

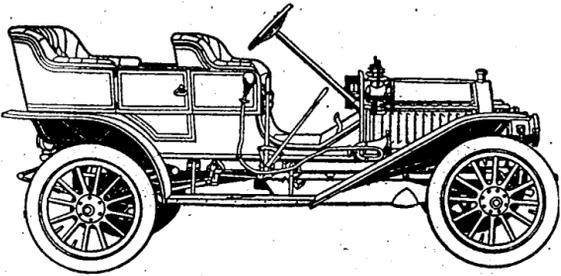
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#### HARVARD.

##### News Items.

The members of the Class of '07, Bromfield, held their annual reunion on Saturday afternoon, August 20, at the home of Miss Flora Murchie, Still River. They spent a very pleasant and social afternoon, after which they bid farewell to their hostess who was expecting soon to go to Vermont and assume the duties of training the youthful mind.

Miss Jennie E. Pettigill is visiting relatives and friends at F. A. Pettigill's, the Pettigill family homestead at Dexter, Me.

An auto party, friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson, are staying for this week at the Kerley house. The party consists of John C. Barnes, Miss Lucia Barnes, Mrs. Wm. W. Brewster and Master Howard Morton. They spend most of their time in their touring car seeing the many beautiful drives and scenes of Harvard and vicinity.

Ground is being broken and the batter boards are already up on the Sears lot on Prospect hill for a large summer dwelling house to be completed early next summer.

Workmen are engaged on the lot on Prospect hill, owned by Dr. Ellis of Boston, clearing up the trees and brush.

Master Forest Stone of Enosburg Falls, Vt., is visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. Abbie Dadmun, on Oak Hill.

The question of transportation of school children has been solved by Kenneth McLennan, who has been appointed as carrier for the Shaboken route. He is using a Rainier auto barge, which makes the round trip in about one hour.

Prof. A. F. Leonard of Bromfield school has leased the cottage house of Dr. Royal and is moving his household goods. The interior has been put in first-class shape with hardwood floors and other improvements. The grounds are also being considerably improved. Bromfield school opens the fall term Wednesday, September 21.

After spending the summer with friends at Nova Scotia, Miss Osee Webster is home again.

Ralph Bezanson and Mrs. Etter Millet spent Wednesday in town, stopping at Mrs. Carman's.

Walter Desmond is working for Geo. Bagster on the ice wagon, substituting temporarily.

James Woodland is confined to his home with neuralgia in the face.

Mrs. Harry Atwood and Miss Ruth Atwood returned to their winter home in Fitchburg Thursday, September 1. They have spent the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gafa.

Mrs. Wm. Hanna has been for the past two weeks among the sick ones, but is somewhat improved at time of writing.

Ellery Eaton, Jr., who has been a guest at Dr. Royal's the past ten days, left Friday for a few days with friends in New Hampshire before returning home for school duties.

The Unitarian ladies will hold an all day sewing meeting on Wednesday, September 7, with Mrs. E. P. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fiske Warren are to bring out their daughter Rachael at a Somerset ball, Boston, December 5. Mrs. Warren is not seen very much in Boston of late years, and is seems a loyal act to introduce her daughter in her native city. She was Gretchen Osgood, always a belle even after her marriage. Her sister, Mary Osgood, married Robert Erskine Childers of London in Trinity church a few years ago and makes her home in England where Mrs. Warren spends much time.

#### DUNSTABLE.

##### News Items.

The entertainment Friday evening of last week consisted of the play, "Jack and the beanstalk," music and tableaux with colored lights. With the exception of the music the parts were taken by children. They showed much careful drill and Mrs. Rice deserves great credit for her efforts. The children, too, should also be complimented for their readiness in helping at this time. The proceeds of the entertainment and the supper will go to the building fund of the church and a good sum was realized.

The convention of the Nashua River Union will be held in the town hall, Monday, September 5. Those attending will provide their own lunch. Coffee will be furnished by the local society.

Miss Lena Butterfield and Miss Mabel Parker are camping in the White Mountains.

It is reported that Herbert Swallow is not making as much progress toward recovery as at first.

Mr. Loop, mail carrier, is now attending to the service after being confined to the house for several weeks.

#### WESTFORD.

##### Centre.

Mrs. Laura D. Stone has been a recent guest at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wallace, at the Congregational parsonage.

Miss Blanche Waller goes to Guilford, Me., to teach this year.

The academy and the William E. Frost schools have been thoroughly cleaned and made ready for the beginning of school next Tuesday. At the academy some minor repairs have been made. Schools open throughout the town next Tuesday morning. Mr. Cogshall, who has formerly taught in Stow, will be the new academy principal and his assistants will be Miss Bertha A. Norris and Miss Edith Lawrence. At the Frost school, Miss Ruth Fisher, principal, will have for assistants in the other three rooms, Miss Grant, Miss Burnham and Miss Crocker in place of Miss Cushing, retired.

Westford friends have been interested in the pleasant trip Mrs. Helen R. Leighton has been taking with a party of friends in Canada. During her mother's absence Miss Frances has been staying with the Westford and Littleton relatives. Mrs. Leighton has resigned her school at Hollis and accepted a desirable school at Amherst and her daughter enters the high school at Milford, three miles distant and will live with her mother at Amherst.

Roy B. Wheeler of Denver, Col., is enjoying a visit at his boyhood home after an absence of six years.

Mrs. Julia Fletcher and Miss Maria Chamberlain of Billerica are staying at the Read farm and enjoying meeting old friends in their native town.

Walter J. Merritt has finished building a silo and a garage and work on the new house he is having built is progressing well.

The Westford fire laddies and their friends had a good time at Graniteville on last Saturday even though they did not win the trophy and the hospitality of the Graniteville company is much appreciated.

The Nashoba English Tea Room, which has been opened this season is receiving an appreciative patronage from those who would value an enterprise of this kind. For autoists and carriage parties and for those nearer by it is agreeable to have so pleasant a place to go and enjoy the "cup that cheers but not inebriates," as well as other refreshments accompanied by daily service and cheerful environment.

#### BOXBOROUGH.

##### News Items.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins invited the ladies on the hill to enjoy a trip in C. B. Robbins' new barge last Monday. A basket lunch was taken along and eaten at Lake Nagog and a pleasant day was enjoyed by all the party.

The annual school reports have been received this week for circulation.

Mrs. Warren Duren and daughter of Fair Haven have been in town this week.

Mrs. Fowler closes her cottage here and returns to her New Haven home on Saturday.

Rev. Egerton W. Duncan of Chicago has been visiting at S. D. Salmon's this week.

Schools are to open here on Tuesday, September 6.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Hager of Clinton are spending their annual vacation in town.

Leo Cunningham and Charles Sherry start Saturday for an outing in camp at Queen Lake, near Athol.

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### WESTFORD.

#### About Town.

The idle on the Brookside mills is off and the mill running on sun time, which is the idol the unemployed have been searching after for some time.

Services at the Unitarian church will not be resumed until the second Sunday in September, owing to the incompleteness of repairs.

Two of the substantial in the Fortnightly club, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gould, are playing vacation. They will take in Mt. Wachusett to the extent of their capacity, thence northward to Mason, N. H., where Mrs. Gould taught school.

Rev. Seth H. Walker of Worcester is having success with his tent camp-meetings as preacher of the Second Advent denomination. He has a fine personal appearance and is eloquently equipped to edify.

Mrs. Frank W. Banister has just returned from visiting in the market garden paradise of Arlington.

John A. Taylor leaves next Tuesday for Grand Forks, North Dakota, as teacher of debating and elocution in the state university which is educational.

The wheat belt in the Stony Brook valley looks more western since Amos Polley and R. P. Decatur have some acres added to the acreage of winter wheat sown. There are some rear end men who also contemplate adding by wheat fields to western appearances.

John Flynn on the sunny slopes of Pigeon hill, is making environments dual and durable by painting his barn red.

Of the eight ponds in Westford, one is not because of lack of rain and dew and grassy pond one-quarter of a mile north of Westford station has quit business and any vessel drawing more than four and one-half inches of water had better not leave the harbor.

The selectmen have appointed C. L. Watt special officer for Brookside. The appointment is a good one, but may be defective by the rules of technical law, as Mr. Watt lacks twenty-five miles of being a citizen, that being the distance to Boston, where the court of naturalization makes Yankees of Scotchmen.

Andrew G. Anderson on the Lowell road has the material on hand and the skill in his head for extensive repairs on his barn, which in its infancy was a part of the old Levi T. Fletcher farm barn buildings.

Miss Luanna Decatur with other school teacher friends has just returned from invigorating vacation ramblings among the mountain forests and cascades of that close by Switzerland of America our own New England New Hampshire.

#### Death.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Tower Smith, who died in Portland, Me., was held from the residence of Oscar R. Spalding, Friday afternoon, August 26. Rev. David Wallace conducted the services. The bearers were relatives—Judge Frederick A. Fisher, Abner Fisher, Robert Prescott, Edward Hamilton. Burial in Fairview cemetery in charge of Undertaker David L. Grogan. The beauty and fragrance of the flowers were appropriate for the occasion. As Miss Tower she will be remembered by the people of Westford of her time and especially in the old Stony Brook school district where she was born and was both scholar and teacher in this old historic school district.

She was the youngest of the daughters of Eli and Mary (Fletcher) Tower and will ever be remembered by her old Stony Brook associates and friends as the bright scholar and the cheerful, unflinching spirit that was always contagious. She leaves two sons and a daughter.

#### Forge Village.

Mrs. Mary Dupres, 84, of Victor Dupres, died early Thursday morning, August 25, at her home at the Ridges after a long and painful illness, aged 24 years, 2 months. Besides her husband she leaves two small children, Victor L. and Eva Irene; her father, Lawrence Duffy, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral took place last Saturday morning. A high mass was celebrated in the church in Groton, Rev. C. F. Finnegan officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer. The bearers were Lawrence Duffy, Lewis Leclerc, Fred Murry and Henry Dupres.

The Berkshire club of Cambridge enjoyed excellent weather last week, which they spent at Camp Idle Hour, on the shore of Forge pond. Much credit is due the efforts of Robert Cabana and Herbert Sprague in managing affairs, besides being good cooks. The club entertained last week Mordecai Brown, Fred Cabana, Ned Coughlin, John Keefe, Joe Hayes, William Lee and several others from Lowell. The boys enjoyed camp-life at the lake so well that they have arrangements made to spend several weeks there next summer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk of Worcester are enjoying two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole.

Miss Theresa O'Brien of Clinton was the guest Saturday and Sunday of Miss Christina Lowther.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rockwell and three boys of Lowell are at Hollingside cottage on the shore of Forge pond for two weeks.

Mrs. Henry Byron and three children of Marlboro are at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclerc, for a few weeks.

Mrs. Ernest Longbottom and son William A. of Arlington has returned home after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett.

Edward T. Hanley and friend of Marlboro are enjoying this week at the beach at Hull. They will visit other places of interest before returning home.

Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell of Wamest is spending this week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

Mrs. Joseph Bennett, Jr., and two children are spending a month's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Vicars of Stafford Springs, Conn.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spaine and her daughter, Mrs. Elmer E. Nutting, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose of Belmont. The Misses Marjorie and Lillian Rose, who have been spending the summer here will return to Belmont the last of the week to take up their school studies.

Miss Lottie and Miss Mildred Parrott have returned home from North Adams where they went the first of the summer.

(Cameron school will reopen for the fall term on Tuesday, September 6.

A number of young ladies who have been spending the summer at Forge pond, are to hold a reception which will be followed by a dance in Abbot hall on Saturday evening. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Miss Sarah Precious, piano; James H. Brown, violin, and Norman Nicholls, drums. Admission will be by invitation.

#### Firemen's Muster.

Saturday proved to be a red letter day here, when the John Edwards hose company won the silver cup at the firemen's muster at Graniteville. The rules at the try-out were that each company should carry one hundred feet of hose, run one hundred yards, connect it to hydrants, couple the two lengths of hose and start water. The company making the best time to take the silver trophy. The E. M. Abbot hose company of Westford, E. Choate hose company of Graniteville, and the John Edwards hose company of this village were the contestants. The John Edwards hose was the only team to make three connections in 29 1-5 seconds, without a leak.

The flag was hoisted over the hose house and everything was in readiness to receive the victorious firemen on their return home, when they came into view mounted on the large fire-wagon with their trainer, Finnemore Morton, holding the silver cup, the people went wild for a few minutes. Cheer after cheer rent the air. Everyone turned out, flags were flying, hats were thrown up into the air, and it was impossible for the firemen to proceed. At postoffice square the men marched behind the wagon two by two until the hose house was reached. Here they saluted the flag. Cheers again burst forth and at night the people walked the streets and not until midnight did the cheers die away. Hanley & Company presented the firemen a box of cigars; Victor Pigeon also contributed a box of cigars and the other stores sent refreshments. It was indeed the firemen's day.

Thursday evening at Abbot hall the firemen observed ladies' night in honor of the event. Dancing was enjoyed from 7:30 until a late hour. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee was served during the evening.

By special request, Capt. Richard D. Prescott, who sent in his resignation, to take effect September 1, has decided to remain captain of the hose company. Capt. Prescott is a valued member of the hose company and has given his services freely and the use of his horses when needed. The firemen specially requested him to remain with the team some time longer.

#### SHIRLEY.

##### News Items.

Mrs. Lovey Stearns Holden of New York city made a brief call on her niece, Mrs. E. E. Edgerton, last week Friday.

Erwin H. Edgerton, salesman for Cluett Peabody & Company, has been transferred from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Memphis, Tenn., where he has charge of a branch office and has recently moved there with his family.

Mrs. Newton Wilson of Anniston, Ala., a former resident, was in town this week visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Wilson arrived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. and Dr. Miller of Harwich, last week.

Mrs. Charles Dike was suddenly called to Fitchburg last week Friday owing to the unexpected death of her son-in-law, Horace N. Stimpson, who died without a moment's warning of heart failure. Mr. Stimpson was forty years of age and resided with his wife on Central street, Fitchburg.

Edward, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bolger, died Wednesday, August 24, from the effects of acute tuberculosis. Funeral services were held last week Friday, with burial in St. Anthony's cemetery.

George Adams in company with his son John, started last week Friday night for a few days' outing at Albany and New York city.

Ruth Knowles is spending this week with relatives in Revere.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Winterbottom returned home from Windsor, Conn., last week Friday, making the trip by trolley.

Miss Eleanor Miner spent a few days last week with friends in Boston and vicinity.

