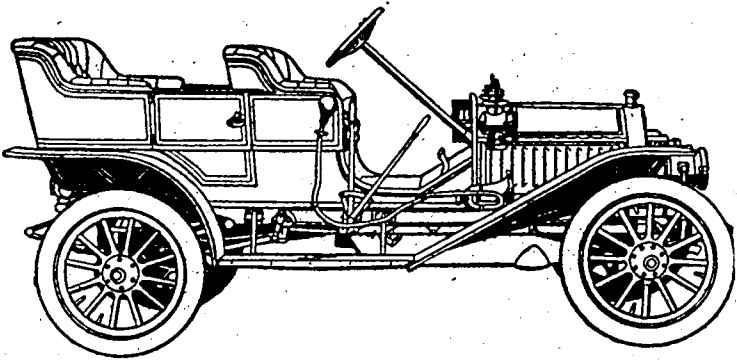


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LITTLETON.

News Items.
Capt. William H. Sawyer, who has spent the last year in Berkeley, Cal., leaves September 20, for Oregon, where he will visit relatives for one week and then start east. At Orange he will stop over to see his brother Orville a day or two before reaching Littleton.

Frank H. Hill, superintendent of schools, is expected to arrive in town this week and begin school duties. His family will move here as soon as the F. B. Priest house, now progressing rapidly, is ready for occupancy. Mr. Hill's son Ralph enters Clark college this fall.

Curtis Drew, the popular rural delivery carrier, is spending his vacation of two weeks with his family at Winthrop.

The Arts and Crafts society meets for the first lesson this season with Mrs. S. E. Abbott on the afternoon of September 23. The first work to be taken up is in leather and brass. There will be but two meetings each month and they will be held on Friday to suit the convenience of the instructor, Miss Amsden, who teaches the knights and ladies of King Arthur's court on that same day. Miss Florence Wilcox, president of the society, will give information regarding fees, work, material, etc., to all who wish to join the class.

In the September number of "The New Age" is an excellent article of a scientific and religious nature, accompanied by a most unique design, the product of P. C. Edward's thought and entitled "The center of thought." A copy of the magazine has been placed on the library reading room.

Boynton Needham, one of the oldest citizens of Littleton, passed quietly away while sitting in his easy chair on Thursday morning.

Arthur W. Drew treated his campers to a straw ride on Tuesday evening. It was a happy company of twenty-six that enjoyed a moonlight excursion through town and toward their city home as far as Lake Nagog.

Many of the shade trees on and near the Harwood estate are in a deplorable condition. The leaves on some are as bare as in October, while a few are nearly as bare as in mid-winter. There are trees at the centre and other parts of the town that have suffered equally from the ravages of the numerous persistent pests.

Mrs. Walter Rodhouse of Springfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. James H. Fulton.

Mrs. C. H. Kimball and daughter Ruth went to Rindge, N. H., to take part in an entertainment there on Friday evening.

Norton Alward's youngest child fell from its carriage and broke its wrist on Wednesday.

Miss Mary V. Gardner and her cousin, Miss Marion Whitcomb, went to Somerville on Wednesday evening to visit the rest of the week with friends.

The funeral services of the late Boynton Needham will be held at the residence on King street, Saturday afternoon, August 27, at two o'clock.

The food sale planned by the ladies of the Congregational society for this afternoon has been postponed one week, out of respect to Mr. Needham.

Friday afternoon, September 2, at four o'clock, Mrs. J. E. Case of South Acton will give a talk on "Child life in Burma," at the Baptist vestry. She especially requests the children to be present and hopes for a large representation of the older people.

Entertainment.

The annual candy pull given by Frank H. Farmer in his grove is now an event of the past, but memories of it are fresh and sweet as the delicacies so freely and happily given to the two hundred or more children and chaperones who enjoyed the occasion to the extent of their capacity, last Saturday.

One of the manufacturers from Mr. Farmer's factory proceeded with the candy making in the usual way, boiling the ingredients in the enormous kettle on an out-door stove, afterwards cooling and then pulling and cutting it into generous pieces. These were neatly wrapped in paraffin paper and distributed by many volunteer assistants among the company and how delicious that candy was! None ever tasted so good as that eaten beneath the sweet-scented pines in the pure air of a faultless day.

The host never forgets that young children enjoy activity, and for the gratification of this taste he provides amply in the way of games and amusement. For older children topics were not wanting, for everything about the place and the day was conducive to sociability.

So full of pleasure were the fast fleeting hours that almost before we were aware, the evening shadows deepened and reluctantly we had to turn from the scene where the generous host and his cheerful assistant, Miss Wright, had provided for their multitude of friends an entertainment that will long remain as one of the cherished treasures of memory.

Among those who attended the candy pull none sensed a keener pleasure than the little family of country week children boarding at Mrs. Alexander Gregory's. This is the fourth company of little ones to enjoy the kindly care of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory, and if facial expression is an index of the feelings, their cup of enjoyment was full. Each of these little families has been entertained for a half-day by Fred C. Hartwell, who although one of the leading and most prosperous men of our town, finds life not too short or the almighty dollar to alluring to give up an afternoon to these little ones who associate his big heart with their first boat ride and a fascinating search for pond lilies.

New Advertisements.

LOST—A large white, black and tan Fox Bound, blind in one eye. J. C. HOWE, Lowell. Telephone 514-4. 1159

WANTED—A middle-aged woman to do general housework in a family of two adults. MRS. G. G. DAY, Ayer, 50

WANTED—A House Painter. C. J. LIBBY, Littleton, Mass. 1159

WINTER RYE FOR SALE—Good quality, \$1.25 per bushel. A. EUGENE JOHNSON, Tabattawan Farm, Littleton, Mass. 1159

WANTED—Competent Man on Small Farm. H. E. PUTNAM, Harvard, Mass. R. F. D. 12, Ayer 122-3. 1159

LOST—A Lady's Black Jacket—August 23, on the Groton School Road. Finder please return to J. C. DAVENPORT, Ayer, Mass. 1159

LOST—Between Pepperell and Ayer, Eight Dollars. Finder please notify FRANK LAMBERT, Ayer, Mass. 50

WANTED—A Woman to do Housework on a Farm. Inquire of H. B. WHITE, Ayer, Mass. 1159

BARGE FOR SALE—A Two-Horse Barge for sale in fine condition. Suitable for school purposes. C. B. HOBBS, Benborough, Mass. 1159

TO LET—A light party, at low price, the first floor of our River Street home in Pepperell. Steam heat, town water and stable. Keys at E. F. HARRISON, O. M. NASH, 48 Tudor Street, Chelsea, Mass. 4159

TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS REWARD—For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party who stole one R. I. Red and five White Wyandotte Hens from my henhouse, Sunday, August 21. FRANK E. BRIGGS, Ayer. 2150

WANTED—Girls for fall and winter work. SIGSBEE CO., Ayer. 1159



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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.....

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

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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

Ages, 6 to 16.

One lot of suits with the straight-cut style of Pants, prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.00, your choice 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.....

19c.

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 50c. Negligee Shirt 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.
Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop W. Sargent of the advent of a little daughter in their Californian home. Mrs. Sargent was formerly Miss Gretchen Kehler of this town.

Miss Fannie Bickford of Shelton, Conn., has been the guest this week of Mrs. J. B. Fletcher. Miss Bickford is the only daughter of one of the former pastors at the Congregational church and is now one of the teachers at Wilbraham academy, where she was formerly a student.

Miss Jennie Chandler was an automobile guest of the Abiel Abbotts' last week Saturday in attendance at the historical pageant at Peterborough, N. H., which was a most enjoyable and unique event.

Master Stephan Maloney met with quite a serious accident on Monday while playing with a toy automobile. This automobile is of home construction by the boys of the neighborhood and used wherever there is a stretch of down grade. The boy received a bad gash on one leg and Dr. Blaney took a number of stitches and otherwise made the little fellow comfortable. "St-ve" is a popular little four-year-old and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright with Frances and Alice are at the log cabin on Prospect hill for a fortnight's stay.

Mrs. E. H. Sheldon of South Lake Weir, and Jacksonville, Fla., was the guest for several days this week of Mr. and Mrs. Austin H. Foss.

The three weeks' vacation at the Congregational church is over and all the regular services will be resumed on Sunday. Arthur E. Day conducted the evening service last Sunday. These evening services have been well sustained during the vacation.

Miss Mary J. Davis was in the village Tuesday calling on old friends. Miss Davis is visiting at Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth's.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding are enjoying a vacation at various interesting points in Maine with headquarters at Portland.

Camp life on the shores of Farge pond this season is in full swing and being fully enjoyed. There are about thirty-six camps in all and nearly every one at the present time is open and occupied, which makes quite a colony. The Westford contingent of camp owners is fully represented.

Workmen have been busy this week putting into place the beautiful memorial window given by Col. West-calf in memory of his mother at the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Arthur E. Day and children unfortunately having a siege with the whooping cough.

Workmen are still engaged at the Whitney park edging walks and drives and other finishing jobs.

A Sad Happening.

In addition to the sadness and sickness of Mrs. Mary E. Brigham's illness and death at her home in Somerville last week was another sad happening of interest to Westford people. Since the late Mrs. Brigham had suffered seriously with influenza, Mrs. Kendall Wright, a Westford woman and close companion with Mrs. Brigham, had lived with her in her home. In the interval Mrs. Brigham's death and Mrs. Wright's pulmonary hemorrhage, it was possible was done. A trained nurse was unable to be secured for the house. The last illness of Mrs. Wright of this town was a sad one.

Grange.

There was a large attendance of the grange at the meeting of Mrs. J. E. ... Mrs. G. ... substituted ... had arranged a ... well carried ... discussion ... should be given the ... What ... town affairs? ... was made of deciding ... important a question, but the debate was well supported and many ideas on the different phases of the question were brought out.

About Town.

In a six-seated auto of eighteen individual capacity, Mr. and Mrs. Wright and friends of Deerfield gathered in the hospitality of the Walker home-stead last Sunday. Charles E. and Miss Belle Walker always have the look-out welcome "come right in," at this old abiding place.

Miss Alice Hedstrom of Boston is taking on the ways of the rustic among the berries and apples and farm scenery at the Eben Prescott acreage, Chamberlain's corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Snow celebrated the fifth anniversary Tuesday of abiding unity, when law and custom changed the name of Esther Perry Taylor to "Snowbound."

An earthquake shock shook up the Merrimack river valley Sunday about 1.40 p. m., and while at it, the Stony

Brook and Tadmuck river valleys were also responsive to the disturbance as far west as Great Tadmuck hill, where Westford Centre has built itself an abiding place. The disturbance resembled the explosion of the Lowell Cartridge Company a few years ago. It appeared, however, to be subterranean, rather than an air-ship collision.

The H. E. Fletcher Company are widening the railroad bridge on the branch line at the junction of Saw Mill Meadow brook and the outlet of Nabasset pond. This is made necessary by the increased volume of water resulting from the flowage of Nabasset pond by the improvements of George C. Moore.

A. P. Corey has relinquished his aptitude for work at the H. B. Road farm and returned to his farm in Maine.

After the usual summer vacation, Middlesex North Pomona grange will hold its first autumn meeting next Friday at O.H. Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell.

Word has just been received in town of the death in Maine of Mrs. Mary, wife of Dr. Smith, who for several years was a practicing physician in Westford. Mrs. Smith will be remembered as Mary Tower, being one of nine daughters of Eli Tower, one of the substantial farmers in the Stony Brook valley. She was one of the bright scholars of the old Stony Brook school and of Westford academy.

The recent dinner given by the men of the Unitarian church for Troop F. Cavalry, netted about \$100.

Andrew Tallent of Pelham, N. H., has been visiting in Westford, Mrs. Adeline Paritt at Chamberlain's corner.

Forge Village.

Little Thomas Finn, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Finn of Pond street, came within an inch of losing his life Sunday evening about six o'clock. The little fellow in the absence of the other members of the family secured a bottle of iodine and almost emptied the contents before he was discovered. He was given an emetic and Dr. W. H. Sherman was hastily summoned and was on the scene in a few minutes and used the stomach pump with good results. The little fellow is out of danger and will be around playing in a short time.

Mrs. Ernest Myers and three children of Lowell spent several days last week as the guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole. Ernest Myers spent Sunday with them, returning with his family in the evening.

Miss Eva Sheppard of Lowell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole.

J. W. and Miss Emily Catchpole and Miss Evelyn Fernald were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mason of Lowell.

William Lee of Boston, Herbert Sprague, Daniel O'Keefe and Ned Coughlin of Cambridge are enjoying camp life on the shore of Farge pond. They were entertained at tea Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, who had as their guests Mrs. Frank Gardner, Miss Mamie Dando and Miss Mildred McDonald of South Boston. Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell of Wamesit and Master Lester Neville of Woburn.

Miss Lizzette Simpson of Boston has returned home after a pleasant visit spent with Mrs. Elizabeth Spaine.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk of Worcester are at Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rigby of North Chelmsford are spending this week at the Hillside cottage on the shore of Farge pond. Mr. and Mrs. Rigby spent a week at the pond earlier in the season and became fascinated with outdoor life. This week they are entertaining George Ryan of Lowell.

Owners of summer cottages report an excellent season. Every cottage is occupied and several tents are pitched at the ponds. It is reported that several new camps will be built around the lake during the coming fall.

A large number of men under the direction of James Sullivan have been engaged for several days in clearing the shore around the pond and Cameron grove. Several seats have been arranged under the trees and the rubbish all taken up and the trees trimmed. This is a much needed improvement and is greatly appreciated by the public. All that is necessary now to make this an ideal place for outings and picnics are a few steps leading down to the shore of the lake, as the embankment is very steep at this particular spot.

