

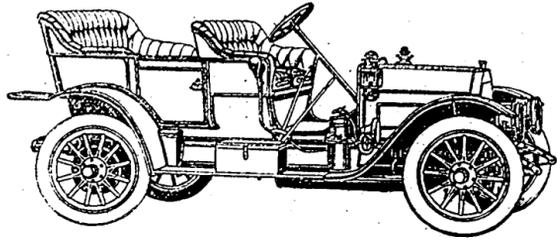
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HARVARD.

News Items.
Joseph Woodland of Cambridge was a guest last week with his brother James and family. Mr. Woodland is a salesman employed with the Tip-top Bread people of Cambridge.

Wm. H. Stone and family of Waltham, after a three-weeks' stay at Sheep Island, returned to their home on Saturday of last week.

On Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. Bert Trook of Westborough drove to Harvard in their auto, calling upon the latter's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hynes. They had with them also, Luther Hynes of Worcester.

Miss Mary Davis is taking a month's trip through Vermont, visiting with relatives. Last week she was with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hynes of Groton, Vt., and at present is with her aunt at Plainfield, while later she goes to St. Johnsbury.

Miss Olive Marsh, the efficient young nurse who is attending Mrs. W. E. King, spent Sunday and Monday at her home in Worcester, returning on Tuesday morning. Mrs. King was examined last week by a specialist from Boston, who gives the assurance that she is on the road to a sure recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Wright and Herbert Pentiman of Lancaster, are camping for a couple of weeks on Gale's shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cleaves and Miss Lilla and Wilmet Cleaves took an auto trip last Sunday calling on friends in Lawrence, Andover, Reading, and spending a few hours at the beach, returning in the cooler hours of the day.

On Sunday evening, July 31, Prof. John A. Nicholls will give an illustrated lecture at the Congregational church before the Harvard Temperance society at 7.45 o'clock. Subject, "A night in the slums of New York," or "How the other half lives." Mr. Nicholls is a man of splendid discourse and with a hundred or more views from the calcium light, should draw a full house. Rev. Henry Mason will operate the lantern and slides. All are welcome to attend. A collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the lecture. As this is the regular monthly meeting of the society, there will be no service at the other churches. Chorus, singing of old songs.

The heavy storm of Monday brought refreshment to many a thirsty garden and pasture, but along with the rain came the destructive volts of electricity, hitting in several places. The big elm at Fruitcroft, the home of A. W. Bryant, was a mark for one shot, while the residence of A. H. Turner was twice struck, doing some damage to the building and putting the telephone out of commission.

Herman A. Skillings arrived in town on Saturday evening of last week from Bethel, Me., and is stopping with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beane, at Rocky Nook cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Raynes left town this week Wednesday for a month's visit to Post Mills, Vt. They are to return about September 1, for the winter.

The school committee have engaged parties to refinish the woodwork and whiten the walls and ceilings of the Centre school building, having it fresh and clean for the opening of school, August 29. Two new hygienic

drinking fountains are to be installed, one in each of the basements, with sink for washing purposes.

Misses Ruth Bagster and Emily Whitney arrived home on Tuesday night from Old Orchard, Me., where they have been spending a few weeks in rest and recreation. Their stay was shortened somewhat by the illness of Miss Bagster.

James Riley, our popular leeman, visited for over Sunday with friends in Lowell. During his absence, W. T. Bagster took his place on the frozen water wagon. James returned on Tuesday.

Henry Waters is taking this week off visiting his brother Thomas at Lynn.

Harold Pollard, who has been cruising in foreign lands for several months in the fine yacht of Mr. Pulitzer, as his literary secretary, was allowed a day's leave of absence while the party were at Newport last Sunday and enjoyed a day with his father and family at the old home here in Harvard. Mr. Pollard is as brown as a veteran and feeling first-class.

Last Sunday, the family of Stanley B. Hildreth had the privilege of entertaining Mr. Bancroft of Boston, who will be remembered as entertaining in our lecture course a few years ago on "Irish songs and writers."

Rev. Bertram Morrison, who preached last Sunday at the Unitarian church will occupy the pulpit in the same capacity on Sunday morning next.

Hearing.

The case of Herman A. Skillings vs. town of Harvard, in a suit to recover damages for breach of contract and which by vote of the town was left out to three auditors, was heard at the District Court room at Ayer on July 27 and 28. Three auditors were selected. They were William Taft, chairman, of Uxbridge, Henry Parker of Worcester and a Mr. Adams of South Framingham. Sen. Aidan Buttrick presented the case for the plaintiff and Judge Warren H. Atwood the defendant's. Witnesses for the plaintiff were H. A. Skillings, A. H. Turner, C. L. Russell, W. H. Fairbank, Henry Meade, who testified as to what was originally known as the Shaboken district and other matters of general information bearing on the case. Mr. Skillings testified as to his being engaged by the school committee as carrier from the Shaboken district and other matters pertaining to his dealings with the school committee.

Messrs. Maynard, Royal and West, who constitute the school board, appeared for the defense and testified in regard to their dealings with the plaintiff in the matter of transporting the Shaboken school route. After hearing the evidence the auditors decided to rest the case until a later date, when they will hear the pleas and render a decision. A typewritten copy of the proceedings will be later placed with the town.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

The Ladies' sewing circle of the Unitarian society meet Thursday afternoon next, with Mrs. C. A. Hosmer.

In September, Roger Priest will be enrolled as a student at the Amherst Agricultural college.

Mrs. Adeline Knowlton and son started for Chicago on Wednesday for a visit with Mr. Knowlton's relatives there. During her absence her cousin,

Mrs. Ames and her husband from Somerville, will keep her house open. County commissioner Gould of Melrose was an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Patch.

Elmer Fletcher and family will occupy through August, one of J. M. Hartwell's cottages.

Rev. Quimby will occupy the Unitarian pulpit next Sunday.

Resolutions.

At the meeting of Littleton Grange, held July 20th, 1910, it was unanimously voted that we express to our worthy sister, Mrs. Allura A. Stratton and family, our most kindly thoughts and deepest sympathy in their great sorrow. We feel that we, too, have suffered a great loss in the death of Brother Stratton. Although he had been with us but a short time, we had found him a willing worker and loyal member of our order. The memory of his kindly spirit, his sympathetic and cordial attitude will remain with us. He leaves in our hearts a memory for which we are glad and though he has gone on before us, we feel that his helpful spirit is with us still.

Jennie F. Robbins,
Augusta W. Swett,
Frank A. Patch,
Committee for the Grange.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Miss Bertha Spaulding is once again at her duties as central here for day service, to the pleasure of her many friends and patrons of the telephone company.

Spurgie Misner of Worcester is visiting in town for a few days.

Mrs. T. J. McGuire is enjoying a few days with her daughter Bessie at Boston, this week.

Mrs. Al Richards made a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Julia Saunders, at Malden, this week.

Ralph Bush has returned from a visit to his sister, Mrs. Grace Pierce of West Medford.

Mrs. Herbert Colson and daughter of Everett, are at Mrs. George Clark's for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hargraves have returned from their trip to Peora, Ill., and will soon go to housekeeping in the Fuller residence on School street.

Wednesday proved to be a pleasant day for the union church picnic at Pepperell Springs, and the names of over two hundred were recorded who attended. The children were happily started off in their trip in the early morning and were carried in several big wagons furnished for the occasion. Lunch and lemonade was enjoyed by all and some went early to get the swings ready and plan out the amusements. The grounds were given free of charge by the Pepperell Springs company, for which concern a rousing cheer was given by the combined efforts of all. The afternoon was devoted to games.

Summer Burgess of Leominster is in town for a while.

Wedding.

Miss Minnie Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Copeland, was married to Warren Barnaby, a former Townsend High school graduate, at Boston, Friday, July 22, by Rev. J. M. Cobb. Mr. Barnaby is a commissary sergeant in the marine corps, which is to be despatched at once for Guam, where they will probably be stationed for three years. The young couple started at once for California, from whence they will sail to their far distant destination.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Barnaby are graduates of our high school here. Mrs. Barnaby is also a graduate of Bridgewater Normal school and has been a successful teacher at Grafton, Westbury, R. I., and Plainfield, N. J. Although much regret is expressed that they should leave home and friends so far behind, all join in wishing them God speed on their long journey.

West.

A large band from the Baptist Sunday school attended the union Sunday school picnic at Pepperell Springs last Wednesday, leaving the village in Stokney's barge about eight o'clock in the morning and reporting a most enjoyable time.

Miss Alice Wilder, a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder of Josselynville, is ill at her home with a slow fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vivian have been in town for a few days, leaving for Hartford, Conn., Saturday, where Mr. Vivian commenced his new duties as manager of a branch of the Belgrade rug factory for F. H. Ormsby.

Mrs. George Ball and family, who have been spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wood, have returned to Concord, accompanied by Clarence Jodrey, who will spend the remainder of his vacation with them.

Miss Alice Bowen of West Swaney is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hodgman.

Levi Lawrence of Dunstable has been spending a few days with his brother, Oren Lawrence.

F. H. Ormsby is spending a few days in Hartford, Conn., on a business trip and Mrs. Walter Byther is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Ormsby, at their home in Josselynville.

Frank D. Parsons is spending a few days in Maine.

Mrs. Louise McElligott has closed her cottage on Main street for a time and is visiting friends in Lancaster, N. H.

Mrs. Frank Kelley and children and Miss Margaret Carroll from Josselynville are visiting relatives in Boston.

Miss Emma Adams and Mrs. E. J. Lees are spending a week with the family of E. T. Davis at Stoddard, N. H.

Mrs. R. S. Ely, accompanied by Master John Keefe, is spending a fortnight in Camden, Me.



Our Annual Mid-Summer CLEARANCE SALE

Our Annual Mid-Summer Clearance Sale begins on SATURDAY, JULY 30th. It is the time of year when we close out the balance of our Spring and Summer goods. It is our policy not to carry goods over to the next Season, and this is the reason for this sale and the big cut from the regular prices. Look over the following items and note the reduction:

Men's Suits

This comprises the balance of our stock of Spring and Summer Suits. They consist of Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Scotch Mixture Suits. The regular price tag and the cut price tag on each Suit. The sizes broken of course, but all sizes in something.

One lot of suits, sizes 31 to 36, Fancy Worsteds, the values from \$7.47 to \$10.00, now go for..... \$5.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, the values \$10.00 and \$12.00, now reduced to..... \$7.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, the values \$12.00 to \$13.50, now reduced to..... \$8.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, regular price \$15.00 to \$18.00, now reduced to..... \$10.47

One lot of suits in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures, regular price \$20.00 and \$22.00, now reduced to..... \$15.00

Children's Knee Pant Suits

One lot of suits with the straight-cut style of Pants, prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.00, your old price now for One-Half Price

One lot of suits, Knickerbocker Pants, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, now for \$1.98

One lot of suits, Knickerbocker Pants, \$5.00 and \$6.00 regular price, now \$3.89

Underwear

Five Special Lots at reduced prices.

All our 25c. Balbriggan and Black and White Mixture Shirts and Drawers for Men, now 19c.

All our Boys' 25c. Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers now 19c.

All our regular 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, now 35c.

One lot Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers 50c. value, now 39c.

One lot 50c. quality of Nainsook Shirts and Drawers, now 29c.

Children's Wash and Khaki Suits

Ages 3 to 8.

50c. Wash Suits now 39c.

75c. Wash Suits now 59c.

\$1.00 Wash Suits now 75c.

\$1.50 Wash Suits now \$1.00

Ages 5 to 14.

\$1.00 Khaki Suits now 79c.

\$1.50 Khaki Suits now \$1.00

Hosiery

One lot Men's Hose, 15c. grade Black and Tan, now 9c.

One lot Men's Fancy Hose, 25c. grade, now for 18c.

Men's Outing Trousers

\$2.50 Trousers now 1.98
\$3.00 Trousers now 1.98
\$3.50 Trousers now 2.50
\$4.00 Trousers now 3.00

Straw Hats

Every Straw and Cloth Hat in our store now goes at a big cut in price.

25c. Straw Hats for Children now 15c.
50c. Straw Hats for Children now 25c.
25c. Straw Hats for Men now 19c.
50c. Straw Hats for Men now 39c.
\$1.00 Straw Hats for Men now 79c.
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Hats for Men now \$1.00
25c. Cloth Hats for Children now 19c.
50c. Cloth Hats for Children now 39c.
50c. Cloth Hats for Men now 39c.

PANAMA HATS.

\$5.00 Panama Hats now 4.00
\$7.50 Panama Hats now 6.00

Shoe Department

Our entire stock of Tan Oxfords now offered at reduced prices; also, several lines of Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords.

MEN'S OXFORDS.

\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now 2.25
\$3.50 Tan Oxfords now 2.50
\$4.00 Tan Oxfords now 3.00
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal Sailor Ties, now 3.00
\$4.00 Patent Oxfords now 3.00

BOYS' TAN OXFORDS.

\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now 1.00
\$1.75 Tan Oxfords now 1.25
\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now 1.75

MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S TAN OXFORDS.

\$1.25 Tan Oxfords now 1.00
\$1.50 Tan Oxfords now 1.00
\$2.00 Tan Oxfords now 1.50

LADIES' OXFORDS.

\$2.00 Tan Oxfords and Sandals now 1.47
\$2.50 Tan Oxfords now 1.75
\$3.00 Tan Oxfords now 2.25
\$2.50 Gun Metal and Patent Pump Ties now 2.00

Miscellaneous Bargains

Boys' 25c. Golf Caps now 19c.

Men's Police Braces now 15c.

Men's Blue Stripe Overalls, 50c. quality, now 25c.