A lawn party will be held on the grounds of St. Anthony's church on Saturday afternoon and evening of this week for the benefit of the church.

Thomas Stevens and Arthur Lafleur of Lawrence were visitors in town last Sunday.

The parochial school of St. Anthony's church opens on Tuesday, September 6.

Russell Miner, Leonard Hooper, Austin Fish and Stanley Wells are camping out this week at Fort pond.

Master Thaddeus Beach is spending this week with his aunt in Harvard.

Painters are at work painting the exterior of the Universalist church and Herbert W. McCoy has secured the contract for the job.

The senior nine baseball team will play in Winchendon on Saturday afternoon, September 3, and after the game will go to Keene, to remain over Sunday and play two games on Labor day with the Keene team.

Mrs. Jacob C. Beach, with Miss Mabel Beach, spent the week-end visiting friends in Boston.

The LaJolie A. C. baseball team of Fitchburg will play the Shirley Ramblers on the new field by Saturday afternoon, September 3, at three o'clock. The LaJolies are a wide-awake team and a good game is anticipated.

Eddie Gately, who has been confined to his home with heart trouble for the past two weeks, is no better.

Mrs. Francis E. Merriman is enjoying a rest at Newport, N. H., for two weeks.

Fred Harlow of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Harlow.

Col. William H. Ralph of Boston spent a day recently with Francis E. Merriman of this town. Col. Ralph will be remembered by many Odd Fellows here, as the grand marshal of the grand lodge of Odd Fellows of Massachusetts. He was Mr. Merriman's chief of staff at the Odd Fellows' parade in Boston.

Miss Mabel Hazen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen, has accepted a position as teacher of Latin at New Haven, Conn., securing this place out of forty-six applicants, refusing the position at Lee, where she has been teaching for the past four years, offering her an increase in salary if she would continue her services; also, at Sharon, besides tempting offers at other places. Miss Hazen leaves on Monday, September 5, for New Haven, with the best of wishes of a host of friends here and elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Edgerton and family of Concord, arrived home Tuesday from an extended auto trip of two weeks.

The Congregational church will reopen Sunday, September 4, when the pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronson will preach as usual, commencing at 10:45 a. m., followed by session of the Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Regular meeting of the C. E. in the vestry at seven p. m. This will be the monthly roll-call and consecration meeting. Services will be resumed at the Baptist church on Sunday, September 5, Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer will preach at 2:30. Sunday school at 3:30.

#### Patriotic Picnic.

The patriotic picnic last Saturday at the farm of Past Commander William Jubb, was well-attended and a great social success. The day was ideal and the place called to mind the line from Bryant's Forest, Hyman, "The grove was God's first temple." The committee had spared no pains to make the day one of enjoyment. The commissary department was in able hands and the beans baked army style. Coffee made over a camp-fire and roasted corn were passed about and all were freely partaken of and pronounced good.

After the dinner the guests were welcomed by Past Commander Jubb and a program consisting of musical selections from a phonograph, in charge of Fred E. Sleeper, speeches and recitations by the guests followed. The orders represented were the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, W. R. C., D. A. R. and Shirley grange. Grand army men were present from Westford, Fitchburg, Ayer and other places; also, citizens of Shirley neighbors and friends. Altogether it was a pleasant and delightful affair and many expressed the wish that it might be repeated.

#### Entertainment.

A grand band concert and entertainment will be given in the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, September 6, commencing at 7:30 o'clock for the benefit of the Sunday school. The boys' brass band from the State Industrial school, under the leadership of U. H. Barrows of Ayer, will render choice selections and a good array of talent will make up the program of entertainment. No pains will be spared to make the evening one of exceptional enjoyment.

Those who attended the Sunday school entertainment last year remember with pleasure the many attractive numbers rendered. Only a small fee will be charged, as all the talent, including the brass band from the school, are giving their services gratis.

It is earnestly hoped that a large attendance will be present to enjoy the festivities of the evening and at the same time assist in the building and edifying of the Sunday school, which is one of the greatest institutions in any community.

#### Alliance Entertainment.

The supper, entertainment and dance at town hall last week Thursday evening given by the Woman's Alliance of the First Parish church was one of the most successful events of the season. A bountiful supper was served in the lower hall from 6:30 to eight, and was well patronized.

An entertainment consisting of society vaudeville by Groton talent was presented. This entertainment was given in Groton recently for the benefit of the District Nurse association and was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Robinson, and was repeated here for the benefit of the Alliance. It was one of the best things in the way of an amateur performance ever put upon the stage, the young people entering into the spirit of the songs, dances and drills with much animation, their natty costumes adding greatly to the effort. The flag drill was especially pleasing and the young ladies made a beautiful picture. The whole program was a great credit, both to the young people and their instructors, and the Alliance is very grateful for the opportunity of giving their friends such a treat.

After the entertainment, dancing was indulged in and kept up until a late hour. The Alliance ladies take this opportunity to thank all who helped make the affair a success.

#### Schools.

The public schools will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, with the following list of teachers:

William J. Crommett of Chelsea, principal and teacher of the high school; Miss Mildred Daniels of Hop-

kinton, assistant high school teacher; Miss Margaret J. McMillan, teacher of second and eighth grades; Miss Nellie F. Cronin, teacher of fifth and sixth grades; Miss Julia F. Ryan, teacher of third and fourth grades; Miss Lura A. White, teacher of first and second grades.

Centre schools—Miss Mary M. Prescott, teacher of the Centre primary school; Miss Florence E. Gibbs, teacher of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

Amos Parker will carry the high school scholars, taking the route Mr. Bartlett had last year, Mr. Bartlett having been transferred to the Woods Village route.

#### Baseball.

The Shirley Ramblers defeated the Crescent A. C. of Leominster last Saturday afternoon on the new field by a score of 4 to 3. The special feature of the game for Shirley was the fine pitching of Frank Pelote and the good work of George La Rose, third baseman, and also of Arthur Morin, catcher. A large crowd were present witness the game. Two attempts were made by Brougard and Young of the Crescents to score in the ninth, but they were put out at the plate. The score by innings:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	r	e	t
Ramblers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	4	7	4
Crescents	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	5	4	0	0

Batteries—Young and Sheldon, Pelote and Morin.

Shirley baseball team went to Keene, last Saturday and it took an extra inning to defeat the Shirley players, the score being 5 to 4. However, the Shirley team put up a good game. Nims who replaced Ganley in the eighth, struck out six men and allowed only one hit. Taylor made a fine catch in the first inning. The score:

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Keene	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
Shirley	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	4

Runs—Anson 2, Leonard, O'Dea, Taylor, Warner, Tubbury, Cook; two-base hits, Leonard, Cook; three-base hit, Warner; stolen bases, O'Dea 2, Anson, Leonard, Ganley, Nims, Sheldon, Warner; first base on balls, off Ganley 5, off Nims 6, by Warner 7, by Taylor 2, by Anson 1, Nims, Ruffange; double plays, Dunn, O'Dea to Leonard, Burrill to Stubbins; hit by pitched ball, Cook, Connor, Allaire; errors, Foster, time, 1h. 22m. Put out when winning run was made. Sweeney batted for Dinn in the tenth.

#### Were Visitors.

Walter Knowles with sons, Master Willard and Howard, spent last Saturday and Sunday in Boston and vicinity, paying a visit on board the White Star ocean liner, Zealand; also, to the Sailors' Haven, opposite the White Star docks, where they were entertained on Saturday afternoon and given an opportunity to see the grand work this house is doing in that vicinity for seafaring men from all parts of the world and also to meet Miss Helen Hunt, the matron of the home, known and called "Mother Hunt," by the sailors, she having spent fifty years of her life in this work and also having a world-wide reputation for missionary work in this line of philanthropic service.

#### TOWNSEND.

##### West.

Miss Dorothy Tyler of Clinton is spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mrs. Alden P. Basford and daughter Mildred, who have been for several weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler of the north part of the town, have returned to their home in Peabody.

Mrs. Daniel C. Taylor attended the reunion of the Willard family at Ayer Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman started Wednesday on a visit to relatives in Monckton, Vt.; also, visiting friends in Bristol, Vt., and Northfield, and attending the wedding of Miss Alice Bowen of West Swazey, N. H., who acted as bridesmaid at their marriage last May.

Mrs. Elbridge Sanders is entertaining her sister, Miss Annie Moore of Cambridge.

On next Sunday Rev. Mr. Ringrose will occupy the pulpit in the morning and in the evening there will be no indoor services, for, weather permitting, there will be a public baptism at the stone bridge at five o'clock in the afternoon. The regular covenant meeting will meet in the Baptist vestry at the usual hour on Saturday afternoon, September 3.

The public schools commenced Monday morning with about forty-six pupils, twenty-four in the grammar school under the charge of Miss Blanche Sprague, and twenty-two in the primary under Miss M. Elinor Tower. Four pupils, Ian Rusk, Milton Wilden, Bernice Russell and Milton Carter have entered the high school.

A special meeting of the Men's club was held at the home of Alexander Reed on Monday evening, and a committee consisting of L. O. Barker, Alexander Reed, C. B. Willard and Andrew Watts, was appointed to confer with the other clubs in regard to the details of the winter's work. The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle also met on Monday evening and appointed a similar committee consisting of Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Charles Patch and Mrs. C. B. Stickney.

Edward R. Bayton of Providence is spending his vacation with his family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Adams and Albert Adams, also of Providence, spent Sunday with them.

Miss Stella Tucker, who is employed in Leominster, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Tucker.

Mr. Grant, who has been visiting at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, has returned to his home at Ross Point, N. Y.

President William Taft and party passed through town on Sunday, returning from their visit to Dublin, N. H. On account of a rumor that he would take the route on Saturday, flags were hung out all along the Main street, showing the patriotism of the village, even though it was a day too early.

Mrs. Lewis and daughter who have been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Barker, returned Saturday to their home in Danvers.

The total number of books distributed from the delivery station for the month of August was 268.

Frank W. Stickney of Concord spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stickney.

Mr. and Mrs. George Upton have returned from their vacation which was spent in Hillsboro, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch from Rochester, N. H., are spending their vacation with Mr. Welch's mother, Mrs. Maurice Welch.

Miss Inez Munroe, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose, returned last Saturday to her home in Troy, N. H.

Among the recent guests at Elm lodge, the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Flynn of Brooklyn, N. Y., have been Mr. and Mrs. Guslav Brunner and two sons from Noroton, Conn., and Miss Mary Mayer from Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. Flynn will close their cottage for the season on Wednesday, September 7.

Miss Nellie C. Clarke of Boston is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lucy K. Clarke.

Miss Margaret Flynn and Miss Mary Mayer enjoyed a visit to friends in Boston this week.

Miss Ruth Bennett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett, met with a serious accident while visiting relatives in Worcester this past week, being run down by a bicycle and quite badly injured, so she will be unable to return to her home for a number of weeks.

Oscar Lovering, who is employed at Stickney's cooper shop, is enjoying a brief vacation.

A jolly party from Elm lodge enjoyed a straw ride on Tuesday afternoon, spending the hours in the woods on Bayberry hill, and visiting the home of Mr. Donovan on South row, where they were served ice cream and cake and heartily entertained.

Archibald Bennett from Worcester, and Alvin Bennett from Westford have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester from Maine are stopping with Mrs. Maria B. Piper at her home on the Fitchburg road.

#### Baptist Social.

Another of the fortnightly socials, one of the most enjoyable yet held, took place in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening and was largely attended. The program consisted of musical selections, both vocal and instrumental by Miss Annie Parker of Marlboro, a very talented and pleasing musician; select reading, Walter Wilder, Mr. Ringrose, and Miss Alice Seaver; a solo and a recitation by Mr. Ringrose, and the program was commenced and closed by graphophone selections by Charles Hodgman, after which refreshments were served. The social hour was in charge of Mr. Ringrose and Miss Parker and proved very amusing, and much credit is due to Miss Parker in introducing some new games and assisting materially in carrying them on very gracefully.

#### Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Draper of Wayland are the proud parents of a little son, born last week. Mrs. Draper will be remembered here as Miss Small, a former teacher.

William Crombie, one of the chauffeurs at Mrs. A. L. Fessenden's, will enter Samuel Wood's grocery store as clerk for the winter months. His duties will commence next week.

A. K. Tyler is enjoying a vacation at Lebanon, N. H.

Melvin Davis is to be janitor at the school building in place of John Finnegan, who is unable to keep the position on account of poor health.

Mrs. Lillian Seaver Cook and little son Warren, have been recent guests at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Seaver.

George L. Whitcomb has been quite ill this week, but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. John Finnegan returned from North Rochester, N. H., Wednesday afternoon accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Finnegan and child.

#### Lists of Teachers and Students.

Teachers in town who will teach elsewhere are as follows: Blanche E. Baldwin, principal Judson school, Malden; Edith A. Barber, art instructor, Newport, R. I.; Sarah Copeland, seventh grade, Montclair, N. J.; Annie Copeland, fourth grade, Grafton; Ellen K. Harvey, manual training, Englewood, N. J.; Lillian Warner, grades one and two, Worcester; Melora Warner, Ashburnham; J. F. Eastman, professor of agronomy, state college, Morrystown; Harriet Miller, grade six, Attleboro; L. Eva Stearns, grades six and eight, Lincoln, R. I.; Edna Wilder, Lunenburg; Ora Craig, assistant high, Lebanon, N. H.

Students from town will enter or continue at the following institutions this coming season with several others whose plans are not yet made: Lottie M. Bohanon, junior at Boston university; Waldo Burgess, Theological seminary, Hartford, Conn.; A. G. Eastman, sophomore at M. T.; Esther Eastman, sophomore at Bates college; David Howard, sophomore at Worcester Polytechnic; Harry Knight, freshman at Lawrence academy; Ellery Kilbourne, senior at University of Vermont; Isabelle Morse, Fitchburg Normal; Ralph Piper, to enter New Hampshire state college, Durham; Ethel Rockwood, second year John Hopkins medical school, Baltimore, Md.; Grace Thompson, Brown university, Providence; Grace Tarbell, Bryant & Stratton's, Boston; Eva Whitcomb, Fitchburg Normal.

#### Baseball.

Last Saturday afternoon at Athletic park a large crowd witnessed the rubber game between Milford, N. H., and the Townsend A. A., and the home team came out the winner with a score of 5 to 1. The game was played in less than one hour and a half and both sides played with much dash and brilliancy.

