Chelmsfords.

L. W. Phelps, has sold the house on Pleasant street, occupied by W. W. Manning, to O. P. Robinson, postmaster, for \$4,000. Mr. Robinson expects to move into his new quarters about the middle of May, when vacated by Mr. Manning, who goes to Mr. Vernon, N. Y., to reside, which is about thirteen miles out from New York City.

A daughter was born Sunday, April 24, to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proctor.

E. O. Proctor sold to Fiske Warren of Harvard, Friday of this week, a Buick 19, and to Warren Willard of Harvard, Thursday, a Buick 10.

The water board has organized with E. O. Proctor as chairman and Wm. Brown as clerk and registrar.

Rev. L. E. Perry lost his overcoat last Saturday afternoon, while going to preach in Hudson. As he and Mrs. Perry left the Nashua and Lowell electric car, to go where they were entertained for the Sabbath, Mr. Perry left his coat in the car. Before he could telephone ahead, some one had stolen it. The Lowell police are on the lookout for the coat.

Mrs. M. L. Savage entertained the bridge whist club Thursday, the closing one of the afternoon parties. A spirited game was enjoyed.

A concert consisting of a cantata, "The wreck of the Hesperus," will be given in the town hall, Friday evening, May 6, at eight o'clock, by the pupils of the Ayer high school, assisted by Charles A. Trosvenor of Worcester, tenor; W. W. Aldrich of Worcester, baritone; and the High School orchestra and Mandolin club. Tickets are for sale by the pupils. Reserved seats at George H. Brown's store on Saturday, April 30, at nine a. m.

The annual public speaking by the high school scholars will take place on Friday evening, June 3.

Capt. George H. Barrett Camp, S. of V., held its regular semi-monthly meeting on Thursday evening, at seven o'clock, after which a social whist party was held for the remainder of the evening and was enjoyed by all who attended. Refreshments were served.

George E. Byram on last Saturday night, while working on his automobile, near E. O. Proctor's garage, kicked back, fracturing the large bone of his right arm, about two inches above the wrist.

There was almost a holdup in town, early last Sunday morning. A resident of the town went to Lowell last Saturday afternoon and returned late in the night and in his wanderings about town, brought up near the telephone building. In his sleaze on the grass he fell asleep and three fellows, well-known in town, whose records are not the best, were about to go through the man who was tired, so it is reported, but were scared off by the approach of a couple of men on their way home. The man had ten dollars in his possession and he said he was glad they did not get it. The reason there are no arrests, is that the man, at the request of his family, decided not to enter a complaint.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Perry have sent out invitations to their twenty-fifth anniversary celebration, which takes place at their home, 10 Williams street, Saturday evening, May 7.

The officers of Caleb Butler lodge, A. F. and A. M., went to Lowell Tuesday, where they did the work in the second and third sections of the first degree and changed the lodge to the second degree and witnessed the rest of the work of the third degrees. The officers report a very enjoyable time.

A man who gave the name of "Broadwith," called at Masonic hall last Sunday and pretended to be a mason in order to get aid. He proved to be a crook and while they were looking for his name in the rogues' gallery he got wise and skipped and was assisted in his attempt of the boot.

The selectmen have made these appointments:

Fire engineers, A. A. Fillebrown, P. H. Hooley and C. H. Hardy; weighers of hay, Benjamin Simonds; weighers of coal, Benjamin Simonds, A. E. Lawrence and H. C. Harlow; sealer of weights and measures, H. M. Beverly; burial agent, H. C. Sherwin; registrar of voters, three years, J. L. Kennison; forest warden, C. E. Ferrin; local superintendent, brown-tail and kypsy moat work, D. W. Mason; inspector of petroleum, H. M. Beverly. Common victualer's licenses were granted to W. E. Woods, station restaurant, and A. L. Brown.

E. W. Carley opened his ice cream parlors Saturday, April 30, in his building on Main street, where he will dispense his famous ice creams, sherberts and ices.



ALVIN LEE GRAYDON.

**Sad Death.**

Last Monday, at six p. m., Alvin Lee Graydon left his home to take his train for Boston as was his usual custom. When reaching Littleton his train stopped and Mr. Graydon stepped off to see if things were going well, and as he did so, an east bound train struck him and was instantly killed. As soon as the 7.20 express train from Boston reached here bringing the body of Mr. Graydon, the news of his sudden death, spread rapidly and expressions of deep sorrow were heard on every hand.

The body was not seriously bruised or injured though the nature of the accident was such as to cause instant death. The body was taken at once to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright & Son, where it was cared for. The funeral was held from his late home on Pleasant street at twelve o'clock Wednesday, Rev. L. E. Perry officiating. The flowers were beautiful and there were many. Members of the Knights of Pythias and the Order of Railway Conductors were in attendance.

The deceased was a native of Greenville, Alabama, where he was born thirty-seven years ago. Mr. Graydon was married to Miss Lena Hamblet of Sanford, N. H., seven years ago in May, who with one daughter, Helen Graydon, five years of age, survives him. There are also four sisters, three brothers and two half-brothers, who reside in Alabama. Mr. Graydon was highly respected by all who knew him. His sudden death has deeply moved all the people of Ayer. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the wife and little girl, of whom Mr. Graydon was extremely fond.

**Wedding.**

On Wednesday afternoon, April 27, Miss Jennie A. O'Brien of this town and John C. Frohn of Boston were married at St. Mary's church by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. The bridesmaid was Miss Annie F. Hyde of this town and the best man was Frederick J. Driscoll of Boston. The bride was gowned in a dress of imported prunella cloth in a mode shade with corn color hat trimmed with pink roses, the bride carrying a bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaid gown was of wistaria cashmere de soir and black hat trimmed with lace bow and roses, and carried a shower bouquet of sweet peas.

The bride's gift to the bridesmaid was a topeze ring set in diamonds, and the best man received gold cuff links. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold chain with diamond pendant. After the ceremony there was a reception at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, West Main street. The happy couple then left for an extended wedding trip to New York and Philadelphia. Upon their return they will reside at 61 Bay State avenue, West Somerville, where they will be home to their friends.

It was a very pretty wedding and relatives and friends were present from Boston, Worcester, South Boston, Cambridge and Somerville. They were the recipients of many costly and beautiful presents in silver, cut glass, linen, choice pieces of furniture and many other useful articles.