The members of the John Edwards company have received their new apparatus and are all ready for the annual fireman's field day which will be held in Graniteville, Saturday. A check from the Abbot Worsted company, received a short time ago, was greatly appreciated by the members. The check enabled them to secure the necessary articles of a fireman's outfit.

Stephen Body of Graniteville has accepted the position as teamster for Abbot & Co., and will move here with his family as soon as a house can be obtained.

Mrs. Michael Keefe and little son David of Townsend Harbor visited her sister, Mrs. John Carmichael, Tuesday.

The Forge Village Tigets were defeated by the St. Mary's last Saturday at Ayer by the score of 8 to 6. This Saturday the St. Mary's will play a return game at Cameron grove.

A large number of young people enjoyed a trolley ride to Canoble lake park, Sunday.

Rev. Harry Gray of Nevada preached his farewell sermon at St. Andrew's mission last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Gray will leave shortly for the west, where he will resume his duties as pastor. St. Andrew's parish is at this writing still without a vicar.

Real Estate Sales.

Edward T. Hanley has purchased the large double house on Central street from Wilbert E. Parsons. A. W. Carlin has purchased the antique shop and one hundred feet of land on Prescott street from Mr. Parsons and intends to convert it into a modern dwelling. George E. Mountain has

also bought from Mr. Parsons a strip of land on Prescott street. It is reported that O. A. Nelson of Graniteville has purchased some land from George Blodgett on Central street and intends building an up-to-date residence the coming fall.

Mr. Parsons came on here from the west to dispose of his real estate and will return shortly to Vancouver, Washington, where he and Mrs. Parsons intend to settle. Real estate is certainly booming in this village. The new Abbot mill is all completed and the machinery is being placed in it. This will give employment to a large number of people. There is need of more tenements. Although several have been built recently and new streets laid out, the demand is larger than the supply.

Reunion.

The descendants of Jonathan Smith Bennett of Groton, who settled in this country in the early part of the seventeenth century, held their annual reunion Saturday at the home of Mrs. Edith Bennett Whittemore of Worcester. Alvin S. Bennett and sisters, Mrs. Mary I. Drake and Mrs. Lucretia Reed of this village, were among the large number present. The day was pleasantly spent in renewing acquaintances and talking over old times. A feature of the affair was the twenty rods race for the members of the first generation. This was won by Alvin S. Bennett of this village, who is eighty-three years old.

Tables were set for four generations, forty in number, each generation having a table to themselves. At the conclusion of the meal a short musical program was given and those present answered to the roll call. One death was recorded and one birth. Mrs. Bennett, wife of Dr. Harrison M. Bennett of Washington, D. C., having passed away during the summer. It was voted to hold the reunion in 1911 at the home of John Bennett in Worcester.

In Honduras, even the poorest inhabitants' houses are built of mahogany.

HOLLIS, N. H.

An Interesting Deed.

Following is a copy of a most interesting deed, transferring the real estate of the famous Fisk-Farley tannery. The tannery was operated in Hollis from 1770 to 1852 or 1855, a copy of which has recently come into possession of Anna Keyes Powers chapter, D. A. R.

Amos Fisk was the son of Josiah and Sarah Fisk and was born in Groton, West Parish, May 12, 1739. His father was clerk of the district of Pepperell, now Pepperell, from 1753 to 1768. Amos married March 18, 1762, Elizabeth Flagg, daughter of Eleazer and Hannah Flagg, the second family to settle in Hollis in 1732. Christopher Farley was the son of Lieut. Benjamin and Joanna (Page) Farley, the third actual family in Hollis in 1732-33. Christopher served in the revolutionary war. He and his wife, Ruth Jewett are interred in the Hollis church yard.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Amos Fisk, of Plymouth in county of Grafton and state of New Hampshire, Gentlemen, for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred and forty pounds lawful money of said state, to me in hand paid before the delivery hereof by Christopher Farley of Hollis in county of Hillsborough and state aforesaid, Tanner, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have given, granted, bargained, sold, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm to him, said Christopher and to his heirs and assigns, two certain pieces of land situate in said Hollis in the county aforesaid, one piece containing about five acres, more or less, being the premises whereon the said Farley now dwells, bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones which is the north-westerly corner; thence runs south westerly by Colonel Hale's land fourteen rods; thence easterly by said Hale's and Capt. Worcester's land about fifty-five rods to a stake and stones; thence northerly by said Worcester's land about eighteen rods; thence westwardly by the Widow Prudence Cummings and Col. Hobart's land about fifty-five rods to the bounds first mentioned; to contain the whole of said piece, building, yard and excepting and reserving the potash house, etc., which is the property of Colonel Hale; the other piece is situate on Tower Hill so called, contains about seven acres, more or less, bounded thus: Beginning at Joshua Read's well on Coventry Road; thence runs southerly about fifteen rods to land of Jonathan Philbrick, thence easterly by said Philbrick's land about thirty-six rods to Capt. Worcester's land; thence northwardly by said Worcester's land about thirty-six rods to Col. Hale's land; thence westerly by said Hale's land about twenty-six rods to Joshua Read's land; thence by said Read's land southwardly about thirteen rods; thence westerly by said Read's land five rods to the bound first mentioned.

To have and to hold the said granted premises with the appurtenances thereof, to him, said Christopher Farley, his heirs and assigns, to his and their proper use, benefit and behoof forever. Hereby engaging to warrant and defend the said granted premises against all claims of demands of any Persons.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, this Twenty-eighth Day of April, Anno Domini, 1777.

N. B. Before the Ensealment, the words Released, release, claiming by from, or under me erased. Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of us:

Samuel Stearns, junr.
Wm. Cummings.
Jona. Blanchard.
Amos Fisk. (Seal)

Hillsborough SS. April the 30, 1877.

Then the above named Amos Fisk, personally appearing, acknowledged the above written instrument to be his voluntary act and Deed.

Before me,
JONA. BLANCHARD,
Justice Peace.

Received and Recorded 30 April, 1777, and Examd. by
Moses Nichols, Regr.

A true copy of Record.

News Items.

Otis Goodwin of Lynn is here on a visit of two weeks with his parents.

Born in Hollis, August 22, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Verder.

Miss Helen Leighton with three ladies of Dunstable are on a touring trip to Montreal and Quebec and other important places in that part of Canada. Before returning home they will return home by the way of Nova Scotia, visiting many places of interest in that part of the provinces.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church will hold their annual picnic at Silver Lake on Wednesday, August 31. The committee will arrange for the dinner and other refreshments and for the sports that are to take place.

Lieutenant Albert H. Rhoades of the U. S. navy is spending part of his furlough at his old home here. He spent his boyhood days in Hollis and was a favorite with all. It is several years since he was last here. His sister, Mrs. Powers of Connecticut is also visiting at the old home.

Death.

The community was shocked last Monday to hear of the sudden death at Rye Beach, of Mrs. George Bartemus of Concord. Mrs. Bartemus, who was Miss Thiza J. Wright, spent all her early life in Hollis, attending the schools of this town which was her home until she was married. She and her sister, Mrs. A. C. Colburn of Hollis were spending their vacation at the beach. She had a shock, from which she did not rally, and the end came very soon. She was a very popular young lady when she lived here. Being a very sweet singer, she was in demand often at entertainments. Mrs. Bartemus is survived by her husband, an aged mother, and two sisters.

Old Home Week.

The festivities in connection with the observance of Old Home Week began Saturday evening, August 20, with a huge bon-fire on Hale's Hill. Sunday forenoon, the pastor, Rev. C. H. Davis, preached an inspiring sermon on the love of our native town. Monday evening the ladies of the R. and C. society held their fair and sale, for which they have been so busily preparing the past few weeks, in the town hall. There was a cabbage patch, mystery and remembrance booths, a candy and food table, booths for dolls, aprons, fancy articles and the north pole was at the southeast corner of the hall, where the United States flag was planted.

A delightful entertainment was given consisting of a piano solo, Mrs. L. Lawrence of West Roxbury, Mass., reading, "The battle with the wind," Miss Bertha Colburn of New York city; vocal solo, Miss Lottie Clark of Boston; piano duet, Miss Hardy and Miss Helen Field of Arlington; reading, "Sally's sweethearts," Miss Bertha Colburn; vocal solo, Mrs. Teresa Sawyer of Cambridge, Mass. The sum netted was a little more than one hundred and thirty dollars.

Wednesday the visitors from other towns began to arrive bright and early. The first attraction was the unveiling of the stone that marks the site of the first settler in Hollis, Peter Powers. The unveiling was by Mrs. Upham of Newton, Mass., who is a great-granddaughter of the first settler. The address was given by Hon. F. A. Hubbard of Greenwich, Conn. The dedicatory exercises of the library were then held in the church. A brief greeting was given by Hon. Franklin Worcester, chairman of the building committee, followed by prayer Rev. C. H. Davis. The dedication oration was given by Hon. Thomas W. Proctor of Boston, who is a native of Hollis and who graduated from our schools and Dartmouth college. He settled in Boston where he is a successful lawyer. He is a brilliant speaker and held the close attention of all during his most interesting address.

After the dinner, which was in the town hall, the president of the Old Home association, Andrew H. Spaulding, gave a fine address of welcome, after which he presented as toastmaster, Rev. C. H. Davis, who spoke briefly and then introduced as the first speaker, Thomas W. Proctor, who spoke in a very amusing manner.

The next speaker was Miss Abby Flagg who is owner of the old Flagg farm in this town and is a teacher in Boston. The next on the list was a bass solo by F. E. Watson of Cambridge, Mass., followed by Lieut. Albert H. Rhoades, who is soon to be promoted to captain of the coast artillery, to be stationed at Fortress Monroe, Va. He spoke in a reminiscent vein.

The next speaker introduced was Herbert O. Hadley of Peterboro, who for many years was master of the New Hampshire state grange. Mr. Hadley is always a very acceptable speaker and he proved this to be no exception to his usual custom.

After a few remarks by the toastmaster, he introduced Miss Bertha Colburn, who is a native of this town, filling the position of elocution in New York city, and spoke interestingly and was followed by the superintendent of schools, John Bacon, who resides in Milford and Mr. Watson rendered another solo.

The next speaker was Melvin O. Adams of Boston, whose remarks were very interesting and he was followed by F. A. Hubbard of Greenwich, Conn., who was the last speaker.

In the evening there was a vaudeville in which thirty of the young people of Hollis took part and was a decided success and on Thursday evening the biennial old home week ball was in the town hall under the management of George W. Hardy. Friday evening the Hollis high school alumni held its biennial reception at the grange hall.

Old home week passed off to the entire satisfaction of everyone and all who took part to make it such a grand success are deserving of credit for their untiring efforts in making it a record breaker.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

The Sunbonnet club was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Hatie Pierce, Friday, August 19. Dinner was served in the spacious barn which was attractive with decorations of

red, white and blue. Goldenrod decked the table and made a fitting setting for the tempting viands. The menu was an extensive one and all of the tempting dishes had to be sampled. Wit and mirth prevailed and the future welfare of the youngest member was fluently discussed. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. Bertha Brown, who served delicious ice cream. Mrs. Edward Parker and Mrs. Edward Hadley were the guests of honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence entertained a party of friends at Hillcrest, Friday evening, August 19. Whist and cribbage were enjoyed and the host and hostess gave a delightful musical and literary program. A dainty lunch was served.

Miss Millie Beverly of Ayer, Mass., spent part of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Dodge.

Miss Stoughton of Terryville, Conn., is the guest of Mrs. Warren L. Noyes at the Manse.

Mrs. James Hadley and Mrs. McDonald and children of Belmont, Mass., are at the Hardy cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall of Somerville, Mass., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall.

Alexander Hanna, Miss Winifred Hanna of Reading, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davenport and children and Miss Mary McFarland of Cambridge, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Converse and daughter Agnes, of Milford were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hadley.

Burns Marshall has resigned as carrier of the No. 2 route and H. A. Brown has been appointed his successor.

Arthur Adams of Worcester, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Pierce.

Mrs. Lucretia Martin and little daughter Esther, enjoyed an automobile trip to Boston last week, spending several days at the beaches.

Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold of Greenville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennett on Sunday.

Eldorus C. Fessenden is at home from the Fessenden school at Newton for a short vacation.

Postmaster George W. Bridges is attending a reunion at the Weirs, and Theodore L. Bridges is assisting at the postoffice during his absence.

James H. Tucker, George Rockwood, Fred Rockwood, Herbert Rockwood, Albert L. Baldwin and Benjamin Coolidge of Acton are enjoying camp life at Rocky pond.

James Hill has resigned as janitor at the Congregational church after a service of five and one-half years.

Queenie Lawrence of Northampton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence at Groton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Perry of Brookline, Mass.; also, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tewksbury and little son of Newton, Mass., are guests of Miss Ellen Sawtelle and Miss Martha Wright at the Sawtelle homestead. Mr. Perry is master of the Lincoln school at Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parker, E. J. Parker, Miss Louise Parker and Alan Parker of Lowell are at Four Pines. Miss E. J. Parker has recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Moore and daughter Dorothy of Albany, N. Y., and Arthur C. Moore of Waltham, Mass.

Mrs. Joseph B. Swett of Dedham and Mrs. Nettie Hulse of Rockford, Ill., were week-end guests in town. Mrs. Hulse is the daughter of Benjamin Kendrick, a former resident, and was born at the Edward Farnsworth homestead. Her father went to Illinois when she was three years old, but she has always had a strong desire to visit her native town. Her mother was a daughter of the late Samuel Gilson, sr.

Edward C. Tucker filed nomination papers for representative on the democratic ballot and James H. S. Tucker as a delegate to the state convention.

The Ladies' Aid will hold their annual apron fair at Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening, August 26. Aprons, fancy and useful articles, homemade candy, ice cream and cake will be on sale. An attraction will be the presenting of "Scenes in the Union Depot," by a strong cast of local talent.