Men's \$1.00 Negligee Shirts now 79c.

25c. Wash Four-in-Hands, in Black and Tan colors, now 15c.

One lot Boys' Knee Pants, straight cut only, 50c. and 75c. values for 23c.

15c. Wash Four-in-Hands now 9c.

One lot 15c. Bows, now 5c.

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WESTFORD.

Centre.

Miss Mary Davis and her niece, Miss Edith of Providence, R. I., have been guests of Miss Ruth Fisher this week.

Miss Sarah E. Wood of Marlboro, N. H., has been a guest for several days this past week at the Congregational parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Wright and Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Leon, spent Saturday and Sunday together at camp at Forge pond.

Charles D. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howard, and state chemist of Concord, N. H., was one of the speakers at the annual state convention of druggists at Hooksett last week.

At a special meeting of the Tadmuck club, called at Library hall, Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler was elected secretary and treasurer in place of Mrs. W. A. Woodward, whose removal from town necessitates her resignation. The members also voted to send Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher a letter of sympathy in their bereavement in the death of their son. Mrs. Fletcher has been a helpful and interested member of the club since its organization.

Mrs. Fred A. Hildreth, Mrs. Kate Allen and daughter Katherine, are guests at H. V. Hildreth's.

Parents having children who are entering school at the fall term are reminded that their vaccination should be attended to this month.

Mrs. J. Henry Colburn and son Clarence, and Mrs. Ida M. Gould, are enjoying vacation days at Alton Bay, N. H.

The welcome showers that fell during Wednesday night were too late to redeem the berry crop which has suffered seriously in quality and quantity, except possibly in most favorable locations to withstand the drought.

The ladies of the Congregational church met last week Thursday to make arrangements for their annual agricultural fair to be held in September. Next Sunday there will be the regular services at this church as usual and Rev. Mr. Wallace will preach and the three Sunday mornings following the church will be closed for the pastor's vacation. The usual evening services will be held during this vacation and will be in charge of the deacons.

Wild West Show.

In lieu of the pony auto races that have engaged the attention of a great number of our small boys during the vacation for two or three seasons past, substituted this year a very thrilling wild west show. This took place last Thursday afternoon on the grounds back of the old Abbot homestead and was repeated again in the evening for the benefit of interested parents and friends. The large sum of five cents entitled one to all the sights. Possibly some of the stunts were in worthy emulation of some recently performed in an exhibition of the kind in a nearby city, but imitations is the sincerest flattery and the boys put much energy and originality into their production. They portrayed Indians and cowboys and some of the features were a parade, an attack on the plains of the caravan by the Indians, the burning of the stage coach. There was also a burlesque of the Jeffries-Johnson fight and much singing.

The following boys took part: Edward Blodgett, Fletcher Abbot, Robert Abbot, George Perkins, Alfred and Clifford Sutherland, Charles Fisher, Clifford Woods and Morgan S.

Automobile Accident.

An automobile accident occurred on Wednesday afternoon on the curves of Grandview road. The automobile, which was a 1909 Ford, horse power, was driven by Marshall Forrest of Lowell. The car was on the time was on the road and was being driven by Marshall Forrest and had a passenger, Mrs. G. E. Buckland of Lowell, mother of Mrs. Forrest, was thrown out and considerably injured and the rest of the party escaped with a bad shaking up. From Arthur E. Day's residence, which was not very far distant, help was summoned from Lowell. Mr. Forrest hurried to the scene bringing with him Dr. John H. Lambert.

Mechanics were also summoned from the city and worked over the car for some time to get it in condition to get it back to its owner's home.

Tax-Payers.

The tax collector was busy last week issuing to the tax-payers of the town their bills as per the findings of the assessors. The total levy this year is \$32,637.14, of which \$23,399.44 is in real estate, \$8,516.28 in personal property. The number of poll taxes is 701, making \$1,402, and amoth tax of \$319.12. The rate is sixteen dollars on a thousand. Those paying a tax of fifty dollars or more are:

Abbot, Abel J.	\$182.38
Abbot, Mrs. Alice M.	269.80
Abbot, John C.	323.95
Atwood, Mrs. Caroline	56.00
Abbot, Worst Co., Granite	2195.44
Abbot, Worst Co., Forge	4724.98

Baleh, Samuel H.	50.00
Baleh, Wayland F.	66.32
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	74.24
Blodgett, C. A. and F. R.	61.60
Brown, M. J. and Delia	50.00
Brighton, Mrs. Mary E.	215.36
Bunce, Augustus	52.24
Burbeck, John	117.79
Burton, R. H.	82.56
Cameron, Julian A.	148.38
Cameron, Mrs. Lucy A.	168.00
Calvert, Mrs. Mary E.	68.80
Carroll, Donald M.	168.28
Cameron, Mrs. Meta J.	144.00
Colburn, Charles D.	51.67
Day, Arthur E.	52.10
Day, George T.	63.36
Day, George T.	256.98
Deacon, Wm. H.	87.92
Desmond, David	94.01
Dowds, Matthew F.	84.16
Drew, Frank C.	139.56
Edwards, Wm. C.	99.20
Edwards, Mrs. Louise	63.00
Feeley, John	63.00
Fisher, Abner	50.56
Fisher, Mrs. Alvin	94.48
Fletcher, H. E. & Co.	190.56
Fletcher, H. E.	352.80
Fletcher, Harry N.	141.17
Fletcher, John M.	86.08
Fletcher, J. Herbert	66.80
Fletcher, Mrs. Mary E.	60.00
Fletcher, J. W.	57.41
Fletcher, John H.	108.42
Foster, Mrs. Sarah J.	127.45
Foss, Austin H.	134.23
Gould, H. E. & E. H.	134.23
Greig, David L.	114.13
Hall, H. R.	52.29
Hill, Nathan Hamlin	62.00
Hill, Henry J.	66.85
Healy, John A.	180.61
Hildreth, H. V.	80.00
Hildreth, George E.	80.00
Hildreth, Frank H.	55.29
Hildreth, Frank C.	105.78
Hildreth, Miss Ella	59.57
Hildreth, George E.	62.40
Howard, Calvin L.	76.67
Huntston, Samuel G.	50.64
Jones, George E.	82.24
Jones, Albert E.	67.24
Keves, Henry O.	109.82
Kimball, George A.	54.11
Kimball, Mrs. Ida E.	80.98
MacDonald, Joseph	69.60
MacDonald, Angus	124.61
MacGregor, Mrs. George H.	58.50
MacGregor, John H.	58.50
Merritt, Walter J.	188.40
Mountain, George E.	59.29
Murphy, Henry J.	87.84
Murphy, George	66.00
Osgood, H. G.	63.91
Palmer, Lewis P.	180.10
Prescott, Mrs. Noah	33.20
Richardson, Henry	81.29
Prescott, Mrs. Augusta	39.20
Prescott, C. O. & A. E.	87.94
Read, Henry B.	63.93
Read, Albert	104.96
Reed, Mrs. David	57.50
Reed, Mrs. Rachael	320.89
Richardson, Mrs. James M.	75.20
Sargent's Sons Corporation	345.28
Sargent, C. G. estate of	1324.67
Sargent, Frederick G.	150.00
Sargent, Allen B.	27.00
Seavey, Homer M.	68.80
Shorey, Fred H.	52.29
Simpson, John	66.75
Spain, Oscar R.	59.41
Spain, Mrs. Elizabeth	61.00
Spain, Brook R. Co.	62.00
Swain, E. H.	116.61
Tuttle, Mrs. Nelson	18.21
Voss, Almon S. and Mary	115.18
Wells, O. V. M. D.	175.80
Whitney, George W.	125.00
Whitney, Mrs. Mary J.	54.40
Whitney, Mrs. M. Elizabeth	54.41
Worcester, Mrs. Ellen P.	54.41
Wright, Samuel H.	115.29
Wright, Charles H.	54.95
Wright, Sidney B.	64.22
Wright, Frank C.	22.55
Wright, William H.	64.22
Wright, Mrs. A. S.	84.79
Wright, Fletcher	64.22
Wright, Walter E.	121.22
Wright, Percy E.	74.95

Non-Residents.

Hall Bros.	\$29.80
Hartford, J. J. Heas of	72.77
Evans, Alton A.	66.80
Farnsworth, Frederick A. estate	63.82
Fletcher, Henry	122.11
Brookside, Worsteds Mills	136.25
Moore, George C.	21.52
Prescott, Wm. P. & Co.	61.21
Worcester, George W.	62.00
Worcester, Miss Martine	62.00
Worcester, George W.	74.17
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	151.95
Richardson, J. & Co. of St. Ry.	122.80

About Town.

Parade and suburbs will soon be connected by telephone with the hub, spokes and rim of the rest of the town. As the road and moth ward-northern boys near the capital of Parsonville it will be convenient to inform him when the moths are unobtrusively assuming the office of town.

John A. Taylor recently gave an evening of readings at Hanover. William R. Taylor, after tenting on the old camp ground and tried Bear Hill pond and mosquitoes in Harvard.

Edwards & Monahan are making repairs on the Calvary church.

The youthful boys brothers of Arlington are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Frank W. Barnard.

Death.

The bright, happy life of Oak Hill has its clouds. This was most visible in the clouding of a youthful life in the death last Saturday of Lewis E. Fletcher, the twenty-year-old son of Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher. Although ill for some time, yet not until three weeks ago was his condition pronounced hopeless by expert skill.

Change of climate, scenes and association was all brought to bear in making the life back to normal, but otherwise had made too strong a claim. Lewis had been one of the bright scholars of the Nathansett school, and former teacher said, "Teaching is made easy and simplified with such bright scholars." Besides his father and mother, he leaves two brothers, Harold and Ralph, and one sister, Hazel. He was the youngest of the family.

The funeral took place from the home of his parents last Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. M. Craig of Lowell conducted the service and Mrs. E. L. Roberts, a favorite of the family, sang "Sometime we'll understand," and "The Christian's good night." The bearers were Harold and Ralph Fletcher, Perley Knight and Sidney Perham. Amid the flowers of the field and garden, the flower of youth was laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.

Grange.

The meeting of the grange last week Thursday evening, proved to be a degree of summer heat in it when the question of "What is the cause of the high cost of living" came up for discussion. After much perspiration it was agreed that the increased output of gold was not the cause of poverty. Congress says it is. Let them say so as long as they don't believe it. The grange orchestra was lively and timely with its music, under the direction of Arthur J. Blodgett. Edson Boynton sang much as usual only more so; he had to come back and sing more.

The next meeting on Thursday evening will discuss "To what extent should Massachusetts laws allow women to vote"; also, "How far should women be allowed to vote in town meeting."

Forge Village.

A very pretty birthday party took place last Saturday afternoon when Miss Ethel M. Collins, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Collins, celebrated the eighth anniversary of her birth by giving a lawn party to a number of her little friends. From two till five the young folks made merry and played all sorts of pranks. At five o'clock they were invited to the dining room where a dainty tea was served. Prominent among the many good things was the birthday cake with name and date of the young hostess. Many pretty presents were received. The little folks departed after having spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Bumpus of Billerica, Ill., conducted the services last Sunday at St. Andrew's mission and preached a very interesting sermon. On next Sunday, Rev. Harry F. Irie of New York city will occupy the pulpit. It is possible that one of these clergymen may receive a call to St. Andrew's parish to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, which took effect early in June.

The many friends of Miss Alice L. Prescott will be sorry to learn that she is at the Lowell General hospital, where she expects to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

The members of the John Edwards hose company held their regular practice on Tuesday evening, all the hydrants in the village were flushed out and found to be in first-class condition.

Miss Eva Young of London, England, formerly of Westford, sent a check to be used for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission to Rev. Thomas L. Fisher. The money was forwarded to a member of the guild and will be turned into the treasury of the Mission.

Mrs. Hugh Daly of Leominster visited friends here on Monday. Mrs. Daly expects to move into one of the new cottages recently built on Lakeside avenue, next week.

John Caddell of Lowell was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Myles Collins.

Mrs. John E. Burnett while attending the ball game between the Forge Village Lions and the Graniteville Blues at Graniteville on Saturday afternoon, was struck with the ball in the face, causing a very painful swelling and discoloration.

Rev. Lewis E. Havermale of the M. E. church of Graniteville and the boys' Sunday school class are enjoying camp life this week at the Chandler cottage at Forge pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dodge and daughter Viola of Lowell, are entertaining a party of friends at their cottage on the shore of Forge pond.

A Great Success.

John W. Bowker, a well-known mill man of Lowell and for many years active in Good Templar work in this village, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Bowker, who began work in the mills of Lancashire, England, at the age of ten, is a warm advocate of keeping our children out of mills as long as possible, and has written a play giving his experiences from the ages of ten to thirty.

The piece was given at the Hathaway theatre at Lowell, last May, under the name of "Just plain folks." Since that presentation a prologue has been added showing William Stockes, the contractor assumed by Mr. Bowker, at the age of twelve seeking work in a mill. Must be seen to see the author's mind represents the type of boyhood he wishes to depict.

A large number from here attended the play when it was given last May and voted it a great success. The piece will be given in the early part of August under the title of "The doctor's mistake."

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The Farmers' club held a meeting at the town hall last Saturday evening at which Saturday, September 17, was decided upon as the date of the fair and old home day. The Maynard band has already been engaged for the day and bills giving premium lists and further particulars will soon be posted.

Mrs. Florence Tuttle and daughter spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Alport Hartwell's.

July 29, was the wedding day of Miss Frances Blanchard, perhaps better known to our townspeople by her pet name of "Pansy," and Vance Lamar. They are to live for the present in South Dakota, where Frances had taken up a claim in a good locality. In order to hold her land she must live on it fourteen months after which it will probably be more convenient to reside in the city as her husband is a business man.

