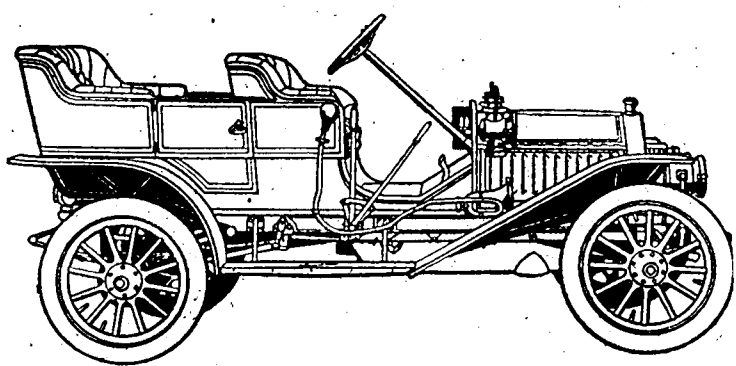


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LITTLETON.

News Items.
 Mrs. John H. Kimball has been in Squantum this week observing the contests in aviation.
 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Pickard last Monday.
 Leo Healy has been spending his vacation of nearly one month at his parents' in Newton.
 Mrs. F. S. Kimball is entertaining an uncle and aunt from Trenton, N. J.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roberts leave home Saturday for Portland, Me., going by trolley and stopping at different beaches. They will be absent one week. Mrs. Roberts has served the public at her ice cream parlors very satisfactorily throughout the summer and her many patrons wish her and Mr. Roberts much pleasure on their outing.
 Prof. L. L. Conant of Worcester is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Amelia Wakefield at Miss Marshall's.
 Miss Augusta O. Dewey is spending a week in Bethlehem, N. H., accompanied by her sister, Miss Laughlin, of Arlington.
 Miss Abbie McNiff went to Belmont and began teaching there this week.
 The selectmen have posted notices for proposals until Monday, September 12, at nine o'clock a. m., for lighting street lamps and for janitor of town.
 Miss Louise Whitney entertained on Labor day a company of ten or twelve girl friends from Lexington, Somerville and Brockton. A few of the young ladies extended their visit three days.
 Rev. and Mrs. John Lemley have gone back to Albany, N. Y., after two months at Old Orchard. Mr. Lemley's health continues to be the cause of much anxiety.
 Alonzo H. Kimball has left the hospital in St. Johnsbury, Vt., and although very weak, is making good progress on the road to recovery.
 Miss Fannie Griffiths of Brookline has been at her home in Littleton a few days this week.
 The C. F. Johnson's have been entertaining relatives this week from Winthrop.
 Miss Emma Tenney has had a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Godfrey in Swampscott and with Miss Clara Shaw in Belmont. During her vacation she took a trip to Provincetown and the places on the shore.

Mrs. Mary Reed Boynton of Marlboro spent Labor day at her father's.
 Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Kimball have been the guests of Miss Ellen Kimball at the R. L. Lovelace family in Worcester this week. Mr. Kimball attended the fair.
 Parkinson Oddy has moved into the house with his mother.
 The P. C. Edwards family left their Littleton home, The Ledges, last Wednesday for their Springfield home.
 Mrs. A. M. Parker has arrived home from a delightful European trip.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbard of Winchester spent Sunday and Monday at J. W. Ireland's.
 Rev. and Mrs. William Channing Brown very pleasantly entertained the teachers, the school board and the superintendent at their pleasant home on Foster street, Monday evening.
 George W. Whitcomb has made several improvements in his new home. Besides papering and painting extensively, he has laid hardwood floors in front room and hall and installed hot water.
 Orman Ewings, the oldest resident of Littleton, was ninety-three years old last week Saturday. He spent the day quietly at his room at Hon. F. A. Patch's, where he received friends informally. He was pleasantly remembered by the King's Daughters, who presented him with a beautiful birthday cake. Other tokens of friendship in the form of souvenir cards, confectionery, flowers, etc., were received with happy appreciation and gratitude. This is the first summer that Mr. Ewings has not worked in his much cherished garden, but his hands have by no means been idle for he has written reminiscences of his boyhood and youth in his native State of Vermont. Although feeble in body his mind is alert and his memory clear, and he takes great pleasure in recording his observations and experiences of more than eighty years ago.
 Miss Florence Whitcomb has entered Cushing academy, Ashburnham.
 Miss Clara Prouty is spending her vacation at home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Prouty left home on Tuesday on their annual trip, going to Toronto, Canada, this year.
 Mrs. U. S. Knox has returned from Providence, R. I., where she visited for half a week with her aunt, Mrs. Leonard.

The Loyal Nashobah lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., will hold their regular meeting on Monday at the town hall at 7.45 p. m. At the close of the meeting there will be a smoke talk to which each member has the privilege of taking a friend.
 The local lodge of Odd Fellows has accepted an invitation to join the Lowell lodges in celebrating the centennial of the order, by attending the centennial banquet to be held in Lowell, Saturday, October 1.
 Mrs. Charles Bonnell was driving one day last week her spirited horse from Red Acre farm, when he became frightened and running, smashed the carriage and received a few scratches. Mrs. Bonnell came out uninjured, although well frightened.
 Miss Esther McInnis has returned to her school in Ludlow and Miss Bertha Stratton to her school in Nahant.
 Miss Jessie Smith and Frank Healey, L. H. S. 1910, entered Bryant & Stratton commercial college on Tuesday.

C. E. Convention.
 The C. E. convention held Monday at the Baptist church proved to be as good as it promised.
 Owing to sickness two of the speakers were unable to be present, but their substitutes showed themselves fully equal to the occasion. In place of Mr. Irwin, Prof. Dennis spoke to the satisfaction of the large audience assembled. Mr. Ninde gave an excellent address on the need of Bible study as part of one's education. Rev. H. B. Drew gave a practical talk in the forenoon.
 The music was made a pleasant feature of the program throughout the day. The children's choir of the Baptist church sang well. A quartet from the same church, assisted by Mrs. Priest, furnished good music throughout the day and Misses Flagg and Kimball added to the variety by a pleasing violin duet. Miss Tenney was organist of the occasion.
 An appetizing dinner at merely a nominal sum was served at noon by the ladies of the Baptist church. Rev. Bowley Green of Providence, one of the speakers was unavoidably detained, has promised to speak at the convention to be held on February 22.

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Boys' School Suits

How's the Boy's Clothes?

If there is anything in the world that will make the opening of school easy for the Boy, its a New Suit. We've wonderfully Good Boys' Clothing—strong material, perfect fitting, strongly sewed and buttons firmly fastened. Good Clothes all the way through.

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The Boy is about to return to School again after the long summer vacation. How about his clothes?

We know how much a Boy requires a School Suit. No pains have been spared in bringing our Suits right up to the highest standard of durability. They are Stylishly Cut,—the fabrics are handsome, but more than all, they are thoroughly made.

The Suits for Boys, 5 to 8 yrs. of age are cut in Norfolk Coats and Knickerbocker Trousers. The Suits for Boys, 8 to 17 yrs. of age are cut with double-breasted Coats and Knickerbocker Trousers. Some Suits come with another pair of Trousers to match.

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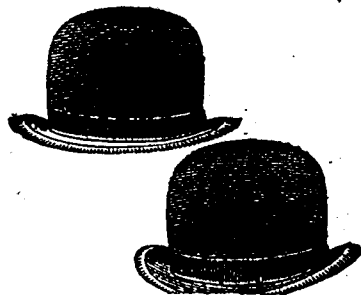
One Lot of Boys' Suits,—odd suits carried over, some with Knickerbocker Trousers and some with straight Trousers. The prices are cut from one-quarter to one-half regular price to close. Mostly large size, 11 to 16. Splendid values if you find your size.

Everything a Boy needs in the way of Furnishings and Shoes can be found here in good assortment.

Boys' Extra Trousers	Boys' Shoes	Boys' Sweaters
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WESTFORD.

Centre.

Miss Lila Fisher closes her camp, The Birches, where she has spent the summer and returns this week to her teaching in Boston.

Master Thornton Gill of Waltham has been a guest at Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher's this past week.

Miss Clyde Carpenter has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Abbie Hamlin.

Mrs. H. N. Jaques and daughter Dorothy, who have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland, return this week to their home in Malden.

Leon F. Hildreth enters the Lowell high school at the beginning of the fall term next Monday.

Mrs. William Seifer is ill at her home and our village nurse, Miss Mary Morin, is in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Marden and son Everett and Mr. and Mrs. John Copeland of Woburn were Labor day guests at Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland's.

Henry Beneault is seriously sick with typhoid fever. A trained nurse is in attendance.

Fourteen were represented from this town at the C. E. convention at Littleton on Labor day. They report a profitable session and a good time.

The Unitarian church which has been undergoing extensive repairs and improvements, will reopen for services on Sunday, September 18.

The Parkerville school will open next Monday. This postponement was due to the prevalence of the whooping cough in the neighborhood.