Death.

Charles L. Willoby, a highly respected citizen, died on Thursday, August 18, after an illness of several months with chronic nephritis, aged 89 yrs. and 7 mos. Mr. Willoby was born in Hollis, December 24, 1829, and was the son of Leonard and Mary Taylor Willoby. He has resided in Brookline about sixty years and has always been interested in the welfare of the town and held several town offices. He was an active member of the Brookline band and of Aurora lodge, I. O. O. F., of Hollis. His wife died on July 9, 1899. For the past eleven years Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb has faithfully cared for his home. Two sons—Frank L., a prominent business man of Brookline, and George of Franklin, Mass.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Clara Kilduff and a sister, Mrs. Sarah Nye of Nashua, and many friends mourn his loss. These elder residents are so closely allied to the town that their passing away makes a void that we cannot fill.

The funeral took place from his late home last Saturday afternoon, Rev. J. N. Seaver officiating. Charles Stickney and Chester Valdege sang appropriate selections.

The burial was in the family lot at the South cemetery. Messrs. Anson Rideout, Charles Stickney, George Nye, and George Woodin served as bearers. The impressive I. O. O. F. service was given at the grave. Many beautiful flowers were emblems of love. Among those in attendance from out-of-town were Mrs. Sarah Nye, Nashua; Fred Willoby and family, Hollis; Mrs. Ida Proctor, Fitchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Anson Rideout, Wilton; Mrs. Hattie Williams Anson, Acton.

There are forty-eight distinct diseases of the eye, more than afflict any other organ of the human body.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mrs. Nelson and Miss Mary returned Tuesday evening from a very pleasant sojourn at Bath, N. H., which was the birthplace of Mrs. Nelson's mother.

A picnic at Whalom park is planned for Wednesday, August 31, and it is hoped that every one in town who can spare the day will join the party on the train leaving Boxborough station at 10.06 a. m.

Last Thursday evening as Charles A. Littlefield was going through Arlington with a load of produce for the Boston market, his team was struck by an inward bound electric car. Fortunately Mr. Littlefield escaped without serious injury, but his wagon was demolished, one horse had its back broken and was shot immediately and the other had the pelvis home broken and is now under the care of a veterinary.

Miss Coleman is visiting her sister in Templeton.

Among the guests in town this week are Mrs. A. L. Timothy, Miss Nettie Wilder and Miss Doss of Clinton at J. A. Walker's; Miss Pauline Jones of Baltimore and Mrs. Hanscomb of Melrose at Mr. Braman's; Miss Mildred Hager of Somerville at Miss Mary Hager's; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gates at C. T. Wetherbee's; Mr. and Miss Wilson of Charlestown and Miss Jane and Miss Mary Sheehan at Mr. Wilson's; Mr. and Mrs. Thurston and children at C. J. Knight's.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee is spending the week in Somerville with Mrs. Frank Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Duran are enjoying a fortnight's vacation in Fairhaven, where his brother Warren is now located.

Miss Florence Moore of Maplewood is visiting at Ernest Bartheaux's.

Monday, Mrs. C. B. Robbins went to Waltham to visit Mrs. Edith Turner; Mrs. Mary Priest of Tilsonburg, Ontario, was also a guest there.

The Dogs will Bark at the Clinton Park at Clinton on Wednesday the first time in the history of the society a genuine Dog Show will be held at the park in September. The society has secured the services of an expert manager for the Dog Show, Thomas E. Middlebrook, of Boston, a man who has had large experience in the Dog Show business. He comes highly recommended and the Show will be held under the American Kennel Club rules. The society has ordered an eighty-foot tent to hold the Show in and it will be properly benched. E. B. Hood of Landborough, Col. Thayer, the President of the Society has offered \$100 in special prizes and many other special prizes have been contributed. Special prizes have been offered by Frank E. 1906, New Haven, Conn., will judge all breeds. Premium lists are in the printer's hands and when approved by the American Kennel Club will be mailed to exhibitors. Fanciers who have not exhibited before should drop a postal to the secretary and send it promptly forward same as soon as ready.

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Advancement in business is measured by the quality and variety of our smiles. A fellow being can be cheered to living and one may prolong his own life by merely smiling. These and many other facts are brought out relative to a school for smiling established in Paris.

The Frenchwoman is nothing if not practical. It took a Frenchwoman to reduce to a practical science, with a commercial value, the gentle art of smiling. There is much to learn about this pleasing little contortion of visage. A grin is not synonymous with a smile, nor does a simper rank in the same category or convey the same meaning. A widening of the mouth has not the significance one seeks in a smile, and laughter is a thing often associated with but distinct from it. One is an irresistible expression of excited risibles—the irrepressible overflow of mirth—or a vocalization of anger, irony or contempt. It is a product of the emotions. The other is more deeply seated in the feelings and when spontaneous more certainly serves as an index to character. It is not always spontaneous. Alas, it may never be so again!

The school for smiling conscientiously instructs in methods of producing smiles adapted to all purposes and suitable for every occasion. Unconsciously perhaps it inculcates deception and upon necessity in the smile of its graduates deceit is as likely to lurk as mirth, tenderness, pleasure or sympathy. The dimpled irradiation which betokens a gay, untroubled mind has almost the charm of the smile that belongs to happiness, and both are invariably the possession of youth. Older people are wont to take their joys more soberly, unaware that the outward and visible sign of a smile is as necessary to their well being as sunshine is to that of a flower. There are organisms which can exist only in the light. Within us are organisms whose presence is necessary to health. These need the illumination of a smile and the exercise of laughter to keep them in healthy condition.

Tea Biscuits.

One quart of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of sugar, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one tablespoonful of lard, one pint of sweet milk or water—water makes them more tender than milk. Sift together the flour, salt, sugar and baking powder. Rub in the lard cold. Add milk or water to form into a soft dough as can be handled. Flour the board and roll out, cut with a small tin cutter and bake in a good hot oven twenty minutes.

She Wears Pajamas Now.

The up to date girl of today wears as a lounging robe gorgeous pajamas of oriental silk instead of the more conventional kimono. The bachelor



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girl, who seems so much at home perched on the pedestal, is enjoying her rest hour in pajamas of black satin embroidered in pink and gold.

An Art Criticism.

An American painter, says a writer in Everybody's Magazine, once met an art editor, who insisted on dragging him up to an exhibition of some "very impressionistic" pictures. The editor evidently admired them greatly. Not so the painter.

"You don't seem enthusiastic," said the editor. "Don't you like them?"

"Like 'em?" replied the other. "Why, man, I've got two maiden aunts who can knit better pictures than those."

A Guessing Game.

Bring a piece of ribbon into a room and get your guests to guess its length. A piece of, say, two yards and two inches will puzzle most folk. Or get an earthenware basin of beans, or peas and get those assembled to guess the weight or to guess how many peas or beans the basin contains.

When John Brown Wouldn't.
Pol-Mauear is a favorite cast near Balmoral castle and was always held as the special preserve of John Brown, who was the personal attendant of the late Queen Victoria. John was an enthusiastic and inveterate fisher, and often the royal larder was indebted to his prowess for its supplies of spring salmon when the rods of the other fishermen failed to bring them to the bank. It is authentically reported among anglers on Deeside that when the queen wanted John he was immediately at her call except when angling, and at such times she would not disturb him. The tacit understanding between them is said to have arisen in the following fashion: Her majesty one day sent an imperative message to the riverside desiring John to immediately wait upon her.

"Tell her majesty," replied John in his usual Doric, "that I am rinnin' a salmon and I canna come."

The messenger came back to him in hot haste, saying that the queen desired to see him the very minute.

"Well, tell her majesty this time that I am rinnin' a salmon and I wanna come." And that settled it.

Albatross and Magpie.

Birds play a great part in good and bad auguries at sea. The albatross is regarded as a harbinger of good fortune and has been immortalized as such by Coleridge in "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," whereas the magpie is a bad omen.

A friend of Sir Walter Scott, traveling by coach to London, entered into a conversation with a respectable looking seaman, who remarked: "I wish we may have luck in our journey. There's a magpie."

"And why should that be unlucky?"

"I can't tell you that, but all the world agrees one magpie bodes ill luck, two are not so bad, but three are the evil one himself. I never saw three magpies but twice, and once I nearly lost my vessel, and afterward I fell from my horse and was hurt."

Many seamen still believe in water spirits or sprites. In Bohemia the fishermen are afraid to assist a drowning man for fear of giving offense to the water sprite.

Berthollet and Robespierre.

It is said that the celebrated savant Berthollet in the most dangerous times of the republic sustained his fearless love of truth. Some days prior to the ninth Thermidor a sandy deposit was found in a barrel of brandy intended for the army. The contractors, suspected of poisoning, were immediately arrested, and the scaffold was already prepared. Berthollet, however, examined the brandy and reported it free from all adulteration.

"You dare maintain," said Robespierre to him, "that that brandy does not contain poison?"

As his reply Berthollet drank off a glass, saying, "I never drank so much before."

"You have plenty of courage!" exclaimed Robespierre.

"I had more when I signed my report," replied the chemist, and here the matter terminated.

Fiddling and Skating.

The celebrated violinist Joachim during a winter residence in northern Germany was in the habit of watching the skaters on a fine piece of water beneath his windows until one day it occurred to him to try the exercise himself. As he had never yet donned a pair of skates he put himself into the hands of a man who provided skates and instruction in the art on the brink of the water and was soon equipped and started on the ice, the master leading his pupil.

Finding no difficulty in keeping his balance under these circumstances, Joachim felt sure he could go alone, desired his leader to leave him and the next minute was sprawling on the ice on his back.

"Aha!" said the teacher triumphantly as he raised his prostrate pupil. "You see it is not quite so easy as playing a fiddle!"

The Bridal Wreath.

The bridal wreath is usually formed of myrtle branches in Germany. It is made of orange blossoms in France as well as in the United States. In Italy and the French cantons of Switzerland it is of white roses. In Spain the flowers of which it is composed are red roses and plinks. In the islands of Greece vine leaves serve the purpose, and in Bohemia rosemary is employed. In German Switzerland a crown of artificial flowers takes the place of the wreath.

Not the Usual Kind.

"What a fool exercise fencing must be for women!"

"Why so? I always understood it was fine."

"Here Maude Blinks is taking lessons, and she told me yesterday she was learning how to feint." — Baltimore American.

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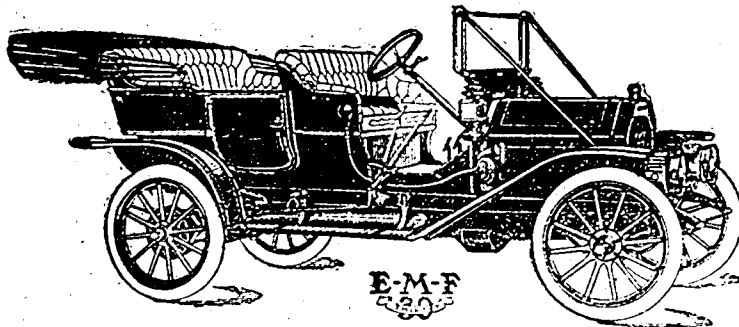
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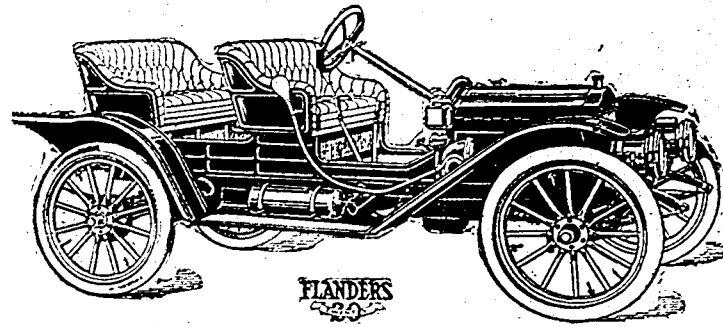
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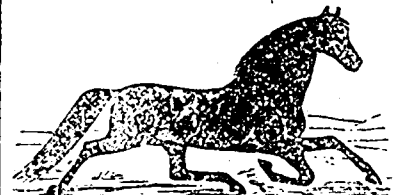
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GROTON.

News Items.

Prof. Frank B. Tarbell arrived at Groton Inn on Thursday, this being the first visit in many years to his native town. Prof. Tarbell belongs to the old historical family of that name. His home when a boy was the place now owned and occupied by George H. Bixby, West Groton. He attended the public schools and Lawrence academy, graduated from Yale with the degrees of A. B. and Ph. D. and afterwards became a professor at his alma mater. For the past twenty years Prof. Tarbell has been Professor at Chicago university. He will be remembered by old friends and schoolmates now in Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Shattuck went Wednesday to visit Mrs. Shattuck's mother, whose home is in Lynn. She has reached the age of ninety-three years with quite remarkably well preserved faculties.

All the public school open for the fall term on Tuesday, September 6. Montague Chamberlain, the present owner of the former Charles Jacobs' place, is making great improvements and beautifying it in many ways.

Mr. Breen of Pepperell was brought to the Groton hospital some weeks ago with a broken foot. It was found to be an unusual case and Dr. MacAusland of Boston, a specialist in operations on broken bones, was called and operated on Mr. Breen on Thursday of this week. Another patient with some fracture needing special scientific skill was also operated on the same day at the hospital by Dr. MacAusland. Of so much interest were these operations, that seven different doctors, among whom was Dr. Goodwin of Clinton, assembled at the Groton hospital to witness them.

Miss Mary E. Rathfon, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Hemenway, for the past two months or so, left Thursday for her home in Bradford, Pa. On the night before she left, Mrs. Hemenway gave her niece a birthday party, inviting a number of the young people of the town. They had a fine time.