Miss Mildred Montgomery is visiting in Pittsfield, while her sister Bertha and Marjorie Shattuck are enjoying themselves in Worcester.

James S. Chester is to observe his nineteenth birthday, Saturday, July 30, and will receive his friends from ten a. m. until ten p. m.

Wednesday afternoon the neighbors of Mrs. Bertha Shattuck were invited to her home to meet her sister, Mrs. Montgomery. Dainty refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed by all.

Waldo Bigelow and party of friends from Norwood were in town Sunday. Lawyer Houghton of Worcester is spending the week at C. T. Wetherbee's.

Robert Tait is spending his vacation at his father's.

Two of our local marketmen, Austin Lawrence and Leon Wetherbee, began their regular trips to Boston Wednesday night.

Mrs. Feyler has been enjoying a visit from her sister.

Miss Bertha Lawrence of Stow was a recent guest of Mrs. C. B. Robbins.

Mrs. Alex. Losaw and two children are visiting at J. B. Losaw's.

Miss Nellie Wilson is in Derry, N. H., for a week's outing.

James Wilson and Miss C. E. Wilson were at Bide-a-wee over Sunday.

Thursday, Mrs. Albert Littlefield and Miss Susie Littlefield spent the day in Framingham.

The Misses Viets are visiting friends in Putnam, Conn.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The Civic committee of the Altrurian club have secured two serviceable ornamental guidposts from Lancaster, which were placed in position on Tuesday. Through the generosity of a public-spirited citizen, who is always interested in town improvements, much better guidposts have been procured than was expected. One was placed at the junction of the Centre road and Main street, the second at the union of the four roads near the Universalist church. These boards contain the names and distance of all nearby towns and cities and will surely be appreciated by those who pass over the roads. Other improvements will follow later.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Wilson will occupy their new home in Lancaster road next week.

Mrs. George W. Halch received word Wednesday of the death of her father, who resides in Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilson have occupied the cottage house on Leominster road made vacant by Arthur Lemay and wife.

Mrs. Phileas Gionet has arrived home after a pleasant visit of two months with relatives in Caraquez, N. B.

W. Lloyd Allen entertained for a few days this week his school friend, Fritz Shepherd of Derry, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wolf started Wednesday morning in their automobile for Harwich, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Percy Miller and will return home on Sunday evening.

Miss Alice Flynn spent the weekend with her brother, P. J. Flynn, of Allston.

Elmer H. Allen spent the weekend with relatives in Boston.

Benjamin White and family moved to Lawrence the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Willoughby of Pepperell, visited friends in town last Sunday.

Edward E. Colburn is spending a couple of weeks in Paris, Me.

The C. A. Edgerton Co. started in a new running time on Monday morning, commencing work at 6:45 a. m., instead of 6:50 and stopping at 11:30 on Saturdays, instead of twelve o'clock. The idea of the change is to give their employes an opportunity to take the noon trains out of town to spend the weekend or to go shopping.

Henry, the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Bastien, died July 29, of cholera infantum. Burial, July 31, in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Rose, the eighteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mack, died on July 21, of cholera infantum. Burial, July 23, in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilson are moving into the house recently vacated by the Arthur Lemay family on Lancaster road.

The Shirley baseball team will go to Keene, N. H., Saturday to play the Keene nine of that place.

Mrs. Will Love in company with her daughter, Miss Jessie Love, left today for their old home, Lake George, N. B., for the remainder of the summer.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10:45. Regular meeting of the C. E. S. in the vestry at seven p. m. These will be the last services until the first Sunday in September, as the church closes during the month of August, following the usual custom.

Mrs. Ralph Wheeler, with little daughter Marjorie, is spending a month's vacation with relatives in Ashby.

Miss Blanche Sawyer is spending a week with friends at Whalom.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer, will preach at the Baptist church, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Sunday school at 3:30.

Alliance Meeting.

The principal feature of the meeting which was held on Thursday last, was the splendid address by Rev. George Willis Cooke of Wakefield, the noted author and divine. His subject was "The four ages of man," in which he clearly showed the prominent characteristics of each period as well as the influence exerted by each over the others. He touched briefly, also, on the influences of heredity and environment. The address was especially edifying to the mothers and teachers present. The above meeting was held at "The Croft," the all-year-round home of Henry P. Grout, and was in honor of Mr. Grout's mother, Madame Grout, who is a loved and valued member of the Alliance. Though feeling somewhat the infirmities of age, her heart is as young, her spirit and interest as keen as ever and with her rich store of memories and experiences she is a delightful companion for old or young.

The younger Mrs. Grout very graciously tendered the use of her house and grounds for this occasion and served a delicious collation to the largest meeting of the year thus far.

The Alliance will next meet with Mrs. Adelaide W. Miller on August 4. Miss Mabel G. Hazen will be the speaker for the afternoon.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team played the West Fitchburg A. A. on the new grounds last Saturday afternoon and whitewashed the visitors by a score of 13 to 0. The results of the game were due to the pitching of Burrill and the fine work of the team behind him. The Shirleys scored eleven runs in the first three innings of Murphy on ten hits. Collyer's batting and Connors' fielding were the other features of fine catching by Allaire. The Shirley team is doing good work and playing as many games at home

as is possible and deserves more support than it is getting from the people of the town. The score:

SHIRLEY.		WEST FITCHBURG A. A.	
ab	tb	po	a
Connors, 3b	5	1	4
Cook, Jr., c	3	1	1
Collyer, 1b	6	2	4
Sheddy, 2b	5	1	2
Burrill, p	5	2	4
Allaire, cf	4	2	8
Burhanke, ss	5	2	2
Prouty, of	4	1	2
Gately, rf	4	2	0
Totals	44	16	27

SHIRLEY.		WEST FITCHBURG A. A.	
ab	tb	po	a
Murphy, p	4	0	0
G. Conram, 2b	4	1	1
Polvish, rf	3	0	1
McGregor, lf	3	0	0
Hannigan, ss	3	0	1
Leonard, c	3	0	7
O'Brien, lb	2	0	9
Farnsworth, cf	2	1	4
Totals	28	3	24

SHIRLEY.		WEST FITCHBURG A. A.	
ab	tb	po	a
Shirley	4	2	0
W. Fitch A. A.	0	0	0

Runs made by Connors 2, Cook 3, Collyer 2, Sheddy 2, Burrill 2, Allaire 1.

Resigned.

Herbert F. Taylor has resigned his position as superintendent of the industrial school for boys at Shirley to take effect the first of August. Mr. Taylor is undecided as to his plans for the future and with his wife and three children will take a vacation during the month of August. Mr. Butterfield, the assistant superintendent of the school, will be acting superintendent until another is appointed.

Mr. Taylor has made a large number of friends since coming here and his leaving will be a distinct loss to the town. He was also popular at the school and was noted for giving a square deal to everyone with whom he was brought in contact, but he took a special and personal interest in the boys under his care, who regret very much his leaving the institution.

Centre.

Last Saturday night Edward R. Thompson met with quite a serious accident. While driving home from Shirley Village his horse became frightened at an automobile and ran away throwing him out and making several bad cuts on his face and hands. He was found soon after by Robert Holden lying unconscious in the road and was taken to Mrs. C. E. Lynch's, where his wounds were dressed by Dr. Pierce and he was taken home from there by Homer P. Holden. His friends will be glad to hear that he is getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Henry Farrar and family have moved into the Joseph P. Thompson place and have rented their place near West Groton.

Shirley grange will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 2.

The Girls' Sewing guild held a very successful fair in the town hall on Thursday afternoon, July 28, and a musical entertainment and dance in the evening. Tayer's orchestra furnished the music.

Last Friday afternoon Sarah Hubbard fell from a scaffold in Henry P. Grout's barn, where she was playing and broke her right wrist. She is under the care of Dr. Hopkins of Ayer.

The Alliance met last Thursday with Mrs. Henry F. Grout, Rev. G. W. Cooke gave the address of the afternoon.

Marion Walther of Wollaston spent a few days last week with Miriam Goodspeed.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will preach at Trinity chapel, Sunday, July 31.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Completely Surprised.

Miss Annie Gilman was given a tin shower at the home of Mrs. Louise Bragg, Monday evening, July 25. Miss Gilman was completely surprised when her young friends showered her with tin ware of all kinds. A tempting supper was served by Mrs. Louise Bragg and Mrs. Belle Fessenden, who planned the affair. Selections by an orchestra composed of Alfred S. Barnaby, cornet; Walter B. Fessenden, drum; Mrs. Louise Bragg, piano, pleasingly rendered. Later in the evening dancing was enjoyed. The large old-fashioned fireplace was banked with ferns, and sweet peas made all of the rooms very attractive. Among the guests from out-of-town were Miss Lillian Hattan, Frank Bailey, Lynn, Mass.; Miss Annie Binton, Brockton, Mass. The memory of the evening will long remain.

News Items.

John Dobson and Miss Helen Dobson of Townsend were recent guests of Mrs. Sarah Colburn and Mrs. Harry Campbell.

Miss Mary L. Brown is enjoying camp life at Salisbury Beach, Mass.

Miss Marion A. Stiles entertained her Sunday school class of little people at her cozy home on the Millford road, Wednesday afternoon, July 20. Music and games added to the pleasure of the afternoon. Ice cream, cake, waters and sandwiches were served. Happiness prevailed and the afternoon will long be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hadley, Harold Hadley, Margaret Hadley and Miss Ellen Guild of Cambridge, Mass., are at their summer home.

Miss Mary Keyes of Wilton has been the guest of Miss Florence Sargent, and George Champlin of Putnam, Conn., spent Sunday at the Sargent cottage.

Theodore L. Bridges of the Boston weather bureau spent Sunday at the parental home.

Married, Saturday, July 23, by Rev. Warren L. Noyes, Willard R. Snow of Leominster, Mass., and Mrs. Martha Burgess Wright of Brookline. They will reside at Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Felker of Brockton, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Valedge.

E. Wallace Smith has not been seen for the past few days.

Mrs. Nathaniel Appleton and Mrs. Emma Blake of East Pepperell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker, Thursday, July 21.

Edward C. Wade of Boston, James H. S. Tucker, Walter Nutting, Bert Morrow and Mr. Cross of Nashua were also guests at the Tucker home-stead last week.

Rev. Charles Davis of Hollis will preach at the Congregational church, Sunday morning, in exchange with Rev. Warren L. Noyes.

Several attended the ball game at Townsend, Saturday, July 3. Among the number was Mrs. M. J. Bosworth, who, notwithstanding she has passed her eighty-seventh milestone, enjoyed the game with as much enthusiasm as the young people.

Mrs. Mary Gerrish of Ayer is to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish.

Many pleasant remembrances reminded Mrs. Mabel Lawrence, Tuesday, July 6, that it was her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillian Shattuck and son Gerald of Pepperell, were guests in town on Sunday.

Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle and Miss Martha Wright are at Freeport, Me., for two weeks.

Miss A. M. Clark of Cambridge, Mass., is the guest of Miss Ellen C. Sawtelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey and sons spent Sunday at the Lawrence farm at Pepperell.

Mrs. Miller and little daughter of Boston, are boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Powers.

The many friends of Mrs. Mary Cox are glad to hear that she is improving from her recent illness.

Entertained.

Those who took part in the drama of Nevada, were delightfully entertained on Thursday evening, July 21, at the apartments of Rev. James N. Seaver and Mrs. W. Temple Boultonhouse at the Cleveland homestead. The rooms were decked with fragrant blossoms. Selections from Shakespeare and James Whitcomb Riley were given by Rev. James Seaver. Music by an orchestra, composed of Mrs. W. Temple Boultonhouse, piano; Miss Adelaide Markham, violin; Frank W. Jenness, violin; Alfred S. Barnaby, cornet, finely rendered several selections; reading, "The preacher's mother," Miss Lila Barnaby; reading, "The little church around the corner," Alfred S. Barnaby; vocal duet, Misses Ethel and Maude Taylor.

Literary games were enjoyed. Ice cream, waters and confections were served. Miss Maude Taylor, Miss Blanche Hall, Miss Ethel Taylor, Cassius R. Nye, were also in attendance.

Death.

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Taylor, widow of the late William Taylor, died Friday evening, July 22, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Fisher at Worcester, Mass., aged 76 yrs., 2 mos. Death resulted from the effects of a shock and a weak heart.

The funeral took place at the home of her son, Edwin Taylor, Brookline, Monday afternoon, Rev. James N. Seaver officiating and tenderly paying tribute to the beloved mother.

The body reposed in a handsome dark grey casket, surrounded by a profusion of beautiful blossoms. Among them was a pillow inscribed mother, from the sons, lyre, Mrs. Bessie Higley, sheaf of wheat, Mrs. Minnie Fisher.

The burial was in the family lot at the South cemetery, the sons serving as bearers. Mrs. Jennie Boutelle and Mrs. Bertha Brown sweetly sang, "Nearer my God to thee," and "Some day we'll understand."

Two daughters—Mrs. Minnie Fisher of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. Bessie Higley of Harrisburg, Pa.; four sons—George of Dover, Mass., Walter, Edwin and Frank of Brookline, and four-

teen grandchildren deeply mourn the loss of a dear mother and grandmother.

