

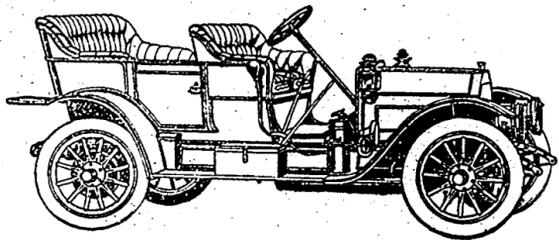
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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Miss Ruth Whitney is at home from her school work in Reading, Pa., for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Harry Dickenson are at Mrs. H. A. Dickenson's this week.

The baseball game on July 4, at three o'clock, will be played on the Bromfield grounds, between Shirley and Harvard.

Children's Sunday was observed on last Sunday morning at the Congregational church. Singing and recitations by the children, made up a very interesting program.

The Berkley club will run social dances in town hall every Thursday evening from July 7 to September, inclusive; also, Labor day night, September 5, with good music.

#### Still River.

Warren K. Harrod of Worcester, Miss Minnie Farnsworth of Boston, Miss Grace Farnsworth of Malden and Miss Edna Flanders of Palmer, all school teachers, are at their Still River homes for their summer vacations.

Florence and Arthur Cross went to Concord, Vt., on Tuesday for a long visit with their grandparents there.

Mrs. and Miss Hunting of Ken-tucky, friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, are boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith.

Miss Ruth Fairchild of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and Mr. Newcomb of Rutherford, N. J., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild, the former to spend her summer vacation with them.

Miss Van Dyke of Hollis, N. H., was a recent guest of Miss Alice Marshall.

Mrs. Orde of Harvard was a guest of her sister, Mrs. Augustus Hutcherson over Sunday.

Mr. Hutcherson visited relatives in Hancock, N. H., Saturday and Sunday. Miss Katherine Lawrence has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Annie M. L. Clark of Lancaster for about a week.

Margaret Farnsworth of Worcester is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth.

Edna Flanders is visiting relatives near Boston, and before her return ex-

pects to take a trip to Washington, D. C.

### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Newton Damon of Fitchburg with two children are spending a week or so with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Conant.

Stanley White and Perry Holden graduated Wednesday from the Fitchburg High school. Parents and friends of both young men attended the graduating exercises in Fitchburg on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. William Preston of Winchendon, a former resident, was visiting friends in town, Tuesday.

A number of friends called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Truman S. Nickerson of Center road, Wednesday evening, to view the beautiful night blooming cereus, which was in full bloom on that evening.

Mrs. W. H. C. Lawrence of San Diego, Cal., a former old-time resident, is paying a visit to the East and Thursday afternoon was entertained at lunch at the home of her friend, Mrs. Alice L. Wright.

Mrs. E. C. Pevear of Lynn with her little daughter Ruth, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

The annual reunion of the "Conants" was held at Sandy Pond, Ayer, Wednesday. John G. and Edwin H. Conant and families attended the gathering.

Mrs. J. P. Tolman will entertain the Alliance at their meeting Thursday, July 7, at 2.30 p. m. Miss Mabel Hazen will be the speaker for the afternoon.

The town has purchased the Bennett place on the Ayer road for a ball field and playground. Men are now at work on the field getting it into shape for a ballgame on Saturday, July 9. The price paid for the playground was less than \$800.

A very pretty and quiet wedding took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Marion S. McKay, Jamaica Plain, on Wednesday, when Miss Jennie Sutherland McKay of that place was united in marriage with Edward Stickney Gardner of Elmira, N. Y. Rev. Chauncy W. Hawkins of the Central Congregational church, of whom the bride is a member, performed the ceremony. The groom is well known in this place, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gardner.

### Fourth of July.

A public meeting was held in the Engine hall, Wednesday evening, to discuss ways and means of uniting the people of the town in a grand celebration of the Fourth of July. A goodly number of the citizens of the town were present and the younger element turned out in force.

Dr. Thomas E. Lilly was chosen secretary. Following are the committees:

Parade committee—Charles R. White, William A. Dadmun, David Lambert, Albe L. Annis, Joseph Gately.

Games committee—Ezekiel Wilson, John M. Stevenson, Harry Collier, Clas. H. Wear, Jr.

Music committee—Herbert F. Taylor, Harry H. Lynch, J. Albert Deardon.

Program committee—W. Knowles, H. H. Lynch.

Soliciting committee—W. Knowles, J. E. L. Hazen.

George O. Evans was present and took an active part in the business of the meeting and pledged a sum of money and promised more if it was needed. Dr. Lilly also reported that Mr. Taylor, superintendent of the industrial school, would also give a sum of money, also the use of the boys' brass band of the school and assist in every way possible.

Much enthusiasm was shown at the meeting and judging from the interest manifested, Shirley will be well in line for a rousing patriotic observance of the day. All the committees met at the close of the meeting and will meet every night this week in Engine hall at 7.30.

The game committee has arranged the following list of games:

100-yd. run for men; 100-yd. run for boys, fifteen and under; 50-yd. run for girls, open race; sack race for men; sack race for boys, fifteen and under; three-legged race for men; three-legged race for boys, fifteen and under; tug of war for boys, fifteen and under; tug of war for industrial school boys and town boys; 200-yd. run for men; 100-yd. run for industrial school boys.

Games will commence at nine a. m., July 4. All entries must be in before nine p. m. Saturday, July 2. These games are for residents of the town only. No outsiders will be allowed to compete. For further information in regard to games see Ezekiel Wilson, chairman of game committee.

### Items of Interest.

Near Hamburg, Germany, a grove of dwarf birch trees is closely guarded at government expense as a rare survivor of post-glacial flora.

### New Advertisements

#### NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, agree to close our stores Thursdays at 12 o'clock noon, from July 7 to September 15 inclusive.

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On account of the raise of price to the producer, we, the milkmen of Ayer, have raised our milk as follows: Eight quarts for a quart, 25c. less than four quarts for a quart, and 4c. a pint.

Signed,  
J. H. Sargent,  
J. E. Sargent,  
Thos. E. Stone,  
H. S. Nutting,  
T. H. Griffin,  
Wm. Stone,  
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### Dr. M. H. PAINE

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### Prices for Coal

After July 1, the price of Egg, Stove and Nut will be \$7.00 per ton.

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H. C. HARLOW, Ayer.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY HALLISSY, late of Groton in said County of Middlesex, do hereby give notice that by and with the consent of the court, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by HENRY W. WHITING, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth 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 said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Turner's Public Spirit," newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid notices, containing 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 twentieth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3442 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

## Spring and Summer Clothing.

One of the important duties in this community is to point out to our fellow citizens the way to spend clothes-money to best advantage. The reason we tell you to buy Hart, Schaffner & Marx all wool, perfectly tailored clothes, is not simply because we have them to sell, but because we really think they're the best suits in the market for the price. We are anxious to have you see the new patterns and colorings. Some very smart Grays, Blues and Browns, in stylish models.

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Our Clothing and Furnishings come from the most dependable manufacturers. We have variety to suit everyone. There is satisfaction in securing your clothing needs here as we carry only the most reliable goods.

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**MEN'S BLUE SERGE SUITS.** The best suits to be bought anywhere at the price. Suits of good weight and guaranteed color. Suits that are made well and give satisfaction to the wearer.  
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**MEN'S OUTING TROUSERS.** Made of flannel and fancy Scotch mixtures. Made in latest styles with full hips and finished with belt strap and cuff buttons.  
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**MEN'S KHAKI TROUSERS.** Made in regular Khaki shades and also in new olive shades. Coats to match the trousers. Also, Boys' in Khaki shade only.  
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Boys'—75c. and 98c.

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**NEGLIGEE SHIRTS.** In plain, white and fancy patterns. Some come in neat style with cuffs attached and others regular cut with cuffs detached.  
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**NECKWEAR.** Every style of neckwear for men and boys. Also the new wash ties.  
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**MEN'S HOSIERY.** In plain colors and fancy patterns in big variety. We have the famous Interwoven and Everwear makes of Men's Hosiery.  
Plain Blacks and Tans—9c., 15c. and 25c.  
Fancy patterns and colors—15c., 25c. and 50c.

**MEN'S BELTS.** Newest leather styles and colors.  
25c., 50c. and 75c.

**BATHING SUITS.** Two piece suits in blue or gray colors.  
Men's—\$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00  
Boys'—50c.  
Bathing Trunks—19c., 25c. and 50c.

## Summer Hats and Caps

Every style of Summer Hat and Cap can be supplied here. Also Cloth and Straw Hats for Boys and Children.

Men's Straw Hats ..... 50c. to \$3.00  
Men's Genuine Panamas ..... \$4.00 to \$7.00  
Men's Cloth Caps ..... 25c. and 50c.  
Boys' Cloth Caps ..... 25c. and 50c.  
Children's Straws ..... 25c. and 50c.  
Children's Cloth Hats ..... 25c. and 50c.  
Men's Cloth Hats ..... 25c. and 50c.  
Common Straws for Men and Boys ..... 25c. and 50c.  
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Every kind of Summer Underwear will be found here. Here are a few of the leading lines.

Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, in long and short sleeves ..... 25c. and 50c.  
Men's Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers ..... 50c.  
Men's Porosknit Shirts and Drawers ..... 50c.  
Men's Meshknit Shirts and Drawers, 25c. and 50c.  
Men's Union Suits ..... 69c., \$1.00 and \$1.50  
Boys' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers ..... 25c.  
Boys' Porosknit Shirts and Drawers ..... 25c.  
Boys' Porosknit Union Suits ..... 50c.

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### WESTFORD.

**Centre.**  
Patrons of the J. V. Fletcher library are reminded that the building will be closed Sundays during July and August.

Misses Clara and Ruth Fisher are enjoying a vacation at Plymouth.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford attended the graduating exercises at the Melrose high school Tuesday from which her niece, Miss Dora Hawkes, was graduated, being one of a large class.

Mrs. George Rogers was an over Sunday guest last week at the Congregational parsonage.

Mrs. J. Henry Colburn is spending a vacation at Alton Bay, N. H.

The cake sale last week Thursday afternoon, conducted by the ladies of the Unitarian Alliance, was a pleasant occasion socially and a success financially. There was a ready sale for the good home-made cake and pies and some particularly handsome strawberry pie. Ice cream and cake was on sale and was especially acceptable on the warm afternoon. The sales tables were handsomely decorated with mountain laurel.

Among our student young people at home for the vacation are Miss Gertrude Hamlin from Miss Kimball's home school for girls at Worcester, Miss May Day from Mt. Holyoke college and Allister MacDougal from Amherst agricultural college.

Miss E. Louise Crosby, who has been for so many years in the household of Mrs. Edward Prescott, went this week for an extended vacation to her native Prince Edward Island. She expects to be gone a number of months and Mrs. Alice Lambert takes her place at Mrs. Prescott's.

The farmers are busy having which comes early this year. There is a good crop in prospect. Raspberry growers have begun to ship berries this week.

The second game of lively baseball between the Colts and the Has Beens took place on the common on Monday night with a victory for the Has Beens with a score of 10 to 3.

Mrs. O. R. Spaulding has been enjoying life at camp this week.

### Graduation.

The graduating exercises of Westford academy took place at the town hall Friday last week at ten a. m. There was an unusually small class this year, there being but three to receive diplomas, but a graduation is always of interest to the class large of small parents and friends find a responsive enjoyment in the atmosphere. The bright, cool day was an enjoyable feature and the decorations in the newly renovated hall showed to excellent advantage. The front of the stage was banked with green potted plants and June roses. The class motto, "Step by step," in the class colors of garnet and gold was effectively placed at the centre of the stage and below the figures 1910 also in garnet and gold.

The graduating class consisted of Miss Bertha Cann McCoy, Albert Addison Tallant and Paul Edwards Symmes.

The exercises were opened by a song, "Clang of the forge," by the school followed by prayer by Rev. David Wallace. The first essay was by Albert Tallant on "The conquest of the air," and was a timely and thoughtful treatment on the subject of aeroplanes and all kinds of flying machines. "The American of tomorrow" was the subject of Miss McCoy's essay and her straight-forward and direct presentation of this subject was most creditable to her and enjoyable to her hearers. The third essay was by Paul Symmes on "America," and was especially pertinent, well-written and well delivered. This number was interspersed with a chorus of girls' voices, "Nursery rhyme suite." The second part of the program consisted of a chorus called, "The rosary." All the singing was excellent and reflected the greatest credit upon Miss Mary E. Reynolds, who is the instructor of music.

