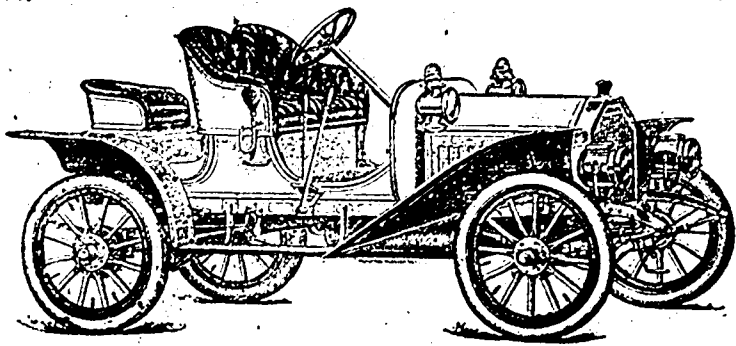


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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The recent frosts have brought destruction to some of the fruit. The blossoms on the entire one hundred trees recently purchased by F. O. Stiles of George Davidson are reported ruined.

The Geddis family has moved from the Tenney house next the Unitarian church to Concord Junction.

Thomas Mannion bought the Dailey farm at the auction sale this week and paid \$2,200. It is reported that the purchase was made for Mr. Martin, owner of the Cyrus Pickard farm.

Dear Mr. Janitor: Will you kindly give the vestry door at the Unitarian church a dose of oil to stop that terrible squeak; also, please turn the hooks in the cloak-room right side up. Gratefully yours, Club member.

The sidewalk next the brook a little east of the Fitchburg division station of the Boston and Maine railroad is sadly in need of repairs. Should a child step into the large hole made by some of his companions, he could scarcely escape sliding into the brook; and should that happen to one of those responsible for the mischief done there might be little mourning outside of his own parents, but unfortunately that sort of thing seldom happens, for the innocent is as much endangered as the guilty. Persons have stepped into the hole already and fallen. Wouldn't it be well to make the repair before the town becomes involved in a law suit?

The dance party given by the high school baseball team Wednesday evening was well patronized by a desirable class of people from this and neighboring towns. The music by King and Cole's orchestra of South Ayer was all that could be desired.

James Wallace, electric car conductor in Fitchburg, has moved his family to that city.

Everett Kelley, a former resident of Littleton, has been raised recently to the position of assistant superintendent of the Allston division of the Boston elevated electric road. He furnishes an excellent illustration of the possibilities that await a young man of persistence in willing and honest work, regardless of pull, money and everything outside his own personal efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Wilcox, Mrs. Mattie K. Priest and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton attended the installation of Rev. C. A. Drummond in Somerville last week Friday night.

Dr. Godfrey took Mrs. Samuel Reed in his auto Monday to Marlborough, with her daughters. She stood the journey very well. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Reed have returned home.

Mrs. Alonzo V. Moore and daughter Mabel are making an extensive visit with friends in Somerville and Worcester.

Littleton friends are glad to learn that Mrs. Susie E. Whitney of Harvard, formerly of Littleton, is constantly improving.

Miss Doris Converse spent last Saturday and Sunday at her home in Rindge, N. H.

John Kimball, conductor, has been to court in Lowell the greater part of this week, as witness of an accident that occurred in his train three years ago.

Last week Thursday Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb attended the banquet given at Mr. Field's in Brockton to the Holstein-Friesian club.

C. S. Hunt from Syracuse, N. Y., who has been east collecting thoroughbred Holstein cattle, took Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb by auto to Hollis. He has bought one herd of Mr. Whitcomb. He remains here a few days until the cattle are thoroughly tested, when he will ship them to New York.

Mrs. Charles K. Houghton, Mrs. Frank Briggs and Mrs. Nelson B. Conant were appointed a nominating committee at the last meeting of the C. C. club of the Orthodox church. A program committee was elected. The tontine offering received in envelopes amounted to \$8.75.

Auction at the A. W. Sawyer estate at Littleton station today.

Rev. Perley Davis, D. D., of Roxbury will preach at the Congregational church tomorrow.

The Ladies' Missionary circle of the Baptist church invites the ladies of the C. C. club of the Orthodox and the Alliance of the Unitarian society to be present at the Baptist vestry next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock when Mrs. Ladd will speak on a subject of interest to all.

Mrs. George of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Alexander of Derry, N. H., are guests at Oscar Farwell's this week.

The A. B. Webber's left town on Thursday. Their goods were taken on the same day to their new home in Stoneham.

Miss Louise MacWhinnie of Cambridge, will speak at the Baptist Sunday school, Sunday, May 15.

The Volunteer hose company have their first drill this Saturday noon at the webbing factory. The factory boys are proud of the interest taken by the public in their new enterprise and particularly in the encouragement through the generous patronage at the entertainment given last week. But very few persons refused to buy tickets. The net proceeds amounted to fifty-six dollars. The committee in charge of funds to be expended for rubber outfit consists of W. Dods, E. Barbeau and C. Dalley.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton took Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Kimball and son John, on a delightful auto outing to Worcester, Tuesday. They called on Miss Ellen Kimball at Worcester and on Herbert Kimball at Northboro where they were joined by George A. Kimball and family of Arlington and pleasantly entertained. Their itinerary took them through Harvard and Clinton, and home through Hudson and Stow, returning to Littleton just in time for the full benefit of the wind storm.

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Miss Priscilla Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hall, celebrated her ninth year birthday on Saturday, May 7. Miss Priscilla entertained about twenty of schoolmates and the afternoon was spent in games and in dancing. Among her birthday gifts was a handsome ring from her uncle, Mr. Kettner of Boston.

Hayward Canney of New York is at his father's home for a few days.

J. H. Whitcomb, conductor on the Boston and Maine railroad, and James Nixon, are spending a few days at their cottage in South Wellfleet.

J. H. Kimball, conductor, has been in court as witness at Lowell this week.

John A. Wright has returned from Stoddard, N. H., where he drove a large herd of cattle to the Hager pasture.

Frank Rogers and party from Waltham go into the Curtis Drew camp today for the entire season.

Rev. Arthur Drummond of Littleton, installed as pastor of the First Unitarian church of Somerville last week Friday night, preached his first sermon last Sunday morning to a large congregation. The ladies of the church gave a reception to the new pastor and his wife in Unitarian hall, Thursday evening, May 12.

Miss Fannie Sanderson has been visiting friends in Marblehead this week.

Mrs. S. E. Whitcomb is spending the week with her sister in Worcester.

Ex-superintendent, A. B. Webber and Miss Webber were tendered a reception by the Littleton schoolboard and the teachers at W. E. Conant's last week Friday evening. The teachers from Acton and Westford were present, and regrets were received from the school committees of those towns. Girls of the high school graduating class assisted in serving the refreshments.

The Parents-teachers' association met at the Union schoolhouse, Thursday afternoon of last week. The chief feature of the program consisted of an informal discussion of "a sane and safe Fourth of July." The society voted to ask for an expression from the pupils of all the schools in town in regard to giving up the use of firecrackers, torpedoes and toy-pistols on July 4.

The Littleton high school baseball team played Pepperell high school at Pepperell, last Saturday. The Littleton team won by a score of 6 to 4. Runs made for Littleton, by Godfrey 1, Griffiths 2, Conant 2, Tobin 1. A special feature of the game was Godfrey's pitching, particularly in the ninth and tenth innings. Littleton high school plays Bromfield academy at Littleton on Saturday afternoon, May 14.

The annual meeting of the Alliance was held last week Friday afternoon, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. A. M. Hendley, pres.; Mrs. Mary J. Priest, vice-pres.; Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, sec.; Mrs. A. S. Billings, treas.; Mrs. Lucy M. Harwood, who retires this year from the presidency, has held that office for nineteen years, to the constant satisfaction of all the members. She has presided with dignity, grace and ability. Her resignation was received with universal regrets. In the choice of a successor the society is to be congratulated, as Mrs. Hendley brings a heart devoted to the cause, and a head well adapted to leadership.

Miss Ruth Thacher was a weekend and over Sunday guest of the Peter C. Edwards family in Springfield.

Miss May Hartwell of Boston, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Lucy M. Harwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans of Dorchester and ex-medical examiner Harris and Mrs. Harris were in camp over Sunday at Arthur Drew's estate.

A little baby was welcomed into the Stratton family on the Marshall Bruce farm last week.

Malcom and Dorothy Priest from Boston were at home over Sunday.

James Lawton, formerly of Littleton, arrived from Mansfield, Ohio, last week. On Wednesday afternoon, May 11, Mr. Lawton and Miss Elizabeth Callahan were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. P. J. Sheedy of Ayer. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Lawton returned to the bride's home where a spread was served and farewells were said, the newly-wedded afterward departing on the evening train for Mansfield, where they will make their future home. They were attended by a sister and a brother of the bride, Miss Mabel and James Callahan.

Mrs. John Ames of Somerville, Mrs. George H. Patch of South Framingham, and Mrs. Spalding of Somerville, have been recent guests of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.

Miss Alice Griffiths Kempton of Waltham, who was reported threateningly ill last week is making steady gains and is expected to recover.

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Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant of Malden were at A. F. Conant's Sunday last.

Last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest and son Roger and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, went in the Priest auto to Amherst where they visited Mr. Whitcomb's alma mater, the State Agricultural college, which Roger Priest hopes to enter this fall. They returned home the following day.

Mrs. Clifford Shedd returned early in the week from New York, and Morristown, N. J., after accompanying her husband part way to the field of his summer labors in Pennsylvania,

where he will work for the Moxie company. At Morristown, she visited her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.

Town Improvement.

The Improvement society held an enthusiastic meeting on Monday evening. Reports of committees were given and plans for the improvement of triangular greens at the intersection of roads were announced. The society voted \$125 for the execution of those suggestions and the work will be done very soon. It was also voted to give an entertainment to raise funds to continue the good work of town improvement. All loyal citizens should take an interest in the

entertainment and either share in committee work assigned them or give generous patronage.

A dozen or more live people have given most freely of their time, intelligence and manual service for the improvement of the town. Last year their efforts were well rewarded by netting from the fête a good sum of money to be devoted to those interests that make for the attractiveness of our town—a benefit that affects everyone who lives here, particularly the real estate owner, and brings to us desirable people who enjoy life amid beautiful scenes and among people of aesthetic tastes.

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WESTFORD.

Centre.

Our residents were glad to hear the car service resumed but the somewhat weather-worn appearance of the branch line cars was as very evident that it was unpleasant. In conferring with the management, they had no funds that they wished to use for the purpose but made a proposition of three alternatives. To paint the cars and reckon the cost from the six months' expenses which is in the nature of a test, to let them remain as they are or for the residents to raise the sum among themselves, and this last is just what has been done. With a subscription paper at the two stores, over one hundred dollars has been subscribed and one of the cars is at Ayer being painted and renovated to be in readiness by Memorial day which this year is to be a special occasion with the dedication of the new soldiers' monument.

Mrs. John Felch, who has been spending the winter in Philadelphia with her daughter, has returned to Westford and is spending this month with her daughter here. Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford, next month she removes her household goods to Greenfield, N. H., to keep house and make a home for her son, Edward Felch. Mrs. Felch was in Philadelphia during the big car strike and reports it as a memorable experience to everybody, whether concerned in the strike or not.

Mrs. Fred L. Snow and Miss Bernice of Overlook farm are spending a few weeks at Saranac Lake, N. Y., with Mrs. Myrtle Snow Clark. Mrs. Snow plans to be at home for the thirtieth of May.

Rev. C. C. Hiller's former parishioners here will be interested to know that he was re-appointed at Springfield in April for his sixth year.

Master Clarence Colburn was taken to the Lowell General hospital this week and underwent the operation for the removal of adenoid growth. He is doing nicely but will not be quite his sturdy, cheerful self for a few days.

Excellent audiences both morning and evening are being present at the Congregational church. Sunday evenings, Mr. Wallace is conducting a series of practical and helpful talks suggested from the life of Joseph.

The committee of arrangements for Memorial day have issued some most attractive folders on the front of which is a fine picture of the new monument, and inside outlines the plans for the day. Copies of these may be secured of Capt. S. H. Fletcher.

It has been a quiet week in our village in the way of gatherings, etc., but with the busy gang digging, cutting and blasting, and doing all the things necessary to transform five acres of very rough and poor land into a beautiful park and playground, while another gang of W. H. Turbell's men are at work improving the main street in the village. Inside the town hall, a group of skilled workmen are renovating and decorating with one new house going up, which is to be a model small home, with the cars running and prospect of an artistic transformation within the old first parish church and the residents busy with preparations for Memorial day, and dedicating its splendid new monument, our village seems full of a spirit of activity and progress.

About Town.

William Perkins, a Blanchard, who died in Lowell on Sunday morning, May 8, at the advanced age of eighty-seven was buried at our own Westford cemetery. He and his family spent a few winters at the Dupont homestead in Westford station.

The barns are up and the soil well stirred for a new house on the Lowell road at Brookside, east of the Chamberlain road, not far from the Levi T. Fletcher farm. It will keep the frost and the sun off of the Sundburg and Sundburgs.

A Very Enterprising Man.

George C. Moore, the owner of the Brookside mills and the farm and park at Nabnasset, also the largest individual taxpayer in Westford, is still busy making tangible demonstration of his ideas of solid utility and beauty that will not fade. Mills, farms, parks, walls and forests are all witnesses of his belief. His latest is on for demonstration of the present time. In lowering the outlet of Nabnasset pond with engine, dredging machine and plenty of man power, he has started in for one of those long-time permanent improvements. The channel is being lowered in places six feet, the banks squared up and stoned up and the bottom of the brook cemented. A side track will be laid from the quarry to the pond. Be easy with him Messrs. Assessors. He is a two-blade of grass man, where none ever grew before for lack of courage and skill. Don't choke it out by too close trimming.

A Laughable Good Time.

The entertainment in the vestry of the Unitarian church last week Thursday evening, was all that it was billed for and a surplus besides, because everybody had a laughable time. When everybody takes to laughing,

there must be something going on. If there were any present who didn't laugh, the old adage, "try, try again," has been outgeneraled, and there would not be any use in applying any other laughing medicine. S. Thompson Blood carries a full assortment, stock in trade, to fit all cases. Those that are a little hard to fetch to terms of laughter, he sends "Sarah Jane Matilda" after them.

