

LITTLETON.

The Gold Problem Again.

An extract from an article by ex-Governor, W. L. Douglas in the Sunday Post gives his ideas as to the cause of the widespread unrest acknowledged to exist in this and European countries by all thinking men.

This unrest, Mr. Douglas attributes very largely to the greatly increased cost of living, which increase he figures at a little less than thirty percent in England, thirty percent in Germany, and in the United States fully sixty percent, since 1896. He says, "These facts as to prices indicate a world-wide cause," accounting for the thirty percent and a local cause accounting for the extra thirty percent noted in the United States.

The local cause accountable for the last thirty percent he believes to be our protective tariff in which belief he may be right or wrong. It is not my purpose to discuss this part of the proposition.

As to the world-wide cause, he says, "I am firmly convinced that the general cause is found in gold depreciation. In fact it is difficult to conceive of any other world-wide cause in times of peace." He then goes on to state that the annual output of gold is now about \$450,000,000.

While that in round numbers looks like a big sum, when we consider it is the output of a world-wide industry, it is not so very much. Could the output of the domestic hen the world over be computed it would beat that record to a frazzle.

Figure it up and you will find it amounts to a yearly production of the metal amounting to approximately thirty cents per capita for the world's population.

An argument like that by a gentleman less distinguished would seem strained, by a schoolboy it would seem ridiculous. If a world output of thirty cents per capita increases the cost of living thirty percent, what would an output of a dollar

per capita do? I believe, if we take a good thorough look we can find another world-wide cause of high prices. I think the passing of the competitive stage of evolution in production has more to do with the increase in prices than the over production of gold. Mr. Douglas thinks the cost of producing gold is cheapening more rapidly than other commodities, but I doubt it.

One can hardly name a manufactured article that cannot be produced at much less labor cost than forty years ago. The great improvement in machinery in all lines while greatly cheapening production does not correspondingly lessen the price to the consumer.

In my younger days I worked for a time in an axe factory and the last time I visited the shop one machine operated by two men was doing the work thirty-six men used to do when I worked there.

The same thing is going on in a greater or less degree in all lines of manufacture and every improved machine put in lessens the cost of producing or it would not be installed. Prices can be maintained by the elimination of competition as they would be in no other way. The tendency on all sides is toward cooperation. Then the old idea that a net profit of six percent on invested capital is a fair return is a back number.

Now, there is no such thing as a reasonable profit, but the motto of the beef trust during the late boycott, "get every cent possible," is the motto of organized business the world over.

While these are great times for the owners of the machines, they are nothing to brag of for the men who work them.

Though wages in many lines have apparently increased quite materially in the past few years, they have not, and cannot under the present system, keep pace with the increase in the cost of the necessities of life.

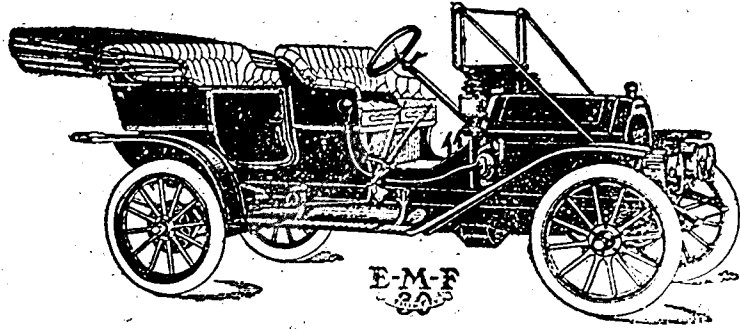
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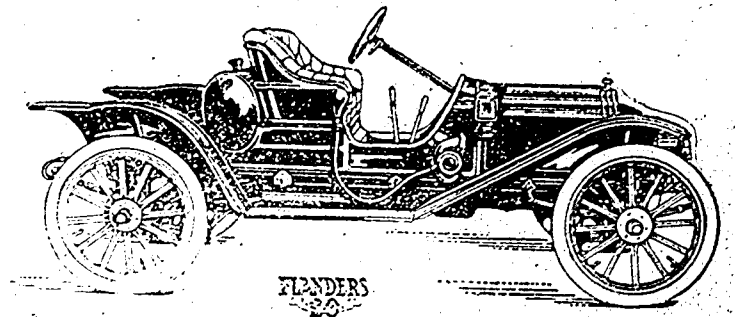
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About Town.

The invitations are out for the twelfth annual meeting of the Littleton High School Alumni association to be held in the town hall on Wednesday evening, June 23.

The following are the newly-elected officers of the Unitarian Young People's Guild: Karlton Priest, pres.; Rachel Ireland, vice-pres.; Eunice Priest, sec.; Roland Houghton, treas.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions relating to the loss sustained by the Historical Society in the death of its late president, Mr. Herbert J. Harwood, were presented by Mrs. A. F. Conant and adopted by the Society at its joint meeting with the Woman's Club, June 17, at the house of Mr. F. B. Priest: Whereas, it hath pleased an all wise Providence to remove from our midst our honored founder and our late associate, Herbert J. Harwood; therefore,

Be it Resolved, That we, members of the Historical Society, hereby express the sense of deep personal loss we have sustained in the death of one whom we so profoundly esteemed and to whom this Society owes not only its position of honor as a factor in the town but its very existence.

Mr. Harwood was the originator and promoter of much that was best in this town. He was a man of thought and a scholar of distinction and as such he gave of his wider knowledge and deeper insight to the school, the library, the church, and the church. His attainments gave an intellectual tone to the town. By inheritance he possessed a strong will and determined purpose, tempered and guided by a calm judgment and a rare poise of mind and heart.

Highly as he was esteemed he was a greater and nobler soul than some of his associates, even, were aware. He stood for moral excellence,—and in this and in scholarship he was an inspiration to the younger generation and an example to them of a man of absolute integrity and honor in business, and in all the relations of life a refined and scholarly gentleman under all circumstances.

Be it Resolved, That we express our appreciation of the services he has rendered this Society, and through it the town, by his untiring energy in developing the organization into which he infused and inwrought his very life; that we also recognize the tangible results he accomplished in arousing interest in the traditions of the town, in inciting others to carry on the work, and in his wise accumulation of valuable facts which but for him would never have been preserved in permanent and finished records. What he has done for this Society in these ways will go down with the remembrance of his honored life to future generations as a monument to his memory.

Be it Resolved, That we express to his bereaved family the poignant sense of bereavement which this organization (as well as all other in-

terests of this town) feel in the death of this our beloved and distinguished leader and that we express to them the personal sympathy of those who know from the years of association with him how deep is the loss to those nearest to him.

Be it further Resolved, That we instruct our secretary to spread upon the minutes of this Society and to publish in the local press this expression of our profound esteem and appreciation.

ALBERT E. CONANT,
SARAH J. CONANT,
Committee on Resolutions.

TOWNSEND.

Centre.

Mrs. Henry Hildreth spent the past week with Miss Lillian Hildreth at Waltham. Postmaster Hildreth also visited in Waltham and from there the family spent Sunday as guests of Charles B. Hart in Brookline.

Miss Margaret Doherty has been stepped upon with an injured foot, having stepped upon a nail, but is getting along nicely at present.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Hartford on Monday morning, June 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill of Southbridge were guests at Mrs. A. L. Fessenden's this week.

Rev. V. H. Wach delivered the baccalaureate address to the graduating class on Sunday morning at the M. E. church, assisted by Rev. Edwin C. Porter of Dorchester, and Rev. Kingrose of the west village Baptist church.

Opened.

Athletic park was opened to the public in fitting style on last Saturday afternoon when the first game of the season was played by the Townsend A. A. S. and the Greenville, N. H., fast nine, resulting in a victory for the Townsends with a score of 9 to 3. There was a street parade at two p. m., with the members of the two nines headed by the Townsend band, N. J. Marshall, and young master Higgins as mascot. Arriving at the park the band played "The star spangled banner," as the stars and stripes was unfurled to the breeze. Before and during the game the band played several selections. The new grounds presented a very attractive appearance. The grandstand has been enlarged and has a parol roof, the grounds are leveled and chalked out in fine style and rows of hitching posts are placed at one side of the grounds for the convenience of patrons. The club appeared out in neat new uniforms of gray and dark blue. A large delegation was present from Greenville. Harry Whitcomb was chosen captain of the nine for the season. Although a shower somewhat marred the game it was an interesting one throughout. June 26 the Milford A. A. will play here.