Townsend's nine was in fine trim and the whole team played together as never before which gave them a good showing against their strong opponents. Knight pitched a fine game with Eastman at the receiving end instead of Kelly who played his position at third base with excellence. Arlin and Parker were the hitters for

the day. Richardson, for the visitors had good control and allowed but one pass. Knight allowed but four hits and retired six men. Bartlett's three-bagger for Milford, together with a pass, allowed Milford their only run. Eastman's long throws to second caught several out at that base. The game was a good one and fairly played on both sides.

The Nashua A. A. are scheduled to play here this Saturday at Athletic park and there will be two games here on Labor day with the Pepperell A. A., one at ten a. m. and one at three p. m.

#### Grange Meeting.

The opening session of the Middlesex-Pomona Grange, No. 3, for the fall, begins at Townsend on Wednesday, September 7, either at the church or the Memorial hall as the committee at Townsend decide and the weather is. Prof. Seaver of Townsend will preside at the piano and the Young People's orchestra of Pepperell will be ready for several selections. The speaker of the day will be Rev. Edward Pressey of the New Clairvaux Plantation of Montague, Mass., who will speak on the "New agriculture." This speaker went to the country with a wife, a baby, three hundred books, a stove and forty dollars and started the plantation he will tell about. All are invited and all can be furnished with dinner at 2:30, balance of program includes the welcome by Master Wilbur Scales.

Discussion on the following topics as far as time will allow: "Does the anti-race suicide sentiment raise the cost of living?" "Who pays for advertising?" "Home curing of meats," Mrs. Wright, lecturer of Littleton grange. "The value of salads and some new kinds," Mrs. Minnie (Dane) Green, Lowell. "Why hop growing was abandoned," J. S. Cook, Townsend. "The value of fall haying," G. L. Whitcomb and G. A. Mahoney. "Duck raising," George H. Stewart, Pepperell. "How thinking influences health," Ida Shattuck, former matron of Nashua Emergency hospital. Readings by Dr. A. J. Atwood of Townsend and Miss Effie Gillespie of Pepperell. Program begins at 11:30 a. m.

#### HOLLIS, N. H.

##### News Items.

Woodbury Howe and family of Texas came to Hollis on Monday to visit his sisters, Mrs. C. J. Bell and Mrs. Helen Leighton.

Hon. Robert P. Bass of Peterboro, candidate for the next governor of New Hampshire, and Winston Churchill, the novelist of Concord, spent a part of two days at the Cranford Inn last week. They both spoke at the republican rally in Nashua on Thursday evening, returning to the Cranford to spend the night. Several Hollis citizens attended the rally with them.

Some of our young people are making ready to fit from their Hollis homes soon. Courtland Lewis has already gone to Boston where he has accepted a situation. Miss Helen T. Powers goes to Meriden, Conn., to attend the State Normal school. Charles Bell, Jr., and Carl Brown go September 14, to Durham, to enter the New Hampshire college. There are others whose plans are not yet learned.

Mrs. Helen Leighton returned Sunday from a trip to Canada and Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Jason Read with her sister, Mrs. Hobbs, who is spending the summer with Mrs. Read, left home last Saturday to spend a week with their brother in Weymouth, Mass.

#### C. E. Meeting.

Next Monday, Labor day, the Nashua River Christian Endeavor union will hold its fifty-first session in the town hall, Dunstable, Mass.

The forenoon program will begin at ten o'clock with a devotional service in charge of the Hollis society, followed by an address of welcome by

**MEN-BIRDS IN BOSTON.**

The Big Aviation Meet to Have Fall Report in the Boston Journal. Beginning next Saturday Boston is to be the scene of the greatest aviation meet ever held in this country. Aviators from all parts of the world, with their aeroplanes, monoplane, triplanes and dirigibles, are to pit their skill against each other for thousands of dollars' worth of prizes. The skies about Boston will be alive with shooting bird-crafts, presenting a spectacle never before equaled in this country. Realizing the importance of such an event—the fantastic mental picture of long ago, now come true—The Boston Journal has made extra preparation to report the progress of the aviators day in a manner which will enable those people who cannot come to Boston to understand thoroughly just what is going on. A corps of aero experts will write daily for the Daily Journal and the Sunday Journal (the new Sunday paper that sells for one cent), and the thrilling situations will be chronicled with accuracy and vividness.

**Airship at the Clinton Fair.**

Capt. Fred C. Owens and his Dirigible Balloon, or Airship, has been secured as the principal attraction at the Fair and will give daily flights at the Fair Grounds. Capt. Owens is one of the best aeronauts in America. His Airship is one of the latest designs, carrying a high power engine and will doubtless make several flights of long duration and with favorable weather will make one or two flights to the city during the week. With the world-wide interest created in aeronautics, the marvelous strides made with the flying machine, dirigible balloon and with the long distance races with the ordinary balloons, this attraction should prove of the best ever shown here.

At the Aeronautical Meetings held at Baltimore and Montreal, this summer, one of the star attractions was Capt. Fred Owens with his dirigible balloon. Successful flights were made each day with one thrilling night flight as a special feature. This is the attraction which has been engaged for our Fair this fall and if the weather permits, several long flights will be made over the Fair Grounds and to and from the city. Those who have never seen an Airship in actual flight will have the opportunity ever given to see this marvel of the air, which just now is creating such world-wide interest. Capt. Owens is one of the foremost in the large meetings to be held this fall in New York and just now is giving daily exhibitions at one of the largest parks in greater New York. Don't fail to visit the Fair and see how the Airship is operated and also take advantage of the opportunity to examine it in close range while it is at rest in the tent.

Modeled on the exact lines of the large Count Zeppelin Airship, of Germany, Capt. Owens mammoth dirigible balloon will be seen during actual flights during the Fair this fall. The Airship or dirigible balloon is vastly different from the common or ordinary variety of balloons in that it is a cigar-shaped gas bag with a structure underneath for carrying passengers, has motive power installed with which the steers and is guided and will make long continuous flights, providing the weather permits. Capt. Owens is one of the best known aeronauts and the many successful flights which he has made insures all that he will give a most creditable exhibition. Don't fail to see the Airship at the Fair.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction on Saturday afternoon, September 19, at one o'clock, a large variety of household goods belonging to the estate of Mrs. Florence M. Littlefield, late of West Acton, deceased.

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Whereas HENRY B. HILDRETH, administrator of the estate of said deceased has proceeded to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged by the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

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

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

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

251 P. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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While in the states where the largest number of mules are raised the conditions are well suited for the industry, there is nothing to make it a special business more than could be done in a number of other states, except that the farmers got into the business long ago, and it proved contagious and spread over a considerable territory, and dealers, finding it out, naturally went there to buy them.

On the other hand, horse colts are raised to a considerable extent in all the states where the conditions are favorable to live stock growing. If many of the mares used as brood mares in different states for producing horse colts were bred to jacks instead of stallions it would be found more profitable and in every way more satisfactory. This idea was suggested by a well known breeder for the benefit of any who are doing anything in the way of raising horse colts, for the reason that he believes mule colts will be found more profitable to any owner of good sized mares that will foal colts that have the qualities to make them salable.

Mule colts have decided advantages over horse colts in a general way. We all know that at the present time a horse colt or a young horse to be salable at a profit must possess some qualities of high character. Good drivers, good saddlers, good draft horses and some other classes, as army horses, will sell at a profit, but "plugs" are not wanted at figures that pay to raise them.

Of course there may be "plug" mules as well as "plug" horses, and no doubt they will average less profitable than "plug" horses. Small and crooked mules cannot be made to pay any profit in any region where it costs a reasonable amount to raise a colt. So in breeding mares for mules it is foolish to use small and defective mares or to use a small and inferior jack.

Any man who has enough land of the kind to make grass will in almost



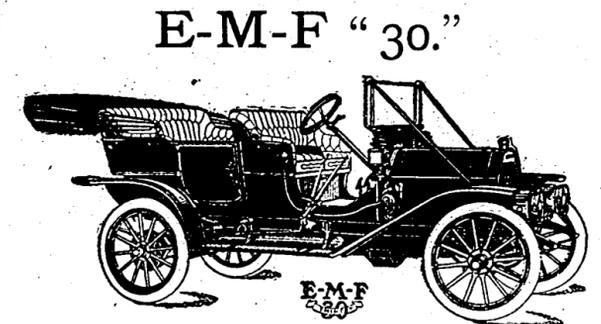
HIGH HEADED VIRGINIA MULES. [From Breeder's Gazette, Chicago.]

any state now find mule raising very profitable if he will get the right sort of mares and keep the colts growing right along till they make the necessary size. The mares must be of good size. The mule will be sure to get his size from his dam, and if he is kept growing right along he will be good for a fair price as a two-year-old and for a better one at three. And yet the cost will not be more than that of a steer of the same age.

Feeding is another important factor in mule raising. Either corn or oats are good feed to use with alfalfa hay. They will give better results if used together than if either one is fed alone. If the mules do not seem to eat as much as they should, mix shelled corn and oats in equal parts by weight and grind them. Feed only a little ground feed at first and gradually increase it as they get accustomed to the change. Some of the mules may not eat any more of the ground feed than of the whole corn and oats, but what they do eat will do them more good. A little blackstrap molasses mixed with the grain would make it more palatable after they once become used to it, increasing the consumption of feed and consequently making faster gains. If the mules have any tendency to scour at work the main grain reliance should be oats, or a little of some other kind of hay might be fed with the alfalfa.

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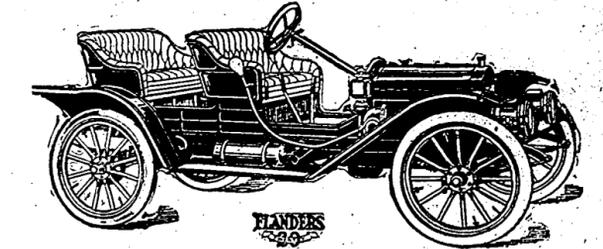
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The daily labors of the Bee. Awake my soul to industry; Who can observe the careful Ant, And not provide for future want?

Saturday, September 3, 1910.

GROTON.

News Items.

Mrs. T. Gilman Smith is spending a few weeks at Rye Beach, N. H., with her brother, Frank W. Kann, esq., and wife from Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Higley are spending a few weeks at Rye Beach, N. H.

The Groton Improvement society will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary W. Shattuck on Tuesday, September 6.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams attended the fair at Greenfield, N. H., on Wednesday.

The E. S. Clarke post and W. R. C. and their friends hold a joint basket picnic at Baddacook on Labor day, September 5. Those who wish to attend and have no other means of conveyance can take advantage of a barge, which will be ready in front of the Congregational church at nine o'clock in the morning.

The A. A. Wood and E. A. Shattuck families returned from their two weeks' outing at Kingston on Monday and had a very pleasant time.

Mrs. William A. Parkhurst is visiting in Lynn.

A number of people here recognized President Taft and family as they passed through town on their auto last Sunday afternoon. Accompanying them was another auto which were the Secret Service men. The party was returning to Beverly from the visit to Dublin, N. H.

Mrs. Martha Shattuck Corey is ill at the hospital here where she was taken Saturday night.

Rev. G. M. Howe's vacation closes this week. He will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church tomorrow.

Mrs. William F. Patch left Wednesday for a visit in Amherst. Her son, Ralph S. Patch, who was principal of the high school at Wayne, Pa., goes this fall to a better position at the Swarthmore Preparatory school in the same state.

Batters went up Monday for the new railway station on Station avenue. It is to be situated near the present building, a little to the south of it and farther in towards the new-laid tracks. It is to be partly of cement, a commodious, up-to-date passenger station. The Hutchinson Building Company have the contract for building.

Francis M. Boutwell is ill with pneumonia. He is under the care of two physicians and a Boston trained nurse. Mr. Boutwell was taken ill last Sunday.

Mrs. William Souther is getting better from the rheumatism with which she has suffered this summer.

The public library will be closed on Labor day and Tuesday, September 5.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Torrey from Brockton are visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Woods and family.

All cats are fond of boiled sweet corn, but there is an Elm street cat that goes to the neighbors' garden patches and eats the corn on the ears growing on the stalks.

Nimie Huebner, daughter of H. Huebner, with her two sisters, are spending a few days in Pittsburg.

It is currently reported that James Rowe has sold his place on Winding avenue to Thomas F. Donahue, Jr.

Mrs. W. B. Robinson and her company who gave their entertainment in Shirley last week reported a fine time every way. They enjoyed the hearty welcome and appetizing supper. They went to Littleton this week Friday.

Miss Eloise Eaton, of Nashua is camping with members of F. A. Sherwin's family at Cow Pond meadows.

Mrs. Laila Chickering and daughter Marion of Leominster are guests of Mrs. Nesbit Woods.

Miss Marie Barnes of Boston is spending several days with Mrs. James Hawkins.

The local club had a most enjoyable picnic on Wednesday at Nestor L. Woods' barberry hillside camp. The company numbered thirty-one and was composed of the ladies of the club, their children, and some friends who came from Manchester, N. H., Pepperell, Leominster and Brockton. It was an all-day good time with an excellent dinner at noon. Ice cream and cake in the afternoon. The program was the usual picnic kind—sports and social enjoyment. The club resumes regular gatherings in about three weeks and will meet with Mrs. H. H. Gay.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Williams went last week Friday for a pleasure trip to New York city, returning last Sunday night.

Miss Genevieve Hodgman, going last Saturday, visited in Providence, returning home on Thursday of this week. Miss Hodgman leaves Monday to assume her duties as teacher in high school at Chester.

Rev. P. H. Cressey has returned from his vacation and will occupy his pulpit at the First Parish Unitarian church tomorrow.

Miss Sallie Parsons, a teacher from Lynn, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clough, to stay over Labor day.

Mrs. Juliet R. Stone is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley. Last Saturday Mrs. Woolley went to Charlestown, N. H., to attend the funeral of a cousin. During her absence Mrs. Jane Clark was with Mr. Woolley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Archibald from Jamaica Plain are to be over Labor day guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Woods.

Miss Carrie Stevens of Somerville is visiting at P. J. Benedict's, to remain over Labor day.

Muriel and Marjorie Molson, daughters of George L. Molson, spent this week at their uncle's in Lawrence.

Lawrence Gay, Eli Collier and Cedric Molson, camping for the past week at Baddacook, broke camp this Saturday.

Clipping.