The town safe in the town hall has been fitted this week with steel shelves in place of the wooden ones that have been in use so long.

Among our young people going to teach in other towns are Miss Edna Ferguson to Beverly, Miss Jennie Ferguson to Presque Isle, Me., Miss Edith Bicknell to Royalton, Miss Edith A. Wright to Ayer, Miss Stella Hartford to Carlisle, Archie Hartford to Norfolk, Miss Ruth Tuttle to Winthrop, and Misses Jennie Chandler and Lila Fisher to Boston.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford went last week to attend the funeral of a relative in Deerfield.

Obituary.
Gilmer Stone died at his home in this village late Wednesday evening. His death was not wholly unexpected for he had been a sufferer for several years with heart trouble and death came as a release from a prison-house of pain. Mr. Stone was born in Saco, Me., seventy-one years and six months ago. His family removed to Lowell when he was three years old and later he came to Westford where he has made his home for fifty-three years. His home, the later years of his life, have been in the house directly opposite the town hall.

He married in early life to Miss Elvira M. Leighton, eldest daughter of the late Amos Leighton. A son born to them died in infancy. Besides his widow, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Baxter B. Kimball of Norwich, Conn.

Mr. Stone was a veteran of the civil war having served three years in Company G, 33rd regiment. Funeral services will be held at his late home on Saturday, at two p. m.

Grange.
Westford grange held its regular meeting at the town hall, Thursday evening of last week. After the transaction of routine business a miscellaneous program was given. Bertha Moore's automobile ride to the principal places of interest in and around Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole spent the last of the summer holidays at Old Orchard beach, Me., and other interesting places along the Maine coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis have returned to Lowell with their family after spending several weeks at Oak Grove cottage on the shore of Forge pond.

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Miss Hattie Northrup has returned home from Portland, Me., where she attended the deaf mutes' convention, over three hundred being in attendance. The mayor of Portland chartered two special cars and entertained the members at Old Orchard beach. The convention will be held next year in Halifax, N. S.

Harry Morton of Bridgeport, Conn., was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Fennimore Morton.

A little daughter was born on Saturday, September 3, to Mr. and Mrs. James Benoit of Central street.

Miss Stella B. Carkin of this village and Miss Alice Barton of Lowell, both popular employees of the Fred C. Church insurance office, left Saturday morning on a trip to the White Mountains, the principal point of interest being Bethlehem, N. H., where they will be registered at the Central House for the next two weeks.

Auto Race.
The pony auto race which has been engrossing the youthful attention of the participants in the way of preparation for some time came off as scheduled on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. The cars showed much ingenuity in construction and the course was the same as in previous years, beginning at the top of the Graniteville hill road.

There were seven cars in the race driven by the following boys: Alfred Sutherland, Edward Blodgett, Harry Sears, Bertram Sutherland, Joseph Perkins, Fletcher Abbot and Daniel Maloney. Each driver was accompanied by his mechanic. Fletcher Abbot covered the course in the shortest time and received the trophy, which was a silver loving cup, and his mechanic, Clifford Woods, also received a like memento. After the race, Mrs. John C. Abbot served ice cream and cake to the participants of the day's events.

About Town.
The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held with Mrs. Seavey on Wednesday afternoon. The following delegates to the County convention to be held at Marlboro, Sep-

tember 20, were chosen: Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth, Mrs. Homer M. Seavey, Mrs. Jeanette Wright, Mrs. Emery J. Whitney, Mrs. Ada Day and Mrs. John Warren Day. Voted, a sum of money for the benefit of the literary bureau. After making out reports for the county and having the usual inflow and outgo of hospitality, the meeting adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Spalding, Charlotte Prescott, Gertrude Fletcher, Mrs. William Edwards and Reuben Taylor leave Monday on the grand tour, including Niagara Falls, Toronto, St. Lawrence river, Thousand Islands, Long Sault and Lachine Rapids and Montreal, thence to Brookside.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves of the Cold Spring farm are vacationists at the Springs.

Col. Edwin D. Metcalf has added liberally to his already liberal gifts in beautifying the interior of the Unitarian church, by the gift of a mahogany pulpit and colonial rail in front of the choir. In consequence of the newness and incompleteness of the situation the church will be closed next Sunday.

Pearl Harmon has sold the Oak Knoll farm of five acres on Hildreth street to Lowell ladies.

Charles W. Whitney and C. R. P. Decatur are the only farmers in eastern Westford that can properly be classified as successful in raising watermelons.

Perry Taylor Snow celebrated the fourth anniversary of birthday remembrances and experimental living Tuesday with other youths and sweets and greys of older years.

Miss Sarah Page, just north of Westford station, while under the influence of partial unconsciousness fell, striking on the stove, causing a bad scalp wound, tearing the scalp back without respect to the laws of surgery. Dr. Blaney was called.

Forge Village.
A very pretty dancing party was held in Abbot hall on Saturday evening by the summer residents who have been enjoying camp life on the shore of Forge pond. The affair was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, and guests were present from Everett, Malden, Melrose and Cambridge. Music was furnished by Miss Sarah Precious and James H. Brown of this village, and Norman Nicolls and Miss E. Nicolls of Everett. Miss Nicolls is a talented musician and like her brother, also plays several instruments.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Nicolls and family returned to their home in Everett on Tuesday, after spending the summer in their cozy cottage on the shore of Forge pond.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan have returned home after a pleasant trip to Boston and New York city. While at Boston they made arrangements for their son Daniel to enter Harvard preparatory school. He will commence his school term on September 14.

The flower garden of Mrs. M. A. Louthier was visited Monday by person or persons on mischief bent. Blossoms were torn from the plants and destroyed, others were cut down and carried away. They were not content with destroying the flower garden that has given much pleasure to its owners, but the lawn swing was turned upside down and this could not have been done by small children. If the persons are caught they will be severely dealt with as a fine of ten dollars can be imposed upon those stealing flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver entertained a house party over the holidays. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Curtis and two children, Mr. and Mrs. George Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler and daughter, Elsie, all of Worcester; Thomas Finch, Mr. and Mrs. John McQuade of North Chelmsford. The affair was in the nature of a reunion, as they were friends in Kidderminster, England, many years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rainesford and daughter, Clara of Worcester, spent the holidays as guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith.

Miss Theresa Lowther and Miss Rachel H. Cherry have returned from a delightful outing at Revere and Nantasket beach. They also enjoyed an automobile ride to the principal places of interest in and around Boston.

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the first man up for Graniteville, drew a pass. On a Texas leaguer by Hanson, he was advanced to second. Two men on bases. With Ledwith at the bat the hit and run signal was given. Ledwith met the ball and sent it on a line over Curtin's head. Curtin knocked it down, juggled it an instant and shot it to Donnelly, doubling up Hanson. Donnelly then threw it to Thatche at second putting out Healy, thereby completing as pretty a triple play as has been seen on the grounds for a long time. It was certainly fast work. The two teams will meet again in North Chelmsford next Saturday in what will be the last game of the Stony Brook league.

Joseph Connell, while at work at the Daniel Gage ice houses on Wednesday, had the misfortune to cut his foot with an ice hook, cutting a gash quite deep and narrowly missing an artery. Dr. Blaney attended him.

The wash room and dryer, room of the Abbot Worst Company of this village shut down on Wednesday and Thursday of this week to make necessary changes from steam power to electricity.

Wilbert E. Parsons has sold all of his real estate and will dispose of his household and personal effects at auction on Saturday afternoon.

Graniteville.
Miss Ruth M. Furbush, pianist, played with the American orchestra of Ayer on Labor day morning and evening.

Fred Parker, janitor of the Sargent school here, has given the school building an entire over-hauling and thorough cleaning and everything including the fixing of the grounds has been done before the opening of the schools, which commenced on Tuesday morning, September 6. Owing to the resignation of the principal, Gerald Decatur, there has been a change in the corps of teachers, Miss Isabella Parker as principal, Miss Genevieve Janette of Lowell has taken the room formerly taught by Miss Parker. Miss Banister and Miss Dunn still have the same rooms as before.

Miss Lillian Hughes, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hughes, former residents of this village, but now located in Warwick, R. I. is now visiting relatives in this village.

Edward Defoe has been visiting in Canada and while there attended the Sherbrooke, P. Q. fair.

Court Graniteville, F. of A., held a very interesting meeting in its rooms on Thursday evening. Considerable business of importance was transacted, and the following committee appointed to have charge of the anniversary dance that will be held in October: R. J. McCarthy, A. R. Wall, J. B. Riney, Edward Spinner, G. E. Denio. It is expected that the dance will be held in Westford as formerly.

Rev. L. F. Havermale, pastor of the M. E. church here, who has been spending the last few weeks at his boyhood home in Canton, Ill., has returned and services were resumed Sunday at the usual hour.

Miss Maud Robinson of Westford has been a recent visitor in this village for a few days.

