

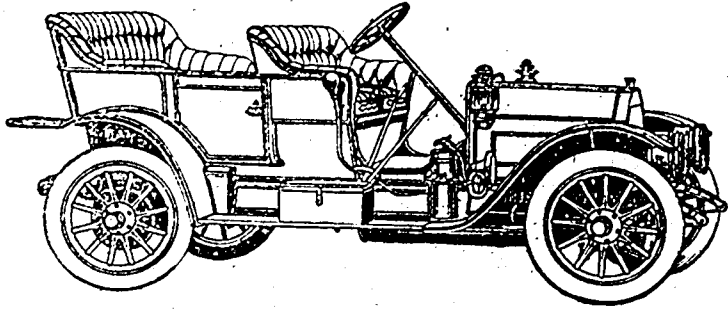
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HARVARD.

News Items.
 On Thursday evening, May 26, Harvard grange will present the three-act drama, "Willowdale," at the town hall at eight o'clock. Posters will be out later with a full cast of characters. Popular prices. Tickets will go on sale at Gale, Dickson & Co.'s store on Monday morning, May 23, at nine o'clock.

At the next regular meeting of the grange, held on Tuesday evening, June 7, the men's second degree and the ladies' third degree team will present their floor work for exhibition in costume. Members of the teams please take notice and be prepared. Candidates are already getting their names in, in readiness for the regular class initiation.

Rev. W. Delos Smith will preach at the Unitarian church at the regular morning service on Sunday, May 22.

On Wednesday of last week an automobile party consisting of A. J. Atwood, J. C. Barnes and daughter and Rev. Frank Andrews of Plymouth, visited the home of W. Fred Dickson of this town. The party stayed over Thursday, returning by auto to Plymouth on Friday morning. On their return Miss Helen Dickson accompanied them, making a short visit to her grandfather, Mr. Atwood, at his Plymouth home.

Miss Nell T. Hartshorn is to take the census here, taking the place of Mr. Clay who, owing to his appointment as superintendent of schools at the Dana-Preseott district, was unable to do. Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clay sent them a purse of twenty dollars last week as a slight token of their esteem for his work in this town.

Although Harvard came very close two years ago to beating the record as the healthiest town in the state, and is noted for its freedom from sickness, yet the old adage an ounce of prevention, etc., holds good. Dr. M. D. Pierce, a physician of Lynn, has hired for one year the house of Emma Willard on the town hall hill and will open for practice. He comes well spoken of, and certainly has the best wishes of the people here. He expects to locate right away.

Walter I. Archer is moving in new furniture into the south tenement of

W. P. Farwell's house on the common and expects to be located there permanently by June 1.

Last Saturday the Bromfield baseball team went to Littleton to meet the high school there. The game was a good one, the score being 8 to 3 in favor of the Bromfields. This makes a game for each team won and now the boys are anxious to meet on neutral field and play the odd game. This week Friday the team plays the Groton high school at Groton.

There is to be a social dance in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 28, under the management of the young men of the town.

It may be pleasing to know that a very neat sum was added to the Chemical Co. No. 1 treasury, the proceeds of this season's dances. A detailed report will be given later.

Neighbors' Night.

It was a long to be remembered family gathering at the town hall on Tuesday evening when, at the regular meeting of the grange, the brothers and sisters from Bolton, Sterling, Shirley, Groton, Littleton and Boxborough to the number of 120, celebrated neighbors' night by visiting the local grange here.

Groton grange was invited by special invitation, as it was their grange that furnished such an elaborate entertainment two years ago. All visitors, however, being extended a cordial welcome.

The members of the Boxborough grange gave a splendid exhibition of what the order is doing for the young people of the rural home in presenting the four-act drama, "In Old New England." It would be unwise to try to specialize in the criticism of the different parts. All the parts were exceptionally well chosen and were as well given, the actors being repeatedly applauded for both their serious and comic work. A genuine hearty vote of thanks was extended to Boxborough grange for their effort and interest in coming to our grange.

tive worker and the Kerley house furnished the rolls and coffee.

Still River.

Still River milk producers, who are on a strike for higher prices for milk sent to Boston, are proud(?) that to Still River comes the distinction of having the first man desert the strikers, and go back to the contractors, on the whole route of the milk car, from Sterling Junction to Boston. The man in care of the milk on the car, said, Monday evening, that not a striker, except one in Still River had returned. As a rule the striking producers are still firm in their determination to continue the strike until they win out.

Luther Willard and Chester Willard attended a meeting of the milk producers in Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clara Brown of Westboro, is keeping house for Warren Willard.

Miss Ethel Parker, who has been spending a few months at Southern Pines, returned to her Still River home on last Friday.

Mrs. Morse has so far recovered from her operation at the Clinton hospital, that she came home this week Friday, just two weeks after the operation.

The Scorgie family of Cambridge, have come to their Still River home for the summer.

Mrs. Annie Evans of Boston has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Scales.

Mr. and Mrs. Viles have visited friends in Boston this week.

Miss Grace Goodwin is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Frank Sprague.

Mrs. Jennie Willard, Ruth Willard and Miss Laura Brown went to West Acton on Saturday to hear Miss Wood, a professional story teller, tell stories to the children of that village.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Baptist ladies' mission circle was held in the chapel on Tuesday afternoon. There were visitors from the churches of Clinton, Bolton and Hudson. The flower committee had the chapel prettily decorated with cornel and potted plants. The following program was carried out: Voluntary and singing of doxology; violin solo, Miss Haskell; reading of the scripture, Mrs. Hutcherson; prayer, Miss Lawrence; report of the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Haskell; song, Mrs. Mary Haskell; words of welcome, Miss Laura Brown; song, Mrs. Smith and Edna Robinson; remarks, Miss Adda Chase of Clinton, who after a short talk introduced as the speaker, Miss Bertha Nicolet of Taunton. Miss Nicolet gave a very interesting talk on the training she received at the Chicago training school, and also an account of her work as a French missionary in Detroit and Taunton.

After the benediction by Rev. Mr. Morse, there was a social hour, and a dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Paine, assisted by the young ladies as waitresses, and Mrs. Scales, Mrs. Bateman and Miss Brown poured the cocoa.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The Congregational Brotherhood will meet in the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, May 25. Supper at 6.30. The address will be by W. B. Hunter of the Fitchburg high school. Subject, "The cooperative industrial course."

Carl Bangs of Weymouth is visiting his cousin, Harry Bangs.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer will preach in the Baptist church at 2.30 p. m. Mrs. Thomas will sing a solo. Sunday school and bible class after the sermon.

Death.

Albert Bodah, aged seventy-seven years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Sibley of Front street, early Wednesday morning of Bright's disease, after an illness of about six months. Funeral was held Friday morning at St. Anthony's church. The survivors are five sons and three daughters. Mr. Bodah has been a resident of Shirley over thirty years and was a quiet, sober and industrious man and had the respect of the community. He was kindly cared for at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Sibley during his illness. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Centre.

Shirley grange held its regular meeting Tuesday evening, May 17. The first and second degrees were worked on a class of candidates. Hiram S. Clark resigned as treasurer and John W. Farrar was elected to fill the vacancy. The grange will hold a special meeting next Tuesday to work the third and fourth degrees.

James Craft and family have moved to West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Longley visited friends in Townsend, first of the week.

The Alliance met with Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, Thursday, May 12. The topic of the meeting was the observance of the Sabbath. Miss Agnes Holden read a very interesting paper on the subject which was followed by a discussion by the members.

Spring and Summer Clothing.

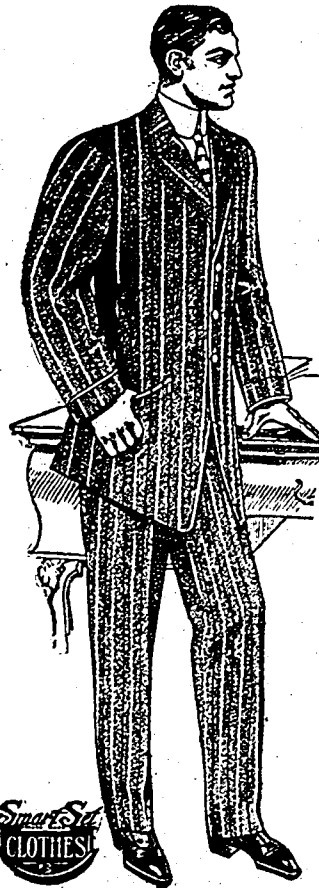
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WESTFORD.

About Town.

Our good all-round business man, Fred L. Snow, who is a large owner of the northerly lay out of Westford, was the recent purchaser by auction of the pasture on Scribner hill, just over the Westford line in Tyngsboro. This locality is interesting to many, because Scribner hill was named after Rev. Matthew Scribner, minister of the First Parish church, Westford, from 1778 to 1788, when he removed to this wild rocky hill, cleared the land, erected buildings which have long since yielded like the builder to the friction of time, but the cellars still remain to testify of what once was here. He died in 1813.

The large bouquet of flowers on the table in front of the pulpit of the Unitarian church last Sunday was the remembrance of friends in Nashua, who removed from town in 1838, but never forgetting the old First Parish church which was her early church home. Neither have the older residents forgotten the hospitality and culture of the David C. Butterfield family, residing at what is now the old Abbot homestead. They will renew old time associations with us at the festival exercises at the dedication of the soldiers' monument on May 29.

A new copper wire is being laid on the line of the Stony Brook railroad. This is the nearest to copper stock holdings the town has been able to locate.

Lewis Jenkins has entered the employ of the American Loan and Trust Co. with headquarters in Lowell.

Miss Lucinda Prescott is entertaining friends from the far down land of potatoes, Warren, Maine.

Westford and West Chelmsford were well represented at the choir festival held in Lowell on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in aid of the playground fund. It was well worth the while for more.

Entertainment.

There is no season too busy to prevent the Fortnightly club from having its recreation and entertainment. The last one, but not the last to be, was full of suggestions of what a world this might be if we but did our duty. An eminent writer has said, "Do that which is assigned thee and thou canst not hope too much or dare too much." The Fortnightly club is obedient to that thought, and it was exemplified in a personal way by reading, Mrs. Walter Wyman's song, Edward Gambelin's reading, Mrs. Charles Flavell's reading, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gould. This was followed by the one act drama entitled, "Pleasant surprise," which was full of life, originality and sky high bits. The scene was laid in Judge Anderson's private room. The cast was:

Judge Anderson, Charles Rodgett; Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. William Wyman; Ralph, son of Judge Anderson, Fred Rodgett; Lucille, daughter of Judge Anderson, Miss Estelle Gray; Miss niece of Judge Anderson, Miss Lillian G. Wright; Phillips, the coachman, William Wyman.

The club will miss one of its more recent helpers, Miss Estella Glynn, who has removed to her home in Long Island, having spent the winter in East Groton; also, one of its younger older members, Miss Lillian G. Wright, who has accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of Andover.

Centre.

Miss Grace Lumbert is at home again after spending two months in Covington, Va. She reports Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and the little Anderson heir as all very well.

Among minor improvements Wright & Fletcher have placed a new sign with lettered sign in front of their store.

Workmen have been grading and making a sidewalk at the west end of the common near the new soldiers' monument which adds much to the appearance of the village.

Mrs. H. G. Osmond, who has been in frail health for the past year, is visiting Mr. Osmond's sister, Mrs. Lyman, Wilkins, in Cambridge.

A. H. Fess has been having a heavy cold. The cold is now spreading north does not agree with him.

Westford friends are extending their congratulations to the bride and groom, Mr. Hartwell of Littleton at the advent of a little daughter. Mrs. Hartwell was formerly Miss Louisa Steeper of this village. Miss Mary Martin, our village nurse, is with Mrs. Hartwell.

The concert to be held Wednesday evening at Abbot's hall, promises to be the best of its kind held here for some time. The artists are well known in musical circles and include among others Mrs. Oliver Wellington Priest of Portsmouth, contralto, Miss Elma Igelmann, soprano, from the Whitney school, Boston, and Miss Vernie G. Lowe of the Emerson school of oratory will be the reader.

Death.

Sudden and violent death in our midst always comes as a shock to the community. Thursday night of last week Charles Reed came to the village and after doing some errands started for home about nine o'clock and in some way drove into the catch basin being dug in front of J. C. Abbot's residence. Men who were at Wright & Fletcher's store heard the crash and hurried to the scene and worked hard to extricate horse and man. The unfortunate man was underneath the horse. Dr. Blaney was among the first to get there and did all that was possible but life was extinct, although some said he spoke

when help first came. His life was crushed out by the horse. The hole was railed and lighthed and the evening was not very dark. Undertaker D. L. Greig was notified and took charge of the body.
The funeral was held from his late home in the south part of the town Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. David Wallace officiating. The bearers were relatives in the family. Mr. Reed was a veteran of the civil war and was seventy years of age.

Accident.

Fred L. Shorely, who with his team of horses has been working for W. H. Tarbell on the street repairs and painful accident on Friday of last week. While unloading stones for the new paved gutters, he got one of his arms crushed with a heavy stone. He was taken into Emory J. Whitney's house and Dr. Wells summoned and later removed to his home in the south part of the town. The ligaments were torn at the elbow making a very painful injury and one that takes much time to heal. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Shorely for he has been rather unfortunate. About two years ago, when there was a dastardly run of horse stealing, he had a valuable horse taken from his barn, no trace of which was ever found. With sickness in his family and this last accident he has had hard luck.