**Increase of Fares.**

This is what President Lucius Tuttle of the Boston and Maine railroad says about the coming increase in the passenger tariff: "We have not yet completed our plans for the change. It takes at least thirty days to put such a matter before the interstate commerce commission and secure its approval, but we probably shall go back to the rates which were in effect previous to February 1, 1907. The company has got to raise the

money somehow. The increases in wages which we have agreed to make will cost the company at least \$1,500,000, if not \$2,000,000. The only way we can see to secure this additional sum is through putting the passenger rates back to where they were before the last reduction."

Suburban commutation in the vicinity of Boston will not be affected but other rates will probably be advanced to the point at which they stood previous to February 1, 1907.

The reductions published in February, 1907, amounted on the average to ten percent.

**District Court.**

Minnie Farnsworth of Ayer, charged with being a railer and a brawler, the complainant being Maud Jewett, who are near neighbors, brought their troubles into court April 28, and Judge Atwood after listening to what they had to say, gave them some excellent advice and Minnie and Maud excused their way to their respective homes, but not as companions.

Elmer Hodgkins of Pepperell, charged with assault and battery, Lewis Bernard of the same town being the complainant, got into a quarrel and the result was that Lewis Bernard got the worst of the battle, as when he appeared in court his face was patched with considerable sticky plaster. Under the circumstances Hodgkins was fined five dollars.

**Sunday School Convention.**

The Ayer District Sunday School association met in the Congregational church Tuesday. The rain storm prevented its success numerically, as there were only a very few in attendance. The following persons were elected to fill the offices of the association for the ensuing year: A. S. Howard, Townsend, pres.; Rev. H. A. Cornell, Groton, vice-pres.; Mrs. Jennie McLean, Ayer, secretary and treasurer; department secretaries—Mrs. A. L. Wright, Shirley, elementary grades; Rev. H. B. Mason, Harvard, advanced grades; Rev. H. E. Drew, Littleton, adult classes; L. P. Blood, Pepperell, home department; Rev. T. L. Fisher, Ayer, teacher training; H. J. Webb, Ayer, Rev. L. H. Morse, Still River, Dr. J. W. Godfrey, Littleton, executive committee.

The general theme of the day was, "The home, the teacher and the school." Different speakers dwelt on different phases of the above subject. Rev. J. P. Throbridge of West Groton, spoke on "The home department," of Sunday school work. "Attitude of church members," was ably treated by Rev. W. H. Powell, Dorchester, who will be remembered here as pastor of the M. E. church seven years ago.

The children of the primary class in the Congregational church, sang very nicely, this song, "It never pays to be bad." Mrs. Eva Richardson sang a solo. Then came the two closing addresses of the convention. Rev. E. A. McDonald of Lowell, spoke on "Teacher training problem," and secretary Conant on "The school and the teacher." The ladies of the entertaining church provided the dinner.

**Death.**

Charles W. Scruton passed away suddenly Thursday morning of heart failure. Mr. Scruton was a native of Sheffield, Vt., and was seventy-five years of age. He married Miss Augusta D. Knowlton of Lowell, fifty-four years ago and they have lived in Ayer the past thirty-four years. Their home is on Pleasant street. Mr. Scruton served in the Civil war. He was a member of the George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., and a member also, of the Golden Cross. The deceased leaves a widow, three sons, W. N. and C. A. Scruton of this town, and W. S. Scruton of Boston; one daughter, Miss Minnie Young of Lowell.

The funeral will be held at the home on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Thomas will officiate.

**Anniversary.**

Friday evening in the Odd Fellows' hall, Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., and Vesta Rebekah lodge, together observed the ninety-first anniversary of the founding of the order, the exact date being, April 26, 1819. There was a large and popular audience present. The program consisted of music by an orchestra composed of Walter and Ruel Lougee and Miss Edith M. Sweet of Forge Village, accompanist; singing by the Rollstone quartet and an address by Rev. L. E. Perry.

The lodge rooms have recently been frescoed and painted and newly carpeted, and presents a fine appearance.

**Real Estate Sales.**

E. H. Bliss, real estate agent, sold fifty-four acres of land belonging to L. E. Holden in Shirley Centre, part of the old Whitney farm on the Lunenburg road, to Howard Fuller of Boston.

He sold the place belonging to F. A. Delano, a twenty-four acre farm, called "Overbrook," on the Groton school road and well known away back as the Reuben Hartwell place, and since he died has passed through four or five hands. It has been very much improved to what it was originally. The last purchaser is L. K. Coffin of Melrose.

He also sold in Harvard, the Herman A. Skillings farm, on the Harvard Depot road to the Centre, about half way, and known as the Elbridge Stone place. Mr. Skillings is in expectation of going to Maine. The new purchaser of the place has bought part of the personal property.

**Entertainment.**

On Friday evening, April 22, Mrs. C. S. Viall and her Sunday school class, assisted by Miss Margaret McMillan and Mrs. Charles Wood, gave a fine entertainment in the Congregational church vestry to a large audience. It was also a financial success, as they cleared eighteen dollars. Mrs. Viall is at home in such work, having done much of it, and she had a good lot of young people to cooperate with her in this entertainment. The high school orchestra played well. Miss Bessie Rowell, one of the teachers in town, is a singer, and aided much with her voice.

"The Gumtown farce," was the leading feature of the evening and made much amusement. The following characters were in this farce: Devona and Mary McLeod, Pearl Carley, Violet

Viall, Mildred Bales, Howard Stone and Warren Winslow, all of whom took their parts well, concerning the subject of woman's rights.

"His old sweetheart," was another part of the program and Roy Smith was the one to have them, and these were the sweethearts: Beatrice and Gertrude E. Harrington, Jennie Wheeler, Edith Wright, Bessie Rowell, Clara Scripture, Maud Whitaker, Margaret McMillan, Ruby Viall, and Mildred Bales.

The third part on the program was the representation of the ten virgins by these young ladies: Bessie Rowell, Maud Whitaker, Helen Hardy, May Peterson, Miss Cole, Margaret McMillan, Marion Winslow, Edith Wright, Jennie Wheeler and Beatrice Harrington. Mrs. C. S. Viall gave a reading and responded to an encore. Miss Edith Lougley was the accompanist.

**About Town.**

The annual sale held by the Unitarian Woman's Alliance on Tuesday, was quite successful. The food table was in charge of Miss Emma Butterfield and Mrs. Carrie Murphy; candy was sold by Mrs. H. L. Whitman and Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, and the apron table had a brisk business in charge of Mrs. Lyman Clark and Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker returned on Thursday, from Boston, where she has been for two weeks, caring for her sister, Mrs. H. M. Calef of Keene, N. H., during an operation for cataract.