The funeral of Mildred Edna, the seven months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooks, took place on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The services that were held at the home were conducted by Rev. L. T. Havermale of the M. E. church and were largely attended. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Westford. For a child so young the floral tributes were unusually numerous, which testified to the high esteem in which the family is held in the village.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held an interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. H. N. Fletcher's Thursday afternoon, September 8.

Mrs. W. C. Wright is now enjoying a brief vacation at Provincetown.

A camera circle, C. F. of A., held a social dance in Healy's hall last Saturday night. The imperial orchestra furnished music for dancing and at intermission refreshments were served.

W. O. Hawkes, the genial station agent of the Boston and Maine line, has a swarm of bees that are always on the job, and so far this season he has obtained 115 pounds of honey from his hives. Although Mr. Hawkes sprained his ankle recently he remarked that in spite of the pain he could not help but feel sweet tempered when he thought of those bees.

A merry party, composed of William Sargent, O. A. Nelson, Thomas Denio, Andrew Johnson and Fred Reed visited the farm of Charles and Fred Blodgett a few days ago, the trip being made in Mr. Sargent's automobile. The time was pleasantly spent in an interesting ball game, followed by croquet and other games, after which Mrs. Blodgett, mother of the boys, furnished refreshments. The whole affair was very enjoyable and all returned at a seasonable hour, after having a very good time.

Work has been resumed here on Tuesday morning in both mill and shop after Labor day. The mill was stopped a week before for necessary repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dunin and baby from Boston spent Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forbush.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Downing left here today for a brief vacation to be spent in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riney and Miss Etta and Miss Alice C. Sheahan were recent guests during the holiday.

Mrs. Alec McDonald of Westford is visiting at the home of her father, T. A. Riney, and at the present time is suffering from malaria.

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ers of the State if they prove to be anxious to assume the role of slaveholders for the purpose of getting cheap help.
V. T. E.

News Items.
Prof. Whiting of Cambridge is making his annual visit in town. He is at Miss Marshall's.

The Peter S. and J. Hartwell Whitcomb families had a royal good time picnicking last Friday at the old homestead now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb and their son Douglas' family.

Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Packard entertained several over Sunday guests.

Frank Smith of Worcester was an over Sunday and holiday guest of his sister, Mrs. Albert Wyeth.

Mrs. Frank Dodge has recently entertained her brother and family from Kansas; also, her sister, Mrs. Leighton and daughter of Hollis, N. H.

Mrs. E. N. Robinson, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is improving.

The Evans family of Winthrop left camp at Warren Lake last week Friday and returned to their home in Winthrop. Lester Griffiths accompanied them and stayed over Sunday and Monday to visit with his sisters in Waltham and Waverley.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Lovejoy plan to leave Littleton this Saturday for the Thousand Islands, Lake Ontario, where he will attend an insurance convention. From there they will go to Cincinnati, their winter home. The Lovejoy boys will leave a little later, going direct to Cincinnati in time for school.

Mrs. A. J. Hardwick left Tuesday for her home in California, after staying with her uncle, B. S. Hager, and other relatives in the East for the last two months.

Mrs. William Newell is a guest at the H. J. Harwood home.

Mrs. Charles Bonnell had a narrow escape from a serious accident one day last week when her horse became frightened and ran with her at Littleton Common.

The H. F. Proctors and Mrs. Annie Hume spent last Saturday in Lexington. Mrs. Proctor recently lost fifteen hens through the mischief of some dogs that entered the henhouse and took care of the fowls in double quick time.

The entertainment given by the college club under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Robinson of Groton, called out a crowded house last week Friday evening. The entire program was most pleasantly commented on and special commendation was accorded to participants in the fan drill. Dancing at the close of the entertainment was much enjoyed by all. The receipts amounted to about sixty-five dollars and will make a very acceptable contribution to the improvement fund. A vote of thanks was extended to the Groton artists for their much appreciated gratuitous services.

Miss Jennie B. Sawyer, telegraph operator at Littleton station, went yesterday on her vacation of two weeks and a half.

Rev. H. E. Drew returned last week from his vacation trip to Old Point Comfort, and feeling, as he says, "like a new man." He occupied his pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Many new teachers have joined the ranks this fall. Those not already mentioned in this column are Miss A. May Bowley in the third and fourth grades at the Union school and Miss Schneider of Simmons college in the eighth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Drew and children returned last week from Winthrop where they have enjoyed a most delightful outing of two weeks.

Three more carloads of cattle arrived recently at the U. S. quarantine here.

Alonzo V. Moore received word of the sudden death of his father last week Wednesday, at the age of ninety years, at Oldtown, Me.

Miss Bertha Moore is visiting at Medford Hillside. Her sister Mabel is with Mrs. Brodeur in Worcester, and Miss Eva Moore is at Newport, R. I.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson of Concord, N. H., is at home helping care for her mother.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., were at H. F. Proctor's last Monday, coming in their auto, and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robbins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke of South Acton the same day.

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Miss Mabel Hazen started last Saturday for New Haven, Conn., to assume the duties of her new position.

Miss Ruth Burrage returned home last Saturday to Medford where she commenced her usual school duties on Wednesday of this week.

J. C. Ayer Lodge, A. O. U. W., holds its regular meeting next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepley W. Ricker arrived home from their wedding tour last Sunday.

Charles Hanson has commenced the building of his new house on the old Shirley ball field.

The Gunette farm located just above the Industrial school has been sold and the Gunette family intend moving to Leominster.

Over the Holidays.
Miss Sarah Knowles spent over the holidays with Miss Fannie Lowe of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately of Boston with relatives in town; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bradford with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Baker; Mrs. Jennie Ayers of Boston with son Howard, with relatives in town; Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch with relatives in Lewiston, Me.; Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of Clinton at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Deardon; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collyer at Hinsdale, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom with their son Frank in Baldwinville; Oscar Beaudette of New York city with his sisters, Misses Eva and Amanda Beaudette.

Birthday Surprise.
There was a very pleasant gathering at the home of Mrs. Bertha Sargent last week Friday evening when her friends from the buckling room of the C. A. Edgerton Company, of which Mrs. Sargent has charge, gave her a pleasant surprise. The motive that prompted this informal event was the fact that Mrs. Sargent had that day reached the fortieth milestone in life's journey. Miss Mary Sandlin, in behalf of the guests, presented Mrs. Sargent with a handsome china berry set and an abundance of dainty sweets. Mrs. Sargent responded with loving words of appreciation.

The evening was delightfully spent with music and games with dainty refreshments being served by Mrs. Watton and the guests of the evening left for home at a late hour.

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CARE OF SHOES AND HOSE.

How to Clean the Former and Save the Latter.

Most girls who have to darn their own stockings have given up wearing pumps. The slipping up and down on the heels would wear out any stockings in a day, and there was not time at the end of the week to keep them mended up.

If trouble is still experienced with all evening slippers and also the oxford ties it is an excellent plan to baste a small square of black silk on the outside of the stocking just where the shoe rubs. This will be found a wonderful relief as regards the knowing that the heel of one's stocking is sure to be quite whole, and it will also save the lining of the shoe itself. When the stocking is rubbed to a hole the creases in turn wear out the lining of the shoe.

Just as soon as a shoe lining has become worn it should be taken to be mended. For a very small amount a shoe or slipper can be entirely re-lined, if necessary, and this will save the stockings extraordinarily. Many girls now have a bit of suede placed at the inner side of the heel of the shoe, thinking it will help to keep a low shoe from slipping.

A girl who finds she gets unreasonably tired and has constant backaches from walking on city pavements may be reasonably sure that the last of her shoe is wrong for her and that the heel is either too high or placed too far forward. Rubber heels are also great fatigue savers in a city.

For summer white canvas and white buckskin are generally worn with white gowns, but for the morning russet shoes and stockings are equally smart for young girls. To get their brown shoes to a good color they should take the trouble of always cleaning and polishing them themselves. If it is desired to keep the leather light in color the shoes should be polished as seldom as possible and the polish allowed to dry thoroughly when first applied before being rubbed. It is more fashionable nowadays, however, for the tan shoes to acquire as quickly as possible a dark reddish hue. A banana peel rubbed evenly over the surface and the leather allowed to dry out well before being shined with the liquid polish, will darken the shoes rapidly, and a few applications of sweet oil will give the same result and also help to make the leather waterproof. The liquid polish and the paste must be put on very evenly to avoid marking and staining, and a clean rag and soft brush should always be used. Special shoe polishing gloves are now to be bought, which greatly simplify the process of home shoe cleaning, as they keep the hands absolutely clean.

CLEANING BLACK GOODS.

How They Can Be Freshened and Kept From Getting Gray.

Where black must be worn in summer, as for mourning, it is hard to keep it from getting gray and dusty looking.

A frock must be well shaken as soon as it is taken off and the hem of the skirt gone over with a stiff brush. Then dust carefully with a fine whisk, using a soft velvet brush or piece of black crape for silk or net trimmings.

This treatment should be insisted upon where a maid is kept and otherwise should be done by the wearer. When the habit is once established it does not take long, and a frock is always ready when needed.