Although Mr. Blood was the main centre piece of the evening, there were other allurments, the youthful Smith at the organ, Miss Julia Fletcher in piano solo, accompanied by lively foot movement by the young people. Cream that had taken a severe chill on the ice. All this and much more of a talkable social nature helped detain people in amusement until the attractions of the comet called it off. The very capable coterie of young women in charge were: Misses Eva Fletcher, Gertrude Fletcher, Julia Fletcher, Ruth Fisher, assisted by Misses Grace Bennett, Gladys Fletcher and Beatrice Sutherland.

Forge Village.

Joseph Milot has purchased the real estate of Edmund Hunt, which consists of a large eight-room house with all modern improvements, a large barn and two acres of land planted with young trees. The house was formerly the property of the late Joseph Prescott and was built for him by the late B. F. Parrott. After the death of Mr. Prescott, the property was purchased by the late William Whigham, who installed steam heat and did extensive alterations, but he lived only a short time to enjoy the fruits of his hard labor. After the death of Mr. Whigham, two years ago, his son-in-law, Edmund Hunt, bought out the other heirs and became the owner of one of the nicest residences in the village.

The new meat market, which Victor Pigeon is erecting on Pleasant street, is rapidly nearing completion. The building is a large two and a half story affair. The upstairs will be made into a six-room tenement with all the latest improvements, which he will occupy with his family. He expects to have it ready for occupancy in about two weeks.

Joseph Bennett, Jr., and family have moved from their house on Commonwealth avenue. He will make his home with his father and sister on Pleasant street. Mr. and Mrs. James May will occupy the cottage vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. A. Lannigan of Lowell was the guest of Mrs. Ellen Flynn last week Friday at her home on Pond street. Mrs. Lannigan was formerly Miss Annie Moore, a well-known resident of this village for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett attended the convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which was held in St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Worcester, last Sunday.

Miss Lizette Simpson of Boston visited with Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Precious were guests the last of the week of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Newcombe of Worcester.

Daniel Bennett and son William of Worcester are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards entertained at their home last week Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coley of Worcester and John Fitzpatrick of Cambridge.

Miss Althea Doir of Boston has purchased Lincoln cottage, the summer residence of Miss Nellie Henderson of Malden. Miss Doir is now supervising alterations and repairs and will occupy the cottage for the season.

The stopping place of the Lowell and Fitchburg street railway cars have been changed from Prescott to the J. B. Splaine store. This arrangement will prove more convenient for the patrons of the road and also the people living in the Prescott house, who were continually annoyed by persons waiting for cars. The waiting station will be open Sundays to accommodate passengers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Longbottom and Masters William Longbottom and Gerald Bowker of Arlington Heights were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett last week Thursday.

The F. S. S. of this village held their first dance in Abbot hall last week Friday evening, and it proved a very enjoyable affair. Music was furnished by McNally's orchestra of Hudson and refreshments were served at intermission. A large number of out of town guests were present, among them being Miss Gladys Daly of Leominster, who was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Spinner at the dance and remained over Sunday.

Ervin Butler, who was killed by falling from a chimney at Townsend Harbor last week, was well-known here. He was employed by Abbot & Co., five weeks ago, to paint the smoke stack. While here he persuaded Charles Flannagan, the crossing tender for the Boston and Maine railroad, to accompany him and learn the trade, but after a tryout of one day Mr. Flannagan decided that steeple climbing wasn't his vocation and returned to his post the next day.

The Forge Village Tigers played the Littleton Wanderers at Cameron grove, Saturday afternoon, and defeated them by the score of 24 to 0.

The Lions played the first game of the season in the Stony Brook league last Saturday afternoon with the Richmonds of Lowell at the Fort hill ball grounds and were defeated. The Lions will play on the home grounds next Saturday afternoon and will have for their opponents the Graniteville Blues.

One of the social events of the season will be the concert in Abbot hall, Wednesday evening, May 25. Miss Edith M. Sweet and Miss Edith Foster are in charge of the affair and will spare no pains to make it a success. Some excellent talent has been secured from Portsmouth, N. H., also several well-known characters from Littleton.

Next Sunday being the festival of Whit-Sunday, the services in St. Andrew's mission will be the celebration at nine a. m. and evening prayer at seven p. m. A new anthem will be sung by the vested choir.

A Gift.

Superintendent A. B. Webber of Lit-

leton, who resigned his position as superintendent of schools for Westford and Littleton, made his farewell visit to Cameron school last week Thursday afternoon. As he was about to conclude his stay, a signal was given by the principal, Miss Letitia V. Ward, and children from the other rooms filed into a line and marched into Miss Eva F. Pyne's room, the lower primary. Mr. Webber was an interested spectator, thinking the children were to perform a drill for his benefit, when Mildred V. Precious, aged six years, stepped forward and presented Mr. Webber, on behalf of the teachers and pupils, a sum of money in gold. The money was placed in a velvet lined red leather case. Mr. Webber was completely surprised and after thanking the teachers and children sincerely, said he would always remember them for their thoughtfulness.

Mr. Webber has accepted a similar position at North Billerica and Stoneham and commenced his new duties May 1.

Grantville.

The Ladies' Aid-society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. L. A. Blood on Thursday afternoon at her home.

The Big Four club, composed of well-known young ladies of this village, will hold a social dancing party here Saturday night. One of the pleasing features of the affair will be a prize wait.

The Graniteville baseball club will visit Forge Village on Saturday, May 14, and meet the local club of that place in the first league game of the season. It is understood that the Forge club has been greatly strengthened this year and although they were defeated by the Richmonds in Lowell last Saturday, it was due to poor ball grounds than bad playing.

J. Austin Healey is now building a summer camp at Flushing pond, North Westford. The building will be a two-story affair, with open fire-places and everything up-to-date. P. Henry Harrington has the contract and everything will be in readiness for the house warming that is planned to take place in early June.

At the 9:45 o'clock mass in St. Catherine's church, Sunday morning, the service was made very pleasing by the excellent vocal selection of Miss Harriet Moran of Lowell, assisted by Edward Shea of Lawrence.

May devotions were held in St. Catherine's church on Wednesday evening at the usual hour, which brought out a large attendance.

Death.

Charles Cummings, an old respected resident of this village, died suddenly at his home here on Wednesday night, May 4, after a brief illness, aged seventy-one years. Mr. Cummings was the last surviving member of a very large family that were numerous in this vicinity some forty or fifty years ago. There was one sister, but she has not been heard from for several years and if living, her present address is unknown.

Mr. Cummings was born in Tyngsboro, February 22, 1839, and has been a resident of this village for over forty years. He was a civil war veteran, having enlisted in the Sixth Massachusetts regiment, Co. C. He was a member of the Westford veterans' association; also, the G. A. R. post of Ayer.

He has been in the stone business here for several years and was very successful. Always good natured, strictly honest and upright in his dealings, he commanded the love and respect of all who knew him. Although over seventy-one years of age, his genial presence and pleasing personality made him appear much younger, and he was always "Charley" Cummings to the young and old. His death will be a personal loss to this village, and it can be said in all sincerity that he had not an enemy in the world. Mr. Cummings was unmarried.

He had several men employed at his quarry at the time of his death and all work was suspended for the time being, until the affairs of the estate have been settled.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, May 7, and was largely attended. The services were conducted at the home by Rev. L. F. Havermale of the M. E. church. The singing of the two hymns, "Shall we gather at the river," and "Waiting and watching for me," was by Mrs. C. H. Wright and Mrs. David L. Greig of Westford.

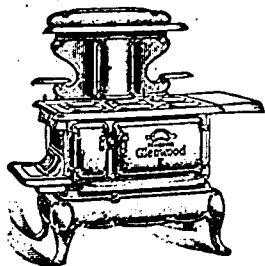
There were many out-of-town people present, including a delegation from the G. A. R. post of Ayer. The floral tributes were varied and beautiful, which testified in a marked degree to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The bearers were members of the G. A. R., W. O. Hawkes, John Wilson, A. Randlett, D. Riney, F. Lovejoy and E. D. Martell. Burial was in the North cemetery, Westford, where the grave had been tastefully arranged with hemlock boughs and wild flowers by Mrs. George Irish. The regular burial of the G. A. R. was read at the grave.

Baseball.

The Graniteville baseball club played its first game of the season in the Stony Brook league here last Saturday, when they had the strong Crescent club of Lowell for opponents. The game was hotly contested from start to finish and the home team held their opponents to a 1 to 0 score for five innings, when with two bases on balls and a sacrifice hit the Crescent tied the score in the sixth. There was nothing doing in the seventh by either side, but in the eighth the Crescents by a hit, a base on balls and aided by a misplay by the locals, they scored two runs. Next inning scored after this, but the damage had been done and the Lowell side won by the score of 3 to 1. This was one of the best games of baseball seen in this village for a long time, and although both clubs batted the ball well, good fielding kept the score down.

James Booth, of the local team certainly showed that he is something, and although McCarty was in the latter part of the game there was no question but what Booth was all right. McCarty held them from further scoring. McMahon started to pitch for the Crescents, but the lo-

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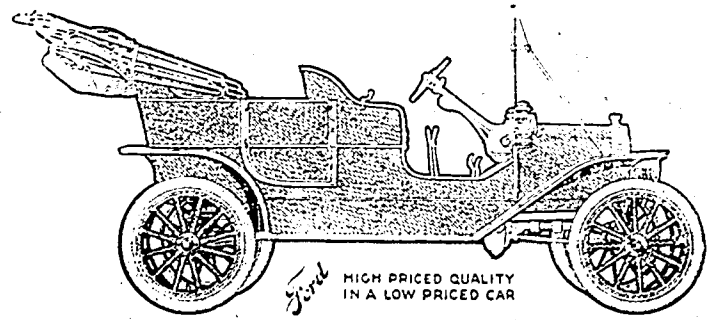
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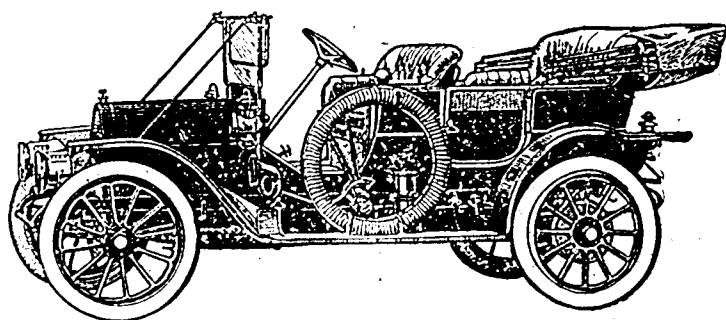
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 Shirley, Mass., May 12, 1910.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all persons interested in the estate of CAROLINE E. BANCROFT of Groton, in said County.

Whereas, GEORGE F. BANCROFT, the conservator of the property of said ward, has presented his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, a certain real estate therein specified, of his ward for investment.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third 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 ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

3134 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 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 1,200 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 thirteenth day of June next, at 10.45 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.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.
D. C. Parsons has been appointed to the responsible position of advisory counsel to the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. of Massachusetts. Mr. Parsons has also been appointed town counsel by the board of selectmen of Shirley.

At the session of the Sunday school at the Congregational church last Sunday, Russell Miner, Leonard Hooper, Ralph Sargent, Sarah Stevenson and Esther Harris were presented with books of their own choice for being present at the Sunday morning services of the church for a year. The books were the gift of the Sunday school. Rev. A. A. Bronsdon made the presentation, speaking words of appreciation and encouragement which could not fail to prove an incentive for future efforts.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Torrey of New Haven, a former pastor of the Congregational church, is visiting friends in town.

Rev. F. J. Gauld of Leominster, addressed the boys at the Industrial school last Sunday afternoon.

Louis Chaudeland of Worcester was the guest of John W. Slocumb here last Sunday.

Anthony McGrath and family left town Monday for Chatham, N. B., where they will reside.

Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook with daughter Nina, spent last Sunday with relatives in Framingham.

Oliver W. Balcom spent last Sunday with his son Frank, in Baldwinville, Mass.

Rev. J. W. Thomas will preach in the Baptist church next Sunday, May 15, at three p. m.

The sewing school under the auspices of the Altrurian club, in charge of Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, superintendent will hold its last sewing meeting, Friday afternoon, May 13, and an exhibition of their work will be held at the club room, Saturday afternoon, May 14. The pupils will have a social hour from four to five o'clock. All interested are invited to be present and witness the progress of the children in this branch of industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Wheeler are entertaining a son born May 18.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., are making preparations for their annual memorial service to be held in the Universalist church, Sunday, May 22.

By kind permission of Thomas L. Hazen, a lawn tennis court has been laid out in the rear of the public library for the use of the young people of the town.

An Appreciative Audience.

Mothers' day was observed at the Congregational church last Sunday. Young ladies of the Sunday school presented white carnations to each and everyone entering the sanctuary, and these were worn as the symbol of the day in honor and reverence to the mothers.

A large audience was present, including a goodly number of the boys from the Industrial school, under the escort of the officials from that institution. A strong sermon was delivered by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon who, in tender and pathetic eloquence, told the story of a mother's love and devotion and what the state and nation owed to the mothers who have moulded the character of the men who have for over a century held the position of honor, trust and responsibility in the state and nation, and in the commercial and industrial pursuits of our country.

It was evident that the audience was responsive and appreciative of the stirring appeal in behalf of the mothers, and it was clearly apparent that most of the boys from the school were not only interested but touched by the tone of the address. Special music was rendered by the choir.

In the evening at seven o'clock an address was given by Mr. Bronsdon on the subject of Fatherhood, which embraced all the ideals in the home which a father should represent and endeavor to cultivate in his children.

Death.

Mrs. Lawrence O. Balch, aged eighty-four years and ten months, passed away at her home here, Saturday morning, May 7, and had been gradually failing in health since last Christmas, but a few days before her death it became painfully evident to her family and friends that the curtain of her long and honorable life was soon to be rung down.

Mrs. Balch's sickness commenced with a severe attack of the grippe which seemed to exhaust her rapidly falling vitality, and resulted in a general and final breaking up incident to the wear and tear of a long life.

Mrs. Balch was born in Royalston, where she was married about sixty years ago, coming to Shirley with her husband three years later, where she has since resided. Her husband died in 1893.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Emmer Cummings, who has been the faithful and loving companion of her mother in her declining years, living together in the old homestead that was built by Mrs. Balch's husband over fifty years ago.