After this came the address of the day by Prof. Marshall L. Perrin of the Boston university, who had for his subject, "Certain American ideals." He was an especially good speaker and fully merited the appreciative attention that he received. In an easy, fluent, conversational way, he presented some very profound truths for both old and young. He tried to make clear that there was no real alliance without genuine effort and his point of the failure to realize that it was greater to be than to do, was finely presented. His plea for the old-fashioned and necessary virtues of responsibility, humility, thrift, industry and the right kind of individuality, balanced the sensible warning against the rush against all odds for real comfort, luxury and convenience. Altogether, Prof. Perrin's address was a most wholesome and common-sense presentation for some time.

The diplomas were then conferred by Mr. Bailey in his own impressive and helpful way, after which the last chorus, "Old folks at home," was given.

The reception, dance and reunion in the evening was a delightful affair, one of the nicest June parties ever held. There were many present but not too many for the comfort of the dancers. The Lynn Cadet orchestra's music was much liked. The concert and reception was from eight to nine, after which the grand march led by Principal and Mrs. Wm. A. Woodward was formed and the order of dances carried out. At intermission, caterer Fred A. Smith, furnished ice cream and cake.

The committee in charge of the re-

union were Mrs. Harriet Sargent Hill-dreth, Wm. R. Taylor and Chas. L. Hildreth. Among the guests of the evening were Miss Gertrude Bartlett, a former teacher, Mrs. G. E. Lawrence of Campbell and Mrs. Ida Cummings Allen of Ayer.

This is principal William A. Woodward's last year at the academy, he having resigned and his resignation has been accepted by the academy trustees and the school committee. Mr. Woodward has been at the head of the school for two years and succeeded principal Wm. A. Perkins. Mr. Woodward is a teacher of experience and ability and came here from Milford, N. H. He has taken an interest in the athletic sports of the school both in basketball and baseball. He and Mrs. Woodward have made many friends and take with them where they go, the best wishes of the community.

**About Town.**  
Elmer E. Trull and Miss Florence Jeffrey were married in the village church at West Chelmsford last Sunday evening by Rev. Frank D. Taylor of Arlington, a former minister of the church. As evidence of their popularity, the usual seating capacity of the church was inadequate and settees reduced the amount of aisle space. The bridegroom will be remembered as one of the bright and good that added salt as a savor to the life of Westford Corner.

Mrs. Clara Littlefield of Fitchburg has been visiting her sister, Miss Belle Walker, at the many acre farm at the old homestead on Main street.

Amos Polley has nearly finished harvesting his winter wheat. He sold it nearly all in liquid form to A. G. Boynton of Lowell.

That old broken down, crooked stone wall from the corner of the Lowell and Chamberlin road to the new model farm mansion of the former Levi T. Fletcher place, is being rebuilt with modern taste, by command of that strongly aesthetic personality, Miss Ella Wright, the owner of this old Fletcher homestead.

Unless arrangements fail to carry, as they have on several previous occasions, it is expected that Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton will conduct the service at the Unitarian church next Sunday in exchange with Rev. B. H. Bailey.

Among the also in the grandfathers business, by the sonship to Charles and Rose (Adams) Decatur, is our Stony Brook citizen, John H. Decatur, all the way from Roseville, Cal., arrives the photograph. It has a Stony Brook look.

The assessors have declared a dividend of sixteen dollars on a thousand, payable by the taxpayers to the collector, on or before November first, or a fine of six cents on a dollar will be added to the original dividend. The finance committee and the committee of the whole at the annual town meeting planned to keep down to \$16.50 on a thousand, but new laws and new revisions of increased wealth on the part of the assessors made it necessary to declare a disappointment.

Just arrived by the Fall River line, a large engine for manufacturing purposes for Daniel H. Sheehan, and that contract with the State for 15,000,000 yards of burlap will now begin to spread out.

Eugene Fallon is ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Parfit on Main street. Poison ivy seems to be doing lots for folks this year.

### Wedding.

On the afternoon of June 25, a quiet home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor, when their eldest daughter, Martha, was married to George Howard, jr. The parlors were decorated with ferns, June roses and beautiful pink laurel from the woodland hillside of the bride's home. Rev. David Wallace of the Congregational church read the impressive ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. Perry Taylor Snow, the younger nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Mt. Holyoke college and was for a number of years professor of psychology at the Western college, Oxford, Ohio.

The bridegroom has been connected with large farming interests at Bound Brook, N. J.

### Death.

John C. Wyman died last week Friday, at the home of his son, Wm. N. Wyman, aged seventy-five years. The funeral took place last Sunday afternoon and Rev. David Wallace conducted the service. Mrs. Homer M. Seavey, Mrs. David L. Greig and John Greig sympathetically rendered two well-timed songs. He is survived by a widow, two sons, Wm. N. Wyman of Westford and Frank Wyman of Tyngsboro, and two daughters, Mrs. Nellie Davis of Norwich, Conn., and Mrs. John Brown of New Boston, N. H. Burial was in Fairview cemetery. Mr. Wyman was an active of Vassalboro, Vt., and had been a resident of Westford only about two years. A few months ago he was kicked on the head by a glancing blow from a horse. This, with other complications, resulted in death.

### Forge Village.

The Lions defeated the Richmonds of Lowell in the Stony Brook league on Saturday afternoon on the home grounds before a large number of spectators, the score being 9 to 8.

Charles Flanagan, flagman at the crossing, has accepted a position with the Groton School boys at Camp Merryweather, Belgrade, Me. His place at the crossing has been taken by Matthew Elliott.

Miss Roxie Bennett of Worcester and Archie S. Bennett of the teaching staff of the Somerville High school are spending this week as the guests of Mrs. Harriet E. Randall.

Charles Coburn of Providence, R. I., is spending his vacation with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Weaver are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a son at their home Sunday morning, June 26.

Rev. Melville McLaughlin of Dorchester occupied the pulpit at St. Andrew's mission last Sunday.

Miss Marjory Rose of Belmont is spending her vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Spaine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Downey and three children of Marlborough are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hanley until after the Fourth.

Mrs. Lucretia Reed entertained her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Reed, her granddaughter, Mrs. Gladys Goodchild, and her great grandson, Randolph Reed of Lowell, Wednesday, at her home on Pleasant street.

One of the most enjoyable affairs held here for some time will be the strawberry festival and social dance which will be held in Abbot hall, Saturday evening, July 2, under the auspices of the John Edwards hose company.

Mrs. Philip Socha has returned home from the Lowell hospital where she underwent an operation the first of June.

Miss Elizabeth Dufort and Mr. Lapointe of Leominster were guests Sunday of Mrs. M. A. Lowther. They will be entertained over the Fourth by Miss Margaret Durr at Lincoln cottage, on the shore of Forge pond.

### Graniteville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Harris and family of Lowell were Sunday guests of Mr. Harris' mother and Miss Ethel at their home in this village.

Beginning Sunday, July 3, and until further notice there will be two masses celebrated in St. Catherine's church, the first to commence at 8.45 and the second at 9.45 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy A. Riney of Camden, N. J., are visiting relatives in this village for a few days.

Cameron circle held their quarterly meeting in Healey's hall on Tuesday evening. Business of importance was transacted and election of officers as follows: Ellen F. Healey, c. c.; Mary Stewart, s. c. c.; Bridget Healey, fin. sec.; Julia B. Wall, treas.; Lena Delerengo, rec. sec.; Martha Doucett, r. g.; Margaret McCarthy, l. g.; Rebecca LeDuc, l. g.; Lena Healey, o. g.; Flora Stewart, 1 yr., trustee.

### Baseball.

The Graniteville baseball club visited Lowell last Saturday, when they crossed bats with the Crescents on the Chelmsford street playground, a place entirely inadequate for an up-to-date ball-ground and were defeated by a score of 5 to 4.

Saturday afternoon, July 2, what promises to be the most interesting baseball game of the season will be played on the home grounds here, when Graniteville will meet Westford for the first game in several seasons. Westford will present the strongest lineup available on "the hill" and the game promises to be a hot one from start to finish. Before the game there will be a match 100-yd. dash for the championship of the town between Ledwith of Graniteville and Hamlin of Westford. This is to be run off on Broadway street, near the postoffice.

Any Patron of Husbandry who has ever belonged to any band and going on the traveling picnic, July 20, to Amherst, please inform Henry N. Adams, committee on music, Groton, N. H.

### HARVARD.

**Banquet.**  
The second annual meeting and banquet of the Bromfield school alumni was held at the town hall on Thursday evening, June 23. Invitations were sent to all members of the alumni and to the graduating class of 1910. The meeting was in the upper hall where supper was served at 8.30.

This particular feature was a credit to the ladies who had the matter in charge. The business meeting was called to order by the president, Albert H. Bigelow, and the officers for the year were elected as follows: Frank R. Preston, pres.; Emily E. Frisk, sec.; Gertrude Turner, vice-pres.; William J. Kerley, treas.

Prof. Howell was reported sick and it was voted to send him flowers. He was for several years a teacher at the Bromfield school.

President Bigelow, who acted as toastmaster for the evening, called upon Warren H. Fairbank, who responded for the trustees of the school. Alice Marshall spoke for the first class that graduated from the school. John L. Maynard was called upon and responded in a few well-chosen words. The class of 1910 was represented by the class president, Kent T. Royal, who responded in a very pleasant vein.

The party then listened to a short entertainment consisting of reading by F. R. Preston; violin solo, Miss Eleanor Haskell; reading, Miss Edna Flanders.

After a short hour of dancing the entire congregation joined in singing. Music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Etta Green and Ruel and Walter Lougee, violin and cello, all of Ayer.

The supper tables were set in the form of a star, the heads of each table coming to the centre of the hall. The effect of this was very pleasing.

### The Fourth.

Extensive preparations are being made for the celebration of the Fourth on July on Monday at Harvard. Following is the program:

9.00 a. m., sports on Bromfield grounds.  
100-yd. dash, free for all; 100-yd. dash, boys under sixteen years; 200-yd. dash, boys under sixteen years; obstacle race, free for all; hoop race, for all; wheelbarrow race, free for all; potato race, free for all; tug of war, married men vs. single men.

10.00 a. m., baseball on Bromfield grounds. Married men of this village vs. single light weights, 120 lbs.

12.30 p. m., band concert, Harvard Common.

1.45 p. m., children's entertainment in town hall, Bennett Springs, conjurer and C. E. Wallace, entertainer.

3.00 p. m., baseball on Bromfield grounds.

7.30 p. m., band concert, Bromfield Grounds.

8.15 p. m., fireworks, Bromfield grounds. General committee—W. H. Fairbank, W. B. Willard, B. J. Priest.

Music by Hudson Military band, Geo. C. Maynard, marshal.

### News Items.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Clough, who are spending their summer at New Haven, Conn., will be in-

terested to know they have a new comer in their household, Beatrice Fredricka, born June 17. Mrs. Clough has spent several seasons here before and since her marriage, last summer occupying the Priest cottage at Tahanto farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole at Abbotshill, Tahanto farm, welcomed a little girl into their home last week.

Miss Marlon Dickson is here from Boston for the rest of this week and over the Fourth, giving her folks a pleasant surprise by being with them so unexpectedly.

Edwin Savage is supplying at Hill-croft.

Rev. George Jones will preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday morning, July 3.

Mrs. A. M. Harrod has her grandson, Frank Robinson from Winter Hill, visiting with her for a few days.

George Houghton wishes to say to the party who is nightly helping himself to his asparagus, that if he will come to the house, Mr. Houghton will gladly give him enough for his table use.

If you want to see some sport you want to watch the ball game on the Fourth of July morning at ten a. m., between the married men over thirty-five years vs. single men or boys under 120 lbs. weight. C. L. Russell has charge of the former and R. A. Reed the latter. The batteries for the married team are Russell, pitcher and Coffey, catcher; for the boys, Gebo, pitcher and Herbert Dickson, catcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Savage, jr., spent last Saturday and over Sunday with Mrs. S. J. Savage.

Miss Ruth Bull of Worcester is visiting for a while with her aunt, Mrs. H. Emma Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Atwood are holiday visitors at H. H. Gale's.

Ruth M. Bagster is at home for the summer from her school work in Maynard. Miss Bagster has resigned her position in the Maynard school much to the regret of the school board there, who appreciated her good work as a primary teacher.

Ralph Wetherbee of New York city is a weekend visitor at his father's summer home here.

Miss Josephine Baker spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maud McRae at the latter's home in Old Mill.

Elery Royal is the guest this week of Tyler Rogers at his home in Sax-cenville.

George Clarke and family are occupying the Cushman's "Westward" cottage for the summer season.

W. Fred Dickson and family moved last Saturday to their summer camp at Sheep Island.

Farmers have universally commenced haying this week. The crop is reported good.

Miss Annie Reed is visiting this week at Sunderland Mason's.

Any Patron of Husbandry who has ever belonged to any band and going on the traveling picnic, July 20, to Amherst, please inform Henry N. Adams, committee on music, Groton, N. H.