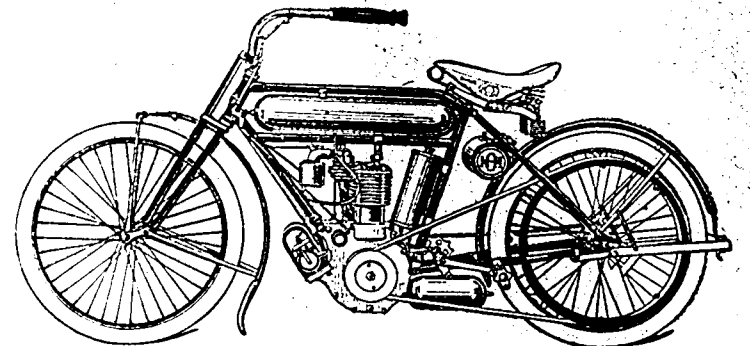
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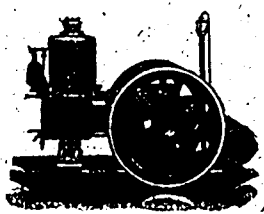
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News Items.

Little Teddy Barry, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore V. Barry, celebrated his fourth birthday on Wednesday afternoon with a party to his friends and relatives. There were among the guests little people, five older girls, the mothers of the children, and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barry, of whom Teddy is the only grandchild, and uncles and aunts. There were graphophone selections, games and refreshments and the children all had souvenirs. The children were Teddy Barry, Edward, Albert and Caroline Hopkins, Edward Sawyer, Thaddeus Allen, Cleo Baker, Marlon Dwinell, Ruth and Fred Huntington, Hilda and Margaret Osgood, Ruth and Edward Harlow, Doris Fletcher, Hor-tense Sawyer, Lucy Smith, Lilly Baker and Gertrude Carrigan.

At the class play exercises of the Fitchburg Normal school last Saturday, Miss Julia Hooley had as guests Edna and Henry Brown, John Hooley, Lois Leavitt and John Mullin.

The entry blanks for the sports gotten out by the committee, John M. Maloney, Herbert H. Proctor, H. L. Whitman and William Brown augur great success for July 4. The forenoon will be spent at Sandy Pond in aquatic and the afternoon at the town park in athletics. The management furnish boats to all who have none and wish to enter the races. All are invited to take part in the sports and make the Independence day the best in the history of the town. Everything is being done by the committee to bring about the expected results.

Judge George A. Sanderson was recently elected a member of the advisory board of the alumni of Yale university.

F. F. Waters of Groton, William Wright and Frank S. Pierce of Jerusalem commandery, K. T., of Fitchburg, left Thursday night from Boston by boat for Portland on an excursion in celebration of St. John's day, and they left Portland Friday night, returning here Saturday morning.

Daniel W. Fletcher has purchased the insurance business of Boynton & Parker of Pepperell and takes possession on July 1.

There will be a special meeting of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons on Monday evening, June 27. Work, M. M. degree.

Married by Rev. J. W. Thomas, June 22, Harold H. Nutting and Miss Gladys N. Kennedy, both of Fitchburg. Mr. Nutting was a former resident here.

G. G. Day sold last week Friday, his farm, known as the Lewis Blood farm, to Nelson Hughes of Shirley, who is to occupy it right away. Mr. Day purchased the farm twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. Frank S. Chick of Boston has returned from a trip with a party from Japan. Mr. Chick, in his boyhood days, was a resident of this town when his father, Rev. J. M. Chick, was for years a pastor of the Baptist church here. The Chick homestead on East Main street, adjoining the residence of O. K. Pierce, is still in possession of the family.

The annual senior dance, one of the enjoyable events of commencement week at the Fitchburg Normal school, was held Monday evening, in the assembly hall of the main building. The senior class entertained all of the other graduates and students with a delightful party, which included a brief reception, followed by dancing, refreshments, and other features which contributed so much to the pleasures of an affair of this kind. The following attended from here, returning in autos:

Julia, John and Frank Hooley, Leo O'Neill, Margaret Gilhooly from Gardner, Mary Johnston from Sterling, Margaret, Elizabeth and Arthur Sullivan, Martin O'Neill, Martin Donohue, Mary Daley, Arthur King.

At the fourteenth annual commencement of the Fitchburg Normal school, Wednesday, the following is a list of those graduating from this vicinity:

Advanced course, twelfth class—Sarah A. Richardson, Marion A. Vietz and Ruby E. Vietz of Boxborough; Edith Houghton of Littleton.

Elementary course, fourteenth class—May E. Briggs, Mary G. Leiby, Julia H. Hooley, Elizabeth F. Sullivan and Margaret E. Sullivan of Ayer; Alma I. Howles of Groton; Louise Davis and Elsie L. Houghton of Harvard; Ethel M. Duren of Acton.

Miss Julia Hooley, who was honored by being asked by the faculty to return for the advanced course, will teach in Leominster Center next year and then take the advanced course a year later.

To Anna Churchill, the young Newburyport woman, fiancée of Raymond Plouffe, has been turned over \$221 taken from Plouffe at the time of his arrest on the charge of murder of Dr. Henry N. Stone in Harvard, for which Plouffe was sentenced to life imprisonment in March. David F. O'Connell, senior counsel for Plouffe, secured the money from the state police, and after a conference with Plouffe at the state prison, sent the money to Miss Churchill in accordance with his wishes, as she contributed financially toward preparing for his defense.

The members of the First Congregational church extended a call on Tuesday evening to Rev. E. B. Crooks of Harvard Divinity school. Mr. Crooks has had a considerable experience as a preacher, having had a church before taking the course in Harvard. He is a married man and has one child.

Judge George A. Sanderson attended commencement at Yale this week, where he was graduated twenty-five years ago, class '85.

The Unitarian church will observe children's day on Sunday, June 26, at 10.45 service. The Sunday school will participate in the services, the choir and congregation joining in the singing with the school. An interesting feature of the service will be the christening and dedication of the children to the Christian life by the pastor.

Mrs. H. L. Whitman and Mrs. Wm. Brown attended biennial at Bridge-water last Saturday, having a good time seeing many old friends and schoolmates.

Miss Rachael Osgood attended commencement at N. E. Conservatory of Music, Boston, this week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Cobb on Tuesday. Mrs. Cobb is the daughter of Fred B. Felch.

Miss Nettie B. Roe spent Sunday near Newport, R. I.

Miss Florence J. Stocker of Saugus is a guest of Miss Mabel P. Sargent of Pleasant street.

Mrs. B. H. Hopkins goes to Nashua Saturday morning to attend the funeral of her uncle, James Trichard.

Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth left for Old Orchard, Me., Monday and with her Mr. Farnsworth's two children. For a couple of months Mr. Farnsworth will be at Portland on a job of work and will be near his family.

Miss Edith L. Perry, while going to take a train last Saturday, fell down the steps in the subway and badly tore the ligaments of her right foot. Dr. Hopkins is attending it. Miss Perry is able to be about some on crutches but is unable to do her work in the bank.

Mrs. Della McRay of the Taylor house left Thursday evening for Maynard, where she will visit her sister and will sail from Boston Saturday afternoon starting on the Temple European tour which extends until next fall and includes a trip to Germany where she will visit the Passion play. This is a conducted tour about twenty-five are included in the party in which Mrs. McRay travels. Her brother, Mr. D. McGrail is to accompany her on this tour. Mrs. McRay has leased the Taylor house to M. J. Coughlin, who has already taken possession.

Miss Edith Lyon has just returned from York Beach, Me., where she has been spending a week with friends from New York city, Fitchburg and Nashua.

W. G. Lyon, section foreman, is slowly improving from a very severe attack of appendicitis.

Rev. T. L. Fisher has just received a call to become general missionary of South Dakota. The call came from Bishop F. L. Johnson, who visited Ayer last winter and was then looking for a man for that field.

The twelfth annual lawn party in aid of St. Mary's church will be held on the parish grounds on Saturday, July 2.

The W. C. T. U. will meet in the vestry of the Baptist church, Friday, July 1, at three o'clock.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a cafeteria supper in lower town hall, Wednesday evening, June 29. Supper from six to eight o'clock.

St. Mary's A. C. played the Bernard's of Fitchburg at that city on Saturday, June 18 and were defeated by a score of 5 to 4. The game was called in the eighth inning on account of rain.

Arthur L. West of Pleasant street was called away on Wednesday by the sudden illness of his father at his home in Vermont.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Caron, near the car barn on Tuesday.

Death.

At 9.40 o'clock Tuesday evening, June 21, at the home of Mrs. Justin Spaulding, Fletcher street, occurred the death of Miss Ellen Iomegene Healey, one year of age, only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healey of Clinton. This was a sad affliction to both family and community as Mrs. Healey was formerly Miss Mary L. Spaulding of Ayer. The funeral services were held at 43 Fletcher street at eleven a. m., Thursday, June 24, Rev. Richmond Flisk, officiating. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Leominster. Relatives and friends of the family attending, a short eulogy and prayer being held at the grave by Rev. Richmond Flisk.