The Art class of the Woman's club held its regular meeting Thursday evening, with Miss E. A. Blood. The program included papers on "Homer," by Mrs. Barker; "Eschylus," Miss Blood; "The Caryatids," Mrs. Avis Fisher; "Demosthenes," Mrs. Lynds; "Laocoon," by Mrs. Alice Butterfield. Officers of last year were re-elected for another year.

The mill of the Haynes-Piper Co., was broken into on Thursday evening and also on Friday morning. They failed to enter on the first attempt, being seen by the watchman. On the second attempt they forced the door by breaking the lock and got in. The watchman fired on them and they ran up the track toward Shirley. This is the third attempt this week.

**Church Services.**

In St. Andrew's on Sunday, May 1, the vicar will conduct the communion service at eleven o'clock.

Rev. W. B. Waterbury, evangelist from Boston, who has been assisting Rev. J. W. Thomas at the Baptist church in special meetings the past week, found the interest such that he decided to come back and preach next Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and seven in the evening. Last Sunday night the audience was large and the discourse to railroad men very impressive. Some thing like sixteen in all have expressed a desire and purpose to live the christian life.

The services at the Unitarian church Sunday will be as usual.

**BOXBOROUGH.**

**News Items.**

Mrs. W. H. Gooch, who has been confined to the bed for the past month, was taken to her mother's, Thursday, in an auto. It is hoped that the change will be helpful to her.

Carl Barrows has come to make his home here with his mother, Mrs. Ball. Friday afternoon there was an auction sale of the household goods of Mr. Petersen, who has sold his place and is going back to New York.

Last Tuesday, S. D. Salmon hurt himself by trying to lift more than he ought and has been quite ill since.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge were in town over Sunday.

J. B. Perkins of Acton, one of our former residents, passed away Wednesday morning at the Massachusetts General hospital, where he went for treatment last week.

The Old Folks' concert, which was given here April 19, is to be repeated in Odd Fellows' hall, West Acton, Wednesday evening, May 4.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Hager and daughter were weekend guests at E. P. Dodge's.

**HARVARD.**

**Still River.**

Miss Laura A. Brown read a paper before the Woman's club at West Acton on Monday evening.

**The Milk Situation.**

A. E. Jones, a milk peddler of Boston, who is getting over one hundred cans of milk daily, from this village, was here on Wednesday, trying to engage the milk for the summer, but was unable to get many signers to his contract, as the milk producers wish to be free to take their milk off in response to the strike order, or not, without being bound to any contracts. A few signed, but not until he had agreed that they could hold their milk the first day of May, if they wished, without invalidating their contract.

There is much speculation as to how much milk will be held back from Still River. At the meeting of the directors of the Milk Producers in Boston, Wednesday, it was voted to call off all milk, unless the contractors came to a satisfactory agreement before Sunday, and as to how well the Still River farmers will comply is an interesting question. Some think most of it will be held back, while others think most of the farmers will be troubled with cold feet and refuse to keep it at home.

Chester Willard, the president of the Harvard Milk Producers' Union, was an attendant at the Boston meeting, and is doing all that he can do to get the farmers into line for a strong strike.

**AUCTIONS.**

A. A. Fillebrown, auctioneer, will sell for Floretta Vining, at the Charles Jacob farm, so-called, in Groton, on Saturday, April 30, at ten o'clock a. m., fourteen cows, Holstein bull, six months old, a large lot of family implements, and a lot of household goods. Sale, rain or shine.

Administrators' sale by auction of household goods and a small lot of garden and lawn tools, to settle estate of the late Sarah E. Whitcomb, on Saturday, May 7, at nine a. m., also, an attractive sale by auction in Concord, of very desirable household furnishings, belonging to Miss Maude A. Hutton, on Monday, May 2, at nine a. m. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

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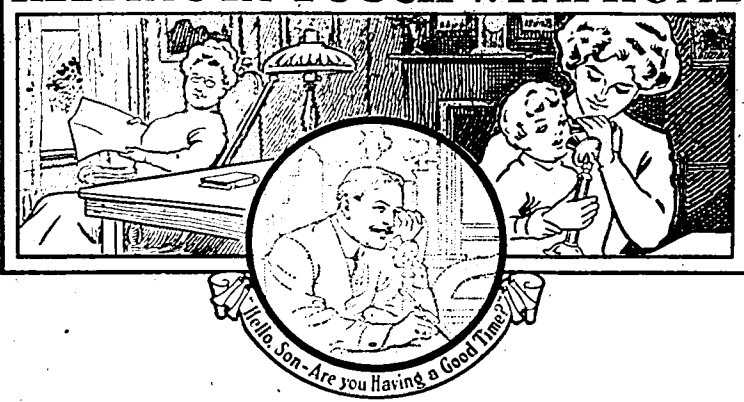


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**TOWNSEND.**

**Centre.**  
 Mrs. Mary Holden of Shirley, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bruce.

There will be a salad supper at the M. E. church vestries, next Wednesday, and a cantata, "The garden of singing flowers," for which the young people are rehearsing, will be given in the evening.

The minstrel show given here by local young men a few weeks ago, was given at the west village, Friday night.

Dr. A. J. Atwood and his mother, Mrs. Jane Atwood, left for New York State, Friday, where Dr. Atwood's sister has lost a daughter by death this week.

Mrs. George Page of Pawtucket, R. I., is at her mother's, Mrs. George Gates.

The Monday club will hold its annual meeting this coming Monday, with Mrs. Florence Fessenden, as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Eldridge are entertaining Mr. Eldridge's mother, from Plymouth, this week.

Miss Harriet Miller of Attleboro, and Miss Edith Clarke are at their homes on short vacations.

Mrs. J. F. Livingston was called to Hollis on Wednesday, by the sudden illness of her father.

While driving the barrel team across the track in the millyard on Monday afternoon, Charles Wilson was thrown from his team by the freight train's hitting the end of the wagon. The force of the blow pretty well demolished the wagon, threw the horse down and Mr. Wilson, in landing, broke the small bone of his left arm and dislocated his wrist. The horse was helped up and did not seem hurt.

The high school concert given at Memorial hall, last week Friday night, was enjoyed by all. Many of the choruses and also the songs by the quartet shows the good training of the school's musical instructor, Mrs. V. H. Wachs, who had the concert in charge.