### BOXBOROUGH.

#### News Items.

Mrs. Mary Pratt of South Acton has been visiting Mrs. John Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dill of Manchester, N. H., have been recent guests of his sister, Mrs. Charles Duren.

Mrs. P. W. Cunningham is entertaining her aunt and son from Michigan.

The Dean family have opened their house for the summer.

Miss Mary Hager went to Clinton this week to attend the graduation of her niece, Mary Alice Hager.

Last Saturday afternoon, a baby daughter was welcomed at the Irving Duren home.

Mrs. C. A. Hemenway was at Littlefield farm over Sunday.

The Wilson family from Charlestown have returned to Bide-a-Wee for another season.

Miss Mary Nelson is at home accompanied by Miss Mabel Washburn, one of her fellow teachers in the Somerville schools.

Otis H. Forbush will sell at public auction on Thursday, July 7, at nine o'clock a. m., all the standing grass on the farm of Mrs. Mason Wheeler, in Concord also, on the same day at five o'clock p. m., all the grass on the farm of J. E. J. Campbell, South Acton, and that of the late Mrs. Harrington on the farm opposite.

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### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom spent this week with their son, Frank Balcom, of Balwinville. Mr. Balcom will return home for the Fourth. Mrs. Balcom will remain indefinitely.

Dr. Simpson of Lowell, district inspector for the State Board of Health, was in town last week Friday, looking over the factories.

Mrs. Charles Wilson entertained her Sunday school class at her home on Harvard road last Saturday afternoon. Refreshments were served on the lawn, games played and merriment of all kinds indulged in. Mrs. Ezekiel Wilson assisted in the entertaining. Before leaving for home the class with teacher, was photographed by Ezekiel Wilson.

Miss Mabel Hazen, school teacher at Lee, is home for the summer vacation.

At the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held Monday evening, twelve applications for membership were received.

Rev. George Wain, Cooke will preach at the First Parish church, Sunday, July 3, at 11.15.

#### Items of Interest.

Of the men employed on the railroads of India last year, 7,180 were white, 9,382 were of mixed blood—"Eurasians"—and 499,594 were natives.

During the first six months of 1909 Brazil exported \$43,000,000 worth of coffee.

Noel invented stem-winding watches in 1851.

To get rid of pests that kill trees, the state forester of Massachusetts asks for an appropriation this year of \$165,000 to suppress the gypsy and brown-tail moths and \$100,000 for the destruction of the elm leaf beetle.

It has been estimated that there are 20,000 tons of radium in the sea.

The United States annually exports more oil-cake than any other country in the world—2,063,000,000 out of 4,913,000,000 pounds.

People of Saxony have for hundreds of years used stoves made of fire brick covered with glazed tiles which retain and gradually radiate the heat for hours after the fire has died out.

According to the Bishop of London, North Queensland has an area of 130,000 square miles and a population of 120,000 with only fifteen clergymen.

Last year western Canada produced 100,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Seventeen million tons of coal and 60,000,000 gallons of oil are used annually in gas making in the United Kingdom.

To help the agricultural and cattle raising industry of the country, Honduras now permits free importation of fence wire and staples.

Twenty feet a minute was regarded as a good standard rate of cutting for a planing machine in the 19th century. The machine at the present day cuts forty feet a minute.

Since June, 1909, gifts and bequests from various sources, to the amount of \$4,281,562, have been received by the trustees of Columbia University.

Reports of the large banks of England show steady annual dividends of from fifteen to twenty-five percent. The discount rate is low and interest is usually allowed on current deposit accounts.

Twenty-eight percent of 728 children examined in the tenement house section of New York showed signs of tuberculosis of either the joints, glands or lungs.

Among the Chinese residents of the United States the death rate from tuberculosis is 658.5 and among the Japanese 239 per 100,000. Among the white population the rate is 173.

The Chihuahua dog of Mexico is so small it may be concealed in a bunch of flowers.

American sewing machines and ice cream freezers are being extensively introduced into China.

In Russia, Jewish women have petitioned the duma to enact legislation to prevent husbands sending their wives a bill of divorce by a messenger.

In Western India ninety percent of the population is dependent upon fish for sustenance. The most primitive methods of capture are used.

A memorial has been sent to the Chinese throne by the Keun Chi-Chu (war department) that orders may be given to the officials and individuals of the whole empire to adopt dresses of foreign style by wearing short jackets.

Germany's patent office is in receipt of a request for a patent whereby a person may make his own matches. By working five hours one may save six or seven cents.

Under Louis Philippe in 1846 there were 8,000 doctors in France. In the forty-five years between 1846 and 1891 the number had increased to 15,000, the yearly increase being 155.

A rat trap has been invented into which the animal walks, attracted by an electric light and a display of food. Once in the rat cannot get out and an electric current kills him in fifty or sixty seconds.

More men than women commit suicide.

By the treaty of Paris, signed February 10, 1763, Canada was formally ceded to England.

Sixty years ago the cigarette was introduced into England.

The first American paper money was made in 1740.

For the first nine months of 1909 the tea production of Ceylon was 9,000,000 pounds greater than in the same months in 1908.

Japan's new 1911 tariff taxes raw materials lightly and luxuries heavily. There will be more than 800 dutiable articles.

A German inventor has patented a sail vehicle which travels on roads on the principle of the ice boat.

Japan has few millionaires and no multi-millionaires.

German soldiers use paper kettles of Japanese invention.

There has been erected in Nuremberg, Germany, a monument to Peter Hejnljen, who first substituted springs for weights in clocks and made the watch possible.

Of the world's stock of money, \$7,000,000,000 is gold, \$3,500,000,000 silver, and \$4,333,000,000 paper.

In 1887 the wheat crop of California was three times greater than that of Kansas. In 1909 the Kansas crop was seven times greater than that of California.

Advertisements first appeared in newspapers in 1652.

In Korea, the mines give employment, directly and indirectly, to 8,000 natives.

It has just been realized that from an engineering standpoint the Trans-Siberian railroad was a poor job.

Ten years ago the Standard Oil Company refined ninety percent of all the oil produced. Now it refines only eighty percent.

American investments in Canada amount to \$236,000,000.

In Philadelphia, there is a remarkable attendance of mothers with children in their arms at the night schools.

Of the 6,000,000 inhabitants of Roumania, 30,000 are blind.

There are nearly 100,000 members of the International Anti-Cigarette League, all of whom are pledged to abstain from the use of tobacco until twenty-one years of age.

In certain rural districts in Europe, the birthday of the oldest inhabitant is publicly celebrated.

In Borneo, coolies are indentured at \$18 to \$36 a year, board and clothing added.

Anatomists say persons hear better when their mouths are open.

The apple production of Ireland had never exceeded 50,000 barrels a year.

Upon the death of their husbands, peasant women in Russia have their wedding rings covered with black crepe and wear them so decorated six months.

New York will collect \$30,000,000 in franchise taxes for 1910. A few years ago nothing was derived from this source.

A professional beggar arrested in Hartford, Conn., had kept a systematic cash account which showed his receipts to be from \$7 to \$20 a day.

For the years 1808 to 1907, Great Britain produced 32.6 bushels of wheat an acre against 13.9 in this country and 9.3 in Russia, which makes the poorest showing of the large wheat growing countries.

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**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**  
Osman Needham has bought the house that he has rented of Gardner W. Prouty this last year.

Mrs. Harry Hume went down east last Saturday in response to a sudden and urgent call due to the critical illness of her father.

There is a decided improvement in Mrs. A. M. Hendley's condition and hope for complete recovery soon.

A pair of pheasants with their Rooseveltian family of eleven little ones can be seen almost any day in the Newtown ward.

S. H. Jewett counted 203 autos that passed his home between seven a. m. and seven p. m. on Sunday.

In the July number of the Woman's Home Companion appears one of the cleverly written stories of Mary Vorse, whose husband's death was noted in this column last week. The title of the story is "Home—a Fourth of July story."

The patriotic and flower service with special music at the Unitarian church will take place Sunday morning, July 3. Attendance at the rehearsal on Saturday evening is urgently requested.

Judge Sanderson and family have moved into their summer home at the Westend.

Mrs. George Lovejoy and her three sons from Cincinnati arrived last Saturday at P. S. Whitcomb's.

Peter C. Edwards and family came this week from Springfield and opened their summer home, "The Ledges."

Dr. and Mrs. John Lemley of Albany, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball.

Mr. Boireau and Mrs. Henderson, father and sister of Walter Boireau, were commencement guests at A. T. Kimball's.

Miss Clara Fletcher returned Sunday from commencement and alumni festivities at the Fitchburg Normal school.

Howard White of Ashby is keeping books for Mrs. White's father, E. H. Flagg, at the canning factory.

Mrs. Caldwell, housekeeper for M. E. Somes, entertained the Newtown children who patronize the Somes barge, at her home last week, giving them a capital good time with games, refreshments and everything that appeals to receptive and happy childhood.

Miss Gertrude Merrill and her niece, little Beulah Kimball have been visiting at Rockport with Mrs. Reginald Colley, nee Peterson, a former teacher in the Newtown school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Howard arrived home from their wedding trip on Friday of last week. Part of the time they spent at Point Allerton.

Miss Cora Warren is at home from Rutland, Vt., for the summer vacation.

Miss Marion Whitcomb, daughter of J. H. D. Whitcomb, entertained a number of her schoolmates at her home last week Friday evening.

Miss Clara Prouty entertained this week, Miss Alice Buff from Jamaica Plain.

Burt L. Hartwell and family were guests at J. M. Hartwell's this week.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard of Kingston has accepted the call to the Congregational church of Littleton and will take up his duties in this pastorate the first of August. During July the church will hear supplies. Rev. Amelia Frost is expected to occupy the pulpit one Sunday, probably a week from tomorrow.

Miss Lucy Houghton started for Gloucester City, N. J., and vicinity, Thursday. She will visit her sister, Mrs. Carl A. Dodge, who will return with Miss Lucy.

**Festival.**

The Backlog club held their annual strawberry festival on Thursday evening, June 23. Although the number present was rather less than usual, the exchequer was noticeably swollen, the desires of the inner man were completely gratified and the appetite for entertainment thoroughly appeased. The amusing farce "Box and Cox," given with great success, several years ago, was repeated and won enthusiastic applause. The cast was made up of C. M. Hartwell, B. F. Jacobs, Miss Emily Adams, all adepts in dramatic art. Pleasing vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Showe and Mrs. O'Bannon.

**A Memorable Occasion.**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Flagg entertained Mrs. Frank Briggs's bible class and husbands at their pleasant home on Great road on Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in a social way, with entertaining games and a delicious spread. One feature of the entertainment that caused no little merriment was an attractive little class book with amusing and clever rhymes, each of which fitted some particular individual in the party who was supposed to find his or her characterization and attach the signature to the same. By general consent the party was declared a rare and memorable occasion.

**About Town.**

Mrs. S. E. Houghton of Albany, N. Y., with her daughter, Miss Mabel, came here on Tuesday and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Houghton.

O. Ewings, who in his ninety-third year wrote without glasses his recollections of the Halley comet of seventy-five years ago, was read by Frank A. Patch at the Historical meeting.

Miss Ethel Whittier has taken her examinations for the Fitchburg Normal school and will commence her studies there at the fall term.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Priest, with Mr. and Mrs. Burt Proctor, took an auto trip to Milford, N. H. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner.

Rev. Wm. C. Brown and family left for Chautauque, N. Y., for their annual sojourn there.

Any Patron of Husbandry who has ever belonged to any band and going on the traveling picnic, July 30, to Amherst, please inform Henry N. Adams, committee on music, Groton.

**The Celebration.**

At the adjourned meeting last Saturday evening, the various committees appointed to look after the details of the Fourth of July celebration reported progress and it looks as though Littleton would have an old-fashioned celebration this year that will keep the young people busy and furnish plenty of amusement for visitors. The program is sufficiently varied to suit the taste of all.

Starting with the march of the horribles at six a. m., from the Centre to the depot and back to the Common, the scene of action shifts to the trotting park where the program will be as follows: Juvenile baseball game at ten a. m.; athletic sports, two p. m.; Littleton high school vs. Townsend, three p. m. During the day and interspersed as circumstances permit: Two amateur horse races, sack races, wheelbarrow races, obstacle races, and an automobile race between a local veterinary and a bee man.

The time-honored greased pole will be in evidence for the boys who wish to attain a high position in life. "There is always room at the top."

Refreshments will be served on the grounds.

If there is nothing doing in your own town, come to Littleton and enjoy yourselves.