If the material has grown gray or shiny it can be freshened by wiping off with alcohol. This is particularly good for black hats and does not hurt crape if carefully applied.

Where black goods are much spotted they can be cleaned with common brown soap, such as is used in the kitchen. Sponge well with a thick suds of the soap, rinse and press on the wrong side or under a thick cloth to prevent shininess.

When mud stains remain on a black skirt after careful brushing they can often be removed by rubbing with half a raw potato.

Do not use ammonia to clean black gowns. This is a common cleanser, but makes the material, especially woollens, rusty.

Cotton or linsens are apt to turn gray unless carefully washed. Black starch should be used.

How to Make Good Coffee.

Here is a recipe for coffee that never fails: Use a tablespoonful of coffee for each cupful desired and one spoonful for the pot. Mix with a small quantity of cold water and bring to a boil. A little white of an egg mixed with the coffee and cold water or well washed eggshells added will help to make the coffee clear, but egg is not essential to good coffee. After the coffee has boiled for a few minutes add the quantity of boiling water desired. Let it sit for one minute, pour a little cold water into the pot, and the coffee is ready to serve. Mix cream and sugar in a cup and pour the coffee into it. Always serve coffee and tea very hot.

How to Boil Ham in Cider.

Wash well a fine ham. Soak overnight in water and in the morning set it to boil in a kettle of hot cider to cover. The kettle must be porcelain on account of the acid. Boil slowly five to eight hours, or until thoroughly cooked, and set to cool in the liquid. A small bag of spice—cloves, mace, cinnamon—thrown in the boiling cider gives flavor.

How to Wash China Silk Ribbons.

Sponge lightly with clean cold water and iron carefully on the wrong side, having some paper between the iron and the silk.

TOWNSEND.

Centre. Mrs. Angus Misner and Mrs. James and Ralph Misner are visiting their relatives in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Herbert Harvey and children of New York city, and Harold Harvey of Cambridge visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cowdrey entertained Judson McMackin and Miss Isley of Lancaster over the holiday.

Waldo Adams, assistant State chemist at Concord, N. H., visited his mother, Mrs. White, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson and son enjoyed a few days' visit at Pelham last week.

Mrs. Farley of Cambridge was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Ball, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce of West Medford were at William Bush's for Labor day.

Charles T. Haynes has been enjoying a visit with his son Roland at Noank, Conn., and will return home with him to Minneapolis for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Colson of Everett and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clarke of Lynn were at Mrs. George Clarke's over the holiday.

Will Lang and Fred Davis of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Miller of Somerville were in town over Sunday.

Rev. William Hodge, wife, and little son Warren were the guests this week of T. T. Goodwin and family.

George Hastings, principal of High street school, Fitchburg, and Mrs. Lydia Farley of Winchendon were in town on Saturday, visiting at Albert Turner's.

Charles Woolley of Boston and Robert Linger of Clinton, N. J., were at James Woolley's this week.

Miss Emily Graham, who has been visiting in Boston for several weeks, has returned to town and is with Mrs. M. Saunders.

Louis Shaul of Albany, N. Y., was at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warren's over Labor day.

A successful operation was performed upon little Richard Powell at the Children's hospital, Boston, last Friday. The cords were cut in his leg and arranged so that his ankle will be in its natural position. Although it is very painful the little fellow is getting along nicely. He suffered from infantile paralysis.

Baseball.

The locals won two out of three games played on Saturday and Labor day. On Saturday the Nashua A. A. played here and on account of the severe showers, which kept constantly coming up, the game was called in the fifth inning with the score in Townsend's favor 6 to 4.

The morning game with Pepperell A. A. proved to be too much for Townsend and with their pick of players from several towns they evidently came prepared to win both games. Richardson from Milford was in the box in the morning against Spaulding, who could not get into the line trim he was in on Saturday and the visitors easily got eleven runs in the three innings he did the twirling. Whitcomb then took his place for the remainder of the game and still showed that he has not gone by as a pitcher, but with such a lead against him, together with the support he received, the game had to go to the visitors 16 to 2.

A large attendance was out for the second game and Pepperell held in reserve its veteran pitcher, Dick Coffey, who played with Lynn last year, but Townsend had come back ready to win this game and in spite of Pepperell's strong support, the game was won out on good hitting and fielding by the local team. Knight was in excellent form and allowed only five hits. The greatest play of the day was a triple play in the second inning, with Twombly and Gagnon on second and third and none out, Gilchrist hit a fast liner to Miller, who made a brilliant one-hand catch. He tossed to Keefe on third, making Twombly out, and before Gagnon who had started off of second could return he tagged him out also. The whole play was thought forth much applause from the spectators. Eastman, as catcher, threw finely to second and Whitcomb, Teehan and Brill played their positions with brilliancy. Score 6 to 2 in favor of Townsend.

Saturday, September 10, the Nashua A. A. will play here again and this will be the rubber game.

Pomona Grange.

A fine day and a large attendance was the result of the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange held at the Congregational vestries on Wednesday. The morning session was opened with an address of welcome by Wilbur H. Seales, Master of Townsend grange and the response by Mrs. L. E. Starr, lecturer of Pomona grange.

There was a lively discussion upon "Does the anti-race suicide sentiment raise the cost of living?" Mr. Hill of Fitchburg was elected treasurer. Dr. Starr also gave a very interesting report of the traveling picnic. A dinner was served in the vestry to all who wished. The literary program for the afternoon was as follows:

Piano solo, A. G. Seaver: "Home curing of meats." Mrs. John Wright, Littleton; "Value of salads and some new kinds." Mrs. Minnie (Dane) Greene of Lowell; recitation, Glens Greene song, "The wild bird," grange; "Why hop-growing was abandoned," by members of the grange, reading, Dr. A. J. Atwood; "Duck rating," George H. Stewart; Pepperell piano solo, A. G. Seaver; address on "Agriculture, arts and crafts," Rev. Ed. Cressy of Montague; "How thinking influences the health," Ida Shattuck of Pepperell; recollections of army comrades and reading, "Old rail fence," by brother Judd of Shirley; song, grange.

West.

On last Sunday morning the pulpit at the Baptist church was occupied by Rev. George P. Payson from Halifax, N. S., an aged pastor of the Methodist persuasion, who is visiting at the home of Mrs. Frank Hardy for a few days. In spite of his eighty-five years he appeared very vigorous and magnetic in the pulpit and delivered a very interesting sermon on "The gospel of Christ."

Items of Interest.

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Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$212,695.69
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	34,892.31
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	1,000.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	11,875.26
Checks and other Cash Items	2,031.82
Notes of other National Banks	3,424.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	37.63
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$5,188.00
Legal tender notes	12,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent circulation)	5,000.00
Total	\$421,156.32
Liabilities	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	23,442.91
National Bank Notes outstanding	100,000.00
Dividend unpaid	108.00
Individual deposits subject to check	177,605.41
Total	\$421,156.32

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex ss. I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this third day of September, 1910.

Henry B. Hildreth, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Alfred N. Fosswenden, Chas. B. Stickney, J. W. Eastman, Directors.

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Administrator's sale of household goods belonging to the estate of Mrs. and Mrs. Willie Flint, late of Stow, deceased, will be sold by public auction on Saturday, September 17, at 10 o'clock p. m., sharp. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

New Advertisements.

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Rev. Endicot Peabody, D. D., Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, Ayer and Groton, will preach and administer communion at the Parish church at Ayer, Sunday at eleven o'clock. Service at Forge Village at 3.30 p. m.

Included letters at Harvard post-office, September 5: Mrs. M. E. Stone, Mrs. Frank B. Dyer, Miss Ruth Ayers, Miss Jennie Moore, Mrs. William Roberts, Nora S. Helpan, A. H. Buryans.

WANTED—A Girl for general housework through the day. MRS. CHAS. B. FERRIN, High Street, Ayer, Mass.

TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS REWARD—For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party who stole one R. L. Red and one White Wyandotte Hens from my henhouse, Sunday, August 21. FRANK P. BRIGGS, Ayer. 1152

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Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$383,804.15
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	446.96
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	86,497.50
Due from approved Reserve Agents	83,866.66
Notes of other National Banks	2,380.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	97.64
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$25,051.60
Legal tender notes	7,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	1,000.00
Total	\$610,144.51
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	39,627.09
National Bank Notes Outstanding	20,000.00
Due to other National Banks	102.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Banks	662.46
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	5,445.37
Dividends unpaid	80.00
Individual deposits subject to check	429,510.84
Demand certificates of deposit	1,552.39
Certified checks	450.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,612.36
Reserved for taxes	1,000.00
Total	\$610,144.51

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex ss. I, Hobart E. Mead, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HOBART E. MEAD, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this eighth day of September, 1910.

Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Howard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the First National Bank of Pepperell, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, September 1, 1910.

Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$115,883.61
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	48.40
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	375.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	91,818.66
Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	510.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	36,257.53
Notes of other National Banks	100.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	11.47
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$5,148.80
Legal tender notes	15,399.80
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$344,364.50
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	8,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	9,796.70
National Bank Notes Outstanding	50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	228,291.66
Cashier's checks outstanding	2,677.24
Total	\$344,364.50

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex ss. I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this seventh day of September, 1910.

George G. Tarbell, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: A. A. Shattuck, Arthur P. Wright, E. D. Howe, Directors.

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Saturday, September 10, 1910.

GROTON.

Miss Annie L. Gibson has been visiting for a couple of weeks, Mrs. Grace Culver Small at Portsmouth, N. H.

The public schools opened on Tuesday with about the usual number of pupils. The high school had eighty-one, and the same corps of teachers, excepting in the commercial department where Miss Marion Hart takes the position which was left vacant at the close of last school year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilson and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bennett and children camped for a few days last week at Sandy pond, Ayer, occupying Miss Bruce's cottage.

Miss Alline Marcy of Boston, coming Saturday evening, spent the Labor day vacation with her cousins, the Misses Hutchins and also called on other relatives in town.

Nathaniel C. Anderson of this town, who has been a section overseer on the Boston and Maine railroad for some twenty years past, has resigned the position and will change his occupation. His employers and those living on the line are very sorry to hear of his resignation, as he has been a faithful and respected workman during his long service.

The young man who arrived in the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Carlin on Friday, August 27, is named Clarence Albert Carlin.

The report given in this column last week of the sale of James Rowe's place on Whiting avenue to Thomas F. Donahue, Jr., is correct. Mr. Donahue, we understand, buys the place to let.

Miss Ruth J. Blood, daughter of F. M. Blood, left Wednesday to begin a course of study at the Fitchburg Normal school.

Mrs. Timothy Sullivan of Mill street is very ill with dysentery. Her condition is serious.

Mrs. Patrick Coughlin, a neighbor of Mrs. Sullivan's on Mill street, has also been very ill with dysentery, but is now more comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood from Lunenburg were over Labor day at their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood of Wollaston have been spending a vacation at his mother's, Mrs. M. J. Blood, returning to their home on Tuesday.

The weather on Labor day morning was so unfavorable, that the picnic arranged by the W. R. C. to be held at Baddcock was given up.

Miss Mildred Brown left Wednesday for Framingham, where she enters upon a three years' course in the Household Arts and Science department connected with the Framingham Normal school. This department was formerly known as "The Mary Hemenway School of Domestic Science," located in Boston.

Mrs. Jane Williams of Pleasant street was operated on at the hospital for gall stones, Tuesday. Four gall stones were found of quite large size, some as large as walnuts. The patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Rev. H. A. Cornell was called to Boston unexpectedly on Tuesday to see a very sick friend.

Miss Laura Smith of Danvers is staying in town for a while boarding at Barbee A. Miller's on the Pepperell road. Miss Smith is the daughter of the late Dr. Norman Smith, one of the leading and very popular physicians of Groton some forty or fifty years ago. Dr. Smith was surgeon in the historical old Sixth Regiment.

Mrs. Dennis Toomey, who has been quite ill is recovering.

The next meeting of the W. R. C. will be on Tuesday afternoon, September 20. It is especially desirable that a large number of members be present to make preparation for inspection, the date for which has not yet been fixed. Mrs. Anna C. Shattuck of Fitchburg is to be the inspecting officer. The president of the corps asks for a full meeting.

There were more guests at Groton Inn over Labor day than could be accommodated with rooms. The overflow went to Dodge cottage which was also full.

The brown-tail moth caterpillars are again at work. It is remarked that they were never so abundant here as they are now.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church meets next week, Wednesday afternoon, September 14, at three o'clock in the ladies' parlor of the church. The president earnestly requests a full attendance.

Mrs. Jane Clark is in Harvard, professionally.

Mr. Pierce of Pepperell, who was operated on at the hospital here some two weeks ago, is getting along very well. Mr. Pierce is about eighty years old and suffered from an ulcer in the stomach.

Mr. Coffin, another man advanced in years, a patient of Dr. Hopkins of Ayer, was in an almost hopeless condition when operated on at the hospital here. He died Tuesday. His home was on the Ayer road, near the boundary of Groton and Ayer not far from the Culver place. This death made four people lying dead in Groton

at the same time. An unusual occurrence for this town.

Mrs. Emma Greenwood of Lexington was in town this week to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. C. E. Greenwood.

Miss Ysabella Waters of New York was here this week, coming to attend the funeral of her friend, F. M. Boutwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer, Mrs. George H. Woods and daughter, Miss Hattie Woods, Mrs. Nokes and daughter, Miss Nokes, Fred Lacey, Mrs. Starr and Miss Farnsworth and Walter Winslow were members from Groton grange attending the Pomona at Townsend on Wednesday.

Clarence Anderson is working as brakeman on the Boston and Maine railroad.

Rev. A. J. Hovey will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow morning. He was a former pastor of the Baptist church here.

Miss Annie Stoven of Somerville was a guest at P. J. Benedict's over Labor day.

Rev. A. J. Hovey of Caloosa, Fla., is spending several days this week at Arthur W. Shattuck's. Mr. Hovey has been north since the first of July, some of the time preaching at Stoneham where he held a pastorate previous to that here at the First Baptist church a number of years ago. Mrs. Hovey and their son Harold are now staying at Pocasset.

A week or two ago there was an infuriated mob of yellow wasps on Main street through which it was not pleasant to pass. Horses and drivers were stung as they went over the road, one driver even thought his horse had a fit, it was so wild. All this uproar was made because some boys spying the nest high up on a maple tree didn't stop to think of the mischief that would result for others, but with apples and stones pelted the wasps' nest until it was demolished. These old paper-makers were maddened and were better let alone high up in the tree where they disturbed nobody, than made homeless and set free to use weapons on any one they could meet.

The birch trees are suffering from the ravages of a green worm which is feeding upon the foliage until the trees look as if a fire had run over them. What with brown-tail and gypsy moths, elm tree beetles, the scale and various other vegetable pests, this birch-tree enemy is a rather discouraging addition. Somebody says these beech-tree worms were around about ten years ago.

The Fletcher family from Greenfield, N. H., are occupying the Dr. Goble place, which they have hired.

Obituary.

Francis Marion Boutwell, the only son of the late Hon. George S. and Mrs. Sarah A. Boutwell, died at his home here on Sunday morning, September 4. His illness from pneumonia was of only a week's duration.

Mr. Boutwell was born in Groton, February 26, 1847, and with the exception of his residence with his father in Washington, D. C., and other temporary absence, he had always lived in his native town. He received his education at the public schools and Lawrence academy, and also attended Leicester academy. He studied law under his father and with his superior memory and accurate habit of mind acquired a good legal knowledge, although he was not a graduate of a law school and never applied for admission to the bar.

In the French and American claims commission, Mr. Boutwell was assistant counsel for the United States and in the winter of 1876-77 was clerk of the senate on the codification of the laws.

But, perhaps, it was as a historian that Mr. Boutwell was best known. Deeply interested in historical subjects, particularly those relating to his native town, he was often consulted as an authority on data and other facts. He contributed some historical writings to the public library. He was, at the time of his decease, vice-president and acting president of the Groton Historical society. Mr. Boutwell was on the building committee of the Groton public library, served on the school committee and as assistant school superintendent. His religious preferences were with the First Parish Unitarian church, which he served for several years on the parish committee and as church treasurer.

In the Groton grange, from which he had never removed his membership, he was Master during the years 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1900. He was also active officially in the Pomona and National granges. It was Mr. Boutwell who gave the name "Middlesex-Worcester" to the Pomona grange.

As his fellow townsmen review his life and realize that he is gone, they sorrow to lose an honest man, another good and useful citizen, who was willing to serve his native town conscientiously for its best advancement when he had the opportunity to do so. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Caroline Taylor Boutwell, and a sister, Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on Wednesday afternoon, Revs. P. H. Cressey and G. M. Howe officiating at the home services, where Miss Hazel Gibson sang with Miss Elizabeth E. Low accompanying. The committal service at the cemetery was the impressive ritual of the grange, this organization, forming in procession, were present in a body, for these last rites over their deceased brother. The George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., of Ayer, was also in attendance.

The bearers were his church friends—F. F. Woods, Michael Sheedy, William A. Lawrence, Lawrence Park, Frank F. Waters and Francis G. Lawrence. The interment was in Groton cemetery in the plot where his parents are buried.

Francis M. Boutwell will be missed in Groton where his death is sincerely and widely lamented.

Deaths.

Mrs. Martha R. (Shattuck), wife of Charles A. Corey, died on Tuesday, September 6, from general debility followed by pneumonia. She was born in Groton in April, 1828, the oldest child of Col. Walter and Mrs. Roxanna Fletcher Shattuck. She was given a liberal education and pos-

essed cultivated and natural artistic tastes. The deceased was descended from the early, historical Shattucks of Groton, many of whom held important military positions. She was one of the many great grandchildren of the revolutionary Job Shattuck, who have lived or are now living in Groton and other places. Her mother was of the Fletchers of New Ipswich. Mrs. Corey passed the greater part of her life in her native town and was a member of the Congregational church here.