Among those in attendance from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higley, Harrisburg, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. William Fisher, Worcester; Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, Miss Georgiana Taylor, Miss Madeline Taylor, Edwin Taylor, Herbert Taylor, Dover, Mass.; Arthur Bennett. A sweet, motherly woman whose sunny disposition reflected upon all who met her.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY B. FIELD, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, HENRY B. FIELD, administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

W. L. ROGERS, Register.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Catherine and Thomas Haley of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Mary K. Fletcher of said Pepperell dated March thirteenth, 1894, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, libro 2259, folio 321 and assigned to Augustus Woods of Groton in said County by assignment dated October twenty-fifth, 1895, and recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, libro 2335, folio 424, for breach of condition contained therein, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction upon the premises, near the buildings thereon, on Tuesday, the ninth day of August A. D. 1910, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows:

"A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Easterly part of said Pepperell and on the westerly side of the road leading from H. A. Parker's mills to Pine Orchard School House so called, and containing twenty-four square rods more or less and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at the north-easterly corner of the premises on said road at land of Philip Attridge; thence running westerly by said Attridge land one hundred and twenty-two feet to a stone bound at land of heirs of John Sullivan; thence southerly by said Sullivan's land fifty feet to land of Mark Riley; thence easterly by said Riley's land one hundred and thirty-eight feet to the above said road; thence northerly by said road fifty feet to the place of beginning."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and taxes assessed or to be assessed for the year 1910. Other terms and conditions made known at the time and place of sale.

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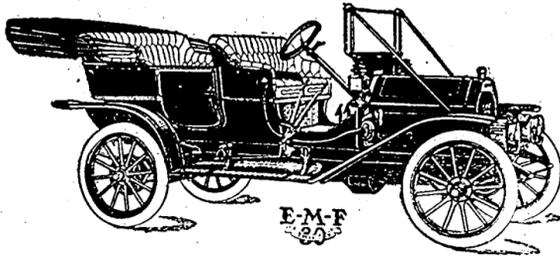
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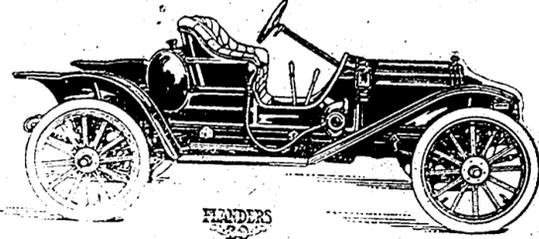
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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to a warrant issued by the Probate Court in and for the County of Middlesex to the undersigned as commissioner to make sale and partition among the parties entitled hereto of the real estate hereinafter described, dated July 5, 1910, will be sold at public auction on the premises on Saturday, August 6th, 1910, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Easterly part of Shirley in said County of Middlesex on the Easterly side of the road leading from Shirley Village to Groton, being the same premises conveyed by Nancy M. Barrett et al to Charles E. Farmer and John Farmer by deed dated June 16, 1888 and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 1889, page 35.

Said premises are now occupied by John Farmer. Terms: \$100 down and remainder within ten days from the day of sale.

JOHN M. MALONEY, Commissioner.

Ayer, July 15, 1910. 3144

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

Groton, Mass., July 20, 1910.

The owners and occupants of the following described parcels of real estate, situated in the Town of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the Taxes thereon, severally assessed, for the years hereinafter specified, according to the list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Town by the Assessors of Taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land, sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public auction at the Selectmen's room, in said Groton, on Saturday, September 10, 1910, at two o'clock, P. M., for the payment of said taxes with interest, cost and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.

The sum set against the description of the estate shows the amounts due thereon for the taxes, for the non-payment of which said estate is to be sold, not including costs and interest thereon and costs and charges incident to this sale.

Emily C. Blood.
Lot No. 1. A lot of land in the village of Groton at the corner of Hollis and Champey Streets, containing about 2 1/2 acres of land, and the buildings thereon, being described as follows: Southwesterly by Champey Street; Westerly by land of H. E. Blood; Easterly by Common and Streets.

Tax for 1907, \$26.95; for 1908, \$26.95.

Lot No. 2. A lot of farm land in the village of Groton, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, containing about 70 acres of land with the buildings thereon; bounded and described as follows: Westerly by Champey road; Northerly by the called Fitzpatrick road; Easterly by the Raddin place, so-called; Westerly by land of Torrey and land of Lewis.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, given by Floretta Vining to "The Trustees of the Groton Ministerial Fund," of Groton, Mass., Middlesex County, dated October 10th, 1907, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, Book 3231, page 497, for breach of conditions contained therein and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at public auction on the premises on Monday, August 22, 1910, at two o'clock, P. M., all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described as follows, viz:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in said Groton and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the junction of the highway leading from Ayer past the dwelling house of the grantor to Groton Centre with the highway leading from said highway easterly past the dwelling house formerly of Charles H. Lewis; thence northerly by first named highway to land of grantor; thence easterly by land of grantor and land of F. E. Gilson to a corner; thence southerly by land of said Gilson to said highway (leading past the dwelling house formerly of Charles H. Lewis); thence westerly by last named highway to point of beginning, containing about two and three-fourths acres and being the same premises conveyed to Charles Jacobs by deed of Marcella A. Duren, dated December 18th, 1888, and recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, Book 1884, page 228. For title of said Floretta Vining see Probate records, estate Elizabeth Jacobs, No. 49,884, Middlesex County at Cambridge, Mass.

Said premises are sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and assessments.

Terms: Three hundred dollars cash on day of sale, balance on receipt of deed.

"The Trustees of the Groton Ministerial Fund," Mortgagee. By Everett B. Gerrish, Treasurer. Groton, July 18, 1910. 3145

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Saturday, July 30, 1910.

GROTON.

News Items.

Miss Kate Whalen and Miss Maggie Crowley have planned to start next week Wednesday for a two weeks' vacation trip in Canada. They will go to Montreal, Quebec and other places.

Miss Lucy B. Raddin is spending a part of her vacation with friends at South New Castle, Me.

The F. H. Chandlers have moved their household goods back to Cambridge. Mrs. Chandler, it is said, wished to improve an advantageous offer in business which opened to her in the city.

Miss Carrie Stevens was up from Somerville this week, stopping at P. J. Benedict's, to attend the successful Grange lawn party of Tuesday evening.

Warren Whitehill and his sister, Miss Elizabeth Whitehill, are enjoying a visit at the home of their uncle in Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howe Richards (Julia Coolidge) whose pretty fresco wedding reception was quite the event of last month, are spending their honeymoon quietly at Squam lake, New Hampshire.

Last Sunday the thermometers in town registered from ninety-two to ninety-five degrees above zero, according to the different locations. Strenuous efforts were made to get relief from the intense heat. Some stretched themselves under trees or sought other shady places. Even the cellar was made a place of refuge. Old Baddacook was a resort for a large number.

Deacon and Mrs. T. R. Clough of the Ayer road have been entertaining as guests her sister, Mrs. Whittemore and others of the family from Fitchburg.

The members of the Brown Loaf club with their families and several invited friends, making forty-nine in all, enjoyed their annual picnic at Baddacook on Wednesday. They had a most bountiful lunch and good appetites. The younger people played games and rowed on the pond. All report a most enjoyable outing, with a camera on duty before the party broke up for their several homes.

Miss Ida Salom from Boston is a guest of Mrs. James R. Hawkes.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson is preparing an entertainment to be given in the near future for the benefit of the District Nurse association. The date is not yet fixed for the event.

Miss Phyllis E. Gay is at home at the Brown Loaf Hill farm.

Robert E. Sargent has been laid up with rheumatic trouble.

The regular services of the Baptist church and Sunday school will be resumed next Sunday, after a two weeks' suspension. Rev. H. A. Cornell expected to return to Groton yesterday after an eighteen days' trip, including visits to Troy, N. Y., New York city and Providence.

Miss Elsie Shattuck returned on Monday from a three weeks' visit among friends at South Newbury, N. H. Miss Evelyn Rowe, one of her former pupils there, returned with Miss Shattuck for a week's visit.

Dr. A. Platt Andrew, assistant secretary of the treasury has selected Robert Low Bacon, a graduate of Groton school '07, as his private secretary.

Dr. and Mrs. Seward are to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence of Groton at their summer home, Isleboro, Me., in August.

The Groton Alerts were out at their best last Saturday afternoon with the Pepperell team, securing a victory in favor of Pepperell.

The jubilee of the town was last week when property appraised and reads as follows: Mrs. Taylor, New Haven, Conn., is a sister of her daughter, Mrs. Francis H. Brown.

Mrs. F. M. Thompson, Conn., is a guest of Mrs. E. P. Sumner, Mrs. E. P. Sumner, the sister of Miss C. A. Hatfield, for months past a patient at Groton hospital.

During the thunder shower on Monday afternoon, an elm tree at Dr. Steere's, Still's place, corner of Longley and Chicopee Row streets, was struck and splintered.

Miss Bertha Clarke is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rockwood at Lunenburg. Miss Marion Blood is enjoying an outing at Fitzwilliam, N. H.

The lawn party held by Groton Grange on the town house grounds on Tuesday night, was attended by a large crowd. The concert by the Groton band was one of the attractions. Ice cream, cake and summer drinks were disposed of in large quantities. A dance in the town hall with music by the grange orchestra closed the evening's pleasures. The proceeds of the affair more than paid for the expenses incurred. This was the evening with the Ayer brothers and sisters. The next meeting is Bachelors' night on Tuesday evening, August 9.

Mrs. E. C. Leonard, with her daughter, Miss Marguerite Leonard and Miss Marion Green, went Wednesday to South Hero, Vt., joining Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Durant and Miss Edna Leonard, who had previously gone to South Hero.

Benjamin P. Williams returned on Thursday to his home in Somerville, after a visit to F. A. Sherwin. His daughter, Miss Eleanor Williams, visited the W. A. Brown family, camping at Sandy pond.

Mrs. P. H. Crowley with little daughter is staying for a while at Frides Crossing, where Mr. Crowley is chauffeur for a Mr. Fraser.

Mrs. Gould returned on Monday from a few days' visit with friends in Lancaster.

The question about the words sanitarium and sanatorium, which arose among a number of Groton people not long ago is thus settled by authority. "The words sanitarium and sanatorium are popularly understood to have the same meaning and are generally used interchangeably. But there is in fact quite a distinction between the two words. In answer to a correspondent, the Literary Digest says: the distinction between these two lies on the fact that they are derived from two different Latin roots. Sanitarium is from sanatorius, meaning health-giving. Sanatorium is derived from the Latin sanus, meaning whole or sound. It is the province of a sanitarium to preserve health, that of a sanatorium to restore it."

There will be no services at the Unitarian church next Sunday nor during the month of August.

Miss McLaren of Providence, R. I., is the guest of her friend, Miss Fannie E. Woods.

Some of the last loads of hay are going into well-filled barns this week. Groton farmers are well satisfied with their hay crop and the exceptionally fine weather for its harvest.

During the thunder storm on Wednesday night the lightning struck at the Mrs. Thomas Smith place in the Nashua River Paper company neighborhood, a little to the north of the mill.

A number of telephones in town were put out of commission by the lightning on Wednesday night.

Mrs. A. A. Wood with her niece and son Malcolm are camping out at Baddacook. Mr. Wood also going down to the camp at the close of his day's work.

Miss Carrie Clarke has been acting chief telephone operator at central, during the absence of Miss Floyd.

A daughter was born on Monday, July 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woods.

The Groton Alerts are continuing their ball games on Shumway field. This Saturday afternoon they try bats with the Townsends and of course intend to cover themselves with glory. Over forty dollars was cleared at the grange lawn party on Tuesday night. The success of the affair is very gratifying to the members. Much credit is due to Walter Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stone of Ayer. Others who helped also share in the credit of its success.

Groton Inn is having a full house this summer. Eighty-two guests were at dinner last Sunday.

Frank A. Torrey, esq., commenced moving into his new home on Main street this week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Newt Carlin one day last week.

Mrs. Silas Gustin, mother of Rev. Byron F. Gustin of Amherst, and of Mrs. Elsie Gustin Marshall of Nashua, died at Nashua on Sunday, July 24. Mrs. Gustin's illness was short and unusual in its character. A clot of blood had formed at the knee which developed rapidly in such a dangerous condition that amputation was necessary. The patient did not rally from the effects. The interment was in Groton cemetery, where her husband was buried several years ago. Rev. George M. Howe officiated at the committal service at the cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. G. M. Howe, pastor of the Congregational church, begins his vacation next Monday. The following are the present arrangements for the pulpit supply during August: August 7, Rev. C. W. Loomis of Ashby; August 14, Rev. J. A. Mitchell of Brain-tree; August 21, Rev. Mr. Southgate, secretary of Massachusetts Bible society; August 28, Rev. A. F. Newton of North Leominster. The supply of August 7 is to be furnished through the kindness of the pastor, who will exchange with Mr. Loomis.

Groton experienced continued hot weather on Monday, July 25, the entrance of dog days. The shower of the afternoon was heavy but very acceptable. No general damage is reported here as occurred in some places.

Miss Ruth A. Floyd and Leroy S. Converse, both of Groton, were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Everett at East Douglas on Saturday, July 1. Mr. and Mrs. Converse returned to Groton on Thursday, July 28.

West Groton.

Mr. Starr, with his stone drill, is still in the village. The well of A. H. Thompson is being lowered.

Miss Addie Rudolph, at W. V. Bixby's, has been quite ill.

Allen Sedley of Boston, accompanied by Mrs. Sedley and his two daughters, has arrived at his summer home here. Mr. Sedley holds a position in one of the Boston schools.

Miss Elsie Tarbell spent a few days of her vacation with relatives in East Jaffrey.

Miss Josephine Ripley, employed at Charles Bixby's, is away on a two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. Josephine L. Nutting is in Groton for a time, as nurse and housekeeper in the family of Henry Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woolover and children returned last Tuesday from a week's visit in Nova Scotia.

John and James Walsh of South Boston are visiting at Mrs. Margaret Kane's.