**SHIRLEY.**

**Graduation.**

The graduation exercises of the Shirley high school took place in Odd Fellows' hall last week Thursday afternoon. The hall was decorated with laurel and ferns. A large number of relatives and friends were present. Robbins' orchestra of Pepperell furnished music. The exercises opened with the members of the graduating class and school at large, marching to the stage. The graduates were Marion Longley Holden, Arthur Russell Holden and Joseph Robert Evans.

Shirley W. Ricker, principal; F. C. Johnson of Ayer, superintendent; Herbert F. Taylor, chairman of the school board and Rev. A. A. Bronsdon occupied seats on the stage with the members of the school. Miss Nettie I. Green of Shrewsbury, supervisor of music, presided at the piano. The program was as follows:

Prayer, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon; song, "Morning Invitation," school; essay, "Education in France," Joseph R. Evans; piano duet, Miss Arline Wilbur and Miss R. Carpenter; essay, "Sports and games of the Greeks," Marion Longley Holden; song, "Summer days," nine young ladies; essay, "The Panama canal," Arthur Russell Holden; song, "King of the forest," school; presentation of diplomas by Herbert F. Taylor; benediction, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon.

In the evening a reception and dance was held in Odd Fellows' hall, a large number being present to enjoy the pleasing features and dancing.

The matrons were Mrs. T. E. Lilly, Mrs. H. F. Taylor, and Mrs. W. H. Wilbur. Brockelman Bros. furnished refreshments.

**Graduation Party.**

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. White was the centre of attraction last week Saturday evening, when their son, Stanley F. White, was tendered a graduation party. The affair was also a complete and genuine surprise.

The festivities of the evening were held on the lawn which was decorated with Japanese lanterns and at intervals colored lights reflected their radiance upon the happy gathering, making a very pretty scene. Games, music and refreshments was the program of entertainment.

W. Lloyd Allen, on behalf of the fifty young people who were present, presented Mr. White with a very rich signet ring and in doing so, very aptly voiced the appreciative good will sentiments of the guests of the evening. Mr. White responded modestly, thanking all present for the token of friendly esteem which he said he would cherish all through life.

Mr. White this year graduates from the Fitchburg high school which was the motive and factor that prompted his large circle of friends to tender to him some whole-souled recognition of this important event in his young life. The pleasing feature of the affair was the fact that it was a decided surprise, the whole affair being admirably planned and carried out to perfection. No social event of recent date among the younger element here gave such general satisfaction throughout the town as the one so liberally participated in last Saturday evening. Mr. White's genial, kindly and unassuming disposition has gained for him a host of staunch friends in Shirley. He enters Worcester Tech in the fall.

**Baseball.**

The Greenville A. A. team came to Shirley last Saturday afternoon and defeated the Shirley team recently organized, with Fred D. Weeks as manager. The score was 8 to 5. Guy Cook of the Shirley team played good ball, making three and two-base hits. This was the first game of the season for the Shirley team.

Last Saturday afternoon the boys' baseball team of the Shirley Industrial school defeated the LaJolie A. C. junior club of Fitchburg by a score of 5 to 4. The game was played on the ball field connected with the school grounds.

**Alliance Meeting.**

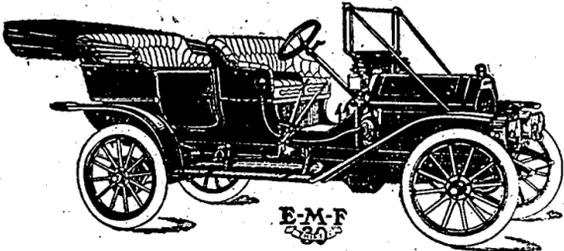
Possibly owing to the fact that the high school graduation exercises came on the same afternoon, the attendance at the Alliance meeting last Thursday afternoon was slightly smaller than usual. The meeting was none the less enjoyable, however, to those who had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Tolman's paper on Unitarian belief about Jesus, which had been originally prepared for her home branch. Without doubt it was one of the ablest papers presented in the history of the local branch. It showed deep study and much research, as well as a most reverent and sympathetic handling of the subject. It took the position of most of the advanced thinkers of the day, that the characters of Jesus is not the less lovable, not the less divine when stripped of the mystery and ignorant superstition which grew up around it during the

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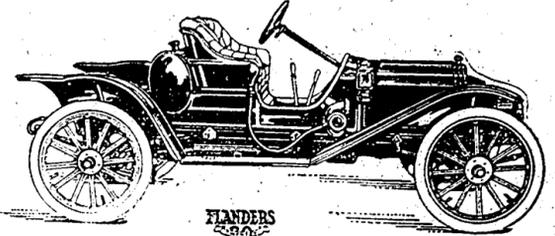
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years which followed the period of his earthly ministrations.

Mrs. Merriman, as usual, made a charming hostess and with the assistance of Mrs. Wilson served a delectable lunch of lemonade, sandwiches, ice cream garnished with strawberries and assorted cake.

**Last Meeting.**

The Congregational church Brotherhood held its last meeting of the season on Tuesday evening, when ladies' night was observed, with Wm. S. McNary of Boston, ex-congressman, as the guest and speaker of the occasion. The festivities were held in the church vestry, the president, E. H. Allen, presiding. The tables were very prettily decorated with ferns and roses and rosebuds for favors at each plate.

Mr. McNary talked of his European trip and his address was illustrated in part with views which were passed around to each one present. Delicious refreshments were served consisting of strawberries, ice cream, cake and punch.

The decorations and tables were in charge of Mrs. E. H. Conant, who was assisted by Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, Mrs. Frank P. Rugg, Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, Mrs. Richard Pomfret, Mrs. Walter Knowles and Miss Sarah Knowles.

About seventy participated in the enjoyment of the evening. The pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, offered thanks

at the festive board. Lougee's orchestra of Ayer rendered choice, classical music.

The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: E. H. Allen, pres.; W. H. Wilbur, vice-pres.; J. H. McClellan, treas.; Richard Pomfret, Frederick Fowler, executive committee.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. McNary for his kindness in speaking before the club. The meeting then adjourned to meet again in September.

**News Items.**

Miss Annie Hunter, school teacher at Charlestown, is at home for the school vacation.

Fritz Shepherd, jr., of Derry, N. H., spent the weekend with Lloyd Allen, making the trip in his auto.

At the Congregational church, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon preached a sermon of special interest to the boys of the Industrial school last Sunday morning, which was also appreciated by the members of his congregation. He took his text from personal observation of the boys at the school at work in the field and kept their attention on the vital and strong points which he drew from his text.

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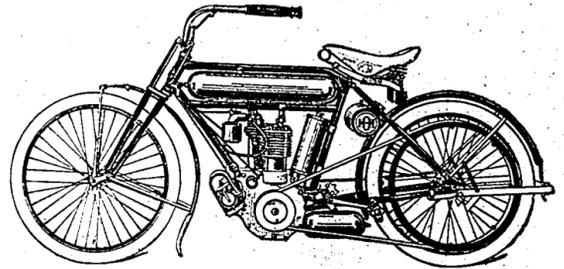
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Saturday, July 2, 1910.

### GROTON.

#### Announced Engagement.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Blood affording a pretty scene on Saturday evening, June 25, when they announced the engagement of their daughter, Marion Sarah to A. Farriss Lyon of Hartford, Conn. The house was tastefully decorated with many flowers and ferns. When the guests were assembled they began the evening by progressive whist, which continued for some time. Then they were all invited into the dining room, where in the middle of the table was a large, well-filled punch bowl, and on either side a tall vase of red roses, while blue and white streamers attached to them, lost their ends in ferns at the bottom of the vases. Each guest was invited to draw a ribbon, and here they were rewarded by finding at one end a rose, at the other a card with the announcement written on it.

Now was the time to drink to the health of their hostess, and this they readily did. Light refreshments were served, and after a very enjoyable evening they dispersed to their several homes.

#### Grange.

There were one hundred and forty in attendance at Groton grange on Tuesday night, strawberry festival evening. Included in this number were visitors from Pepperell, Littleton, Harvard, Chelmsford, Shirley, Townsend, Merrimack, N. H., and Cushing, Me.

The Ladies' degree team worked the third degree on the class receiving the first and second degree at the previous meeting and were highly complimented for their work. The entertainment program consisted of music by Prof. A. B. Farwell and Miss Amy Tolles, readings by Misses Bertha Farnsworth and Eleanor Mason; also, short speeches by masters and past masters of neighboring granges. The supper consisted of strawberries, cake and ice cream. Mountain laurel and daisies made very tasteful decorations. The members showed much interest, talking over the coming travelers' picnic which occurs on July 29 and 31.

#### Very Acceptable.

A school garden luncheon, in honor of Willet M. Hays, assistant secretary of the United States department of agriculture, will be under the direction of the National committee on agricultural education and the American Home economics association on Tuesday, July 5, in Boston.

The vegetables and flowers are to be furnished by the school and house gardens of the United States. Any produce from the east of this year's gardens will be very acceptable, such as potatoes, beans, beets, radishes, peas, lettuce, flowers, pickles, etc., if they are grown by children.

It is hoped the Groton gardens may be well represented in flowers and vegetables, as it is a national affair and many garden directors will be there to compare gardens. They should be sent by July 4, to Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, 30 Trinity place, Boston. Send name and address of the sender; also, state that it is from a home garden. Elizabeth S. Hill, garden director, will furnish any further information desired.

#### News Items.

At a meeting of the trustees of the I. O. O. F. home at Worcester, Herbert B. Belcher of Worcester was elected superintendent of the home and Mrs. Belcher was elected matron. Mr. Belcher has been a member of the board of trustees for the past ten years and has had charge of the home temporarily during the illness of former superintendent Barber. The number of inmates at the present time is ninety-nine and there are only three vacant rooms with three times that number of applicants on the waiting list. Grand warden Horace M. Sargent of Haverhill, who was at the dedication of the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows, is also a member of the board of trustees.

Wednesday, June 23, the Jill whist club had their annual outing with Mrs. W. W. Ames at her camp, "Idle Rest." Some of the boys were sick and others were unable to make up the number. Steamed oysters and a strawberry short-cake was enjoyed, and all voted the camp was rightly named, with thanks to Mrs. Ames.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mitchell are receiving congratulations on the birth of a nine-pound boy, born to them on Wednesday, June 23.

Albert F. Sargent, formerly of this town, but more recently of Newport, N. H., has moved with his family to Dorchester, where he goes into a grocery business. Mr. Sargent sold his farming tools and household goods by auction before leaving Newport, but his farm was not sold.

Carl A. P. Lawrence, valedictorian of his class just graduated from Lawrence academy, enters Dartmouth college this fall.

Miss Helen Eddy from Bradford sebnary is at home.

Miss Mildred B. Brown of the last graduating class from the High school, enters Framingham Normal and Miss Ruth J. Blood of the same class enters Fitchburg Normal this fall.

Perle P. Fallon, just graduated from Clark college, is at home this week.

Harold R. Shedy, just graduated with his class, Williams 1910, and his brother, Winthrop L. Shedy, entering next fall his sophomore year at Williams, are at home this week.

A large load of Groton I. O. O. F. visited the Robert Burns lodge on Tuesday night, when the veteran Odd

Fellow, Peter Tarbell, was presented with a veteran's jewel, for his long service of sixty-five years of Odd Fellowship.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Baptist church held their regular meeting at the church parlor Thursday afternoon. The program was by the young ladies. Refreshments were served.

Miss Alma Sargent is the guest of Miss Ruth Blood for a week or two.

Mrs. Mary D. Boynton is in Lovell, Me., called there by the serious illness of her father.

George Fay Sampson and John T. Gay came home last Saturday from Economy, Pa., where they have been employed in the National Metal Moulding Co. works.

Mrs. Daniel Pressley is ill this week and under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dill of Manchester, N. H., are in town this week. Mrs. Dill, as Miss Leona Simonds, was the first one to receive a diploma from the Groton high school.

Miss Lillian Herbert from Worcester is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. J. Cleary.

George Curtis, a member of E. S. Clark post, will be obliged to have a second operation at the Massachusetts General hospital, where he still remains.

Guard rails have been put along the Martin Pond road where found necessary.

The experiment of applying coal-tar to the State road, as tried on some parts of it by road commissioner Burpee Blakney, is considered a success.

Charles H. Berry, one of the veteran soldiers, went through a successful operation at the Massachusetts General hospital and is gaining well, but as yet has not returned home.

C. E. Bigelow has opened his family camp at Baddacook, where they enjoy many healthful, pleasant days.

Miss Sadie Coughlin, who has been employed this season at R. H. White's millinery rooms, Boston, is now at home.

Misses Lena M. Tuttle, Lucy B. Radin, Phyllis E. Gay, Marion S. Blood, Gladys A. Mason, teachers from Groton, are home for the vacation.

William A. Gardner of Groton school, sailed for Europe last Saturday.