The funeral services were held from the church on Thursday afternoon, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating. Floral offerings were sent in and the interment was in her father's lot in Groton cemetery. Of the large family of her parents one only now remains, Prof. S. W. Shattuck of Illinois State university. She is also survived by her husband.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Stone), wife of Dea. Daniel N. Pressey, died on Monday, September 5, aged sixty-six years. Mrs. Pressey had been an invalid for many years and about four weeks ago her condition was such that an operation was considered the only chance for improvement or recovery. It was found that there was a serious complication of diseases.

Mrs. Pressey had been a member of the Baptist church for the past twenty years, but had been hindered in church and social duties by her state of health. For thirty-seven years Mrs. Pressey had been a faithful companion to her husband, who now survives her. They had no children. The funeral was held from her late home on Thursday afternoon, Rev. H. A. Cornell officiating. The singing was by Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Coburn and Miss Coburn, who sang "Shall we meet beyond the river," and "Only waiting."

Among the many beautiful floral tokens were those from the Baptist church, the fellow-workmen of Mr. Pressey at the Nashua River Paper Company and Mrs. Francis M. Boutwell. The interment was in Ayer, which was her early home and where her kindred are buried.

Wedding.

Miss Anna M. West of Pepperell and Clarence J. Hemenway of this town were united in marriage on Thursday, September 8. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Endicot Peabody, D. D., at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Ayer, at 6.30 p. m. The bride and groom were unattended. A brother of the bride gave her in marriage.

The ushers were John Moyle, Jr., and Alanson T. Mason of Groton, former classmates and brother Odd Fellows of the grooving. The bride was attired in her traveling suit and the newly-married couple left on the 7.18 train for Niagara Falls and will visit in Bradford, Pa. Returning from the bridal trip, Mr. and Mrs. Hemenway will reside at the groom's home on Main street, where they will be at home to their friends after October first. The young couple have been the recipients of many useful and nice gifts from friends in Pepperell and Groton. The marriage is of interest to the fellow-workmen of the groom, who is a yard brakeman at Ayer, as well as to a wide circle of other friends who wish the couple much prosperity and happiness.

West Groton.

E. K. Harrington is reported on a trip to Long Island, where he will spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harrington.

William Kane is recovering well from his operation for appendicitis and expects to return to work by Oct. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hill are spending their vacation in Norwich, Conn. Mrs. M. F. McGowan is visiting friends in Boston and expects to be away some weeks.

Mrs. Bates of Fitchburg with her granddaughter, Marian Davis, is visiting her son, A. F. Bates.

On Thursday night of last week a workman at the paper mill was quite badly scalded necessitating treatment by a surgeon. Some days before another workman, Mr. Gill, was caught in the machinery. Fortunately for him his clothing gave way and was torn from his body, while he was but little injured.

Last Monday, A. F. Bates, H. Spaulding and Frank Hayes took a journey to Boston, enjoying a trip down the Harbor and the theatre in the evening.

Miss Hazel Thompson has returned to her position as nurse in the hospital for convalescent children in Wellesley. On the first of October Miss Thompson expects to enter Waltham hospital for a four years' course.

The Ladies' Aid held their first meeting after vacation with the president, Mrs. G. H. Bixby.

Rev. J. P. Thompson, Miss Bertha Bixby and Misses Ruth and Sylvia Lawrence attended the C. E. convention last Monday and report an interesting session.

Miss Helen MacCherie has accepted a position as teacher in West Mansfield and Miss Alma Bowles in Leominster.

HARVARD.

News Items

A party of young men from Clinton who attended the dance here on Monday evening, had some trouble in their getaway from the common after bumping the curbing and a tree on the Monument grounds. The carriage, which contained the four young men became separated from the horse, who forthwith proceeded on to Clinton with a part of the harness. The cross bar and shafts of the vehicle were badly bent.

Mrs. Gorham Gray and her daughter Hattie were recent guests of Mrs. H. Emma Whitney. The former was sister to James Webb, familiarly known as Deacon Webb, who boarded for several years with Mrs. Whitney.

This month marks the exodus of the summer people to a large extent. On Oak Hill, Alfred C. Fuller and family and Howard Dudley close their houses and return to their respective homes at Belmont. The Misses Ella and Dorothy Rice, who have occupied the bungalow at Camp Jeffrey, returned to their home in Malden. This week Tuesday the Sheep Island

colony lose the Forsaiths who return to their Watertown home and Harry Edmonds and family of the same place.

Page Edmonds of Watertown is a guest at Dr. Royal's for a few days. Miss Beatrice Savage of Leominster spent Monday here with her grandparents.

Mrs. C. V. Wood of Newton, who for several years has been a regular summer guest with Mrs. George C. Maynard, returned to her home after a stay here of eleven weeks. Mrs. Wood is an elderly lady with such universal good nature as to make friends with all she meets.

Earle Oliver Turner, who completed last June three years' work at the Bromfield school here under Prof. Leonard, has successfully passed the entrance examinations to the Boston Institute of Technology and will start in on his work there at the beginning of the fall term, September 28.

Isley Beach of Shirley with his wife is visiting for a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. Fred A. Whitney.

Mrs. Jane Clarke of Groton has been engaged as nurse to Mrs. W. E. King to succeed Miss Olive Marsh, who was obliged to leave on account of sickness in her own family. Mrs. Clarke is well-known here.

Funeral services of Mrs. G. W. Osborne, whose daughter, Mrs. Lindley of this town, was called suddenly last week to her mother's bedside, took place at Waltham last Sunday. Mr. Lindley returned home on Monday, his wife remaining for a few days with her father.

Joseph Hynes of Worcester visited on Sunday with his brother here, F. M. Hynes.

Kent T. Royal enters Worcester academy this month for a year's course preparatory to Harvard college.

Miss Dorothy Carman of Ayer is with her grandmother, Mrs. Emma Carman, here for this week, returning Monday next to assume school duties.

Ralph Wetherbee of New York city is in town for a few days.

Page Edmonds and Ellery Royal were in Atlantic, Wednesday, looking at airships. They report themselves well repaid for their trip.

The farm of the late Patrick Desmond has been sold to parties from Newton, who intend to move in very soon and operate the farm. The name is Thayer.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new section of gravel state road between Harvard and Boxborough. D. Harry Dickinson is the engineer in charge.

Carl Dickinson is putting in this week a new flight of eight cement steps for E. M. Lindner to replace the wooden ones rotted out. They are a neat pattern and certainly are a great improvement over the old ones. He has also put in a short flight for Dr. Royal and cement walks for H. H. Gale and W. J. Kerley.

Miss Helen Dickson, who is visiting at Plymouth, is expected home this week Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Leonard were in town this week and expect to be here for the winter by this Saturday.

The Silent Five hold a dance at town hall, Friday evening, September 17.

Miss May D. Dever of Cambridge was the guest of Miss Mame Waters on Sunday and Monday.

Found Dead.

Mrs. Ann Nora Lee, wife of Thomas Lee of this town, residing on Bare Hill, was found dead on Sunday morning, September 4, in her sleeping apartments. She had been for some time past in feeble health, but recently was up and about, feeling better, so that her death was a sudden shock to those of her immediate family as well as to neighbors and friends.

She was seventy-seven years of age, and for most of her life was a resident of Harvard. She was a woman of estimable character, respected and loved by a large circle of friends. The funeral services were given the deceased from St. Mary's church, Ayer, on Tuesday, September 6. She is survived by a husband and several children.

Grange.

Tuesday night was children's night at the grange. Taking the weather prospects into consideration it was quite a large crowd that greeted the children, about twenty in all, who gave very creditably the two short sketches, "Playing grown people," and "A giant's castle." Dorothy West gave a selection on the piano, "Flower song," and Kenneth Whittemore sang "The little brown thrush." Light refreshments were served to all, followed by games and dancing. Miss Georgia Ellis very kindly gave her services at the piano which were appreciated.

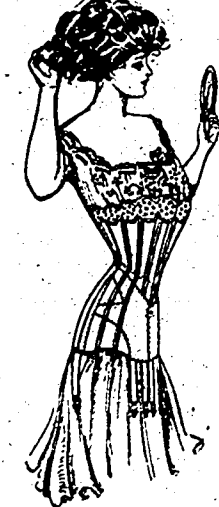
The next meeting will be degree work, the third and fourth. The committee on the fair exhibit met and decided to try for first prize and any and all interested in the grange having apples will be doing a favor to the committee if they call on the chairman, John B. Harlow, or make arrangements to leave with him on or before Monday, September 12, that five or forty good specimens of whatever they may have. More varieties the better. Harvard is an apple town and we want to show to the people of Worcester County East that we are.

Things Worth Knowing.