The following is from the New England Magazine of August, 1910. The magazine gives sketches and pictures of five prominent business people of New England:

Maj. Gen. William A. Bancroft, a man who can do things and make others do things; a man who can administer discipline and make those under his authority, feel that their chief is a friend as well as a just executive; a man, who, in the direction of a large service corporation aims to make every dollar received by the company yield the maximum in service to the public; that is the sort of a man who is president of the Boston Elevated Company.

Before Gen. Bancroft became president of the company, of which he is now chief executive officer, he had been for four years mayor of Cambridge, had been a member of the Massachusetts legislature, was a practicing lawyer, had a thorough training as a railway superintendent, and had risen to the rank of major-general in the military service of the State and a brigadier-general of U. S. volunteers. This training of a man endowed by nature with unusual strength of character and high-minded purpose, has produced the result one would naturally expect. An unusual executive, a man of broad public spirit in the administration of the affairs of a great transportation system that is the best illustration of what a street railway should be.

West Groton.

Miss Alma Bowles has accepted a position as teacher in a South Mansfield school, Miss Dorothy Bowles is to enter Fitchburg Normal this September.

Miss Ruth Lawrence is to teach seventh, eighth and ninth grades in Bethlehem, N. H. It is understood to be a private school.

Miss Bertha Bixby has returned from a week's stay in Boothbay Harbor, Me. She was accompanied on her trip by Miss Edith Bradley of Gardner.

Charles Bixby has returned from a week's vacation. He was a guest of his daughter, Mrs. George McCurdy of Dorchester. A delightful trip down the harbor in a motor boat was one of the enjoyments of his trip.

Little May Hood of Lowell is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Burgess.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington has been in the care of her physician, but at last reports was somewhat better.

Mrs. Talmage Kierstead is reported ill, as is also Mrs. G. H. Bixby.

Mrs. Lucy Mitchell is able to return to her home after a two months' stay with her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Bixby.

Mrs. Derby and Miss Sadie Derby of Fitchburg were recent guests at W. F. Lane's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Webber are enjoying a week's visit in Boston and vicinity.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge are at home after enjoying a month's vacation. Church services will be resumed tomorrow.

Schools will open Tuesday, September 6. Mrs. Isabel Wiggins of Merrimac and Miss Bertha Bixby will return to their respective rooms.

Prof. Frank Tarbell of Chicago university was in the village last Friday, calling on relatives and old friends, and showing the scenes of his boyhood days after an absence of ten years. He is spending some days at Groton Inn.

A. H. Thompson, with his daughters, the Misses Hazel and Dorothy, and son Provost, took an auto trip to Bethlehem last Friday. Mr. Thompson returned with Provost on Sunday, leaving his daughters as guests of their aunt, Mrs. Alfred Sparrell.

Mrs. Florida Stone and daughter of Waltham were guests last week of her uncle, A. H. Thompson.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley is entertaining relatives this week.

J. T. Shepley has had his building wired for electricity.

The report current last week that a well was to be drilled on Mrs. Decker's place seems to have been without foundation. The well in question was for the tenements owned by Lester Adams of Groton. Mr. Starr is now to take his stone-drill to Marblehead, where he has had another in operation since the first of June.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Louise Whitney entertains her friends at her home, The Wilderness, this evening.

Roland Houghton gave a whist party at his home on Goldsmith street, Tuesday evening. About twenty were present and had a jolly good time.

James E. Smith, Boston and Maine track foreman, left St. Louis, Monday. He has attended the convention of international brotherhood of maintenance-of-way employes at the Vanol building. His home-bound trip takes him via Cincinnati, through Kentucky and Virginia and then by boat from Norfolk to Boston. Part of the territory over which he travels homeward was familiar to him forty years ago.

Mr. Smith expected to arrive in Boston Friday, September 2, and there make preparations for a convention of the brotherhood to be held in that city September 5.

The Historical society will meet at the public library at two p. m. on Labor day and then proceed to the home of Miss L. Jane Brown on Hillwell avenue, where the party will be conducted by Henry S. Brown of Boston to various places of interest in North Littleton. All who are interested are invited to join the company.

The C. E. convention at the Baptist church next Monday promises to be of an unusually attractive character and should be well attended.

Miss Fannie Mitchell, who has spent several weeks with the F. S. Kimball family, returned to her home with Prof. Wilnot Mitchell in Brunswick, Me., Saturday, and begins her school duties in that vicinity next week.

Walter Boireau has been in Worcester to engage his room and attend to other details pertaining to his college entrance.

The King's Daughters will hold their first meeting of the new season at Mrs. John A. Wright's in Pingreyville next Tuesday afternoon.

Work on the bungalow at the foot of Cox hill has stopped for awhile.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens is visiting friends in West Swazey, Concord and Manchester, N. H.

Miss Lora Barnes, a former teacher at the West Primary school, has accepted a position in the Springfield schools to begin teaching a little later than usual on account of the epidemic of infantile paralysis prevailing there.

John Hardy's family has arrived at the new home on Foster street.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield moved his goods into the Unitarian parsonage yesterday. He will preach two more Sundays in Ware before occupying the pulpit, in the Unitarian church.

Harry Ireland has returned to his Somerville home.

News from Alonzo H. Kimball is encouraging. He was still in the hospital when last heard from, but making satisfactory improvement.

Last week Friday night the larder at Lawrence Kimball's camp was visited and relieved of everything in the form of food even to salt pork.

Miss Cora Davis spent a few days at Miss Doris Converse's home in West Rindge, N. H.

George Barker is at home on a furlough. In his official duties he has visited practically every part of the globe known to navigation.

Mrs. Augustus Gardner, daughter, and Mrs. R. H. Phelps of Jamaica Plain have recently visited Miss Belle Sawyer on King street.

Miss Bertha Stratton is entertaining one of her teacher friends.

People who have seen the new kite, 10 ft. and 8 in. long, made by Warren Hartwell and Julian Lovejoy, pronounce it little short of a marvel in workmanship and the ease with which it skims through the air.

Mrs. Paul entertained a party of friends at her home on Taylor street, Tuesday.

Miss Sargent of Montague, graduate of Fitchburg normal school, is the new teacher at the West Grammar school.

Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and son arrived from Chicago according to schedule last week Friday.

V. H. Flagg's family returned from the beach last week. Miss Edith Flagg, who has been spending her vacation with her sister and their parents at Monamet, went back to her library work in New York city this week.

Burton Wright of Allston is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Dodd.

Miss Gladys Kimball will attend Tilton seminary in Tilton, N. H., this year.

The work in the basement of the high school building is nearly completed.

James Ireland and W. E. Conant have put in new cement walks at their homes.

The town hall is undergoing a few repairs.

Preparations are underway for the new fountain at the library corner diagonally across from the center store.

The campers on the shores of Warren lake have begun to return to their city homes.

Miss Jessie Smith has returned from a month's visit on the Maine coast.

Frank Healy has been visiting in Hyde Park.

Mrs. Theodore Fletcher has been sick, but is reported convalescent.

Mrs. C. E. Jackson's father, after a visit of several weeks at the Jackson home in Newtown, has returned home.

Shirley grange and friends and neighbors. About one hundred and fifty were present and dinner was served at one o'clock.

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TOWNSEND

Centre. Mrs. Louis Streeter and little son Norman are at T. E. Flarity's.

Some unwelcome visitor entered the home of Miss Abbie Putnam on Tuesday afternoon while she was away and helped themselves to a cooked chicken, besides taking a string of gold beads and several pieces of jewelry valued as family heirlooms. Miss Putnam's home is on the Fitchburg road near "old city."

The fellow workmen and employees of the B. & A. D. Fessenden mill, over

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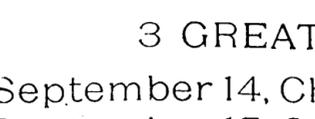
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September 14, Children's Day  
September 15, Grange Day  
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A Grange Apple Show by 14 Grangers. Something entirely new in New England, Capt. Fred J. Owens in his Dirigible Airship, making daily flights.

A Horse Show of unusual merit on Friday, the last day.

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Warren Goodale, Secretary.

Tennis Tournament.

On Tuesday, August 30, a tennis tournament was held at Judge Sanderson's, lasting all day. The following is the score:

First round—Malcolm Priest vs Roger Priest, won by Roger Priest by 6-2, 6-2; Jonathan Harvard vs G. Montgomery Lovejoy, Jr., won by Montgomery Lovejoy, Jr., 6-1, 6-2; Webster Harward vs Marcus Morton, Jr., won by Marcus Morton, Jr., 6-3, 6-3; Bennett Sanderson vs Robert Whitney, won by Robert Whitney, 6-1, 6-0.

Semi-finals—Roger Priest vs G. Montgomery Lovejoy, Jr., won by G. Montgomery Lovejoy, Jr., 6-0, 6-0; Marcus Morton, Jr. vs Robert Whitney, won by Robert Whitney, 6-1, 6-0.

Finals—G. Montgomery Lovejoy, Jr. vs Robert Whitney, won by G. Montgomery Lovejoy, Jr., 6-2, 7-5. First prize—A silver championship cup, G. Montgomery Lovejoy, Jr. Second prize—Tennis balls, Robert Whitney.

SHIRLEY.

Centre. Miss Ruth Graves is visiting relatives in Peabody.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer D. Holden attended the outing of the Massachusetts Ice Dealers' association at Paragon park, Nantasket, last week Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed and family left last Monday for Wollaston. Allen Cox, who has occupied Rev. H. A. Bridgman's house for the past three months, has moved to Mr. Goodspeed's cottage, where they will spend the month of September.

Mrs. Frank L. Wood and her sons, Hamilton and Philip, left Friday for Denver, Col.

Rev. A. A. Bronson will preach at Trinity chapel on Sunday, September 4.

Rev. George Willis Cooke will preach at the Unitarian church tomorrow.

Shirley grange will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening, September 6. Lunenburg grange will furnish the entertainment. Supper will be served in the lower hall.

The Alliance held a supper and gave a very interesting entertainment and a dance on Thursday evening, August 25. The program was furnished by Groton talent and was up to the usual high standard of all the Alliance entertainments. After the entertainment Thayer's orchestra furnished music for dancing.

Assessors' Report.

The following are figures taken from the report of the assessors of the town of Shirley:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes items like Personal estate assessed, Value of buildings, Value of land, etc.

Aggregate of Shirley Village Water District. Personal estate, Real estate, Total.

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The annual picnic held by the George S. Boutwell post of Ayer at William Jubb's grove was a great success and was well attended by members of the post and of the different organizations which were invited—W. R. C., S. of V., D. A. R.,

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### AYER.

#### Willard Reunion.

The reunion of Simon Willard's Descendants' association held here last Saturday was a great success, in point of numbers and interest. The courtesy of our citizens in turning out in automobiles and assisting in transporting visitors from the station to the place of the meeting was much appreciated, and the organization extended a vote of thanks.

Among the business transacted was the appointment of a committee to solicit subscriptions for a memorial window to be placed in St. Margaret's church, Harsmondon, England, where Simon Willard was baptized in 1604, and a committee to cooperate with such of the citizens of our town as are disposed to join for the purpose of erecting a tablet to mark the site of Major Willard's garrison house, one of the most important posts upon the frontier during King Philip's war. Among the interesting exhibits indicating that the fame of Major Willard is recognized in England as well as New England, was a photograph of the following memorial tablet erected in the crypt of Canterbury cathedral, England:

In Memoriam  
MAJOR SIMON WILLARD  
Born 1604—Died 1676.  
Exactly one hundred years before the Declaration of Independence.  
A Kentish Soldier and an early pioneer. In the settlement of the British colony of New England in America 1634 He was made Commander-in-Chief of the British Forces against the hostile Indian Tribes in the Military and Judicial service of the American Commonwealth until his death aged 72.  
Of Simon Willard's ancestors one was Provost of Canterbury 1715 and another was Baron of Cinque Ports 1717, and his descendants to the present day have held eminent positions in the United States.  
Erected by  
Sylvester D. Willard, M. P. C. S.  
London 1902.

It is certainly fitting that our citizens should join in a movement to perpetuate a record of such an important event as the residence and service here of Major Simon Willard. Major Willard came over in 1632 from Kent, England, and was a power in repressing the attacks of the Indians upon the settlers at Concord, Lancaster, Groton and Ayer. He was a fearless fighter. It was upon the ruins of the Willard farmhouse which had been laid low by the Indians that the party of the major's descendants with their wives and children had their dinner.

The visitors from Worcester and other towns of Massachusetts were met at the Ayer depot by members of the Willard association, who wore red ribbons, and were conducted in autos to the farm.

Miss Susan Baker Willard, Hingham, who has just returned from Europe, reported that the people of Torsemondon, England, where many of the major's relatives live, have placed a memorial window dedicated to the Massachusetts hero in the window of the Episcopal church there. The records of the association were read by John Tougas of Dorchester, and Hon. Geo. J. Burns, the historian of this town, indicated the various scenes of interest about Ayer to the visitors, these including a corn mill two hundred years old.

Among the many present from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Willard and their children, Leslie and Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker and their children of Shrewsbury.

The youngest member present was Master Frank Enville Wheeler of Winchester, N. H., a fine boy of six months old. He wore the red ribbon of the society and was much admired.

#### News Items.

Miss Hortense Butterfield will go to Franklin on September 12, to take a post-graduate course of one year at Dean academy and will then enter Mt. Holyoke college.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Butterworth of Worcester are spending the week with their nephew, F. P. Briggs at Wayside farm.

Miss Hortense Butterfield will go to Manchester, N. H., next Tuesday to visit Miss Grace Moore, who is to be her room-mate at Dean academy. Miss Moore goes to take a post-graduate course and may enter Mt. Holyoke with Miss Butterfield.

Miss Edith C. Lyon and friend, C. Frederick Wilson, Jr., of Fitchburg, are spending a week at York Beach, Me., with friends at the Farley cottage.

Manager Andrew Hawthorne of the Putnam street bowling academy, Fitchburg, has heard from Shirley and Leominster in regard to the four club inter-city bowling league and they are anxious to start the league going. Ayer is still to be heard from but the other managers are hoping it will decide to go into the league. Just as soon as Ayer is heard from the managers will get together and make the arrangements for the season.

John Davenport, employed at the transfer shed in the upper yard here, lost his forty-dollar watch one night last week. It seems that he changed clothes before beginning work and left his pants, which contained the watch hanging on a nail. Later in the night he went for the watch and was unable to find any trace of it. It is believed that some hobo happened along and upon deciding that the pants looked better than his own make, he exchanged and departed. As yet no trace has been found of the watch and it is very doubtful if it will ever be returned.