Mrs. O. W. Northrup of Somerville, with her children, are occupying their bungalow on the place of her mother, Mrs. Mosely Gilson.

Mrs. S. A. Lowell, who has been in Los Angeles, Cal., for the past eight months, recently returned east.

Mrs. Lowell, coming this week to Groton, will be a guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst.

Mrs. H. H. C. Bingham of Amsterdam, N. Y., wife of a former principal of Lawrence academy, was in town on Wednesday calling on friends. Mrs. Bingham is visiting Miss Sanderson of Littleton and the two drove over to Groton together. The Bingham's are to build a bungalow for summer occupancy on the Maine coast.

Fred H. Torrey has launched his new motor boat, "The Josephine."

Miss Lena Tuttle, who has been teaching during the past year at Boscowan, N. H., has been reappointed to her position with an increased salary.

Mrs. Jeremiah Denahy observed her fifty-first birthday a few days ago. Friends were present and enjoyed the occasion. Refreshments were served.

The Improvement society will meet with Miss Richards on Tuesday afternoon, July 5, at 3:30.

We hear from Frank F. Waters, chairman of the electric lighting committee, that the light is soon to be turned on in the houses at West Groton.

Mr. Waters reports a most enjoyable excursion with the Fitchburg commandery to Casco bay, last week. The Hamilton commandery received the Jerusalem commandery on landing at Peak Island and presented them with very pretty K. T. souvenirs.

Mrs. Maria C. Sawyer went this week to attend the graduation of her granddaughter, Miss Ruth Sawyer, from Murdoch school, Winchendon.

The telephone line has been extended through Shattuck street to William P. Wharton's. The neighbors in that vicinity are now having telephone service.

James F. Shattuck is enjoying an Overland automobile.

Mrs. F. Martin of Lawrence has been a guest this week of Mrs. E. Smith of Hollis street.

The sign, "D. Graham," at Child's block is taken down. Mr. Graham having closed out his business, is at present working with Henry Adams, carpenter.

Mrs. Stroud, a guest of Miss G. A. Boutwell, left Friday for Bar Harbor, Me.

Rev. H. A. Cornell will take the last two weeks in July for his vacation. The remaining two weeks later, either in September or October.

Rev. G. M. Howe has the four weeks in August for his vacation.

The next meeting of the Book and Thimble club will be on the afternoon of July 8, with Mrs. George H. Woods. Subject, "Mark Twain."

H. Sanford Johnson went to New Haven to the Harvard-Yale boat race.

H. G. Frost of Brookline and his mother, spent the night at Groton Inn, on their way to Jaffrey, N. H. Mrs. Frost has passed over the road for seventy-two years, excepting a year or two now and then, which was spent in Europe. She commenced going over the road when quite a little girl, then in a stage-coach. When they could go as far as Lowell by the steam-car from Boston, it was considered a wonderful achievement.

The former parishoners of Rev. John Barstow, when he was settled over the Congregational church here, were interested to hear of his son, Robbins Barstow, under appointment as foreign missionary by the American board. His field is Mardin, Turkey, for three years. Young Mr. Barstow's picture appears in a group of the pictures of foreign missionaries in a recent issue of The Congregationalist.

Miss Margaret T. Cleary came home last week Saturday.

Included in the large audience last Sunday at the Congregational church was the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows and the affiliated Middlesex lodge of Rebekahs. The pastor, Rev. G. M. Howe, preached a forceful sermon with earnestness. The music was fine, Miss Ruth McKee rendering the solo, "One sweetly solemn thought." The congregation joined in singing "America."

Mrs. Thomas Clarke with her daughter, Miss Ellen Clarke from Lynnfield Centre, is visiting her niece, Mrs. John L. Gilson.

Miss Margaret Clough will spend the Fourth with her friend, Miss Mary Miller at East Hampton.

Miss C. A. Hammond has sufficiently recovered as to be able to sit on the piazza of the Groton hospital.

Quite an exciting race took place one evening this week on Elm street. Three cats were after one chicken. Report doesn't say about the result.

Dr. Fitch of Rockford, Ill., the most noted surgeon of that state, spent over Sunday at the Groton Inn. Dr. Fitch makes a point of visiting Groton every two years. He is a cousin of Mrs. Milo H. Shattuck; also, a relative of Zachariah Fitch; also, of the Dodge family at the Inn on their mother's side, who was a Fitch.

Miss Annie L. Gilson arrived in Groton on Thursday evening, June 30, on her return journey from California.

Miss Blanche Perry of Concord, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur A. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Barnes of San Francisco, Cal., are visiting their relatives, the Arthur A. Wood and Edwin A. Shattuck families. Mr. Barnes, who is grand scribe, addressed the Odd Fellows lodges in Ayer on Tuesday night, and previously spoke in Worcester and before many other lodges. He spoke at the Rebekah meeting on Friday night.

#### West Groton.

It has been suggested that a published list of fire signals will be of interest to the community. The alarms and signals as sounded by the whistle at Hollingsworth & Vose mill are as follows: Superintendent wanted, one long blast; chief engineer wanted, two short blasts given twice; no school, three long blasts at eight a. m.; fire alarm, dwelling, at Vose, two short blasts given three times; dwelling, West Groton, two short blasts given four times; forest fire, Vose, four short blasts, given three times; forest, West Groton, three short blasts given three times; fire at paper-mill, three short blasts sounded four times.

Last week A. P. Blood was called to Worcester to attend the funeral of his nephew, Harry A. Young, who died very suddenly of acute appendicitis. Mr. Blood was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley. Mr. Young was for some years bookkeeper for the Missisquoi Pulp Co., J. T. and D. M. Shepley.

On Friday of last week Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley started on a trip to Sheldon Springs, Vt.

Mrs. Samuel Richards of South Boston was a guest this week of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Harrington.

Clarence Thompson has a new car, a Maxwell.

Miss Bertha Bixby goes to Boston on Saturday to attend the annual meeting of the National Educational association.

Foundations are being laid for a dwelling-house on Bixby hill, soon to be erected by A. W. Lamb, paper-mill superintendent.

The youngest member of the cradle-rol is Harvey Asa Bixby, whose birth was announced in last week's issue.

On Wednesday of last week, a little daughter was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Flynn.

The juvenile population of Bixby hill was increased last week Saturday, by the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blood.

On Monday a little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sleeper.

Robert and Isabel Bixby are enjoying a two weeks' visit with relatives.

Edward Webber is spending a week with his grandparents in Groton.

It is reported that the Holden place, lately known as the Buckminster farm, in North Shirley, is sold with seventy-five acres of land, to R. B. Adams of Townsend.

The electric light line is completed, buildings in which electricity has been installed, have been connected and everything is expected to be in working order on Friday evening.

Electricity has lately been installed in the house and barn of G. H. Bixby and in the store of Bixby-Webber Co. The store and stable of M. F. McGowan are being wired and it is understood that the residence of Chas. Bixby is next on Mr. Jones list.

Going Monday, and returning on Friday, Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge spent the intervening days with their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Catlin, in Swampscott.

Any Patron of Husbandry who has ever belonged to any band and going on the traveling picnic, July 29, to Amherst, please inform Henry N. Adams, committee on music, Groton.

### AYER.

A Veteran Odd Fellow.

"The race is not always for the swift or the battle for the strong." In these strenuous times of ours, we are constantly kept in mind of the famous sayings and doings of our great and near great statesman, politician and public men generally. The public turns out en masse to welcome from the wilds of Africa and the courts of Europe, from the slaughter-fest in the jungle and the talk-fest at Gullhall, Oxford and elsewhere—our erstwhile president and mighty Nimrod. That is all well and good and quite in keeping with the spirit of our age. We delight to honor our public men and make heroes and demigods of them. But how soon they drop out of sight, up like a rocket and down like a stick, will apply to most of them. How many of our humbler citizens in the quiet, everyday walk of life, go about their accustomed tasks, day by day, year by

year, doing their simple duty, filling their little niche in the little circumscribed hall of fame. They are not often head liners in the dailies. Their exploits are never heralded abroad, but they are the ones that by their example and precept inspire others to right living and right thinking. Their honest lives and orderly conduct affords an inspiration to high aims and lofty motives to all that come within the sphere of their influence.

In our little village here we have such men—men whom the community delight to honor. Our old and tried friend, Peter Tarbell, is one of those "Village Hamdens," and the other night his friends turned out in large numbers to express to him their good wishes and great respect.

Brother Tarbell, we will call him, has been an Odd Fellow for a good many years, about sixty-five in fact. He became an Odd Fellow very long ago, when the order was in its infancy. Only three lodges at that time and about 250 members in the State. He has seen it grow to a powerful beneficiary organization of 60,000 members of 400 or more lodges in this State alone. He originally joined old Groton lodge at Groton. When that lodge was compelled to give up its charter, he, with others, united in forming Fredonian lodge at Shirley, where he formerly resided. When he moved to Ayer, he became a member of Robert Burns lodge of this town in 1892, and for thirty-five years has been its treasurer. He never sought any higher office, never went "through the chairs," as the saying goes. He was content to guard well the funds, and the lodge has ever been content with so faithful and trusty an official. In recognition of his long membership and service, the "boys" from Groton, Fredonian and Robert Burns lodges got together and presented him with a veteran's jewel. This jewel is an authorized insignia in the order, and may be given to one who has been in continuous membership for fifty years. There has been but fourteen of them ever presented in this State and there are but two others, besides our Honorable Bro. Tarbell, who are now living to wear these marks of distinction among our brethren.

The presentation was made by Grand Warden, George L. Marshall of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in a very graceful and eloquent speech, to which Bro. Tarbell feelingly responded. Other officials present were: George H. Tutlow, grand secretary; Grand Instructor, Webber and T. D. Grand Master, Buxton; Past Grand Master, William Barnes of the Grand Lodge of California was also present. He also wears a veteran's jewel and various other insignias of honor from the order of Odd Fellows.

Bro. Barnes is seventy-six years young and looks good for a hundred. He was the "kid" of the evening—not the "goat," don't misunderstand me. He was the whole show in himself, and entertained the lodge with his overflowing wit and eloquence. May his shadow never grow less.

Brothers were present from Worcester, Fitchburg, Leominster, Shirley, Harvard and Groton. Light refreshments and a smoketalk was held after close of the lodge. The whole affair was a great success. Moral—let all good citizens join the Odd Fellows. C.

News Items.

It is currently reported that parties have spoken for the store in Mr. Phelps's building, and it is well located for business purposes. There is also a back store with entrance on West street, and the second story is to be fitted up for offices as now contemplated. Mr. Phelps may add another story to a mansard roof for a hall and that, we learn, will be readily rented. When completed it will be one of the most prominent buildings in the business portion of Main street.

Arthur Nutting and George L. Osgood figured in a slight collision on Thursday night at the corner of Main and Washington streets. Osgood was coming up the street in his auto while Nutting was coming in the opposite direction on a motor-cycle. Osgood turned to go up Washington street and stopped when he saw that a collision was unavoidable. Nutting kept straight ahead until too late to turn out and he struck the rear of Osgood's car. No damage was done to either machine.

Miss Nora E. McGuane left Friday for Waltham where she is to take a four-year course in a hospital to become a trained nurse.

One year ago there was a bicycle stolen from a man in Littleton, and no trace could be found of it until one day last week the bicycle was shipped to the Littleton station from Fitchburg, the charges all paid. It seems that the recent arrest of the bicycle thief, Albert Wolfe, caused more or less alarm around this vicinity, which evidently was the cause of this thief returning the bicycle.

The class '98 of the Ayer high school held a reunion at Sandy Pond on Thursday afternoon and evening, June 23.

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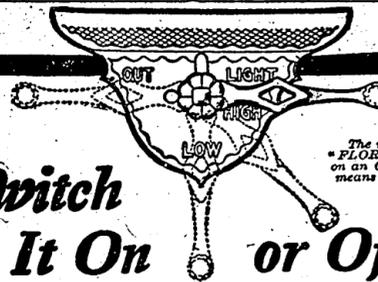
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**TOWNSEND.**

**West.**

James Gilson of Ashby, who is employed at Stickney's mill, was injured in an auto accident which took place about a mile from his home in the northern part of Ashby on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Gilson was riding with a party when the inner tube of a tire exploded and the men were thrown through the glass wind shield, cutting them severely. Mr. Gilson was obliged to have the middle finger of his right hand amputated and received several bad cuts on his head and face, but it is hoped that his injuries, though serious, will not prove dangerous.

Mrs. Mary Wilson of Nashua, has been a recent guest at the home of her son, Ernest Wilson.

Miss Laura Upton of Milton spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. S. W. Upton of Josselynville.