Miss Kathleen McGowan with two friends, Miss Phyllis Roach of Groton and Miss Emma Lynch of Lowell, is enjoying a two week's stay at Nahant.

Last Wednesday Mrs. W. W. Ames entertained at her camp, Iderest, Mrs. R. W. Bliss, with her daughters, the Misses Ethel and Lida, and son Cadwell; also, Miss Marie Dumphy. All enjoyed a most enjoyable day.

A. W. Lamb's house on Bixby hill is progressing rapidly. The electricians began wiring on Wednesday.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Curran on last Saturday. The little one lived but a short time.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge was called to Taunton on last Tuesday by the sudden death of a former parishioner.

Last Tuesday's Sabbath school picnic is reported as a very enjoyable affair. The weather man obligingly gave the very best day of the season. Sixty-five picnickers, little and big, enjoyed the outing. They were transported to Whalom by carriage, automobile and train, but by far the larger number were taken to Lunenburg by a four-horse barge and from thence to their destination by trolley. A tired, but merry crowd returned in the early evening.

TOWNSEND.

West.

Everett Pierce of Brookline is at the Pierce cottage on Elm street. Miss Mabel Thompson is enjoying an outing at New London, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Seaver from Marberth, Pa., have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver, leaving Monday morning for South Harpswell, Me., where they will spend the remainder of their vacation.

Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Babson are occupying their bungalow on Wallace hill for the summer.

Miss Blanche Baldwin is spending a week at Kittery, Me. From there she goes to Sheepscot, where she will remain for several days.

Among the guests in this vicinity are Mrs. Fred Lane at Mrs. Lizzie Spaulding's, Miss Norma Anee at Mr. Hager's, Miss Hazel Harvey at T. Harvey's, Mr. and Mrs. Covell and Mrs. E. L. Field, all of Shelburne Falls, at Pinehurst.

Miss Lenora Bradley spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Josselyn.

One of the prettiest flower gardens in this vicinity is that of Mrs. Lizzie Spaulding. Conspicuous among the wealth of bloom is a bed of giant ruffled petunias, some of the blossoms measuring over four inches in diameter.

At the union Sunday school picnic of Townsend held at the Pepperell Springs, Wednesday, a delegation of twenty-eight represented the Harbor. In the field sports Harry Knight won three first prizes.

Last Saturday Mrs. Emma Spaulding, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Josselyn, went from the Harbor in her car to North Rochester, where she will spend the remainder of the summer with her sons, Leon and Roland Spaulding. Mr. and Mrs. George Gates accompanied Mrs. Spaulding.

Expressions of rejoicing are heard on all sides from the telephone subscribers that Miss Bertha Spaulding has resumed her duties at the central office. Miss Spaulding is a central operator, efficient and reliable, and her service is always of the highest order.

Since April 20, on which date Joseph Dubeau set up his saw mill on the woodlot formerly belonging to the Reed estate, 600,000 feet of lumber have been sawed and piled. The first of this week Mr. Dubeau moved his mill to the south side of the Squancook river, where he expects to keep it running till the first of December. Mr. Dubeau employs twenty-four men, and with the exception of himself and the head sawyer, all the men are boarded and live in houses belonging to the mill outfit.

Archie and Almon, sons of the head sawyer, Mr. Boisvert, are spending their vacation at their father's in September they return to the St. Cesaire school in Canada.

AYER.

Grange Traveling Picnic.

On the morning of July 29, a special car decorated with pink and green streamers, emblems of the order, left Ayer, bound for a two days' trip to Amherst Agricultural college. Patroned from Groton, Pepperell, Townsend, Mason, Nashua, Acton, Littleton and Ayer, were joined by other members from Shirley, Leominster, Ashby and Fitchburg at different stations along the way, so that when Greenfield was reached at eleven o'clock there were seventy-six members ready to take the special electric car. At that place an automobile party from Fitchburg joined us on our trip down to Old Deerfield.

We had with us on our car, the manager of the Connecticut Valley Street Railway Company. He gave us descriptions of the places of interest we passed. Our first stop was at Old Deerfield, rich in relics of the Indian massacre of 1675. We visited the basket shop, the pottery, the Allen house and several other places of interest in this quaint town, then on to South Deerfield, then we visited Bloody Brook monument and the grave where Captain Lorthrop and forty-six of his men, who were killed by the Indians, are buried.

Our next stop was at Mt. Sugarloaf, State reservation. Stopping here two hours, gave us ample time to eat our basket lunch and climb the mountain. The mountain is a conical peak of sandstone, which rises at this point almost perpendicularly to a height of five hundred feet. By taking a foot-path guarded by iron railings, one reaches the top to have one of the grandest views possible for miles on either side. The valley stretches away to our view with the beautiful Connecticut river, winding its way through acres and acres of the most fertile soil in New England. From the top of this mountain King Philip laid his plans as he looked over the valley. It is not probable that he imagined the great beauty of its present condition with its four thousand acres of highly cultivated tobacco and onions, dotted with its thrifty little settlements.

Leaving Sugarloaf mountain reservation we rode along through the valley with tobacco growing so near the cartrack that we could easily pull off the leaves and the fields of onions gave us their appetizing perfume. Passing through Hatfield our attention was called to a little old brown house, where Sophia Smith, the founder of Smith college, was born.

We reached Northampton about 3.45 p. m., where we were switched off on to the road to Amherst. Here we crossed the Connecticut river on the longest trolley bridge in the world, 1,388 feet.

We reached the Massachusetts Agricultural college at four p. m. After resting for a while in the assembly hall, which was given over exclusively to us, we walked about the grounds, watched a game of baseball between the Pepperell and Amherst boys, and were all ready for dinner at six o'clock. This was served in the college dining hall at 7.30. We went to the chapel where we were entertained for one hour. At the close of the entertainment, those who wished, attended the concert and dance given by our members in the drill house. Our orchestra was highly complimented for its excellent music.

We were furnished with the best of lodgings at the Amherst Prospect hotels, and were all on hand for our breakfast at the college at seven a. m., Thursday morning. At eight o'clock we attended chapel services, after which we were divided up into squads of ten or twelve with one of the students as a guide for each squad. We visited all the buildings which gave us a tramp of about three hours. The college grounds comprise four hundred acres and buildings for all sorts and kinds of experiments are located at different points, so we were all ready for the excellent lunch served us at noon.

At one p. m., we assembled at chapel and listened to brief addresses given by the professors on the management of the college and what they were accomplishing.

At 2.45 we left Amherst college for the steam car station, leaving there at 3.24 for home, by the way of Oakdale. It was a tired crew that reached Ayer to separate for our homes, but everyone was well pleased.

Great credit is due Mrs. L. E. Starr of Pepperell, in planning and carrying out such a pleasant and useful trip. And we shall always remember the kindness and courtesy shown us at Amherst Agricultural college.

A GRANGER.

Items of Interest.

A French writer predicts that in the course of 100 years very few persons will live in cities. Cities will then be used only for business purposes, is his idea.

So many counterfeit nickels are dropped into the fare boxes of a New York street railway company that the lead realized, when they are melted down, makes an appreciable item in the revenue of the road.

To enable the war department of Russia to keep in communication with the easternmost parts of the empire, wireless telegraph stations are to be built in Siberia.

In tidal harbors, warships require 1,000 to 1,450 feet clear space to swing at anchor.

At Shefford, England, a new house has been completed, the first in fifty years.

By means of hydraulic apparatus, some English millers squeeze flour into the form of bricks. The pressure destroys all forms of larval life, thus preserving the flour from the ravages of insects while it is equally secure from mold.

The question of reviving corporal punishment in Baltimore public schools is being considered by a committee of teachers to whom it was referred by the school board.

The first records of Halle's comet was B. C. 240.

Abandoned farms in New England are being sought for tree cultivation. In New York city a ten-story building was recently built in forty-seven working days.

Volapuk, one of the attempts at a universal language, was introduced early in the 80s.

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Administrator's Sale of REAL ESTATE By virtue of a license granted to me by the Probate Court for the County of Middlesex, dated June 24, 1910, will be sold at public auction, on the premises, at two o'clock P. M., Saturday, August 20, 1910, the following described real estate, viz: A parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on the westerly side of Pearl street in Ayer in said County of Middlesex, being the same premises conveyed to Ermina L. Kingsbury as Minnie L. Kingsbury by Abbie J. Hayward by two deeds, recorded with Middlesex So. Dist. Deeds, Book 2006, page 48 and Book 2388, page 144, respectively, less a strip 90 ft. long and 22 ft. wide on the north-westerly corner thereof which was conveyed by said Kingsbury to Raymond G. Kelleran, by deed dated July 25, 1899, and recorded with said Deeds, Book 2756, page 476. Said premises are the well known Kingsbury place, consisting of a large house and barn and plenty of land. Terms made known at time of sale. THOMAS F. MULLIN, Administrator of the estate not already administered of Ermina L. Kingsbury. Ayer, July 28th, 1910. 3w46

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Saturday, July 30, 1910.

AYER.

To the Editor.

As my attention has been called to a recent communication published in your paper on the school situation in Ayer, I wish to correct, if possible, a mistaken impression given by it. My decision to resign as superintendent was reached without the knowledge of the school committee or of any member and the question of salary did not directly enter it. While it is true that if I could have felt sure at the time of a large increase in salary I should probably have declined the offer of my present position, I made no advance or suggestion to any member of the committee that an increase would be expected, or that I was considering another offer. In fact, after I had made my decision, the secretary of the joint committee, Mr. Brown, told me repeatedly that if I would reconsider I could be sure of a substantial increase. That was all he could do, and I did not feel at liberty to withdraw my acceptance, having once given it.

I have no reason to doubt that had I remained at Ayer the joint committee would have voted me as large a salary as that paid my successor, but it is hardly fair to make comparisons as the conditions are wholly different. I did not care to await the outcome of the new district formation with a very promising opening at hand.

If it is not presumptuous for an outsider to make comments on some of the points made in the communication referred to, I desire to say a few words. In many towns the school committees avoid as far as possible employing local teachers. They feel that a girl who has grown up under a school system and has acquired only the broadening influence of a year or two of outside schooling is too narrow to give the best results without considerable experience in other towns. The schools of Ayer usually average from forty to fifty pupils. Is it fair either to the children or the teacher to allow a young girl, with only three months of more or less theoretical training, to assume the care of such a school? Would the parents in Ayer want to send their children there?

The usual school in a town of "New Hampshire or Vermont," open to such a girl, numbers from fifteen or twenty-five. One not familiar with the workings of a room, say in the Washington street building, has no idea of the skill required in making every movement count, of securing the most enthusiastic response, a skill foreign to a green teacher unless she be a prodigy. It is the general experience of school committees and of teachers themselves that, except in a city, a girl does better work and meets with better success if she teaches a school not at her home.

The question of the increase in the cost of schools is receiving attention in all parts of the state. For Ayer the answer is simple. The addition to the Pleasant street building caused a great increase in expenditure for coal and janitor service. In 1906 the teachers below the seventh grade received not over eleven dollars a week, and nearly all received ten dollars. Now all receive at least eleven dollars and some twelve dollars. There is also an additional high school teacher.

Ayer like every town is rapidly coming face to face with the question of much larger salaries for the grades to retain efficient teachers, but no one can for a moment substantiate a charge of misapplication of funds or even of lack of care in expending money by the school committee.

Instead of leaving Ayer because of unfavorable conditions, I know of repeated instances, while in Ayer, of teachers refusing offers of better salaries because the conditions under and the relations with the school committee and the relations with the school authorities were so harmonious. The surprise is not that so many teachers are now leaving, but that Ayer with her necessarily low salaries has been able to retain for so long a time teachers of such recognized efficiency.

Among the several specific instances referred to only one came under my personal knowledge. On several different occasions during my superintendency Miss Eagles received offers of schools at increases in salary. Last fall she received at one time two offers, one in the city of Everett, where there is excellent opportunity for advancement. The committee could have increased her to six hundred dollars and she might have stayed for a short time, but they felt that would necessarily be the maximum, and they could therefore offer her no prospective increase as an inducement for her to remain. They felt very properly, it seemed to me, that they ought not to stand in the way of her professional advancement, although they were sorry to have her go. She could have gained nothing more professionally to remain in Ayer.

It is very probably true that the action of the committee in each of the other cases was quite as fair and broad as in this. The salary paid her successor was made necessary by the scarcity of desirable teachers.

A regular system of increases in teachers' salaries is a fine thing for a city or a large town, but in a small town it often happens that a teacher is doing too good work to be dismissed, but not good enough to receive the approval an increase in salary gives, while the salary of another teacher should increase faster than such a plan would allow. There is little doubt that such a system would cause greater confusion than the present plan of considering individual merit. Ayer has excellent schools and a school committee whose untiring efforts to serve the best interests of both the schools and the public should receive the heartiest commendation of every thoughtful citizen.

ERNEST P. CARR.
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2.00,	1.55	2.00,	1.65

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AYER.

News Items.

Mrs. Mary Gerrish, who has been a resident here for a number of years, left last week Wednesday for Brookline, N. H., and makes her home with her oldest son, Edward P. Gerrish.

The house on Pleasant street, recently vacated by C. H. Fisher, who has moved into the Balcom house on Forest street, is to be occupied by James W. Brown, now in Mr. Donlon's house on Pleasant street.

George H. Hill has a mare that was thirty-five years old on July 25, is sound and is still able to travel. It is a question whether there is another one in the State of her age.

Mrs. Maria F. Green of Leominster, widow of Charles Green, has been allowed by the probate court \$500 out of his estate. An inventory of the estate showed personal property of \$678.86 and real estate of \$4,500. Mrs. Green was a former resident of this town, and her daughter is Mrs. J. E. Bulkeley.