Wilber Hart visited Tuesday and Wednesday with Leon F. Briggs at Wayside farm.

The annual field day of St. Mary's parish will be held on Labor day, Monday, September 5, from ten a. m. to five p. m. The committee have ar-

ranged a ball game between St. Mary's A. C. and a strong team from Charlestown which will be a good game as the teams are well-matched and are about even on games. There will also be sports of all kinds in the afternoon. Music will be furnished by the American orchestra. Refreshments will be on sale all day and a good time is assured all who attend.

Miss Inez and May Briggs are with friends this week at North Harpswell, Maine.

About two weeks ago James Morris, engineer at the lower mill of L. W. Phelps, had a forty-dollar watch stolen from the engine-room and was recovered from a person in town.

Mrs. Ezra Cole and Russell Cole, a grandson, of Somerville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George A. Cole.

A short time ago the house of Mrs. Raymond of Harvard was broken into and some property stolen. Mrs. Raymond came and reported the matter to Chief Beatty, who, being unable to act in Harvard, advised her what course to take in recovering the property. Some of the property stolen has since been recovered in Harvard and the remainder will be returned soon.

May E. Briggs has accepted a position to teach at Pike, N. H., where she will go as soon as the remodeling and repairs are finished on the school buildings.

Miss Nina Phillips left last week Friday night on the steamer Ransom D. Fuller, for Bath, Me., a guest of Annie Lynch.

It is said that C. A. Batchelder, esq., associate justice of the police court at Fitchburg, where Mr. Batchelder has been a resident for a number of years, going from this town to that city, that he is not a candidate for Congress, for the short term of the Fourth Congressional district, made vacant by the death of Congressman Charles Q. Tirrell, which is a disappointment to his many friends. "I am not a candidate and don't intend to be, and if I went after the short term, I would try for the long term with it."

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, September 7, from six to 7.30.

Mrs. Alice Mead, who has been a telegraph operator at the railway station here for the past twelve or more years, got through on September 1.

Married in Ayer, at the Baptist parsonage on Thursday, September 1, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Albert H. Warren and Miss Clara D. Humphrey of Leominster.

The Second Maine Regiment arrived here Wednesday morning from Pine Camp, New York state, and the regiment filled thirteen cars. The Maine regiment had been in camp for about ten days and soon after the arrival of their train here they were switched on the track of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston and Maine for their homes in Maine after being mustered out.

Mr. Hardy is to build for G. P. Whitney, Groton School community, a barn, practically covering a ground space 36x69 feet, and part of the floor space of the barn will be utilized as a garage. The barn is to be built of the best of material and when completed will be a very attractive building. The lumber is on the way for it, and as soon as it arrives Mr. Hardy will have his men start it up.

The Ames Plow Company of Worcester are looking for a location where there are two railroads in a town. This town is the place for them and the company never should have moved their agricultural works from here to Worcester a number of years ago, when they were so favorably located here and had several acres of land and several buildings, where is now the Haynes-Piper Company.

Miss Josephine Meehan of New York and Abbie Mullen of Roxbury are guests of Officer Mullen on Grove street.

Last Saturday, S. R. Simmons, who has been for some time a sufferer from locomoto-ataxia, had a serious attack of illness and is confined to his bed. Last Sunday his two sisters, Miss Hattie Budlong of Providence and Mrs. Abbie Barker of Medford and her grandson, Henry C. Ball of Westborough were visitors.

W. J. Delano, superintendent of the town farm, and daughter, Miss Sophia, left Friday morning, September 2, for New York city, where they will spend a few days.

Frank Manning of Greenfield spent a few days at Mrs. Margaret Weldon's.

Mr. and Mrs. William O'Neil and baby boy, who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neil, left Monday for Nashua on a visit to her parents in that city.

Miss Mary Welch of Philadelphia is the guest of Mrs. J. D. Wilson.

The announcement of the wedding of Henry Austin Bixby, to Miss Harriet May Hall, daughter of Mrs. John Sugden Hall of North Chelmsford, is to take place on Wednesday evening, September 14. Mr. Bixby is conductor of the Lawrence and Salem train from this town.

Miss K. E. Lynch spent a few days at Nashua this week as guest of her brother, T. Worcester Lynch.

Miss Edna McMahon, who has been spending the summer with relatives here, returned to her home in Groton on Monday.

C. Aymer Smith of Baldwinville came to Ayer on Saturday, August 27, with his Knox touring car for a three-day visit with Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Fox. On Sunday he took his brother, S. Wilson Smith and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Fox and toured the north shore and enjoyed a shore fish dinner. All enjoyed the delightful auto trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills of Worcester spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mills.

Services at the Methodist church will be resumed on Sunday, September 4. Rev. Frank Hargrave, pastor of the church, has returned from his vacation which he spent at his home in Indiana.

Services will be resumed at the Congregational church tomorrow, Rev. E. B. Crooks will preach at the usual hours.

Thomas Allen of Pepperell, who was charged with drunkenness, was in court Tuesday and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

The liquor cases of Michael J. Coughlin, J. P. McCarthy and James Richards were in court on August 27, and they were continued to Saturday, September 3, when they will be tried, charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance.

The digging on West street on Friday was for the changing of a three-quarter inch pipe to an inch pipe for the building of Mr. Phelps, for a larger supply of water for the many wants of this building.

Daniel F. Hesston, who was proprietor of the Ayer Inn Union House, did as he agreed to and willingly shook his feet of Ayer dust and left September 1, for unknown parts. The Union House Ayer Inn is closed.

Miss Lizzie Dean of Wakefield is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Dean.

One carload of lumber is here for the addition to Mr. Proctor's garage building and another load is daily expected. The cement foundation wall is partly completed and Mr. Proctor expects the carpenters to commence work on it in a week or ten days. Mr. Stone, the builder, who has been ill with rheumatic fever, expects to be well enough by that time to start in with his men.

Two men in an automobile came near running over a fellow last Sunday night, near the pumping station, and on reaching Main street, saw Chief Beatty, who is ever on the alert, and informed him of the fellow's whereabouts. Officer Beatty got a livery team of T. F. Ward and went on a search for him at the pumping station. He found him and loaded him in his team and placed him in the lockup to sober off. He was a stranger here and headed assistance.

Mrs. Lillian Brown Brooks of Tomahawk, Wis., who has been spending the month of August at Sandy pond with her three children, left for her home on Thursday. Mrs. Brooks is a native of this town and her mother is Mrs. Charles Brown, East Main street. Mr. Brooks, who is well-known here, and in adjoining towns, is in a successful lumber business in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Angell of Hudson, were in town on Wednesday and spent the day visiting on old friends. They were residents of this town for several years and left here for Hudson thirty-three years ago last June.

The house that is being built by Louis Lapointe for Mr. Pelletier, who took the job of L. W. Phelps, is nearly completed on the outside with the exception of a little work on the front piazza. The inside is ready for the plaster. When completed it will be a nice looking dwelling-house and the location in Nonalcolous park, so-called, is truly rural.

Monday night the residence of George H. B. Turner on Washington street was entered and both outside doors were found open in the morning. They were heard, but were frightened away by the turning on of the electric lights. Residents in other parts of the town were disturbed the same night, evidently by the same persons. There were two and Officer Beatty, was on the lookout for them following them, but in the darkness of the night they escaped his vigilance.

Michael Finnegan of Natick, charged with drunkenness, who was in court on August 29, was tried, found guilty and committed to the State farm at Bridgewater.

Mrs. M. B. Bartlett of East Main street, who is over eighty years of age and lives alone, was taken ill the middle of last week, and who fell and was slightly injured, is much better. Miss Durgin, for the present, is caring for Mrs. Bartlett.

The proprietors of the Vesper pressing company expect to start the middle of this month to manufacture their goods so as to be ready to do business by the first of October.

The house on the Littleton road, beyond the pumping station was visited by Officers Beatty, Fillebrown and O'Connell last Sunday for the search of liquors, but none were found. The occupant of the house, that complaint was made against, is Mary Wright, a colored woman.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Turner and children were guests of Judge and Mrs. Sanderson at their Littleton farm last Saturday and enjoyed with them a ride to Concord in their new auto.

Mrs. S. F. Farnsworth, who went Thursday in Mr. Bliss' automobile to Stoneham on a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Byron Pearson, was accompanied by Mrs. Connor and her daughter, Mrs. Mason. Mrs. Farnsworth is an invalid and she stood the journey very well.

The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company have laid the extension of their track nearer to the West Main street crossing, a distance of about one hundred and fifty feet. This change makes it much more convenient in the transfer of passengers from one electric to the other. The centre of the track is to be concreted.

Eva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Chandler, who went to the hospital in Groton last week Tuesday, and who underwent an operation for appendicitis, soon after taken there by Dr. Hopkins in his automobile, is getting along nicely. It was found, when operated upon, that there was other complications.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance held the opening meeting of the season with Mrs. George J. Burns on Thursday afternoon. There was a large and pleasant gathering. The program included vocal solos by Mrs. Bleckford; account of the present religious situation in Spain by Mrs. Harry Fisher; reading from Emerson by Mrs. Charlotte J. Whitman, and a report of the Boston May meetings of the National Alliance by Mrs. Barker. Mrs. Richmond Fisk and Mrs. J. W. Kittredge were received as members.

All the schools of this town commence on their fall term Monday, September 12.

Unitarian services will be resumed tomorrow at 10.45 and Sunday school at twelve. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Thomas on Sunday, September 4. Rev. J. W. Thomas will preach at the Baptist church at 10.45 a. m., taking for his

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subject, "The labor question." Working men are especially invited. Sunday school at twelve. Prayers meeting at seven p. m., with short address by the pastor. Special music by the choir.

Included letters at Ayer postoffice, August 22 Edward Choate, H. G. Hart, Rev. Patrick King, E. L. Perkins 2, Robert T. Ryan, Mrs. Charles James Shampton, S. Gertrude Tighe.

#### Wedding.

Thomas Ryan and Mary Crowley, both of Ayer, were united in marriage by Rev. Michael Callahan at St. Mary's church on Wednesday morning, August 31. The bridesmaid was Miss Elizabeth Cummings of Salem, a classmate of the bride at the Normal school and John Ryan, a brother of the groom, was best man. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was an opal ring and the bride's gift to the best man was a gold stickpin. The bride was dressed in white messaline, a white hat and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. On the trip she wore a blue traveling suit and black hat with large black plumes. The couple left for Niagara Falls on the 1.30 train on their wedding trip and on their return will reside on East Main street, in the tenement recently occupied by Mrs. Mosher.

A large crowd of friends were present at the church to witness the ceremony, and it can be said that it was one of the prettiest weddings ever seen at this church.

At the railway station they were met by a host of friends who covered them with confetti and made matters rather lively for them during their short wait at the station.

After boarding the train the bride threw her bouquet into the crowd and it was finally found by Mrs. Alice King.

The bride for a number of years was a very efficient teacher in the public schools here and was very much liked by her scholars and their parents.

A number of friends of the newly-married couple were present from Lynn, Worcester and other places.

#### Shockingly Burned.

The fire last Saturday afternoon was in the lockup house in the rear of the Union House and was caused by the burning of over-heated alcohol in an alcohol flat iron that was being used by Lambroz Eurulious, in pressing clothing, setting fire to his clothes, burning him in a shocking manner. Dr. Hopkins was called and on examination it was found that his burns were of a very serious nature and that his condition would not permit of his removal to a hospital in Boston. He is a Greek, about forty years of age, and is employed at the tannery, and does odd jobs of pressing of clothes evenings and other times when he has spare moments.

#### Death.

Mrs. Philena Augusta Atherton died Wednesday afternoon from tuberculosis. She had been ill for several months. She was born in Greenfield, N. H., July 12, 1847, the daughter of Maynard and Susan Dutton. In 1866 she married Charles Atherton of East Wilton, N. H., and they came to Ayer where they have since resided.

Mrs. Atherton was an active member in the Baptist church, a member of the Woman's club, having been two years a director and three years superintendent of its sewing school.

She leaves a son, Fred M. Atherton, a daughter, Mrs. Jennie P. Chaffin, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild, all of Ayer.

Funeral will hold this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at her home on Pleasant street. Rev. J. W. Thomas will officiate and burial will be in Woodlawn cemetery.

#### Items of Interest.

Great Britain is the only country showing a decrease in trade with the Philippines in 1909. The trade with the islands with the United States shows an increase in imports of \$1,000,000 and in exports of \$4,275,000.

Apropos of the Passion Play at Oberammergau, a story is told of a writer, that when the play was in progress ten years ago an American visitor spent much of his spare time looking up the actors in their homes and chatting with them about the production. One complaint he met everywhere was the tremendous fatigue the performers suffered at the close of the eight-hour performance. Coming to the home of Hans Zwink, the Judas of the play, he found the painter-actor in quite a cheerful mood. "Does the performance fatigue you so much too?" the tourist inquired. "Ere Herr Zwink could reply his ten-year-old son chirped up: "Pa, don't get so tired. He hanks himself at three o'clock and comes home two hours before the others."

When contemplated improvements in the way of curve and grade elimination to the Trans-Siberian railway are completed, the distance between Paris and Pekin will be reduced 1,200 miles, and the time four and one-half days.

There are nearly a million square miles of unexplored area in the far north of Canada.

An inventive genius has brought out an electric apparatus which burns tiny holes in paper as a signature is written, thus preventing any chance of forgery.

Two thousand million microbes are sometimes injected into a person's blood to cure disease.

New York uses more automobiles for city business than any other two cities in the world.

Canada's area is 3,729,665 square miles of unexplored area in the far north of one-third of the area of the British Empire.

Alaska is one-fifth the size of the United States proper.

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From New York, Mauretania, August 31,  
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Alaska was purchased for \$7,200,000, less than two cents an acre.

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Shipbuilders of all nations added 1,602,057 tons to the world's floating tonnage last year, exclusive of new ships, which totaled 378,245 tons more.

# The Specter Bird

A Story of Modern Shanghai.

By CLARISSA MACKIE.  
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Ling To Fey's gorgeous junk moved slowly up the Huangpo river, the steersman skilfully guiding his unwieldy craft in and out of the shipping. In the luxurious cabin of the pleasure craft two Americans were dining with the most powerful mandarin in north-west China. Ling To Fey, a massive bulk of flesh, was gorgeous in blue brocade.

At his right hand sat Luke Ponsonby, millionaire promoter of mining industries. His attorney and friend, John Burnett, sat at the left of the Chinese potentate.