Harvey Hodgman from Fitchburg, enjoying his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Miss Stella Tucker, who is employed in Leominster, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker, and Mrs. Harry Marr of Fitchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Haggood.

Mrs. David Bliss, who has been at her home in the south part of town, has returned to Quincy Adams' where she is employed.

Miss Maud Hodgman from Reading is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

A large number from here attended the graduation exercises of the Townsend high school at the Centre, Miss Lena Thompson and Miss Agnes Wilson from this village being among the graduates.

The Misses Capen from Boston, who spend their summers here, are with Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Waters from Nashua and Mr. and Mrs. Gifford from New Bedford are stopping at the Squannicook house for a few days. Mr. Waters and his sister, Mrs. Gifford, are natives of this town and are revisiting many of the scenes of their childhood days.

George McElligott, who has been spending a vacation with his mother, Mrs. Louise McElligott, has returned to Boston, where he has accepted a position as designer.

The total number of books distributed from the library delivery station for the three weeks in June, is 209.

Charles E. Stickney has returned from a fishing trip in northern New Hampshire and bringing thirty-nine pounds of lake trout from the Connecticut lakes, the largest weighing ten pounds.

George Wright of Winthrop has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson; Mrs. Robert Nicholson from Clinton has been at Mrs. Mary Streeter's of Josselynville; Mrs. Frank Preston and Mrs. Abbie Prand of New Ipswich at E. G. Wilson's.

Mrs. Frost, an aged lady from Brookline, with her son, stopped in this village during a carriage drive to Jeffrey, N. H., and Mrs. Frost, who was a student at the old seminary sixty-three years ago, visited her former boarding place and room in the house now occupied by Mrs. Robert Kaddy. Her name at that time was Miss Gilbert and she has not been in this town for over sixty years.

Miss Ora Craig sailed Saturday noon from Boston for a tour of Europe, visiting Italy, Switzerland, and spending some time in Berlin to perfect herself in the German language.

George Kaddy has left the employ of Clarence Stickney to accept a position on the Boston Elevated railroad. He will reside in Cambridge.

George Beck has moved into the upper tenement of the Bennett house in Josselynville.

**Death.**

The funeral of Mrs. Maria Bennett, who died from heart trouble, following pneumonia, Thursday morning, June 23, was held at her late residence in Josselynville on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Samuel Ringrose, pastor of the Baptist church, of which she was a member, officiated, and a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney, Mrs. Walter Wilder and Ashbel Streeter rendered two selections, "Afterward" and "The Christian's Goodnight." Interment was in the family lot in Ashby, and Clarence E. Streeter, F. A. Patch, P. W. Sawtelle and Ashbel Streeter acted as bearers. The committal service and prayer at the grave were given by Rev. Ringrose. A number of beautiful floral tributes were placed upon the casket by her friends and neighbors as a token of their love and esteem. Those present from out-of-town were: J. H. Foster of Ashby, Mrs. Martha Allen and Miss Lizzie Allen, Asa Allen and Miss Ethel Allen from Roxbury and James Foster of Revere and Edward Foster of Somerville.

**Centre.**

At the business meeting of the Townsend high school alumni association, held at Memorial hall, Friday evening, June 24, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Carl B. Willard, pres.; David Howard, vice-pres.; Mrs. Nellie Smith, sec.; Viola Wisner, treas.; W. H. Seales, Edna Wilder, Helen Dobson, executive committee. After the meeting, the alumni high school and invited guests enjoyed a most excellent concert by the Salem Cadet orchestra. Dancing then followed for the remainder of the evening. Refreshments were served and it was one of the pleasantest of their several reunions.

The Townsend A. A. are intending to have things lively here the week of July 4, and have three games scheduled at Athletic park as follows: Saturday, July 2, at 2:45 p. m., the Nashua A. A.; Monday, July 4, at 9:45 a. m., Hollis baseball team; Monday, July 4, at 2:45 p. m., the Leominster Hand Car A. C.

Mrs. Wilbur Bruce attended the Alumni reunion of the Fitchburg Normal school last week Friday night, and also the Sandy Pond school re-

**Harbor.**

Last Wednesday, Madeline Ross, assisted by twenty-four little boys and girls, fittingly celebrated her fifth birthday.

Mrs. Baldwin has returned from Connecticut, where she has been on a visit to her son.

Miss Blanche Baldwin, who is home for her vacation, will attend the teachers' convention in Boston next week.

The program for the Fourth of July includes a dinner at Cape Corner hall.

Miss Myrtle Gray and Miss Robbins, a former teacher in this village, leave on the morning train Tuesday for Hyannis, where there will be fellow-students and also room-mates at the summer school at that place.

Children's day, including appropriate exercises for our nation's birthday, will be held at Harbor hall, Sunday, July 3. An interesting program has been prepared and includes a short address by Mr. Wachs; also, singing by Mr. Wachs.

Any Patron of Husbandry who has ever belonged to any band and going on the traveling picnic, July 29, to Amherst, please inform Henry N. Adams, committee on music, Groton.

**LUNENBURG.**

**News Items.**

George E. Jones, one of the oldest citizens in town passed the eightieth milestone on his journey of life on Thursday, June 23, among flowers and congratulations of many friends, who called upon him, leaving pleasant reminders of their visit and souvenirs of the auspicious occasion. Many postal cards of congratulations were also received. For many years Mr. Jones has served upon the board of selectmen, and now at the ripe age of eighty years, is enjoying rest and a good degree of health at his comfortable home in the centre of the town, with just enough work for exercise and his very thrifty, well-tillied garden, attests his success in that line.

A very pretty wedding in which Lunenburg people were interested, occurred on Tuesday evening, when Marlan Frances Burrage became the bride of Charles Erastus Wiley of Fitchburg. Both are very popular young people, especially in musical circles, as both are fine violinists and the bride a pianist. Soon after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley took their departure for a wedding tour of two weeks or more in New York. Upon their return they will make their home in Fitchburg.

**Obituary.**

Mrs. Susan Elizabeth (Jones) Piper, formerly of Lunenburg, died at the home of her daughter, in Somerville, on Wednesday, June 22.

Mrs. Piper was born in Lunenburg in February, 1827, in the north part of the town on what is known as "Jones' Hill." She was the fifth of seven children of Ephraim and Jimima B. Jones, and

united at Ayer on Saturday afternoon and evening, June 25.

The two youngest children of Mr. and Mrs. William Bush are visiting their sister, Mrs. Grace Pierce at West Medford.

Mrs. Annie Bruce Adams and son of Fitchburg, were recent guests at Mrs. Harry Whitcomb's.

Miss Laura and Eva Smith of Waltham are guests of their uncle, Adney Gray.

Last Sunday was children's Sunday at the Congregational church and it was observed in a manner fitting to the occasion. During the morning service the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Mr. Hoffman of Northboro. Following the address came the children's concert and the exercises of the various Sunday school classes which are always a delight to every one present. In the evening there was a union service with a report of the all world Sunday school convention by A. S. Howard.

W. F. Rockwood and Elmer Wallace enjoyed a fishing trip last week, with several others from out-of-town. The party went to the Connecticut lakes in northern New Hampshire.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Hill of Millis, were at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morse's, last week.

**Fire.**

Shortly after three o'clock last Saturday morning, the alarm for fire was given, calling the aid of the fire department for a fire at the Wyeth house, corner of Highland and Bow streets. The firemen soon had two lines of hose laid and did valiant work in extinguishing the fire considering the headway the flames were making. The house was empty, no one having lived there for several months and was owned by George Wyeth who lives out of the village upon a farm. The house was partially destroyed and was covered by insurance.

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Cars leave North Chelmsford for West Chelmsford and Brookside at 6.00, 6.35 and 7.50 a. m., and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.

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L. H. CUSHING,  
Superintendent.

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TIME TABLE.

Issued June 21, 1909.

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**WEEK DAY TIME.**

Leave Wrentham, Lowell for Boston via Tewksburg and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—8.45 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—8.45 a. m. and every 30 minutes until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—4.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.15 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Center, Burlington, and North Billerica and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 11.35 p. m.) Sundays—5.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 11.32 p. m.)

Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 12.25 p. m.)

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—6.18, 8.00, 8.30, 8.55, 7.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.23, 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 11.02 p. m., then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 12.45 p. m.) Return—Leave Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 12.45 p. m.)

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.00, 6.55, 7.10 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m., then 10.45 p. m. Sundays—6.18 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.55, 7.10 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m., then 11.33 p. m. Sundays—9.09 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

THOMAS LEBB, Supt.

## THE REALM OF POLITICS

### The Senate Report on the High Cost of Living

#### STATE COMMISSION SUSTAINED

Hon. W. S. McNary Denies That He Is a Candidate Against Congressman O'Connell—President Taft as a Massachusetts Resident

The report of the special committee on the part of the United States senate to investigate the high cost of living, has corroborated the views of the Massachusetts commission appointed to make investigation along the same lines, and finds that the tariff is not responsible for the increase. How any other conclusion is possible it is difficult to conceive. As a matter of fact, it seems to be capable of demonstration that the Payne tariff act, passed in 1909, was in the aggregate a reduction of duties. Few duties were raised and a large majority of duties were unchanged or lowered. If the tariff governed prices it would certainly be reasonable to expect that when the general trend of duties was lowered, the prices of commodities subject to duty would decline. Such, however, has not been the case. Prices have increased steadily, some of these increases being largest on commodities which are on the free list, and therefore pay no duty.

The Cost of Farm Products  
The senate committee finds that there is an increased cost in the production of farm products by reason of higher land values and higher wages. These naturally result in higher prices for these productions. It is also found that there is increased demand for farm products and food commodities and this demand results in increased cost to the consumer.

A rush of immigration to food-consuming rather than to food-producing localities is regarded as another factor which has tended to higher prices. The committee has also found that reduced fertility of land has resulted in lower average production or to increased expenditure for fertilization. There are also increased banking facilities in agricultural localities which enable the farmers to hold their crops and market them to the best advantage. While this has steadied prices it has had a tendency to increase them.

There has also been found a reduced supply of such commodities as lumber convenient to transportation facilities, resulting in higher prices by reason of the increased expense of transportation. It is found also that cold storage plants result in preventing radical fluctuations in prices in certain commodities with the seasons, which enables the wholesalers to buy and sell at the best possible advantage and has a tendency to advance prices. It costs more to distribute goods, while industrial combinations, organizations of producers and of dealers and other causes add to the cost of the necessities of life.

The increased money supply is also a large factor in the problem, while over-capitalization and a high standard of living enter into it in some degree.

The report is understood to be very largely the work of United States Senator Lodge.

#### McNary May Not Be Candidate

There has been a little burst of interest in the Tenth congressional district over the announcement that former Congressman William S. McNary of South Boston would be candidate against Congressman Joseph F. O'Connell. Either the announcement was premature or Mr. McNary has had a sober second thought, for he now states that he has not said he would be a candidate as yet. Of course, this leaves the door open to him for announcing his candidacy later, but the friends of Mr. O'Connell do not believe he will enter the fight, for they say it would be a lost cause from the start.

The only two candidates in the fight who seem to cut much of a figure are Congressman O'Connell and Councilman Curley. Both men are understood to be closely affiliated with Mayor Fitzgerald and there are many who believe that Mr. Curley will be pulled out of the fight by the mayor at the proper time. Mr. Curley's friends, however, declare that he is in the contest to stay and that he will make such a fight as will sweep the district from end to end.

To a careful observer the signs point to the renomination of Congressman O'Connell. While he is not one of the great congressmen he is a pretty clever politician and has usually succeeded in what he has so far undertaken. It is understood that former City Clerk J. Mitchell Galvin will be a candidate for the Republican nomination, and thus far there seems to be no one in the field to oppose him. Two years ago he came within four votes of an election on the count made by the election board of the city of Boston. That count was protested by Mr. Galvin and a contest made for the seat. It is only recently that this contest was decided in favor of Mr. O'Connell. Mr. Galvin feels very confident that he will be able to carry

the district this fall, if nominated, and he is already fixing his fences with that end in view.

Dr. George W. Blood of Fall River, Mass., visited with his sister, Miss Mary, and brother Henry, at the old home, the first of the week.  
The high school baseball team played with the Dunstable team last Saturday afternoon in Dunstable, Hollis winning by a score of 7 to 5.  
Miss Emma Van Dyke left Hollis on Wednesday afternoon to visit in Manchester a few days. She will attend school graduations while there.  
Miss Mary Coveney of Dorchester, Mass., is spending two weeks at Maple Crest with Y. B. Mason and family.  
On Tuesday evening Hudson grange came in large numbers to neighbor with the local grange. Members from Nashua, Brookline, Pepperell, Groton and other granges were also present, making about three hundred in all. A very interesting program was given by Hudson grange, consisting of the working of the third degree. There was instrumental music, vocal solos and quartet and duet singing. A beautiful supper was served in the lower town hall.  
Joseph Gates returned Monday from a visit with his brother in Gardner, Mass.