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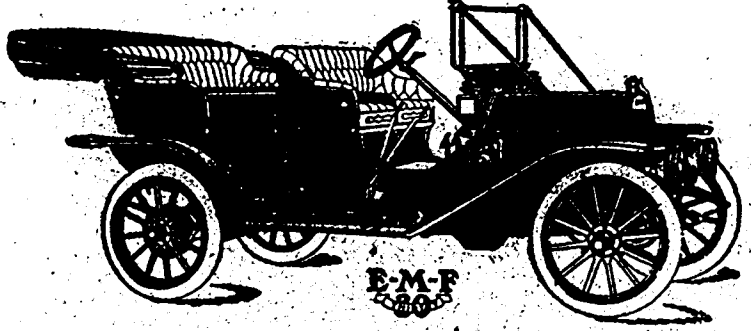
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AYER.

News Items.

An auto party consisting of Dr. E. B. Butterfield, George H. Hill, John R. Murphy and Huntley S. Turner left Saturday noon in Dr. Butterfield's car for Springfield by the way of Worcester. Sunday they left Springfield, passing through Holyoke, Mt. Tom, Northampton, the Deerfield valley to Greenfield, thence to Athol where they spent the night and taking in the annual fair on Labor day, returning to Ayer in the afternoon. They all report a delightful time and encountered no accidents, much credit being due to the doctor's skill in driving. His car went like a bird.

Mrs. E. F. Learned and Mrs. E. I. Parker spent Sunday with Mrs. Talbot of Worcester at her home, 42 Dayton street. Mrs. Talbot boarded with Mrs. Learned seven months. They found Mrs. Talbot in excellent health.

Married in Ayer, September 8, at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Joseph Lelsard and Elizabeth A. Kour of Troy, N. H.

The Unitarian Social Gathering will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. G. P. Beverly on Tuesday, September 13, at three p. m. A full attendance is desired.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold their regular baked-bean supper in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, September 14, at 2.30.

George E. Jones of Lunenburg, many years ago a resident of Groton, made a call at the publication office here on Thursday. He is one of our oldest subscribers and has taken the paper for upwards of forty years.

Silas N. Stone is still at the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, where he has been for a surgical operation that he underwent five weeks ago this week Saturday. He is not able to walk as yet and the chances are that he will be at the hospital for a week or more before he will be able to start for his home here. He is getting along as well as can be expected from his condition after the operation from his trouble of enlargement of the prostate gland.

C. W. Mason, who is at his summer home at Centre Harbor, N. H., is ill and has been confined to his bed for over a week.

Judge Sanderson and his family returned this week Friday from their summer home in Littleton to their home here.

Newell Heath of Brattleboro, Vt., while getting on one of the passenger cars going to Fitchburg last Saturday, had his pocket picked and in the wallet was \$102 in bills and a \$400 check payable to him on the Vermont National bank of Brattleboro. Just before the train started he missed his wallet, jumped off, notified Chief Beattie, but by that time the thief was on another train. While getting on the car three or four men crowded about him and handled him rather roughly and it was with difficulty that he got on the car. The railway station here is a favorable place for pickpockets to operate and many people in changing cars have their pockets picked. Mr. Heath telegraphed the Brattleboro bank and stopped payment of check.

R. Emerson Cole, a teacher at Ashland, and a nephew of H. L. Whitman, visited his uncle on Thursday and Friday of last week.

Miss May E. Field of Greenfield, who was assistant teacher in the high school here in 1906, was married on Monday, September 5, to Edward S. Foster, a teacher in one of the schools of South Bethlehem, Pa., where they will reside.

On Wednesday there was a reunion of Class '05 of the high school, the first, with Walter C. Winslow, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Winslow on Washington street. The program rendered was a violin solo, Helen M. Mellish; song, Marion Winslow; reading, Elsie A. Bowers; piano solo, Helen M. Mellish; reading, class reminiscences, Mrs. Florence A. Haggert; selection, orchestra. Light refreshments were served. Those present were: Miss Laura S. Leavitt, teacher; Hattie S. Hume, Susie Neylan, Ayer; Elsie A. Bowers, Nashua; Mary A. McCarthy, Clinton; Helen M. Mellish, Cambridge; Mrs. Thomas A. Haggert, Melrose; G. M. Barrows, John McGuane, R. O. Jenkins, W. C. Winslow.

Waldo and Walter Winslow observed their birthday, Wednesday, September 7, at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Winslow.

Miss Anna M. West of Pepperell and Clarence J. Hemenway of Groton were married at St. Andrew's church on Thursday, September 8, by Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton School. Mr. Hemenway is a yard brakeman in the upper yard here, and the newly-married couple will reside in Groton.

The comrades of Geo. S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., who attended the funeral of Francis M. Boutwell, post associate, at Groton on Wednesday afternoon were O. W. Balcom, H. B. Richardson, Wm. Cram, George F. Lewis, Walter Mellish, Shirley; D. H. Dickinson, S. N. Lougee, W. H. Sherman, E. D. Martell, Chas. S. Barrett, Wm. Cromble, J. J. O'Brien, Ayer.

About six o'clock on Wednesday morning, while F. Freeman Palmer was in the act of setting the knuckle coupler of his freight cars in the lower yard in the rear of Lovejoy's cobbler shop, using his left foot to set the coupler, his foot slipped and it was caught and the heel was so badly crushed that he was taken on the 6.25 passenger train that morning to the Massachusetts General hospital, accompanied by Dr. Sullivan, who was called soon after the accident to attend him. It was said that day that he would have to have the foot ampu-

tated, but the surgeons at the hospital who dressed the badly crushed heel, are in the hope of saving part of the foot, unless blood poisoning sets in.

Friday, September 9, work was commenced on Main street, giving it a thorough sweeping of the dust, preparatory to oiling with the apparatus from Lowell, ready for the crushed stone and gravel on top to be thoroughly rolled in by the steam roller. It is hoped that when completed this street will be in better condition than ever before and that there will be no more dust for some time to come that has been such a nuisance at the whims of every wind.

Mr. Longley has completed the cement laying between the track extension of the electric road on Main street and he has done an excellent piece of work. Now, the passengers who have to make connections between the two electric roads will not have to run so far to get seatings in the cars of either line. What is needed, if arrangements could be made, is a nearby waiting room to protect the patrons of both roads from the inclemency of the weather, especially in the winter.

The republicans are to hold a caucus in town hall on Wednesday, September 23, at 7.30 p. m., for the purpose of electing two delegates each to the republican state, congressional, councillor, county, senatorial and district attorney conventions of 1910, and four delegates to the representative convention; also, to choose a republican town committee for 1911, to consist of eight members, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the caucus.

The Helping Hand society of the M. E. church served a good supper on Wednesday evening in the lower town hall. The committee in charge was Miss A. M. Durgin, Mrs. Lillian Northrup, Mrs. Newcomb Green and Mrs. Z. H. Tyler. They were assisted in serving by Misses Blanche Farrar and Louise Green.

The Unitarian parish committee met Thursday evening with Charles Sherwin and transacted routine business.

The rain on Monday interfered somewhat with the field day planned by St. Mary's parish. It was held in the town hall, with all the amusements possible to be transferred there. It is safe to say the children enjoyed themselves. Refreshments were served during the afternoon by the committee. Mrs. Thomas Rynn, Mrs. John Markham, Mrs. J. McGovern of Shirley, John Pender, Jr., and Miss B. Sheedy. In the evening dancing was enjoyed by a good number. The music was the American orchestra of Ayer. This is the third stormy day that this organization has had for its field day in the twenty years, since they have celebrated Labor day with this gathering.

Mrs. Eugene Barry and her sister, Miss Elizabeth Wyman have been called this week to Raynham by the death on Wednesday of their brother-in-law, John W. Freese. Mr. Freese was for thirty-five years master of one of the schools of Cambridge.

The teachers in the schools for the coming year are: high school, Herbert L. Whitman, principal; Miss Laura S. Leavitt, Miss Ulrika E. Benson of Everett, Miss Anna L. Kéfé of Boston, assistants; Miss Bessie G. Hurlbutt, eighth grade; Miss Gladys Moore of Oyster Bay, N. Y., seventh grade; Miss Martha M. Wilson of Greenfield, sixth grade; Miss Grace Dottridge of Cotuit, fifth grade; Miss Caroline C. Brown, fourth grade; Miss Edith A. Wright of Westford, third grade; Miss Elizabeth M. Lincoln of Leominster, Washington street primary; Miss Marjorie W. Armstrong of Somerville, Main street primary; Miss Margaret E. Whelan, Shirley street primary; Miss Annie H. Palmer, music teacher; Miss Bernice E. Staples of Haverhill, drawing teacher.

Loring A. Carman is having his vacation, a part of which he is spending in Harvard with his mother. His children are with him. Mrs. Carman is at the hospital in Waltham, where she has been this week, having a surgical operation for a tumor in the breast. She is doing well.

Mrs. Alice Mead and her nephew, Paul Huntington, are making a visit among friends at North Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Huntington and children are enjoying a vacation at Plum Island, Me.