Clarence Morse of Togus, Me., is enjoying a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Morse.

The Townsend high school nine won a victory over the Pepperell high, at the new grounds here last Saturday, the score being, 21 to 2. The game was tied for five innings, when the visitors suddenly went to pieces, allowing the large score which followed. Saturday, April 30, the Lawrence academy second nine of Groton, will play them here. This will take the place of the game scheduled with the Ayer's for May 4, which has now been cancelled.

Besides current events at the grange meeting on Monday night, there were excellent papers upon various branches of domestic science, by Abbie A. Barber, Clara C. Flarity, Mrs. Mabel Brackett and Mrs. Irving Seaver. Songs by Mrs. Brackett and Mrs. Greenleaf finished the evening's program.

**Silver Wedding.**  
 Over sixty friends and relatives arrived at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Goodwin, on Monday evening, and gave them a genuine surprise party, the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin had just arrived home from Gloucester, on the night train and soon found their neighbors and friends pouring in upon them. All went in for a good social time and ice cream and cake was served. Miss Harriet Miller gave a musical selection and Mrs. Victor H. Wachs sang "Put on your old grey bonnet," with the words fittingly changed. During the evening, Rev. V. H. Wachs presented Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin with a purse of silver, amounting to nearly thirty-five dollars. He gave a cute original poem, and as he spoke, he gave each a dollar by turn, until he had finished the pile, excepting a small bit of silver, which he donated to the bridegroom as a recompense for expenses paid on the wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin responded and all departed, wishing them many more happy years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are prominent workers in the M. E. church. They also received many letters of congratulations out of town.

**West.**  
 A very pleasing and interesting illustrated lecture on "Fishing and hunting in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick," was presented in Seminary hall last Monday evening, when Rev. A. T. Kempton of Lunenburg, invited his audience to enjoy an imaginary trip with him through the beautiful scenery and places of historic interest of this country, and his audience heartily appreciated the magnificent views thrown upon the screen, as well as the pleasing manner in which the lecturer presented his subject.

Mrs. Fay has returned from her visit to Waltham, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle are spending a few days with relatives in Lynn and vicinity, leaving her in care of their mother, Mrs. Daniel Smith.

Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence entertained the Ladies' Mission circle, instead of the Ladies' Benevolent society, as reported, at her home on Wednesday. The L. B. S. will hold their annual meeting next Wednesday.

Nelson Hart and Leaverett Ellis of Joslyville have purchased a farm in Ashby and will soon take possession, while their tenements in the Webster house will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Seaborn.

Mrs. Clara Perkins and her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Glazier, who have been spending several months in New York, have returned and have opened their cottage here.

The wedding invitations are issued by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Clark of Worcester for the marriage of their niece, Miss Marlon Ruby Kellogg, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Kellogg, former residents of this village, to Charles Arthur Hodgman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman of this village, to take place at three o'clock on Monday, May 9, at the Manning house on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin have commenced housekeeping in the upper tenement of the Stickney residence on lower Main street.

Miss Charlotte Hobart, who has been employed at Mrs. Frank Farnsworth's for the winter, is now at the Centre.

Ernest Kaddy and family from Cambridge took an auto trip to town and called upon their relatives Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney returned to their home last Sunday afternoon.

The regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry on Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

Mrs. Bell has been on the sick list and under the doctor's care for the past week.

Miss Marlon Kellogg returned from a brief visit to her former home in West Swanzey, N. H., last Saturday.

Charles S. Homer of New York, spent Sunday at his summer residence here.

Mrs. S. W. Upton entertained the Ladies' Whist club at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alexander Reed, last Thursday afternoon.

The many friends of Miss Lena Thompson, one of the members of the graduating class of the Townsend high school, are congratulating her upon being the valedictorian of her class.

Mrs. George Tenney has been quite ill at her home here, but is now improving.

Mrs. Harry Marr, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Haggood, has returned to Fitchburg.

Mrs. Abbott is caring for Mrs. Irona B. Richards.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bruce have moved from the south tenement in the Bruce house into the one vacated by Mrs. M. C. Bruce, who is making her home with her sister at the Centre.

Wilson Blye and daughter from Lynn, former residents here, visited friends in town recently.

Mrs. Alden Basford and daughter Mildred, have been recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Basford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler.

The Manning house is being renovated and receiving a new coat of paint, much improving its general appearance.

Miss Stella Tucker of Leominster has been a recent guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker of Joslyville.

Mrs. Edward Vivian, who has been visiting her home in Roxbury, returned to her home in Joslyville last week.

The Baptist pulpit was occupied last Sunday by Rev. A. A. Lawrence of South Levereit, a candidate, who was entertained at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence.

Mr. Hannant and family have moved to Townsend Centre, instead of to Fitchburg, as was at first reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook from South Frammingham, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leavitt Ellis of Joslyville.

**Harbor.**  
 The Remnant club met with Mrs. Mary E. Spaulding on Tuesday. The guest of honor was Miss Susie Phelps, a sister of the hostess. Readings, anecdotes and reminiscences was the order of the afternoon. The lunch was served on old-fashioned crockery. Mrs. Spaulding being in a modest way, quite a collector of ancient articles. She exhibited a tin kitchen, a warning pan of brass, foot-stone, iron candlestick and snuffers, and a sun dial of 1774. Apple blossoms and Japanese quince were used most effectively as decorations.

**New Advertisements.**  
 Administratrix's Sale of  
**REAL ESTATE**

By virtue of a license granted to me by the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as administratrix of the estate of John Dailey, late of Littleton in said County, dated April 18, 1910, will be sold at public auction on the premises, Monday afternoon, May Ninth, 1910, at three o'clock, to wit:

A certain farm with the buildings thereon situated in the southeasterly part of said Littleton, containing seventy-six acres more or less consisting of four parcels, three of said parcels containing about sixty-three acres being the same premises conveyed to said John Dailey under the name of John Dailey by Alvin Rhoades by deed dated April 16, 1879, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Registry of Deeds Book 1507 Page 30 and one of said parcels containing about thirteen acres consisting of pasture and woodland being all and the same premises conveyed to said John Dailey by Benjamin F. Burlingame by deed dated October 23, 1879, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds Book 1525 Page 242. Said premises to be conveyed subject to any rights of way if any there may be.