Tadmuck Club.

The last meeting of the season of the Tadmuck club took place on Tuesday afternoon in the vestry of the Congregational church. The more sober-minded and working sessions of the club are a thing of the past at this annual social with its atmosphere of pleasant festivity, agreeable entertainment, pretty decorations, glad gowns and dainty refreshments. This year it was a membership social of which there was a good representation and the gentlemen who have so kindly assisted with the season's program.

The attractive decorations were the skillful handiwork of Elliot F. Humiston. The platform was banked with a wealth of delicate spring greenery, apple and barberry blossoms and lilacs. Lilacs and greenery also outlined the wide doorway between the two vestries and the sliding windows dividing the vestry and the auditorium. It made a charming sitting for the artists of the afternoon who were Mrs. Belle Harrington Hall of Lowell, reader; Miss Marie Pickering of Boston, soprano soloist and Miss E. Martin of Westford accompanist.

Mrs. Hall completely won her audience with her sympathetic and intelligent interpretation of her selections. Her rendering of "The universal angel," the theme of which was mother love, was particularly well done. Mrs. Hall also possesses the happy faculty of impersonating child life in various phases with pleasing fidelity. Miss Pickering who is associated on the maternal side with Westford families was an enjoyable acquisition to the afternoon's program. She has a full, rich voice and her selections were much enjoyed. This is the second time this season that the club is indebted to Miss Sweet for her skillful services as accompanist.

Miss Loker, previous to announcing the afternoon's program, thanked all who had helped with the season's work in the different ways. Ice cream and cake was served at the close of the program.

Forge Village.

Frank Murphy and Bert Connors of Lowell spent Sunday as guests of Francis Lowther. Messrs Murphy and Connors are members of the Jolly Campers club who have engaged one of Mr. Lowther's camps at Forge pond for the season. They expect to take possession on Memorial day. A large team load of provisions will be shipped from Lowell this week.

Miss Crissy Lowther was entertained Saturday and Sunday by Miss Mary C. Joyce at her home on Twelfth street, Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Camping and infant daughter of Lawrence, were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hunt's on Saturday.

John Whigham of Waltham visited with relatives here on Sunday.

Mrs. Ernest Mountain left last Tuesday morning for the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, where she expects to undergo an operation later. Mrs. Walter Mountain and two children of Wars, will remain to act as housekeeper until Mrs. Ernest Mountain arrives home.

W. H. Harry of the United States navy, spent last week visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. P. Harry. Mr. Harry enlisted in the navy for five years and has already served three years. He is a first-class machinist on the submarine Snapper, now stationed at the Charles-town navy yard, where she is undergoing repairs. He has had the experience of being under water one hundred and twenty feet for twelve hours.

Memorial day exercises will be held in Abbot hall on next Friday evening, May 27. An excellent program will be given by the children consisting of readings and songs in keeping with the day. The children have for many years held decoration day exercises at the school and afterwards marched to Westlawn cemetery where the deceased soldiers' graves have been strewn with flowers, and a flag planted, this year will be no exception. In order to accommodate the large number of people who attend, it has been arranged to hold the exercises in the hall, everyone is invited.

The concert to be held in Abbot hall, on Wednesday evening, May 25, promises to be the best of its kind held here for some time. The artists are well-known in musical circles and include among others, Mrs. Oliver Wellington Priest of Portsmouth, contralto, Miss Elma Igelmann from the Whitney school, Boston, soprano and Miss Verin G. Lowe of the Emerson school of oratory will be the reader.

The Forge Village Lions were defeated by the Graniteville Blues on the home grounds, Saturday afternoon. Spinner pitched his usual good ball, but received wretched support. He allowed but six hits, McCarthy pitch-

ed for the Blues. Today the Lions will play the Crescents of Lowell on the home grounds and will have some new men in the lineup. Klöder of Ayer will assist in pitching and it is hoped that he will make good. This will be the third game to be played in the Stony Brook league. The Lions will have to do some tall hustling in order to be in the race for the pennant.

Soon Put Out.

Fire was discovered in the nick of time Friday evening of last week, in the freight shed at the Boston and Maine station, causing considerable excitement for a time. Some cotton waste which was among a number of large cans filled with kerosene which is used for the switch lamps and this drew the attention of several persons who were on the station platform awaiting the arrival of the 6.30 mail train from Ayer to Lowell. Several members of the John Edwards hose company were present and through their presence of mind in removing the large amount of inflammable material the fire was not allowed to spread further. Edward T. Hanley was on the scene immediately with a fire extinguisher and this together with the bucket brigade soon had the fire under control. It was only due to the efforts of the firemen that the entire station was not burned to the ground.

Besides the large amount of oil stored in the shed, there was also a considerable quantity of highly explosive material which is used on the railroad, and had the fire continued but a short time the building would have been wrecked. The cause of the fire is not known.

Graniteville.

A "freak" show visited here on Monday night, the principle attraction being a so-called wild man that "eat 'em alive." He was heavily chained, but one of the boys took hold of his harness and "had him going" for a few minutes, so that he called for assistance. The show terminated shortly after, and those in charge of the exhibition have no doubt formed the opinion that they struck the wrong town.

What promises to be a red-hot ball game will be played here next Wednesday afternoon at 6.15 o'clock, when the "has beens" will meet the regular graniteville team. These two clubs played some interesting games here last season and the Has Beens are out to trim the "speed boys" if possible. Bob McCarthy will have charge of the Has Beens team and has gathered together a strong aggregation that is well drilled on inside baseball.

P. Henry Harrington, treasurer of Court Graniteville, F. of A. and F. G. Sullivan, chief ranger of the same court, attended the grand court convention that was held in Haverhill the past week.

Jack Barry, the loyal baseball fan, has recently returned from a visit to the western part of the state, and will be found on the side lines rooting for Graniteville during the season.

The lumber has arrived for the new house which is to be erected on Fourth street, by George Gilson. Work will be commenced in a very few days. P. H. Harrington has the contract.

A social dancing party was held in Healey's hall on Saturday evening and was a great success. A prize waltz was the attraction which was won by Miss Kitty Rafferty and M. E. Piney, both of this village.

TOWNSEND.

West.

Mrs. S. W. Tyler and little son from Clinton are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willard.

Rev. Samuel Ringrose from the Newton Theological seminary occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday and will also come next Sunday, when a special business meeting of the church will be held at the close of the morning service to consider the expediency of calling him to the pastorate. The Junior league met at three o'clock last Sunday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Lois Vose, who took the charge during the absence of the superintendent, Mrs. Charles Hodgman.

Frank Cover and family from Lowell were at Mrs. Josephine Boynton's on an auto trip last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harry Marr of Fitchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood, and Ralph H. Willard was also at his home here over Sunday.

Miss Helen Troupe of Quincy spent Sunday at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely.

Miss Stella Tucker and a friend from Leominster spent Sunday with Miss Tucker's mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker of Josselynville.

Miss Louise Conway from Salem is visiting her sister at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Oziel Stockwell and Gladys Stockwell from Fitchburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder of Josselynville over Sunday.

The total number of books distributed from the library delivery station at Sherwin's store for the month of April was 350.

A little son weighing eight and one-half pounds arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coffey last Sunday.

A runaway took place on Main street last Sunday afternoon when a horse tied in front of the residence of Mrs. Josephine Boynton became started at a passing auto and ran some distance down the street where it was stopped by Alden A. Sherwin, and returned with no damage done except the breaking of the bridle.

At the annual election of officers of the Eclipse engine company the following were elected: George Welch, foreman; Louis Welch, first asst.; George Streeter, second asst.; C. B. Stickney, treas.; George Streeter, steward; Clarence L. Webster, A. J. Manchester, George Streeter, standing committee. It was voted to institute ladder practice with a class of

eight men, Henry Hathaway, instructor, the other members of the class being, F. D. Parsons, George Beckwith, William Mills, Daniel Coffey, Amos Jodery, Clarence Wyman, Walter Wilder.

Clarence Sherwin and family, who have been living with his father, W. Z. Sherwin, have moved to the south part of the town.

A meeting of the Ladies' Mission circle was held at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence on Wednesday afternoon and the subject was miscellaneous studies. The ladies brought their sewing, Miss M. Elinor Tower acted as reader and refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon program.

Mrs. Josephine Thompson who has been spending a number of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. George Wright of Winthrop, has returned.

Edward A. Craig, our new selectman, is having a telephone placed at his place of residence on Main street.

John Vattees of Mayberry Hill was summoned to the court at Ayer on a charge of assault and battery as a result of a controversy with a neighbor, but has skipped this part of the country for the present.

George M. Frye has left his tenement in the Deacon Woods house and has moved into the south tenement of the Beehive, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bruce.

Miss Claudia Spaulding from Newport, N. H., has been a recent guest of Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson.

Town Meeting.

At the special town meeting last Saturday evening, there was a very good attendance and the meeting was called to order by G. A. Wilder, town clerk, and T. E. Flarity was chosen moderator, and the following articles acted upon:

The town voted to indemnify the commonwealth against claims from land and grade damages which may result from the laying out and construction of a section of a state highway, beginning at the westerly end of the 1907 layout and extending to the Ashby line. The selectmen were authorized to waive the right of the town to enter into contract under section 10, chapter 47 of revised laws, for the construction of the section of highway which the commonwealth proposes to build in town this year.

Article 4, relating to building a bridge over Pearl Hill Brook on the state highway at Josselynville, was passed over.

Voted, to authorize the selectmen to move the case or lockup now in the hoosroom above, if in their opinion it was possible to do so.

Article 6, a committee of three was chosen, consisting of Frank J. Knight from the Harbor, Richard McElligott from West Townsend and Charles F. Worcester from the Centre, to consider the matter of permanent sidewalks in town and to report at the next annual meeting of the town, and that the sum of ten dollars be appropriated to cover any expenses of this committee.

Article 7, the following committee, A. N. Fessenden, F. J. Knight, C. B. Stickney, F. B. Higgins and F. J. Piker, were chosen to act with the selectmen in conferring 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 to Townsend.

Before the close of the meeting it was voted to hold a public meeting in the selectmen's rooms on Saturday evening, May 21, at eight o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the old Board of Trade of Townsend and to consider any other matters which would be of benefit to the town.

Ceater.

Ray Brown moved his family into the Noon house on Highland street this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lefts are to occupy the tenement recently purchased and renovated by H. B. Hildreth.

Mrs. Joseph Smith returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit, to Fitchburg, Providence, Boston and vicinity.

Horace E. Wallis of Waltham, district deputy, will inspect the grange here on Monday night at the conferring of the third and fourth degrees upon a small class of candidates.

T. E. Flarity has returned from a business trip of several weeks at Hoboken, N. J.

The Townsend high school baseball team have started in this season with fine luck. Two more victories have been added to their list. They won the game at Ashburnham last Saturday with the Cushing academy seconds, with a score of 5 to 4. Tuesday at Groton, they won their game with Lawrence' academy seconds, 15 to 5.

Rev. Edward C. Porter of Dorchester, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday, May 22, and will give a special address at the evening meeting also, which will be

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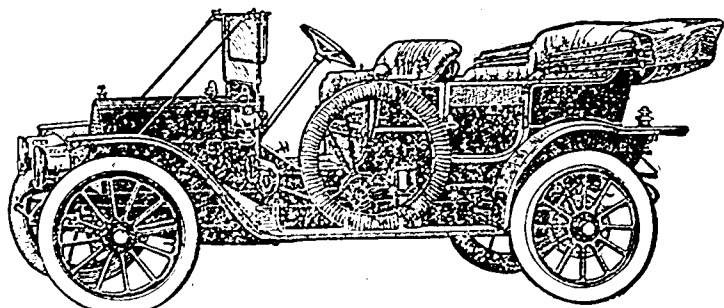
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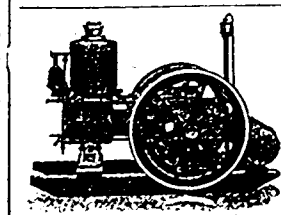
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held at five o'clock, instead of seven o'clock, so that the children may take part.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Members of J. C. Ayer lodge will hold their annual memorial service in the Universalist church on Sunday morning, May 22. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker. At the close of the service all the brothers will march to the Village cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased members which will be followed with a brief address by Charles C. Fearing, grand recorder. Members will meet in the lodgeroom at 10.30 that morning and march to the church in a body. The public are invited to the service.

Mrs. McMichael left town Monday for her summer home in South New Castle, Maine, to remain for the summer, and was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Allen, who remained with her mother the remainder of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin White visited friends in Lawrence on last Sunday.

Sunday, May 29, the G. A. R., will hold a memorial service at St. Mary's church, Ayer, at eleven a. m.

Church Notes.

The choir of the Congregational church held its annual supper last Saturday evening in the church vestry. The children of St. Anthony's school will receive their first communion on Sunday, May 22, at the eight o'clock mass.

LITTLETON.