The following floral tributes of sympathy were received:

Spray, white feverfew, Mr. and Mrs. Justin Spaulding; large spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Healey; spray, pink, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Healey; wreath, rose buds, Mrs. G. M. Crawford; spray, pinks, Mrs. Farnsworth; spray, roses, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Craig and daughters, Leona, Elsie, Alice and Jessie; bouquet of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding; roses, panies and sweet williams, Mrs. W. H. Craig and Mrs. Asa Hoyt; spray, white pinks and stalk, Mrs. M. Graves and daughter; white spray and snapdragons, Mrs. J. L. Nutting; sprays of white roses, Mrs. Washburn and mother, Mrs. George Farrar and family, Mrs. H. J. Nutting; roses, Mrs. Carlson and children, Mrs. Washburn; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell; white, pink, sweet williams and white roses, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Campbell.

Campfire.

Camp George V. Barrett, S. of V., held a campfire Thursday night in G. A. R. hall, which was largely attended and very successful. The camps of Leominster and Townsend were invited. They were met at the station by the drum corps of this camp and escorted to the hall. Here an imitation campfire had been arranged by Leon Downing and Holden Harlow. There were no other lights and when the guests entered they were greeted with a very realistic campfire. There were eighty present, among them twenty G. A. R. men. A feature of the evening was speeches. Among the speakers were Rev. Frank Hargrave of Ayer, Commander J. J. Harvey of Townsend camp, Rev. A. A. Bronson of Shirley, Lyman K. Clark of Ayer, Commander James Smith of Leominster camp, Commander Balcom of the G. A. R.

The speaking was introduced and closed by the energetic commander of the local post, E. E. Sawyer. There were musical selections by the Lougee brothers, cello and violin with piano accompaniment by Miss Etta Green; song, "61," by Walter Lougee; and selections by the drum corps including two special ones by S. H. Proctor. Refreshments were served and the gathering broke up at eleven o'clock, having had as successful a campfire as has ever been held in the town. New members are constantly being added to the organization.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Asa S. Burgess, one of the oldest inhabitants of Ayer, who is eighty-five years old in April and his wife, Ruth E. Burgess, eighty-three in March, were surprised last Monday and greatly pleased with a visit from two nieces whom they had not seen for twenty

years. They were Mrs. C. G. Hamblett of Pepperell, who is seventy-four years old, and Mrs. Freeman Wright of New Ipswich, N. H., who is sixty-four years old. Mrs. Wright's only daughter was the wife of James Chandler, who was a blacksmith here in Ayer about fifteen years ago and lived in the house with Crosby Willard. He is now located in New Ipswich. Mrs. Hamblett celebrated her birthday last Saturday, and the two nieces then determined to make uncle Asa a visit. The visit was greatly enjoyed by all parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess are living on Lawton street in the house that they purchased five years ago. Mr. Burgess is one of the earliest settlers of the town. He came here in 1848 when there were no stores in the place. It was about the time the Stony Brook railroad was opened for traffic. He sawed wood for the railroad, either working all day or stopping after he had sawed two cords.

Fifty-seven years ago last Monday Mr. Burgess began work as gatekeeper at the railroad crossing at the foot of Columbia street, where the crossing was closed sometime ago. He was the first gatekeeper at this place.

Forty years ago, Mr. Burgess met with an accident as he was going through a crossroad between Ayer and Harvard in his ox-cart at night. He was tipped over, several ribs broken and torn from the breast bone and his left arm badly wrenched. He has never recovered from the effects, having suffered from the resulting pain continually since the accident. But he has done valiant work with his strong right arm, at one time, cutting three and a half cords of wood in eight hours, and following that work for a considerable time. His memory is good, and he is interesting company in giving reminiscences of the town, its growth and its people.

A Clever Catch.

Albert Wolfe was arrested at Littleton on June 20, on the charge of larceny of a bicycle taken from in front of the Ayer high school on June 13, the property of Merrill Webb, son of H. J. Webb, the jeweler. Mr. Webb notified Chief of Police Beatty, of this loss on Wednesday night, who immediately called up the surrounding town officers, giving a description of the thief. On Saturday evening, June 18, Dewey Downing with some other boys from Ayer, who were playing ball at Littleton, came to the police station and notified Officer Beatty that they saw Mr. Webb's bicycle at Littleton with a boy named Wesley. On the strength of this, Mr. Beatty, accompanied by Merrill Webb, went to Littleton on Saturday night, where the boy identified the bicycle as being his property. The bicycle was brought to the police station here.

Officer Beatty learned that Wolfe had agreed to sell another bicycle to a boy named Griffiths on Saturday afternoon at Littleton, but the bicycle thief did not show up. On Saturday night Mr. Beatty had arranged with Officers Reed, Hopkins and Smith of Littleton, and some boys of that town to lay for Wolfe and arrest him when he came to deliver the wheel.

On Monday morning a telephone message at five a. m., from Griffiths, informed the police here that Wolfe was in Concord on Sunday night. Officer Beatty telephoned to Littleton and informed the police there that Wolfe was expected to be on his way to that town to deliver his bicycle and for them to be in readiness when he put in an appearance. At seven o'clock Wolfe appeared on the Littleton streets riding a new bicycle which he stole at Concord on the day previous and was immediately pounced upon by John Degros and a number of other Littleton boys and held while Walter Somes went for Officer Reed. Wolfe was taken to Ayer by Officer Reed on Monday morning. On arriving here he was searched by Officer Beatty and the following articles were found on his person: eight rings, a watch chain, stick pin, pawn ticket for a watch and chain pawned at Fitchburg.

In court on Tuesday morning, Wolfe pleaded not guilty, but on trial was found guilty and was committed to the Concord reformatory for an indefinite term and taken there by Officer Beatty that afternoon.

While in charge of Officer Beatty, at the station here, Wolfe gave him a history of himself. Age 18, born in Germany, came to New York in 1907, went from there to Chicago, where he worked one year in a clothing store, then went to Cincinnati where he worked on a farm for four months, went from Cincinnati to Rochester, N. Y., where he staid two months picking peaches and apples, shipped to West Indies on a German steamer and from there he went to Norfolk, Va., and from there to Boston, Boston to Montreal, where he worked three months chopping wood, from Montreal to Ayer three weeks ago and has been in Boston, Worcester, Fitchburg and surrounding towns, where he stole bicycles and other property.

When questioned in regard to bicycles he claimed he bought them from a man named Antonio Rosetta, who he claimed lived in Boston where he purchased the bicycles, but upon communicating with the Boston police, Officer Beatty found that there was no such man of that name in the city.

While Wolfe was at the station with Officer Beatty, Chief McKenna of Waltham, Chief Craig of Concord, Inspector Flaherty of Fitchburg, State Officer Hardiman of Boston, and an inspector from the Boston police force interviewed him. Joseph Thomas from Concord identified the bicycle stolen at that place on Sunday, June 19, Inspector Flaherty also identified two wheels that had been stolen in Fitchburg, and there are as yet two other bicycles not yet identified.

The Fitchburg police hold two warrants, Chief Craig holds a warrant, and the Boston police think that he was implicated in a break in that city which occurred on April 12, making four warrants waiting for him when his term expires at Concord.

Officer Beatty received letters of congratulation from both the city and State police of Boston, as they think that Wolfe is a noted crook and one of a gang of workers around the

Much credit is due the Littleton boys on their good work in helping to secure such a thieving fellow and also to the Ayer boys who notified the police here of their find in Littleton.

High School Graduation.

A beautiful summer day with a cool breeze and clear sky made Thursday evening, June 23, a perfect night for the graduation exercises of the Ayer high school. A very large audience was present in the town hall which was very neatly and artistically prepared for the very important event. The class motto in yellow and green, the class colors, was placed in front of the hall, the letters in gold, surrounded with evergreen were very conspicuous, the motto being, "In Eminent" on the threshold. The front of the stage was banked with evergreen and yellow crepe paper and the year 1910 in large gilt figures was placed in the centre of the stage. The school marched into the hall to the music of "Commemoration march," played by Miss Helen M. Hardy, and led by Frank P. Griffin as marshal, under the arches trimmed with the class colors and which was placed on each side of the platform at the entrance. The edge of the stage was banked with potted plants.