The premises are subject to the taxes and assessments for the current year 1910, which the purchaser is to assume and pay.

Terms \$200 cash at time and place of sale and the balance within ten days thereafter upon delivery or tender of the deed.

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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: Landall 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 Richard's 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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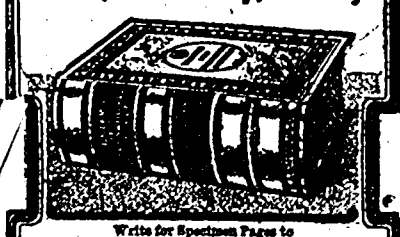
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POLITICAL DRIFT SEEMS CHANGED

Better Outlook For Republicans Is Predicted

DEMOCRATS ARE HOPEFUL

Plenty of Evidence of Fight Between Vahey and Foss For the Democratic Nomination For Governor—Interest In Report of Living-Cost Commission

There has been quite a deal of interest in the various measures pending in the state legislature affecting the New Haven railroad. Now that the attorney general has decided that it would be unconstitutional to exempt from taxation the bonds of the Boston Railroad Holding company, Governor Draper has asked the great and general court to consider what it is possible to do in order that the New Haven may be permitted to make extensive improvements on the line of the Boston and Maine which have been contemplated for so long.

There seems to be a distinct change in political feeling here in Massachusetts in the last few weeks, and the situation, certainly to Republicans, seems brighter. The Republican leaders recognize that it will be necessary to make an extremely wise and energetic campaign this fall in order to carry the state ticket to victory.

The leaders seem to believe that Republicans will hesitate long before casting their votes for the Democratic ticket when they realize that by so doing they may precipitate another industrial crash, such as three hundred thousands of able-bodied men out of work in 1893 and 1894. At the same time, there are others who feel that only such a lesson as was given the people in those disastrous years of Democratic administration will bring them to their senses.

Foss Forges Ahead In State The prediction is now freely made in Democratic circles that Congressman Eugene N. Foss of Boston will be their candidate for governor this fall. The Democratic state committee and the Democratic machine in the city of Boston are both practically solid for his nomination. It is inconceivable, under these circumstances, that Ex-Senator James H. Vahey of Watertown, who has been the standard bearer of the party for the last two years, could possibly put up a successful fight. It is generally admitted that Mr. Vahey, during his two years' candidacy, has made a great many friends and attracted to himself a large personal following. That he came so near winning last fall was a surprise in a great many quarters. With the single exception of the Douglas year of 1904 no Democratic candidate made so strong a run as Mr. Vahey since the days of William E. Russell in the early '90s.

Some of the friends of Mr. Vahey already see the handwriting on the wall, and realize that he is to be forced off the ticket in order to make a place for Congressman Foss. They believe that Mr. Vahey's chief fault is the fact that he is not as well equipped with the slings of war—in other words, is not so plentifully supplied with the almighty dollar as is his opponent. It takes money to run a campaign. It takes a great many thousand dollars to run such a canvass as the Democratic party conducted in Massachusetts last fall, and Mr. Vahey has no money. In a general way, perhaps, this is not so grievous a fault, but in a political campaign it is not regarded as a virtue by the Democracy.

The Living-Cost Committee It is quite likely that the commission appointed by Governor Draper to investigate the high prices in the cost of living will be ready to report early in May. The committee has made an exhaustive study of the situation, has conducted investigations into prices of commodities, into the question of the law of supply and demand regulating these prices, and has tried to get at the bottom of the whole question, so far as it was able to do so. The commission has summoned a large number of people to appear and give evidence before it in relation to the subject under investigation, and has aimed to secure accurate and authoritative information from every source available. Men of the highest ability in business, finance, manufactures, labor and economics have gladly given their views on the matter,

and the report of the commission should be one of the most interesting made by any investigating body in this commonwealth in a great many years. It is well known that political economists throughout the country are practically unanimous in their opinion that the enormous increase in the production and mintage of gold is almost wholly responsible for the present high prices. In the last fifteen years, according to the reports of the United States treasury department, the gold supply of the world has more than doubled, and as a result the purchasing power of the gold dollar has greatly decreased. Professor Jeremiah W. Jenks of the department of economics and politics at Cornell university in a recent article declared that the increase in prices is due neither to the tariff or the trusts.

Whether or not the state commission to investigate the great rise in the cost of living will agree with the conclusions of the economists cannot, of course, be known, and for that very reason its conclusions are awaited with interest.

Thayer's Position Is Uncertain There are conflicting reports regarding the position of former Congressman John R. Thayer of Worcester. He has been credited with a willingness to run for congress against Congressman Charles G. Washburn in the Third district, but he declines to affirm or deny. There are some who suspect that he would be better pleased to run for governor than for anything else, and that he has no wish to go to congress again. The Third district is believed by the Democrats to be pretty surely Republican, under any ordinary circumstances, and it is not so tempting to Mr. Thayer, perhaps, for that reason, although he may finally decide to run if nothing better is in sight.

Ex-Representative Ames of North Easton is said to be a candidate for congress in the Fourteenth district, and he may figure in the nominating contest with Judge R. O. Harris, Dr. Wheatly and other Republican aspirants there.

New Advertisements.

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 HENRY J. HARWOOD, late of Littleton 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 JOSEPH A. HARWOOD and RICHARD G. HARWOOD of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on their bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of GILBERT HARDY, late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, JEROME BROWNIE the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fifth day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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Board of Selectmen Townsend, April 21, 1910. Notice is hereby given under the provisions of Chapter 100 of the Revised Laws, that the Board of Selectmen have applied for a license of the Sixth Class (Druggists) for the sale of intoxicating liquors at his store on Main Street in the central part of said Townsend on the first floor. Stock to be kept in basement.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Rev. J. N. Seaver is to occupy rooms at the Cleveland homestead. The body of Edward Spaulding brother of the late Alfred Spaulding, was removed from the tomb at Manchester and brought home for burial in the family lot at West cemetery, Friday, April 22.

Miss Lillian Ames of Groton, Mass., was a recent guest for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

The repairs at the residence of Mrs. W. Temple Boultenhouse are being completed by Arthur A. Goss, owing to the death of Mr. Boultenhouse, who was making the repairs at the time of his death.

Mrs. Lewis Poppel, who had been visiting at Marlboro, N. H., has returned home with her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Sargent. Miss Dorcas Foster and Mrs. Elbridge Scripture of Fitchburg, have been recent guests of their sister, Mrs. J. A. Hall.