#### New Advertisements.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of BARTHOLOMEW McGRILL, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased, this state:

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

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth 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 petitioners 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 fourteenth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.  
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### HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.  
Dr. George W. Blood of Fall River, Mass., visited with his sister, Miss Mary, and brother Henry, at the old home, the first of the week.  
The high school baseball team played with the Dunstable team last Saturday afternoon in Dunstable, Hollis winning by a score of 7 to 5.  
Miss Emma Van Dyke left Hollis on Wednesday afternoon to visit in Manchester a few days. She will attend school graduations while there.  
Miss Mary Coveney of Dorchester, Mass., is spending two weeks at Maple Crest with Y. B. Mason and family.  
On Tuesday evening Hudson grange came in large numbers to neighbor with the local grange. Members from Nashua, Brookline, Pepperell, Groton and other granges were also present, making about three hundred in all. A very interesting program was given by Hudson grange, consisting of the working of the third degree. There was instrumental music, vocal solos and quartet and duet singing. A beautiful supper was served in the lower town hall.  
Joseph Gates returned Monday from a visit with his brother in Gardner, Mass.

#### Graduation.

On Thursday, June 16, the Hollis grammar school held its graduating exercises in grange hall. The hall was beautifully decorated with the national colors, a panel of daisies and bouquets of laurel. The class numbered thirteen as follows:  
Charles F. Adams, Lorraine Bell, Evelyn Brown, Burton R. Clement, Ruth C. Goodwin, Robert E. Jones, Myrtle E. Lawrence, Frances H. Leighton, Lillian Loveloy, George L. Moore, M. Evangeline Hildout, Edith V. Stickney, Elwyn S. Wheeler.

The hall was filled with interested friends who enjoyed the following program, which was carried out in a manner reflecting great credit on the teacher, Mrs. Helen Leighton, as well as the scholars:

Song, "Vacation"; class essay, "Alaska"; Elwyn S. Wheeler; recitation, "The girl critic," Edith V. Stickney; essay, "The Matilda," George L. Moore; "Class," M. Evangeline Hildout; singing, "Under the beautiful stars," Ruth Goodwin; Lorraine Bell, Elwyn Wheeler and Frances H. Lawrence; "Ode," W. Holmes; Lillian Loveloy; recitation, "Grandmother's tale of Bunker Hill," Charles F. Adams, Robert E. Jones and Myrtle E. Lawrence; essay, "Some historical trees," Frances H. Leighton; song, "Uplidee," school; essay, "Autobiography of a lead pencil," Lorraine Bell; recitation, "How the old days went," Evelyn Brown; essay, "The great naval cruise," Burton R. Clement; recitation, "The deacon's masterpiece," Ruth C. Goodwin; ode, "This is the day we graduate," from the Hollis grammar school.

The diplomas were then presented by Hon. Franklin Worcester, who made remarks of commendation and encouragement. He also presented at the same time, certificates for perfect attendance during the year to those who had won them, Lillian P. Lovejoy, Helen Stickney, Milton Wright and James Flarity.

In the evening the high school held its graduating exercises in the town hall which was filled to its utmost. The hall was decorated with laurel and the class colors, Dartmouth green. The class motto, "Savoir, C'est Régnier," was formed in green over the stage. There were eight in the graduating class, who gave an interesting program after the invocation by Rev. C. H. Davis, as follows:

Salutatory, Clifford H. Burbee; essay, "Ways and customs of old New England," Daisy L. Woods; vocal solo, "Four-leaf clovers," Little Dutch garden; E. G. Hood of Nashua; essay, "The power of literature," Ruth A. Powers; essay, "The planting of forests," Francis A. Jones; class history, Arthur E. Etheridge; class, "Napoleon," Helen T. Powers; solo, "Charity," Requiem; Mr. Hood; class prophecy, Ida S. Clement; valedictory essay, "The American Indian two centuries ago and the American Indian today," William A. Woodin; presentation of diplomas, Hon. Franklin Worcester; certificate for perfect attendance during the year, Miss Florence Dudley.

#### Wedding.

Wednesday afternoon witnessed a very pretty wedding in South Hollis, when Miss Edith, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Read, was united in marriage to Arthur W. Martin of Lewiston, Maine. The house was decorated with flowers. The couple stood under a bower of ferns and laurel. The young sister, Berle and little brother Lawrence, were ribbon bearers. Miss Ora Read played Lohengrin's wedding march as the couple entered the room. The ceremony was the single ring service, performed by Rev. C. H. Davis of Hollis. Only the immediate family and a few very intimate friends witnessed it. The bride was attired in white, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. Her traveling suit was dark blue, the groom was in the conventional black. The couple left amid a shower of rice and confetti on the 3:54 train. After the wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Martin will reside in Lewiston, where Mr. Martin's business is located.

#### Any Patron of Husbandry who has ever belonged to any band and going on the traveling picnic, July 20, to Amherst, please inform Henry N. Adams, committee on music, Groton.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.  
Mrs. Thomas Bennett and grandson, Norman Frost, are enjoying a vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold at Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Rockwood and son Clair of Everett, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brooks Rockwood last Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Gilman Webber of Westminster, Mass., is at the parental home and Mrs. Joshua J. Hobart is visiting relatives at Fitchburg and Leominster.

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood will be held at the residence of Dr. Holcombe on Friday evening, July 1.

Mrs. Fred Nye, daughter Audrey and little son Lawrence R. of Leominster, Mass., are guests of Mrs. Ethel Nye Wells.

Mrs. George L. Perlin, Miss Mary Perlin, Elwood Perlin and George L. Perlin, Jr., of Brookline, Mass., are at their summer home.

Miss Mary L. Brown is at home from school duties at Waltham, Mass.

Miss Edith a Barber is at home from her duties as teacher of art at Newport, R. I.

Mrs. James Hill, daughter Violet and son George, are visiting Rev. G. A. Bennett at Fremont.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed at the Congregational church on Sunday, July 3.

Walter F. Rockwood, Elmer W. Wallace of Townsend, Charles Stickney of West Townsend, Henry A. Hall of Somerville, Silas Nokes and W. A. Kemp of Pepperell enjoyed a fishing trip to Connecticut Lake, in the northern part of the state, last week. The result was a string of thirty-eight handsome lake trout that weighed 287 pounds. Henry A. Hall caught the first fish, which tipped the scales at over ten pounds. They kindly remembered some of their friends in town.

William O'Connell of Watertown, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Connell.

Mrs. W. Temple Boultenhouse is to move from Methuen to her home in town, the Cleveland homestead.

Mrs. Mary A. Cox entertained over Sunday, Mrs. Henry Drury, Mrs. Willard Cudworth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pierce of Winchendon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett and Miss Adelaide Well of Townsend are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boutelle.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kenney, daughters Bertha and Helen, and sons, Fred and Henry of Charlestown, Mass., Mrs. John Bryant, Mrs. W. P. Bryant, Thomas Kenney, F. R. Tackaberry of Boston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Russell on Sunday, coming in two large touring cars. Dinner was served under the grand old trees at the Russell farm. Kenneth Russell of Exeter is at the Russell farm for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Corey and son Harry; also, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Goss and daughter Hazel, attended the graduation exercises at Pepperell high school.

The three-act drama, "Nevada," will be presented at Tarbell's hall on Friday evening, July 8, for the benefit of the Methodist church, under the direction of Miss Leonora Bradley, late of the St. Elmo company.

#### Graduation.

Miss Hazel Goss, Forace Hall, Harry D. Corey, graduated from the grammar school Friday afternoon, June 24. The program included:  
Class history, Forace Hall  
Class prophecy, Harry D. Corey  
Valedictory, Hazel Goss  
Duet, "Buy me flowers," Mary Regan  
Vacation speech, Mary Regan  
Address, Rev. W. L. Noyes  
Presentation of diplomas, S. T. Marshall, principal

A large number of visitors were in attendance and the exercises were highly commended. Miss Hazel Goss has had one hundred percent in spelling for thirteen weeks and also in her final examination.

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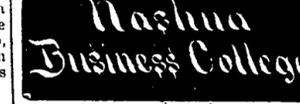
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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to MARY J. DORSHIMER of Pepperell in said County, or to some other suitable person.

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.

Miss Geneva Clark of Boston, is a guest of Mrs. Myra Attridge this week, attending the high school reception.

The boys of Oak Hill are making records catching fish. Last Saturday one boy arrived home with a fine string, but unlike the proverbial fisherman, he showed those which he caught and those his companions added to the lot thus making a fine showing for a very proud youth. Roswell Bolte, who is at Mrs. Jennie L. Williams, caught as fine a specimen of pickerel as have been caught in the waters of the hill, it measuring twenty-three inches long and weighed three pounds.

The family of Dr. F. W. Lovejoy left Thursday for their summer home at Canaan, N. H.

Charles Harris of Lowell is visiting his nephew, A. H. Harris, Pleasant street.

Miss Jennie Sharpe returned to her home with Mrs. L. H. Bean, Cross street, after a three weeks' visit in New Brunswick.

Children's Sunday at the Unitarian church next Sunday in connection with the regular morning service. Special music has been planned. Those who have children to be christened are requested to have them in readiness at 11.45. The National Education association has asked ministers to give an educational address on this occasion. Rev. D. R. Child, the pastor, will take as the subject for his sermon, "School life and town life."

Miss Hazel Ames left Thursday for a short stop at Ayer and Friday to continue to South Middleboro to join a party of friends for a camping-out party. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bailey are to join her at Braintree.

Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson and son arrived Thursday from Fitchburg at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Marshall, Pleasant street, to spend the Fourth.

A number have returned home to the National holiday and also from the various halls of learning. Among them we see: Sherman O'Toole, Troy Cross; Arthur Tower, Worcester; John Haggerty, Boston college; Winfred Boynton, Worcester Polytechnic; Miss Fannie Tower, Miss Margaret Anderson, Mt. Holyoke; Miss Carrie Shattuck, Bridgewater; Miss Madeline Graham, St. Joseph's; Oscar Anderson, Mt. Hermon; Roger Robbins and Roscoe Woodward, Dean academy.

Miss Carrie Sylvester, a graduate of the Nashua business college, has accepted a position with the new insurance office of D. W. Fletcher, successor to Boynton & Parker and his new office will be in the Conant block.

Thirty-five members of the golf club here enjoyed a friendly match with the Leominster club last Saturday. Many went in automobiles. F. D. Bennett using both of his cars.

F. D. Bennett has sold a model 35, Overland car, to James Shattuck of Groton.

Henry Powers, who is in the employ of A. F. Parker, American Express office, crushed a finger of his left hand while unloading heavy casks on Wednesday. Dr. Heald dressed the wound.

The district nurse association is busy clearing up the unsettled condition of the district covered by one of its soldiers when the matter originated. It is understood perfect satisfaction is experienced with the nurse, and it is expected the plans to make it a permanent thing in the town, will be successful.

H. Mortimer, an employee of the Buffalo Shoe Company, severely punctured a finger of his right hand at the factory on Wednesday. It was attended to by Dr. L. R. Qua.

The fishing party who went to the New Hampshire lakes last week, returned with a record of 287 pounds of trout. They had the best sport they have had for many a season. Among the party was W. A. Kemp, S. M. Nokes, R. Rockwood and E. Wallace.

D. W. Fletcher has had his new insurance office in the Conant block, connected by telephone, 114-2.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bannon and Mrs. Severance enjoyed a run in the auto to Unsanonoc mountain, last Monday.

Twenty-nine members of Prescott grange visited Groton grange Tuesday evening and enjoyed strawberries and cream as well as the exemplification of the third and fourth degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Tarbell motored in their fine car to the high school graduation, returning to Wellesley the same evening.

Miss Althea Blake of Winthrop is home for the Fourth.

H. F. Hobart took a trip down to the north shore Saturday, looking after interests of the poultry business of Wildflower poultry farm.

The children's exercises at the M. E. church last Sunday evening were full of interest. Different parts by the children were select and well

carried out. Besides recitations and exercises, the musical program was good: duet, Misses Susie Andrews and Florence True; solos, Miss Hazel Soule, Miss Clara Trull and Miss Alice Marshall. A talk by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Nelson, was full of special suggestions and explanations.

The high school reception to the graduates was very successfully carried out on last Monday evening in Prescott hall. Thayer's orchestra furnished music and about two hundred enjoyed tripping the fantastic to their music. A number from out-of-town were present.

The State fire marshal was notified of certain conditions regarding the fire here on Wednesday night and it is hoped to prove who set it.