The singing by the high school was excellent under the leadership of the musical instructor, Miss Palmer. The two essays, one by Miss Bertha G. Perry and the other by Miss Irene Chauvin deserve the highest praise. Miss Perry spoke on "Hobbies," and Miss Chauvin on "National despotters," and the two essays revealed the careful scholarship which won for them the honors bestowed by the school board. The address of Prof. Marshall L. Perrin of Boston university was not only interesting but filled with up-to-date thoughts on the timely subject, "American ideals." Mr Perrin is professor of German in the above university and has traveled much and was able to give his audience many valuable thoughts.

Hon. George J. Burns presented the diplomas to the members of the graduating class.

The following is the program of the graduating exercises:

- Commemoration march. Helen M. Hardy. School Hall; bright abode (Tannhauser). School National despoilers. Irene Chauvin. Hobbies. Bertha G. Perry. Commemoration song. School Address. "American ideals." School Presentation of diplomas. Girls' chorus. In the harbor we've been sheltered. School Benediction. Dr. Richmond Flisk. Class of 1910—Violet Ruth Barrows, Hortense Elizabeth Butterfield, Irene Chauvin, Philip Wellman Deano, John Joseph Donahue, Martin Stephen Donahue, Gladys Viola Glynn, Jennie Agnes Markham, Charles Orrill Moss, Mary Hazel Noylan, Bertha Gertrude Perry, Mabel Purmort Sargent, Harry Matthew Sullivan, Albion Allen Washburn.

The reception was given by the graduating class Friday evening, June 24, in the town hall, Collins' orchestra of Marlborough furnishing the music. Refreshments were served.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Last Sunday the forenoon service was out of the usual order. The pastor, feeling that the church should have some benefit of the county conference, held last week in Nashua, had the delegates give reports. Mrs. Jewett reported on the meetings of Tuesday; Mrs. Davis, Tuesday evening, and Mr. Davis on Wednesday's meeting. The Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Miss M. A. Hardy. Twenty ladies were present. This was the annual meeting and the following ladies were elected to serve as officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Annie Colburn, pres.; Mrs. Sallie Sanders, vice-pres.; Miss Ruth Rogers, sec. and treas. The directors are: Miss Louise M. Stratton, Mrs. C. H. Davis and Mrs. Walter Hayden. The subject matter of programs for next year was discussed. Dainty refreshments were served.

George E. French was found last Friday morning at his home very ill. Help was procured and he was made as comfortable as possible, but died in a few hours. Mr. French has lived in his little cottage alone for more than thirty years. He has been crippled all his life, but until a few years ago was able to support himself. He was a man of kindly feelings towards all and held a quietness. His funeral was held Monday afternoon in the vestry, Rev. C. H. Davis was the officiating clergyman. Interment was in the south cemetery.

Miss Alice Worcester, who spends a portion of each summer in Hollis, left town on Friday morning for New York. Saturday morning she sails for Europe, with her brother, Judge Worcester and Mrs. Worcester.

Mrs. Stenson and her family have arrived at her summer home in South Hollis, for the summer.

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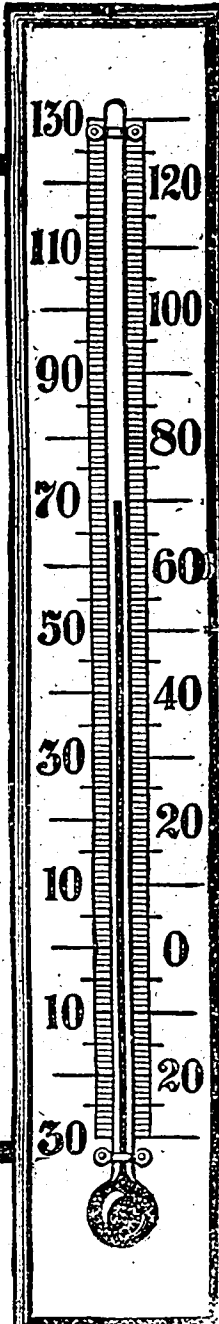
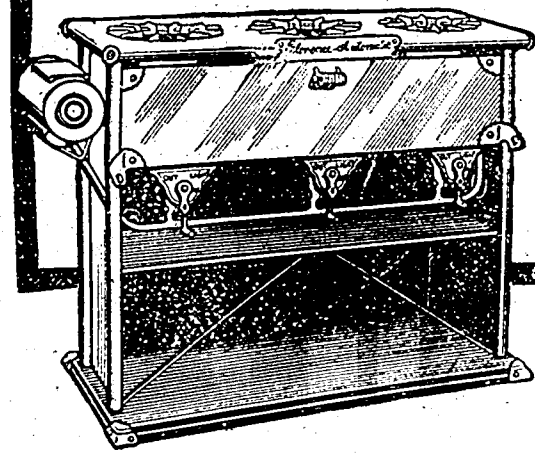
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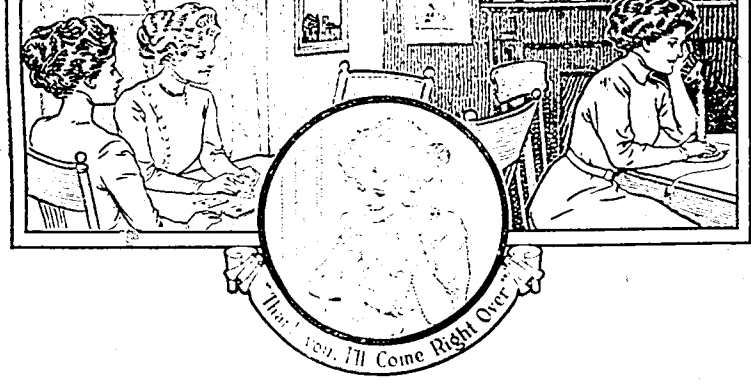
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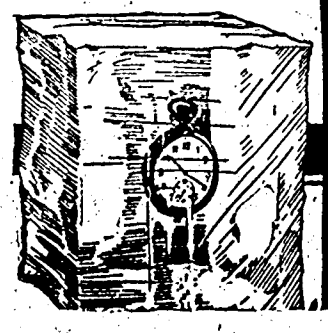


PEOPLE like to get together in a social way after the day's duties are performed. Society is not found in any one class of people or in any one place. Sometimes these social pleasures take the form of a dinner or dance or party of a more or less formal nature; sometimes, on the spur of the moment, a party is formed and people just get together to have a good time in any way they please. If it's to be a large function, it calls the caterer, the carriage agent, the florist or the grocer; if it's just a little informal gathering, it gets the crowd together and saves disappointments. If you're away from home, the Long Distance Bell lines will always straighten out your social entanglements.

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TOWNSEND.

Centre.
The body of Willard Manning of Nashua was brought here for burial Tuesday. Mr. Manning was sixty-four years of age and a former resident. He sustained a shock from which he died. Prayers were given at the grave by Rev. V. H. Wachs, a brother, Boardman Manning, of Athol, survives him.

J. W. Hefflon of Winchester high school, and wife, were in town last week. Mr. Hefflon was principal of the high school here for several years.

Mrs. Evelyn Warren is visiting her daughter at Albany, N. Y.

S. B. Allen has been entertaining his son from Kittery, Me. He was once in the fish business here.

Camp A. D. Fessenden, S. of V., have adjourned their meetings until the third Monday in September. Quite a party of them attended the meeting of the Ayer camp on Thursday evening and reported an enjoyable time.

At the Recreation Park ball game, Saturday, between the Ashby's and John Gwinn's Townsend nine, the latter won in a closely contested game. The score was 4 to 2.

Miss Gertrude Rockwood is entertaining a friend from Long Island, Miss Florence Gardner.

Rev. Albert Kilbourn, a recent graduate of Bangor Theological school has received a call from the White Oak Chapel, Williamstown, and it is understood he will accept it.

Death.
In the death of Levi T. Parker early Monday morning, June 20, another has joined the forces of the veterans now so rapidly growing larger upon the "other side." Mr. Parker had been in poor health for some time, suffering from heart trouble, but had bravely kept at work with his fellow-workmen in the cooper shop until about the first of March. Since then he has tried to put the best foot forward and he was able to be down town until nearly the last. The funeral was held at the house on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. V. H. Wachs, officiating. There were many handsome floral offerings, the last loving gifts of friends, neighbors and loved ones, and also from the orders he loved so well, the Townsend Memorial association, Post 19 G. A. R., Camp A. D. Fessenden, 2, of V., Phoebe Weston Farmer tent D. of V., and the C. I. U. At the grave the G. A. R. service was given in charge of Post 19 of Fitchburg and the various orders to which he belonged, attended in a body. Mr. Parker was sixty-seven years of age and leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters; George of Haverhill, Harry of Wilton, N. H., Bessie a teacher at North Taunton, and May, who resides at home. They have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

West.
Mrs. Maria Bennett, aged eighty-three years and two months, passed away at her home in Josselynville early Wednesday morning, of heart failure following pneumonia. She was a native of Ashby, where her early life was spent, but for the past fifty years her home has been in the little cottage in Josselynville, where she died. She married George Bennett from Vermont, who died about ten years ago. She leaves three brothers, Henry J. Foster, Jr., of Ashby; Edward A. Foster of Somerville and George A. Foster of Revere and one sister, Mrs. Martha A. Allen of Roxbury. Arrangements for the funeral had not been made at this writing.