Walter E. Corey has had thirty thrifty apple trees, also, several plum trees set out on the Corey land on the back street.

Rev. Walter F. Whitney of Hillsborough, a former pastor of the M. E. church, recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Deaconess hospital, Boston. Favorable reports have been received from him.

Rev. J. N. Seaver commenced his pastorate at the M. E. church, Sunday, Mrs. Bertha Brown presided at the organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, Miss Eliza J. Parker, Miss Louise Parker of Lowell spent last Sunday at Four Pines.

Mrs. Mary Cady, wife of George Cady, died at Turner's Falls, Mass., Wednesday, April 13, after an illness of several months, aged forty-nine years. The funeral took place at Turner's Falls, Saturday, April 16. She is survived by a son, Algerie Stone, of Springfield, Mass., who has been the guest of Andrew Marshall.

Deaths.

Charles Boultenhouse died on Thursday morning, April 21, after a brief illness with cerebral hemorrhage, aged 76 years, 9 months.

Mr. Boultenhouse recently came here to make repairs and improvements upon the Cleveland homestead, which is owned by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. Temple Boultenhouse.

Wednesday he was apparently in his usual health and was engaged in reshingling the barn in the afternoon. Harry Drew and Frank Dow, who were in the barn heard a noise on the roof and stepping out saw Mr. Boultenhouse fall to the ground unconscious.

Dr. Holcombe was immediately called and he was tenderly removed to the residence of Mrs. N. J. Daniels, where he was boarding. Later, Dr. Heald of Pepperell was called for consultation. Everything possible was done, but he remained unconscious and passed away at an early hour, Thursday morning.

Two daughters, Mrs. G. A. Reynolds of Dorchester and Miss Carrie Boultenhouse, of the Deaconess Home, Boston; also, Mrs. W. Temple Boultenhouse, arrived Wednesday evening and were with him at his death.

Mr. Boultenhouse was born at Sackville, New Brunswick, but for many years has resided at Boston and vicinity, being a well-known contractor. He was a courteous, christian gentleman, beloved by his family and many friends. Prayer service was held at the residence of Mrs. N. J. Daniels, Friday, April 22, Rev. Warren L. Noyes, officiating.

The body was taken to his late home at Dorchester, Sunday, funeral services were held at Baker Memorial church at Roxbury, where for many years he had been member. Burial was at Forest Hills.

He is survived by five daughters, Miss Lettie Reynolds of Dorchester, Miss Carrie Boultenhouse of Boston, Mrs. Clara Swift of Salem, Mrs. Emma Radoslavoff of Jefferson, Mrs. Ella Bingham of Flatbush, N. Y., a son, George, of Dorchester, two daughters-in-law, Mrs. W. F. Boultenhouse and Mrs. Bliss Boultenhouse; also, several grandchildren.

E. Jackson Rideout, a former resident of Brookline, died at Manchester, Saturday, aged 77 years, 3 months. For many years he was well-known in Brookline and vicinity, being engaged in farming, lumbering and the manufacturing of charcoal. He is survived by a widow, one son, Elmer J. Rideout of Brookline, a daughter, Mrs. W. A. Hobart of Nashua and four grandchildren. The funeral took place Tuesday, at the chapel at Woodlawn cemetery, Nashua, where the burial took place.

Homer Brown, brother of William Brown, died at his home at Reed's Ferry, Sunday morning, aged fifty-nine years. He is survived by one son, Harry L. E. Brown and two brothers, William, of Brookline, and Edward, of Townsend.

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WEEK DAY TIME

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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 p. m. until 9.55 p. m.) 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Sundays—6.55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. 10.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—6.32 a. m. and every 60 minutes until 9.32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11.32 a. m. until 9.32 p. m.) Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Lawrence—5.15, 6.50, 8.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 5.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.50, 7.03 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—6.30, 6.50, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.15 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—8.1 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then 11.33 p. m. Sundays—6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

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**PEPPERELL.**

**Gleanings.**

The body of Mrs. Leonard Elliott of Brockton was brought to town for burial on Thursday, April 21. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were former residents of this town, Mr. Elliott being employed as foreman in the laster's room of the Leighton shoe factory. He built the house, corner of Main and High streets, now occupied by Clark Thurston. Mrs. Elliott was loved and respected by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband and daughter, Miss Etta Elliott, principal of a high school in Brockton. Mr. Elliott is quite sick and was not able to come to Pepperell. The flowers sent by loving friends were beautiful.

Mrs. N. S. Pike, who has been spending the winter in Baraboo, Wis., is expected home soon.

Miss H. Eleanor Lawrence of Park street, who has been quite ill, requiring the attendance of a physician, is now improving in health.

The annual May moving commences early in Pepperell. Lyman Canney, druggist, who has bought the Denham block, so-called, on Main street, of Frank Ward, is soon to move into the tenement over the stores in said block. A. R. Paull, superintendent of schools, will occupy the house on High street, owned by Mrs. Frank Goff of Concord, and to be vacated by Mr. Canney. Arthur Wright, postmaster, will take up his residence in the house on High street recently bought by him of Frank Ward, and now occupied by Mr. Paull. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mason will move into the tenement in Clark Thurston's house on Main street, made vacant by the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright.

Silas Nokes, road commissioner, is making quick work of spring cleaning the streets. He has two small scrapers and quite a gang of men at work.

L. H. Bean of Cross street went to Hollis on Saturday to Henry Wilson's. He brought back 125 chickens and they are all as lively as crickets, incubator ones too.

Mrs. Martha O'Neal, not Miss Agnes O'Neal, as stated in last week's paper, of Newton, formerly of this town, is not as well and expects soon to return to the hospital for another operation.

The wife and family of Ernest Whitcomb of Chapel Place, this town, have moved to Lawrence, where Mr. Whitcomb has been employed for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Lakin of Townsend were visitors in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. O. Shattuck enjoyed a short visit from her son, Rev. Harry Shattuck, of Lowell, this week. He came to attend the funeral of the late Dr. Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward of Park street returned from Florida, where they have been spending the winter on April 24.

Mrs. Augustus Phelps, who accompanied Mrs. Putnam Webber to North Andover on Thursday, April 21, returned to Pepperell the following Saturday and reports Mrs. Webber as better and able to be down stairs.