The engagement is announced of Miss Helen M. Eddy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Eddy of Groton, and Arthur O. Christensen of Beaufort, S. C.

The pupils of Miss Lois B. Hall, commercial teacher for the past two years at Groton high school, are interested to hear of her marriage on August 13, to Philomena B. Whitehead of Washington, Conn., which place will be their future home.

The customers whom Joseph MacMahon supplies with ice, missed him on his route this week. He is laid by with a lame back which the doctor thinks was caused by his wrenching it.

Miss Georgiana A. Boutwell is at home from a week's visit to her friend, Miss Ellen King at Stockbridge.

Mrs. A. S. Paige of Wollaston, Misses Nellie and Martha Sutton of Rochester, N. Y., who with their niece, Miss Martha Costick of Helena, Montana, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stebbins of Groton Inn took an outing, starting over last Sunday down on the Cape. Mrs. Stebbins entertained a wisp party at the Inn on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bessie White from Yonkers, N. Y., is on visiting her sister, Miss Mabel Kierstead, at the home of their grandfather on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Aldrich of Allston, with their daughter, Miss Barbara Aldrich, and son, Master Richard Aldrich, and chauffeur, arrived at the Groton Inn on Tuesday night for a week's stay. Groton is the native town of Mrs. Aldrich who was Miss Mary P. Joy.

The E. S. Clark post and W. R. C. will hold a joint picnic at Henry P. Shattuck's landing, Baddamook, on Labor day, Monday, September 6. Members of the post and corps are at liberty to invite friends as they desire. It is to be a basket picnic, so each family will provide its own lunch. Sports and boating will be in order for those who wish to entertain themselves that way. Members and their friends are invited to gather and have a good time.

Several of our Groton merchants are reported as being very satisfactory in their business with the Boston firm, Messrs. Ayer, and especially to those who have been the experience of the late Harry G. ...

George ... and ... who ... the ... since ... and ... Mr. Smith is more comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bennett and children are away for a week's outing trip, which they are making in their auto.

Mrs. Charles Nutting's mother, who had come for a stay at her daughter's home on Common street, was taken ill some days ago and is under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkes, Dea. and Mrs. T. R. Clough went Thursday to West Groton to spend the day with Miss Cora Sleeper. They picnicked in the North Shirley woods.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shattuck went with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wood in the outing at Kingston, mentioned last week. Mr. Shattuck returned home on Tuesday night of this week.

Frank A. Torrey and family are camping at Sandy pond.

The place on Cross road belonging to Miss Floretta Vining of Hingham, advertised for sale on August 22, for non-payment of taxes, was bid off by her attorney, Mr. Franklin.

Miss Helen Belle Moore is visiting her grandmother in Acworth, N. H., concluding her visit at Acworth, Miss Moore will visit in South Farley, Vt., in all making a stay of several weeks.

Mrs. Hattie Parker seems with little daughter is here from Leominster, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parker.

Rev. A. F. Newton of North Leominster is to preach at the Congregational church tomorrow.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert M. Shattuck of Worcester were over Sunday visitors at the home of his brother, G. W. Shattuck. They drove down from Jaffrey, N. H., where they have been staying this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bogg, with their infant and nurse are going to occupy the Col. T. L. Motley place on Powder House road for a month or more. Mrs. Bogg is a patient of Dr. Darling of Cambridge, whose summer residence is in Groton.

The noise of the earthquake last Sunday noon was quite distinctly and generally heard here. It seemed like a loud peal of thunder or an explosion. Some report noticing a slight tremor beneath their feet.

Capt. Palmer is rebuilding that part of his barn that broke down recently. George H. Woods is doing the work.

On arriving in Boston, Thursday, August 18, Mrs. E. A. Barrows was met by her grandson, Fred Barrows, a musician in the orchestra playing at the Lenox this season. Mr. Barrows became his grandmother's escort about the city, showing her many of the sights of the day and most interesting places. It was certainly a very enjoyable way to spend her seventy-second birthday. A shower of postal cards and a number of other gifts showed that many of her friends remembered Mrs. Barrows' birthday anniversary.

Grange.

Groton grange enjoyed an interesting program at their regular meeting on Tuesday night. Some of the members more recently belonging to the order gave very acceptable numbers. There was a reading by Mrs. G. H. Rockwood, recitations by Mrs. A. B. Farwell and Miss Gillespie, bell solo by H. M. Adams, vocal solos by Mrs. E. P. Woolley and S. Evans, piano solos by Prof. A. B. Farwell, Miss Carrie E. Stevens, Miss Eva Blodgett. A hearty sincere greeting was given by the brothers and sisters to Miss Carrie Stevens who has not met with them for some time. Miss Stevens is in town from Somerville for a few days, staying at P. J. Benedict's. She is to continue a member of Groton grange.

A Good House.

The entertainment in the town hall on Friday, August 18, was given a good house and all were enthusiastic in its praise. It was even better than was expected. Mrs. Robinson, who put so much work into the preparation and all who took part have reason to be pleased with their success.

"The midnight crew," "The Renocrowd," all the choruses, the duets, and graceful dancing, were given hearty applause. All the soloists held the close attention and sympathy of the audience. Mr. Robinson came near, on account of illness, to disappointing his expectant friends, but he got up from his sick bed and rendered his solo with much tenderness and his usual ability. The patriotic drill was a bright, spirited feature, admirably executed under Miss Clara Robinson as leader, with whom the drill is original. Perhaps the favorite number of all, surely the most laughable, was the farce, "The bull terrier and the baby," in which all the parts were very naturally acted. Even the canine performed wonderfully. The District Nurse association was pleased and succeeded to receive thirty-five dollars as their share of the net proceeds. By request of the president of the Woman's Alliance of Shirley, Mrs. Robinson and her young helpers presented the entertainment with some changes in Shirley on Thursday evening, August 25.

Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Mary J. McDonald and Bertie A. Souther took place at the Catholic parsonage on Wednesday morning, August 24. Rev. C. A. Finnegan performed the ceremony.

The bride was tastefully gowned in white tulle and wore a white hat with white bow pines. The bridesmaid, her sister, Miss Annie McDonald, also wore white tulle and a white hat. John C. McDonald, a brother, was best man. The gift to the bride was a gold necklace, and to the best man a gold stickpin. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Whalen, mother and sister of the bride, were present at the ceremony.

The newly-married couple left immediately on a short wedding trip, returning from which they will occupy the house on Station avenue in readiness for them. Mr. and Mrs. Souther are both young people of Groton and have many well-wishers.

Among the numerous gifts were those of silver, china, and cut-glass; also that of \$225 in gold from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bigelow and Miss Charlotte Robbins.

West Groton.

Mrs. Malvina Lane spent a few days recently with friends in Fitchburg.

L. G. Strand and family started last Monday for a week's auto trip. They will visit relatives in Saxon River, Vt.

Mrs. Lewis of East Boston is visiting at G. S. Webber's.

Miss Clara Lothrop of Chelsea was a recent guest of her niece, Mrs. Edward Mollish.

Mrs. E. Powers of Houston, Texas, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Shores, for an indefinite period.

George Chandler of Ayer, brother-in-law of G. S. Webber, is working at the leatherboard mill, going to and from his home by bicycle.

R. H. Burgess left last week for Bar Mills, Me., where he is employed by James Mitchell, for whom he has worked in West Groton and Leominster.

A brother and niece of Mrs. Edmund Blood have been recent visitors at her home.

It is reported that the next well to be lowered by Mr. Starr is that of the place known as the Adams' storehouse, now owned by Mrs. Decatur of California.

A recent accident at the paper-mill caused some damage to the machinery and building, though, fortunately, no one was injured. The cylinder head was blown out of the engine that runs machines No. 1 and 2. Another engine of the same kind being at hand, necessary parts were removed from

it to the disabled engine, and work was resumed the following morning.

Going Monday, Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding are spending the week with relatives in Auburndale.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Miss Marion Dickson, acting assistant superintendent of the Faulkner hospital, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson.

George Hanna of Boston is here for a two weeks' vacation with his brother, Wm. Hanna. He is at the South station subway of the Boston Elevated when on duty.

Miss Esther Manning and Miss Tebbutt of Albany, N. Y., returned home last Friday after camping for two weeks with friends at Sheep Island.

F. M. Hynes returns to his duties as rural mail carrier on Monday next, after a two weeks' leave of absence and G. E. Hardy has substituted for him.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. W. F. Shores and Mrs. John B. Harlow, assisted by Mrs. White of Shirley, gave a dance party to the members of last year's dancing class at the town hall from eight till ten o'clock. It was strictly a juvenile party and was a very pleasant affair. Refreshments were served during the evening.

John Kenyon of West Hartford, Vt., a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King, is a week-end guest at Hillside farm.

W. H. Godfrey, for the past two years foreman at H. F. Whitney's farm on Oak hill, has sold his personal property here and moved his family to Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Archer are entertaining their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Goodwin of Maine.

Patrick Dailey for years a resident of our town is visiting for a few days with the family of James Madigan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lindley were called suddenly on Tuesday of this week to the bedside of Mrs. Lindley's mother, Mrs. George Osborne of Waltham, who is very seriously ill.

Fred Wetherbee, jr., of New York city, is at his father's summer home here for a week's outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fairbank, who with their daughter Mildred have been on a two weeks' visit to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barry at Schenectady, N. Y., returned on Tuesday of this week.

Sunday morning Rev. Albert H. Wheelock of the First Congregational church of Marlboro, will occupy the pulpit at the Orthodox church.

Tuesday evening, September 6, will be observed at the Grange as children's night. Miss Annie Reed has the entertainment in charge. A juvenile drama will be the principle feature of the evening.

Daniel Lucey, buyer for the Pope, Cottle lumber company of Chelsea, and a close friend of George F. Cobb, has purchased the farm of Miss Elizabeth Cushman, known as Camp Jeffrey on the Oak Hill road.

The public schools are to open on Monday, August 29.

Spurgeon M. Farnsworth is harvesting a fine lot of early peaches. This week and his peach orchard will yield him quite a sum as he gets good prices for them owing to their superiority.

John Lee, who has been on the sick list for a few days, is much better.

Orrin Fairbank is raising the roof to his cottage on Lovers' lane and otherwise making improvements in and about the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Olund of Newton, Misses Marion and Dargmon Olund are recent guests at Cosy Corner cottage, the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Fairbank. Irving F. Green of Boston was a recent guest there also for over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Aldrich and baby of Arlington Heights have been spending the past few days at Somerville, the home of Leon Dammun.

On Tuesday E. F. Chaffee and family of Somerville camp in their auto and spent the day with the Dammuns at Somerville.

Deaths.

In Dorchester, August 12, Henry Getchell, aged eighty-one years. Funeral services on Tuesday, August 15. Mr. Getchell was well known here, being brother-in-law to Miss Ellen Gamage and with whom both he and his wife spent a large part of their summers. He leaves one son, Fred Getchell.

Miss Sarah Page, for many years a resident here, but for the past few years an invalid at the hospital at Monson, died there Friday, August 12. She was aged sixty-three years. Burial was at the center cemetery on Saturday, August 13, Rev. Henry Mason officiating. Mr. Lindley had charge of the funeral. Miss Page was of a very beautiful and pleasant character and was sincerely mourned by many who were her schoolmates here in her girlhood days.

A Joy Ride.

Messrs. Reed, Kerley, Murchie, Waters and H. Dickson took a joy ride Tuesday evening last. Leaving here at seven o'clock they reached Worcester at eight, taking in the theatre, leaving there the next stop was at Quinsig dance pavilion, where the boys kicked off a little Harvard dust in the whizzy waltz. A few on the ice water and the ride was resumed via Shrewsbury, Northboro and Clinton home. Mr. Murphy of Ayer took the party in his E-M-F touring car. Waters complained a little at his camp stool in the bottom of the car, but being in the minority his protests were not sustained by the rest of the party.

Still River.

Miss Edith Fairchild left here for Berea, Ky., on Wednesday morning, for a short visit at her old home and alma mater, Berea college, of which she is a graduate. From there she goes to her duties as teacher in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., so that it will probably be nine months or more before we see her here again.

Last Saturday evening the young people of the village, with guests from Worcester and Fall River, had a corn-roast in Howard D. Stone's, wood lot near the river. There were

twenty-three in the party and they had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sprague had a party at their cottage near Bare Hill pond on Thursday, and those present were Mrs. Annie M. L. Clark and friend Miss Smith of Lancaster; Miss Katherine Lawrence, Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Miss Elizabeth Sprague of this village; Mrs. Lincoln of Somerville; Miss Grace Goodwin of Maine, with her own family.

Mr. Fairchild is this week in New York city on business and Mrs. Fairchild and her sister, Mrs. McMurray have been spending a few days at Marblehead.

Quite a number of the descendants of Simon Willard in this village are planning to attend the reunion at Ayer, Saturday, August 27.

Howard D. Stone, who is still quite sick with an attack of rheumatic fever, is gaining, but rather slowly.

Mrs. George Cross is packing up her furniture, which she expects to ship to Willoughby, Ohio, next week. Her husband has been there for several months as foreman on a large dairy farm. He has decided to remain there and his family are going to move to that place.

William H. Smith attended the funeral of his father in Chelsea on Wednesday.

Mrs. Viles received word that a sister had gone to the hospital in Boston on Thursday for an operation for appendicitis, and she went down on the first train to be with her.

Mrs. Jennie Willard and Miss Ruth and Master Luther returned from their visit in Winchester on Thursday.

Fred Bateman and his sister Eliza returned on Monday after a three weeks' visit in East Jaffrey, N. H.