J. H. Crosby and family have arrived in town for the summer and will live in the cottage with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vivian on the premises of the Belgrade rug factory.

D. C. Taylor and his sister, Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, were called to Worcester last Wednesday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Charles T. Norman of Worcester was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ivers P. Sherwin this week.

Little Gertrude Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Hamilton who is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Hamilton of Webster, underwent an operation for adenoids at the Worcester hospital on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whyte of Troy, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Whyte's son, E. A. Craig and Miss Ora Craig has returned from her teaching in New Hampshire and Earl Craig from his schoolwork in Troy, N. Y.

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school for the weekends and Sundays. A pretty and costly altar and a confessional have been built in the school and all necessary sacred equipments have been provided. They go to confession every Saturday evening and attend mass every Sunday morning, which has made a welcome improvement for the boys who appreciate this kindness so amply shown by their superintendent, Herbert F. Taylor.

Herbert M. Dickson, who loves to be out in the open, has planted a large garden as a means of relaxation. Mr. Dickson is still with his sister, Mrs. Louise Livermore, to remain indefinitely.

Gilbert Girard of Centre road has moved his house further away from the sidewalk, which now gives him larger frontage and deeper cellar.

The Universalist church is closed and will reopen the first Sunday in October.

John E. L. Hazen of Harvard road is moving his barn further away from his house. Workmen have been busy recently laying the new foundation.

Michael Cotter started last Saturday for a two weeks' vacation at the home of his parents in Middletown, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lemay have occupied T. L. Hazen's cottage on Lancaster road next to the residence of Mr. Felch.

Charles Wilson of Harvard road is now able to walk out of doors, much to the delight of his family and friends.

Edward Harkins has accepted a position with the Thompson & Houston Electric Company of Lynn.

Miss Bertha Weeks, who has been confined to her home for a week or so with sickness, is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately of Boston spent June 17 and over Sunday with Mrs. Gately's parents.

Mr. Abbott of Keene, N. H., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. A. Bronson.

Wednesday evening members of Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., escorted three candidates to Apollo lodge of Fitchburg for the conferring of the first degree.

A band concert was given by the Industrial school boys on Monday evening on the grounds of the school. A musical and literary program was also given by a company from Ayer much to the delight of the boys.

Ladies' night will be observed by the Brotherhood of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, June 28, when Samuel W. McNary of Poston, ex-congressman, will speak. Refreshments will be served.

The pupils of the parochial school will give an entertainment in St. Anthony's hall on Sunday evening, June 26, at eight o'clock.

At the regular meeting of the "Le Société l'Assomption," held last Sunday, William Gionet was elected a delegate to the grand lodge convention to be held in Church Point, N. S., August 22, 23 and 24.

Mrs. Herbert E. Lawrence attended the birthday celebration of her parents at their home in Nashua, N. H., on Monday.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting Monday evening, June 27.

Arthur Dumas, who left Shirley recently for the west, is now located at Spokane, Washington, where he intends making his home.

Miss Fedora Wheeler is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Hattie Parmenter of Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hocquard with young son Arnold start next Monday for a few weeks' visit at their old home in New Carlisle, Province of Quebec. Mr. Hocquard of late has enjoyed poor health and the object of this visit to the scenes of their childhood is to take rest and recuperate. Mr. and Mrs. Hocquard leave Shirley with the best wishes of the townspeople.

M. W. Longley, auctioneer, will sell all the grass on the Pliske farm, Lunenburg road, on Saturday, July 2, at two p. m.

Broken Into.
The ticket office at the railroad station was broken into some time during Saturday night and about three dollars was taken from the money drawer. A few packages of cigarettes were also missing. The thieves gained entrance by breaking a glass in the upper sash of the window and then putting their hand through relieved the fastener and opened the window.

They confined their work to the ticket office as the main part of the station was not entered. Blood stains were found on the window, showing that at the hand of the intruder was cut in some way by the broken glass. The safe was not interfered with and all indications point to it being the work of novices. The Boston and Maine railroad detective, Mr. Bradley, was in town first of the week, and with the assistance of the local police is endeavoring to find out who committed the deed.

D. A. R.
Six members of Old Shirley chapter, R. A. R., enjoyed the pleasant outing with the Fitchburg chapter at the home of Dr. Ellen Schenck of the Center on Saturday of last week. A delicious and substantial luncheon was served on the piazza, after which several visited the First Parish church, which is so rich in historic memories. A most restful and enjoyable day was spent in looking around the grounds, visiting and admiring the many beautiful pictures and furnishings of the home, some of which belong to the owner, Mrs. Grace Winslow. A reading on the battle of Dunker Hill by Miss Haskins, regent of the Fitchburg chapter comprised the entertainment and every one went home feeling the day had been well spent, even the weather man favored them, as all the showers went round. On the trip home the ladies visited the beautiful rose garden of Mrs. Cynthia Lynch.

Tenth Anniversary.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCoy were pleasantly surprised at their home on Monday evening, when the members of the Congregational church choir, of which Mrs. McCoy is a member, assembled at their home on Center road and

tendered them a tin shower, the day being the tenth anniversary of their wedding. Rev. and Mrs. Allen A. Bronson were also present to join in the festivities and extend congratulations and best wishes.

The evening was pleasantly passed in the enjoyment of games and music with dainty refreshments. The host and hostess were the recipients of many unique and useful articles of tinware. A special feature of the evening was the presentation to Shirley W. Ricker, principal of the High school, of a pretty birthday book, the presentation being made by J. Albert Deardon, in behalf of the choir of which Mr. Ricker has been a leading and valuable member since coming to Shirley. Mr. Ricker leaves Shirley the latter part of this week for his home in Maine.

Centre.
Rev. George Willis Cooke will preach at the First Parish church, Sunday, June 26 at 11.15 a. m. Four from this church, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom B. Adams of Townsend and Mrs. Mary J. Tucker and sister, Mrs. Hazen of Shirley, attended the sessions of the North Middlesex conference at Tyngsboro on Thursday, June 16.

Albert Adams, who was taken ill last Sunday morning, remains in about the same condition and is under the constant care of his physician, Dr. Cowles.

Quite a number of the gipsy moth caterpillars have been found in this vicinity so far this year and all land owners who have them on their premises should be careful to watch the burrows which were placed on the trees by the local agent for the extermination of moths.

Mrs. D. B. Scott of Townsend is visiting with her father, Charles A. Longley.

The Girls' Sewing guild will meet with Mrs. C. K. Bolton Saturday, June 25. The annual election of officers will take place and a full attendance is requested.

The Center school closed last Friday for the summer vacation. Ice cream and cake were served by the teachers, Miss Mary Prescott and Miss L. Foster.

The drain near John W. Farrar's store on the Center common has been taken up and cleaned out. This will be a great improvement to the common as the water has stood on the surface of the ground after every rain for sometime past.

Miss Elsie Graves of Boxborough and Miss Beulah Arnold of Peabody are visiting with Miss Ruth Graves.

Rev. J. A. Mullen of Cambridge will preach at Trinity chapel, Sunday, June 26. Young people are especially invited.

Grange.
Shirley grange held its regular meeting, Tuesday evening, June 21. This was the children's night and after a short session the doors were thrown open to the public. The entertainment was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth and consisted of a violin solo by H. N. Brown, followed by an encore, recitation by Clayton Hubbard, song by Ralph, Irene and Etta Price, recitation by Emma Hubbard, song by Eleanor Longley, recitation by Elsie Graves, which was followed by an encore, readings by Mable Davenport, piano solo by Ora E. Holden, violin solo by H. N. Brown and tableaux, which were in charge of H. N. Brown.

After the entertainment the hall was cleared and a social dance was enjoyed by all. Ice cream and cake was served.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HATTIE E. KENDALL, late of Ayer, in said county, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said court for probate, by JOHN A. KENDALL, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surty on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth 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 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, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in said estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
3129 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to SIDNEY F. DAVIS of Groton in the County of Middlesex, without giving surty on his bond.