News Items.
 Mrs. Varnum H. Flagg is visiting relatives at her former home in New London, N. H.
 Charles K. Houghton and Charles A. Hartwell have been drawn jurors.
 Miss Mary Ryan has recently visited at her childhood home here. Miss Ryan holds a responsible and lucrative position in the Ayer family on Commonwealth avenue, Boston, and has completed twenty-five years of service for them.
 The manufacture of staves at the old Warren mill creates a new industry in town, and promises well since the manufacture of barrels has become an important occupation of several parties.
 The old stones, first used at the Warren mill more than a hundred years ago for grinding corn, are to serve a new purpose. They are to be used as foundation stones for the new fountains at Centre and Common.
 Mrs. Annie C. Smith spent the greater part of last week on an automobile excursion along the Massachusetts coast.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell are the happy parents of a little daughter, born May 12.
 The damp weather of last week Saturday, had an unfavorable influence on the spirits of Littleton high school baseball team and in spite of the brilliant record previously established, they went down to defeat by the score of 8 to 3 in their game with Bromfield academy on the home grounds. The boys hope for better luck today in their game with Townsend high.
 The Littleton high school baseball team announces another dance next Wednesday night in Littleton town hall. King and Cole of South Acton will again furnish the music.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Prouty were at their former homes in Littleton over Sunday.
 It is said that F. B. Priest will separate the store building of the A. W. Sawyer property at the station from the dwelling-house, and remove it to a convenient location to the southeast part of the dwelling-house and then fit it up into tenements, thus leaving the corner of King street and Harvard avenue for a lawn. This would mean one of the greatest improvements imaginable at the station.
 A. W. Drew has let all his camps for Memorial day and also for the months of July and August. Camp Hayward is let to the same party that has occupied it for five years in succession.
 Albert Wyeth, employed at the Dairy Co. icehouses, will move into the west tenement of the Edward Frost house the first of June.
 The Allen Kimball farmhouse on Great road, now the property of Henry J. Cooper, has undergone extensive repairs. An entirely new ell has been erected with new dining-room, kitchen, pantry, shed and two chambers have practically converted the building into an attractive modern dwelling.
 Mrs. Mary J. Kimball is making gradual improvement after nine weeks of illness.
 James McNiff, who suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago, is convalescent.
 Miss Edith Houghton returned this week to her school duties in Fitchburg.
 Ralph Conant has gone to Chicago in the interest of firm of Swift & Co., and will be gone for some time, possibly all summer.
 Louis De Silvio has bought of Mrs. E. H. Brennan, the house occupied by the Lochran family on Taylor street, and seven acres of land with it for \$1250. Mr. Silvio will move into his house as soon as it can be vacated.
 Nathan Hartwell, a frequent summer visitor at the home of his uncle, Charles P. Hartwell, has purchased a small poultry farm in Berlin and with his sister Martha, moved into his new home.
 Mrs. Ethel Taylor Smith and baby of Hillsboro Bridge, N. H., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Taylor.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Cleaves of Rindge, N. H., were recent visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. H. Kimball.
 Not a little excitement was aroused by the clang of the angry fire bells on Monday evening which drew a crowd to Louis Stone's. The cause of trouble was in his tool house which had taken fire. Presence of mind and quick work brought the flames under control.
 The many Littleton friends are glad to see Wallace Robinson back in the Conant Co. store.
 Miss Ella Whitcomb of Hudson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell.
 The Farther Lights society will meet next week Wednesday, with Miss Ruth Robinson. "The servants of the king," is the title of the book to be studied next year.
 The ladies of the Baptist church cleared almost twenty-five dollars at their food sale on last Friday.
 Mrs. Leslie Hager and daughter were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmar Flagg.
 Leslie A. Hager will move into his former home on King street the first of next month.
 The auction of the personal property at the A. W. Sawyer place last Saturday, was largely attended, a greater variety of goods on a single estate could not easily be imagined. The auctioneers, Thacher and Farmer, and Emerson of Chelmsford, had a busy day from ten o'clock a. m., to six p. m.
 Judge John S. Keyes of Concord, who died at the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston last Sunday, married his first wife from Littleton in 1884. She was Miss Martha L. Prescott, mother of associate-justice, Prescott Keyes.
 Charles W. Reed of Westford, who met with a tragic death last week, was buried in Littleton, his former home town.
 Mrs. Albert Shedd, wife of Mayor Shedd of Nashua, N. H., has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Nelson B. Conant this week.

Mrs. J. H. Kimball entertained automobile guests from Bar Harbor, Me., and Gardner, Mass., on Wednesday.
 The assessors are again on duty; this time assessing real estate, and they tell us that they are trying to make a just and equitable estimate of values.
 The secretary of the King's daughters has received an urgent appeal from Loring Briggs, manager of the Boston Floating hospital for old table clothes, towels absorbent cotton, etc. Will each member or any one interested please send at least one bundle to the Care Store before June 1, and it will be forwarded.
 F. H. Farmer, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the personal property belonging to George H. Barker, at his place at Littleton Common on Saturday, May 28, at 1.30 p. m.
The Churches.
 Rev. A. E. Gregg of Cambridge will preach at the Congregational church next Sunday.
 The Guild will be led by Miss Sarah F. White, subject, "Martin Luther."
 Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at the Congregational church will be in charge of Miss Ella Schnitzer, at the Baptist it will be in charge of a junior committee, subject, "What is it to be a Christian?"
 Rev. H. Bellows Drew was called to Woonsocket last Saturday to attend the funeral of a former parishioner, the senior deacon in the church. Mr. Stone of the Newton Theological seminary took Mr. Drew's place. Tomorrow Mr. Briggs of Woonsocket will preach at the Baptist church in the absence of the pastor who is to preach in his former Woonsocket church.
Dear Club Members:
 In answer to your complaint I shall call your attention to the following verses of Scripture: Matthew xviii, 15-17.
 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that every word may be established.
 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it into the church; but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican.
 And I might add bring the matter to the attention of the public through the columns of the local paper and it would be a good idea to sign your name when you do so. Yours,
 MILFORD E. SOMES, the pastor.

A Verdict for the Plaintiff.
 In the case of Mrs. Ada F. Newell of this town, who sued the Fitchburg and Leominster Street railway company in the superior court at Lowell for \$10,000 for personal injuries alleged to have been received at Woburn, in August, 1909, through the sudden starting of a car which threw her against a seat and also caused her husband to fall against her, which has been on trial since Friday, the jury returned a verdict, Monday, of \$3,000 for the plaintiff.
 Mrs. Newell's claim was that her knee was injured in an accident that was the fault of the company, in August, 1909, and that she has not yet recovered. Evidence in the case showed that her knee has been in a plaster cast nearly six months, and the defense seeks to show through its medical experts that this was not the proper treatment for the injuries she received. They also claim that the true version of the accident is different from that testified to by the plaintiff's witnesses.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
 In Equity.
 To the persons interested in the estate of LEVI WALLACE, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.
 Whereas, NOAH WALLACE and HENRY B. WHITE, the trustees under the will of said deceased, have applied for allowance, the second account of their trust under said will.
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the seventh day of June, 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 trustees are ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of the persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postage paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
 3134 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
 In Equity.
 To the persons interested in the estate of MELVIN A. CHILDS, late of Ayer in said County, deceased.
 Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MYRTA A. WOODS of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the seventh day of June, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
 And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
 3136 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of CAROLINE E. PHILBROOK, late of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, Massachusetts, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bonds, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to CLAY P. CHANDLER, Adm., 124 Summer Street, Boston, Mass. May 13, 1910. 3136

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 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.
 Whereas, GEORGE F. BANCROFT, the conservator of the property of said ward, has presented his petition for leave to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, 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.
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Saturday, May 21, 1910.

Our papers go regularly every week to our subscribers, leaving this week every Friday evening, and are forwarded every Saturday morning from the post office at Ayer on the train leaving at eight o'clock. Complaints are occasionally sent in from subscribers that they do not receive their papers promptly on Saturday. The fault is not with the publisher. If any of our subscribers fail to receive their paper, send us a postcard, and we will forward another copy with pleasure.

GROTON.

Mrs. George Hodgman entertained the Wellesley college girls at her home after the entertainment at the church last week Friday night, and until their departure on Saturday morning. Before they left, one of the Groton gentlemen took them to drive about the town. The young ladies expressed themselves as greatly pleased with Groton and its people.

Miss Mary L. Hutchins, who has been having a serious time with her ear, when the drum of the ear became perforated, is on the gain.

On Tuesday evening, thirty from Groton grange went over to Harvard for Neighbors' night. They were royally entertained and report a "most glorious time." Harvard grange received them with a fine cordiality and served a bountiful supper. Boxborough grange, also neighboring, furnished the entertainment and have reason to be proud of their presentation of the play, "In Old New England," which was fine.

The blossoming of the peach orchards in town did not give promise of large crops. The apple trees of the late varieties were also not in fullest bloom.

The Brown Loaf club met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. P. J. Benedict.

Miss C. E. Sears of Riverdale farm, Farmers' row, bought some little time ago, forty acres of land, it is said, on Prospect hill, Harvard.

It is reported that C. S. Hill of Pepperell, having sold his place in the town is looking for a tenement here and may return to live in Groton.

The other day in conversation with Mrs. William Shattuck—Aunt Lucy as she is affectionately called—the talk ran along on the high prices of articles of food nowadays. "Pork at twenty cents," she said, "is like old war time prices," and then Aunt Lucy told how in those war time days she was living on the old homestead farm, and raised a pig herself. When ready for the market it weighed 600 pounds and sold in Lowell, brought her the snug sum of \$120.

John L. Gilson has sold the woodlot on his place, so long known as Livermore's grove. It is with regret that all the Groton people and many in nearby towns will hear that this beautiful growth of wood is to be cut down. There is not a native born Grotonian of middle or farther advanced age but remembers this grove as far back as memory reaches. Indeed it is altogether probable that the Indian's moccasined foot passed through these woods when the forest was younger and larger, for "this is the forest primeval." This was in former days a favorite resort for picnickers. Many a Sunday school or other gatherings met here for an outing in those days when a body of water was not considered necessary for the day's pleasure. But the giant old oaks and chestnuts that have never felt the axe have been attacked by the moth enemy, so that three or four of the largest oaks are already dead from their work.

The owner, consulting the state forester, was told that a four years' defoliation of these trees would kill them and his words are proving true. The wood lot is sold to Francis O. Dutton of Chelmsford and the work of cutting down begins next fall.

Mr. Dutton formerly lived with his parents in Groton, and he is, if we remember rightly, a grandson on the maternal side of the late Rev. Oliver Ayer, at one time pastor of the Baptist church here.

Matthew C. Heber died at his home on the Lowell road on Sunday, May 15, at 7.30 p. m., aged 76 years, 5 months. He had been in ill health for the past ten months.

Mr. Heber was a native of Wittenberg, Germany. He came to this country many years ago and has been a resident of Groton over forty-five years. During thirty of these years he has been blind, but though so afflicted, was able to get about his home to do what he could.

The funeral was on Tuesday, Rev. H. A. Cornell officiating. The interment was in Groton cemetery. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Carolina Cole of New Bedford and another married daughter at the West; also two sons, Adolph, an employee for years at the Nashua River Paper Co's mill and Otto C. Heber, who has lived on the home place and cared for their father, Mrs. Heber dying in Groton several years ago.

Three new members were initiated into the W. R. C. on Tuesday, May 17. Peace and arbitration day was observed by a literary program, consisting of readings and music by members, assisted by Miss Ruth MacKee.

Arrangements have been made for Memorial day, which means the securing and preparing of flowers for use of the post to decorate the graves of deceased comrades. The corps would be pleased to receive contributions of flowers from the school children and anyone who can, be the gift ever so small, or flowers will be scarce. Please leave them at the lower town hall, May 30, as early as possible after eight a. m. The corps will furnish dinner at twelve o'clock in grange hall for the post, Groton

band and all members of the corps who wish. Conveyance will be provided members to attend exercises at Littleton in the afternoon.

E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., will decorate the graves of their fallen comrades on Monday, May 30, commencing at Groton at nine o'clock a. m., and at Littleton at two o'clock p. m. At nine o'clock a. m., a procession will be formed on Main street in front of town hall, Groton and march under the escort of the Groton high school battalion to the cemetery, where appropriate ceremonies will be conducted by the members of the post, assisted by the children of the public schools. At 10.30 o'clock a. m., an address will be given in the town hall by Rev. Charles B. Ames of Quincy. Music by the Groton cornet band. All citizens and public schools are invited to participate and bring flowers.

The Groton Improvement society will hold a food sale on Friday, May 27, in the lower town hall. Bread, cake, candy and ice cream will be sold, and tea will be served.

W. A. Moore & Co., have given up the American Express business and Fred G. Carpenter, station agent here, has been appointed the agent of the express company in place of the Moores. Jeremiah F. Ryan commenced work on the express route on Tuesday.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church are well pleased with the success of the food fair and entertainment of last week Thursday. They made \$70.16. There will be no further meeting of the society until the annual meeting in the month of June.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Coolidge with their four children and two maids are at Groton Inn for a month's stay, previous to going to their summer home at North Haven, Me. Mr. Coolidge was formerly and for ten years one of the instructors at Groton school.

Mrs. Herbert Taylor, whose condition gave her friends some anxiety last week, is much better, and will no doubt continue to gain.

Ralph Jackson, from Boston vicinity, has hired the D. Graham place in the Brown Loaf neighborhood.