B. J. Priest has had men and team at work repairing the road on Station hill this week that was in such a bad condition from the heavy rains of the summer.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The funeral of Miss Rose Jandreau, eleven years of age, took place last Saturday morning in St. Anthony's church, Rev. J. H. Cote officiating. Miss Jandreau was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jandreau and died last week Thursday afternoon, after an illness of about a month. Dr. Pierce, the attending physician and Dr. Cowles of Ayer, in company with a specialist from Boston, held a consultation last week Wednesday, but came to the conclusion that her case was a hopeless one and death was from a brain and spine trouble. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery. The pall bearers were Joseph Landry, Chester Smith, Daniel Credit, Alexander Gionet.

The next regular meeting of the Alliance will be on Thursday, September first, at the Grace E. Winslow farm, the present home of Dr. Ellen E. Schenck, who will be the hostess for the afternoon. It is expected that Miss Hazel MacKaye will read selections from one of her brother's plays.

Members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., the W. R. C., and S. of V., and members of Shirley Grange will hold a joint picnic on the farm of William Jubb on Saturday, August 27. Past commander Jubb takes a special interest in these organizations and they have accepted his invitation to be present and enjoy the beautiful and picturesque surroundings and partake of his hospitality.

About thirty members of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., paid a visit to Tahanto lodge of Leominster last week Thursday evening with eleven candidates who were duly initiated by the Leominster degree team, consisting of L. C. Rolfe, p. m. w., and associates who did excellent work. Tahanto lodge added two candidates to the list making a total of thirteen. Refreshments and a social hour followed. The evening was a most enjoyable and profitable one for all present.

Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce of the office staff of the C. A. Edgerton Company, with her sister, Miss Blanche Sawyer, is spending this week at Falmouth beach.

Will F. Russell and family moved this week into their new home in Leominster, where Mr. Russell has an insurance office.

The contract for the construction of a cottage for thirty boys to be built at the Shirley industrial school, has been awarded to the Vroom Bros., of Lynn. The cottage will be of wood.

Iseley Beach, who has been confined to his home for the past few weeks with sickness, is improving.

The Shirley baseball team will go to Keene on Saturday, August 27, for another game with the Keene nine and will go to Winchendon to play on Saturday, September 3, and after the game will go to Keene, to remain over Sunday and play two games on Labor day with the Keene nine.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burrage are spending two weeks' vacation with relatives in northern New York and Canada.

The Ladies' Alliance went to Whalom last week Thursday where they held their annual outing. A basket dinner was much enjoyed and they report a most delightful time.

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., conferred the third degree on three candidates at their regular meeting last week Thursday.

The forty hours devotion will commence in St. Anthony's church at the 10.30 mass Sunday morning, August 28.

Rev. George E. Bergerson, professor at Marist college in Washington, in company with his father, Michael Bergerson of Haverhill, were in town on Sunday.

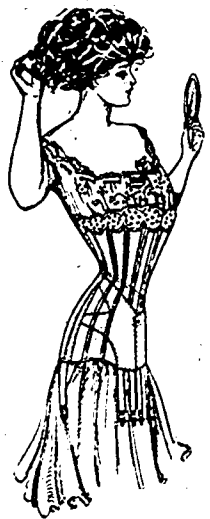
The Shirley baseball team went to Greenville on Thursday afternoon of this week to play the Greenville team and won the game by a score of 4 to 2.

The boys' band of the Industrial school gave a band concert Thursday evening in the village, which was much enjoyed and appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hocquard, who have been spending a couple of months at their old home, New Carlisle, P. of Q., start for home on August 29.

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AYER.

News Items.

Mr. Hardy, contractor and builder, has taken the job of erecting on Prospect Hill, Harvard, a mansion that is to cost from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for Miss Clara Endicott Sears of Groton. The land, of considerable extent, was purchased of W. S. Dudley. It will take Mr. Hardy all the winter to complete the job that he commenced Tuesday of this week. He has in prospect of building two other houses and a barn in the same locality for other parties. Miss Sears has a residence on Farmers' Row, Groton, that is advertised for sale through Boston real estate dealers.

Darwin L. Beals of Northampton has been visiting at the home of Miss E. M. Weber the past two weeks.

Marion Louise Weber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Weber, who has been practically blind for the past eight years, has had three very successful operations on her eyes. She is now at the Waltham hospital recovering from the third and most difficult operation. The skillful specialist, Allen Greenwood, M. D., performed the operation.

Miss Eleanor May Weber has accepted her re-appointment as teacher in the Centre school, Goshen, Mass., with an increased salary.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance will meet with Mrs. George J. Burns on Thursday, September 1, at three o'clock.

Fred H. Reeve, engineer on a shipper in the yard here, left Thursday for Portland, Me., to serve as an engineer in that city and may remain there permanently if he likes the job. Mrs. Reeve prefers living in Portland than in this place.

J. A. King of Fitchburg got through lathing the seven rooms in the second story and the eleven rooms in the third story of Mr. Phelps' building on Wednesday. In six days Mr. King laid 12,900 laths and it took 20,000 laths to complete the job.

Ray Spencer will return from his trip to Fort William, Nova Scotia, September first, where he has been for four weeks and his father, W. G. R. Spencer, will return with him from the same place where he has been for the past two weeks.

Frank P. Briggs' hen-roost last Sunday was visited and some of his choice poultry stolen. He offers a reward of twenty-five dollars for the apprehension and convicting of the hen-thieves. This money is worth looking after for some one.

Charles F. Bruce of Worcester, a former resident and a property owner here, was in town on Friday.

Mrs. Mary J. Farr leaves this Saturday for Townshend, Vt., where she will spend a week with relatives there.

George L. Osgood, the Sigsbee Company, has just received a carload of very attractive and handsome paper boxes for his leather Christmas goods. In the carload there were 30,000 boxes or more. Mr. Osgood turns out very attractive leather goods, useful as well as ornamental and he gives employment to a number of girls who are adepts in the manufacture of his line of leather goods.

Some of the news matter that came in late this week had to be crowded out.

Albert M. Phelps has gone to Woodstock, N. H., on business.

Mrs. Albert M. Phelps and daughter Bertha are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morrison in Laconia, N. H. Mrs. Fred Morrison is visiting her mother in Dover, N. H.

Miss Harriet E. Gordon of Ashburnham was the guest several days this week of Miss Jane Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Wood spent Sunday in Manchester, N. H., with their daughter, Mrs. H. A. Lang.

Lyman K. Clark went to New London, N. H., Friday morning for a week's vacation with friends.

Misses Clara E. and S. Adelaide Flood spent Thursday and Friday with friends in Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Moses have gone to Labrador by way of New York, the Hudson, Montreal, Quebec and the St. Lawrence river.

Miss Kathleen Moses has gone to Providence R. I., for a week's visit with friends.

Miss Susie McCarthy from the post-office is having her vacation, and Miss May Briggs is taking her place.

St. Mary's A. C. played the Forge Village team at the public playground on Saturday afternoon, August 20, and defeated them by a score of 8 to 6. Frank Donahue did the pitching for the Ayer team and pitched very good ball. The St. Mary's are to play the return game at Cameron grove, Forge Village, Saturday afternoon, August 27.

Philip Delano, son of Wellman J. Delano, keeper of the town farm, is to take his examination September 12 for admission to the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst.

At the auction sale last Saturday Mr. Phelps bought the Kingsbury place on Pearl street, which includes a large lot of land, the house, barn and another building. The price was \$3,625 and unpaid taxes of about seventy dollars, which is considered a very low price for the property. There were other bidders who struck in and bid briskly at the commencement of the sale, but the old gentleman started in a winner and he got what he wanted.

The Veaper Preserving Company, the members being Howard J. Pillman, Herbert H. Pillman and Verne Pillman, are in anticipation of starting their preserving factory somewhere between the first and the middle of next month. They are fitting up the factory with the most approved machinery and their products will be of such a quality as to create a demand for them. They will give employment when fully underway to a number of hands. Howard Pillman for some time past has been in the preserving business in Lowell.

Mrs. Winifred Leahy and family are spending the week at Holden's cottage, Robbins' pond, Harvard.

Last Sunday the earthquake shock that was distinctly observed in many

places in the Merrimac valley was also felt here and in many of the houses in town it was severe enough to shake them and rattle the dishes in closets.

Howard D. Stone of Still River, who has been confined to his home with an attack of rheumatic fever, is up and moving about. As soon as he is well enough he will commence with several men the erection of the addition to the rear part of Mr. Proctor's garage that he is to occupy for his machine shop and will put in a large size gasolene engine for power.

The gross earnings of the Massachusetts Lighting Company of Boston, who are owners of the electric light plant here for June, were \$67,794, an increase of \$69.80 over the same month of last year.

Rev. Wayland Spaulding, formerly one of our pastors, writes as follows from southern Europe, where he is now travelling: "We are near the skies, even if we are not so very good. Yesterday, August 5, we rode past Mt. Blanc to Chamounix. Then we went up to Zermatt. The startling Matterhorn rises before us as I write. We have seen many cathedrals, but God's own structures out-grander them all. We go from here south to Avignon and the Riviera, then to Rome. We sail from Antwerp, October 15."

The ladies of the Helping Hand society of the M. E. church will hold a baked bean and salad supper in the lower town hall, Wednesday, August 31, from six to 7.30.

Silas N. Stone, who has been at the Massachusetts General hospital for the past three weeks and who was operated upon for enlargement of prostate gland and stone in the bladder two weeks ago, is getting along as well as can be expected.

Fire Protection.

At the April town meeting the following committee was appointed by the chair: Thomas F. Mullin, chairman, William Brown, Frederick Whitney, William U. Sherwin and Harry Draper, secretary, to investigate fire conditions, fire protection and water pressure and report at some future meeting, called the entire fire department out Tuesday afternoon.

Tests were made at the three hydrants at the high school, one each at George L. Osgood's house on Pleasant street, at T. F. Mullin's on Washington street, at Williams and Holmes street, and at the Haynes-Piper Company works. The tests were very satisfactory with probably one exception, and the committee will give the tests made some consideration and after going over the matter with an expert engineer, will make their report.

A. O. H. Parade.

About fifty-five members of Division 7, A. O. H., attended the parade in Lowell on Wednesday, August 24, leaving Ayer on a special open car which came from Lowell. The division formed at their hall on West Main street and marched to the corner of Columbia street and Central avenue, where they boarded the car for Lowell at nine a. m. The division was led by the Sixth Regiment drum corps of Leominster and Fitchburg. It was generally known that the members were out for one of the prizes offered by Mr. O'Sullivan and would undoubtedly succeed only for the fact that the division from Woburn had a jaunting car in their line drawn by two horses in the real Irish style.

Accompanying the division as guests were Rev. P. J. Sheedy of St. Mary's church, John B. O'Connell and John Daffy. Through the kindness of the owner of the Odd Fellows' Temple, the Ayer boys had the same at their disposal while in the city.

The division was in charge of Charles McCarthy, pres.; William Walsh, vice pres.; M. J. Carey and F. B. Sullivan, C. A. McCarthy and M. J. Carey were delegates to the convention and attended the banquet there on Wednesday. William Walsh and Joseph Foley were also present at the banquet. The following is taken from the Lowell Sun: "A little incident occurred at I. O. O. F. building in Middlesex street this noon which shows the broadness of spirit of the present day. The division from Ayer was quartered in the hall, and at lunch members of the Odd Fellows were there to see that they were properly served and comfortably cared for. On leaving the building for the parade the division gave three cheers for the Odd Fellows, both for kindness and the appropriate decorations."

Court News.

Daniel F. Hession, proprietor of the Ayer Inn, better known as the Union house, was in court August 23, and on trial was found guilty for maintaining a common nuisance and was fined fifty dollars and expenses. On the charge of exposing and keeping intoxicating liquors for sale, it was placed on file till September first. In all probability Mr. Hession will retire from business and retire from Ayer by that date.

Charles H. Chandler of the Ayer Inn, who was in court August 23, charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors, was on trial and adjudged not guilty and discharged on both counts.

Michael J. Coughlin of the American and Taylor houses, John J. McCarthy of the Taylor house and James Richards of the American house, all three charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance. McCoughlin and McCarthy are summoned to appear before Judge Atwood on Saturday morning, August 27.

Daniel F. Hession, charged with assault and battery, August 23, Charles H. Chandler, complainant, came up for hearing on August 24, and Mr. Hession on trial was found not guilty.

In Bankruptcy.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the New England Paper and Stationery company in the Kimball building, Boston, August 11, it was voted that the corporation file a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The petition was sworn to August 17 and filed in the district court of the United States for the district of Massachusetts August 22. On the same day the company's attorney presented a

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petition for the appointment of a receiver to Henry E. Warner, esq., referee in bankruptcy, to whom the petition in bankruptcy had been referred. The petition for a receiver states that the company are manufacturers of paper goods, that they have large orders for shipment which should be filled, that the present time is the season for taking orders for future delivery, that the corporation contemplates making an offer in composition with its respective creditors, and that if said composition is confirmed it would be of great advantage to the corporation that the said business be continued as a going concern, and that if said composition is not confirmed it would be of great advantage to the creditors in making sale of the plant that the same be continued as a going concern.

The referee appointed J. Duke Smith of Andover receiver to receive, take and hold the assets of the bankrupt with authority to continue the business of the bankrupt in the usual course until further order. The receiver is directed to give bond with sureties in the sum of five thousand dollars and to forthwith examine into the advisability of continuing the business.

The adjudication that the company is bankrupt dissolves the attachment made in the suit of certain creditors and the keeper has accordingly been removed from the plant and the receiver has been in town looking over the situation.

The company's total liabilities as set out in its petition are \$43,390.71. Its total assets are \$20,959.73. The preferred creditors are the commonwealth of Massachusetts, for corporation tax, the town of Ayer, for local taxes, the amounts in each case being given as unknown, and workmen and clerks, etc., for wages earned within three months before filing the petition, whose claims are \$2,985.98.