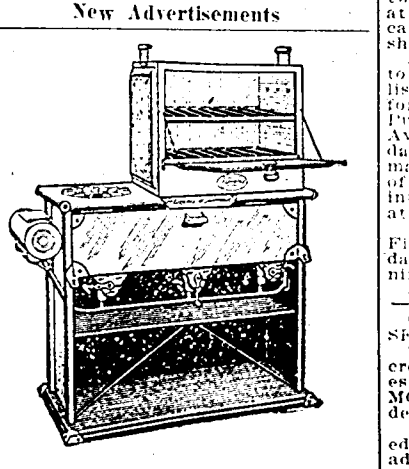
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of July, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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 fifteenth day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
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THE GRIDIRON OF POLITICS

What the Legislature Did at the Last Session

RIISING PRICES ARE HALTED

Former Governor Guild Claims a Downward Tendency—Democratic Machine Determined to Slaughter Ex-Senator James H. Vahey—Latter Will Fight

The legislature of 1910, which was prorogued Wednesday, June 15, has passed a number of important laws during the session just closed.

Direct Nominations The act providing for the direct nomination of senators and representatives, which became a law at this session, was largely the work of Speaker Walker, who fought for the measure until it was enacted and signed by Governor Draper.

Among the important bills which were defeated were the anti-injunction bill, the anti-lobbying bill, which forbade lobbying at the state house, the bills providing for amendments to the new Boston charter adopted last year, the bill extending the term of office of district attorneys to five years, and the bill to permit labor unions to fine those of their members who refuse to strike when ordered, or who return to work after a strike is ordered and before its settlement.

Cost of Living is Lower In an article just given out from Governor Curtis Guild, Jr., shows conclusively that there has been a halt in the advance in the cost of living.

Ex-Governor Guild shows that on June 10, 1910, the price of pork backs was from \$4 to \$5 less per barrel, the price of beef from 1 1/2 to 2c less per lb., and the price of lard 2 to 3c less per lb. than the prices of the same articles during the preceding months.

Decreases in Price General Ex-Governor Guild finds that worsted yarns have declined 10 to 15 per cent since Jan. 1, and fancy woolen goods in heavyweights 10 to 20 per cent, while lightweight stock worsted and woollens are now selling at 10 to 40 per cent below last year's rates.

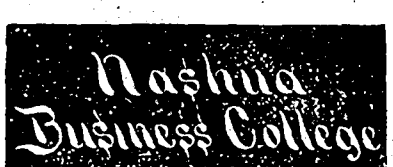
The Machine Against Mr. Vahey There seems to have been quite a decided change in the last few days in the political situation so far as the Democratic nomination for governor

is concerned. The friends of ex-Senator James H. Vahey of Watertown believe there is a much stronger public sentiment in favor of his nomination than has been apparent heretofore.

Whatever the outcome may be, it seems to be true that the Vahey men are in an ugly mood and that they propose to fight for their man to the last ditch.

So far as the Republicans are concerned, they do not seem to care which man is the nominee.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. The first blueberries of the season were brought to Mrs. Tucker by Miss Velma Taylor on Saturday, June 18.

The funeral of the late Charles Blodgett took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley on Wednesday afternoon, June 15.

Rev. James N. Seaver, pastor of the M. E. Church, occupied the pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. Warren L. Noyes.

By the will of the late Charles A. Blodgett, a niece receives twenty-five dollars, a bequest of one hundred dollars is left to the town of Brookline for the perpetual care of the Blodgett lot at the south cemetery, and the remainder of the estate is to be divided between Aurora lodge of I. O. O. F., of Hollis and the town of Brookline.

Rev. and Mrs. Warren L. Noyes; also, Mrs. Helen M. Hall, attended the annual meeting of the Hillsborough County association of Congregational and Presbyterian churches at Nashua.

Miss Mary L. Perin of Brookline, Mass., has been at the Perin summer home and entertained a home party of twelve young friends from Friday of last week until Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Nichols and daughter Maxine of Brookline, Mass., are at John Porter's for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Averill and Miss Carrie Newbegin of Chelsea, Mass., are at Wastewood.

Miss Constance Hungerford of Hartford, Conn., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye.

All of the schools closed this week with appropriate exercises.

Mrs. Emma Valedge, Mrs. Henry Burdette and little daughter Dorothy of Rockland, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Valedge.

The Loyal Workers will meet at the home of Mrs. Ella Nye on Wednesday afternoon, June 29.

Edward Hadley of Cambridge, Mass., a member of the Fresh Pond Ice Co., has purchased the Walter F. Rockwood homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish are to move to the Cleveland homestead.

The Misses Bertha L. Sargent and Florence G. Sargent of Putnam, Conn., were at their summer cottage for a brief stay.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Warren Gould of Roslindale, Mass., are guests of Mrs. James Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton A. Ballard and Kenneth C. and Stanton W. Ballard of Putnam, Conn., are at the Roslindale cottage for the remainder of the month.

Lawn Party. A patriotic fete and lawn party was held on the lawn at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Valedge on Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Congregational church.

Boxborough. Vera and Raymond Bradford went to New Haven to attend the graduation exercises of the high school from which Rudolph Willard is graduated with high honors.

Mrs. P. W. Cunningham has been having a serious time with the mumps but is improving.

Miss Elsie Graves has been in Shirley this week and gave readings there at an entertainment on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Dodge has been visiting her daughter Mabel in Clinton. Misses Ruth Wetherbee and Ella Furush are home from Ashburnham academy.

Miss Mary Hager is staying with Mrs. Henry Lawrence for a few days. Harlan Richardson was in town over Sunday, the previous day accompanied by Mrs. Charles Richardson, he was the guest of his sister, at the class day exercises in Fitchburg.

Wallace Woodward is with his niece, Mrs. Shattuck for the summer.

Graduating Exercises. Isa Whitcomb was at home a few days this week.

One of the most interesting events of the day which is always kept a secret till the last moment is the entertainment given on class day by the advanced class.

New Advertisements. Special Notice. Of Importance to The People of Ayer,

Wm. Brown desires to announce to the readers of Turner's Public Spirit that he has been able to secure the agency for Parisian Sage, the marvelous dandruff cure and delightful hair dressing.

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

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MICHAEL D. McGRATH, of the County of Suffolk, and DELIA McRAY of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, without giving surety on their bond.

And the petitioner are 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 June in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the persons under the will and all other persons interested in the estate of JAMES FITZGERALD, late of Groton, in said County, deceased, and of HENRY R. FITZGERALD, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at public auction the whole of certain parcels of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, legacies, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County on the twenty-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.

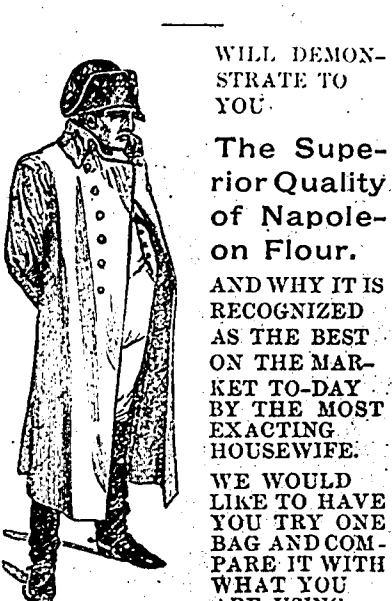
And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate of said deceased, at least ten days before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

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

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

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MARY J. DORSHIMER of Pepperell in said County, or to some other suitable person.

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

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

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PEPPERELL.

News Items.

Henry Hill has purchased from Otto K. Shattuck, the motor car which he recently built for himself.

A number of the golf club members will go to Leominster for a friendly match on Saturday afternoon, June 25.

The L. P. S. of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, June 30, at 2.30 o'clock. Business meeting promptly at three to complete arrangements for the annual fair.

H. F. Hobart has erected a new flag pole at Wildflower's poultry farm. Miss Elizabeth Jenkins of Boston is spending a few weeks at her uncle's, William H. H. Jenkins.

The L. A. S. of the M. E. church will hold a food, ice cream and apron sale on Friday afternoon, July 1, at three o'clock, at the home of Mrs. D. B. Cuthbertson, corner of Main and Mill streets.

Chester Card has returned from the Fitchburg business college, having finished his course of study. He has accepted a position with the Buffalo Shoe Co.

The sewing class of the Pepperell Woman's club will hold a fair at banquet hall, Saunders' Corner, Tuesday, June 28. The work of the children will be on exhibition and articles made by them will be for sale. Ladies of the club or any interested are invited to add to the collection. Cake, candy, flowers and ice cream will also be gratefully accepted. An entertainment consisting of music and recitations from three to four. Doors open and sale begins at two o'clock p. m.

The voice and piano pupils of Miss Ida E. Dow, a former teacher of this town, gave a recital in Huntington Chambers hall, Boston, on Monday evening, June 20. The cantata, "The wreck of the Hesperus," was rendered by a chorus of twenty-five voices. Miss Ida E. Dow, conductor.