Mrs. Balch had been a resident of Shirley exactly fifty-seven years and for more than fifty years has been a member and one of the strong pillars of the Baptist church where she was loved, honored and respected. Indeed, this church has lost a wise councillor and staunch friend.

Mrs. Balch exemplified in her everyday life the highest type of Christian womanhood. She was always young in spirit and cheerful in disposition, which made her a special favorite with her large circle of friends, and to those who were facing sorrow and trials in life's great field of action, she was a solace and comfort. Her influence for good in the community will always stand as a tribute to her memory.

Funeral service was held at the Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Ayers of Westfield, a former pastor of the Baptist church here, officiating, assisted by Rev. W. H. Desjardins. Rev. A. A. Bronsdon offered prayer.

Mrs. Lowell and Mrs. Thomas of

Ayer, sang, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "Some sweet day bye and bye." The pall bearers were J. G. Conant, J. E. L. Hazen, C. R. White and W. G. Lyon. The floral tributes were lovely and numerous. Burial was in the village cemetery.

Shirley Center.

The farce, "Her busy day," was given by the Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, May 10, to a large audience. The entertainment began with a piano followed by a song by Mrs. Hardy duet by Ora Holden and Mrs. Ward, Lynch. The farce was well presented and several good hits were made. Mrs. Price had the leading part. A. A. Adams took the part of Happy Jack, the prodigal son, remarkably well. Mrs. Luther Holden, William Thompson, Ora Holden and Ruth Graves had important parts. After the farce the hall was cleared and a social dance was held. Quite a neat sum was realized.

Edward Randall spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Cynthia E. Lynch.

John W. Evans is planning to build a cement silo twelve feet in diameter and thirty feet high, which will hold about two hundred tons of ensilage.

L. U. Clements of Townsend has purchased the Almond Holden place of Mr. Buckminster. This is the third largest and one of the oldest farms in the town. In the year 1656 Richard Holden was given over nine hundred acres of land in what is now the northerly part of Shirley. This land or the part of it which is now contained in the Almond Holden place, about two hundred and sixty acres, was in the possession of Richard Holden and his descendants until about five years ago when Mr. Buckminster bought it. Granville Holden, who was the last Holden to live on the place, was the eighth generation of the descendants of Richard Holden to own the farm.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

The funeral of John F. Howard, who died on Friday night, May 6, was held at his late residence in Goodrichville, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. F. W. Brett, pastor of the Methodist church, conducting the service and the singing was by members of the Methodist choir. Beautiful flowers were presented by friends and relatives, and there was a large attendance of neighbors and townspeople; also, a number of relatives from a distance. Interment was in the South cemetery. Mr. Howard is survived by a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Walter McIntire of Canaan, N. H., and Mrs. Geo. Whitcomb of Lunenburg, and several grandchildren.

Miss Fannie Peabody is enjoying the salt water breezes and listening to "Old ocean's roar," while visiting her niece, Mrs. Pierce Lithgow, at her home in North Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard.

The box social at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening, was well attended, and netted a neat little sum for the treasury.

Special Meeting.

The Historical society met in the lower town hall on Wednesday evening. President James Hildreth called the meeting to order and Aaron W. Watson was chosen secretary. Mr. Hildreth explained the object of this special meeting, first to notify the association that the trustees of the library had voted to allow the Lunenburg Historical association the use of the east room in the basement of the new building for collecting and storing such relics and antiques as it now has, or may become possessed of hereafter. Voted, to accept the offer, and a committee consisting of James A. Litchfield and S. Ulmer McIntire was chosen to move the collection into its new quarters.

Another object in calling the society together was to revive the interest in and create the organization. It is thought by many that now that the association is to have permanent location, that many articles in town, which have long been treasured by private individuals, will find their way into the historical society as the proper place for them. Many have already been given and more are promised. Mr. Hildreth brought with him a Hebrew Lexicon, by Samuel Pike, and published by Hilliard & Metcalf in 1811. Upon its flyleaf is this inscription: "This book, once the property of Dr. Aaron Bard, noted alike for his skill and his great kindness to the poor among his patients, is given to the Lunenburg Historical Society by Mrs. Mary M. Stickney Spaulding, a native of Groton, Mass." Among its pages was found a tax bill and receipt for 1847, when Dr. Bard was collector and is filled out in his own hand-writing.

The society adjourned to meet again on Saturday evening, June 1.

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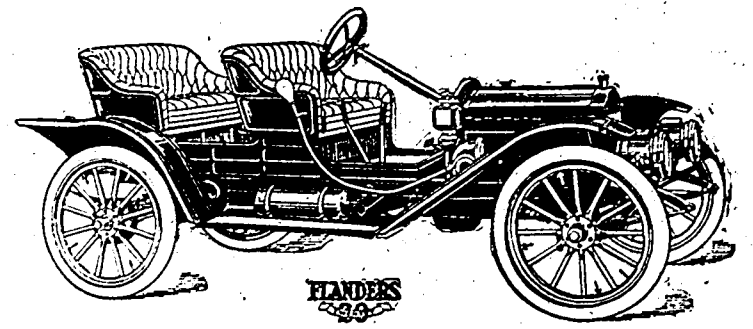
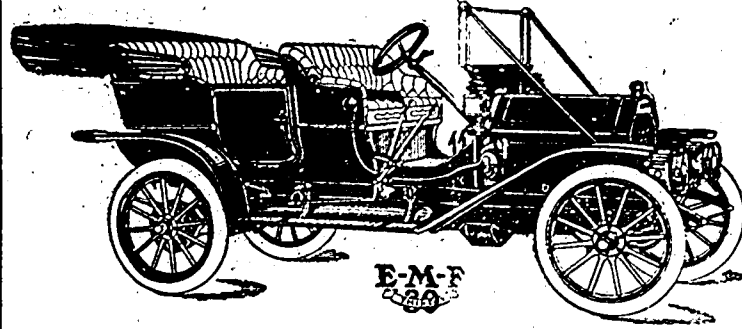


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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court, In Equity.

To Joseph A. Harwood and Richard G. Harwood, Administrators of the estate of Herbert J. Harwood, late of Littleton in said County, deceased, Emelle A. Harwood, Joseph A. Harwood, Helen D. Harwood, Margaret Harwood, Richard G. Harwood and Emelle A. Harwood guardian of Herbert E. Harwood, Emelle M. Harwood, Jonathan H. Harwood and Robert W. Harwood, minors, all of said Littleton. Whereas, ISAAC GREENBURG of Everett in said County has presented to said Court his petition, praying that a specific performance of an agreement entered into by HERBERT J. HARWOOD, late of Littleton in said County of Middlesex, deceased, and said petitioner, may be decreed, and the administrators of the estate of said deceased be ordered to convey certain real property situated in Boston, in the County of Suffolk to said petitioner, agreeably to the terms of said agreement.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of May A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found in said Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, or if any of you shall not be so found, either by delivering a copy thereof to you wherever found, or by leaving a copy thereof at your usual place of abode, or by mailing a copy thereof to you at your last known post-office address, fourteen days, at least, before said Court; and also, unless it shall be made to appear to the Court by affidavit that you all have had actual notice of the proceedings, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be seven days, at least, before said Court.

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

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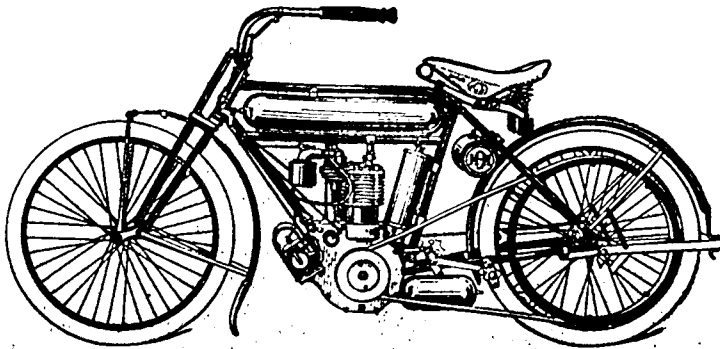
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Saturday, May 14, 1910.

GROTON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, who are socially prominent in Boston, Groton and New York city, are stopping at the Hotel Wolcott in New York city for a few days while visiting with their many friends.

The Groton public library will be closed on Saturday evening, May 14, on account of the wiring for electric lights.

Lawyer Frank A. Torrey has bought the place on Main street belonging to the estate of the late Miss Harriet Hemenway, and which was her home for many years. After making repairs and changes, Mr. Torrey and family will occupy for their home residence.

Mrs. Alice Barnard with little daughter Elizabeth, is up from her home in Roxbury, for a visit to her mother, Mrs. E. M. Needham.

Those who were acquainted with Miss Katherine Proctor of Philadelphia when she visited her grandparents, the late Dea. and Mrs. Alva Wright here in Groton, will be interested to hear of her approaching marriage. This event will take place on May 18, when Miss Proctor will become the bride of Lawrence Saint, an artist of Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Saint will immediately go abroad, the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor will also make a European tour, sailing on the same steamer as their newly married daughter.

The old-fashioned tent caterpillars are making themselves conspicuous in these days of other tree pests. These nest are galore, and very unsightly, not only on trees in private grounds but thick upon the shrubs and trees, especially the wild cherry, along the highways. What an improvement if they were removed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Trull of Manchester are occupying the J. Warren Wetherbee residence on Main street for the summer.

On Wednesday afternoon Groton school won over Salem high by the score of 9 to 3. This is Groton's third straight win.

It was overseers' night Tuesday at Groton grange. There was a speaker from Billerica and other exercises of singing and instrumental music. Prof. A. B. Farwell favored the company with fine piano selections.

There was a meeting of the E. S. Clark post last Saturday night.

Mrs. Gracie of Milford, N. H., was an over Sunday visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Osgood.

Mrs. Edward Kirk was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital Wednesday and is doing well. All the other patients at the hospital are in a favorable condition.

Mrs. William B. Robinson had the misfortune to sprain her ankle some days ago, which was of course very painful, but is better.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence of Longley street on Wednesday morning.

The item in this column last week about the man being found in Melipus Brook was copied from Boston newspapers. We have heard nothing further of the affair. It seems a little strange that neither of the medical examiners of this district should have had notification of the finding of the body, which according to law should have been made to them.

The following members of the senior class of Groton high school have had graduation parts assigned them: Marlton Greene, Hazel Gibson, Dorothy Bowles, Ruth Blood, Mildred Brown.

It was decided at an alumni meeting of the high school, held on Wednesday evening at the school building, to have a celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. This observation will take place some day between the first and fifteenth of July next. Arrangements for this have not yet been made, but at another meeting to be held soon, committees will be chosen to decide upon a program and preliminary work, so as to do all possible for a successful anniversary gathering. It is fifty years last December since the high school started.

Mrs. Myra Wetherbee from Chester, N. H., mother of the late Dr. I. J. Wetherbee, has been visiting friends in town while staying with Mrs. F. F. Woods.

"Breezy point," the three-act comedy which made such a favorable hit with the public last week Friday evening, will be repeated this Saturday evening, May 14, for the benefit of Middlesex Rebeah lodge in town hall, at eight o'clock. Don't miss it. It is good. Tickets on sale at Bruce's drug store.

There will be a supper and entertainment at the Baptist church on Thursday evening, May 19.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, who have been spending several weeks touring the Pacific coast with Dr. and Mrs. Seward Webb and a party of friends, in the Webbs' special train, have returned and have been for some days in New York. The Lawrences are to remain at their Groton country house until late June, when they will leave for their villa at Islesboro, Me.

According to the Lawrence academy schedule of ball games, the game Saturday afternoon, May 14, will be on Shumway field, Groton, with Worcester south high.

A number of Groton people have risen early to see the comet only to be disappointed by the clouded sky. A few think they caught a sight of it. Daniel Pressey, who is a night workman at Nashua River Co. paper mill, had had two good observations of it, but the larger number of the people have decided to await patiently for its appearance in the west.

The plays, "Breezy point," and "The real thing," given by the members of the senior class of the high school, last week Friday evening, proved most entertaining to the large crowd forming the audience. Words of praise are heard from all sides, some pronouncing it one of the very best of plays given by the school. The acting was just about perfect, the costumes, and the choice of characters was allotted with happy decision and good judgment. The actors were drilled by Miss Fannie E. Woods, who had charge of this part of the entertainment, and the fine success reflects credit on her work. A dance followed after the play. The sum of \$130 is reported taken as receipts, and something near \$100 as net proceeds of the affair.

Mrs. Jane Clark has hired the upper tenement of Mr. Frazee's house on Elm street, and will occupy there, moving from the Harriet Hemenway house just sold to Mr. Torrey.

Mrs. Maria C. Sawyer is at the former Alva Wright, her father's home, on Champey street, now owned by Herbert C. Rockwood.

The sun, near the sunset on Tuesday evening, attracted the attention of many here. It was like an immense fiery ball, intensely red and glistening. More so than ever before remembered to be. Was it the comet?

On Tuesday, F. A. Sherwin's team, consisting of a span of horses, barge, and two men, moved Wm. Nutter's goods from Groton to Worcester. On their return home early Wednesday morning, the team, Henry Ready, driver, collided with a train at the Mitchellville grade crossing, near Ayer. One of the span of horses was killed, the other one badly hurt. The barge was completely wrecked and the driver, Ready, sustained a broken arm and probably other injuries. He was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, that morning. William Dupres, the other man fortunately for him, was walking behind the barge and escaped unhurt.

Word has come from the hospital in Boston, that Henry W. Ready was badly hurt and in a poor condition, though not necessarily fatal. It looks as though he would be laid up for quite a while.

James R. Hawkes commenced this week moving his goods into his recently hired tenement in the Baptist parsonage.

J. A. Sanderson, heretofore a resident of North Groton, is moving this week into his new home on West street. Mr. Sanderson has been making some improvements in this place which formerly belonged to the late Samuel Hemenway estate.

Mrs. Maud Kittredge of Harvard, has been a recent guest of Mrs. Charles Osgood, Champey street.

Everything pertaining to Dr. Samuel A. Green is of interest to Groton. The following clipping is from The Boston Journal of Monday, May 9:

Happy at eighty and growing young in his contentment, despite the continuing change of environment and neighborhood in the district which has been his home for the last fifty-three years, Dr. Samuel A. Green, bachelor, former pastor of Boston and now proprietor of the Massachusetts Historical society, is making for the first time in thirty years.