Married in Ayer, July 27, by Rev. J. W. Thomas at the parsonage, Everett E. Hilton and May J. Baker of Revere.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage, and two children, Llewellyn and Helen, and Mrs. Gertrude P. Turner left Thursday afternoon for Niagara Falls and from there down the St. Lawrence, through the Thousand Islands and the rapids to Montreal. Mrs. Savage and children and Mrs. Turner expect to return in three weeks. Mr. Savage expects to start on his 2,500-mile trip from Montreal to Victoria, B. C., in about three weeks.

Word comes from Mrs. George L. Osgood concerning their most delightful trip in their new auto to Mrs. Osgood's parents' home in Sullivan, Me., the latter part of last week. She says she will always have the best words for the E-M-F machine, as it went so easily over what should be called mountains and hard roads. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood shared the very liberal hospitality of Mrs. C. L. Farnsworth, now spending the summer at Old Orchard Beach, on their trip to Maine.

The circulation of the Public Spirit through the postoffice here and Sherwin's and publication office is from eight to ten times larger than any other paper circulating through the same sources. We have at least in Ayer over 2,000 readers every week and the town is fully covered by the Public Spirit. In Littleton, Westford, Boxborough and Harvard, we have a very large list of subscribers and no other paper is represented in these towns from here. Proofs for these assertions are in this office.

Raymond Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Miller, celebrated his ninth birthday on Thursday afternoon by inviting his young friends and acquaintances to a lawn party at his home on Pleasant street. Numerous games were enjoyed by the young folks and refreshments consisting of sherbert, cake, candy, nuts, etc., were

served. The youthful host was presented with a number of gifts and remembrances, and all joined in extending him their hearty congratulations and best wishes for many happy returns of the day.

The third story of Mr. Phelps' building on West street is to be fitted up for eight sleeping rooms and is to be connected by a bridge to the house in the rear. The rooms will be furnished with modern conveniences and will be very handy, being so central.

Four tramps were chased out of town by the local police Thursday.

John C. Duffy, Martin Scullane, James H. Hillery and William Moore attended the New England Field day of the order of Eagles, held at Providence on Thursday and report a fine time. They went in one of Proctor's automobiles.

Dr. E. H. Hopkins, Ellis B. Harlow and their families, accompanied by Mrs. M. L. Harlow, start Monday morning for a two weeks' vacation at Sunapee Lake, N. H. They have rented a cottage at the above beautiful lake.

The police officers raided the Union house on Forest street Thursday and were successful in finding two quarts of whiskey in four bottles which was hid in a room. They also found beer and wine glasses.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational church held a lawn party on Tuesday evening on the grounds of the church building which were illuminated with Japanese lanterns and gave a very pretty appearance. The high school orchestra furnished music during the evening and ice cream was sold; also, lemonade and popcorn. A goodly sum was added to the treasury of the society.

E. H. Longley is doing a good piece of work in his line in Littleton, putting in a cement floor to the cellar of the high school building and has the work nearly done.

A son weighing ten pounds was born on Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lapointe.

Miss Mary Riley is visiting at William H. Reynolds' this week and Sunday will go with a party from Boston to St. John, N. B., to spend a week. Miss Riley was formerly employed in this office.

Born on Wednesday, July 27, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Curran, née Hannah Sculley.

Dr. Cowles, who has been away on his vacation through this month is to return this Saturday.

There is to be no more preaching or services of any kind in the Congregational church for the next five Sundays, which will be until September 4.

John M. Maloney has sold his house on Newton street, near Washington street, to Mrs. Patrick Clarke, who formerly owned it, and Mrs. Clarke sold her house, nearest Columbia street, to Mrs. Kate Carrigan. It is the intention of Mr. Maloney to erect a nice house

on his lot, corner of Williams and Holmes streets, that he bought of Joseph P. Mullin.

The people of the Baptist church held a lawn party Wednesday evening on the grounds of the meeting house, which were lighted prettily with Japanese lanterns. Ice cream and cake was sold and the affair was a success.

Miss Nellie Carrigan is visiting in Groton this week.

Joseph Riley of East Pepperell was in court on July 23, charged with assault and battery at East Pepperell on two Polanders the day before. On trial he was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Peter Baltus of Shirley, charged with assault and battery at Shirley, July 3, Felix Millinascz, complainant, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

P. Donlon and family will give a Sandy Pond Saturday and occupy a cottage for the rest of the season.

It will be a great improvement when all the changes at the railway station are made. The concreting is nearly completed.

Next Sunday will be the second anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. W. Thomas of the Baptist church. Services will be appropriate and the occasion. Preaching at 10.15 a. m. and a day school at twelve. Training at seven p. m.

Deaths.

Mrs. Ellen H. Cullinan, wife of D. E. Cullinan, passed away July 22, at her home on West Main street. The cause of her death was heart failure. Mrs. Cullinan was a native of Ireland and was fifty-five years of age. She was married in Lowell twenty-seven years ago and Mr. and Mrs. Cullinan have lived nearly all their married life in Ayer. The husband, two children, Miss Harriet E. and Howard C., both of Ayer and one brother in Lowell, Cornelius Howard, and a sister in Ireland, survive her.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon in St. Mary's church, Rev. P. J. Sheedy officiating.

This is a sad death and the family have the sympathy of all at this time. Mrs. Cullinan has been a faithful wife and mother.

Michael Meehan, ninety-five years of age, passed away last Monday. The cause of his death was old age, he being but five years of the century mark.

Mr. Meehan came to this country from Ireland in 1860 and for years was a gardener of the Harvard Shakers. He later bought a small farm at Shaboken and lived there until last November when he came to live with his nephew, P. Donlon, a merchant of this place. Mr. Meehan was a thorough workman. His farm was well kept up and he was always a very pleasant and agreeable man. His wife passed away fifteen years ago.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday forenoon at St. Mary's church, Rev. P. J. Sheedy officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

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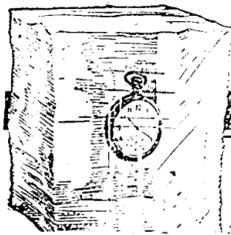
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By ADDISON HOWARD GIBSON.

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The full September moon shone down upon a little cabin on the dry prairies of western Kansas, lighting up the faces of a young man and woman who were slowly walking up and down the open space before the door.

"I was so happy, Rachel," the man said, glancing at the strong, beautiful face of his companion, "when I heard your school up in the Wyoming mountains was closed and you were coming home. I thought you were coming to stay this time. I hope so, for, Rachel, I've loved you a long time."

Dan Southard leaned toward the girl to study the effect of his avowal on her.

But Rachel Winton betrayed no emotion.

She merely turned her dark eyes from the man's eager face and looked off across the moonlit prairie.

"I've been working and waiting, Rachel," he continued, his voice husky with feeling, "until I had something to offer you. I was sure you wouldn't give up teaching for just anything—you're not that kind."

"But I've loved you ever since two years ago, when we all came out to these prairies together in our covered wagons. I remember, after we were here, how bravely you worked to help your parents get started off comfortably before you went with your uncle to Wyoming to teach that ranch school."

"Dan," she exclaimed almost sternly, "I haven't ceased to remember our old house, which father lost on that security debt, the home we were forced to leave when we came here. Mother and I were not very brave, for we shed tears most of the way, though no one knew it. We came because it was the only thing to do, but this pioneer life is a hard, hard one."

"In my heart I am at war with it and always have been. It takes away youth and kills all high and noble ambitions. See how mother has aged during the two years we have lived here. It makes me bitter. That's why I go back to teach. I'm going to make enough to take them away from this life."

"But, Rachel," he pleaded, "you shall never work as your mother has had to, I promise it," then suddenly, with a catch in his voice, "Say, girlie, there's no truth in the report about your caring for that rich Wyoming ranchman?"

"Mr. Miles has been very kind to me," she answered without pretending not to understand. "He has offered to let father and mother have the lovely home he owns in Denver if I'll marry him. It would be an ideal place for them to end their days in."

"My God, girlie! I couldn't stand it to see you the wife of another!" the young man cried, his strong frame shaken with emotion.

"You mustn't care so much, Dan," she returned, tender pity for his suffering making her tones kind. "Get a better girl to share your home—one who will love you enough to make the best of this land life."

"Never, never, Rachel!" he answered, with passion, "I love only you. If you could but read my heart and see how much you would surely care just a little for me. Your ranchman, rich as he is, will never love you as I do, Rachel! Never!"

"I couldn't love any man well enough to give up all I enjoy and settle down to this isolated life, this continual treadmill of drudgery," she retorted, turning away, then in a milder tone, "Forget me, Dan."

Forget her! That he would never do—he never could. There was a time—it was when they lived in their covered wagons and camped at night by the trail; yes, and even after they were settled here—that he had thought she cared for him.

Those had been the happiest days in Southard's life. He had never dreamed that she hated those free, rolling prairies so intensely.

Blind to this, he had been toiling on his new claim to get things in good shape before asking her to marry him. Bitterly now he felt that it was all labor lost, for without Rachel Winton nothing was worth while.

After gazing at the girl a moment in silent reproach Southard walked over to his tethered horse, mounted and rode away.

The moon climbed higher as Rachel stood looking after the vanishing horseman.

"Poor Dan!" she murmured. "He is so strong and good. Father and mother love him like a son, but I just can't, can't!" And the tears gathered in her eyes.

"I was intended for something better. If I wasn't, why should I dislike the rough, crude ways of pioneer life so terribly?"

With this question on her lips Rachel Winton entered the cabin, where her parents were already asleep, and sought her couch.

For a long time she lay awake, her mind, much against her will, busy comparing young Southard and Mr. Miles. Dan's clear cut but somewhat boyish face lost nothing by comparison with that of the bearded, middle aged ranch-

man who had been wooing her persistently for the past year.

Life with one meant the unceasing drudgery of the prairie farm; with the other, wealth to enable her to live wherever she might choose herself and also give her parents a comfortable home.

But which of the men held the key to her heart?

Really she could not tell, but she grew drowsy making herself believe she would be able in any event to compel her mind with its power of judging wisely to control her heart.

Toward midnight she was aroused by a strange pungent smell pervading her little room. Her breathing was not quite free. What could it mean?

She lay for a minute dazed, yet with what sense she could command, trying to discover the cause of the odor that was gaining in strength and stifling power.

Suddenly a great crimson light illumined the small window. With a quick movement Rachel sprang from bed, and as she did so there came to her ears the rapid beat of a horse's hoofs on the prairie road.

Then she heard Dan's voice burdened with awful import.

"Rachel!" he called, "Mr. Winton! Get up! Get up quick! The prairie is on fire!"

"Father! Mother!" the girl called, running to their bed. "Get up! Do you hear? There is a big fire. Yes, Dan," she called from the window as she helped her mother to dress.

"There's not a minute to lose," Southard called back. "The fire is sweeping this way as fast as a storm wind can bring it."

There had been no rain for three weeks, and everything was dry as tinder.

The Wintons understood the terrible danger impending.

Not only the cabin, but stock, crops, even they themselves, were at the mercy of those leaping flames.

"Bring the blankets, quick!" shouted Southard. Obeying him instantly, Rachel dragged every blanket out of the house.

Dan had ridden his horse to the little spring in the hollow and was rapidly filling every pail he had been able to find about the place.

Acting under his directions, the girl mounted her father's pony, and she and Dan carried water for Mr. and Mrs. Winton to wet the blankets, this being their only means of fighting the fire.

How they worked and fought! It seemed as if the whole world was arrayed against them, and all the while the moon looked down, cold and uncaring, while the fire swept fiercely onward until it caught in a row of dry cornstalks that reached nearly to the cabin. Here the battle must be fought with renewed energy.

The smoke of the burning grass and grain assailed their nostrils, scorched their throats and blinded their eyes, but with hands torn and blistered they toiled on.

When the old couple fell back overcome Dan and Rachel took their places with the heavy wet blankets and worked side by side. Inch by inch they beat back the angry flames.

Even in that terrible situation the girl felt a singular strength and coolness in working by Southard's side. She felt that the enemy must yield to such grand and compelling superiorities.

When the fire attacked them from another vulnerable point it was Dan's exhaustless energy that saved the day.

By sacrificing a patch of ripe grain through a prompt back fire, the foe was met and made to recoil in wrathful flames upon itself.

After a time the great body of the fire swept away northward, having consumed everything of the Wintons except cabin and stock.

With a thankfulness in their hearts for the preservation of these, the old couple entered the house and threw themselves upon the floor.

Then Southard and Rachel came back with weary, lagging feet from their last successful onslaught.

"Everything's safe now, Rachel," he said huskily, starting toward his horse.

"Dan," she questioned, a queer choking in her throat, "you are not going now?"

He stopped and looked at her. She had never appeared more beautiful to him than now, with the marks of that great fire battle upon her face and tattered dress.

"All we have left we owe to you, Dan," she went on, noting his scorched face, bleeding hands and burned clothing.

Then she placed her blackened hand on his shoulder. How he trembled under that touch.

"I don't feel as if I could bear to have you leave us, Dan." There was a tender pleading in her tones.

"The danger's over, Rachel," he reassured her, "and I must ride all the way to Westfield before daybreak."

"Why to Westfield?" she asked.

Without a word he pointed across the blackened prairie toward his claim.

Only a mass of smoking ruins marked the place where his house and stable had been. She understood.

"You left all you had to come to us, Dan," she said, with a sob, "now you have nothing left. Without your help everything here, even our lives, would have been sacrificed. Oh, Dan, the light of that fire has given me a sight of my own heart! I see that the true life for me is right here, and if you'll let me I'll help you make another home."