During the storm on Wednesday afternoon, at about six o'clock, one of the fiercest gales ever experienced swept through a section of the town for ten minutes or less. It was a regular tornado and seemed to sweep in a current across from the northwest and confined to a small area. Large and small limbs of trees and in some cases the whole trees were crashing around. It would have been quite dangerous for a person to have been hit by the flying branches. In a short time, however, the sun was shining.

John Doherty, employed at the paper mill, sustained an injury to his hand last Wednesday by having his fingers caught in machinery. Dr. Kilbourn was called to dress the wounds.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday night, requiring the attendance of a physician.

Miss Grace Bixby has resigned her position in Amherst, N. H., and will remain at home for the summer.

J. T. Shepley reports an accident on Long hill, caused, in his opinion, by another mischievous rolling stone. A horse of James Hill, while being leisurely driven down the hill, suddenly stumbled and fell. Mr. Shepley, coasting at the time, went to Mr. Hill's assistance. An injured shaft was the only damage reported.

The Sunshine club invites everybody to be present at a short entertainment on Friday evening, May 27. A social hour with sale of ice cream, cake and homemade candy will follow the entertainment.

The floating hospital and Seaman's friend association have been the beneficiaries of this youthful club. Good objects both, and the sunshiners are deserving of help in their good work.

A Success. The gentlemen connected with the Ladies' Aid are to be congratulated on the social and financial success of last Tuesday evening's supper and entertainment. They fully demonstrated their ability to set fine looking tables, make delicious coffee, and wait upon their guests most satisfactorily. Being ably seconded in their efforts by the many good cooks of the village, the tables were bountifully spread with a tempting array of delicacies.

The impersonations of S. Thompson Blood were extremely good and provoked much laughter and applause. Twenty dollars represents the sum netted by the self-styled "Boys," who it is hoped will be sufficiently encouraged to try again.

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Wellesley girls, six in number, a bright and lively bevy of young ladies, gave a unique entertainment, at the Unitarian church, last week Friday evening. This was something out of the ordinary and the society certainly was favored in being able to offer the Groton public something new in the way of entertainment. There was the orchestra, the class and college yells, songs, choruses, pantomimes and all that goes to make up a typical college demonstration or entertainment. One of the songs all finely rendered was, "Fiddle and I," by Miss Genevieve Hodgman. She was accompanied by piano and violin obligato by classmates. We regret that the full program or the names of the young ladies are not at hand to give in this item.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

Vesper services will be held at the academy next Sunday, Rev. George W. Tewksbury of Concord will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited to this service.

The New England college entrance certificate board at its meeting held last week in Providence placed the Lawrence academy on its approved list. This makes it possible for pupils who attend this school to enter nearly all the New England colleges on the certificate of the principal.

The baseball game with Concord, scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, was cancelled on account of rain. The game will be played on May 27.

Tuesday Townsend high defeated Lawrence second. Next Saturday, the first team will play a team from Harvard university, called "The midnight sons."

West Groton.

G. H. Bixby's house is next on the list for electric lighting. G. H. Jones will begin work there the first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webber will visit Boston this Saturday evening to see William Dodge in "The man from home," now in its twentieth week at Park theatre.

James Craft and family of Shirley, have moved into the Kemp house on Mill street, lately vacated by Mr. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Elliott of Danvers have been recent guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. R. Dudley. Louis Elliott of Worcester, a brother of Mrs. Dudley, with his three daughters spent Sunday with his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gilchrist and Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and little daughter Audrey of Fitchburg, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Williams on Wednesday. Mrs. Phillips will be remembered by West Groton people as Miss Belle Gilchrist of former days.

Mrs. Ellis Smith returned from Groton hospital last Wednesday.

John Doherty, employed at the paper mill, sustained an injury to his hand last Wednesday by having his fingers caught in machinery. Dr. Kilbourn was called to dress the wounds.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday night, requiring the attendance of a physician.

Miss Grace Bixby has resigned her position in Amherst, N. H., and will remain at home for the summer.

J. T. Shepley reports an accident on Long hill, caused, in his opinion, by another mischievous rolling stone. A horse of James Hill, while being leisurely driven down the hill, suddenly stumbled and fell. Mr. Shepley, coasting at the time, went to Mr. Hill's assistance. An injured shaft was the only damage reported.

The Sunshine club invites everybody to be present at a short entertainment on Friday evening, May 27. A social hour with sale of ice cream, cake and homemade candy will follow the entertainment.

The floating hospital and Seaman's friend association have been the beneficiaries of this youthful club. Good objects both, and the sunshiners are deserving of help in their good work.

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Of a quiet, retiring nature, Mr. Harrington was, nevertheless, recognized by all who knew him as a man of sterling worth. A loving husband and father, he will be sadly missed by his family, who have the entire sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement. Mr. Harrington is survived by a widow; also, one son, Geo. A., of Brighton, and six daughters; Mrs. E. A. Glynn of Ayer, Mrs. Aden Miller of Fitchburg, Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. F. S. Trefethen of Wallpole and Misses Nellie and Lillian Harrington of West Groton. There are also ten grandchildren; Gladys, Evelyn and Margaret Glynn, Irving and Ronald Fuller; Richard, Millard, Hilda and Hollis Harrington, and little Albert Trefethen. Three brothers are left to mourn the loss of the eldest of their family; John M. of Ayer, George G. and F. Edwin Harrington of West Groton.

During his long and painful illness, Mr. Harrington received the tenderest care of wife and daughters; and his absent children were often at his bedside. Several were with him when the final summons came.

Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon, but at time of writing, arrangements are not completed.

Crossed is the mystic threshold, That in blindness we call death; Dropped is the earthly garment; Hushed is the laboring breath.

Ended—the weary waiting; Whispered—the last good-bye; Solved—the eternal problem. Life's wonderful mystery.

Why call it death, the passing From life to life of a soul. A step on the upward ladder That leads to the finished whole?

Only for us the sadness; For him, the unwritten page; The dawn of a new tomorrow From darkness of yesterdays.

LITTLETON.

The Arts and Crafts class will meet with Mrs. Abbott, Monday afternoon, May 23, at two o'clock. It is hoped that all who are interested in continuing the work will be present to discuss the feasibility of hiring an instructor. Miss Amsten will meet the class and give her terms for instruction and talk over other matters pertaining to craftsmanship.

The meeting held at the Baptist vestry, Wednesday afternoon, by the Ladies' Missionary society and guests from the other churches was not well attended on account of the shower. About thirty were present and report an unusually delightful afternoon. The speaker gave an excellent address and the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Miss J. Pauline Haskell of Dorchester, an artist, has been spending a few days with Mrs. Annie C. Smith.

Mrs. Adelia M. Parker, librarian, plans to visit Europe this summer in a party conducted by Mrs. Arthur J. Covell of Fitchburg. The company will sail on the Ivernia June 7, from Boston. The itinerary will cover England, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Bavaria, the Tyrol, Italy, Switzerland, France and Oberammergau. The return to America will be Sept. 7.

The strawberry festival scheduled in the Back-log calendar for May 26, will be postponed until further notice.

Mrs. Alice Whitcomb and daughter Marion visited in Lexington last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Patch, Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb and others from Littleton attended the neighborhood Alliance at Westford, Thursday afternoon.

Next week will be anniversary week among the Unitarian churches and delegates chosen to represent this parish at the Boston convention are Mrs. Paul Brown and James F. Moore; to represent the Sunday school, Mrs. Prouty, Mrs. Cash and A. T. Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell were among the delegates who attended Mr. Drummond's installation two weeks ago.

Miss Cora Davis spent last Sunday with friends in and about Dorchester.

The milk situation remains unchanged in Littleton. There is no evidence of desertion among the strikers and they turn the crank of the butter churn with continued determination and fine success, willing "to do or die."

WESTFORD.

John A. Healey has bought the Flushing pond woodlot owned by Mrs. Sarah N. Bacon of Albany, N. Y. This lot has a commanding view of Flushing pond, is on the Groton road and the electric cars form the southern boundary. A summer cottage will soon be part of the attractions. Mrs. Bacon, the recent owner, will be remembered as a sister of Mason Harlow, for years in the employ of the "Trueworthy Keyes farm on Francis hill.

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian churches of the towns of Littleton, Shirley, Chelmsford and the city of Lowell met with the Alliance of the Unitarian church, Westford, Thursday afternoon. An address was given by Rev. Arthur W. Littlefield of Brookline on "The growth of Unitarianism." At the close a luncheon was served by the hospitality of the Westford Alliance.

The large forest fire Tuesday north-west of Flushing and Sought-for ponds covered parts of the towns of Westford, Tyngsborough and Dunstable, near Scribner hill. It got beyond control several times after being quitted.

TOWNSEND.

Flowers for the Memorial day exercises are solicited of the townspeople and will be gladly received by the committee in charge. Please leave same at Memorial hall, Monday, May 30, at nine a. m., where they will be arranged.

The Memorial day patriotic exercises of the school children will be held next Friday afternoon at Memorial hall, May 27. The veterans will also be invited to speak.

There are several new cases of measles in town, among them a case

at Harry Felch's and at Ross Lane's.

Harbor. Frank Conant has sold and delivered his entire herd of cows to Mr. Dennen of Pepperell.

This spring George Jones has received an unusually large number of orders from parties wishing an electric lighting system installed in their residences and other buildings.

Addie Conant recently celebrated her sixth birthday by giving a party to her friends and schoolmates.

After a few weeks' vacation at his home, Seven Pines, Walter Lewis has returned to Sanford, Me.

Mr. Babcock, Mrs. Fred Taft, Miss Myrtle Gray and Miss Ewens were the teachers chosen for the Sabbath school last Sunday.

Lawrence Morgan has a new auto and is making quick time in delivering the mail.

This week the Monday club was entertained at Mrs. Bagley's.

On next Tuesday afternoon the As You Like It club meet with Mrs. Morgan, Fair View farm.

Last Saturday evening the C. C. whist club was entertained at Pinehurst by Lester Spear. The highest scores were made by Mrs. Wharf and Gilman Conant.

LUNENBURG.

The poverty party at the M. E. church on Tuesday evening, was well attended and afforded a great amount of fun for both participants and spectators. The prizes offered for the most respectable poverty garb were won by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peabody. A fine program consisting of music, songs and recitations, was finely rendered and received with well-merited applause. Peanuts and pop corn were sold, and refreshments were served during the evening.

The Lunenburg Historical society will hold its next meeting in the lower town hall on Saturday evening, June 11, instead of June 1.

The concert at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening by the Brotherhood Glee club of Fitchburg, was well attended and much enjoyed by all who heard it.

William R. Brown has been re-appointed deputy fish and game warden, and qualified in Boston on Saturday afternoon.

The Old Home Week association will hold a meeting in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 21, to make arrangements and appoint committees for the observance of old home day. The new library building will also be dedicated on old home day. Every resident of the town is most cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Memorial Exercises.

Union service in Congregational church, Sunday, May 29. On Monday, May 30, at eight a. m., the procession will start for South cemetery, headed by Lunenburg band, and on returning will procure flowers and march to North cemetery.

At town hall there will be music, singing, decorating the tablets, prayer by Rev. F. W. Brett and addresses by J. Willard Brown. At the close of exercises in lower town hall, a collation will be served.

Names of veterans now residing in town: C. H. Cunningham, D. L. Fuller, Amos Goodnow, G. C. Jewett, G. A. Laney, J. A. Litchfield, G. A. Litchfield, C. B. Longley, T. G. Lesure, B. F. Marshall, G. H. McIntire, C. C. Marden, G. F. Moore, J. B. Proctor, B. F. Rines, Stillman Stone.

AUCTIONS.

On Friday, May 27, Otis H. Forbush will sell by auction, for J. H. D. Whitcomb, Littleton on Monday, May 23, at one o'clock p. m., a choice collection of eighteen Holstein cows and two bulls, at the well-known stock farm of George H. Fitts, South Framingham.

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To all the dear friends who have so kindly rendered assistance and sympathy during the long illness of our dear one; also, for the many beautiful flowers; for words of comfort from Rev. J. W. Thomas and to the singers at the funeral, I wish to express my sincere thanks. JOHN A. KENDALL, Ayer, Mass., May 20, 1910.

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AYER.

News Items.

Newman R. Bacon of Clinton is to have the future supervision of the telephone exchange. He will have charge of the exchanges in Ayer, Groton, Littleton, Shirley, Pepperell, Townsend, Harvard, Berlin, Lancaster, Sterling and Clinton. For some months the work of caring for some of the exchanges has been directed from the Fitchburg office of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Mrs. Ella Hosley of Fitchburg has brought suit through the office of Walsh & Walsh of that city, for divorce from her husband, Alonzo A. I. Hosley of this town, alleging abusive treatment and non-support, and also prays for the custody of their three minor children, Oliver R., Nellie I., and Edward A. Mr. and Mrs. Hosley were married in Nashua, February 14, 1894. Since their marriage they have lived together in Ayer, Shirley, Harvard, Pepperell, Hudson and Fitchburg.

The St. Mary's A. C. play the Nashua A. A. on Civic club grounds, Saturday, May 21, at 2:30 p. m. This is the juvenile championship team of Nashua, N. H., and were defeated only once and then by the St. Mary's at Nashua recently. They are coming for revenge, so look out for a great game.

St. Mary's A. C. played at Shirley last Saturday afternoon and won by a score of 7 to 4.