The secured creditors are, the North Middlesex Savings bank, which has a mortgage on the company's land and buildings for \$3,000.00; the Merrimack Paper company of Lawrence, which has a mortgage upon the machinery in the plant of \$8,449.79; the Whitlock Printing Press company of Shelton, Conn., which has a conditional contract of sale of certain machinery, on which the amount due is \$1,291.70; Seannell Boiler works of Lowell, which has a conditional contract of sale of the boiler and engine, on which the amount due is \$1,118.00. The unsecured debts amount to \$25,259.87. The principal assets are land and buildings, valued at \$3,000.00; stock, valued at \$7,000.00; due on open accounts, \$10,000.00.

Scholarship for Ladoo.

The first Harvard college scholarship awarded by the Fitchburg Harvard club will go to Raymond Ladoo, a graduate of Leominster high school in the class of '10, and he will enter Harvard in September. As a member of the Leominster high school he stood among the first in his class. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Ladoo of Leominster, who were former residents of this town for some time.

The Fitchburg Harvard club a few months ago voted to give a scholarship each year to a freshman to Harvard from Fitchburg, Leominster or Gardner. It is offered to assist boys who cannot afford to go to Harvard and also to induce more boys from this section to enter Harvard. The club is made up of some of the best known and most wealthy men in Gardner, Leominster and Fitchburg. The scholarship pays the tuition of a freshman each year.

Bowling League Is Assured.

Definite steps have been taken by the manager of the Putnam street academy, Fitchburg, to have a bowling league this year and he has communicated with the star bowlers in Leominster, Shirley and Ayer to come into a four-club league with Fitchburg. These are the only four towns in this vicinity from which all the teams can get home at night and so it is thought to be the most practical circuit, although some of the other places mentioned as probable league members would make good drawing cards.

Ayer and Shirley were favored by Leominster and Fitchburg as the most central places and so the invitation was issued, Wednesday. There seems to be no doubt but that these four places will jump at a chance to get together and roll so the intercity league is almost assured.

SHIRLEY.

Centre.

The friends and former pupils of Miss Julia M. Pike will be interested to learn that she was married on August 3, to George N. Bedell, also a former resident of this town. They will reside at Waterford, Vt.

Ralph Graves started Thursday morning for a few days' visit with relatives in Peabody.

Miss Helen Rowe, who has been spending her two weeks' vacation here, returned to Boston last week Friday. Her mother, who has been spending the summer here, will also leave soon.

Miss Bertha Salisbury of Wollaston is visiting with Miss Margaret Goodspeed.

Mrs. C. E. Lynch has purchased the old Pound Hill schoolhouse of Homer P. Holden and also a small group of land joining it off Charles K. Bolton and Frank Lawton.

News Items.
Charles H. Weare, Jr., with his son Earl, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives in Boston.
John Adams, with his sister, Miss Grace Adams, spent the first of the week with relatives in Hollis.
J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold a special meeting on Monday evening, August 29, at eight o'clock.
Mrs. Fred Harvey of Ansonia, Conn., a former resident, is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Devarney for a brief vacation.
Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Binney returned yesterday from a ten days' vacation spent at Marblehead.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen returned Tuesday from a week's visit at Marblehead.
Herbert F. Taylor, who recently resigned his position as superintendent of the Industrial school for boys, has accepted a position as superintendent of schools at Revere. Mr. Taylor was selected from a list of forty candidates and will reside on Cushman avenue, Revere, where he moved his furniture on Friday of this week.

Defeated.
The Shirley baseball team went to Leominster last Saturday to play the second of a series of games with the well-known Tigers and were defeated by a score of 12 to 7. About 2,000 people witnessed the game. It was certainly an off day for the Shirley team, as they played the worst of any game so far this season, lacking in many points of all-round team work which was a disappointment to the large number of Shirley enthusiasts who attended the game. This is the second of three games for a purse of \$100, the first game being a tie, each team scoring two runs.

The date for the next game has not yet been fully decided, but it will probably take place in Shirley some time the first part of September.

Wedding.
A quiet home wedding took place on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Harris, when their daughter, Miss Edna Isabelle Harris, was united in marriage to Shipley Wilson Ricker of South Berwick, Me. At three o'clock the nuptial knot was tied and Rev. W. G. Richardson, pastor of the Methodist church at Leominster, performed the ceremony. Only relatives and a few friends were present. The bride was gowned in white embroidered muslin, the ring service being used.

A reception and wedding dinner followed the ceremony. The bridal couple then departed for a brief honeymoon. The bride was attended in a traveling suit of dark blue serge with large picture hat to match. Upon their return they will reside for a short time at the home of the bride's parents. The wedding presents consisted of silver, china and brass-ware. The groom has been principal and teacher of the Shirley high school since last September and was in connection with the school when it closed in June for the summer vacation. The bride was a member of his school class of 1911.

New Advertisements.
NOTICE TO POLL TAX PAYERS.
All Poll Taxes are on demand and not paid by Thursday, September 1st. Poll tax payers will be served with a summons at an additional expense of twenty cents. E. W. CARLEY, Tax Collector, Ayer, Mass. 1150

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To all persons interested in the estate of HENRY C. COREY, late of Groton, in said County, deceased:
Whereas, JOHN L. BOYSTON, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition praying the Court to determine the amount of money which he may pay for the perpetual care of the lot in which the body of said deceased is buried, and to whom the same shall be paid;
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, 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 administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postage paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, first judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten.
E. A. ESTY, Ass't Register.

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Liverpool, Queenstown, Fish-guard

From Boston, Ivernia, August 30, 5 p. m.
Saxonia, Sept. 13, 4 p. m.

From New York, Mauretania, August 31,
Caronia, September 3.
Lusitania, September 7.

On and after September, the Campania, Caronia, Carmania, Ivernia and Saxonia will call at Queenstown on all voyages both East bound and West bound.

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From Boston, Cymric, Sept. 6, 12 Noon.
Zeeland, Sept. 20, 11 a. m.
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Glasgow and Londonderry
Sailing from New York Every Saturday

Tickets and Travellers Cheques on Hand

New Goods

Apple Parer, Corer and Slicer.

9 in. long, Iron Frame, Steel Knives, automatic push off. Wood Handle crank. Will pare without coring or slicing.

Price, 68c.

Shower Bath Sprays and Rings.

Brass Nickel-Plated Spray, 5 ft. Red Rubber Tubing, Solid Rubber Bulb.

Price, 85c.

Galvanized Chamber Pails.

Strong Sheet Iron, extra galvanized.

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1 lb. Nickel-Plated, Bell Face, 12.-in. Hardwood Handle, Varnished.

Price, 10c.

Gray Mottled Enamel Ware.

10 qt. Lipped Preserve Kettles 60c.

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FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL CONTEST

Harry L. Pierce of Leominster a Man Who Does Things and Why He Has Succeeded

The man who can make two blades of grass grow where only one grew before has always been considered a most valuable man for any community to possess. What then is a man worth who makes a whole town grow where none grew before—who makes scores of houses and business enterprises grow where nothing but weeds grew before, who makes dollars grow where only dimes grew before with bay selling at \$20 a ton?

The man who by his own energy, ability, perseverance and business sagacity builds up conservative, successful and highly remunerative business enterprises, who creates something out of neglected or overlooked opportunities because he has the foresight that discerns the possibilities where other men had passed them by is a man who has done something of great value to the world.

A man who can do things, do them right, do them successfully, even against tremendous odds, do them honestly in the face of difficulties is a man to be proud of. Such a man is hardly to be sneered at or ignored.

A man who has shown himself to be resourceful, determined and has forced substantial recognition of his ability from the great captains of industry is hardly the man to be disposed of with a sneer.

When a poor boy, forced to leave his father's farm at the age of 14 to go out into the world to battle for himself because of necessity of relieving his parents of the burden of his support and 21 years later unaided by any thing but his own ability, integrity and bulldozing determination to succeed has become recognized as a successful man of affairs, dealing with things in a big way, and recognized as a man of influence in a dozen states he has a right to feel that he is entitled to the respect and confidence of the community.

And when you find such a man and find that after a residence of 22 years in the same town he possesses the respect, confidence and loyal friendship of the best men in every walk in life in that town, when you find his neighbors honoring him to the highest degree it is fairly safe to say that here is a man to be trusted.

A man who at 45 years of age has built street railroads by the all good and substantial progress who has secured valuable franchises because he has been liberal and with the communities giving them who has always kept every promise made even when older roads declared it impossible to carry them out, and whose roads stand today on a solid firm financial foundation has done things quite worth while.

A man who at 45 years of age has developed great phosphate business in another state and has been largely instrumental in sending out millions of tons of this valuable fertilizer annually to enrich the farms of this country and make them literally produce two blades of grass where only one grew before, who has invested his profits in his home town, who has made wealth for his friends, who has cut transportation fares in half on the face of bitter opposition and won out, who has been identified with diverse other business enterprises in no small way can hardly be looked upon as not worth confidence when he turns to politics and public life because he feels a desire to give his service to his fellow citizens and to his party.

Now such is the history of Harry L. Pierce of Leominster. It reads like a romance. It is a man whose life is a record of successful business enterprises, started, managed and put on to a sound financial basis, is the record of a plunger, he pleads guilty. If he is building largely in the building up of his community is to be considered the work of a "plunger" he has no apologies to offer. If the carrying of thousands of working people to and from their work to their homes at half the price they formerly had to pay, and at the same time building up a big and successful street railway system is "plunging" Mr. Pierce is very very guilty.

If the development of big phosphate beds and placing on the market millions of tons of the most valuable fertilizer that the farmers use to increase their crops and lower the cost of living is plunging, Mr. Pierce certainly is a "plunger."

Because he was able to look ahead with a clear vision and detect rare opportunities for developing and producing things of the greatest value is "plunging". Mr. Pierce deserves the title. But generally a man who produces, who turns heretofore waste land into valuable building lots on which today hundreds of substantial built and comfortable homes stand, who takes from the earth where it was lying neglected great mineral wealth, and makes that product do its part in the production of food supply, is considered not a "plunger", but a man whose business judgment and sagacity marks him as a man to be looked up to and trusted.

It would be hard work to convince the working people who are daily transported by the hundreds from Fitchburg to Leominster over a well

Because of that unavoidable absence his political opponents are endeavoring to bring charges that he was unfaithful or rather neglectful of the interests of his constituents. But his constituents do not feel that way, and any fair man knowing the reasons will heartily approve of his course. Had he foreseen these business conditions he would not have gone to the legislature.

He is now a candidate for congress in the Fourth Congressional district, and he is being supported by many of the very best men in the district, and every hour brings new recruits to his forces. He is going very shortly to retire from his active business affairs and will be able to attend without being trammelled by business matters to his duties as congressman.

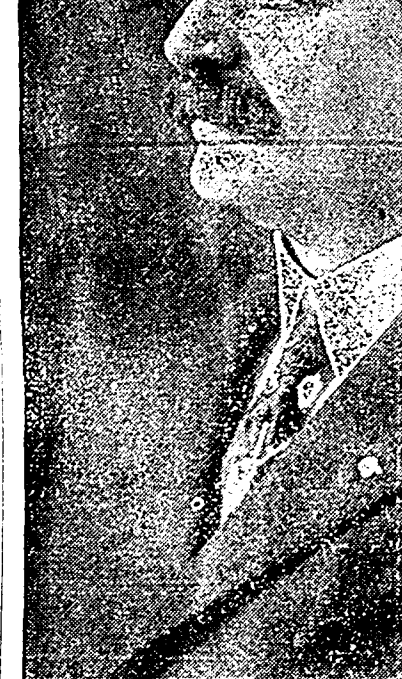
Mr. Pierce is a self educated man, with a knowledge of business affairs gained by active participation in business enterprises of diversified nature which admirably equip him for the work that naturally falls upon a congressman. He looks at things in a broad minded way, gets at the root of things directly, and is a student of economic conditions. He is and always has been a Republican.

He is seeking the Republican nomination in a fair way. He offers no criticism of his opponents, he recognizes that it is an honorable and a laudable purpose to desire to represent this district with its big business enterprises, so widely diversified, in Congress, and he will use all honorable means to secure the nomination. He doesn't intend to make his campaign one of personalities, nor to ask for support on any alleged shortcomings or deficiencies if there happen to be any of his opponents. But he does intend to present his own case in a plain, straightforward way on his record as a man, a citizen and a loyal Republican. If his qualifications, his training as a business man,

equipped and well managed street railway for a nickel instead of the ten cents generally demanded for such service, that the man who did it was an unsafe plunger, even if his proposals at the time he secured his franchises did shake the old time companies and make them stand aghast at his proposition. They declared it spelt ruin and disaster. But he kept his word. The great Putnam street overhead bridge at the Fitchburg, the strict exactness with which he lived up to his pledges regarding street conditions, the wide extension of one of the handsomest streets, adorned with beautiful houses in his own town of Leominster are monuments to his cool business judgment when coupled together with the fact that the road is and always has been a big financial success.

It might be well to briefly sum up some of the most important enterprises with which he has been identified in a prominent way.

Harry L. Pierce was born in Somerville, Mass., June 6, 1865, son of William H. and Emma H. Pierce. He was one of a family of seven children. He attended the public schools of Somerville until he was ten years old, at which time he moved to Lynnfield, Mass., where his father purchased a farm. He attended the public schools of Lynnfield and worked on the farm until he was 14 years old, at which time on account of his father's ill health he felt it necessary to leave home and earn his own living. For the next two years he was employed as a farm hand in the town of Lynnfield, after which he moved to Lynn, and worked in a meat and provision store for a year and at the end of that time opened a market for himself. After being engaged in the meat and provision business for a short time, his father was obliged to leave for Florida in search of health, and Mr.