The new home is two small rooms at 22 Harvard street, into which his belongings were transferred from 88 Harrison avenue when that building was condemned to be torn down. Rather than to move to some more fashionable neighborhood and regardless of the coming of the representatives of the nations of the world, Dr. Green has learned to love his neighbors and their children, with whom he is a great favorite.

Harold A. Sheedy is to be congratulated on the remunerative and otherwise desirable situation entered upon some few weeks ago. His position is that of tutor at Oak Bluffs, formerly Cottage City, Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Sheedy is a member of Williams college 1910, but through fine scholarship completed the course several months ago, thus having a leave of absence. He receives his diploma with his class this coming June.

Mrs. Harriman's private car, the Arden, is side-tracked at the Groton station.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hodgman, who have been occupying a tenement on Station avenue during the past year, went last week to live in Ayer.

The Chicopee school has organized a Band of Mercy society, which is composed of the pupils and parents of the school. It numbers thirty members and has taken for its title, "The Chicopee Row Band of Mercy society." The following officers have been chosen: Miss Elsie E. Shattuck, pres.; Ray B. Farwell, vice-pres.; Claude C. Farwell, sec.; Lillian E. Knapp, treas.

Miss Ansel Shattuck with her daughter, Miss Jessie, visited her mother in Ipswich last week Friday, finding her in remarkably good health for one in her ninety-third year.

On Sunday and Monday evenings an electric light wire came into contact with the branch of a small elm tree near the Baptist church, and attracted considerable attention by its flashing and sparking.

Attention has been called to the scattering of waste paper fragments along the streets and sidewalks, by careless people. It causes much annoyance to residents who are trying to keep their premises clean, and detracts much from the neatness of the village. The exercise of a little care in regard to this would be the performance of a public service.

Seventieth Anniversary.

The home of H. W. Flavell was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Sunday, May 8, as his mother, Harriett A. Flavell, observed her seventieth anniversary of her birth, with the company of children and grandchildren. Among those present were: Henry T. Flavell and family of Lowell, Miss Ida Cheever, Charles E. Flavell and family of Groton; Mrs. F. E. Green and daughter of Ashby; Mrs. James Sartell and daughter Bertha of Lancaster. These with H. W. Flavell

and family, who lives on the old home place, made a very happy family gathering. There were a number of very pretty gifts, and the necessary birthday cake all lettered out, "1840-1910 happy," and all other things to make a happy birthday, and the day being mothers' day also, they all felt that it could not be more fittingly observed.

West Groton.

Mrs. D. M. Shepley of Sheldon, Vt., was in town Wednesday, visiting at J. F. Shepley's.

Miss Esther Jarvis has accepted a position as bookkeeper in Fitchburg.

Miss Elele Tarbell, going Saturday, will spend Sunday with relatives in Jaffrey, N. H.

It is reported that Mr. Welton and family are occupying the tenement in the house of J. H. Hawkins.

J. Hoyt Hunkins, who has been able to enjoy outdoor air a few times this spring, is again confined to the bed, though reported more comfortable than for some days past.

Friends were glad to know that Mrs. A. P. Blood was able to attend church this week. This is the first time in many months that Mrs. Blood has been able to leave her home.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington, accompanied by her granddaughter and Mrs. Roscoe Harrington, spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Tuttle of Groton. Mr. Harrington joined them for the Sabbath.

Miss Kate Tarbell spent several days this week with friends in Fitchburg.

Miss Grace Bixby and Miss Rose Jarvis spent Sunday at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams visited Worcester, their former place of residence, last Saturday.

Miss Olive Tarbell is at home for some weeks, but expects to return to Brookline for substitute work during six weeks of the summer. She has accepted a permanent position with the firm, beginning September 1.

On Friday of last week a fire caused by sparks from a passing locomotive, burned over several acres of ground around Flat pond. Strenuous exertions of the fire-fighters checked the flames just before they had reached the "throne," so-called.

The Sunshine club will hold its next meeting with Ethel Robinson, Saturday, May 21.

The L. A. S., will meet on Thursday, May 19, with Miss Kate Tarbell.

Presentation.

It is always a pleasure to report successes of West Groton young people, particularly of those graduated from the Groton high school. A graduate of that institution some fourteen years ago, Roscoe C. Harrington, entered the employ of French & Bryant, civil engineers, Brookline, Mass. Beginning at the foot of the ladder at \$1.25 per day, Mr. Harrington has steadily worked his way upward to a good position and the command of a fine salary, remaining with the same company, now that of Henry F. Bryant.

Good things come to those who wait—and work—however, and last month Mr. Harrington severed his connection with the Brookline firm to accept a much more lucrative position with a Boston company.

His work for the present will be on Long Island, where he has charge of the laying out of an extensive pleasure ground of several hundred acres, controlled by a syndicate of wealthy men. Golf links, polo grounds, race course, etc., are to be established.

On bidding goodbye to his employer and associate engineers, Mr. Harrington was surprised and deeply touched by the presentation of a loving cup. This beautiful token of their friendship and esteem was of silver, lined with gold, fifteen inches in height by eight in width. On its side bore the inscription, "Roscoe C. Harrington, from Henry F. Bryant, C. E., and employees, April 23, 1910. On the other side were engraved the names of the fourteen associate engineers.

Mrs. Harrington is passing a few weeks with her parents in Brookline; also, with Mr. Harrington's parents, in West Groton, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Harrington. She will join her husband in Long Island in June.

Gentlemen's Night.

Tuesday evening, May 17, is gentlemen's night in West Groton. The Ladies' Aid have deputed the masculine honorary members of their society, with A. F. Bates as general manager, to attend to the supper to be given on that date.

The gentlemen claim they are equal to the performance of the duties thus thrust upon them. Let all their friends be present to witness their triumph and to listen to the music, which, we are told, is to be an accompaniment of the supper.

The tables will be ready at 6.45. At eight o'clock the impersonator, S. Thompson Blood, "the man with the hats," will entertain in the upper hall.

LITTLETON.

L. W. C.

The Woman's club held the annual meeting Monday afternoon and elected as its officers for the following year: Mrs. Mattie K. Priest, pres.; Mrs. Charlotte A. Tenney, vice-pres.; Mrs. Minnie F. Johnson, rec. sec.; Mrs. Alice M. Whitcomb, cor. sec.; Mrs. Caroline A. Hosmer, chaplain.

Mrs. Hattie A. Robinson retires from the presidency at the close of a very successful term. Her interest in the club and its aims has proved genuine and well directed. With characteristic good will and becoming modesty she presented to Mrs. Priest, the incoming president, the gavel which may well be yielded to her, for a glance at club history; should memory fail one, reveals a marvelous record of usefulness for Mrs. Priest. No name occurs more frequently on programs since the organization of this society eleven years ago, than hers. In committee work and reciprocity favors she has held a prominent place, and if loyalty can be measured by good will and service, Mrs. Priest is entitled to a seat in the local hall of fame, and the hearty support of every woman in the society.

A vote of thanks was universally extended to Mrs. Ada L. Webber, who has contributed to the club immeasurably by her support in music given freely and so happily that one would think she were the recipient rather than the giver of the favor. It is well known that Mrs. Webber considered the club interests of vital importance and not infrequently practiced sacrifice and self-denial for the good of the institution. To this as well as to the church and the schools she has given whole hearted service and uninterrupted devotion, and the club regrets its loss through Mrs. Webber's removal from town more than feeble words can express.

The Woman's club will observe its annual Field day on June 17, and has accepted an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Priest to their hospitable home.

The directors for next year are: Miss Emma E. Tenney and Mrs. Gertrude F. Houghton for three years; Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell and Miss Augusta O. Dewey for two years.

Birthday Anniversary.
Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard observed her birthday Tuesday very pleasantly by entertaining the Birthday club of Chelmsford of which she is a charter member. Besides fifteen women, who came from Chelmsford, there were present a few of Mrs. Pickard's nearest relatives in town.

A letter from the president unable to attend on account of sickness, anecdotes of amusing nature, and original and very entertaining "Chronicles of Lucy," written and read by Mrs. Kennedy, with the club song of "Auld Lang Syne," completed the literary part of the program. An elaborate spread was served. There were many pleasant tokens of esteem in the form of gifts from Mrs. Pickard's friends. The afternoon was much enjoyed and will long be remembered as a delightful milestone in Mrs. Pickard's life.

About Town.

Last week Friday afternoon, at the annual Unitarian Alliance meeting, the following officers for the coming year were chosen: Mrs. A. M. Hendley, pres.; Mrs. M. J. Priest, vice-pres.; Mrs. A. H. Knowlton, sec.; Miss Abbie Billings, treas.; Mrs. Lucy Harwood, who has served nineteen years as president, positively declined a re-election.

Last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest, with Roger, took in their auto Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb for a trip to Amherst, passing through Greenfield, returning by way of Holyoke, Springfield and Worcester. They were all delighted with the trip and were welcomed by Ralph W. Watts, one of our Littleton boys, a graduate of the agricultural college, holding a responsible position there, who showed them every attention.

Miss May Hartwell of Boston, was here Sunday, a guest at her aunt's home, Mrs. Lucy M. Harwood.

Sunday evening Miss Alice Prouty will have charge of the Guild meeting. Her topic will be "Unitarian hymns."

Mrs. Emma E. Taylor Dix of Watertown, was a guest with her cousin here, Mrs. Emily K. Adams, the first of the week.

Memorial day exercises will be held here in the afternoon and music will be furnished by Groton band.

It was unanimously voted at the Woman's club on Monday afternoon, then at the meeting of the society in the evening and the parents-teachers' association, that they all cooperate for a safer and saner Fourth, and methods with that end in view will be considered.

Tomorrow Rev. Perley B. Davis will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church. He will be remembered as having preached before, and a very able speaker.

Too Much Gold.

The Cost of Living Commission appointed by the Great and General Court to ascertain the cause of the increase in prices has finished its labors and reports that the increase in question is due to an over production of gold.

This is a great surprise to me as it doubtless is to many ill-informed readers of the report. I have not seen a gold coin these five years and had no idea there was so disastrous over-supply in the country.

However it may strain our faith we must accept the decision as final for a picked committee of the wise men we have sent to the legislature say it.

The representatives of the trusts cheerfully testified that they "didn't do nothing" and the "stand patters" as cheerfully proclaimed the tariff blameless, so the committee was forced to hold the platform of gold responsible.

Gold is a peculiar metal anyway. Away back in the sixties, prices were abnormally high on account we have often been told of the scarcity of gold. Now we have the same effect from the opposite cause, too great an abundance of gold.

Evidently gold works on the same such principle as the old toper's whiskey which he drank in summer to keep him cool and in the winter to keep him warm.

However, now it is settled that too much gold is the cause of all our troubles, the remedy seems simple. Let the government load this bothersome surplus on one of the warships and dump it overboard.

As the superabundance of the precious metal sinks to the bottom out of reach of anyone, the cause of the trouble being removed of course prices would at once sink to their normal level. What?

BOXBOROUGH.


News Items.
Mrs. Hoffman, who has been visiting Mrs. Page, has gone to Connecticut for a few days before returning to her home in New York.

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locating the new line of poles on Thursday, so we hope to have more and better service.

Work is now under way at the co-operative farm where a large number of asparagus roots are being set out and several acres of potatoes planted.

Miss Susie Littlefield spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Littlefield farm.

It seems as if the fruit trees were never as full of blossoms as they are at present. If there is one half as much fruit it will mean a busy season and we hope, a profitable one also.

A piano was put in the church vestry this week to take the place of the old organ that has been such a source of vexation to our young people.

The household goods of Henry Lawrence were moved Wednesday from Belmont to the Parker place, recently vacated by Charles Woodward. Mr. Lawrence has hired this house for four months until the new house which he is having built at Silver Hill is ready for occupancy.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell on Saturday, May 14, at one o'clock p. m., cows, heifers, horses, wagons, etc., belonging to John Manion, South Acton.

HARVARD.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ripley announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Charles H. Wilder of Fitchburg.

The Up-to-Date club had a very interesting meeting with Miss Helen Hildreth on Wednesday afternoon. A good number were present. Mark Twain was the subject, and many pleasing anecdotes were told. A good description of his home Stormfield was read and how he came to build it.

The Unitarian ladies met with Miss Ellen Gamage for an all day sewing meeting on Thursday. A goodly amount of work was accomplished and a very pleasant day spent.

Miss Annie Haskell will be at Sunny Side, as one of Miss Hildreth's helpers for the summer.

Mrs. G. C. Clay writes they are nearly settled in their new home and Lancaster has about recovered from the illness he had while here, which proved quite serious.

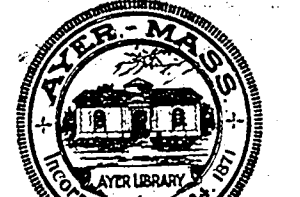
Mothers' day was quite generally observed in town last Sunday by many wearing a white flower, significant of the day.

Over 19,000 cancelled stamps were brought in at the last meeting of the King's Daughters.

Workmen have been at work in the cellar of the town hall, excavating for the new furnace.

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ASSESSORS' MEETING

The Board of Assessors will be in session in the selectmen's room on Tuesday evening, May 17, from 7.30 to 9.30, for the purpose of receiving statements of taxable property.

After the above date the regular meetings of the board will be held the last Tuesday evening of each month at the selectmen's room, from 7.30 to nine o'clock.

All persons having business with the assessors are requested to present it at a regular meeting.

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Saturday, May 14, 1910.

AYER.

News Items.

The Unitarian social gathering served a fine salad supper Tuesday night in the church vestry. Committee in charge was Mrs. Chas. E. Sherwin, Mrs. Herbert Farnsworth, Mrs. Harry Fisher, Mrs. Fred Morrison, Mrs. Howard Beverly, Miss Madolin Whitney, Mrs. Cushing, and Mrs. Edward Murphy.

Margery, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sanderson, is ill with measles and the other children of the family in quarantine as a consequence.

The Art class of the Woman's club met Tuesday evening with Miss Madolin Whitney. The program included papers on Sophocles, Mrs. Avis Fisher; the Caryatides, Miss Whitney; the Metopes, Miss Ada Blood; the three fates of the Parthenon, Mrs. Barker; the seated divinites of the east frieze of the Parthenon, Mrs. Alice Butterfield.