John F. Lentz last week Friday, went on a fishing trip with a party of eight, to Belnap Point, N. H., guest of G. W. Homer at his cottage on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee and returned Monday noon. Charles R. White of Shirley was also one of the party. Mr. Lentz was the only successful one, a total of two trout.

At the annual meeting of the Fitchburg chapter, D. A. R., held in Fitchburg recently, Mrs. Belle L. Osgood and Mrs. Mabel C. Manning were elected members of the board of management. Mrs. Osgood is chairman of the board.

E. H. Bliss has sold the Ira R. Hutchinson place in Lunenburg to Stanley W. Fenno of Revere, who is principal of the high school there, for a summer residence and he is to set out a large apple orchard.

Lee W. Coffin of Melrose, who purchased the Delano place in Groton, over the brook, through E. H. Bliss, will occupy it this Saturday or next Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mason returned last Saturday from their summer home at Centre Harbor, N. H., where they have been for the past two or three weeks and expect to return the first week in July to remain for the remainder of the season.

Herbert L. Brann of Newhall, Cal., where he had been for the past eleven years for his health, died recently in that town of consumption. Mr. Brann, some thirteen years ago was manager of the Central Dry Goods Co.'s store here, a Waltham dry goods firm, still in business in that city. The store was located where is now the Ayer Variety store, and they did a fine business under his management during their stay in town of a couple of years. His ill health was the cause of closing out the business here. He was well liked and was a most excellent young man. His wife, who made many friends during her residence here, survives him.

At the meeting of the Y. P. R. U. in the Unitarian vestry on Sunday evening this nominating committee was appointed to bring in a list of names for the officers for the coming year: Mrs. Ruth Clark Sherwin, Mrs. A. C. Perkins and Miss Doris Fletcher. The annual meeting of the Y. P. R. U. will be on Sunday evening, May 22, at seven o'clock.

The annual meeting of the National Young People's Religious Union will be held in the chapel of the Second Church, Boston, on Thursday, May 26, at two p. m.

At the meeting of the Unitarian Sunday school, last Sunday, these delegates were appointed to the annual meeting of the Unitarian Sunday school society to be held in Boston on Friday, May 27, in King's Chapel: Rev. Dr. Fisk, Mrs. Susan M. Barker and Miss Nettie B. Roe.

Thomas Griffin, one of the milkmen of Ayer, who resides in Old Mill district, Harvard, is having an addition built to his house of a broad piazza of some extent and he is making other improvements about the premises. The place that he owns was known years ago as the Capt. Rand farm and Mr. Griffin, since coming into possession of it, has improved it very much, and it is now in a high state of cultivation. He has one of the best milk routes in Ayer.

George H. Brown is having built a broad piazza to the rear of his house on Pleasant street, taking in both stories.

Improvements are to be made at the railway station here as soon as the working gang of Nashua get through there. The large awning between the tracks of the Worcester and Nashua division is to be raised a foot higher, a new roof, and the concrete between the tracks, and also alongside the station, is to be lowered even with the tracks and on the same level as the Fitchburg division and the branches of the Boston and Maine.

Clifton Winchester, who has not been well for some time past, went to the hospital in Groton on last Monday morning and underwent a surgical operation that forenoon for an ulcer in the stomach. It was found by Drs. Buckley and Kilbourn, who performed the operation, that the

ulcer had eaten through the stomach. Mr. Winchester, since the operation, has rested comfortably and unless something new sets in, there is a chance for his recovery. A specialist from Boston visited the hospital at Groton on Thursday night and said that all was being done for him that was possible.

Fred W. Hosmer has sold his bungalow at Sandy Pond to W. S. Beckford, who recently returned to town from Townsend.

David Breen of Arlington, charged with drunkenness, was in court on May 19, tried, found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Joseph Norman and Salmon Shore, both of Ayer, charged with assault and battery on Arthur Pappas of Ayer, the complainant, were in court on May 20, were found not guilty. One of the men is an English Jew, the other a Russian Jew, and the complainant, a Greek.

John F. Lentz, L. H. Cushing, E. H. Bigelow, H. S. Turner, O. K. Pierce, W. A. Wright and R. L. Parker visited by invitation, Thomas R. A. chapter, Fitchburg on Wednesday night, the occasion being a visit of Grand High Priest Burrage, to that chapter. Banquet was at seven.

Officers Beatty, O'Connell, Mullin and A. A. Fillebrown raided the American house on Merchant's row on last Saturday morning in the search of liquors, but were not successful in finding any.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Fillebrown, their daughter, Miss Nannie Fillebrown, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, Mrs. W. H. Reynolds, E. D. Stone and E. A. Richardson attended the annual meeting of the grand chapter of the order of the Eastern Star last week Thursday. Mrs. Sawyer was appointed representative of the grand chapter of the state of Utah.

William R. Clark, jr., trustee of his father's estate, which with property in Boston and hotel property here, known for years as the Union house, had a paralytic shock at his residence in Dorchester a couple of weeks ago from which he did not recover. His father, years ago, when he came into possession of the Union house property, while under the management of the late George J. Smith, was a frequent visitor here, and his son after him. In all probability the property will now be disposed of.

The comet on the night of May 18 passed over without doing any damage, but a man well known in the upper yard, who has been suffering from an acute attack of "cometitis," passed a very restless night at the west end of the Boston and Maine freight yard.

On Saturday, May 21, at one o'clock p. m., A. A. Fillebrown will sell by auction, the personal property belonging to E. A. Deiano, Overlook farm, Groton road.

Potato and Corn Clubs in the Schools.

Professor Hart of Amherst spoke before the Ayer Board of Trade during the winter upon the work of the potato clubs he had organized among the schools in the western part of the state and told of his plan to extend these throughout the entire state this season. Because of the corn exposition to be held in Worcester in the fall, corn and potatoes were to be emphasized this year.

As Professor Hart wished to work through the superintendent of schools, the schools of Ayer, Shirley, West Boylston have been organized by the superintendent and about two bushels of potatoes have been distributed to these for seed, three potatoes to a hill. The potatoes were sent out by the Agricultural college and the seed corn is now on the way. Pamphlets containing directions for the planting and cultivation of the corn and potatoes have been prepared by the college and supplied to all the club members. At least one circular letter will be sent to each member during the season.

The plan is to hold local exhibitions in the fall and select from these the product to be exhibited in Worcester at the corn exposition. Appropriate prizes will be provided at the local exhibitions and at Worcester.

The club will in no way interfere with the work of home gardening conducted by the Woman's club. The superintendent of schools has consulted with a representative of the committee from the Woman's club and it is hoped to carry the two projects on in unison and to have the exhibit of potatoes and corn a part of the usual exhibit held by the Woman's club.

Memorial Day.

The route and order of exercises for Monday, May 30, will be as follows: George S. Boutwell post 48, G. A. R., under escort of Capt. George V. Barrett, Camp 40, S. of V. and drum corps will leave G. A. R. hall for St. Mary's cemetery at 8.15 a. m. Arrive at Shirley Centre at ten. Arrive at Shirley Village at eleven. Returning, will arrive at Ayer at 12.30 p. m., at which time dinner will be provided by W. R. Corps 49 at G. A. R. hall. Will leave for Harvard at 1.30. Returning, will arrive at Woodlawn cemetery at four p. m., where the final exercises of the day will be held.

Memorial Sunday, post 48, G. A. R., W. R. C. 49 and Camp 40, S. of V., will meet at G. A. R. hall on Sunday May 29, at 10.30 a. m., to attend memorial services at St. Mary's church, Rev. P. J. Sheedy, pastor. A full and prompt attendance is requested.

Post 48, G. A. R., and Corps 49, W. R. C., will meet at headquarters on Friday afternoon, May 27, at 1.30 to attend the annual patriotic exercises of the schools at the town hall.

By order of commander, William Crombie, adjutant.

Unnerved by Strain of Trial.

Broken down in health by the severe strain upon him while foreman of the jury which found Raymond Plouffe guilty of the murder of Dr. Henry N. Stone of Newburyport, at Harvard, last September, and a nervous wreck since the trial in February, Charles E. Russell of Milford, a widely-known painter and decorator, ended his life by shooting himself in the head at his shop in Milford, Saturday afternoon. Mr. Russell returned to his home

from the Plouffe trial unnerved and very much down-hearted, and has been the victim of constant worry and sleepless nights ever since. He told his family and friends that he hoped never to be called upon to sit upon a murder jury and that he could never forget his recent experiences.

Saturday morning he went to his store in apparently good spirits and health and friends and customers who called there during the morning say that he gave no indication of being under any unusual mental strain.

He leaves a wife and one sister.

Serious Accident.

Mrs. G. P. Beverly last week Friday afternoon, while crossing the road at Sandy pond, near the electric railway station, was knocked down by an automobile and one forward wheel passed over her body. As the car was going along at a very slow pace it was immediately stopped. The automobile was owned and operated by E. J. Richards of Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Beverly and their daughter, Miss Millie Beverly, at the time of the accident, were walking alongside of the road, as there is no path, and it is believed that Mrs. Beverly became confused by the tooting of the automobile horn, and stepped in front of it.

In the car was Mrs. Richards and a nurse and Mrs. Beverly was taken in the car and hurriedly taken back to town where Drs. Hopkins and Sullivan were promptly notified. They attended Mrs. Beverly and it was found on examination, that several ribs were fractured and she was bruised about the head and shoulders.

Mrs. Beverly is doing nicely. It was a narrow escape from what might have been of a more serious nature.

Mr. Richards was much troubled over the accident and he did all in his power to render assistance to the injured woman.

Death.

Mrs. Hattie E. Kendall, wife of John A. Kendall, who has been suffering for some time with gallstones went to the hospital at Groton on May 11 and was operated upon May 13, and she died on May 16. Mrs. Kendall was born in Troy, N. H., May 3, 1852, and had been a resident of this town for the past thirty-eight years. The funeral services were held at her late residence on Cambridge street, May 18, Rev. J. W. Thomas officiating, and burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. She is survived by her husband and four brothers—Elmer E. Ward of Waterville, Henry N. Ward of Winchendon, George L. Ward of South Royalton, this state, and Charles Ward of Troy, N. H. Three of the brothers—Elmer, Henry and Charles—were at the funeral.

First Installation.

The following is a report of the first installation of officers of Caleb Butler lodge, A. F. and A. M., that appeared in The Railroad Mercury, published at Groton Junction, October 11, 1860:

It was my good fortune to be one of those who attended the installation of officers of Caleb Butler lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and the festivities connected therewith at their lodge room in Harmony hall on Monday evening of this week, which was public to the Master Masons' families and such of their friends as they chose to invite, to a limited number; and I must say that the whole affair from beginning to end was one of the pleasant and most harmonious meetings I ever attended. This new lodge has been eminently successful, and now involves among its members, a large number of the most respectable and intelligent and upright men of this thriving place and vicinity. It would be difficult, sir, to select the same number of men again in this place of equal value to it. The installation ceremonies were conducted in a very beautiful and impressive manner by W. S. Gardner of Lowell, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, assisted by J. A. Goodwin, Frank Salmon, William North and George Bedford of the same place. Our enterprising neighbor, E. F. Taft, was installed Master of the lodge, for the year ensuing, by an obligation and charge from the Deputy Grand Master, which ought to convince everyone that they were in earnest, and that they considered their duties as Masons and good citizens, synonymous and of sufficient importance to be in earnest in doing them. All of the officers in succession, according to their grade, took upon themselves the solemn obligations to faithfully fulfill the duties of the offices to which they had been elected, and all in turn received from the hand of the Deputy Grand Master, the badge of their office, with charges to fidelity and to preserve the ancient landmarks of the order. Some of these charges were in the most beautiful language, and eminently religious and elevating in their tone, and were delivered with grace and beauty.

The Deputy Grand Master, after the installation of all the officers, delivered an address, which for beauty of conception, elegance of diction, and delivery, is not often equalled; giving a brief history of the institution, its advantages, its trials, and noticing some of the objections urged against it, and disposing of them in the most convincing and satisfactory manner, and with a logic that it would be hard to dispose of. It was an address that would be read with interest and profit by all in or out of the order. A procession was then formed and under the escort of the Groton Junction brass band (which by the way, Mr. Editor, played most beautifully) were conducted to Harmony hall, where they sat down to tables loaded with bounties by Benjamin Needham, of the Needham house. After disposing of the good things provided, the newly-installed Master, having the craft in charge, announced the "feast of reason and flow of soul," by calling up the Deputy Grand Master, who made some very humorous and entertaining remarks, excusing himself from any extended address, because he had said his say in the other hall, and closed by capital sally at the fair sex, and the reason why it would not do for them to be admitted into the lodges as Masons. J. A.

Goodwin, esq., late speaker of the House of Representatives, was next called, and made the speech of the evening, showing his ability as well as to preside over an assembly. William F. Goulding, of this place, was next called for, and said he should deprive himself of the privilege of making any extended remarks, owing to what had gone before, what was to come after, and an abiding sense of being too full for utterance, and content himself with giving a sentiment or toast, which was complementary to Father North, and which effectually called him up. Father North said he had been a Mason nigh forty years, and had stuck by and loved the institution in prosperity and adversity. Frank Salmon of Lowell, was next called up, and gave a beautiful sentiment (I wish I could write it out here) comparing this place with its railroads branching out in every direction, to the Masonic institution, bearing its members to the celestial lodge above, where we all hope to arrive at last. But I must write short articles, for The Mercury is a small sheet, and besides sir, I have been out two evenings in succession until midnight, and then those glorious tidings from the Keystone State, and the firing of cannon, and ten, fifteen, twenty, thirty thousand majority runs in my head so that I ought not to have attempted to write tonight, and will hasten to a conclusion.