The attorney knew it required a delicate approach of the crafty and superstitious official, but after many weeks of skirmishing he had brought together the two principals in the transactions. The evening on the junk was the result.

"I presume your excellency," said Burnett, "is prepared to close this matter now. All that remains is for you to sign this agreement and give Mr. Ponsonby a receipt for his check, which covers one-half of the agreed amount. The remainder will be paid to you at the expiration of your term of office, when the matter may be made public."

"Quite true," murmured Ling To Fey in his slow English words. "I shall be pleased to discuss the matter when my secretary appears. Meanwhile we will enjoy the entertainment."

He clapped his hands, and a moment later wide casements were thrown open, revealing the flower boat alongside keeping pace with the junk's leisurely progress. The lanterns in the cabin were extinguished, and the three men gathered about the window to witness the spectacle.

Burnett's eyes seemed to pierce the darkness beyond the lighted boat. His compelling glance seemed to demand reassurance from something that should be near at hand, and a vague anxiety crept into his watching face as no sign appeared.

His eyes finally wandered to the massive head of the mandarin behind whom he stood. The glowing ruby in the white velvet cap seemed to pulsate with some strange emotion.

After awhile the mandarin clasped his hands, and the singsong boat dropped astern and was seen no more.

As the windows were closed and lights flared forth Ponsonby drew out his watch. "The hour grows late, excellency. We wish to return to Shanghai before midnight," he drawled.

The mandarin smiled blandly. His voice was smooth as silk. "I regret that my villainous secretary has been left behind in Shanghai. I have dispatched a sampan for him, and in the meantime we will anchor until he appears. The matter must wait until the rascal joins us."

The two Americans exchanged quick glances. The lawyer spoke first.

"If that is the case we will defer the settlement of this matter."

"We will await the coming of the secretary," purred the mandarin softly.

"It will avoid future unpleasantness," began Burnett with some heat, when something happened that closed his lips into a rigid line.

Out of the night beyond the closed windows, so loud that it seemed almost at his elbow, there came a blood-freezing scream, followed by a splash, a choking gurgle and then dead silence.

"What was that?" Burnett asked sharply.

The mandarin shrugged his fat shoulders, and for the first time in his eyes fully opened, and the hatred in their depths started the foreigners. "A killing," he said, "but it is scattered."

The cry of the night as they passed through the darkness, they merely served to strengthen their belief that up here, beyond the confines of the native city, they were quite at the mercy of the mandarin.

Instinctively Burnett's hand sought his hip pocket and came away empty. His muttered exclamation prompted Ponsonby to feel for his own weapon, with the same result. Some time since their arrival on board they had been relieved of their revolvers.

Ling To Fey's yellow hand touched a gong beside him and the curtains parted to admit the recreant secretary, who doubtless had been within ten feet of his master during the entire voyage.

The mandarin uttered a few words in Chinese and the secretary moved swiftly to the heavy draperies that covered the walls of the cabin and lifted them one by one, revealing rows of armed servants in grim outline against the carved background.

When the Americans had counted thirty in all the last curtain dropped from the hand of the secretary.

"A holdup for sure!" murmured Ponsonby, drawing a small leather covered book from his pocket. From among the leaves of cigarette wrappers he drew a thin folded slip of paper, tore it in two and passed half to his companion.

"Smoke your last cigarette, Burnett," he said significantly, offering his tobacco pouch.

Burnett smiled sardonically as he

leftly rolled a cigarette and watched Ponsonby do the same. Then as he touched a match to his smoke his glance caught the malevolent gaze of the mandarin.

Ling To Fey uttered a few sharp orders and the secretary motioned the foreigners away from their stand behind the table. Reluctantly they stepped aside, careful that their backs should be against a shuttered uncurtained window.

The secretary opened a wide panel in the bulkhead, disclosing a canopied dais on which was a gilded and inlaid chair. On either side of the chair stood one of the mandarin's retainers, splendid in purple and silver and bearing a tall staff tipped with red feathers.

A low lacquered table was placed before the dais and spread with a cloth of golden tissue. Then the mandarin slowly arose and mounted into the chair of state.

"Sons of dogs," began the mandarin politely, "because I am a merciful ruler I shall give you an opportunity to die respectfully that your wretched souls may be afforded some solace when you taste the bitter tortures of the nether world. I will graciously permit you to drink a cup of poison instead of having your heads cut off as you deserve!"

Ponsonby lunged forward and removed his half consumed cigarette from between his smiling lips.

"Then the deal is off?" he queried.

The mandarin frowned thoughtfully. "I do not understand your meaning," he said at last.

The millionaire explained. Burnett, his broad back pressed against the window, felt the shutter give beneath his weight. A little rush of cool air came in the opening, and with it came a distant sound that awoke every sense.

Ling To Fey was speaking: "The only deal that will be consummated between us tonight is that you will place the documents that have been drawn up, together with Mr. Ponsonby's check on the Shanghai bank, on the table before me."

"And after that?" queried Ponsonby.

"After that you may quaff the poisoned cup," answered the mandarin amiably.

Burnett over at the window had managed to slip his handkerchief through the crack at his back and wedge one corner so that it fluttered out into the night. Then he came forward and stood beside his companion.

Ling To Fey's face was inflexible in its cruelty. "Place the check on the table!" he commanded.

In unison the two Americans flung the remnants of their cigarettes on the low table. "There's what's left of it," said Burnett grimly.

Before the mandarin could command the servants to kill Burnett's hand shot up in the air with a gesture.

"Excellency, listen! The cry of the specter bird!" he shouted.

The mandarin seemed to shrivel in size as he bent forward, one fat hand raised to his ear, his face pallid with fear. The servants had paused as if frozen in their tracks, with their jet eyes fixed in terror, arms unlifted, meaning destruction to the two men at the window.

Then out of the night there came a strange, unearthly cry.

When his last echo had died away Burnett spoke in a solemn voice, though his keen eyes sparkled hopefully.

"Let all beware who hear the voice of the specter bird! Let them cease what they are doing, make peace with enemies, lest they die a dreadful death! Listen, excellency! It may come again!"

Then all at once it did come again in the very cabin of the junk, and at the sound Ling To Fey's huge bulk lifted up in the air with an unearthly cry of terror and fell lifeless and twitching on the floor before his dais, dead from very fright.

Through the doorway there streamed a file of American marines headed by an officer, who leaped forward at the outstretched hands of his fellow countrymen at the window.

"Just in time, eh?" he beamed as they voiced their thanks. "Good thing you pressed us into service as a body-guard, eh, Burnett? The Grayling has sneaked along in your wake for hours. When the junk was wedged into this creek we became suspicious that some dirty work was up and scouted. One by one we caught the fellows on deck and put them into the dispatch boat. Then one of the boys saw your handkerchief at the window, and we worked the specter bird cry on them. Does the business every time!"

"Where are we now?"

"The Grayling is towing you down the river. Another half hour and you'll be in the city."

In the early morning hours in Ponsonby's rooms at the hotel the millionaire drew from his pocket the magnificent ruby that had formed the button on Ling To Fey's official cap and handed it to the lieutenant of the Grayling.

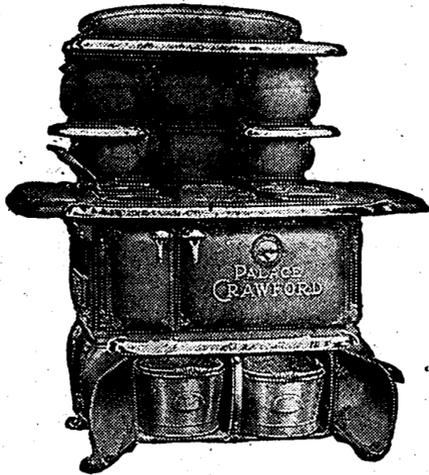
"The cry of the specter bird saved our lives, Decker," he said, with emotion.

"Not on your life," vociferated the other; "makes me crawl when I think of scaring the old beggar to death. Wouldn't have cared a rap if it had been an open fight. Burnett's forethought in asking for escort saved the day!" He tossed it to the attorney.

That is how Lieutenant Decker sent home a check that month which enabled his father to pay off the mortgage on his farm, while Burnett's wife wears as a pendant at her throat the magnificent ruby that once graced a mandarin's cap. Ponsonby does not own any coal mines in China.

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Boston via North Bitterica, Bitterica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—7:25 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. then same as 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.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—6:18, 6:00, 6:20, 6:55, 7:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:33 p. m. Sundays—7:33, 8:03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5:30, 5:55, 6:30, 6:57, 7:18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m. then 11:48 p. m. (Saturdays 5:03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11:03 p. m.)

Nashua—6:45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10:45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. 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.

Tyngsboro via Middlesex Street—5:18, 6:00, 6:55, 7:18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 9:48 p. m. Sundays—8:18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5:40, 6:20, 6:57, 7:32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m. then 11:33 p. m. Sundays—9:03 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10:33 p. m.

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## LITTLETON.

About Town.

Last week Wednesday, William Decatur attended the Decatur family reunion at North Barrington, N. H.

J. W. Ireland has had new cement walks laid up to his house.

Miss Marion Tyzzer of St. Louis, was a recent guest with her cousin, Mrs. A. F. Hopkins.

Walter Bereau, one of the high school graduates, expects to enter Clark college, Worcester, next month.

Elmer Fletcher's family will remain in camp till the close of the present week.

Last Sunday morning Sherman Jewett took fourteen dozen large handsome asters to the cemetery. He picked about thirty dozen altogether.

During the past week John Hager and little boy of Gardner have been at his brother's at the old Hager homestead.

Last Monday, members of the W. E. Conant and Wilcox families picnicked with relatives, camping in Harvard. The party were conveyed in Conant's auto.

Stanley F. Conant takes a year's preparatory course for college at East Greenwich, R. I.

The Littleton Historical society will hold its meeting in the library reading room on Monday afternoon, September 5, at two o'clock. It is hoped that Prof. Burton of the Boston Tech will help explore and explain "The Topset region."

The first meeting of the King's Daughters' circle will be held on Tuesday afternoon, September 6, with Mrs. John Wright.

Rev. W. C. Brown and family returned last Tuesday from their summer's sojourn in Chautauqua.

Miss Grace Prue, district nurse in Brighton, has been here the past week at Hon. F. A. Patch's, to see her grandfather, the oldest person in town, who is ninety-three years of age and who still enjoys life and is interested in all that is going on.

George H. Barker is home for a month's furlough from his naval training ship.

Last Wednesday, Mrs. Nellie Houghton Dodge returned to her home in Gloucester City, N. J.

Sunday, September 4, the Unitarian church will be opened again for services and Rev. C. A. Drummond will occupy the pulpit.

Last Saturday the families of D. G. Houghton and F. B. Priest, took a joy ride in their autos on a trip to Mt. Monadnock.

News Items.

A tennis tournament was held on Judge Sanderson's grounds Tuesday. The following contestants took part: Jonathan Harwood, Montgomery Lovejoy, Roger and Malcolm Priest, Webster Blanchard, Robert Whitney and Bennett Sanderson. Lovejoy and Whitney proved to be the champion pair of winners, the former winning the trophy in the final set. Judge Sanderson presented the prize, a beautiful silver cup, gold lined, and mounted on an ebony base.

Miss Grace Prue, nurse, is visiting her relatives, the Frank A. Patch family.

Food sale at the Orthodox vestry this afternoon from 2:30 to four. No advance orders.

Margaret Conant has been visiting with friends in Athol and last Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant took an auto trip there for a day's stop.

Carpenters are busy working on the Union school building. They have repaired the schoolroom in the town hall building, which is a great improvement.

Mrs. Albert Wyath and son attended the Sterling camp meetings two days this week.

Miss Ruth Thacher gave a whist party at her home on Friday night.

Mrs. Nellie F. Johnson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harris in Leominster.

Edward Brotz, clerk in the Common store, got a rusty nail in his foot and is laid up for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Edwards have returned from a delightful trolley trip along the coast, stopping nights at favorite resorts.

J. H. D. Whitcomb has been in Littleton, N. H., a few days this week.

Miss Wright of Pingreyville is assisting at the central telephone station.

Mrs. David Dickey, formerly Miss Holton of Fitchburg, visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant of Concord, were Saturday and Sunday guests of their father, N. B. Conant.

Don't forget the grand convention at the Baptist church on Labor day.

Miss Cora Davis is a guest of Miss Doris Converse in West Rindge, N. H.

Miss Effie Stevens of Somerville has been a guest of her uncle at the Ledges this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant indulged in a trip to Provincetown this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scott and infant son of Somerville, boarding for the summer in Harvard, were guests this last week of Fred A. Hosmer and Austin T. Kimball.

## New Advertisements.

Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co.

TIME TABLE.

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L. H. CUSHING, Superintendent.

# THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Hon. Robert Luce Discusses the Commission's Report

## GOLD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RISE

Prices Increasing For Fifteen Years—Unions and Trusts Exonerated—Tariff Not at Fault—Price Rise in Canada as Great as Here

The selection of Robert Luce of Somerville to preside at the Republican state convention makes him an interesting character, and what he has to say on political subjects entitled to attention. Mr. Luce was chairman of the recent commission to investigate the increases in the cost of living, and to a representative of this newspaper he has given an interview relating to the report just published by it. It is given here:

"The distribution of the full printed report of the commission on the cost of living gives to the public a somewhat remarkable volume. Conceived in politics, a Democratic challenge accepted by Republicans, it is almost completely non-political. Predicted as sure to be worthless, it turns out to be a work of permanent scientific value. Nobody expected the report would be made on time, for the commission was appointed March 9 with instructions to report May 1, yet the work was finished in the less than eight weeks stipulated—probably an unprecedented achievement for a serious public document of 750 pages, dealing with an intricate problem that involved nearly the whole range of economics, sociology, commerce and industry.

"Although the rise in prices has been going on for nearly fifteen years, it did not attract general attention until last winter. Then it had come to affect so many people so keenly that it became the foremost topic of discussion. Human nature dearly loves a scapegoat, and of course everybody went to looking for it. Some found it in the tariff, others found it in the labor unions, still others were sure the trusts had done it all. So whatever the commission reported, it was certain to run counter to the prejudices of many opinionated partisans. Apparently this did not worry it, at any rate to the point of timidity, for it seems to have sought simply to state the actual facts with a candor and completeness enough to show its conclusions to be inevitable.