H. A. Downing has been troubled the past two weeks with his side where he underwent an operation twelve years ago for appendicitis. He will have another operation when well enough in order that his side may be made as good as ever.

G. R. Downing while driving in the woods Wednesday was hurt by sticking a pitchfork into his hand in two places. The accident was caused by the seat of the wagon breaking. Mr. Downing fears blood poisoning which makes the injury serious.

Married in Ayer, May 9, at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Frank S. Hartwell and Freda E. Sorenson of Williamsburg.

The Middlesex union minister's meeting was held Tuesday afternoon in the vestry of the Congregational church. Rev. E. C. Hayes of Acton was moderator. Two sermon plans were given, one by Rev. A. F. Newton of North Leominster and the other by Rev. H. B. Mason of Harvard on the text, "On this rock." The subject "The paternity of the lord" and a book review was given by Rev. Joseph Torrey, D. D., of Burlington, Vt., formerly pastor of the Shirley Congregational church. The book was written by Rev. D. C. Torrey of Bedford. Rev. G. M. Howe of Groton also read a paper.

The strawberry supper of the Congregational ladies Wednesday evening in their vestry was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The committee in charge was Mrs. Frances Tarrant, Mrs. R. C. Parker, Mrs. A. M. Winslow, Mrs. Harvey Winslow and Mrs. A. M. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Manning leave Saturday for Shirley, where Mrs. Manning and her boys will remain a week or more with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, after which they will join Mr. Manning in their new home in Mt. Vernon, N. Y. They will be greatly missed here where they have lived for many years. Mr. Manning arrived here Thursday night from New York city.

Howard B. White is having a bank wall of cement blocks put in the front and south side of his house lot on Washington street. It will make quite a change in the appearance of the place. E. H. Longley is doing the work.

The Geo. J. Burns Hook and Ladder company held its annual meeting on Thursday evening and officers elected were: Fred Atherton, capt.; Stanley L. Cotton, first lieutenant; Joseph Kyle, second lieutenant; Robert Irwin, clerk; George O. Fillebrown, treasurer; Paul Fillebrown, steward.

O. P. Robinson moves into his new home on Pleasant street on Monday of next week, known as the Manning residence.

At the annual meeting of the Hartwell hose company last Thursday evening, the officers elected were: Ellis B. Harlow, captain; E. O. Proctor, first lieutenant; I. G. Dwinell, second lieutenant; G. B. Remick, clerk; H. P. Fletcher, treasurer; S. J. Andrew, steward; Henry G. Turner, W. N. Scruton and Philip Andrew, standing committee.

The St. Mary's A. C. played at Nashua, N. H. last Saturday afternoon and were defeated by a score of 8 to 4. This makes the second defeat for the team this season, they having played ten games in all. The game with Shirley which was to be played here in the morning was not played, the Shirley team failing to keep its appointment. The St. Mary's will play Concord at the Civic club grounds, Saturday afternoon, May 14.

The Unitarian parish committee met Thursday evening with Charles Sherwin.

All members of the K. of P., who wish to go by automobile to Worcester on May 30, are requested to notify Brother L. J. Taylor on or before May 23. The exemplification of the rank of page will be worked by the Peter Woodland team of Lynn.

Friday night of last week George Hemenway, Rual Scruton, Fred Coburn, James Markham and John O'Brien attended the dance at Forge Village, and on their return missed the last electric car and had to foot it home.

Mrs. W. A. Richardson, who went to the Groton hospital last week Friday, and who was operated on for appendicitis the following morning, is now getting along nicely. For the first few days after the operation she was a very sick woman.

Nutting's grove was transferred to the town on last Saturday and the deed given. The price paid was \$5,000 in notes payable to Mrs. S. J. S. Bennett on installments of \$250 and payable the first day of May each year for twenty years with interest on the notes at four percent. This action was in accordance with the vote of the town at its last annual meeting.

Mrs. John Kendall went to the Groton hospital on Wednesday for a surgical operation.

Tuesday evening Vesta Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., went to Peppercall for the purpose of carrying the "traveling well" and presenting it to Acoma Rebekah lodge.

S. N. Lougee, through the real estate agent, H. A. Bliss of this town, has purchased the house on Nashua street, at present occupied by O. P. Robinson, postmaster.

D. L. Maguire, who, a few weeks ago, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Groton hospital, is back at Mrs. Mary Hume's where he rooms and is fast regaining his normal strength.

The local Post No. 48, G. A. R., have accepted an invitation to attend services at St. Mary's Catholic church on Memorial Sunday morning, and will march under escort of Capt. George V. Barrett Camp, No. 40, Sons of Veterans, which has also been invited. Music for the march will be furnished by the S. of V. drum corps.

There was a large and very enthusiastic gathering at Warsaw, Va., of the officers of the Memorial association and citizens in the courtroom of that town on Monday, May 2, at the unveiling exercises of portraits and tablets of the names of the clerks of Richmond county from the Colonial times to the present day. Among the donors are the names of Albert and Loren J. Warner, brothers of Miss Ada Warner, who cared for Mrs. Charles Mills in her last sickness and was well-known in Ayer. Mrs. Mills was a Warner before marriage and was the aunt of Miss Ada Warner, a native of Virginia. The Warner brothers, before mentioned, were natives of Harvard, and connections of the late Mr. Warner, who left a sum of money, the interest of which is used in the Warner free lecture course in that town.

Charles L. Farnsworth and family moved this week into their new residence, the Otis Brigham place, on Washington street.

The pretty year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dwinell, died Friday morning, May 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett of Worcester and Mr. Reeves' aunt, Mrs. Talbot of Worcester, passed a very pleasant time last Sunday with Mrs. Edward F. Learned of Fletcher street and Mrs. Eliza Parker of East Main street.

Following are the advanced passenger rates on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad from Ayer, beginning June 1:

| | Old rate. | New rate. |
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| North Leominster | .20 | .25 |
| Fitchburg | .30 | .35 |
| Greenfield | 1.40 | 1.84 |
| North Adams | 2.15 | 2.82 |
| South Acton | .25 | .27 |
| Concord | .35 | .40 |
| Waltham | .55 | .62 |
| Boston | .70 | .79 |
| Peppercall | .20 | .25 |
| Milford, N. H. | .50 | .65 |

Superintendent W. R. Mooney of the Worcester, Nashua & Portland division of the Boston and Maine, who has been in poor health for some time past, is enjoying a trip through the southern states. During his absence, the assistant superintendent, Herbert W. Davis, is acting superintendent.

The Ayer Electric Light Co. has purchased and installed a new generator of the Allis-Chalmers Co. of Milwaukee, Wis., Bullock type, seventy-five kilowatts, which gives them two generators instead of one.

For other Ayer news see page eight.

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice May 9: Lawrence Conway, Miss Annie Howard, Bertin Holmes, John B. Kendrick, Wilfrid Marion.

Cantata.

A very fine musical entertainment was given by the high school Friday evening, May 6, in the town hall. The principal number was the cantata, "Wreck of the Hesperus," which was given by the whole school as a chorus, the special parts being taken by C. A. Grosvenor, tenor; F. R. H. Stetson, baritone and Miss Marion W. Bowler, soprano.

The program opened with an overture by the high school orchestra, which later gave a serenade, "Sleeping beauty," and the march, "Under the American eagle," and responded to an encore. Solos, "A song of thanksgiving," Mr. Grosvenor and "Israfel," Mr. Stetson, were received with applause that secured encores. Miss Bowler has a fine voice and sang her part with marked success. The high school rendered very acceptably the chorus, "The call to arms," "The pigtail" and "The old guard."

The high school mandolin club gave pleasing variety to the whole with the selections, "Sing, smile, slumber," and "Spring song," securing an encore at the close of the long program. It was an evening of great pleasure to all those privileged to attend and was considered as fine a musical program as the high school has given. Miss Palmer, the music teacher, had charge of the chorus and did her work ably.

Springfield Firm Sued.

Walsh & Walsh of Fitchburg have brought a suit for Mrs. Adeline Butler of East Brookfield against the McAlpin Co. of Springfield, to recover for the death of her son, Ervin Butler, who was killed at Townsend Harbor by falling from the chimney upon which he was at work for the defendants.

The boy, who was sixteen years of age, was at work on the Spaulding mills, making repairs upon a high chimney and was being pulled to the top of it by a hand rope and when two feet from the top the hook broke and he fell to the ground and died from his injuries within an hour of the accident.

The foreman of the gang, J. C. Brown, is said to have disappeared soon after the accident.

Serious Accident.

About half-past three Wednesday morning the furniture barge of F. A. Sherwin of Groton, driven by Henry W. Ready of that town, was struck by a freight train going east on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad at Harris crossing, so-called, Mitchellville, and one of the span of horses killed outright, the other one badly injured, the barge smashed up into kindling wood and the driver was thrown quite a dis-

tance, and when picked up was unconscious. As soon as possible he was hurried to the railroad station here and taken to Boston on the five o'clock express to the Massachusetts general hospital. On examination it was found that his injuries were serious—one arm broken, his face badly disfigured and several scalp wounds. The latest from the hospital is that he is out of danger, but it will be some time before he entirely recovers from the accident.

William Dupres started with Henry Ready with the load of household goods, belonging to Mr. Nutter, that they were taking to Worcester. Before reaching Harris crossing, Mr. Dupres got out of the barge and was walking behind it when the accident happened and luckily for him he escaped uninjured.

Silver Wedding.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis E. Perry observed the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, Saturday evening, May 7, by a reception to friends and relatives at their home on Williams street. The house was very prettily decorated with potted plants, ferns, evergreen and cut flowers.

Mrs. Percy Lawrence and Mrs. Wm. Reynolds acted as ushers, and Glady's Lawrence and Edward Hopkins conducted the guests to the cloakroom. Those in the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Perry and their two daughters, Misses Edith and Bertha. They stood in the front room, under a decoration of evergreen bearing the dates 1885-1910 in white. The evening was enlivened with orchestral music by Harry Fisher, U. H. Barrows, Ruel and Walter Lougee, H. S. and George H. B. Turner.

Refreshments were served in the dining room by Misses Harriet Hume and Florence Hamblin.

Throughout the evening, guests came and went, some coming from Boston, Brockton, Bridgewater, Newtonville, Marlboro, Springfield, Groton, Malden, Fitchburg, Keene and Nashua. N. H. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gammons of Bridgewater, Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Alden of Brockton and H. A. Lawrence of West Roxbury, brother and sisters of Mrs. Perry.

Many beautiful gifts were received among them being:

A dozen and a half of silver teaspoons, cut glass and china fern bowls, cut glass water jar, cut glass and silver vase, three painted china dishes, two silver card receivers, ten silver tablespoons, four desert spoons, ice cream knife, lettuce fork, salad spoon, carving set, two silver teardrop trays, bon-bon spoons, butter picks, olive fork, cheese fork and spoon, sugar spoons, mayonnaise spoon, three olive spoons, china water set, two individual tea spoons, two pairs of salt and pepper jars, two individual saltcellars with ladles, books, silver fruit dish, three silver candle sticks, pair of Ayer souvenir spoons, six fruit knives, silver clock, bread and butter knives, pair linen tray cloths, pair of flowers from W. R. C. cold meat fork.

There were many beautiful flowers presented which were displayed, making the home very attractive. Over one hundred letters of congratulation were received. The event far exceeded expectations and the family greatly appreciate the many expressions of love and friendship.

Juvenile Minstrels.

Thursday evening Page hall was filled to its utmost seating and standing capacity with an audience which thoroughly enjoyed the bright and enjoyable minstrel show given by the children of St. Mary's parish. The young people certainly did themselves credit. There was not a break from the time the curtain rose until it went down and the jokes and local hits were all good and many were exceedingly cute. As all did well it is not possible to mention each character. These persons, blacked, served as ends, Leonard Bowler acting as interlocutor:

Evelyn Moore, Everett Hurley, Kathleen Hackett, Edward Coughlin, Lillian Meehan, Mark Moore, Alice McCarthy, Paul Carrigan, Katherine Donahue, Edward McGee.

The following are the ones who made up the chorus:

Agnes Moore, Madeline McCarthy, Gertrude Carrigan, Alice Guthrie, Edna McMahon, Edmund and Phillip Willis, Kathleen Keegan, Agnes and Mary Haller, Lena Burke, John Griffin, Madeline Devaney, Lena Markham, Della Devaney, William Moore, Francis Keegan, Nancy Keegan, Gerald Ryan, Richard Moore, John Pender, May Ryan, Gertrude Neill, Leola Wheeler, Edna Moore, Helen McGuane, Gertrude McCarthy, Agnes Moore, Charles Mullin, William Moore, Jerome Ryan, Leon Wheeler, Ruth Griffin, Frank Hurley, Walter Quinn, Mildred McGuane, Beatrice McCarthy, Minnie Curran.

In connection with the many local hits and jokes the following selections were well given:

Cabanon's Glee, Paul Carrigan; Dinah from Carolina, Evelyn Moore; Dutch girls, Ruth Griffin; Five hot rings on my fingers, Edward Coughlin; It looks like rain, Lillian Meehan; What's the matter with father? Charles Mullin; I'm in love with my Mary, Madeline McCarthy; I love my steady, Mark Moore; Take a chance with me, Gertrude McCarthy; Let's go into a picture show, William Moore; Put on your red and gray bonnet, Alice Moore; Where the river Shannon flows, Lena Markham and Della Devaney; I'll bring a ring around to Rosie, Alice McCarthy.

There was a grand opening chorus and the closing number was "America" and the members of the chorus waved the stars and stripes. Ice cream was sold and dancing enjoyed until 12.30. Music was furnished by the American orchestra.

District Court.

Search was made on the premises of Frank Rebo on the westerly side of Shirley street on Tuesday by officers Beatty and Mullin and they found eight gallons of lager beer in seventy-five bottles, which they seized. Rebo is charged with the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors and maintaining a common nuisance. He was in court on Thursday, plead not guilty and cases were continued to Monday, May 16. Charles Ballinger, night watchman at the vinegar factory of Rebo-Piper company, purchased of Rebo several bottles of lager and found the beer and bottles on the premises. When questioned where he got the beer, he told him. When the cases come up Ballinger will be a witness for the government.