E. D. Bancroft, H. P. Ross, Rev. Geo. B. Gow, and N. W. Fry (the two latter being invited guests) severally addressed the company. Mr. Gow was particularly happy in his remarks, and Mr. Fry bore ample and cheerful testimony to the honor, integrity and good citizenship of the Masons in this place, many of whom he had come in contact with in business, and he was proud to number some of them as his most intimate friends.

The exercises at the hall were interspersed with singing, and the addresses and sentiments at the table were liberally applauded, and at about 11.30 o'clock, the company broke up with singing, "Auld Lang Syne."

No one can get a correct idea of the harmony, beauty, sociability and complete success of this meeting of one hundred or more of the citizens of Groton Junction and vicinity, unless he was there. A fraternal feeling seemed to exist among the brethren that pervaded the place, and united in one common brotherhood all present. A large number of ladies were present and added much to the brilliancy of the occasion.

Thinking so pleasant an affair should not pass without some notice, I send you this imperfect account, hoping someone that was present on that occasion will furnish you with a better, in which case, make no bones of consigning this to the waste bag.

The following are the names of the officers installed:

B. F. Taft, w. m.; Augustus Dike, s. w.; John N. Roberts, j. w.; Arthur Fenner, treas.; William F. Goulding, sec.; J. W. Magrath, s. d.; L. G. King, j. d.; C. C. Bennett, marshal; J. Q. A. McClester, chap.; John F. Swinerton, w. s.; Jesse J. Angell, j. s.; Edwin Sanders, Tyler.

Yours respectfully and in haste,
POPE.
Groton Junction, October 10, 1860.

Caleb Butler lodge have no record of this first installation of officers. Their early records are very meagre and the publishing of this article will fill a very important gap in their records. At the time of the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary, March 14, a thorough search was then made by the historian, Frederick Whitney, but was unable then to obtain a list of the first officers of the Caleb Butler lodge.

Of the first installed officers, here mentioned, there are only four living: John N. Roberts of Boston, Arthur Fenner of Ayer, J. Q. A. McClester of Waltham and Jesse J. Angell of Hudson.

Church Services.

Rev. J. W. Thomas baptized two candidates last Sunday evening in the presence of a large audience. On Sunday, May 22, after the sermon at 10.15 a. m., he will give the hand of fellowship to new members. Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven p. m. Special singing by choir and young people's chorus with short address by the pastor.

At the Congregational church, Rev. Mr. Crooks of Cambridge will preach on Sunday, May 22, at 10.45 a. m. and at six p. m. Christian Endeavor at five p. m.

The services in St. Andrew's at Trinity Sunday, May 23, are at ten and eleven o'clock. In Forge mission at seven p. m.

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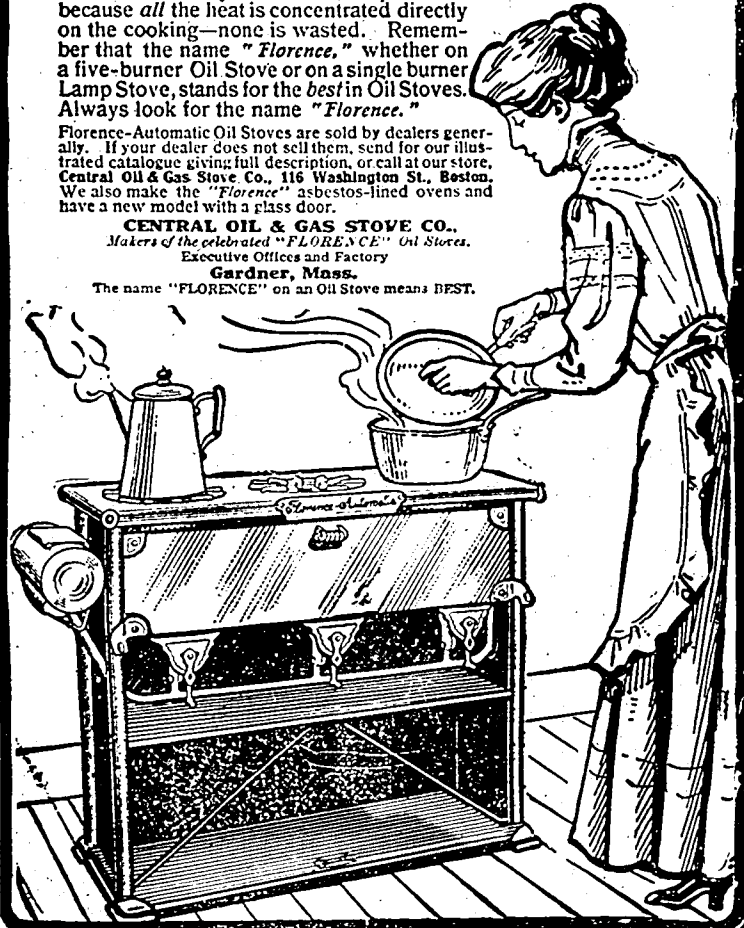
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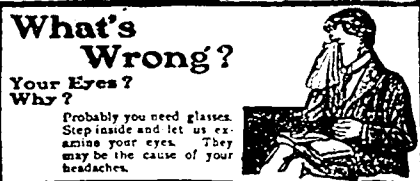
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SHIRLEY.

Bank Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Shirley Cooperative bank was held in their rooms at Peasley's block on Tuesday evening. The president, D. Chester Parsons, presided. The following committees were chosen for the ensuing year:

Finance committee, W. H. Wilbur, E. H. Conant, W. E. Mellish; security committee, W. H. Cram, W. H. Wilbur, W. A. Knowles; auditing committee, Rev. A. A. Bronson, J. F. Smith, H. O. Peasley.

It was voted to place on sale shares of the sixth series on and after June 9, 1910.

The Last Session.

The sewing school, under the auspices of the Altrurian club, held its last session for this season last week, Friday and the following day Saturday, an exhibition of the work accomplished by the children was held at the clubrooms, where a goodly number of mothers of the children inspected the work and were delighted with the results.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman, the superintendent of the school, assisted by the teachers very cordially received the visitors and explained the various kinds of sewing which was excellent. Indeed, the results attained by the children during the past twelve weeks reflected credit upon Mrs. Merriman and her able corps of assistants; also, the children.

All the pupils were present from four to five, when ice cream and cake was served to them and a social hour much enjoyed. The ice cream was furnished through the kindness of Mrs. Kate E. Hazen and the teachers supplied the cake.

It is safe to say that no philanthropic work which has been undertaken by the Altrurian club has done so much practical good for the community as the sewing school for the children of the town.

Delegates Chosen.

The Alliance meeting was held last week Thursday afternoon, with the president, Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, at her home in North Shirley. It is always a treat to be entertained at this hospitable mansion which still retains much of the atmosphere of old colonial days in its spacious interior.

After the routine of business was disposed of, the topic of the afternoon, "Observance of the Sabbath," was most ably handled by Miss Agnes M. Holden, who spoke entirely without notes for about twenty minutes, going back to the time of the fourth commandment as given by Moses, and giving in brief the history of the Sabbath down to our own times. The subject was then discussed by the members with much interest.

The Alliance was honored by the presence of several guests from the village. At this meeting delegates were chosen to attend the American Unitarian association convention and the Unitarian Sunday school convention.

At the close of the meeting a social hour prevailed, at which the hostess served delicious light refreshments.

Birthday Surprise.

Miss Gertrude Provost, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Provost, attained her sixteenth birthday on last Saturday and in fitting recognition of this event, a goodly number of friends planned a surprise for the occasion, assembling at her home on Saturday evening unannounced, and took possession of the homestead where a cordial reception was given them and merry making started in with a vim and continued during the evening. Music and games were the features of entertainment and refreshments were served.

However, the genial hostess was substantially reminded of the esteem in which she is held with being presented by her guests with a pretty gold bracelet and this pleasant birthday party came to a close, leaving happy memories that will linger long in the minds of Miss Provost and her guests.

News Items.

The line of march for George S. Boutwell post of Ayer, Memorial day, May 29, is as follows:

Will arrive at St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer, at 8:15; at Shirley Centre cemetery at 9:30; at the Village cemetery at eleven a. m., arriving at Ayer for dinner at 12:30. At Woodlawn cemetery at four p. m.

George S. Barrett Camp, S. of V., are invited to parade with the post drum corps furnished by Sons of Veterans. Flags will be at halfmast that day and O. W. Balcom, commander of post 48, will be in charge.

Sandy Gionet left on Monday for Carquet, N. B., and Joseph Cormier the same day for Rogersville, N. B., both to remain for the summer.

Bert Bodah is critically ill with bright's disease. He is seventy-seven years of age and no hopes are held out for his recovery.

Friday, May 27, there will be public exercises at the public schools, commencing at Shirley Centre school at nine a. m., and at the grammar and high schools at 10:30, exercises in the lower grades at 1:30.

Charles Wilson of Harvard road is confined to his home with sickness.

The St. Mary A. C. of Ayer, played the Shirley high baseball nine last Saturday afternoon on Davis field and won the game by a score of 7 to 4.

Herbert F. Taylor, superintendent of the Industrial school, and Mrs. Taylor left town last Saturday for St. Louis, to attend the educational convention being held in that city. They will be away about two weeks.

Forrest Hooper, Jr., has accepted the position of freight clerk at the railway station, made vacant by the promotion of Frank Dadman to the position of assistant depot master, formerly held by William Preston.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

The property on Main street known as the Jack Jewett place, has been recently purchased by Hon. Franklin Worcester. The house has been a most attractive one, because of the fine workmanship of its immense rooms. Each room has carved mouldings, no two of them being alike. The stair-

way is the broad one made after the style of former years. The house is greatly out of repairs now and it is hoped when the new owner makes the needed repairs they will simply be restored to its former fine style, without modernizing at all.

F. E. Northrup has accepted a position in Pepperell on the farm known as the Belcher farm, recently operated by Cortland S. Hill, and with his family has moved to Pepperell.

Mrs. Emma Goodwin is spending this week in Mason with relatives.

The W. C. T. U. held a social at the home of Mrs. Nellie Hardy for the purpose of interesting the young people. There were recitations and music and a very pleasant evening was passed, nearly fifty being present.

The social event of the season occurred on Thursday evening, May 12. It was the annual guest night of the Hollis Woman's club, held at the Cranford inn by invitation of the owner, Hon. Franklin Worcester. Besides the club and its friends, many of Mr. Worcester's friends were there as his guests, the occasion being a house warming, as well as guest night. The whole house was thrown open for inspection and was greatly admired. There were more than one hundred and fifty present. Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell furnished the music. Dainty refreshments were served. The citizens are greatly gratified with the inn and trust it will be a success to the managers.

E. Cyrus Miller of Haydenville, Mass., gave the third and last lecture in the grange course on Monday evening. His topic was fruit culture.

Ernest Marvell has purchased the Samuel Blood farm, so-called, in South Hollis. He and his family occupied their new house this week.

Harry Hoyt, who fell from the high tree on the Prescott farm, North Pepperell, in the spring, has sold his place in South Hollis to Roger Cummings, and left town.

Mrs. C. F. H. Crathern of South Braintree, Mass., spent several days this week with her cousin, Mrs. G. F. Hills.

Henry Patch has been suffering lately with his hallucinations and was taken to Grasmere on Tuesday.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all others interested in the estate of MARY TOY, late of Groton in said County, an absentee.

Whereas, BRIDGET NEYLON, receiver of the property of said absentee, presented to said Court for allowance the first account of her receivership and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in her hands among the next of kin of said absentee.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the 12th day of June A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

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

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, at 313.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Groton, Massachusetts, May 12, 1910.

To the Middlesex County Commissioners:

Respectfully represent the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Groton in said County that Martin's Pond Road in said town, from the end of the location by the Commissioners in 1909, at the property line between Lawrence Brooks and Charles H. Berry southerly to the North Common, where said road joins the road called Hollis Street, should be relocated for the purpose of establishing its boundaries; also, the road on the north side of said Common and Hollis Street northeasterly from said road to the property line between Lawrence Brooks and the cemetery should be relocated.

Wherefore we pray you will cause the same to be relocated.

Lawrence Brooks,
Samuel G. Underhill,
C. W. Winship,
Patrick H. Sullivan,
Charles H. Berry,
Howard B. Souther.

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

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Middlesex, ss.

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

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the selection room in Groton on Monday the twenty-seventh day of June A. D. 1910 at 10:45 o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the said town of Groton with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper printed at Ayer in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Groton fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

JOHN L. AMBROSE, Ass't Clerk.
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ARTHUR W. BALCOM,
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North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:30, 6:55, 7:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:33 p. m. Sundays—7:33, 8:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10:33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5:30, 6:55, 6:30, 6:57, 7:18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. then 11:48 p. m. Sundays—6:42 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m.

Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 12:45 p. m. until 10:15 p. m.) Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1:35 p. m. until 10:35 p. m.) Sundays—7:35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:55, 7:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:48 p. m. then 10:15 p. m. Sundays—6:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5:40, 6:20, 6:57, 7:33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:33 p. m. then 11:22 p. m. Sundays—9:03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. THOMAS LEEB, Supt.