Recalling the Silver Campaign "For instance, recalling the bitter contention of 1896 over the silver question, when Bryan went down to defeat because he championed the so-called quantitative theory of money, a Massachusetts commission, with four of its five members Republicans, might have hesitated to proclaim the abundance of gold as the reason for the rise in prices so far as it is world-wide. Yet they boldly assert it, and as therein they are in agreement with nine-tenths of the economists of the world, and as the figures given in detail in the report are overwhelming in their force, he would indeed be rash who questioned the conclusion. This would indicate that Bryan was right in his theory, though it was most fortunate that the country escaped what would have been his application of it. With the world's stock of gold increased by almost one-half since Bryan made his first campaign, imagine what would have happened if silver had been returned to its old money place. The chances are that long before this we would have seen the worst financial panic and the most wide-spread suffering of our history.

"By the way, since the brief abstract of the report of the commission was printed upon its presentation, it has been interesting to observe how many persons fail to understand how an increase in gold and the volume of money can raise prices. Everybody knows that flour, shoes, clothes, rise and fall, but many can't understand that in just the same way gold, bank notes, credit, rise and fall. When everything else rises, it means simply that gold falls, because everything else is measured in gold. So the world-wide rise in prices must be due to gold.

Price Rises Great in Canada "American prices, however, have risen more than those of the old world. So the commission sought to find what additional causes were here at work—causes peculiar to our own land. It met a fact of great significance, not widely enough known and appreciated. That fact is a rise of prices in Canada fully as great as in the United States, if not greater than with us, a rise so serious that the Dominion government has for some months been making elaborate investigation of its causes. Manifestly, therefore, the blame is not to be laid at the door of the law makers of either country. The causes are deeper than statutes.

"Of course, this disappoints those who knew that the tariff did it. They felt sure that ham and eggs were soaring because the duty on tin plate had not been removed. If champagne rates had not been raised by the Payne bill, they knew milk would sell for five cents a quart in Boston. It

mattered nothing to them that the chart of price change for fifty years shows absolutely no relation to tariff changes, that prices go up and prices go down without any regard whatever to which party is in power. Of course, if there were no tariff at all, some prices would be lower, but if the protective doctrine is valid—and both great parties now support it—there would be less income to pay all prices, so we would have jumped from the frying pan into the fire.

Trusts Not Makers of High Prices "Canadian experience also helps explode the notion that the trusts are at the bottom of it all. On either side of the line many notable price increases are in necessities of life not even remotely controlled by the trusts. It is not to be doubted that some things are somewhat higher than they would be were there no trusts. Some others are probably lower by reason of trust development. It is impossible to say whether the major part of trust profits have come through the economies of consolidation, or by the lessening of competition and the maintenance of prices at a rate higher than the competitive rate. But whatever the other evils of unregulated monopoly, it seems not to be responsible for any considerable part in the recent increase in the cost of living.

"Perhaps the trades unions have been singled out as the scape-goat by more people than have fixed on any other one cause. But the commission points out that less than 10 percent of the workers of the country are organized, and that workers engaged in the production of the commodities that have risen most in recent years, particularly agricultural products, are hardly organized at all. The fact is that such rise in wages as has taken place, has followed the rise in prices; has been a result and not a cause. There may be some lines where wages have risen abnormally, but the great mass of the wage earners of the country have not seen their income keep up in growth with the outgo.

What Causes High Prices? "Where, then, are the causes to be found?

"The commission answers this by pointing out many contributory causes, with a wealth of instructive suggestion about the wastes of modern society, the growth of extravagance, the need and opportunity for thrift, but though itself making little attempt to weigh the relative importance of all these causes, its report cannot fail to show that no influence peculiar to America is of greater importance than that of the ratio between agriculture and our other activities. Our state is out of balance. Too small a part of our population is on the farms. Our cities have grown relatively too fast.

"In the last analysis everything traces back to the soil. So long as fertile land was practically unlimited we felt no pressure from mere population. But there are no longer any frontiers. Worse than that, we have skimmed the cream. Now we must begin putting back that which we have taken away. We must fertilize, we must cultivate intensively, as they say. That costs money. That means higher prices. And that is why, though prices may drop now and then, we shall never see cheap beef, pork, mutton, wheat, wool, cotton, corn, eggs, milk, lumber, or any of the staples that are not only the chief necessities of life, but also the basis of all other necessities and most of the luxuries.

"Confronted by the workings of the inexorable laws of nature herself, the commission could of course do little more than disclose the facts of their operation. Their effect is not to be escaped through human statutes. The ballot cannot re-fertilize the soil or check the birth-rate. Palliatives, not remedies, are alone possible. Even these are chiefly to be sought in directions outside of the control of law-makers—in those habits of thrift, economy, sobriety, temperance, modesty, that are to be developed only by the people themselves."

The Curse. An Irish authority thus defines as an expert the effects of a well delivered curse: "The belief among the ancient Irish was that a curse once pronounced must fall in some direction. If it has been desorbed by him on whom it is pronounced it will fall on him sooner or later, but if it has not then it will return upon the person who pronounced it. They compare it to a wedge with which a woodman cleaves timber. If it has room to go it will go and cleave the wood, but if it has not it will fly out and strike the woodman himself who is driving it between the eyes."—London Globe.

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Queer Men. "Some men are so queer!" "And you are going to tell me of one particularly queer one." "Yes, it's Mr. Barborton. His wife used to beg him for nickels and dimes, and now he's cheerfully paying her a hundred a week for alimony."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ALICE A. STRATTON, of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

3148 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM D. STRATTON, late of Groton, in said County deceased, Intestate.

Whereas CLARRINA A. WILMOT, administratrix of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best for the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person 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.

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3149 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of HENRY C. CORBY, late of Groton, in said County deceased.

Whereas JOHN L. BOYNTON, 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 temporary 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 twelfth 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.

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

3150 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH J. WATTS, late of Boxborough, in said County deceased, Intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES H. W. WATTS, of Boxborough, in the County of Middlesex, without giving surety on his bond.

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# A Bit of Detective Work

By C. L. DAYTON.

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"Maggie, we're ruined!" "Oh, Harry, what is it?" "Mr. Brant has been murdered, and I shall be accused of the murder."

"How? Why?" "We were together tonight since 8 o'clock in the bank, he to do some work on the statement to be made to the directors tomorrow, I to post my books. The janitor saw us go in together. Brant worked in his private office, I at my desk. When I finished I went to him to ask if he was ready to go home. I found him lying on the floor dead, the carpet covered with blood."

"And you came away without notifying any one?" "Yes; the murderer will doubtless never be known. I will be arrested and made to suffer for his crime."

The wife, trembling while the while, thought what was best to be done and thought quickly. Presently she said, speaking rapidly:

"Whether you were right or wrong in not calling the police, you have made a step which is irrevocable. You must get away. Go and shove off your beard while I get some of my clothes ready for you."

Half an hour later Henry Hunt left his house disguised as a woman. He carried in a suit case male attire which he designed putting on as soon as he felt it best to do so. He was to notify his wife from time to time by a code as to his address.

The murder was not discovered till the next morning, and as Hunt had been with the cashier the night before and was missing, there was no doubt as to his being the murderer.

Great sympathy was manifested for Mrs. Hunt, who had been left not only with the obloquy of her husband's crime resting upon her, but without support for herself and her children. She had had the night before the murder was discovered to think over the matter and decided that it would be best, when questioned, for her to say that her husband had come home at 10 o'clock, that he had gone out and she had not seen him since. Under examination nothing more than this was to be got out of her.

Mrs. Hunt at once began the study of bookkeeping and in a few months applied to the president of the bank where her husband had been employed for a position. Her request was granted.

The new bookkeeper, on account of her inexperience—so she told the officers of the bank—found it necessary to work nights. She was given permission, and the janitor was instructed to admit her whenever she desired to enter.

Now, in all this there was a method. The more Mrs. Hunt thought over her husband's flight the more she was satisfied with the course he had taken. Not a scrap of evidence came up to incriminate any one else. It was believed that no other person could have entered the bank during the limit of time, and the murder could not have been done for the purpose of robbery, for no funds were taken. She saw no possible escape for her husband had he remained and faced the charge of murder.

Detectives were for a time secretly put on the case by the president of the bank with a view to ascertaining a motive for the killing of the cashier. But, no such motive being discovered, the matter was dropped. There was a detective at work on the case of whose efforts not a person connected with the bank was aware. Mrs. Hunt felt sure from the first that some one connected with the institution had committed the murder and that the most reasonable theory was that there was a secret between the cashier and the murderer that would explain the motive.

Mrs. Hunt had been working but a few evenings when Horace Tift, head bookkeeper, found it necessary to work nights also. He offered to help Mrs. Hunt on her books, but she declined. One evening when they were together Mrs. Hunt, who had brought with her a sandwich and a bottle of milk, offered Tift a glass of the milk. He drank it and for several days afterward was laid up with an illness. When he recovered he resumed his night work on his books. He found Mrs. Hunt there and said to her:

"There was something in that milk you gave me to make me ill."

"Certainly there was. I put it there."

"What for?" asked Tift, turning pale. Mrs. Hunt raised the skirt of her dress, unslung a revolver and laid it on her desk. Then she said:

"To work on your books. You are covering up a large deficiency."

Tift stood looking at her in terror.

"My husband is a fugitive for your crime," added the woman.

Tift's head fell on his desk.

"I'll tell you what I'll do," pursued the woman. "I'll let you change places with him. Sign a confession of the murder and you may go into hiding."

The man took ten minutes to consider, then accepted the terms.

The next morning Tift was missing. Mrs. Hunt suggested that his books be examined; this was done and a deficiency of \$100,000 discovered. Then she produced the defaulter's confession.

Tift was never caught. Hunt was recalled and put in his place and is now vice president of the bank.



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### PEPPERELL

#### Gleanings.

William Lackey of Groton and Miss Maud Marshall of this town were united in marriage by Rev. A. W. L. Nelson at the Methodist parsonage in this town on Thursday afternoon, September 1. Mr. and Mrs. Lackey will be at home in Groton after November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells Woodward left town this week to make quite an extended visit with relatives in Bennington, Vt.

Mrs. H. A. Parker, who has been quite seriously ill at her home on Linden hill, is now convalescent.

Fred H. Parker left town on Friday for Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Parker expects to remain a week or more. When he returns he will be accompanied by his wife and son, who have been in Brooklyn a few weeks. They are guests of Frank Jewett, brother of Mrs. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Newell and three children, who have been spending two weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Woodward, returned to their home in Geneva, N. Y., on Tuesday, August 30.

Robert Bisbee, jr., of Maynard, was in town on Wednesday, August 31, as the guest of Fred H. Parker. Mr. Bisbee is the eldest son of Rev. R. E. Bisbee, a former pastor of the Methodist church here. Mr. Bisbee has a responsible position with the Revere Rubber Co. of Chelsea, but with his wife and family reside in Maynard. Rev. R. E. Bisbee is pastor of the Methodist church in Hull and during the summer months preaches to a large congregation.

The following people who went on an excursion to Ayers, Me., returned to their homes in this town on Monday: Miss Edith Annis, Marguerite and Eugene Donnelly, Earl Parker and Doris Hartwell.

Mrs. Llewellyn True returned from the camp meeting at Sterling Junction this week and the following day went to Canada to visit her mother, who is not well.

Miss Alice, daughter of Rev. Rawson Lawson, is visiting Mrs. Geo. Heron.

Miss Emma Higgins of Grand Rapids, formerly of this town, returned from a trip to Europe last week, and has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Humes, and calling upon her many friends in town.

Miss Catherine Fitch and Miss Higgins drove to Hollis on Wednesday and spent part of the day with Mrs. Wetherbee and little daughter Ann.

Miss Lillian Bates, employed at Mrs. Edwin Richardson's, is not well, and is at the home of her mother.

Miss Francis Reagan is at the Massachusetts General hospital, where she had an operation for adenoids.

Mrs. E. E. Handley returned Monday from Onset Bay, where she has been spending a week.

Mrs. Susie Dort reported later in last week's paper, went to Lawrence on Friday and is now confined to her bed.

Mrs. George Willett and children of Lynn are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker and family and Mrs. Clara Wright, Mrs. Parker's sister, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Nutting and family, and Mrs. Anna Nutting, Henry Lakin and wife drove to Wilton on Saturday last and spent the day.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Taylor on Tuesday, August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Baldwin and children returned to their home on a visit to their home.

Earl Dana is at home from Bath, Me., where he has been spending his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Parker have returned from Lake Sunapee, where they have been spending the summer. They are now at the home of Mr. Parker's parents, and are to leave town on Monday next for Louisville, Ky., where Mr. Parker has a position as teacher.

Mrs. Anna Nutting of Gardner, formerly of this town, is visiting her son, Leroy Nutting.

Mrs. Rainsford Deware and children and Miss Marion Dunton returned to their homes in this town on Wednesday, having spent the summer in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Alingham have moved into the house on Groton street, formerly occupied by David Belyea.

Mrs. A. G. Pike and baby son returned to her home from the Cutter Retreat on Saturday last.

Rev. and Mrs. A. W. L. Nelson and daughter Ruth, returned this week from the camp meeting at Sterling Junction, where they have been spending a few days, going on Saturday of last week.

Rev. Mr. Durgin of Boston supplied the pulpit at the M. E. church on Sunday, August 28.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan and family together with their guest, Miss Florence Smith, returned from a week's outing at Spectacle pond last Sunday.

Miss Sarah Parker has been enter-

taining her two nieces, the Misses Parker from Chicago, the past week.

Clarence Tucker came home last Saturday from his duties as foreman of repairs at the cotton mills at Suncook, N. H.

Miss Blanche Baldwin and mother of Townsend Harbor, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Sarah Fletcher.

Miss Bertha Fales left Wednesday for Milford where she will visit friends before leaving for her home in Boston.

Superintendent A. R. Paul is in town making preparations for the opening of the schools on September 12.

John H. Miner and wife, and Miss Nellie Errington returned from their vacation on the shores of Lake Champlain and other places last week Thursday.

Harry Zahn and family of Hingham have been recent visitors at Leon Whitcomb's.

Mrs. Anna Nutting of Gardner is at Mrs. Roy Nutting's on Townsend street.

Thomas Parker and wife from Lake Sunapee arrived Sunday, August 27, at Charles Parker's for a few days before leaving for Kentucky, where Mr. Parker expects to teach a school.

The families of Roy Nutting and Chester Parker enjoyed an outing last Sunday at Whalom park.

Mrs. Emma Brooks of Lowell and her daughter, Mrs. William Brown and daughter, are at W. S. Parker's.

Anna Blood and a party of friends spent Tuesday at Silver Lake, Hollis. Captured.