Mrs. Putnam Webber, Miss Marian and Master Fred, also Mrs. Augustus Phelps, went in the automobile owned by the Bennet Bros., to North Andover on Thursday of last week. Since going to North Andover Mrs. Webber's sister, Miss Mary E. Flowers of Salem, has visited her.

Roswell Lawson has had town water installed this week in the house owned by him on Hollis street; also, Chas. Jewell into the double house owned by him on Main street.

C. S. Denham of Main street, had an attack of acute indigestion last week, but is now able to be about as usual.

Miss Hattie Kendall visited Mrs. Emily Jewett of Hollis a few days last week.

Mrs. Ida Peckham of Boston, is spending this week with her mother and sister in this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall recently of Mill street, have moved into the house on Pleasant street, bought by Mr. Marshall, a short time ago.

Miss Maud Marshall of Fitchburg, has been visiting her parents this week.

Miss Emma Haynes, teacher of drawing in the public schools of this town, is to make quite extensive repairs to the house on Main street, which she bought of Charles Spaulding.

Mrs. Horace Drury has returned to her home on Pleasant street, from Worcester, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Harrington.

Among the members of the Prescott grange attending the inspection at Groton were: W. S. Parker, Mrs. Luella Parker, Mrs. A. F. Richards, Mrs. H. A. Gutterson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A.

Mahony, Mrs. Luther Perry, Mrs. E. Shattuck, F. O. Andrews, overseer, and Frank Mahony, steward.

Horace Drury, on account of ill health, has given up his position in the Champion card shop.

Mrs. Spaulding, who has lived with Mrs. Lucius Wilson, for nearly a year, has returned to Mrs. John Lawrence's, at the Walton tavern.

**About Town.**

Miss Marion Shattuck of Nashua visited with Miss Gladys Williams over Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Newell of Lawrence visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor of Heald street this week.

Mrs. E. M. Comery of Concord Junction has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Marshall, since Saturday, April 23, on Elm street.

Frank Wiley from Fitchburg was in town recently.

Mrs. Ida Peckham is visiting at Mrs. Wm. Kendall's on Townsend street.

Mrs. May LaPoer Barnes joined her husband in Leominster, Thursday, April 21, where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Barnes is employed at his trade as an interior house painter.

Mrs. J. B. Davis of Webster visited at the home of her father, I. J. Rowell, the past week.

A. Leon Lawrence spent Sunday in Pepperell.

Mrs. Warren Clark, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. S. Parker, left Thursday morning for New York on her way home to Maquoketa, Iowa.

The many friends of George Jenks are pleased to have him with them once more after a long sojourn at Masabate, P. I., where he has been interested in the dredging and mining of gold. Mr. Jenks returned Wednesday, April 27. His personal appearance was changed to such an extent that it was almost necessary to introduce himself to his friends. The long white beard added much to his apparent age, although it is only about two years since he left home for the Philippines.

**News Items.**  
The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, May 5, at 2:30 o'clock.  
The youngest child of E. M. Stewart is reported ill with the measles.  
The selectmen meet on Monday, May 2, at which it is understood, a warrant will be drawn for a special town meeting.

Louis D. Rowand has accepted a position in Boston with the New England advertising agency of the Fairchild Publishing Co., of New York. Mr. Rowand has been here since last August and has made many friends who wish him well in his new field of labor.

The annual May ball of the ladies' auxiliary of the A. O. H., is announced for Monday evening, May 2.

Harry Morrill of Worcester, formerly of this town, was a recent visitor at the home of E. A. Johnson.

Dr. F. A. Davis has increased the efficiency of his services to the public by the purchase of an auto, and he is now able to get to the sick equines much quicker than formerly.

Arthur E. Bannon went to Reading on Monday, having accepted a position with the American Express Company there.

The usual number of licenses to sell liquor here have been granted at the same price as last year, totalling \$6,000 and one-quarter of that amount goes to the state. There was considerable discussion regarding the "Bar and bottle bill." Many thought if it passed, the revenue to the town in this direction would be considerably decreased. As all the fourth-class licenses now issued would not be needed, the parties granted licenses are Thomas F. Graham, H. Sullivan and John F. Reegan.

While making repairs on the sidewalk in front of the telephone block, it was discovered that many beams and planking had rotted. A. A. Tarbell has a gang of men at work making the necessary repairs.

Mrs. D. R. Child, Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. H. F. Hobart, were among those from this town who attended the Alliance meeting at Lowell on Thursday.

Louis Rowe, proprietor of Rowe's Poultry Hatchery, has made a good showing, notwithstanding the unusual poor hatches reported from other places this spring. He has hatched over 10,000 chickens and his eighteen large incubators are running their full capacity to fill his orders.

The selectmen held a special meeting last Monday evening, and appointed a committee to make arrangements for a public gathering at the town hall, as a testimonial to our departed citizen, Dr. Samuel W. Fletcher. Resolutions will be drawn up and other features to pay honor to the memory

of that great and good man. The committee is, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, A. R. Paull, Parker J. Kemp, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson and Miss C. M. Shattuck. They met on Thursday evening and have called a public meeting for Monday evening, May 2, in the town hall.

The Pepperell high school boys were defeated by the Townsend high school team last Saturday, but won from the Hollis high here, Wednesday. This makes two won and one lost. The boys intend to win more and lose less.

Thomas Drummy, Frank O'Toole and other members of Div. 29, A. O. H., attended initiation at Div. 7, in Ayer, last Sunday.

Monday evening, May 16, is the date of the free illustrated lecture in Prescott hall by F. W. Rane, state forester, which has been arranged for, by the members of Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., and the Pepperell Woman's club.

W. P. Kemp, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Thursday, May 5, at ten a. m., the Robert Cross farm and all his personal property and household goods. It is a good 100-acre farm on main road from Pepperell to Dunstable; also, \$2,000 acres of sprout land.

**Presentation.**

About seventy-five friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Wilson, members of the East Village Social club and the Hardscrabble Whist club, met last week Friday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Card, Brookline street. It was Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's thirtieth anniversary of their marriage, and Mrs. Wilson's birthday as well. When they arrived for a social call, they were greeted by this host of friends and a splendid evening of entertainment was enjoyed. Besides a mock marriage, music, and games, there was a presentation of a china dinner set. Mr. Gaskell, in behalf of the donors, made a very appropriate speech in his usual hearty, striking manner. All joined with him in appreciation of these good people and neighbors, of whom the evening's program bore testimony, so convincing, that they could scarcely find words for reply.