"Rachel!" he cried, "You can't mean it! Do you really love me?"

"I have loved you all the time, my knight of the prairies," she answered as his strong arms gathered her to his breast.



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FACTS IN FEW LINES

Last year Canada imported 1,146,041 dozens of eggs.

Natives of the upper Congo eat certain kinds of caterpillars.

In Sweden everybody pays an income tax whose income is above \$270.

There are 4,000,000 head of cattle in Colombia, half of which are supposed to be in the llanos, or plains.

Tanning snakeskins for the manufacture of women's belts has become a lucrative industry in Madras.

Brazil's great new port at Rio Grande do Sul was laid out by an engineer from the United States.

British seed crushers have 400,000 tons of last season's crop of soya beans in the far east under contract.

An English automobile enthusiast uses a seismograph to register the jolts imparted to his car by rough roads.

The foreign debt of Chile is \$99,220,636 United States gold, and the internal debt is \$15,797,555, making a total per capita debt of \$35.40.

During the last two years the oil production has doubled in America.

The production is \$16,000,000 greater in value than the output of gold in the United States.

The greatest hindrance to the development of Asia Minor is the absence of bridges at three points where the Euphrates is now crossed by ferries.

It is now proposed to build bridges.

Commanding officers in the British navy are allowed \$25 per year to purchase literature for use in the study of foreign languages by junior officers under instruction prior to passing for lieutenant.

The Argentine minister of finance has prohibited the importation of kettles and similar kitchen utensils which may be injurious to health because of the amount of lead used in manufacturing them.

The average for each inhabitant of the public debt of Great Britain is \$90.26, and it would require five years' revenue to equal the debt, which is now \$3,044,950,000, on the basis of the five pound sterling.

In a recent lecture Professor Voigt stated that Norway was only commencing to develop its vast mineral wealth. It has been calculated that the mines of Sydvaranger alone contain 100,000,000 tons of iron.

There is no prospect or possibility of the institution of canals in Cuba, and nature, by reason of the short water-sheds, has provided no rivers which can be improved so as to offer water competition to the railroads.

Ireland's most important crop is oats, to which over 1,000,000 acres are devoted, potatoes being next in importance, with 587,000 acres. Because of the extensive area devoted to grass live stock is a prominent feature in local farming.

The inhabitants of southern Italy and Sicily are alarmed by an invasion of ravens, which are causing serious damage. At the corresponding period of last year, preceding the terrible seismic catastrophe which destroyed Messina and Reggio, a similar invasion occurred.

Housewives in Australia are wrestling with the servant problem. Their advertisements make interesting reading. One offers "plenty of outings," another throws out the bait of "Sunday free," while a third goes one better with "Saturday afternoons and Sundays off."

Russia seems to go out of its way to find trouble. The legal professions have been declared closed to women by a council representing the various institutions of Russian lawyers and jurists. The question arose from the attempts of two women barristers—Mlle. Pleishutz at St. Petersburg and Mlle. Guensburg at Kiev—to plead in court. Their appearance as counsel is now decided to be illegal.

Lake Chad, in the desert of Sahara, will be investigated by an expedition which is soon to set out. Recent explorers have signally failed to agree as to the shape and size of this sheet of water. Apparently the lake is divided into two by a belt of islands and reedy swampy land; but, whereas the maps of French explorers show an open channel across this belt, a late expedition has declared it impassable.

Bendigo, Australia, has started a reform movement to stop the chiming and striking of all night public clocks, the city being moved thereto by Mme. Meiba. The prima donna passed a sleepless night in Bendigo owing to the din of clocks, and she has threatened never to visit the city again. The complaint has been discussed by the Bendigo city council, and it was decided to silence the clocks from midnight to 6 a. m.

Professor Jeremiah Smith of the Harvard Law school, who has presented his resignation, to take effect Sept. 1, 1910, when he will be in his seventy-third year, is actually a "son of the Revolution." His father, likewise Jeremiah Smith by name, ran away from Harvard in 1777 to join the Revolutionary army, being then eighty years of age. He served in the campaign against Burgoyne and was wounded at Bennington.

Up to a few years ago the streets of the city of Laurence Marquez, the capital of Portuguese East Africa, were mere "rivers of sand," and transportation by automobile seemed as far off as aerial navigation. The white man was hauled laboriously through the sand in rickshaws, and ladies went shopping swung from Kaffir borne poles in hammocks known as "mechillas." During the last decade, however, wonderful changes have taken place, so that today Laurence Marquez has forty miles of macadam streets, with promise of more to follow.

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SIMPLE MILK TEST.

How to Determine in a Few Minutes Quality of the Fluid.

The following process for the detection of added water or of skim milk in ordinary milk is more accurate than the simple use of a lactodensimeter without the creamometer check. The whole test can be made in five minutes.

The result does not show whether the adulteration consisted in the addition of water or in the subtraction of cream, but as a rule this matters little to the consumer. What he wants to know is whether or not he got what he paid for.

The suspected milk is stirred with a spoon in order to disseminate into the whole liquid the cream which may have come to the surface. Then one volume of milk is poured into fifty volumes of water—one fluid ounce to two and one-half pints.

A candle is lighted in a dark room. The experimenter takes an ordinary drinking glass with a flat and even bottom and holds it immediately above the candle at a distance of about one foot from it, so as to be able to see the flame of the candle through the bottom of the glass. He then pours slowly the diluted milk into the glass.

The flame becomes less and less bright as the level of the liquid rises into the glass. The flame is soon reduced to a dull white spot. A little more liquid slowly added so as to avoid pouring an excess and the flame becomes absolutely invisible. All that remains to be done is to measure the height of the liquid in the glass, this being most conveniently ascertained by dipping into it a strip of pasteboard and then measuring the wet part. It should measure not over an inch if the milk is pure.

With good quality milk diluted and tested as stated the depth will be about seven-eighths of an inch before the flame is lost to view. A mixture of one volume of milk and half a volume of water should show a depth at one and one-half inches. A depth of two inches indicates either partially skimmed milk or a mixture of one volume of good milk with one of water.—Scientific American.

Washing of Automobiles.

How to Preserve Original Beautiful Luster on the Cars.

How to retain the original beautiful luster of his automobile is a question that interests every motorist, for the owner of a car is usually very finicky about its appearance.

Some automobilists complain that the use of soap has resulted in the streaking and marring of the painted surface of their cars. Edward C. Huhn of Philadelphia, who has made a study of the subject of keeping motorcars in a perennial condition of newness, says that the paint on an automobile can be preserved indefinitely if the soap is dissolved and applied in semiliquid form instead of in its raw state.

In large garage and automobile concerns, where the washing of cars is an important part of each day's work, much unnecessary expense is incurred through a mistaken idea of the means required to get the lather to a proper consistency. Employees of these establishments as well as owners who wash their own cars act on the assumption that it is necessary to use a large piece of soap on a sponge to get the desired lather.

Mr. Huhn suggests that a better and decidedly more economical method is to dissolve twenty pounds of soap in twenty-five gallons of water and to use this solution with water as occasion demands. He figures that a saving of 25 per cent will result in the soap bills of these garages and automobile companies.

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PEPPERELL.

News Items.

The Congregational church and Sunday school of Townsend held their picnic at the Pepperell Springs on Wednesday.

The young men of Pepperell announce a social dance Friday evening, August 4, in Lawrence hall, Thayer's orchestra.

The auction sale of the George Grainger place, corner of Franklin and Main streets, was held on Wednesday and brought \$938, bid by Edward P. McCord, who it is understood bought for another party.

Town water is being rapidly installed. The latest places being the residences of Dr. E. D. Howe, Adelbert Boynton, Miss Lawrence, all on Park street.

Henry Allen of New York city is guest of his cousin, J. Wilfrid Vallancourt.

Several went from here to Boston on Wednesday to witness the double-header between the Red Sox and the Highlanders. Bart Reagan, Dr. E. S. Greenache and Mrs. E. M. Wright were among the number.

Master Joseph Severe has returned from several months' vacation with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hobart, daughter Catherine and Miss Jessie Flynn enjoyed a trip in the auto to Nashua, Hudson, Manchester and Brookline, Sunday.

A. A. Lawrence is after the unpaid dog taxes.

Chapter 44, section 6, of revised laws should be familiar to every parent. "A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school, except upon presenting a certificate signed by a regular practicing physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination." The school committee called attention to the law last time and it is understood that at the coming term this rule will be enforced. The committee also has decided that a child shall be six years of age before January first, following the September of their entrance to the public schools.

The repairing and renovating of Groton-street school is under way. The new metal ceiling is expected an early date.

A. F. Parker and family returned on Monday from a week spent with friends at Plymouth, N. H.

Mrs. L. E. Starr and Miss Marie Howe left Sunday on a carriage trip through Maine.

Mrs. Lovejoy, wife of Dr. F. W. Lovejoy, went to their summer home at Cannon, N. H., on Thursday morning, joining the family who have been there for a few weeks. The doctor took her up in the auto, leaving at four in the morning.

Joseph Riley was taken to Ayer last Saturday on complaint of two Polanders for assault and battery, was fined ten dollars.

Edward A. Johnson, a local electrician, has the new school on River street erected in fine and satisfactory straight.

Tuesday evening, August 2, there will be a meeting of the members of the Warren Veterans of the town house. The president of each company present has expressed the importance must be observed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thayer are happy over the birth of a baby girl on Wednesday morning, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Thayer are congratulating on the birth of a boy, both arrived at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. C. H. Fitch is at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. H. Fitch.

It is probable that our undergraduate teachers are awakening to the advantages of Normal school education and training. Miss Ethel Wells and Miss Marion Ames attend Bridge-water Normal and Miss Lunt and Miss Sullivan at Fitchburg.

Miss Clara Shattuck is slowly improving after her recent accident. She is able to get about with crutches and the telephone brings her very close to many of her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Harrison and children left Monday for Albion, Va., after several weeks with old-time friends and acquaintances.

A noticeable affair was the wedding on Monday morning when Louis Brousseau of Hudson and Miss Janet, daughter of Joseph Janell, were united in marriage by Rev. T. I. Coghlan at St. Joseph's church. The hacks and carriages were prettily decorated and after the ceremony the wedding party drove to the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was held and wedding breakfast enjoyed, after which the happy pair took the train to their future home in Hudson.

The annual fair of the L. B. S. of the Congregational church on Thursday evening was a great success, more so than was anticipated. Many of our summer visitors enjoyed the good things and the entertainment was a distinctly pleasing feature.

Miss Cecil Tarbell is enjoying her vacation from the Wesleyan seminary at Wilbraham, and is learning the art of horseback riding.

Many of the estates in town have been improved this season by the fresh paint, applied to the buildings. L. A. Boynton, Park street, and M. H. Sullivan are the recent ones.

A telephone is being installed in the residence of Joseph Attridge, Mill street, on the popular two-party line.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving H. Phillips of Nashua were in town Monday. Their many friends are shocked to read in Thursday's Boston Globe an account of Mr. Phillips' sudden death and Mrs. Phillips' serious condition from a very mysterious fire.

Mrs. Maynard P. Copp underwent an operation at the Massachusetts General hospital last Saturday for appendicitis and is reported as doing finely.

Kenneth, age five years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dunbar, fell from an apple tree on Tuesday and although no bones were broken, Dr. Lovejoy was called to dress some deep cuts about the head, arms and legs.

Little John O'Neal of Lynn, who with his brother have been visiting in town their father, John O'Neal, foreman at the shop of the Buffalo Shoe company, have had an unpleasant ending to their vacation as Jimmy was taken to the Kilbourn hospital at Groton on Tuesday evening by Dr. Heald and his appendix removed, none too soon. He is doing nicely.

Mrs. F. M. Burdick and her two children of New London, Conn., returned to her home Saturday after a two weeks' visit at her brother's, Charles F. Kenfield, Leighton street.

Miss Ida Shattuck spent several days in Boston last week, returning on Monday.

The family of George T. Keyes, president of the Nashua River Paper company, is spending the summer at Falmouth.

There are 325 takers of town water at present. At the meter reading on July 1, 251 of these had used for a year, and out of these 57 used in excess and it is understood a conservative estimate of the income from this source figured close to \$5,500 for that time.

Mrs. George H. Stewart went to Springfield, Monday morning, having received word of the serious illness of her sister.

Hon. George Greenhalge of Pawtucket arrived on Sunday with an auto full of friends, at Mrs. L. B. Page's farm, Miss Greenhalge's old home, where his family is spending the summer. In the afternoon, a slight accident punctured the gasoline tank and it was an anxious time until repairs were made by Ernest J. Baker.

William A. Shepardson on Monday took Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Blood and a visitor on a trip to Wachuset and its surrounding picturesque points, in the large Chalmers Detroit car.

The baseball fans are particularly enthused by Pepperell's victory over Groton on Saturday 1 to 4, and one reason is that it was an all-town team. Our town always did have a winning team when the players could get together. Another was the good ball played by the entire team. Coffey pitched easy and only allowed the Alerts four hits. Milan, McCord and Capistran all made running catches in the outfield. Tarbell hit a home run for one when the bases were full. Coffey excelled in base running as well as playing his old position in the field.

Thomas Tarbell, son of bank cashier Henry F. Tarbell, left Sunday night for New York city, where he enters the equitable department of the Mutual Life insurance company. Tom, this year, graduated from Williams with honors and prizes, and has a position in his new field of labor. He had several other attractive offers from different States, particularly as a teacher of mathematics in a Tennessee school. The insurance offices have a baseball league. Tom will call at home when the good old game calls him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hobart went to Nashua on Monday in their new auto.