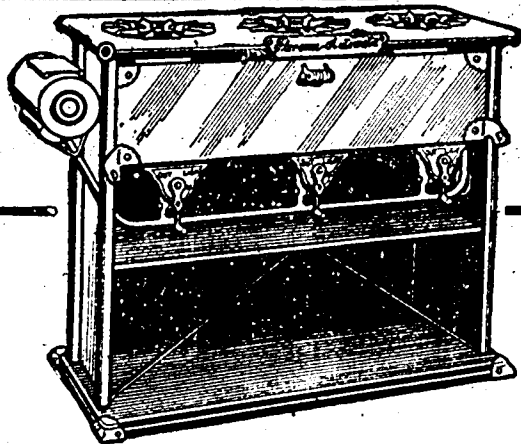
Thomas Gately of Shirley, William Hannis and Daniel Hurley of Ayer were in court May 10, charged with

drunkenness. They were on trial found guilty and fined each ten dollars.

John Vardis of Townsend, charged with assault and battery, May 10, Geo. H. Willett of the same town, complaint, comes up for trial, Saturday morning, May 14.

Park Development.

A complete study of other parks may afford suggestions for our own. A new park is now on its third season, in its successful operation in Slough Falls, S. D. The population of the city is the same as Leominster, but its city government is under the new method of administration. A tract of twenty acres, including a grove of black walnuts and elms, was acquired about three years ago, and the process of development is now in progress. The main driveway leads to a centrally located shelter house, with broad piazzas with tables and chairs for convenience for luncheons and picnics from showers. A sitting room with open fireplaces extends completely to those who enjoy the view to a lean slide. Twelve sleds are furnished free of charge. Last winter there were counted 200,000 slides down the toboggan coast, each trip being one thousand feet, circling round the border of the little lake. 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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

The annual meeting of the Old Home Week association will be held at Tarbell's hall, Tuesday evening, May 17, at eight o'clock.

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

Little Miss Jessie Farnsworth has gone to the Massachusetts General hospital at Boston, for an operation for appendicitis.

Harry S. Powers is at the home of his uncle, Harry Hobart at Pepperell, assisting in building a garage and making improvements on the house.

Two alarms were rung in Sunday afternoon, for an extensive forest fire near the boundary line of Brookline, Townsend and Mason. It is estimated that between 200 and 300 acres were burned over. Orville D. Fessenden, Perley L. Pierce of Brookline and Mrs. Martha Hildreth of Townsend were heavy losers.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright have commenced housekeeping in the cottage on Bond street, recently occupied by Harry Marshall.

George H. Abbott of New York City spent the weekend and over Sunday at the Seaver homestead. Mrs. Hattie Stiles and Miss Josephine Seaver returned to New York with him Monday.

William Koch and family have moved to the cottage owned by Mrs. M. M. Smith.

Thomas O'Connell and family of Revere, Mass., are at the Seagee homestead for the summer.

Mr. Partridge and family of Fitchburg are occupying the James French farm, owned by Orin Thomas. Miss Gladys Partridge is ill with scarlet fever.

About thirty of the patrons of Brookline grange attended the twentieth anniversary of Fruitdale grange at Mason on Tuesday, and assisted in the entertainment with the following:

Monologue, Mrs. Clara Russell; vocal duets, Misses Ethel and Maud Taylor; farce, "Maid to order," Mrs. Edna Hall; Misses Blanche Hill, Lila Barnaby, Annie Gilman, Mildred Gilman, Mabel Farnsworth.

Children's night at the local grange is to be postponed to a later date. One of the features of the program on Wednesday evening was an interesting talk on the comet by Stephen T. Marshall.

The Brookline grammar school nine and Hollis grammar school nine participated in a game of baseball on the local grounds last Saturday afternoon, resulting in a score of 9 to 5 in favor of the Hollis nine.

At the monthly meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood, last week Friday evening, the following program was enjoyed:

Charles R. Hardy gave an interesting account of his recent trip to Washington, D. C., sketch of Mark Twain and what some of his critics said about him. Principal S. T. Marshall; anecdotes of Mark Twain. Carl Clifford; song, Chester B. Valdege, H. Arthur Brown, Henry Bailey; sketch of Mark Twain, C. B. Valdege; remarks relative to Mark Twain, Rev. W. L. Noyes, Dr. Holcombe; remarks relative to the placing of the statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Hall of Fame at Washington, D. C. Voted to advocate a safer and safer Fourth of July. John Porter was accepted as a member.

Mrs. Emma Belle Kendall and Miss Eva Sawyer of Stirling, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall.

Mr. Jansen and family have moved from the house owned by Linville Shattuck to the Leonidas Pierce homestead and J. C. Barnaby is to move to the Cochrane homestead.

Miss Lillian Ames has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey.

Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker and Mrs. James Whitmarsh are at Inncroft. The Misses Parker spent the weekend and Sunday with them.

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

Mrs. Joseph Scott of Dedham and Mrs. Emma Donovan of Linden, Mass., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sweet.

Mrs. Etta Farley, widow of the late Albert Farley, died at Hollis, Tuesday night, May 3, after an illness of several weeks of rheumatism with heart complications, aged fifty-eight years. The funeral took place at her late home, Sunday. A daughter, Mrs. Herbert Spaulding, a mother, two sisters and a brother survive her.

Miss Lenora Bradley is having an arbor built at the Cox homestead. Arthur A. Goss has charge of the work.

Rev. George L. Perin, D. D., after a service of fifteen years, has resigned as pastor of the Beacon Universalist church at Brookline, Mass. His resignation was accepted and he was elected pastor emeritus. Rev. J. Van Ness Bandy of the Harvard Divinity school is his successor. Dr. Perin resigned to devote himself more fully to the affairs of the Franklin Square home of Boston.

Edward D. Lancy has been appointed dog killer for this town.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Clifford Burbee, who entered the Mount Herman school, Northfield, April 29, was attacked with German measles and was obliged to spend the first week in quarantine. He has recovered now.

Mrs. Etta Farley, widow of the late Albert Farley, passed away at her home, May 3, after a week's illness. Mrs. Farley was a native and lifelong resident of Hollis; a charming woman of strong sympathies, one who made many friends. As but few Miss Loraine Bell, gave a party to her friends and schoolmates on Saturday evening. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Bell of Nashua, came in honor of the event, remaining over Sunday, knew of her illness, the news of her death came as a shock to the community. She is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren, an aged mother, more than ninety years old, two sisters and one brother. Her funeral was held at her late home on Sunday afternoon, largely attended by

friends and the D. A. R., of which she was a charter member. Rev. D. B. Scott of Lancaster, Mass., was the officiating clergyman.

Charles Hazen, who has been ill for some weeks, was removed to Grasmere, May 6. It is feared that he will not recover.

All the schools in town closed last week Thursday afternoon, for the week, to give the teachers an opportunity to attend the Teachers' Institute, May 6 and 7, at Nashua.

Rev. W. H. Bolston, D. D., of Nashua, occupied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon, in absence of the pastor. The Sunday school observed anti-slavery Sunday, at the noon session. Mrs. Lovejoy, the local superintendent of the Sunday School department in the W. C. T. U., prepared a program for the primary and main school. In the primary department, there were recitations by the little folks, a blackboard talk; also, a talk by Mr. Lovejoy. In the main school, the young ladies sang, "We'll make the map all white," exercises by several classes, recitations, followed by a talk on cigarettes by Mrs. Jewett. In the evening, Col. Osgood of Nashua addressed the people in the interests of the anti-saloon league. He is a good speaker and outlined the campaign against the saloon.

Dr. Katherine Scott of Lancaster, Mass., accompanied her father, Rev. D. B. Scott to Hollis last Sunday, attending church where she went when a little girl.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Townsend high school won another victory at last Saturday's game at Athletic park, with a score of 2 to 1 against the Harvard high school. Their victory was won at their last time at the bat, when the Harvard pitcher, who had played a heady game, weakened and allowed the bases to be filled, after which Elwyn Swicker's single over third base brought in two runs, reversing the score, which had been 1 to 0, in favor of Harvard up to the eighth inning. The visitors were strong in battery work and outfielding and the whole game was played with a snap, consuming only one hour and twenty-five minutes of time. The longest hit was a three-bagger by Turner of Harvard.

Miss Bessie McGuire of Boston enjoyed a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McGuire, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Spaulding of Mansfield, were in town Tuesday.

The first and second degree were conferred upon a class of three at the grange on Monday evening. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred May 23.

The Congregational Sunday school is to send A. S. Howard, superintendent, as a delegate to the World-wide Sunday School convention, to be held at Washington, D. C., from May 19 to May 24. Since last Sunday he has also been appointed as State delegate and will receive his credentials this week, to that effect. Mrs. Howard will accompany him.

Dr. Clarence Chandler of Fitchburg was in town calling on his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Chandler this week.

Henry A. Hill has returned from a trip of several weeks to Jamaica.

Born, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Enos Swicker last week Friday.

W. T. Seward moved his family into Chas. Hildreth's upper tenement this week.

Friends of Mrs. Thomas McGuane of Ayer, formerly Miss Mary Attridge of this town, will be pleased to know that a little son arrived at their home on Thursday, May 5; also, a little son was welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence of Groton on Wednesday, May 11. Mrs. Lawrence was formerly Miss Emma Sherin.

Aden Swicker of Worcester was visiting in town among relatives this week.

Miss Alice Day Webster will assist at A. S. Howard's during the absence to Washington.

Town Meeting.

There will be a town meeting in Memorial hall on Saturday evening, May 14, at 7.30, to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a moderator.

Art. 2. To indemnify the Commonwealth against the claims for land and grade damages which may result from the laying out and construction of a section of state highway beginning at the westerly end of the 1907 layout and extending to the Ashby line, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 3. To authorize the selectmen to waive the right of the town to enter into contract under Sec. 16, Chapter 47, of revised laws for the construction of State highway which Commonwealth proposes to construct in town this year, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 4. To authorize the selectmen to enter into contract to build a bridge over Four Hill brook on State highway, near Josselynville, and borrow and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to move the engine or lock-up, so-called, now in the hose room at the Centre engine house to a more convenient place, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will appoint a committee of three, one from the center, one from West Townsend, and one from the Harbor to consider the matter of sidewalks in the three villages, and report at the next annual meeting at the town hall or act in any way in relation to the same.

Art. 7. To see if the town will appoint a committee to confer with the Fitchburg Board of Trade or any other party for the purpose of having closer business relations with Fitchburg by the extension of the trolley line from Lunenburg, or act in any way in relation to the same.

West.

It is expected that Rev. Samuel Ringrose from the Newton theological seminary will occupy the Baptist pulpit as a candidate next Sunday.

Mrs. Josephine Phelps and children from Fitchburg have been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Francis.

Fred Whittaker from Mason, N. H., has taken the Webster place in Josselynville recently vacated by Mr. Hart and family, who have moved to Ashby, and Mr. Bernazen will board with them.

Mrs. A. F. Stickney has returned from a several weeks' visit to relatives in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Edward E. Seaver from Nantuxet, Pa., has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Seaver and on her return last Thursday, was accompanied by Mrs. Seaver for a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. Robert A. Thompson, formerly Miss Lucy Boardman of this town, from Shackleford, Me., is in town for the summer.

Little Nathalie Thorpe, youngest child of William Thorpe of Elm street, has been adopted by a family in Northfield, and was removed to her new home last Sunday.

Miss Annie Moore of Cambridge is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Sanders at their home on Main street.

Benjamin Seabon has moved his goods into the tenement in the Upton house in Josselynville recently vacated by Mr. Ellis and family who have moved to Ashby.

Mrs. Bishop from Readsboro, Vt., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Cooke of Bridge street.

Wedding.

A party of about sixty-five met at the Manning house on Monday afternoon to witness the marriage of Miss Marion Kellogg, the daughter of the late Rev. B. F. Kellogg, of Swanzey, N. H., a former pastor of the Baptist church here, and Charles Arthur Hodgman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman. At three o'clock to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by Miss Alice Seaver, the bridal couple entered the parlor, where the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Cox of Harpswell, Me. The room was prettily decorated with apple blossoms, and there was a profusion of cut flowers, and at the close of the ceremony an informal reception was held at which all present greeted the bride and groom and wished them all happiness.

The bride wore a princess gown of white lawn and Japanese embroidery and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Alice Bowen of West Swanzey, N. H., who wore pink silk daintily embroidered, and the best man was Harvey Hodgman from Fitchburg, brother of the groom. Alden A. Sherwin and Carl B. Willard, friends of the groom acted as ushers, and Miss Agnes Thompson, Miss Inez McElligott, Miss Blanche Sprague and Miss Mabel Thompson passed the refreshments, which were served by Mr. and Mrs. Wilder and Miss Emily Orr.

At the close of the reception the young friends of the bride and groom kept them in strict surveillance, that they might not escape the customary send off, and when the auto from the Leominster garage arrived to convey them to Fitchburg, where they were to take the train, it was promptly surrounded and decorated by the young men, while the appearance of the bridal party was a signal for a blinding shower of rice and confetti amidst which they took their departure for a bridal trip which will include a visit to relatives in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodgman, who are very popular in the social life of the village, and prominent in the work of the church, will take up their residence upon their return in the Manning house on Main street, in the tenement which was the home of the bride's mother and grandfather, and which has been prettily and tastefully arranged for them, having been thoroughly renovated and modernized, and where they have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy and prosperous future.

The wedding gifts were numerous and very beautiful and were deposited to advantage in one of the upper rooms. Among the out-of-town guests were, Mrs. Charles D. Clark from Worcester, an aunt of the bride, who matronized the party, Miss Florence Blanchard of Worcester, Miss Alice Bowen of West Swanzey, N. H., Mr. Kaddy of Bellows Falls, Vt., Harvey Hodgman of Fitchburg, Justin Rawson of Leominster, Mrs. Susan White of Ashby, Mrs. Howard White of Ayer and Miss Annie Moore of Cambridge.

Harbor.

The Monday club was entertained by Mrs. Jones this week at Seven Pines.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Wharf entertained the "As you like it" club at her home, Highland cottage.

The preaching service at the Harbor church last Sunday met with a good attendance. At the close of the meeting it was unanimously voted to organize a Sunday school, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. Emma Josselyn, supt.; Mr. Babcock, asst. supt.; Miss Isabel Ewens, sec. and treas. Next Sunday the school will be arranged in classes and teachers chosen.

Whist Club Meeting.