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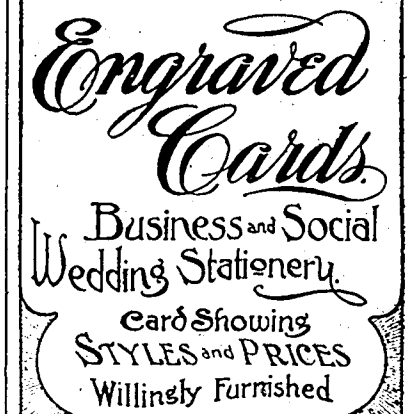
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BOSTON CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Fitzgerald Would Like to See Some Changes

APPOINTMENTS ARE HELD UP

Active Contests For Congress In Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Districts—Republicans May Redeem the Latter District as Well as Tenth

The rejection by the civil service commission of former Mayor George A. Hibbard as tax collector of the city of Boston is causing a great deal of comment, and Mayor Fitzgerald is trying to use it as an argument why he should be given unlimited power to make appointments. It is extremely easy to condemn an official or commission when it has done some act which runs counter to the wishes of some politician. The more thoughtful part of the community is inclined to ask the reason why this limitation was put upon the action of the mayor of Boston. They believe there can be only one reply to that query, and that is that Mr. Fitzgerald, during his first term of office, so conducted himself as to cause the decent people of the city to rise up in righteous indignation, and demand a new charter. That charter, which was favored by leading Democrats of Boston even more strongly than by Republicans, compelled the state civil service commission to review certain appointments in the gift of the mayor and use the veto power upon those found unfit.

What is Fitzgerald's Motive? It is evident to most level headed people that the mayor by making selections which the board cannot approve is trying to create political capital and to force an amendment of the charter so as to give him a free hand in appointments. Thus far it is felt that he has merely been paying his political debts in the appointments he has made, largely, as many think, without regard to the best interests of the city.

A great many people, regardless of their political affiliations, believe his appointment of former Mayor Hibbard was intended as the payment of a political obligation to man whose candidacy resulted possibly in his own election. There are many who believe that Hibbard was not personally in the combination to elect Mr. Fitzgerald mayor. Nearly everybody, however, believes that those behind his candidacy had a very definite understanding with Mr. Fitzgerald. Very likely Hibbard had the qualifications to fill the position to which he was appointed. His physical condition, however, which it is understood had been known to the board for some days, was such as to preclude his giving the city the service to which it is entitled. It is difficult to see how the commission could have acted differently under the circumstances.

Governor Draper Growing in Strength There are plenty of indications that Governor Draper is growing in strength with the people and that the situation from a Republican standpoint is much better than it was a few weeks ago. For one thing, the report of the commission to investigate the increase in the cost of living has shown up the dishonesty of the Democratic party in its attempt to place the responsibility for this condition upon the Republican tariff law. Besides that, the straightforward and manly attitude of the governor is appealing strongly to the citizens, regardless of their political affiliations. Everybody likes a fearless and conscientious man, whether he be an official or a private citizen, and Governor Draper's frank, outspoken attitude on every question which has come to him is characteristic of his whole makeup. There is quite a general opinion abroad that he will be much stronger at the polls this fall than he was in 1909.

Three Sharp Congressional Contests There are three congressional districts located almost wholly in the city of Boston within the limits of which there is already a sharp contest for the Democratic nomination. Two of them, the Ninth and Tenth, have been considered solidly Democratic, while the third, the Eleventh, although it has been carried by a Democrat at the last two congressional elections, was formed on the supposition that it was Republican, and which would very likely be so under ordinary circumstances.

In the Ninth district Congressman Kellher believes he is practically certain to be renominated. Mr. Kellher has served two terms. He is quite popular with the people of the district, but finds the machine against him owing to the fact that he championed the election of James J. Storrow for mayor against John F. Fitzgerald. There is no doubt that the Fitzgerald machine will do all in its power to defeat him. It is being pointed out, however, by the friends of Mr. Kellher that Mr. Fitzgerald is not as strong today as he was before his election and that his opposition is not likely to be effective for that and other reasons. When Mr. Kellher ran for renomination two years ago he was vigorously opposed by a large number of powerful Democratic politicians in the district, but he was able to secure the nomination handsily, and his friends

say he will fare as well this time. Mayor Fitzgerald is not as powerful an element in municipal politics today as he was when he was mayor before. At that time he had a large number of important offices at his disposal and by reason of that fact had a power which is not his today under the new city charter and the official check of the state civil service commission.

Tenth District is Quite Close In the Tenth district Congressman Joseph F. O'Connell seeks a renomination, but is opposed principally by Councillor Curley, one of Mayor Fitzgerald's advisors in the city council. Mr. Curley has proved himself to be an adept in political manipulation, but it is quite a question whether he is more than a match for Congressman O'Connell and his efficient political organization. Mr. O'Connell stands well with Mayor Fitzgerald and expects the support of that official in his campaign. It is possible that he may receive it. If there should be a very bitter contest over the Democratic nomination there is quite a possibility that the Republican nominee, if he be a strong figure, might be able to carry the district. Two years ago former City Clerk J. Mitchell Galvin came within four votes of defeating Mr. O'Connell and there was so much doubt about a number of ballots that the contest was taken to Washington and but recently decided in favor of the sitting congressman.

Fitzgerald Against Mr. Peters In the Eleventh district Congressman Andrew J. Peters will be opposed by ex-Senator Thomas H. Dowd, who will have the ardent support of the Fitzgerald machine and a considerable part of the Democratic organization. Dowd is a well-known lawyer who has been a consistent Democrat through thick and thin. Peters is a Democrat of the old school who has not hesitated to oppose Democrats whom he thought to be unfit to hold public positions which they were seeking. He was against Fitzgerald two years ago and this year as well. He was unfortunate in supporting one Democrat seeking a judicial position for which the voters of Suffolk county later declared him unfit. Taken as a whole, however, his political career has been such as to commend him, enough Republicans in the district to elect him, although it is regarded as Republican by from one to three thousand in a normal vote. If the Fitzgerald machine fails to defeat him for the nomination Mr. Peters may be defeated by a Republican candidate through the defection of Democratic votes. In such a case, the Fitzgerald men may feel that the only way to get rid of Peters is by casting their votes for a Republican. That would leave the coast entirely clear for a machine candidate two years hence.

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News Items.

Henry Bailey is employed at the paper mill at Pepperell as a machinist.

Dr. Holcombe attended the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Medical Society at Concord on Thursday, May 12. Dr. A. S. Wallace of Nashua was elected president.

Improvements are being made at the residence of Harry Marshall by the addition of a large piazza, dormer windows and the enlargement of the stable.

Luthean windows are to be placed in the Hall at Four Pines and the piazza widened.

The public library is being repainted. New windows are to be placed in the grammar school room and library.

Alfred A. Hall and family have returned to their home this week, having spent the winter at the home of Mrs. A. A. Hall on Bond street.

Miss Mary L. Brown has been a recent guest at the home of Rev. Geo. L. Todd at Westfield, N. J., and also spent a few days at Newark and New York City.

Mrs. Louise Bragg has moved to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fessenden and Ephraim Wheeler and family to the Talbot place.

A social gathering was enjoyed at the rooms of the Rev. J. N. Seaver, Monday evening. A literary program was given and refreshments served.

Mr. and Mrs. George Needham of Milford and Mrs. Frank Kennedy and daughter Elizabeth of Pepperell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett on Tuesday.

A valuable team horse owned by Orville D. Fessenden had to be shot Tuesday. The horse had been sick and a veterinary was summoned who pronounced it a case of glanders. The stable has been thoroughly fumigated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy gave a party at their home at Pepperell on Saturday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sealey of Boston, entertaining twenty-five guests. Dainty refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed. Miss Blanche Fessenden of Brookline, William Worcester of Hollis and Miss Harriet Morgan of Townsend were among the guests.

Miss Anna Thayer, Orrin Savage and Mrs. Gaskell assisted with music and added to the program of the evening.

A carload of lumber that was ready for shipment and owned by Orville D. Fessenden was destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon in Dunstable, near the Hollis depot.

At the annual meeting of the Brookline Old Home Week association, held at Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening, the officers of last year were re-elected. It was voted not to observe Old Home Week this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker observed their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary, also Mrs. Tucker's birthday on Wednesday, May 11. Congratulations and many pleasant reminders of the day made it replete with happiness. Their daughter, Mrs. George L. Badger of Quincy and James H. S. Tucker of Nashua enjoyed the day with her.

E. Cyrus Miller of Baldwinville gave a very interesting and instructive lecture at Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the grange, taking for the subject, "Fruit growing in New England."

Favorable reports are received from little Miss Jessie Farnsworth, who has recently been operated upon for appendicitis at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston. Her mother and Mrs. Minnie Holcombe are with her.

The rate of taxation for the ensuing year is \$1.60 on a hundred dollars.

The program at the local grange on Wednesday evening, May 25, will be: Discussion, "Should New Hampshire advertise her farms as permanent or summer homes," Mrs. Mary Barber, Mrs. Lucetta Martin, Dr. Holcombe; piano solo, Miss Marion Holcombe; reading, Miss Mildred Gilman; song, Edward Pierce; grange gossip No. 2, Mrs. Clara Russell; basket party, ladies bring wafers with lunch for two; gentlemen bring pocketbooks.

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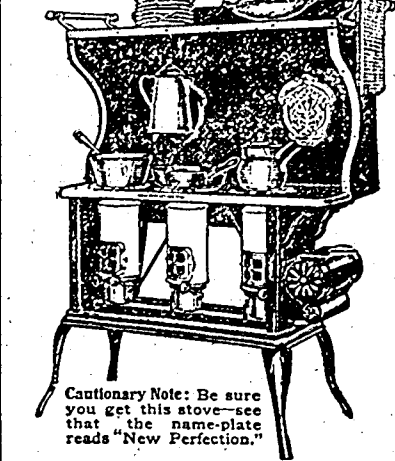
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News Items.

M. Brann of the well-known N. Y. Cloak and Suit company of New York, spent several days in town this week guest of R. Dewey, president of the Pepperell card and paper company. Mr. Brann came in his auto the entire distance. This is his first visit to our town and it is understood that he was quite charmed with our advantages and the trip was made in one day.

The Pepperell card and paper company will employ an all night force in their plant beginning next week. This is to continue for some time as they are rushed with orders and long time contracts.

Arthur E. Bannon has purchased the laundry business of Simeon E. Charbonneau and is already making improvements in this important branch of public service.

Frank J. Milan of Portsmouth, N. H., is spending a few weeks at home. He has recently accepted a position with the Debenute corporation of New York, and is having many inquiries for their investment bonds.

Thos. J. Tierney passed away at his home on Nashua road on Friday evening, May 13, aged sixty years. Mr. Tierney has been ill for several weeks, having had a stroke of paralysis in March. He had lived here a good part of his life, coming from Ireland in 1860 to Woburn and to Pepperell about thirty years ago. He leaves a large family to mourn their loss. Interment was Sunday. Service by Rev. T. I. Coughlan at St. Joseph's church.

The Pepperell high school baseball team won from Hollis high on Thursday afternoon on the public playgrounds by a score of 11 to 7. The game was featured by especially heavy batting of both teams. Jameson pitched for Hollis, Lovejoy and Sullivan for Pepperell.

William J. Thayer has gone to New York for a few days.

Mrs. John E. Blood died at her home on Mason street, Saturday, at the age of thirty years. She has been an invalid for a number of years with tuberculosis. Funeral was Monday at Woodlawn.

There is a whispering that certain enthusiasts are trying to have a town ball team this year. It would seem quite opportune to do so this season for a number of our crack players expect to be with us this summer. If they can organize, it should be generously supported.

L. A. Hyatt, a livery stable keeper of Suncook, N. H., was in town last week looking for a team which was stolen from his stable. He found the buggy had been traded at Merrimac and the horse at Brookline and it later died at Townsend. It is understood this same thief stole the horse which was found in Hollis by Mr. Lous and the fellow was warned at Brookline that the officers were on his trail and he decamped for parts unknown, leaving the horse behind in the woods and the harness and buggy in another place.

Mrs. Louis Rowe and little girl spent Wednesday in Groton, returning on Thursday.

Word was received Thursday evening of the death of Fred Lavalley, aged fifty years, at the Carney hospital, South Boston. Mr. Lavalley has been there several days being operated on for varicose veins. He leaves a family and widow to mourn their sad bereavement.

About two hundred attended the town meeting Thursday evening in the town house. The articles which were not acted on were numbers 2 and 4. Article 3, relating to the construction of water pipes to supply a part of Sheffield street and Oak Hill

street was voted. The vote instructing the water commissioners to commence work forthwith. It was featured with remarks by E. P. McCord, H. W. Foster, Otis A. Merrill for the petitioners, and F. G. Hayes and H. W. Hutchinson against. An appropriation of five hundred dollars was made to repair Main street, either with tar mixture or oiling, according to the judgment of the selectmen. Four hundred dollars was appropriated to drain Groton street, near the school house.

The high school ball team have recently used rakes and roller so that the new grounds are to be used hereafter.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Herbert Wilson, Brookline street on Wednesday, May 25.