HARRY L. PIERCE.

his thorough knowledge of the district, its industries and its needs commend him to the voters as a man who can safely be trusted to look after their business interests at Washington, well and good. If he is beaten he will put up his sleeves, man-fashion, and with his friends will give the hearty kind of support to the man who wins.

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electric line construction of the Austin, Texas, St. Rwy. Mr. Pierce went to Texas with his family and personally superintended the construction work on this road.

In 1893 they had the contract for the electric line construction of the extension to the New London, Conn., St. Rwy., the Nantasket Beach St. Rwy., the Bath, Me., St. Rwy., the Wakefield & Lynn St. Rwy. and the Dedham & Hyde Park St. Rwy. Co.

In 1894 the company was changed to the Pierce Construction Co. Some of the contracts entered into by this company were the full construction and equipment of the Pawtucket Valley St. Rwy., Westley, R. I., and also the line between Ashland and Hopkinton. In 1895 they had the contract for the full equipment and construction of the Greenfield & Turners Falls St. Rwy., Greenfield, Mass. They also had contracts for the track and electric line construction of the North Adams and Williamstown, Reading & Lowell and Haverhill, Georgetown & Danvers St. Rwy. Co.

In 1896 they had the contract for the full construction and equipment of the Leominster and Clinton St. Rwy. Co., Leominster, Mass., and the Bradford St. Rwy. Co., Bradford, Pa.

In 1897 they had the contract for the complete equipment and construction of the Olean, Rock City and Bradford St. Rwy. Co., of Olean, N. Y.

In 1898 they had the contract for the full equipment and construction of the Fitchburg & Suburban St. Rwy. Co., Leominster, Mass.

In 1899 they had the contract for the extension of both track and line construction for the Fitchburg & Suburban St. Rwy., and also the contract for the full equipment and line construction of the Laconia St. Rwy. Co., Laconia, N. H.

In 1900 they had the contract for the extension to the Olean, Rock City & Bradford Rwy., Olean, N. Y.

Of the above mentioned electric railways Mr. Pierce organized and assisted in financing the following: The Pawtucket Valley St. Rwy., Greenfield & Turners Falls Rwy., Haverhill, Georgetown and Danvers Rwy., Leominster & Clinton Rwy., Bradford Rwy., Olean, Rock City & Bradford Rwy., Fitchburg & Suburban Rwy., and Laconia Rwy. Co.

In 1899 Mr. Pierce became interested in the phosphate business in Florida, forming, with others, the Electric Phosphate Co., with a capital of \$300,000, operating the same until the fall of 1906, at which time it was sold to the Prairie Pebble Phosphate Co. In the spring of 1906 he organized and financed the Pierce Phosphate Co. with a capital of \$500,000, which company was later sold.

In the spring of 1907 he organized and financed the Florida Mining Co. with a capital of \$500,000 in which company he holds the controlling interest.

Mr. Pierce is a member of the Leominster club, Leominster board of trade, the Monoosnock Country club of Leominster, the Watatic club and the Boston Athletic association.

He is also a 32d degree Mason, Knight Templar, member of Aleppo Temple Mystic Shrine, Past Master Workman of the O. U. A. W., and a member of the Fitchburg lodge of Elks.

He was also the organizer and first president of the Leominster Country club.

This is the man who came before the Republican congressional district and asks for the privilege of representing them in congress. He will bring to their service the same indomitable courage, the business ability, the careful thought, the unceasing work that has characterized his whole dealings through life.

He isn't the candidate of any machine or boss, he may expect opposition from those who do not want a man to do his own thinking, but he is willing to leave his case in the hands of the thoughtful voters for their determination and he intends to give them a chance to express themselves concerning his fitness to represent them, by every fair means in his power.

He is a plain, straight-forward business man, sprung from the people, one of the people, who has surmounted many serious obstacles and won out. He is close to the people and knows their needs.

He simply wants to stand before them as a man who has made his mark by his own efforts asking them their support because he honestly feels that he can be of service to them and to the district. If such a candidacy appeals to the voters he expects their support and judging from the way in which he is daily being endorsed by men of standing in the district anxious only to secure the best man for the place he is going to be nominated and elected. If you favor such a candidate send your name and address at once to his committee and join with us in the work. Let his nomination be as he desires it to be, the expression of the will of the people and not the desire of a handful of politicians.

GEORGE J. BURNS, Chairman Pierce Congressional Campaign Committee, Ayer, Mass.

Fearless. "Whitcomb is an independent thinker."

"He is?"

"Yes; he even dares to say the clock in the railroad station is wrong."—Buffalo Express.

Dying to Tell. "Jack, Dolly told me the most exciting secret and made me swear never to tell a living soul."

"Well, hurry up with it. I'm late for the office now."

REARING THE CALF

It Requires Good Judgment and the Strict Attention of the Breeder. When calves are to be reared either for breeding uses or for growing into beef, great care should be taken to discard some at a comparatively early age. An expert says that it would pay far better to give away unpromising calves than to attempt to rear them. It is true nevertheless that there may be instances wherein calves do not promise well at the first and made



A WELL BRED CALF. [From Breeder's Gazette, Chicago.]

good development later, but these instances are the exception rather than the rule.

When calves come prematurely they seldom develop as well as when born at the proper time. It may pay to rear some pure breeds that are thus born, but it is questionable if it will pay to rear such calves if they will be only worth their meat or milk value when grown. The same may be said of calves that are small and weak at birth. While some of these may develop into good animals the chances are against such a result.

Among the indications of promise in young calves are strength and vigor, shown almost as soon as born, good size and at least medium flesh, but it would be going too far to say that calves lean at birth may not be possessed of good development later. Leanness at birth may have been caused by influences in the dam which may not work any serious harm to the calf.

When calves are to be reared for the dairy there are certain indications which it may be well to look for. These include an udder well formed and with teats well apart; also one or more rudimentaries, which are said by some to indicate milk force. In these and all calves six or eight teeth, well formed and well through the gums, so to speak, are also regarded as indicative of vigor.

Quality of Butter.

The quality of butter depends to a great degree upon the food and drink of the cow. She should have clean, pure water and wholesome food. Much care should be taken in the selection of the ration. The individual cow has much to do in this regard. But with respect to the part that is played in handling the product of the cow too much carelessness is evident in the processes of buttermaking. After churning is finished the butter and milk mixture should remain quiet for about ten minutes in order to let the butter come to the surface. A cup of cold water will hasten the process. An old recipe says: The butter should then be carefully skimmed off into a wooden bowl half full of water. The water should be repeatedly changed until it shows no indication of milkiness. It is important that the butter should not be pressed or worked during the process of removing the milk from the butter. After this the butter may be pressed into a mass and salt to the extent of one-fortieth its weight worked into it. The water should be well pressed out, but the less worked the more perfectly its granular character is maintained.

If butter is pressed firmly into earthen jars or wooden firkins and kept at a temperature of 50 or 60 degrees it may be preserved in fair condition for six or eight months.

Proper Shetland Type.

The ideal Shetland should have a round body and its legs be short and not buckled at the knees. In buying a pony select one that has good knee action and holds his head well up. Always avoid one that has a "sleepy" appearance. The original Shetland ponies come from the Shetland Isles, off the extreme north coast of Scotland. It is known that ponies have inhabited these islands for nearly 200 years, but the first ponies imported to this country were brought over about the middle of the last century.

Shetlands are of all colors, and color cuts no figure in judging their points. They are easy to raise and are always in good demand.

Treatment of the Separator.

The separator is a machine which should receive careful treatment if it is to do its best work. Foundations should be solid and the machine set perfectly level. All bearings should receive frequent flushings with kerosene. This will make the machine run easy and prolong its life. Keep the machine well oiled with the special oil sent out with the separator. Separators should be located in a clean, well ventilated place free from odors. It is not necessary to say that the separator should be taken apart and thoroughly cleaned and aired after each time it is used.



PROTECT YOUR THROAT

It is one of the most delicate parts of your body and should be carefully guarded in the severe winter months. Many dangerous diseases attack the throat directly, and an inflamed throat, lays you open to all kinds of illness. You ought to stop a sore throat as soon as you get it, and the best way to do this is with

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It reduces inflammation, takes down swelling, and you can depend upon it to stop your sore throat. No disease germs can possibly lurk in your throat after you have used it. Every family should have a bottle of this great safeguard and cure always on hand.

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Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co. TIME TABLE.

Cars leave Ayer for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Brookside at 6:05 a. m. and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10:50 p. m. The two earlier cars, one at 5:15 and 5:30 a. m. and start from the carhouse.
Sundays—First car at 7:05 a. m., then same as week days.
Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Fitchburg at 6:05, 7:20 a. m., then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11:20 p. m.
Sundays—First car 8:20 a. m., then same as week days.
Cars leave North Chelmsford for West Chelmsford and Brookside at 6:00, 6:35 and 7:50 a. m., and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10:50 p. m.
Sundays—First car 7:50 a. m., then same as week days.
Cars leave Brookside for Lowell, North Chelmsford and Ayer at 6:15, 6:50 and 8:05 a. m., and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 11:05 p. m.
Sundays—First car 8:05 a. m., then same as week days.
In effect March 1, 1910. Subject to change without notice.
L. H. CUSHING,
Superintendent.

BOSTON AND NORTHERN ST. RY. CO. LOWELL DIVISION.

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Issued June 21, 1909.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

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Boston via Tewksbury and heading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—6:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 8:45 p. m. Sundays—7:45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:15 p. m.
Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5:25 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 9:25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12:25 p. m. until 9:55 p. m.) 10:25 p. m. to Woburn only. Sundays—6:55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:55 p. m. 10:25 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—6:32 a. m. and every 60 minutes until 9:32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11:32 a. m. until 9:32 p. m.) Sundays—7:32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9:32 p. m.
Lawrence—5:15, 6:15, 6:40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:40 p. m. Sundays—7:10 a. m. and every 30 mins. week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5:20, 6:10, 6:50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:50 p. m. Sundays—7:20 a. m. then same as week days.
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Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12:45 p. m. until 10:15 p. m.) Sundays—7:15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6:35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1:35 p. m. until 10:35 p. m.) Sundays—7:35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:35 p. m.
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THOMAS DEER, Supt.

MANUFACTURES AND EXPORTS

Enormous Increase in American Goods Sent Abroad

THE CAUSE OF HIGH PRICES

How a Radical Reduction of the Tariff Might Work Against Labor—The Orange and Raisin Industries

One of the interesting things in regard to the operation of the Payne-Aldrich tariff act is the fact reported by the bureau of commerce and labor that exports of manufactures in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, exceeded those of any earlier year; and also that imports of manufacturers' materials for the same period were the largest in the history of the nation. Years ago England was the great manufacturing nation of the world and a large proportion of the other countries imported heavily from Great Britain. Today the United States seems to be coming fast the leader among manufacturing nations and it does not seem the vision of a prophet to conjecture that ere long she will lead the world in this line of enterprise.

So long as we continue to produce the most of our raw materials and manufacture them into goods in this country, so long will American labor be employed at equitable wages. It has often been shown that if we buy our manufactured goods in Europe our money goes to the payment of European wages and not to support of our own American working men. The principle of a protective tariff for which the Republican party has stood for more than fifty years is to place a customs tax upon imported goods sufficient to make up the difference between low wages paid abroad and the high wages paid in the United States, and at the same time protect our own manufacturers against the goods of the foreigners. It is easy to see that if our tariff were put any lower than this it would open our markets would swamp our own industries and compel them to shut down or reduce wages to the European standard, in order that they might survive the influx of cheap labor products. Anyone who has studied impartially the tariff question to any extent must see that the first one to suffer by foreign competition is the wage earner, and then the manufacturer.

The Tariff and Labor
Most manufacturers in this country say they are already economizing in every way in order to produce their goods at as low a price as possible. The only thing which remains on which they might reduce the cost of their products seem to be labor. Very few manufacturers would wish to cut wages to any lower point than that at which they now stand, but if compelled to do so by the sharp competition of foreigners through a radical reduction of the tariff they say they would be obliged to adopt this course or face utter ruin.

It is easy to say that the tariff is responsible for the present high prices of the necessities of life. It is, however, impossible to prove it because all the evidence points in the opposite direction. The man who does not stop to consider the facts of the case may be deceived into believing that the tariff is the cause of the present prices. If he stops to examine the evidence he will find in many cases where the tariff has been reduced, that prices have advanced as rapidly and as radically as on those few articles on which the tariff was increased. He will even find that the prices of many articles which have now been placed on the free list are much higher than they were before. Certainly in a tariff bill where the tariff on a large part of the items was left as it was before, or decreased, the tendency should be toward lower prices if the argument advanced against the tariff is true. Political economists nearly all agree that the enormous increase in the production of gold is the cause of high prices.

It ought to be evident that there is nothing to the charge that the tariff is largely responsible for high prices. The duty on hides was taken off in the Payne tariff act, but notwithstanding that fact, the prices of leather advanced steadily and leather is at a higher price mark today than before the tariff law was enacted.

The Orange and Raisin Industries
It is interesting to note that during the last decade or two domestic production has been rapidly supplanting certain classes of fruit formerly imported in large quantities. This applies especially to raisins and oranges. Some years ago a duty was imposed upon imports of these fruits. Today it is recognized that the finest grades of oranges and raisins are produced in this country in sufficient quantities to practically supply the demand. Instead of spending money abroad for these articles Americans are spending it at home and thus helping to enrich this country instead of some other. The cultivation of these fruits is giving labor to American workmen, but if the United States had followed the Democratic free-trade doctrine it is extremely doubtful if such a showing

as this could have been made. The competition of cheap labor countries must have been so fierce as to have discouraged the American fruit grower in his effort to develop this industry. Just what the country is doing in the matter of iron and steel may be seen from the following figures: In forty years, from 1861 to 1900, our imports of iron and steel manufactures amounted to \$1,409,000,000, while our exports in the same line were \$973,000,000. The excess of imports over exports was \$436,000,000.