On Friday evening of last week, in accordance of the invitations issued by their host, Will Cooper, about thirty guests assembled at Copper's hall. Since Mr. Cooper announced his intention of entertaining the whist club in the hall, the members have looked forward to an exceptionally good time. By half-past eight every seat at the seven tables were taken and the game continued with unabated interest until eleven. After the serving of refreshments there were several vocal selections; then followed dancing.

It would be difficult to say which part of the entertainment pleased the most. This was one of the occasions when the realization of enjoyment outstripped its expectation. It was not till the time for seeing the comet had arrived and one of the guests had facetiously announced from the stage that it was time to go home, did the party break up. The highest score made during the evening was forty-eight points, honors being equally divided between Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Knight. Will Wharf had the highest men's score, two points less than the ladies. On the head table in each of two successive rounds, Mrs. Fletcher and Dr. Boynton secured thirteen points.

Among the guests for the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Nutting and Miss Kate Tarbell, all of West Groton.

Club Meeting.

The Remnant club met with Mrs. Oren Ball of Lakewood on Tuesday, when a pleasant social time was had. The guests were Mrs. Ralph Ball and Mrs. Lucy J. Lawrence of the Centre. There was music and an original poem by Mrs. Ralph Ball. The hostess showed a bewildering number of quilts and patchwork covers—one quilt and in over 1500 pieces, one silk quilt and one of drawn work, with insertions and fringes, made by a relative of Mrs. Ball nearly one hundred years ago. Also, tin bakets, teakettle and other kettles that hung on the crane in ye olden time, a foot stove and other things. Tea, with sandwiches, salad and cake was served on crockery as perfect as if new, that belonged to Mr. Ball's mother before her marriage. Lemonade in a punch bowl, the property of Mr. Ball's grandfather and other things that carry us back to the time when we were subjects of King George III.

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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 3157, 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 Fitchburg, 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 37 1/2° West 52 feet to a bound at land of S. C. Damon; thence South-west 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° 25' 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 1/2 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 for 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.

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STATE POLITICS WARMING UP

Vahey's Friends Are Getting Somewhat Nervous

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Cost-of-Living Commission Holds Gold Responsible For Increased Prices—Tariffs and Trusts Only Very Small Factors

The interest in political circles almost exclusively centers around the Democratic nominations for governor. It seems to be taken for granted that almost the entire Democratic state machine now favors the nomination of Congressman Eugene N. Foss rather than ex-Senator James H. Vahey of Watertown.

It is said on high authority that if Mr. Foss is not the Democratic candidate for governor, he will not be on the ticket at all, and the question of funds for the campaign would then become acute.

There are some who believe that Mr. Vahey will finally see the light, and rather than engage in a campaign without funds, will step aside, and allow Mr. Foss to be nominated.

The Cost of Living Report

The state commission to investigate and report upon the increased cost of living has performed the task entrusted to it and has made its report to the legislature.

The report has not yet been printed, but it is expected that it will appear about the first of June.

The Income Tax Defeated The legislature has, after a strenuous contest, voted against allowing congress to impose an income tax upon the citizens of Massachusetts.

The Republican state committee is already beginning to wake up the city and town committees of the commonwealth to a pitch where active work can be begun forthwith on the next campaign.

Its vicinity already have been called together in conference and an appeal made to their members to set the campaign in motion.

Senator Thorndike Spalding The death of Senator Thorndike Spalding of Cambridge removed from the legislature one of its ablest members.

Today the members of the great and general court are predicting an adjournment early in June, possibly by the 11th.

New Advertisements.

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Administrator's Notice of Sale of REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a decree of the Probate Court for Middlesex County dated May 2, 1910, will be sold at public auction on the premises on Wednesday, June 1, 1910, at four o'clock in the afternoon, a one and one-half story dwelling house with about 7,500 square feet of land situated on the Western side of Forrest Street, Ayer, Massachusetts, and numbered nine (9) Forrest Street, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake on Forrest Street, being N. 66° 30' E. nineteen (19) feet seven (7) inches from the corner stone of the piazza of dwelling house late of Hibbard P. Ross; thence N. 50° W. one hundred and fifty (150) feet six (6) inches by land late of said Ross; thence by said Ross land N. 40° 45' E. forty (40) feet six (6) inches to corner of land late of Joel E. Fletcher; thence South one hundred and forty (140) feet seven (7) inches to said Forrest Street; thence South on said Street S. 27° 45' W. sixty-eight (68) feet to the first mentioned corner. Terms: Three hundred (300) Dollars in cash at the time and place of sale, balance in ten days thereafter, and the right is reserved to reject any or all bids. The premises will be open for inspection on the day of sale. Further terms will be announced at the sale. ARTHUR W. BALCOM, Administrator of the Estate of Betsey C. Balcom.

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Saturday, May 11, 1910.

PEPPERELL.

Cleanings.

At the meeting of Acoma Rebekah lodge on Tuesday, May 10, a very enjoyable evening was spent. There were visitors from Milford, N. H., Townsend, Dunstable, Groton and a large representation from Vesta Rebekah lodge of Ayer. The latter named lodge presented the traveling well to Acoma lodge, and also furnished a very enjoyable entertainment. Grand master Perry and grand instructor Webber also paid the lodge an official visit. Five candidates were initiated. After which a bountiful supper was served in the banquet hall. Entertaining remarks followed the supper and it was in the "wee sma" hours that the company departed to their several homes. There were about one hundred and forty present.

Mrs. A. A. Blood of Gardner, who came to attend the exercises at Acoma lodge, remained a short time to visit friends in town.

Mrs. Elbridge Jewett of Pleasant street, recently entertained Mrs. P. Kidder and a friend from Milford, N. H.

Mrs. Emma Hill has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Neal McWilliams of Hollis street. Mrs. Hill is now at her sons in West Groton.

Mrs. C. G. Willey is confined to her bed with a severe attack of rheumatism.

James Winch has left the Nashua River Paper company and is now employed at the Pepperell card shop. John O'Toole, sr., has also left the paper mill, where he has been employed over twenty years.

Mrs. Nancy Dudley of Natick is visiting Mrs. Horace Drury of Pleasant street.

Mrs. Sarah Shattuck of High street is quite sick.

It is rumored that the Artley brothers, grocers, are to move from the store occupied by them in Chaney's block to the store corner of Main and Cross streets.

Miss Teresa Fitzpatrick of Worcester spent Sunday last with her aunt, Mrs. M. Dowling of Cross street.

Lawrence Morgan, R. F. D. mail carrier, is out with a new automobile. People in that district are expecting Mr. Morgan to make better time than ever in delivering the mail and daily papers, especially on Sunday, going to receive their papers in the forenoon. Instead of afternoon as heretofore.

People need to know that a young man who has been posing as an undertaker, doing a "business" of "strapped" claimants from Lowell, and soliciting money to go to Fitchburg. Judson Willard of Tucker avenue has sold his "swish" little rascal car to Joseph Roubillat. The car, which is quite a musical affair, will now be heard in other parts of the town. The many friends of Joseph are looking for joy rides.

Mrs. Martha O'Neal of Newton, formerly of Pepperell, has been obliged to return to the hospital and submit to another operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall of Pleasant street received the sad news on Friday of last week of the death of their son in Buffalo, N. Y. The death was not unexpected as Mr. Marshall has been an invalid for a long time. The body was taken to Hartford, Conn., for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall left here on Saturday last for Hartford to attend the funeral.

Miss Maud Marshall, who has been visiting at the home of her parents on Pleasant street, returned to Fitchburg on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wait and family have moved into the O. M. Nash house on River street.

The honors have been assigned to this year's graduating class of the high school and are as follows: Valedictory, Miss Barbara Bancroft; salutatory, Walter Avery; class prophecy, Miss Bertha Johnson; class history, Oliver Perry. Besides the above named the remaining graduates are Misses Gertrude Sullivan, Gladys Shattuck, Bessie Farley and Charles Hardy. The date of the graduation will be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson and son Clyde of Fitchburg have been visiting relatives in town, coming last week Friday and returning on Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Harriman, who has been greatly missed in Acoma Rebekah lodge since her detention at home on account of illness, was able to be present at the meeting on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. H. O. Shattuck returned on Wednesday from a visit with her brother Nathaniel Lakin of Townsend.

Dr. Lovejoy was summoned to the city hospital at Nashua last week on account of the continued serious illness of Mrs. Esther Shattuck.

A large number of members of the L. A. S. of the M. E. church met in their room at the M. E. church on Wednesday. Quite an amount of work was accomplished and plans made for work in their line in the immediate future. Three people were admitted by letter to the Methodist church on Sunday last.

The members of the Methodist church and congregation, while regretting the loss of their former pastor, are welcoming the new one with open hearts and hands. A large audience listened to a very able sermon on Sunday.

About Town.

Albert Lewis, who has been in the employ of George E. Shattuck, is now employed by J. A. Saunders in the store.

Mrs. Anna Nutting of Gardner has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nutting this week.

About thirty from here attended the neighbors' night meeting at Nashua, N. H., Friday evening of last week, between Granite grange of Milford, N. H., and Nashua grange. Milford furnished the entertainment and Nashua the supper in Oddfellows' hall.

George Haskell of Boston and friends spent Sunday at Miss Ann Maxwell's on Townsend street.

James Hunt of Canal street is making extensive repairs on his house.

The Hardscrabble whist club met last week Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nutting of Townsend street. Gardner Willey and Irene Tarbell winning the first prizes and Roy Nutting and Miss Wilson the booty.

Mrs. Melora Seales has gone to Yarmouth, Me., to visit her son, Andrew Woodward, formerly of this town.

George Herrig of Reading spent last Sunday with his family in Pepperell.

W. A. Kemp, Harry Wentworth and Frank Bennett started Monday morning for a fishing trip in New Hampshire.

Miss Higgins, formerly of this town, now of Grand Rapids, Mich., expects to sail for foreign lands on June 8.

Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence of Townsend street is quite ill, a trained nurse is in attendance.

The eightieth birthday of Mrs. Bradford Shattuck was observed by her many friends who gathered at her home on Head street on Tuesday evening, May 10. It was a great surprise.

Marshall Meriam, Jr., from Providence, R. I., has been visiting his parents the past week. He sailed Tuesday, May 10, on the Ivernia for Europe, and while there he expects to witness the Passion play at Oberammergau. Mr. Meriam has been an instructor in gymnasium work for the last few years in Providence.

Rev. Robert Tams arrived Monday night at Rainsford Dewar's for a visit.

Mrs. Ida Peckham, who has been a visitor at Mrs. Wm. Kendall's, returned to Boston Thursday, May 5.

George E. Shattuck is just commencing work on the cellar of a new house nearly opposite to the place where he now lives on the Nashua road.

Miss Ryder and friend of Cambridge is spending the month of May at the Gerrier cottage.

George W. Tarbell arrived Saturday at his father's, Geo. G. Tarbell on Brookline street and left Sunday afternoon, making a hurried visit with friends before leaving for Australia, where he has agreed to go in the interests of the publishers of the Scientific American. He has been associated with journalism for the past thirteen years. Mr. Tarbell expects to leave his children, aged five and seven years, here in Pepperell to be educated in the public schools during his five year contract in Australia.

On Tuesday one of the agents of the Boston milk contractors was in town trying to persuade the farmers to ship milk to them in Boston. It is hoped that our farmers are not so blind to their own interests as to accede to his persuasions. Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice: Katherine Conner, E. Hopkins, Miss Edythe Kemp, Harry MacGregor, Oscar McDollan, Melvin A. Rodgers.

News Items.

Mrs. Noah S. Pike, who has been with her brother, Charles E. Wright, in Baraboo, Wis., since November last, returned home Wednesday, May 11. On her way to Pepperell she spent two weeks with her nephew at Rome, N. Y.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will hold a thank offering meeting at the home of Mrs. Waldo Spaulding on Wednesday afternoon, May 18, at three o'clock. Miss Louise K. Noyes, formerly field secretary of the W. H. M. A., will be present and give an address on "The twentieth century frontier." A general invitation is extended to those interested.

Don't forget the free lecture by the state forester on Monday evening, May 16, in Prescott hall. It is expected that an opportunity will be given for questions on any matter connected with the subject of forestry.

Mrs. Mary Kidder and Miss Taylor of Milford, N. H., were recent visitors at Mrs. Eldridge Jewett's.

Mrs. Nancy Dudley of Marlboro is a guest at Mrs. Horace Drury's.

James Williamson of Manchester, N. H., formerly of this town, spent Sunday as a guest of Joseph Donnelly.

The L. B. S., of the Congregational church, will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, May 19, at 2.30 o'clock.

Miss Margaret Burns, daughter of R. K. Burns, Pleasant street, is very ill with appendicitis and it is expected she will be taken to the hospital Friday.

There was an enthusiastic reception last Friday evening in the vestry of the M. E. church, given in welcoming the new pastor, Rev. A. W. Nelson, Mrs. Nelson and daughter Ruth. Rev. G. F. Durgin and Mrs. Durgin were present from Boston where Mr. Durgin is pastor of the Bromfield street church. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge of the Congregational church and Mrs. Drawbridge attended and rendered special vocal selections. Rev. G. F. Durgin made the speech of welcome. A musical program was furnished by Messrs. Robbins, Hayes and Miss Laura Herrig, violin. Choice refreshments were served. Ushers were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wright, Mrs. D. E. Weston and Miss Beatrice Wallace.

Russell P. Wright of H. P. Hood & Sons, Boston, was home over Sunday.

About ten couple attended the Groton high school play last Monday evening.

The high school team lost to Littleton last Saturday in a closely contested game. It went for ten innings, score 6 to 3.

E. F. Brigham is to have a telephone in his hardware store recently purchased of W. M. Mault.

M. E. Gaskell has purchased of Samuel Heywood, the farm on Oak Hill known as the Orcutt place. Sale was made through J. L. Boynton.

There are now over three hundred takers of town water.

Dr. H. E. Howe has been a recent visitor at the home of his brother, Dr. E. D. Howe.

H. F. Hobart is building a garage at his place intending to purchase an auto. He has a splendid cemented foundation already finished.

The residence of Charles S. Denham, Main street, is having a new coat of color applied, in charge of W. E. Chapman.

Some work has been done on the grounds for the new house of town clerk P. J. Kemp. Stakes have been driven where excavating is to be done and town water pipes have already been laid through the street wall.

Miss E. M. Haynes is to have extensive alterations made on her Main street property. The roof is being raised in the addition of tearing away of many old buildings.