The Shepherdeses of the cradle-roll, will give a reception to the mothers and babies at the Congregational church vestry on Wednesday afternoon, June 23, from three to five o'clock.

Miss Fannie Tower returned home on last Wednesday from her studies at Mt. Holyoke seminary. Her brother Arthur, who is attending Worcester academy, has finished the school term and the both have gone to Petersham to attend graduation at the Agricultural high school, of which their cousin is of the graduating class.

Prof. A. O. Tower, superintendent of schools at Barre, formerly of this town, visited his brother, H. N. Tower on last Saturday. Rev. F. E. Tower of Albany, N. Y., was here Monday. He is field secretary of the Anti-Saloon league of New York state.

Mrs. Dunbar and daughter Ramona, of Clinton, was a guest of Mrs. H. N. Tower over Sunday.

H. F. Hobart has purchased an auto. It is a Hudson, and he delivered the first week in July.

Encouraging reports are given of Miss Arline Twitchell, who is recovering from the hospital last week, in a weak condition. She is at her sister's home, Dr. F. A. Davis. The doctor brought her home in his Maxwell car. It is understood there is much question of the advisability of her coming home at that time, and there is considerable criticism of the hospital authorities for sending her.

Earl Menton arrived home on Oak Hill, Monday night from Fitchburg, returning Tuesday noon.

Fred McGrail arrived home last week Friday, from Ann Arbor, Mich., where he is attending college, in the class of 1911.

Helen Leeds is slightly improved, but is in a precarious condition. Her friends and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunbar, are anxious for her condition.

William W. Dole has returned from a few days spent at important places in Maine. During his absence, many of his friends received cards of the places at which he visited.

Superintendent Booth of the public schools here, is taking a particular interest in the tests being made in the different classes. It is understood he has prepared the questions in this important feature of the examination.

It is stated that the party who bought the post office building was used with such business success, that six dogs were given to the police. Just what dogs and what was made of the case is not stated.

The sidewalk in front of the telephone building has been re-concreted on the abutments just as well as the town walk. It now presents a very distinctly neat appearance.

H. F. Farnum, foreman of construction of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, was in town on Wednesday, and accompanied by Francis G. Hayes, selectman, inspected and marked locations for a number of new lines to be constructed by the company this summer.

The May telephone directory is being distributed and anyone who is overlooked, will have their need supplied and also confer a favor by notifying central.

D. W. Fletcher of Ayer has purchased the insurance business of Boynton & Parker and takes possession the first of July.

The furniture of Charles Gage, Jr., has arrived by freight and was moved to the Centre by teams of W. M. Blood. Mr. Blood brought two large loads from Winthrop last week for Mr. Morgan who has purchased the Chase farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenney of Winchester were guests, Monday, of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Shattuck, returning home in their auto.

Children's Sunday was observed at the Oak Hill Sabbath school last Sunday in charge of Lyman C. Blood, superintendent. The music was in charge of Miss Edith Baker. A large number were present and a very interesting and instructive program was enjoyed. Reading of scripture, recitations by

the little ones as well as older ones, address by the superintendent and a talk to the little ones by Otis A. Merrill, full of interesting ideas for the children and practical explanations for their particular benefit.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the M. E. church, Sunday, June 26, and as given out by Pastor Nelson, the entire day will be devoted to the little ones. His sermon on last Sunday was from "And Enoch walked with God." His sermon was very simple in its explanations and comparisons, but powerfully full of truth and convincing in its realness.

Sunday, July 3, will be children's Sunday at the Unitarian church, in connection with the morning service, at which time the rite of baptism or christening will be administered to any who may desire.

The Babbidge Guild will meet on Sunday evening, June 26, at seven o'clock. Service will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. R. Child. Following the vacation period, meetings will be resumed in September.

Russell P. Wright is home for a ten days' vacation from the laboratory of H. P. Hood & Son, Boston. He spent several days with his friend, Howard Patterson of Groton and this week his host is now his guest here.

Mrs. C. G. Hamlett received on her seventy-fourth birthday, on Saturday, June 18, a birthday cake; also, twenty-four postal cards through the mail and many other substantial gifts from her many friends and relatives, and daughter, Mrs. Ida Billings of Worcester, her sister, Mrs. Lydia Wright of New Ipswich, N. H., her brother, John Burgess and her daughter-in-law, Stella Jacques.

A number from here attended the Lawrence academy reception by the Alumni; among them Mrs. L. E. Starr, Miss Louelle Shattuck and Elmer C. Shattuck of Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris left on Wednesday for a few days at Rangeley Lakes, Me.

Elmer Foss is home for a few days. He is now in employ of James Starr, expert on artesian wells. They have just completed a creditable piece of work at Hollis depot and the machinery is being moved to West Groton, where a well is to be driven at the papermill boarding house.

Alexander Scott is out again after several weeks' illness with pneumonia.

R. B. Taft, Rodman Blake, L. Tarbell, A. G. Pike, Joseph Wiley, Dr. L. B. Carter and M. I. Gilchrist attended the golf tournament at Lexington on last Saturday. Rodman Blake won a cup for best net score.

Miss Laura Herrig supplied as organist at the M. E. church last Sunday, during the absence of John Hayes, who it is understood has accepted a position at the American house, Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tarbell left Tuesday for Williamstown to attend the graduation exercises. Their son, Thomas, is one of the graduating class. They returned home on Thursday.

Constable Lawrence arrested a man for creating a disturbance in the moving picture show on Thursday evening. He was turned over to the chief and put in the cooler. He gave the name of Eddie O'Brien, Ayer.

Patrick Sliney lost a valuable Irish setter on Monday. It showed signs of arsenical poisoning and that no doubt caused the death. But it is thought he might have got it from the garden where much spraying has been done for insects.

A unique poster is seen in many places, announcing a fair by the sewing class of the Woman's club in Saunders' hall on Tuesday, June 28, from two to four o'clock. The work of the children will be on exhibition and for sale. Much credit is due these little ones for the work they have accomplished, and great praise for the ladies who have interested themselves as well as the class in so worthy a purpose. Besides a short entertainment there will be a sale of candy, cake and ice cream. The posters are by the artistic hand of Bernard G. Shattuck.

The effort to have the stores close on Thursday has not received a great amount of support and it is not expected to materialize.

There will be a lot of fun at Babtassett park on Monday, July 4. Horse races, local and other classes, sports, ball game and general day of fun and enjoyment.

The R. A. C. baseball team defeated Ayer last Saturday at Ayer, 7 to 4. They play at Dunstable on Saturday, June 25 and with the Townsend Independents here on July 9.

Rev. Dudley R. Child, pastor of the Unitarian church here, had charge of the devotional exercises at the eighty-eighth session of the North Middlesex conference last week Thursday, at Tyngsboro.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., worked the second and third degrees on four candidates on Thursday evening, after which a collation was enjoyed.

Locke's ice cream parlor, Lawrence Block, Railroad Square, open day and evening and Sunday afternoon and evenings. The quality of our ice cream is well known, any quantity at reasonable notice.

A Great Social Event. The Hardscrabble whist club succeeded in putting more originality into its great social event last Friday evening, than any entertainment for some time. It was guest night and about a hundred were present at Prescott hall. Colors and mountain laurel line the rooms and the Hardscrabble orchestra added the necessary effect. The program was full of interest and reflected great credit on the committee in charge as well as all the members. A farce entitled, "Hardscrabble Lyceum" was the main feature; medley by "Hardscrabble quartet"; male chorus, "Speeding away"; selection by the Butt-in corp; vocal solo, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis; duet, M. E. Gaskell, Roy Nutting; selection by the orchestra are Jos. Thibault, W. Smalley, cornet; Rodman Blake, J. Bartz, violin; Mrs. Chas. Card, piano, and Miss Edna Tarbell, tri-bells, etc. Refreshments were served. Dancing closed a evening full of thorough enjoyment.

Wedding.

James Francis Conlon of Cambridge and Miss Helen Madeline Scanlon of this town, were united in marriage on Wednesday morning in St. Joseph's church by Rev. T. I. Coghlan. After the ceremony nuptial mass was celebrated. A wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home on Groton street, and a reception held to the many friends present. Thomas L. Johnson of Cambridge was best man, and Miss Nellie Flynn, cousin of the bride, was attired in white silk with ecru netting and carried lilies of the valley. She is a graduate of the high school here, 1904, and the bridegroom is the Boston representative of Jay C. Wampole Co., New York.