Charles Gage, Jr., is in town endeavoring to get enough financial support pledged to start the manufacture of the new paper bottle. There is no doubt of the practical use for its use are beyond ordinary estimate. It is hoped the plans will succeed.

The Pepperell Woman's club will hold a special business meeting at the home of Mrs. E. L. Tarbell on Tuesday afternoon, May 24, at 2:45 o'clock; board meeting at two. Delegates are to be chosen to attend the State Federation meeting to be held in Lynn, June 6 and 7, and also any other business which may come before the club. The treasurer will be present to receive the annual dues and to give out the admission tickets.

The annual meeting of the C. E. society of the M. E. church was held last week Friday evening, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Miss Lizzie McNayr, pres.; Miss Susie Andrews, Miss Mabel O'Neal, Miss Almyra Burns, Roy Sylvester, vice-pres.; Miss Carrie Sylvester, sec.; Miss Helen Lawrence, treas.; Miss Muriel Robinson, organist.

T. H. Bailey returned from Buffalo, N. Y., Sunday, where arrangements were concluded transferring the Flex-1-Dura Shoe Co. to the Buffalo Shoe Co. It is understood the Larkin Co. is behind the new venture.

Mrs. A. H. Harris and daughter Nellie, have gone to Merrimac, N. H., for a few days.

Miss Edith Gerrish of Worcester, spent Sunday in town as guest of Mrs. Horace Drury.

Charles Hill, son of Mrs. David Hill, Brookline street, an enlisted sailor on the battleship Michigan, is now at Rockland, Me., where they are having a standardization test of the ship he is on.

Glennings.

Lewis H. Bean returned last Monday from a visit of a few days in Boston with his son Harry.

Mrs. Chas. Hall of Nashua, formerly of Pepperell, is a little improved in health, and is now visiting in Brookline, N. H.

It is rumored that E. E. Tarbell has sold out his grocery business.

Miss Margaret Burns at the Massachusetts General hospital is getting along as well as could be expected. If her recovery is as rapid as it bids fair to be Miss Burns will soon be home again.

Little Miss Phyllis Nodding of Somerville is visiting at the home of her grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard of Cross street.

Mrs. Lincoln Johnson is suffering from an attack of acute rheumatism.

Miss Adda Upson and Mrs. William Deware spent the day last week Friday with Mrs. Frank Hall of Nashua, N. H.

George Glidden and family have moved into the house on the Tucker farm, so-called, owned by Mrs. I. J. Rowell.

John Frossard is greatly improving the appearance of his house on Cross street by a new coat of paint.

Miss Clara Brown of Worcester, for a number of years a resident of this town, is at Rutland, a tuberculosis sufferer. Miss Brown, who went to Rutland a few weeks ago, has not as yet been admitted to the sanitarium, but is in a private house. Her condition is considered quite serious. Mrs. Philip Richardson, sister of Miss Brown, visited her this week.

Michael Dowling of Cross street, formerly employed in the Knights of Labor store, E. E. Tarbell's and later with Hale Jordan, has secured a position in Worcester and commenced work last week.

Mrs. Minnie Attridge visited relatives in Nashua, Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Alden Shattuck, clerk for E. E. Tarbell, who contemplated moving into Mr. Tarbell's double house on Main street, has changed his mind, and will remain where he is for the present.

Miss Jennie Sharp spent the day on Tuesday with her mother in Groton.

About Town.

The East Village Social club met at Mrs. R. Nutting's on Wednesday afternoon and evening. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarthy of Boston have been visiting Mrs. Mary Pond on Main street.

Arthur Bannon has purchased the laundry agency of Mr. Shavaneau, who has held it for the past three years.

Mr. and Mrs. William Drummy left on Saturday morning for a trip to New York City, where they will visit friends.

Mrs. Roy Nutting has been on the sick list the past week.

Dr. Davis, Wm. Dennen and Henry Gray started on Saturday with a large number of colts and horses for Ringe, N. H., where they will be pastured for the summer.

Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence, who has been so ill, is at last reports improving.

Eleven members from Prescott grange drove to Harvard, on Tuesday evening to attend the neighbors' night.

Edward Glow has gone to the knife manufacturing district of Connecticut in search of experienced knife makers to work in the Berkenshaw knife shop.

News Items.

The Ladies' Aid society will serve a supper in the vestry of the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, May 25, from six to 7:30. The proceeds will be appropriated to repairs on the church building, an entertainment by the children will follow.

The State legislature has recognized that our native birds are a benefit to agriculture and has established the office of State Ornithologist in the interest of the birds and to inform the people concerning them. On Tuesday evening, May 21, Edward Howe Forbush, the state ornithologist, will give a free lecture in Prescott hall, under the auspices of the Babbidge Guild, on the habits of birds and their value in destroying insects which injure crops and trees. Mr. Forbush is an experienced lecturer and has travelled extensively. His address will be illustrated by stereopticon views.

Mrs. Wilder Blood of Lexington street is somewhat better this week, but still confined to her bed and will be for some time to come.

Mrs. Martha Blood of Brookline, N. H., Mrs. Hattie Taylor of Groton and Mrs. Lucy A. Blood of Shirley were recent visitors at Mrs. Wilder Blood's.

The O. H. I. S. will hold a social dance in their hall, on Monday evening, May 23. Music, Thayer's orchestra.

The Pepperell high school alumni will meet with Miss Bernice Lunt, on Thursday evening, May 26.

Fred O. Bennett has accepted the agency of the Overland auto company, and has one of their four-cylinder cars for demonstration. This is not only one of the handsomest cars brought to town, but is one most easily to run. By reading his advertisement you will be fully informed of the excellent car that he represents.

E. A. Johnson has added to the street lighting system, by the installation of nine lightning arresters as required by the state.

L. F. Darling and Miss E. M. Haynes are having town water installed in their Main street properties.

There was a very large attendance at the illustrated lecture in Prescott hall on Monday evening by Mr. Rane, state forester. His remarks were interesting, instructive and of benefit to all who heard him. There is a large field here for the profitable work he so ably advocated.

To the Editor:

In an article in the Pepperell news items of last week there appeared a statement relating to the case of P. F. Sullivan v. the town of Pepperell and would say in justice to myself and the citizens of Pepperell that it was the first that I had heard that there had been any offer made in regard to a settlement. So I waited on my counsel, Judge Atwood of Ayer, to investigate the matter. He stated that there never was any offer of settlement made to him until the second day of the trial. Then the town counsel offered him three hundred dollars flat, that means that I should pay all my own witnesses and the cost of the jury's pleasure trip to Pepperell, which would be more than half what the town counsel offered in settlement.

My counsel stated, as the suit had been pending two years, at that late date he did not consider it an offer, so consequently I was not consulted. As the town did not present any evidence to the jury that there had been any offer of a settlement at the trial, it is rather a late date now to present it. The court has not furnished my counsel with the cost of the suit so it would be impossible to state the correct amount at this date. The town counsel stated to me the day the jury visited Pepperell, that a settlement by jury was the only just way to settle the case, and as the jury decided in my favor, I am O. K. and the town must be in error.

Centre.

The delegates from The First Parish, Pepperell, to the annual May

meetings of the American Unitarian association to be held in Boston, during the week commencing May 23, are: Rev. D. R. Child, Miss Ruth Rogers and Mrs. Wm. N. Mault; delegate from Alliance branch, Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton; delegates to Sunday school society, Rev. D. R. Child, Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mrs. N. W. Appleton.

At the annual meeting of the Ladies' social circle; branch of the National Alliance, held on May 12 in Central hall, Pepperell, the following officers were chosen: Mrs. N. S. Shattuck, pres.; Mrs. John Frossard, Mrs. T. F. Graham, vice-pres.; Mrs. D. R. Child, rec. sec.; Mrs. N. S. Appleton, cor. sec.; Mrs. Harry Hobart, treas.; Mrs. W. N. Mault, col.; Mrs. Addison Woodward, Mrs. M. R. Gilchrist, Mrs. Alice Burkinshaw, Mrs. Lincoln Johnson, Mrs. Wardell Parker, Miss Bertha Colson, directors.

Mrs. Julia A. Lawrence, who has been with her daughter in Brookline, N. H., for the past five months, has returned to her home here.

Mrs. H. C. Floyd, who was a Miss Blanche Merrill of Pepperell, before her marriage to Mr. Floyd, a resident of Nashua, was rendered unconscious when her home on Barker avenue in that city was struck by lightning several days ago, is still ill at the home of her parents in Groton, but on the way to recovery. The two children, one of whom was lying in a crib and who was buried in the debris knocked from the walls of the room by the bolt, and the other, who was thrown from the bed underneath a table when the bolt struck, have never shown any ill effects from the lightning.

A "Hoodoo" Buddha.

Lady Dorothy Nevill in her "Reminiscences" records an example of the so called "malevolent influence" of an inanimate object upon the fortunes of its possessors similar to that said to have been exerted by the Hope diamond, now sunk beneath the waves.

From the day a miniature Buddha from Burma of charming workmanship entered her house everything went amiss. Its installation in the drawing room was followed by a perfect avalanche of catastrophes. Within a week a son failed in business. Household pets came to tragic ends. A favorite pony was suddenly paralyzed, "and this on the very eve of an election in which it was to assist by conveying Conservative voters to the poll," from which it is inferred that the Buddha was not favorable to the Tory party. A few days later a neighboring chimney crashed down upon a wing of Lady Dorothy's house, doing much damage. Shortly afterward the Buddha was sent on loan to the Indian museum, where, after some minor disturbances, it settled quietly down and has since remained.

Postponed Her Bath.

Miss Flora Shaw as correspondent of the London Times was once traveling through Africa in a bullock wagon. The sun was blazing; the bullocks were slow; the dust was indescribable. She was making for a frontier town, where she anticipated the comforts of a bath. At the entrance to the place Miss Shaw, dead beat, dusty and irritable, found herself confronted with the ordeal of a public reception. The officials read her a welcome. She was as civil as she could be. Then she bolted for the hotel. She gave but one order—"Hot water, quick!"

The Victorious One.

An Indianapolis business man was marooned on election night in 1904 in an Illinois village, says the Saturday Evening Post. Naturally he was interested in the election. He wanted to find out whether Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Parker had won. He began investigating and discovered that the telephone girl quit at 6 o'clock and that the telegraph agent at the station knocked off work after the evening train went through, which was rarely later than 6 p. m.

At 8 o'clock the landlord shut up the hotel, telling his guest to take the room at the head of the stairs when he was ready to go to bed. No news was to be had, and the business man went to bed, that being all he could do.

Next morning he was awakened by the heavy tread of boots on the plank sidewalk. He threw up the window and asked the passerby, "Say, who was elected?"

"I was, by heck," replied the man proudly. "Third term for constable."

He "Dassent."

The selection of the right word to convey one's meaning is sometimes more important than the rules of grammar. So it appeared to the bridge policeman, who is an alert sociological student. An east side resident of foreign birth was taken before the magistrate in one of the police courts charged with a trivial offense.

"Tell him he must not do it again. He is discharged," the magistrate said to the policeman on the bridge.

"The judge says you dassent do it. Understand?" almost shouted the policeman to the prisoner.

"Hold on, officer; I didn't dare him to break the law again. I said 'must not.'"

"That's all right, your honor. He understands what I said better'n he would what you said," explained the policeman. And the prisoner seemed to think so too.—New York Sun.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

McFadden's Mistake.

McFadden (complaining at boarding house table)—This egg must have been laid by some hen back in the nineteenth century.

Mrs. Mealer (with warning whisper)—Not so loud, Mr. McFadden, the other boarders will hear you.

McFadden (louder)—I want them to hear me.

Mrs. Mealer (resignedly)—Very well. If you want to express your ignorance you may do so, but you will be laughed at for not knowing the egg was laid by a duck.—Chicago News.

No Excuse For It.

"I suppose," said a sympathetic neighbor, "that you will erect a handsome monument to your husband's memory?"

"To his memory?" echoed the tearful widow. "Why, poor John hadn't any. I was sorting over some of his clothes today and I found the pockets full of letters I had given him to post."—Human Life.

Riding Away With the Bride.

In many of the border counties of England the quaint old bridal customs of hundreds of years ago are still in vogue. The parents carefully abstain from appearing at the marriage ceremony, clinging to the idea that the bridegroom still rides away on a foaming steed with his bride behind him as in the good old days. The brides prefer the custom to the modern method of being given away at the altar in the orthodox fashion.

Wanted the Proof.

"You look sweet enough to kiss," says the impressed man.

"So many gentlemen tell me that," toly answers the fair girl.

"Ah! That should make you happy." "But they merely say that," she replies. "They merely tell me the facts in the case and never prove their statements."

He Got It.

Eva—As we strolled along he waggled a box of chocolates that I couldn't say the word "kiss." Belinda—And did you try? Eva—Yes, but he took the word from my very lips.

A Big Shadow.

We are told that the "smallest hair throws a shadow." And so it does. It throws a shadow over your appetite when you find it in your food.—Exchange.

A good deed is never lost. He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

Too Eminent.

"Why don't you ask your office boy to wash those windows?" "I ain't got the nerve to do it, old man. He was the valedictorian of his class."—Washington Herald.

Innocence is better than repentance, an unsullied life better than pardon.—Binney.

This paper is the paper to insert your advertisements, for the reason that it cannot escape the eyes of the thousands who read this paper from week to week. No "bogus" circulation.

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