Prudence-Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold their annual picnic at the home of the Rev. Miss Annetta Merrill, High-street, Thursday, August 4. A picnic dinner will be served at 12.30 o'clock. Members are allowed to invite their friends. If day proves stormy, postponed to next day. A meeting of the executive board of management will be held at 2.30.

George A. Carpenter, city engineer of Pawtucket, R. I., was a guest with his family, of Hon. George Greenhalge, of the same city at the Page farm, Sunday, coming in their touring car.

A. H. Harris, J. Wilfrid Vallancourt, Robert Cox, Joseph A. Attridge and R. Porter enjoyed a fishing trip Tuesday evening at Hoff's, getting horned-pout, pickerel and one large eel.

The dance at Oak Hill, Monday night, was enjoyed by a large number. The storm of the afternoon cooled the air so that everyone found pleasure in taking part.

Mrs. A. H. Harris and daughter Nellie, are spending the week with her parents at South Merrimack.

Miss Maud Marshall of Fitchburg is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall of Pleasant street.

Mrs. Lucinda Perry Ellis, fourth and last real daughter of Prudence-Wright chapter, D. A. R., passed to higher life at her late home in Winchendon, July 22.

Do we mourn when another star shines out in the glittering sky, do we weep when the raking voice of war And the atoms of conflict die; Then why should our tears roll down And our hearts be sorely given For another gem in the Saviour's crown And another soul in Heaven?

Held for the Grand Jury.

Mrs. Loretta Kimball, wife of Willis Kimball of East Pepperell, was before the municipal court at Sanford, Me., July 20, charged with attempting to introduce a hacksaw into Alfred jail for the purpose of aiding Albert E. Bailey of Pepperell to escape. Bailey is held at Alfred for the September term of the supreme court charged with breaking and entering and larceny at South Berwick. Sheriff Charles O. Emery, who is

also jailer, suspected from the correspondence between Bailey and Mrs. Kimball that a saw would be sent to Bailey in a newspaper. Thursday, July 14, in a parcel addressed to Bailey, a saw was found wrapped in a newspaper. The writing on the parcel and the letter which followed was similar.

The sheriff procured a warrant from Judge Hanson of the Sanford court, and when Mrs. Kimball appeared he placed her under arrest and she was held for a hearing on Wednesday, July 20.

Mrs. Kimball retained Ruggles S. Higgins as counsel, and in court admitted the authorship of the letter and also said that she sent the newspaper depositing it in the rural free delivery box at her home, but that it was in a different wrapper from that exhibited in court, and she denied all knowledge of the saw.

Mrs. Kimball said she was married and had six children, the oldest twenty-six and the youngest ten years old, and that she had known Bailey since he was a child. She said he had been at her home frequently in the past three years and that he had got into trouble through drink.

Mrs. Kimball said she had taken an interest in the young man through sympathy and came here to cheer him up. She said that since he had written to her that he was in trouble, she had written him once a week.

Judge Hanson found probable cause and held her for the grand jury at the September term of the supreme court in the sum of \$500. It is understood from Mrs. Kimball's counsel that bail will be furnished.

Gleanings.

Miss Amelia Suprenaut of North Pepperell went to Troy, N. Y., on Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mrs. A. A. Blood of Gardner, formerly of this town, has been quite ill. Her many friends will be pleased to hear that she is better.

Mrs. Arthur Elliott burned her hand quite severely recently.

Mrs. Susie Dort returned Wednesday from a visit in Gardner with Mrs. A. A. Blood.

The lawn party that was to have been held at the grounds in the rear of the Methodist church on Thursday of this week was postponed until some future time.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. Ryan of Oak Hill on Saturday, July 16.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Glidden of Hollis street on Wednesday, July 27.

James Breen, at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital, Groton, with a broken leg, is doing as well as could be expected.

Miss Edith Bailey returned on Saturday from a visit at Keene, N. H., and is now entertaining Miss Madrienne Buckminster, whose guest she was while in that city.

Night work in the Pepperell city shop has stopped, throwing over fifty people out of employment.

Miss Maryetta Putney was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin.

Minot Blood of Boston was at his home here over Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Stiles, nee Blanche Bartlett, of Hartford, are here on a two weeks' vacation as guests of Mrs. Stiles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Bartlett, Edward Bartlett of Springfield, with Miss Rosamond of the same city, make up a merry family gathering.

Leslie Darling has been at home for a few days. Mr. Darling has accepted a position with a photographer in Concord, and expects to leave town soon.

Miss Helen Winslow of New York city is with her mother, Mrs. H. Winslow for the remainder of the summer.

Miss Edith and Clifford Bailey have returned from a two weeks' visit in Brattleboro, Vt., and other places.

Miss Laura Sherwood of Worcester is a guest at the home of her uncle, Robert Sherwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward D-wire and son, Mrs. George Dupre and son of Leominster, and Mrs. John Reagan and son, enjoyed an outing at Lake Potanapo in Brookline, N. H., on Friday of last week.

Mrs. George Dupre and son of Leominster are visiting Mrs. Levi Suprenaut of North Pepperell.

Mrs. Sarah Lynch of Leominster is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. William Rouse.

Miss Maud Marshall of Fitchburg visited her parents in this town on Sunday last.

Mrs. H. A. Pike is visiting relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Margeurite Donnelly and Miss Bertha Johnson were the guests of Miss Hortense Butterfield of Ayer last week Friday evening, making the trip in Mr. Donnelly's auto.

Business in the shoe shop is booming. An addition is soon to be added and a larger force employed.

Miss Ruth Nelson is expecting to attend the Wesleyan academy at Wilbraham, the coming fall.

Miss Bernice Lunt and Miss Gertrude Sullivan are entered as scholars for the fall term at the Fitchburg Normal school.

Fred Milan has returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in Maine.

The sale held by the Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church was largely attended and a financial success.

Mrs. Elizabeth Maloney and two daughters of Burnt Island, Me., who have been visiting relatives in town, returned to their home on Thursday of this week. Mrs. M. C. Gilchrist and little grandson Robert, accompanied them and expect to return in October.

About Town.

The street surveyor has had new guideboards placed at convenient points about town. It would be well for the proper authorities to have placed at dangerous points, signs of caution to warn strangers and reckless drivers. This might be the means of saving some one from serious accident. It might be well also, to send to some of the owners and drivers of automobiles in town copies of the

State by-laws that they may learn something in regard to the lighting of automobiles and speed regulations, and that one-half of the road belongs to the other fellow. The rule now seems to be to use your lamps for ornaments and not run any faster than your machine will go.

Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mrs. J. O. Bennett returned from the Isles of Shoals last Saturday, having attended the Unitarian conference held there.

Miss Clara Shattuck while driving down Garrett's hill one day last week, was injured quite severely. The horse tripped, throwing her to the ground, but is recovering from the accident.

Frank Hall and party of Winthrop, coming in their automobile, made a visit with friends in town last Sunday.

Last Thursday a valuable horse belonging to Edmund S. Blood was severely injured by a mowing machine. It was feared that the animal would not live, but under Dr. Davis' skill and care the horse is doing fine.

Mrs. J. B. Thrall and daughter from Lewiston have been spending a few days in town the past week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Meriam.

Mrs. William Deware with her two children left town on Thursday for Nova Scotia, where they will spend the summer.

Mrs. Lucy Deland of Winchendon, is making a visit with her sister, Mrs. Mention.

Norman Johnson of Whitestone, L. I., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Merritt H. Johnson of Oak Hill.

Miss Marion Legg of Dorchester, is visiting at the Legg farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrison, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Dennen, returned to their home in Albion, W. Va., last Monday.

LITTLETON.

Entertainment.

The Sunshine entertainment pleased a large audience and was a decided success, for its object appealed to everyone in town. The different numbers were finely presented, all, not only doing credit to themselves, but reflecting great painstaking on their leader, Miss Etta Ewings. The hall was decorated with Japanese lanterns. Miss Louise Whitney, a Sunshine club member, was the pianist for the entertainment, while the well-known Mr. Smith of Boston, presided at the piano for dancing, being paid for, by one of our philanthropic ladies so the Nurses' fund will be much enlarged by the evening's pleasure. The proceeds figured to seventy-five dollars, which, with the sum the Sunshine club already had, makes a good-sized amount for the treasury of the King's Daughters' Nurse fund, and for which they deserve the thanks of the public.

Lawn Party.

The lawn party held on the Congregational church grounds last week Thursday evening, gave pleasure and refreshment mingled with not a little sociability. The lawns were amply lighted with the gasoline lamps used on such occasions, but on account of the high winds that prevailed throughout the early part of the evening, the oriental lanterns provided for ornamental purposes could not with safety be used.

A free entertainment was given by several of our musical artists whose talent has been many times employed for the enjoyment of those who appreciate good music. The Cythonian orchestra sufficient in itself for an entire evening's entertainment assisted by Miss Mildred Flagg, furnished five selections, all of which were well and justly applauded. Miss Violet Barrows of Ayer played a finely rendered cornet solo, Miss Ruth Gilman, a brilliant piano solo with finished execution, the Misses Ruth and Helen Gilman a charming piano duet and Mrs. Leslie Huger sang with enchanting sweetness two beautiful solos.

The tables with candy, ice cream and cake and fruit were very attractive and from them the sum of twenty-eight dollars was realized, enough to help a little in the painting of the church.

Raymond Smith of Boston is spending his vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

Mrs. Harry Hume returned from Maine Wednesday.

Ex-supt. and Mrs. H. E. Richardson are attending the Hyannis summer school. Mrs. Richardson is taking a course in domestic science.

Miss Gertrude Merrill has gone to Brunswick, Me., to visit her sister, Mrs. Mitchell.

News Items.

The Congregational church will be open Sunday and Rev. Paul G. Favor of the Prospect Hill Congregational church in Somerville will preach.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith, who has been away for several weeks, writes enthusiastically of her outing among the hills of New Hampshire and particularly of Ossipee Valley and its sweet-scented woods.

The new hearse, which has furnished a subject for several articles in the town warrants and not a little discussion at town meetings, has reached its destination and is certainly an improvement over its predecessor.

There will be a union service of the three churches in the Baptist church the first Sunday in August.

Lawn Party on Elmer A. Flagg's.

The Lincoln class lawn party will be held on Elmer Flagg's lawn on Thursday evening, August 4, instead of Wednesday evening, as mentioned in last week's paper. Come and get plenty of ice cream, cake and candies, and have a good time.

The valuation of real estate in Littleton this year is \$885,665. The valuation of personal property is \$251,058. The rate of taxation is \$14.28-47 per \$1,000. The state tax is \$1,595 and an additional state tax for the maintenance of state highways in this town is \$148.50 and the county tax is \$1,106.

Mrs. Eliza J. Hartwell came to her son Haywood's camp this week for the rest of the summer.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith returned Wednesday from a vacation of one week spent in Lynn, Winthrop, Nantasket and Revere.

Miss Jackson of the high school faculty is visiting at W. E. Conant's. Arrived at the U. S. quarantine on Thursday 45 sheep and a number of ponies the balance of 2,000 animals received at American and Canadian ports on Wednesday.

The Unitarian Sunday school picnic will be held at Whalom park on Wednesday, August 3. Everybody is cordially invited, regardless of denomination, race, color and politics.

Littleton was visited on Monday and Thursday mornings by heavy electrical showers. No damage resulted, save the death of a cow belonging to Charles Yapp that was found lifeless in the pasture after the shower of Monday.

Dr. Millet of Boston, proprietor of the Millet sanitarium and Mrs. Millet visited at Fred S. Kimball's on Wednesday, coming in their auto. The doctor expressed himself as well pleased with the progress of his graduate, Mrs. Kimball, and was profuse in his praise of the ideal shack that she occupies as her sleeping apartment.

Wednesday, the D. G. Houghton family and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dodge went on an auto picnic to Barre, where Mrs. Houghton's sister, Miss Reed, resides. Richard Conant accompanied them as chauffeur.

Misses Ruth and Helen Gilman are going into camp with a party of friends next week.

Bennett Sanderson in company with a number of young friends has recently spent several days at a Maine summer resort.

Judge Sanderson and family spent last Saturday at Nantasket.

Charles V. Flagg and his little son "Junior" returned last Tuesday from Monomet after a visit of several days at the cottage occupied by Mr. Flagg's parents and Miss Louise.

C. F. Johnson is engaged as wholesale commission merchant in Boston. Miss Ruth Prescott was a recent visitor at Miss Gladys Hill's in Waltham.

L. W. Bartlett and daughter arrived home from their Nova Scotia trip on Sunday, coming into contact with the first hot weather they had experienced for a week.

Miss Lena Cleaves of West Rindge, N. H., is a guest of her sister, Mrs. John H. Kimball.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens has had her little granddaughter Margaret, with her for a week.

John Hardy of the Frank Litchfield place spent several days last week and this, with his family at their summer headquarters at the mouth of the Kennebec river.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and son Heywood started Wednesday for Chicago, where they will spend a month with Mr. Knowlton's sister, Mrs. Hayford. Mr. and Mrs. John Ames are occupying the Knowlton house during her absence.

Entertainment.

The Sunshine club entertained a large audience in town hall on Tuesday evening and created enough amusement by their clever performance to obliterate all mental impressions of the long hot month of July, 1910. Those who took part in Kitchen Symphony, illustrated songs, reviews of a bachelor and other entertainments, received the enthusiastic applause that Littleton audiences never fail to give finished performances. To Miss Etta Ewings is due great praise for coaching the different participants. To Mrs. Arthur Whitney are recorded the thanks for furnishing the musician of the evening, Mr. Smith of Boston, who has played to the eminent satisfaction of the dancers at so many parties. A good

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