A lot of oak plank of extra good quality have been drawn to repair the Main street bridge over the river. These were purchased of Kemp & Bennett.

It is reported that Courtland S. Hill has sold his farm on Brookline street, known as the Bacher farm. On inquiry it is stated that an agreement of sale has been drawn and deposit made.

J. L. Thayer and Charles Marshall, Pleasant street, are having town water installed.

There should be a representative attendance at the special town meeting. A lot of important business is to be seen to and money appropriated. Everyone interested in the town should make special efforts to attend and also tell your neighbor to be there.

Town Meeting.

A special town meeting is called for Thursday evening, May 19, in town house at eight o'clock. The following are the articles in the town warrant: Art. 1. To choose a moderator.

Art. 2. To hear reports of any committee and the report of the water commissioners and act in relation thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to instruct the water commissioners to lay a six-inch water main from the corner of Head and Sheffield streets to a point near the Burkinshaw knife factory, and a six or eight-inch water main on Oak Hill street to the schoolhouse and instruct them to issue bonds for same if needed.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to accept Chap. 452, Act 1908, relating to watering the streets.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to drain Groton street near the schoolhouse, and make an appropriation for the same.

Art. 6. To publish a report of the 1910 valuation.

Art. 7. To see if town will vote to abolish the caucus in choosing town officers and adopt the Australian ballot in its place.

Art. 8, 9 and 10. Bylaws to be accepted or not, relating to licensing of junk dealers, hawkers and peddlers and unsafe buildings.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to indemnify the Commonwealth against claims for land and grade damages which may result from the laying out and construction of the proposed state highway on South street.

Art. 12. To vote as to the repairing of Main street and make appropriations.

To the Editor:

There appeared in your paper of last week an article in the Pepperell news items relating to the case of Patrick F. Sullivan, the inhabitants of the town of Pepperell, which seemed to me so erroneous and misleading that I felt it my duty, in support of the selectmen of Pepperell and myself, as counsel for the town of Pepperell, to make answer thereto and to present the facts relating to the above case, before the citizens, with your kind permission in your paper, for them to say whether or not the judgment of the selectmen has best subserved the public or not. The article inferred two things: first, that Mr. Sullivan has been treated unfairly in being obliged to prosecute his claim, and secondly, that the town has been put to unnecessary expense through the error in judgment of the selectmen or town council, in not settling the case out of court.

Accordingly here-in set forth the facts of the case, which are briefly as follows:

After suit was brought by Mr. Sullivan, at a meeting of the selectmen, we decided that the sum of two hundred dollars would fully recompense him for any damages he had sustained. As counsel for the town of Pepperell, I accordingly offered the attorney for the petitioner, two hundred dollars. This sum was refused. That which the petitioner sought in satisfaction of his claim, without going into details, was the raising of his building, which would have cost the town of Pepperell, in the opinion of Mr. Miller, who is an expert in such matters, seven or eight hundred dollars. After the jury had taken a view, my original offer of two hundred dollars was increased by me, with the understanding that the respondent would pay no costs up to that time. This sum was refused by counsel for the petitioner, and a figure asked which was so far away from the figure which I offered, that there was no alternative for me to accept, but to defend the suit. The petitioner recovered the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, with interest from the date of the completion of the street. This was fifty dollars less than the original offer which the selectmen made to him. In view of these facts, how can it be said that the petitioner was in the right and that the selectmen were in error?

In addition to that, the statement made that it would cost the town six hundred dollars, is absolutely incorrect. It will probably not cost much more than half that sum, and in any event it will be less than any figure suggested as acceptable by the petitioner at any time in settlement of his claim. Respectfully yours,

FRANCIS G. HAYES.

HARVARD.

News Items.

W. H. Godfrey, who is foreman for H. F. Whitney, at the old homestead, was taken ill early this week and on Wednesday, Dr. Royal ordered his removal to the hospital where he was operated on for gallstones. Over fifty particles of various sizes were removed and the patient is now resting comfortably. If nothing new develops Mr. Godfrey will be about in a month's time.

Misses Ethel and Edna Godfrey, who have been in Hopkinton, arrived home on Thursday evening.

Miss Winnie Bryant spent a few days at Fitchburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nickerson of Brookline were recent visitors at Emil Anderson's.

Mrs. Orin Fairbank and daughter Emeline, recently spent a few days with relatives at Lowell.

Fairbank & Lee have under contract the Unitarian parsonage for refitting inside and out.

Mrs. Graves of Ayer and Mrs. Bird and daughter of Pepperell spent Wednesday here as guests of Mrs. Emeline Carman.

The household goods of Herman Skillings are going this week to Maine and Mr. Skillings and family start on Monday night.

Mrs. Bert Trook of Westboro, formerly Miss Katie Hynes of this town, was taken suddenly ill on Monday of this week and was at once removed to the hospital at Worcester, where she was operated on for appendicitis. It was quite a severe case, but at present Mrs. Trook is resting comfortably.

Miss Margaret Bagster entertained a party of friends at her home on Tuesday evening, May 10, the event being her birthday anniversary. The party had a very pleasant social time, Miss Bagster entertaining with selections on the gramophone.

Miss Della Clough is opening and putting to rights Sunnyside, the home of Miss Emily Hildreth. Miss Hildreth, who has spent her winter with Mrs. Parsons at Lakewood, N. J., is expected here as soon as the house is ready. Miss Annie Haskell has been engaged to superintend the culinary department for this season.

Tuesday evening, May 17, the grange hold their regular meeting at the town hall. This is neighbors' night and Groton grange are to furnish the entertainment. If former events of this kind are a prophecy for the one to come, there certainly will be an entertainment worth hearing. The supper committee are making strenuous efforts to amply provide for those who come and all members are earnestly requested to do their part in providing.

Thomas Dolan and family of Cambridge are at their home on Oak Hill for the summer.

Sudden Death.

E. E. Clifton of Watertown, who has been head carpenter for the past two years at the estate of Wm. L. Crosby on Oak Hill, was taken with acute peritonitis last week Friday night, after doing his full day's work. Dr. Royal was called and ordered his immediate removal to the hospital.

He was taken to the Clinton hospital and died at ten o'clock that night. Undertaker Lindley took charge of the remains and Sunday accompanied the body to Marlton, where service was held on Tuesday. Mr. Clifton was a widower,

his wife dying seven years ago. He leaves a brother, Obed Clifton of Marlton and two sisters residing at New Bedford.

The Churches.

Rev. Delos Smith occupied the pulpit for the second time on last Sunday. Very favorable impressions are reflected from him. Malcom Campbell of Still River is taking the tenor place in the choir made vacant by the leaving of Mr. Lougee. He is a young man set in the Bromfield school, but gives promise of future usefulness with his voice. Sunday morning, May 15, Rev. F. K. Gifford of Melrose will speak at the morning service on the subject, "New days for old."

Last Sunday evening at the regular C. E. meeting, the subject under consideration was good citizenship and the topic was socialism. Miss Pollard opened the meeting with selections from the writings of conservative thinkers. Milwaukee city government under a full socialist board being the keynote. Mr. West gave a few very interesting ideas and facts on the side of socialism. Mr. Mason also spoke, presenting very sound argument for both sides of the question. The young people's sextette gave two selections.

Still River.

Up to Thursday there is no change in the milk situation in Still River. There have been no desertions from the ranks of the strikers, but there are rumors that some are going back soon if not settled.

Mrs. L. H. Morse, wife of the pastor of the Baptist church, went to the Clinton hospital recently and underwent an operation for chronic appendicitis. She is doing well at last report and hopes to be out in a couple of weeks.

The Fairchild's arrived from Rutherford, N. J., Thursday evening, for their summer stay at their Still River home.

Mrs. Herbert Whitney of Worcester is having her Still River cottage painted. A. W. Robinson is doing the work. Mrs. Whitney is here while the work is being done.

Chester Willard has purchased a horse power sprayer for trees and potatoes.

Mrs. Luther Willard has been quite ill this week.

Mrs. Sophia Stone is recovering from her illness.

S. B. Haynes visited his mother and brother in Springfield Saturday night and Sunday.

Charles Merrifield has a daughter from Maine visiting him.

The ladies' mission circle of the Baptist church will hold their annual meeting in the vestry Tuesday afternoon, and it is expected that Mrs. Waterbury of Boston will address them.

AYER.

To the Editor:

I am complimented by your request to give a "dye in the wool" New Englander's impression of Southern California.

I had regarded it as raw, immature, a sort of mining camp where comforts were few and luxuries unknown; a boom country, where civilization was crude and natural advantages exaggerated. I found it a natural paradise, supplemented by enterprise, thrift, and marvelous commercial achievements.

Los Angeles is destined to be one of the greatest cities in this country in point of size, wealth, beauty and comforts. It is situated in a valley, surrounded on three sides by mountain ranges and open to the West on the Pacific ocean. Originally this region was practically a desert. Today its fertility is a marvel, a transformation wrought by irrigation that is still in its infancy. The city's wealth and population are growing by leaps and bounds. Last month the building permits reached \$100,000, and the cancellations at the postoffice were a million in excess of March, 1909. In 1880 the population was but 10,000, largely Mexicans living in adobe huts. Today it numbers over 300,000. Strange and unusual, but true, the tenderfoot has made the most money, through the appreciation of land values. He bought and held on because he believed the glowing prophecies which the real estate agent intended to overstate. People who come to scoff remain to regret that they did not come earlier. Every year the population is augmented by thousands of well-to-do people who come as tourists only to find the attractions too great to leave.

The climate is superb. Excepting for the rainy season, it is practically uniform. You sleep under blankets all the year round. One of my visits was in August. I had fitted myself out anticipating I was to go to a sort of Sahara, where the people dressed in linen and men carried parasols, and found myself so out of place that I hastened to the hotel and put on ordinary habiliments, lest my attire should make me too conspicuous as a tenderfoot. The sun gets in its work before noon and you find yourself drifting to the shady side of the street. Along that time a gentle, invigorating, refreshing breeze sets in from the ocean, so filled with life-giving ozone that you are loath to go inside and lose a breath of it. As an all round health resort it leaves little to be desired. People who go there hoping only to be comfortable invalids, find restored health and vigor. I met one man, whose story that he came, as he supposed, an incurable consumptive, required confirmation. I am something of a pedestrian, but I have been walked to exhaustion by a man who told me that he came to Southern California on crutches, which he never expected to abandon.

An enumeration of the suburban attractions of Los Angeles seem an exaggeration. It is a trolley ride of about an hour to a line of beautiful and varied beaches: Santa Monica, an ocean front city; Ocean Park with cottages that in comfort and artistic beauty, at a moderate cost, have no equal; Venice, a seashore amusement resort, the Coney Island of Los Angeles, with its great midway pier, its bathing pavilion, and laid out inland in canals and lagoons that reproduce, on no small scale, its famous namesake of the Adriatic; Long Beach, with its Virginia hotel, claimed to be the finest beach hotel in the world; San Pedro, with its great government

breakwater, looking confidently forward to be the seaport of the Pacific on the opening of the Panama canal; Redondo Beach, famous for its bathing and fishing, and other smaller beaches, too numerous to be even catalogued. Two hours distant is Catalina Island, which Andrew Carnegie says surpasses in natural beauty, any place he ever visited. The Californians find pleasure in saying that had Columbus landed on Catalina Island, New England would have remained a howling wilderness.

A two-hour electric ride through the orange groves takes you into the San Madro mountain, where you have a choice that will satiate the most fastidious. At the summit of Mt. Lowe, 5,000 feet above the sea level, and two hours' ride from Los Angeles, is the famous Alpine tavern, where you will have no difficulty in imagining you are among the Alps. If you seek a thriller you can ascend Mt. Wilson on burros, along a bridge path which will test whether you are immune from giddiness. If you want something more frigid and strenuous, you may climb to the eternal snows of Old Baldy, whose white cap is always in sight from the orange groves of the valley.

Flowers infinite in variety and beauty are growing everywhere in prodigious luxuriance. Roses climb to the roofs of the cottages, calla lilies are in hedge rows, geraniums take the place of our scrub oaks, avenues are lined with palms, olives, pepper and other semi-tropical trees, and in spring the air is redolent with the perfumes of orange blossoms. The suburbs of Los Angeles baffles description—Pasadena, Oak Knoll Altadena, Hollywood, Newport, Highland Park and others, where man has supplemented nature's beauties.

It is an hour's trolley ride to San Gabriel Mission, hoary with age and tradition. A few hours by rail will land you at Santa Barbara, the largest, grandest and best preserved of the Californian missions.

I dare not do the homes of Los Angeles the injustice of attempting their description. Their endless variety and surprising beauties of landscape and architecture surpass the imagination. The majority are of the Spanish mission type, with here and there a Colonial. I thought the Pan American exposition was the limit of Spanish renaissance, but its glories pale before the Los Angeles residences. It is said to be the most artistically lighted city in the world. Its ornamental lamp posts with clustered white globes are decorative by night and by day.

Los Angeles vindicates those who preach the blessings of mingled races. It is thoroughly cosmopolitan. It can't be otherwise, because its growth far exceeds the possible birthrate. Its people are wise and emphatic in their optimism. The only knockers are those who make it uncomfortable for anyone who does not stand behind and speak well of a local enterprise. The most popular badge is that of the booster. Whatever they do, they do it to the Queen's taste, and with a vim which insures success. Taking everything into consideration, their recent Aviation Meet stands without parallel. It was a success as a whole, and in every detail. Aerial achievements, in which the world is now so interested, cannot hereafter be referred to without mentioning Los Angeles, and that is what its promoters aimed at. Here three important records were made: the quickest start, the most accurate alighting, and the highest flight. \$100,000 was subscribed to make the venture a success, and every dollar was repaid with twenty-five percent interest. In the moving and caring for the immense crowds, there was not a single mishap. During the past month, in their new saucer track, they have smashed all previous automobile records.

Appreciating that water in this country is a source of wealth, the city has undertaken the Owen River project, which is to bring under the mountains into the valley, the greatest diversion of water yet undertaken by hydraulic engineers. It is to furnish abundant water for domestic, sanitary and fire purposes. As it falls from the mountain into the distributing basins, 100,000 horse power will be developed which will make Los Angeles the greatest manufacturing city on the Pacific coast. California has become the greatest oil producing state and the Los Angeles oil wells have added enormously to the city's wealth.

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