Webster Grant, seventeen years old, Pepperell, was collared inside Boulevard park, Worcester, last Sunday afternoon by Dennis F. Courtney, caretaker, and turned over to Patrolman Maurice Hayes of that city.

Inspector James J. Casey says he secured a confession from young Grant, in which the lad admitted breaking into the Boulevard park tonic and candy stands twice, and also breaking into the railroad stations at South Spencer and Jefferson and robbing the telephone pay stations.

According to Inspector Casey, young Grant said he secured about four dollars the first time he broke into Boulevard park, and seventy cents the second time. He has been hanging about Worcester six weeks, and admitted picking up his living the best way he could.

Grant said he was sent from the Lyman school, Westboro, on parole about six months ago, and since then, has been to Chicago, all over the state of Maine, and as far south as Louisville, Ky., by jumping freight trains and stealing rides. He said he secured good hauls at both railroad stations.

Patrolman Hayes locked up young Grant on a charge of vagrancy, but after Inspector Casey's interview last Sunday night, the complaint was changed to that of breaking, entering and larceny.

Since the two breaks into the tonic and candy stands at Boulevard park, caretaker Courtney has been keeping watch Sunday, determined, he said, to make it three and out for the third. While he was watching on Sunday afternoon he spied young Grant inside the place and collared him. Grant was brought up for trial in Central district court, Worcester, on Monday morning.

To the Editor:

It is conceded by all that the person who has an object in view, is better than the amble man. Many societies are formed simply to carry out a laudable purpose. Why not make every act towards an uplift or better condition of its inhabitants? In line with that thought, a movement is being started to ask the citizens of the town to unite and furnish a small branch library and reading room at East Pepperell. The unused schoolhouse on Tarbell street which was built by public funds, seems a possible place, unless some one can suggest a better one.

The matter is not proposed in any way to cut off any opportunity to use the Lawrence library, but to aid in distributing good reading to those who may not be able to reach the larger library. There were books in the town library when under the town hall and duplicate books, books in the families where the children have grown away that can be picked up so that the nucleus of a good library can be established very soon. One of the former teachers in the Groton street school remarked "that no one knew the avidity of the children to get good story books." Let us help supply the books and a warm room suitable to the needs of our boys and girls too far away to enjoy the larger library. Any suggestions will be kindly accepted through the columns of this paper, but let us have a reading room of some kind before the cold weather sets in. A Subscriber.

News Items.

Mrs. Addie L. Smith of Nashua is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Page of Nashua were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright.

Miss Edna H. Tarbell, for the past thirteen years a teacher in Pepperell schools, has accepted an engagement to teach at Northfield, and will commence her work there on September 12. Miss Tarbell also had offers to take schools at East Bridgewater and at Wilton, N. H.

Mrs. J. B. Thrall of Leicester will speak in the Congregational church on Sunday morning and evening.

Fred Tarbell, Eddie Duffy and Paul Kimball have gone to Massabog for a week's camping.

The Rebekahs are to stage a play some time in October with local talent.

On Thursday, September 8, at Prescott hall, the people of Pepperell and surrounding towns will have an unusual opportunity to see an exceptionally fine combination of talent. There will be Joseph Yarnick, magician from New York, of world-wide fame in this line, assisted by the petite and talented comedienne, Miss Agnes Champney and Dr. Frederik McGrath, the world's greatest banjoist. Dancing will follow the entertainment until one o'clock.

Tax collector Edward P. McCord reports many taking advantage of the discount, and announces that those who did not receive their bills in time to avail themselves of this privilege will take into consideration that he did not receive the lists complete until August 15, and that discount will be allowed a few days beyond September 1.

Many of the grangers in this town are planning to attend Middlesex-Worcester Pomona, which meets at Townsend, Wednesday, September 7. On the program are the names of several townspeople—Mrs. Minnie Dane Green, who will talk on "The value of salads and some new kinds"; "Duck raising," by George H. Stewart and "How thinking influences health," by Miss Ida Shattuck.

James Bent has sold his farm, known as the Schottmiller place, and intends to return to the employ of the railroad.

William T. Sewey has had his residence connected by telephone, number 57-32.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Brigham and son have gone to Hampton beach for a few weeks. Arthur Bartlett has charge of the store in his absence and is assisted by Donald Jacobs.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice, August 29: T. S. Ashley, Mrs. C. Craig, Mrs. L. Andrews.

#### Baseball.

The baseball game last Saturday was a disappointment to many as the Groton team cancelled the games on Friday evening. The games were not posted until Thursday, after word was received from the manager of the Groton team that they would play a double header, but manager McCord hustled two local teams on the field and good ball was played up to the sixth innings, when the winners began to score and tallied 13 to 2. The game this Saturday is between the old A. A. team and McCords and much talk has been spent in debating the outcome.

The Farmers' and Mechanics' club met on Monday evening and decided upon a fair to be held Thursday, October 6. The executive committee went into session and appointed sub-committees to look after all the details and report on Monday evening, September 12.

#### Sudden Death.

The community was shocked Tuesday morning by the sudden death of Mrs. Elizabeth N. Elliot at her late home on Groton street in her seventy-fifth year. About seven o'clock in the morning she called to someone that she was ill and they immediately telephoned for Dr. Chas. G. Heald, but she passed away before help arrived, excepting her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Plummer, who lives in the next house. She was a native of Groton and a daughter of Joel and Nancy Shattuck of that town and moved to this town over fifty years ago. For many years she lived on her old home, which is now the Keyes farm on River street. She leaves two daughters—Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. L. P. Shattuck, and a brother, Sumner C. Shattuck, and a nephew, Rev. D. R. Child officiating. Many floral pieces and beautiful flowers were brought by friends. Interment was at Walton.

#### Town Meeting.

At the special town meeting held on Thursday evening, September 1, town clerk P. J. Kemp opened the meeting by reading the warrant and Charles H. Miller was chosen moderator. Art. 1. To hear the report of the water commissioners, etc., was laid on the table. Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to instruct the water commissioners to lay water pipes on Sheffield and Oak streets. Otis A. Merrill made a motion that the commissioners be so instructed and in a few words reviewed the efforts that had been made to get this work done after so many votes of the town in favor of it, and was seconded by E. P. McCord who spoke of the reasons for again asking the town to vote that which already had been voted at previous meetings. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Art. 3. To authorize and instruct the water commissioners to issue bonds as provided in chap. 111, acts 1908, in sum or sums not exceeding \$8000, and was voted by ballot. Yes, 155; No, 4.

Art. 4. Was then taken from the table and on motion of P. F. Sullivan the water commissioners were requested to present a complete itemized report of their doings since elected in May, 1908, up to the last regular town meeting, and to have the same ready in book form for a town meeting on Thursday evening, September 15. It was then voted to adjourn this meeting to that date.

#### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

Principal Stephen T. Marshall has recently passed the Connecticut State examinations with success and has received a congratulatory letter from the State superintendent upon his high percent and he has been advanced to a higher position at Hebron, Conn., where he is to be principal and will teach Latin, Grecian history, English, algebra and mathematics.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hayden of Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. George Needham, Mrs. E. T. Hall, Chester Hall of Milford, attended the Old Home Day picnic.

Judge and Mrs. Edward E. Parker gave a cousin party at Innercroft on Thursday evening, August 25.

Percy Betterley of Worcester, Mass., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley.

Wednesday evening, September 14, is neighbors' night at the local grange.

Mrs. W. Temple Boultonhouse is at home for a brief vacation and has entertained Mrs. Coleman of Exeter.

New windows have put in at the grammar schoolroom and the library which is a great improvement.

Mrs. Emma Valedge of Rockland, Mass., is a guest at the home of her son, Chester B. Valedge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allison of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson, Miss Eleanor Wilson, Arthur Wilson of Leominster and Mrs. Lulu Magrath of Nashua were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges.

Mrs. Austin Walch of Pittsburg, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. Edward Hadley. There are 134 names on the voting list.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nye and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. H. Follansbee and children of Sandown, Miss Eva Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jordan of Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. Letender of Pepperell were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Blanchard and son of Nashua, Mrs. Charlotte French, Edwin Merrill, Russell Merrill of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles French of Springfield, Mass., Miss Mabel Strong of Augusta, Me., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell at the Russell farm.

Mrs. Joseph Cress and Miss Maude Simmons of Round Hill, Nova Scotia, and Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Simons of Pepperell have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman. Mrs. Cress is a sister of Mrs. Gilman and they had not met for fifteen years.

#### Town Picnic.

Brookline grange observed Old Home Day, by holding a town picnic at Lake Muscatanipus on Friday, August 26. About one hundred were in attendance. A basket lunch was enjoyed by family groups and games and sports participated in. Eugene Ouellette won the fifth prize in the tub race and Forace Hall secured the second prize. Harry Corey captured the prize in the sack race. Forace Hall and Adalor Ouellette were the victors in the three-legged race. Kenneth Russell won the prize in the potato and the running races. A concert and ball was given at Tarbell's hall in the evening at which all of the adjoining towns were represented. The attraction of the evening was Mrs. Helen Locke Tewksbury of Newton, who charmingly sang several selections. Mrs. Tewksbury is a talented singer and has a very sweet voice. She has been the guest of Miss Ellen Sawtelle.

#### Apron Fair.

The social event of the month was the annual apron fair given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church at Tarbell's hall on Tuesday evening, August 30. The candy booth was very attractive with its decorations of green and white and nasturtiums. Misses Mary L. Brown and Marion Stiles presided and sold delicious home-made confections. Mrs. Mary Noyes and Mrs. Mary Gerrish presided at the apron and fancy table and Mrs. C. H. Holcombe, Mrs. Della Whitcomb, H. Arthur Brown and Arthur Goss served ice cream and cake. "Scenes in the Union depot" was presented by the Sunbonnet club, the committee in charge being Mesdames Helen Hall, Emma Valedge and Mar Hadley. About fifty participated and all of the characters were ably sustained and won hearty commendation. Worthy of special note was Miss Mary L. Perin as the society girl with her pet dog; Miss Mabel Farnsworth, the colored imitator of Miss Perin; Mrs. Minnie Holcombe and Miss Mary Brown as the sisters of charity; Arthur Goss and Miss Frances Farnsworth as the Italian musicians; Lester Hill as the newsboy and baby Rodney Wright as the baby. Excellent music for promenading was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Powers. The Ladies' Aid gave a reception in honor of all who took part in the play, "Scenes in the Union depot" at the vestry, Friday evening, September 2.

#### TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

Mrs. Ella Spaulding is visiting friends at the Centre for a few days.

Miss Sigrid Lindburg of Malden is a guest at Mr. Hager's.

Richard Keefe is confined to the house by an unusually large boil on his foot.

Mrs. Will Hovey and son Harold of Cambridge are visiting at T. Harvey's.

Mrs. Gerrold of Boston is a guest of her brother, Mr. Bagley.

On Saturday, Mrs. Josselyn with her son Louis went to North Rochester, N. H., to attend the birthday reception of her aunt, Mrs. Emma Spaulding, who is spending the summer with her sons, Leon and Roland Spaulding.

Miss Flora Farrar, who has been visiting at Mr. Brown's left on Tuesday for Rindge, where she will visit relatives before leaving on Saturday for her home in Woonsocket, R. I.

Mr. Josselyn and family attended the Gates' reunion at Whalom last Wednesday.

We are sorry to learn that on account of unfavorable climatic conditions the large melon crop of Charlie Adams is nearly a failure.

Lew Crouch has recently purchased and moved into the Deacon Walter Haynes house. We understand that the family has great domestic ability and that three of its members are favorably known as the Crouch-Richards trio.

A few days ago while passing through the Harbor, James Dixon exhibited some fine specimens of peaches and plums. Many of his apple trees are yielding twenty bushels each, while he expects about a thousand baskets of peaches. The yield of his other fruit trees is correspondingly prolific.

An unavoidable accident to the engine of Debeau's saw-mill necessitated the shutting down of the plant for nearly a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ordway of North Rochester, N. H., accompanied by Mrs. Ordway's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hartford, have been recent guests at Mrs. Ordway's sister, Mrs. George Brown. The Ordway party came by auto and while here enjoyed some of the beautiful rides about Townsend and vicinity. The party left for North Rochester last Tuesday.

The fourth installment of boys finished their vacation at the Old Homestead last Thursday and returned to Boston. This makes nearly fifty lads that Mr. and Mrs. Taft have entertained during the past eight weeks. These boys whose ages range from eight to fourteen are selected from the Sunday schools of various denominations under the supervision of the Y. M. C. U. of Boston by whom the ex-



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penses of a two weeks' outing are paid. In accord with previous arrangements, fourteen more boys arrived at the Old Homestead on Thursday to enjoy ten days of country life. These boys are given their holiday through the generosity of a wealthy Boston citizen.

#### SHIRLEY.

Miss Elizabeth Sprague of Wichita, Kansas, spent a few days this week with her father, John Sprague of Harvard road.

Henry Badstuber of the office staff of the C. A. Edgerton Company is enjoying his annual vacation this week.

#### Items of Interest.

Canada has 1,197,630 pupils in schools.

The fisheries exports in the last fiscal year were nearly \$14,000,000.

At Doverpoint, N. H., there is an apple tree known to be more than two hundred years old which is bearing apples this year.

The manufacture of violins forms the entire industry of the town of Markeneukirchen, Saxony, about 15,000 persons being so employed.

Siberia will export 61,250 tons of butter this year, against 63,000 tons in 1908. England, Germany and Denmark secure most of her dainty exports.

The records of the immigration department at the port of New York since the beginning of the year show that the United States will receive more than 1,000,000 immigrants before 1911.

One-third of Canada's commerce passes through Montreal.

Canada's net public debt on March 31, 1909, averaged \$46 per head.

In the Malay peninsula, the natives use the smallest coin in the world. It is a sort of water, made from the resinous juice of a tree and 20,000 of them are worth one cent.

There are 220,000 square miles of fresh water in Canada.

In the last few years Mexico's cotton crop has increased four hundred percent.

In the last fifty years 3,250,000 Canadians have gone to the United States.

Forty percent of Canada's population is contained in cities and towns of 8,000 and over.

The swastika is the oldest known symbol, having its origin in the cross and circle. The swastika is said to be significant of good luck.

Russia produces the most barley. Germany raises 160,000,000 bushels and the United States is third with 153,000,000 bushels.

Florida produces yearly about 20,000 to 25,000 bales of sea island cotton. About half the production of this kind of cotton comes from that state.

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