W. M. Blood's moving teams loaded the household goods of Michael Dolan and took them over the road to Worcester on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thayer and two children are at his parents on Pleasant street for a week. Mr. Thayer is a Boston and Maine agent at Epping, N. H.

Rainsford Deware's family left on Wednesday for Milby, P. Q., for the summer. Miss Lillian H. Dunton accompanied them.

The state regent of Massachusetts, D. A. R., Mrs. Dunning of Springfield, is to be the guest of Prudence Wright chapter on Wednesday, July 6. An informal reception will be held at the chapter house at three p. m., with a short chapter meeting afterwards. It is hoped the members will take this opportunity of meeting Mrs. Dunning, who will speak on the patriotic work of the state and organization. Guests may be invited.

The R. A. C. baseball team has a long string of victories to their credit. They are to play at Milford on Monday morning, July 4, and home at the trotting park in the afternoon. Last Saturday they defeated Dunstable 7 to 5. The Dunstables say the score would have been much closer if the umpire had made a different decision on a number of points, some of which he claimed he did not see.

The Townsend Independents play here on the public grounds on Saturday afternoon, July 3.

Russell Shattuck, who is a graduate of the Fitchburg business college, has accepted a position with the Buffalo Shoe Co. as stenographer and secretary to Mr. Bailey, the superintendent.

Mrs. Sarah Patch, who was overcome by the heat last Tuesday, is able to be out again.

L. C. Margeson has sold his place to a Mr. Bridge of Amherst, N. H., and he is moving into H. A. Parker's cottage on Nashua street.

Samuel P. Bancroft is quite ill again at his home in North Pepperell.

Mr. Brigham has had electric lights installed in his hardware store. He has also a newly painted sign announcing his succession to Wm. N. Mault.

Postmaster Arthur P. Wright has now entered the postoffice in the process of installing, as electric lights have been installed. The wonder has been that with every other department and nature of this public service so complete this improvement should have been so long delayed.

On Tuesday morning a motor truck of the Edward Caldwell Furniture company of Woburn arrived with household goods of J. Davis, Canal street. This new style of moving team left Woburn at four a. m. and arrived here at eight o'clock, a distance of thirty miles in four hours.

Thomas Tarbell, son of Henry F. Tarbell, cashier of the Pepperell National bank, who graduated from Williams college this month, distinguished himself by winning a valuable cash prize in his Latin class.

Every day now owners are trying out their fast horses getting ready for the trot on Monday afternoon, July 4.

Earl Menton, who was at his home on Oak Hill over Sunday, is now employed by the Boston and Maine railroad at Fitchburg.

Strawberries are very plentiful here and have been selling as well as three boxes for a quarter. Many of our people are shipping their strawberries to out-of-town parties.

J. H. Shore of Shore Bros. & Co., Pine Grove poultry farm, Hudson, N. H., was in town Sunday visiting Rowe's poultry farm and hatchery.

Elgin S. Greenache has purchased a black pacing mare. He hopes to place her among the winners in the races here on Monday, July 4.

Mrs. Harry Lakin of Greenfield was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin here for a few days and attended the high school graduation exercises on Friday evening of last week. F. Johnson, one of the graduates is her niece.

Wm. Thorpe met with a disappointing loss in the death of a colt foaled by his large team mare. It is thought the mother laid on the colt when a couple of days old.

A number of the farmers here are commencing to cut hay, as much of the red top or June grass is ready to harvest.

Prescott grange has extended an invitation to Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., to attend in a body an "heirloom" party or meeting, at their hall, Park street, Friday evening, July 8, at 7.45 o'clock. Each one is expected to bring an antique, explain its use, gives its history and any thing interesting.

A hedgehog came into town Wednesday afternoon, climbed into a large maple tree at the residence of J. J. Rowell, was discovered by one of his men and brought to ground with a shot.

A fire alarm was sounded from box 27 about midnight on Wednesday, for a blaze in an empty house on Tarbell street, known as the Coxy Block place and also, the Haggerty place.

The fire had good start before discovered and the alarm rang in. S. Mrs. J. H. Stevens is very ill at her home, Brookline street.

M. Nokes telephoned central several minutes before the alarm was pulled in and central got busy with the fire department and in short time the apparatus was on the spot and had three good streams on the doomed

building, and it was not many minutes before it was again demonstrated what a good department can do when they have water.

There will be a dance at O. H. I. S. hall, Monday night, July 4. Music, Robbins' orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Chinn, committee in charge.

Fred McGrail is assisting moth superintendent, J. F. Tune, inspecting infested districts.

### Wedding.

Irene Sylvia Tarbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Tarbell, and James Edward Attridge were married on Sunday afternoon, June 26, at two o'clock, by Rev. T. I. Coghlan.

Arthur Attridge, a brother of the groom, was best man and Miss Edna Tarbell, sister of the bride, bridesmaid. The bride wore old rose silk. They eluded their friends by driving to Groton and taking the train there, but two of the young lady friends "caught on" and gave them showers of rice and confetti. After a trip to New York they will reside here. Mr. Attridge is senior member of the popular grocery firm of Attridge Bros.

### D. A. R. Meeting.

Prudence Wright chapter met at the chapter house on June 17. Although the day was not bright, twelve members and three guests were present. A report given by the regent of the Continental Congress held in Washington in April and one of the semi-annual States conferences held in Boston in May, were listened to with interest.

A motion was made by Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck to send the Berry school boy fifty dollars for another year's tuition; twenty-five dollars to be taken from the treasury and the remaining twenty-five dollars to be raised by a money-making affair. The motion and plan of obtaining the fund were accepted.

The cemetery committee had decorated the Revolutionary memorial tablet in the early part of the day, and as the rain prevented the program planned, the committee placed flowers from Col. William Prescott's home on his grave and tomb; also, placed flowers on the resting place of Mrs. Prescott and our patron saint. A flag was placed near the tomb of Prescott by Miss Adele Boynton, color bearer.

Mrs. Nelson Tower read a very interesting paper on Bunker Hill by an eye-witness by Miss M. Elizabeth Smith of the Bunker Hill chapter.

Mrs. Hutchinson sang by request of cemetery committee, "The sword of Bunker Hill."

Mrs. George V. Herrig presented the chapter with a table of mission dress in behalf of relatives of Mrs. Laura P. Lawrence, who was very loyal to the chapter. As usual Mrs. Herrig's words were very fitting and touched the hearts of those present.

A pitcher of blue and white ware was presented the chapter to be filled each year with flowers as a memorial to Col. William Prescott.

At the usual hour the meeting was adjourned to July 6, when Mrs. Dunning of Springfield, state regent of Massachusetts, is invited to be present.

### The Parasites at Work.

John F. Tune, tree warden and superintendent of moth work, reports encouragingly, particularly of the parasite which the state has let loose to war on the gypsy and brown tail moths. On Monday he discovered in Dr. Heald's grove three of the parasites at work destroying the gypsy moth, one of them had his victim skinned almost to the head, another had a brown tail devoured all but a small portion. He also found some at work on the Deacon Hall place and the Hobart place on Groton street. He is very anxious that nobody should unwittingly injure this beetle which is black, has six legs, small head, and a number of bronze-colored spots on its back. One pair of them are capable of destroying six thousand moths in one season.

### Graduation.

The high school graduating exercises held in Prescott hall on Friday evening of last week were strikingly interesting throughout. Parents, pupils teachers, friends and many visitors attended to lend their presence toward the success, and to be entertained by the closing event in the history of the class of '10. Rev. D. R. Child opened the exercises with prayer. On the stage were seated A. R. Paull, superintendent of schools, Dr. L. R. Qua of the school committee and Rev. D. R. Child, C. R. Bryant, principal of the school and his assistants, Miss E. L. McNamara and Miss Hooper. The class colors were red and gold. The graduates were: Walter Roger Avery, Charles Richardson Hardy, Oliver Hammond Perry, Misses Barbara Alice Bancroft, Bessie Mae Farley, Bertha Florence Johnson, Gladys Vivian Shattuck and Gertrude Catherine Sullivan.

The program covered a period of about one and one-half hours, and was well-presented throughout, and was as follows:

Piano duet, Misses Deware and Dunton.  
"The call to arms," Rev. D. R. Child.  
Salutatory, Walter R. Avery.  
Historic Pepperell, Gladys V. Shattuck.  
Class history, Leo C. Thayer.  
"Blow soft winds," Bessie M. Farley.  
"Prophesy," Bertha F. Johnson.  
"Problems in electricity," Charles R. Hardy.  
Vocal solo, Mildred Morgan.  
Presentation of class gift, Mixed chorus.  
Valedictory, Gertrude C. Sullivan.  
Presentation of diplomas, Barbara A. Bancroft.  
Supt. A. R. Paull.  
"Now the music soundeth," Mixed chorus.  
Benediction, Rev. D. R. Child.

The music by the school chorus was under the direction of Mrs. L. M. Maynard, supervisor of music, and was a pleasing feature as well as creditably presented.

Much favorable comment is heard of the individual efforts of the class, it reflects great credit on them as well as the school, showing the years they have spent preparing for their life work, have not been idle ones. The salutatorian, Walter R. Avery, expressed the true spirit in words of thanks as well as appreciation for the opportunities experienced and privileges enjoyed through the efforts of parents, teachers and the town. The class motto, "Knowledge is power," was conspicuously displayed by

laurel leaves for back ground and letters of laurel blossoms.

It would be unfair to specialize or feature the efforts of the graduates. The presentation of class gift by Miss Gertrude C. Sullivan, of two tablets of ancient historical incidents, was a distinct incident in the evening's work and was responded to in appreciative words by Dr. L. R. Qua of the school board. The presentation of diplomas by A. R. Paull, superintendent of schools, was prefaced by an address to the class, suggestive, interesting and full of advice which, if taken to heart and applied by them, must bring them to the highest goal of success their ambitions could desire. The exercises closed with benediction by Rev. D. R. Child.

### A Prize Winner.

Miss Anita Blanche Marston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler Marston, former well-known residents of this town, was the winner of second prize at a baby show at the store of F. N. Joslin & Co., at Malden, Monday, June 27. The contest was for the heaviest baby under one year of age and there were 406 babies weighed. Miss Anita's weight was recorded as twenty-seven pounds and one ounce. She was born in Pepperell at the home of Mrs. Marston's mother, July 30, 1909, and has been fortunate in that she has never had a cold or any other form of baby ailment. Her home with her parents is at 20 Fairmount street, Melrose, where Mr. and Mrs. Marston have resided for the past three years.

### Congregational.

The Cradle Roll reception held in the vestry of the Congregational church, Wednesday afternoon, was attended by about one hundred babies and mothers. A very interesting program was arranged including the graduation of ten from the cradle roll into the Sunday school. Rev. R. W. Drawbridge, and Mrs. Drawbridge sang; addresses by Mr. Drawbridge and Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck, who originated the cradle roll; piano duet by Margaret Boynton and Catherine Rouse; solo, Adell Boynton, and presentation of diplomas to the youthful graduates by Lyman C. Blood, superintendent of the Sunday school, Mrs. N. W. Appleton, superintendent of the cradle roll of the Unitarian church, also favored with interesting remarks. Ice cream and cake were served and a memorable occasion closed.

### About Town.

Samuel P. Bancroft of North Pepperell, who has been in poor health for sometime, is suffering with a severe attack of acute indigestion and neuralgia of the heart.

Mrs. Jordan, who has been visiting her daughter at Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton's for several weeks, returned on Monday, June 27, to her home in Providence.

Arthur Bolles of the hotel Touraine, Boston, spent a short vacation with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bolles of Heald street.

Miss Anna French has returned from her visit in Lynn, where she has been staying for several weeks, to her home on Heald street and is entertaining relatives from Worcester.

Mrs. Horace Hartwell has returned from Providence, where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. C. E. Boynton left on Wednesday, June 29, for Winchester, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Wm. Belcher.

Mrs. Wm. Spaulding of Nashua, N. H., visited her friend, Mrs. Charles Fitch, the past week.

George Greenhalge and family from Pawtucket, R. I., motored to town on Saturday, June 25, and visited with Mrs. Greenhalge's mother, Mrs. Walter B. Page.

Miss Katherine M. Lawrence of Nashua, N. H., visited among friends this week.

### Grange.

The Traveling Picnic of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange for Wednesday, July 20, has received the following committee from some of the granges: Committee of Groton division, William Packard and C. E. Flagg; Townsend division, Galen Proctor; Pepperell division, committee not reported; music, Henry N. Adams of Groton; social committee, Mrs. Clara Flagg; Townsend, Mrs. Green Ashby and Mrs. Bessie of Fitchburg; baseball matters, Harry Knight, Townsend Harbor; James P. Fitch, gen. ass't. and purser at Ayer; charge of the lost and found articles, Henry N. Robbins, Lit-

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