After a trip to that city they will reside in Cambridge. Miss Anna Thayer, organist, and Mrs. Laura Herrig, violinist, played the wedding music from Mendelssohn. Among the out-of-town guests were: Horace C. Phaneuf, Nashua; J. J. Barry, Ayer; William Scanlon, Boston; Miss Rose Moran, Fitchburg; Miss Mary Flynn, Marlborough; Miss Gertrude Lahey, Ayer; Elizabeth Garvey, Boston.

They received many valuable and useful gifts in cut glass, china and silver. The house was prettily decorated with laurel and the bride wore lilies of the valley.

Baseball.

Raymond Paul enjoyed a ride to Lowell last Saturday morning on his wheel. On his return, he stopped at Dunstable to witness the ball game between that town and Hollis, and distinguished himself by covering the first sack for Dunstable in a highly creditable number of put-outs. Other players from Pepperell assisted the Dunstable team, including "Doc" O'Toole, who pitched the last two innings, striking out four. E. P. McCord, the one arm fan, went for the purpose of umpiring but was pressed into service and surprised the natives by wetting the ball all over the lot. No doubt he had a score to even with those Hollis players, but Hollis won 6 to 4. A large number went from here to witness the game. J. J. Willoughby had an auto full, and many went in team or bicycles.

Graduating Exercises.

The following graduating exercises of the Grammar school took place Thursday, June 23, at two p. m., in Prescott hall:

Chorus, "Robert of Lincoln." School Synopsis of "Courtship of Miles Standish." Chorus, "The Golden House." Miles Standish and John Alden, continued. Frederick Tarbell. Miles Standish and John Alden, continued. Song, "To the whippoorwill."

Clara Anderson, Monica Pitt, Mary Bradley, Harry Hazzerty, Marjorie Blood, Marion Holmes, Monica Penningast.

The errand, William Breen. The errand, continued. Albert Pillsbury. Song and chorus, "The midnight ride." Thomas Sullivan, Thomas Breen, Joseph Mahoney, James Sullivan, George Murray, Murray, Mary Agnes, Jay, Harry O'Toole, Edward Duffy, Sidney Tower, Joseph Sullivan, John Alden and Priscilla.

John Alden and Priscilla, continued. Adele Boynton. John Alden and Priscilla, continued. Ruth Morgan. Song, "The woodland rose." Margaret O'Brien, Hannah Sullivan, Mary Murphy, Irene Whitcomb, Edw. Ward, Lucy, Sidney Tower, Monica Pitt.

The council, George Woodruff. Report of death of Miss Standish. Mary Agnes, Margaret Murray. Presentation of diplomas.

Graduates: Clara Louise Anderson, Monica Pitt, Marjorie Blood, Marjorie Blood, Stephen Patrick Donohue, Edward Lawrence Duffy, George Hazzerty, Jay, Madeline Pearl Graham, Harry Hazzerty, Marion Isabel Holmes, Mary Helen Lavalley, Wilfred Edward Leary, Joseph Edward MacFarland, George Murray, Mary Agnes, Monday, Ruth Hodgkiss Morgan, Gerry Bradley, Harry Joseph Pillsbury, Albert Pillsbury, Monica Pitt, Mary Penningast, Monica Pitt, Earl Willoughby, Kathleen, Doris Boush, Joseph Sullivan, Joseph Sullivan, Joseph Sullivan, James Francis Sullivan, Thomas Francis Sullivan, Madeline Frances Sullivan, Sidney Tower, Frederick Wilson, Thomas Henry Edmond Wilson, Ashley Robert Wilson, Irene Whitcomb, George Woodruff.

News Items. Among our teachers and students at home from school and college are Misses Louisa and Marion Flagg, Bertha Stratton, Lucy and Edith Houghton, Lucy and Emily Adams, Grace and Miriam Conant, and Malcolm Priest, Herbert Harwood, Richard Hartwell and Benjamin Conant.

N. B. Conant and family spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant in Concord.

Rev. Mr. Huntington preached at the Congregational church. He and Mrs. Huntington, who accompanied him were entertained at George W. Caneby's.

A party composed of Misses Clara Prouty, Cora Davis, Jennie Sawyer and Gertrude Griffiths enjoyed an automobile outing last Sunday in the F. B. Priest automobile with Roger Priest, chauffeur. The trip took them to Haverhill, Bradford, Stoneham, Winchester and other towns. They called at ex-Supt. Webber's, where they were pleasantly entertained, afterwards going to G. Frank Hibbard's in Winchester, which they made their chief objective point in the outing, and enjoyed a royal welcome.

The secretary of the High school alumni association is anxious to receive the rest of the return postal cards sent out that she may advise the caterers as to the preparations necessary for the alumni banquet. The supper will be served at seven o'clock Wednesday evening, June 29, by the famous cooks of the Baptist society.

J. H. Whitcomb, jr., and James Nixon have launched their new motor boat at South Wellfleet and Mr. Whitcomb has taken an outing of three weeks at their cottage there. Mr. Nixon joined him for a few days.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith left town Wednesday for Lake Umbagog, N. H., where she will spend several weeks with Captain Lawler's family at Camp Newcomb. Her return home is expected the first of September.

The D. G. Houghton family went to Fitchburg Wednesday to attend Miss Edith's graduation from the Normal school.

A patriotic and flower service with a young men's chorus and a young ladies' chorus Sunday morning, is scheduled for the Unitarian church.

There is to be a parade of antiques and horrors the Fourth of July and the enterprising leaders urgently invite everybody who can to join them in the fun.

The store part of the A. W. Sawyer building has been moved to its new location. It is said that Mr. Priest will make the building into a modern up-to-date house for a desirable party that has already agreed to rent it; also, that Thomas Stephens will occupy one of the re-modelled tenements.

At the annual meeting of the Lincoln club at John Hutchinson's on Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Edward Davis, pres.; Everett Kimball, vice-pres.; John Hutchinson, sec.; Charles Bonnell.

Littleton high school graduation takes place on Tuesday afternoon, June 28, at 2.45 o'clock. John G. Thompson, principal of the Fitchburg Normal school, is the orator of the

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occasion. The usual reception by faculty and graduating class will be given in the evening of June 28.

July 21 is the date selected for the lawn party to be given by the Congregational society.

Miss Mabel R. Sargent from Fitchburg Normal school, has been engaged to teach the West grammar school next year.

The congregation at the Sunday evening concert in the Baptist church enjoyed the program given by the Sunday school and speak of it in high terms. This was followed by the baptism of Mrs. Nettie Ewings, Miss Olive Flagg and William Newman.

The Baptist missionary meeting held at the vestry on Wednesday afternoon was of unusual interest. It was in charge of Mrs. Webber. Twenty or more persons were present. Mrs. Joseph Dodge gave an interesting and well-prepared history of the Woman's Missionary society in the church from its organization many years ago. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Joseph Murray and Mrs. Curtis Frew attended the wedding of Miss Grace Williams and Frank W. Martin in Dorchester, last week Wednesday.

Mrs. Nettie S. Ewings has bought Dr. Godfrey's house at the Common, and will probably occupy it shortly after Dr. Godfrey moves, the first of July to Lynn. Dr. James D. Christie of South Acton, now of Barre, will succeed Dr. Godfrey as town physician.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown were most agreeably surprised on the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding this week by a party of Stow friends, who came well supplied with goodies and many valuable tokens of regard for host and hostess. The evening proved one of rare enjoyment to all.

Eta, twenty-year-old daughter of Maynard Barteau, entered peacefully into life eternal on Wednesday evening, June 22, following closely her devoted mother, whose death occurred some five weeks ago. Funeral services were held from her late home Friday afternoon and interment was in West-lawn.

Two daughters of our former townsman, Prof. Alfred Evans, received diplomas from Smith college last week. One completed a week of festivities by marrying, and will live in Minneapolis. The other has accepted a position as associate teacher in a high school.

Captured. No little sensation has been aroused in town over the presence of a bicycle thief who has been offering some good bargains in stolen wheels. The culprit was trapped Monday at Alfred Haley's where he had been advised by Mr. Somes to attempt a trade. Upon his departure from the Somes' house telephone information was immediately given to Fred Reed, constable, the young man having given evidence of his real character, and Mr. Reed lost no time in starting for Newtown district. A man employed by Harry Barteau helped capture and hold the culprit till Mr. Reed's arrival on the scene. The young man was not over eager to change his course, but Mr. Reed convinced him that he was abundantly able to decide matters and carry plans into execution. Consequently the two went to Ayer where Albert Wolfe, as he styled himself, was tried and sentenced to an indefinite term in Concord Reformatory. Edward Wesley and Edwin Esten were

obliged to give up bicycles they had purchased of the so-called Wolfe and among the other witnesses from Littleton were Masters Haley, Tobin and Griffiths with whom the thief had attempted sales.

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