**Accident.**

A very peculiar and also a most horrible accident occurred last Tuesday near the Fitchburg freight depot, when Milo, the fine chestnut horse, belonging to C. A. Dennen, broke its back and was shot to put an end to its suffering. This horse has been a familiar sight on the streets every day for years and has attracted much attention by his fine qualities. He was one of the most knowing of his kind and when in good condition was very playful. On Tuesday while at the depot he pranced and stepped about considerable and standing upon his hind legs, trick fashion, the carriage moved backwards, causing the horse to lose his balance and fall over striking the wagon with its back. Dr. Davis was summoned in a few minutes but there was no remedy. Everyone is sorry at Mr. Dennen's loss and also at the loss of what to many had become an attachment.

**AYER.**

**Obituary.**  
From the Winchester Star, Friday, April 22:  
After an illness extending over many weeks, Dr. George P. Brown passed away last Sunday.

George Porter Brown, son of George H. and Harriet Porter Brown, was born in East Bridgewater, August 6, 1836. His maternal great grandfather was Bartholomew Brown of Bridgewater, third president of the Handel and Hayden society and noted in his day in musical circles. His maternal great grandfather, John Porter of Sterling, was an officer in the Revolutionary war, having served on the staff of General Lafayette. His mother and father were friends of Daniel Webster and Mr. Brown has had for many years an autograph picture, which was presented to his mother by the great statesman.

When Mr. Brown was about twelve years of age his father moved with his family to Groton, where George, with his brother and sisters attended Lawrence academy, in its day a noted preparatory school, comparable at the time with Phillips Exeter and Andover.

At the age of seventeen young Brown finished his course at the academy and wishing to go into commercial life apprenticed himself to Mr. Henderson, a then well-known Boston grocer, who did a large business in the vicinity of Beacon Hill.

The opportunity, however, did not seem to be exactly what he wished, and about two years thereafter he returned to Groton to assist his father temporarily in the publication of his newspaper, which was the local sheet for that vicinity. Mr. Brown wished, however, to be in business for himself, and the study of drugs being peculiarly attractive to him, about 1858 he started in this business at Groton Junction, now Ayer.

In 1860 he married Mary E. Little,

daughter of William Little, esq., of Shirley.

Desiring to transfer his business to a place of greater opportunity he inspected stores at various places from Portland to Springfield, and finally settled upon Winchester as a beautiful town, and one sure to grow in quality as well as quantity. In 1864 he moved with his wife and child to Winchester and since that time has lived continually within its borders. He early took a prominent part in affairs of the town and filled, at various times, a number of different offices, the most important of which, being town clerk and a member of the cemetery committee, in which latter work he took a most active interest, and was a member of this board at the time of his death.

In 1867 he became postmaster of Winchester, and served in that capacity until December, 1885, when, due to change in administration he was succeeded by a democrat.

Soon after its incorporation he became trustee of the Winchester Savings Bank, serving as such continuously up to his decease.



GEORGE PORTER BROWN.

Mr. Brown, as soon as he moved to Winchester took an active interest in masonry, and was one of the first candidates raised in Wm. Parkman lodge after it was instituted by the late A. K. P. Joy, and his contemporaries, and while he never held office in the lodge, up to the time of his last illness was a regular attendant and took a keen interest in its affairs.

Soon thereafter, he, with other friends, was exalted in Mystic Royal Arch Chapter of Medford, and they desiring a more convenient place of meeting formed a Royal Arch Chapter at Woburn, of which Mr. Brown was a charter member. Later he was admitted into Medford Council of Royal and Select Masters, and in May, 1870, was knighted in Boston Commandery of Knight Templars and at his death was one of its oldest members.

In 1891, Mr. Brown suffered from a long and severe illness and in 1892 on the advice of his physician sold out his business and since that time has had no regular occupation.

In religion, Mr. Brown was a Unitarian, he having come on both sides from generations of that denomination. He and Mrs. Brown were of those who first met in the parlors of the late Frederic Winsor, for the purpose of worship in the Unitarian faith, and later he was an incorporator of the Winchester Unitarian society and at his death Mr. Brown, and one other, were the only surviving incorporators of that society.

In politics, Mr. Brown was a staunch republican, believing in its leaders and principles. Up to about a year ago he was in exceptionally good health, but at that time a slight indisposition occurred which it was hoped time would remedy. The disease, however, gained ground and in January, 1910, it was found that his only chance for recovery was by means of a serious operation.

This he undertook with great fortitude, believing in his ultimate return to health. A malignant condition, however, was found and although the operation itself was perfectly successful the disease progressed until he passed away peacefully on the 17th inst.

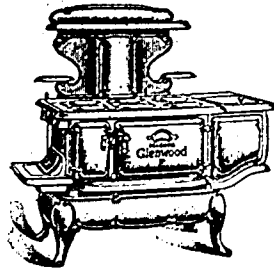
Mr. and Mrs. Brown had five children, only one of whom, Harry W. Brown of Winchester, survives.

He leaves also, a grandson, Leland B. Johnson of Shelton, Pa., son of his daughter Grace, who before her marriage was well-known in Winchester.

Mr. Brown is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. John H. Turner and Mrs. Samuel F. Farnsworth, both of Ayer.

Funeral services were held at the Unitarian church, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock and were con-

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**SHIRLEY.**

**Escaped.**

Edward McMahon, a fifteen-year-old boy who escaped from the Industrial school at Shirley about ten days ago in company with another boy, was arrested by the Lowell police early Tuesday morning at the home of his father in Lowell.

McMahon has a bad record for a youth of his age. Last October he was in court charged with breaking and entering and larceny and was sentenced to the Industrial school on an indeterminate sentence. He was in court last August as a delinquent. He was sent back to the Industrial school Tuesday. The other boy who escaped has not yet been apprehended.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**

**News Items.**

John H. Worcester post, G. A. R., have secured Rev. F. D. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., as orator for Memorial day.

Mrs. Kenrick of Brookline, Mass., is spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. C. J. Hills.

The public schools closed Wednesday afternoon for a fast day recess, to open again Monday. Mrs. Helen Leighton of the grammar school, with her daughter, Miss Frances, went to Littleton, Mass., to visit friends. Miss Annie Newton went to Ashburnham, Mass.

Mrs. Charles Willett of Lowell is visiting at Pierce brothers this week. A May ball will be held in the town hall, Tuesday evening, May 3. Music by the Crescent singing orchestra.

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