In the ten years, from 1900 to 1910, our imports of manufactured iron and steel amounted to \$397,000,000, while our exports totalled \$1,411,000,000. For the ten years the excess of our exports over our imports was \$1,014,000,000.

This little statement shows in a nutshell the reversed conditions in the steel industry. Whereas our exports were formerly small and our imports large, our imports today in the line of steel are growing less and less, while our exports are constantly and rapidly increasing. The country is becoming more and more self-supporting nation and this has come about through a maintenance of this protective tariff.

Mayor Fitzgerald Is Criticized
The Boston finance commission has sent a letter to Mayor Fitzgerald roundly criticizing appointments which he has made during the first six months of his term of office, and charging him with having played politics from city hall. The commission also recommends that the mayor observe the letter and spirit of the new charter amendment hereafter in making appointments and confine himself to the larger and more important administrative problems, ceasing to interfere with the heads of departments in the appointment or removal of petty officials.

The finance commission sturdily upholds the action of the state civil service board in rejecting many of Mr. Fitzgerald's appointments, declaring that the city has not suffered a loss in any instance of rejection, and asserting that persons who are qualified could or should have been found. The letter goes on to state that fifteen of the mayor's twenty-two new appointments to paid positions as heads of important departments appear to have been made as rewards for political support.

Curious Styles of Letter Endings.
Any one in the habit of perusing old letters is struck with the tone of great humility and deference which pervades the correspondence of our ancestors.

A few specimens of the style of beginning and ending letters may prove interesting as in striking contrast to the laconic "yours obediently," "faithfully" or "truly" of the present day. It would certainly be difficult to match the following subscription of a letter from the Duke of Shrewsbury to Sir Thomas Hanmer, dated September, 1713: "I desire that you will believe that, wherever I am, I shall always endeavor to deserve and very much value your friendship, being, with a sincere esteem, sir, your most faithful and obedient servant, Shrewsbury."

Frequently one meets with bellicose subscriptions, as in the case of the Earls of Hutly and Errol, who in 1504 threatened "awful consequences to the magistrates of Aberdeen unless they released certain gentlemen imprisoned in their city and inscribed, "Yours as ye will, either present peace or weir."

Arithmetic by Hand.
We shall never be in danger of forgetting that our ancestors did their sums on their fingers so long as arithmetic retains the word "digits." But modern civilization knows nothing of the elaborate developments of this method. It takes a Wallachian peasant to multiply 8 by 9 on his hands. This is how he does it: The fingers of either hand, beginning with the thumb, stand for the numbers from 0 to 10. So the ring finger of one hand and the middle finger of the other are stuck out to represent 8 and 9. Counting the fingers remaining on the side farthest from the thumb he finds them 1 and 2 respectively, and 1 multiplied by 2 gives him the units of his product—2. Then he counts from the thumb to the stuck out fingers inclusive, finds them 3 and 4, adds these, and gets 7 for his tens. Answer, 72. All this to avoid knowing the multiplication table beyond 4 times 4!

For the Judge's Information.
The police court judge could not repress a smile when his eyes rested on a card that was lying on his desk during a session of the court. On it were printed two stanzas under the title "The Perfect Man," and he could not but look at the motley gang of prisoners who sat before him. And he did not think the card had been dropped accidentally. The verses read:

There is a man who never drinks,
Nor smokes, nor chews, nor swears,
Who never gambles, never flirts,
And shuns all sinful snares—
He's paralyzed.

There is a man who never does
Anything that is not right,
His wife can tell just where he is
At morning, noon and night—
He's dead.

Hypocrites.
"I despise a hypocrite," says Boggs. "So do I," says Clogg. "Now, take Knoggs, for example. He's the biggest hypocrite on earth. I despise that man."
"But you appear to be his best friend."
"Oh, yes. I try to appear friendly toward him. It pays better in the end."



Milady's Mirror

Don't wear false hair, but if you must wear it use your own combings. If you haven't any combings and must buy false hair, be sure to have it fumigated and disinfected before wearing it or you might meet with a fate similar to that of a young Chicago girl who supplemented her rather limited crown of glory with a very handsome and very expensive coronet braid. The young woman's hair—what she had of it—was quite black, and the braids which she purchased had the glossiness of a raven's wing and matched her hair to perfection. After she had worn it a short while she noticed a peculiar numbness in her head, or, rather, in her scalp. All sensation of feeling seemed to be lost, even to the extent of insensibility when pricked with a hatpin. This numbness soon spread to her shoulders, breast and arms.

Finally a physician was consulted, who pronounced the affliction a genuine case of leprosy. The family was at a loss to account for the manner in which the disease was contracted. After awhile, however, the false braid was thought of and its history investigated; when it was discovered that the hair had come from the head of a leprous Chinaman and that the glossy black locks had been the means of conveying the disease. Despite the fact that the young woman's father was a man of wealth, she was taken to the leper colony in New York state.

Proportions of Beauty.
If a woman be five feet five inches in height her extended arms should measure from tip of middle finger just five feet five inches, exactly her own height. A woman of this height should measure twenty-four inches round the waist and thirty-four inches about the bust.

The upper arm should measure thirteen inches and the wrist six. The calf of the leg should measure fourteen and a half inches, the thigh twenty-five and the ankle eight. From her thighs to the ground she should measure just what she measures from the thighs to the top of the head.

The distance from the elbow to the middle finger should be the same as the distance from the elbow to the middle of the chest.

From the top of the head to the chin should be just the same length as the foot, and there should be the same distance between the chin and the armpits.

The length of her hand should be just one-tenth of her height and her feet just a seventh and the diameter of her chest a fifth.

"Goose Walking" the Latest.
"Goose walking" develops the muscles of the legs and exercises those of the abdomen. Raise one knee as high as possible, stretch out the lower leg straight in front with toe pointed and place it on the ground. This is done with each foot alternately to three counts. For a vigorous exercise to stimulate the whole body extend the arms out to the side in a straight line from the shoulder. Keeping the arm stiff, move it around in a small circle rapidly and put as much strength into the exercise as possible. Simple as it may sound, it is really very strenuous and should not be continued too long. Exercising should be taken only where there is an abundance of fresh air. If done at home, throw all the windows up, though the thermometer be at zero.

To Beautify the Eyes.
Judiciously apply a little "makeup" to heighten the effect of size or brilliancy.

Rub the eyebrows upward with the finger tips, as do the women of southern Spain, in order to give an effect of piquancy.

Arrange the hair so that the expression of the eyes may be heightened.

Have the beauty doctor furnish the eye with a long and sweeping set of lashes.

Stimulate the growth of the lashes.

To Make Rouge.
A good rouge is made by mixing a quarter of a dram of powdered carmine with one ounce of French chalk powdered. When these two are blended they are slowly worked into half a dram of oil of almonds. This requires much time and patience, for the mixture must be even. Lumps are pressed through coarse muslin, repeating this until none is left.

For Good Looking Eyebrows.
A drop of almond oil, warmed, put on the eyebrows with a fine brush will make them more lustrous and generally look better. This may be done during the day, and there will be no appearance of greasiness by warming the oil, thus thinning it, so a small quantity works better than a larger one.

Cure For Double Chin.
A double chin, they say, can be removed by rubbing the neck vigorously with the closed fist and applying a great deal of ice cold water.

His Perfect English.
"Did you ever notice anything peculiar in Professor W.'s speech?" inquired a friend of the professor.
"Why, no; I don't think I did."
"Well, he would never be guilty of saying what you said just now."
"He wouldn't? What did I say?"
"You said 'I don't think I did.'"
"Is there anything out of the way about that?"
"Yes. You didn't say what you meant at all. You didn't mean that you didn't think, but that you thought you didn't. Professor W. is so careful that he says exactly what he means and nothing else. You do not mean that you do not think when you say that, but that you do think that such and such is not. Nearly everybody does that, so it sounds queer when people speak as the professor does and say 'I think I don't' instead of 'I don't think I do,' as the average individual would say. Another of the professor's idiosyncrasies is to say 'I'll not' where you or I would say 'I won't.' All those little ways sound queer, but they're absolutely correct and irreproachable. The professor uses more perfect English than any one else I know."—New York Press.

Bribery in English Elections.
Bribery is a term which every candidate for a seat in the imperial assembly dreads. For the law visits offenders against it with very heavy punishment, and more than one politician has realized that the game is not worth the candle.

The would be M. P. must be very careful not to give, lend or promise money or money's worth to induce an elector to vote for him or abstain from voting for an opponent. Neither must he pay the day's wages of any voter or give him money for railway fares or loss of time. If he does and is elected the candidate loses his seat, and both he and the recipient of his ill advised gift are liable to twelve months' imprisonment or a fine not exceeding £200. Even treating the wives or relatives of electors may constitute an offense, and the quantity is immaterial if the intention is corrupt.

The withdrawal of custom from a tradesman, if done with a view to affecting the man's vote, constitutes undue influence, for which the punishment is the same as in the case of bribery.—Pearson's Weekly.

The Australian Stock Whip.
The stock whip is the skillful hands of the Australian is not only an article of the greatest utility, but also a formidable weapon. Owing to its great length—the lash varies from twelve to thirty feet—and the shortness of the butt, which measures only eighteen inches, it is an extremely difficult and awkward thing to wield, and the beginner is apt to hurt himself if he does not exercise care when practicing. A well trained stockman, however, can hit a cent every time at ten paces distance and with the dreaded lash in his hand, cracking like pistol shots, can keep a mob of wild cattle in check. If used with full force it will cut through skin and flesh like a knife, says the Wide World Magazine, but unless a beast shows distinct vice the stockman uses it more for the purpose of instilling fear than of causing pain. It can also be used as a bolas, a Patagonian form of the lasso, and an adept can catch and hold a beast by causing the lash to curl around its legs.

Luck of Peacock Feathers.
The peacock's feathers superstition is nothing like so common as it used to be. Perhaps Whistler's celebrated peacock room helped to break it down. At any rate, peacock's feathers are ordinary enough articles of decoration in many happy and placid homes. There are shops in London that keep large stocks of them, and you may buy those bringers of misfortune at a shilling a bundle. Did the superstition originate because of the reported pride of the peacock on the "pride shall have a fall" theory, or is it that the "eye" of the feather is supposed to see all desirable happenings which somehow get published upon the house-top's one rather feels that the beautiful tail was nature's compensation to the bird for giving it the most abominable of all voices.—London Chronicle.

An Insinuating Missive.
He was a German student, and this was the letter he addressed to his uncle:

Dear Uncle—A very strange thing happened yesterday. I went to see a friend of mine at the bank who knows your handwriting very well, and he thought you were ill, as I had not lately presented any checks signed by you. He has to be remembered to you, as also do I, and you might let my friend see your signature again. If you are very busy, you might send a blank check, and I will fill it in. Yours affectionately, KARL.

Unusual.
"Don't you like the book?"
"No. I think the heroine is a most impossible creature."
"Is that so?"
"Yes. She doesn't appear to have a single gown of some simple material that enhanced rather than hid her graceful figure."—Exchange.

The Worried Manager.
"What's the trouble?" asked the impresario's friend.
"I can't keep my people down to their own lines of work. The prima donnas will kick and the ballet won't."—Washington Star.

The Installments.
Patience—They say she got all her furniture on the installment plan? Patience—She did. She has had four husbands, and she got a little furniture with each one.—Yonkers Statesman.

The man who cannot blush and who has no feeling of fear has reached the acme of impudence.—Menander.



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PEPPERELL.

News Items. Rev. Emeline Harrington of St. Paul, Minn., will preach in the Unitarian church, on Sunday, August 28. The subject of her sermon will be "The purpose of life." Miss Harrington is the guest of Mrs. Harry Hobart and Mrs. E. B. Heald.

Baseball.

Pepperell was defeated last Saturday by the Ayer team by a score of 8 to 6. Our boys put it on ice at the start, leading in the sixth inning by 5 to 0. Ayer made a seventh inning break and got away with the game. The features of the game was the pitching of Jimmy Sullivan, he is only a "kid," but did major work against the men from Ayer.

Mrs. Hemans, by H. N. Tower, which was by request.

A Benefit to the Town. Six months have passed since the District Nurse association was organized. It has become an important factor in town-life, and its permanence seems assured. In her quiet way, the nurse has gained the confidence and respect of the people, and many benefits have resulted from her visits.

nesday evening, which was of their usual excellence, after which the following pleasing program was rendered: Piano solo, Mrs. Colson; song, Miss Della Goodwin; reading, Rev. V. H. Wachs; song, Mrs. Quinn; reading by seven girls; farce, "Jack's bluff," by Wilbur Seales and Mrs. R. Cowdry; song, Miss Doris Bliss.

See The Prices

Table listing prices for various household items: Fruit Jars, Croquet Sets, Jelly Tumblers, Oil Stoves, Ice Cream Freezers, Hardware at One-Half Price, and Dog Show rules.

Ayer Variety Store

and Mrs. Ringrose as members, and concurred with the action of the church in calling Mr. Ringrose as pastor. Walter Wilder and family, and Fred A. Patch 'rom Josselynville, who have been at camp at Star cottage, Flint's pond, Ashburnham, returned the first of this week.

TOWNSEND.

Centre.

SHIRLEY.

The new teachers in the public schools for the ensuing year are Jennie H. Edwards of Madison, Me., second assistant in the high school; Hazel M. Harrington of Orange, Centre grammar; Myrtle Gray of Townsend Harbor, north end school.

Mrs. Clara M. Farrar is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sheldon in Ashby.

Mrs. Fred J. Tenney has been spending a few days this week with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Now is the time to engage for your fall painting and papering and fixing up. I am bound to satisfy both in quality and price. If I don't, tell me and I will reason it with you.