Lloyd S. Kelly, one of the well and favorably known young men of this town, was married in Dorchester on Thursday, September 1, to Miss Ruth P. Ellis of that place. The death of the bride's mother occurred a few days after the wedding.

Margaret E. and Elizabeth F. Sullivan, graduates of the Fitchburg Normal school of the class of 1910, are to teach two schools in Burrillville, N. J., commencing on Monday, September 12.

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice September 8: Mrs. Carrie Blanchard, Francis Lawrence, Dr. H. W. Page.

A Fatal Accident.

Wednesday night, a little after eleven o'clock, an automobile driven by Roger Taft of Pepperell, on its way from Shirley to Pepperell, going at a very lively clip, was run into the railway warning post, south of the track of the Fitchburg railroad at the Shirley crossing, so-called, to save being run into or over by a passing freight at that time.

There were in the automobile at the time of the accident, Roger Taft, sitting beside him was Dr. Claude A. Grenache, a dentist of Pepperell, and in the rear seat, George I. Tobieson, chemist at the Nashua River Paper Company's mill, and Jacob Selbert, a representative of the New York Tribune, who is interested in greaso proof paper made at the paper mills of the Nashua River Paper Company at Pepperell.

The driver was not thrown out but the other three were, and Dr. Grenache by the force of the compact with the post, which is very near the railroad track, was thrown evidently between two freight cars, the train passing over both legs, completely severing the right leg near the knee, and crushing the left leg that was held only by the flesh partly. The right leg was found about seventy feet from where the accident occurred down the track. Tobieson and Selbert were found in a dazed condition within a

few inches of the track lying on their backs. Mr. Taft picked up all three of them and carried them to the automobile. When he found Dr. Grenache he was alive and when spoken to remarked, "Oh Roger," and conversed a little, and soon after expired.

Residents nearby rushed to the scene of the disaster and assisted as well as they could and word was sent to Drs. Cowles, Sullivan and Bulkeley, and they very quickly responded to the call.

It was thought about half of the freight cars of the train must have passed over the doctor. Other parts of the body above the limbs were not in any way defaced.

Soon after the accident a shifter engine and a crew were despatched to where the accident happened to render assistance, not knowing but that their services were immediately needed.

The body of the dead man was taken by Undertaker Wright soon after he was notified, to his undertaking room, and cared for by him, and afterwards conveyed to East Pepperell on Thursday.

The automobile was a White steamer and E. O. Proctor was notified on Thursday morning and he took it to his garage. The mud guards were smashed, the axle to the forward tires bent and the engine considerably knocked-out when the auto struck the post. It was dark and the driver evidently tried to guide the auto further from the track, and if he had been able to do so, he would have run into the fence south of the post, and Dr. Grenache's life would in all likelihood have been spared.

The emergency brake was put on about eighty-five feet from the crossing, but the speed of the auto was such that it could not be stopped.

Luckily for Mr. Tobieson and Mr. Selbert that they escaped with so slight injuries, for they had a narrow escape from death.

Extensive Improvements.

The Haynes-Piper company are making extensive improvements at their plant here and we are informed that they expect to take apples within the next two or three weeks, the exact date not being decided upon as yet. A very noticeable feature at the plant is a new arrangement in the yard, which is being regraded, and a large new apple hopper, installed which is for the handling of wagon apples. When the present improvements are completed, ten wagons can be unloaded at one time without interfering with each other in any way, and Mr. Lougee, the superintendent, informs us that great pains will be taken this season with the handling of wagon apples quickly so that there will be no waiting for unloading. The same liberal and courteous treatment which has always been a characteristic of this firm's business, will be extended to all this season, as heretofore. Our readers will please see the advertising columns of this paper for the exact date of taking in apples.

District Court.

Thomas Allen of Pepperell, drunkenness at East Pepperell, August 29, was in court on August 30, and on trial found guilty and fined ten dollars.

The charge against James Richards of Ayer for maintaining a common liquor nuisance was in court on September 3, and on trial was found not guilty, and by order of the court was discharged.

Frank Dailey of Shirley, charged with larceny at Shirley was in court on September 6, and on trial was found not guilty.

Matthew Colbert of Pepperell, charged with disturbance of the peace at Pepperell, September 4, was in court on September 6, and on trial was found guilty and fined \$5.50.

Charles P. Littlehale of Tyngsboro, charged with violation of motor vehicle laws at Pepperell, is to appear in court on Saturday, September 10.

J. F. LaFiere of Southbridge, for violation of motor vehicle laws at Pepperell, is summoned to appear in court on Saturday, September 10.

Michael J. Coughlin, proprietor of the American and the Taylor house, was in court Saturday on two counts, for maintaining a common nuisance. Officer Beatty was the first witness and he testified that he made a raid on the Taylor house, August 7 and 24, with the assistance of A. A. Fillebrown, deputy sheriff, officers J. O'Connell of this town, E. D. Boynton of Westford and W. F. Smith of Littleton and empty bottles taken, but no liquors could be found. Officer Beatty also testified that on July 11, assisted by officers Fillebrown, Smith and O'Connell and J. H. Logue of Shirley, made a raid on the American house and secured one and one-half pints of whiskey, cards and a dice box.

W. W. Sprague, clerk at the National Express Company's office at the station, produced the books of the express company in which was recorded that 108 quarts of whiskey, in twelve quart lots, and two cases of beer had been delivered at the Taylor house. Coughlin was adjudged guilty on both counts, and on request of his counsel the cases were continued for sentence to Saturday, September 10. Coughlin was released on his own recognizance.

TOWNSEND.

West.

It is expected that Rev. George Ringrose of Dover Plain, N. Y., father of the present pastor, will preach at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, and in the evening the pastor will address the members of the Eclipse engine company on the topic, "A still alarm."

The annual roll-call of the Baptist church will be held on Thursday, September 15, afternoon and evening; roll-call commencing at 2.30, supper served to members and invited guests at 5.30, and a public service in the evening with special music and addresses by Rev. George Ringrose, and Rev. Walter Calley, D. D., of Jamaica Plain.

The Eclipse engine company will hold their annual muster and play on Thompson field next Saturday and a most enjoyable time is anticipated. A good response from the visiting companies has been met with and

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Registration of Voters



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters; Thursday, September 15, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, October 22, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.
Saturday, October 23, 12 m. to 10 p. m.
Registration will close at 10 p. m. Saturday, October 29, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1910. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

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though the program is not entirely completed at this writing there is no doubt that the affair will be widely patronized.

James L. Flynn and family have closed their cottage, Elm Lodge, for the season, and returned to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Nancy Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed, has entered Cushing academy, Ashburnham.

Oren Powers is at present working in Marlboro.

Frank Donnelly from Rindge, N. H., is employed as clerk in I. P. Sherwin's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barrett from Malden are guests of Miss Maria B. Wiggins for a few days this week.

Miss Agnes Wilson is visiting relatives in Nashua, N. H., and E. G. Wilson also spent Sunday with relatives there.

Levi Lawrence of Dunstable and Sumner H. Lawrence of Concord, N. H., have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Lawrence.

Walter Wilder of Josselynville is serving on the jury at Lowell this week.

Miss Lena Thompson has returned from her summer employment at the White Mountains, and is expecting to enter the Fitchburg Normal. Mrs. Gertrude Wright and baby from Winthrop are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Mrs. Frank Kelley and children from Josselynville are visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society met in the vestry for the first meeting of the season on Wednesday afternoon and tea was served at the usual hour.

Winfield Reed and party have returned from camp at Ashburnham and resumed their duties in Boston, Tuesday morning, after a pleasant vacation.

Harry Fuller has left C. T. McDormond's blacksmith shop, where he has been employed for the past year, and returned to Bolton.

Leo Russell, who has been home on a brief vacation, has taken a position as meat cutter at the Warren Beef Company, Boston.

Frank D. Parsons has gone to Prout's Neck, Me., for a few weeks, where he is employed by C. S. Homer. Miss Annie Parker, who has been boarding in town for the summer, has returned to her school in Marlboro.

Items of Interest.

Among the 6,000,000 working women in this country, there are nearly 1,000,000 widows and nearly 800,000 married women whose husbands have failed to provide for them. Nearly 100,000 divorced women are among the wage-earners.

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A Labor Day Feast

How a Laborer Tested His Social Position.

By F. A. MITCHEL.

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When Bob Nebbins came to L. and set himself up to join the social circle composed of young people it was a grave question whether he was to be admitted. I have never known so many diverse views about any one. Some complained that he dressed like a tinker instead of a gentleman; others complained that when he did put on fine clothes they were foppish. Some of the young men thought him clever. Most of the girls considered him a fool.

Notwithstanding that he was generally disapproved by the girls, no one of them would take the responsibility of slighting him. Miss Arietta Price, it is true, was very cool to him, but Miss Price had said openly among her girl friends that she proposed to "be somebody" in the social world and to do that she must marry a rich man. Miss Dora Laraway, who was perhaps the most independent among the girls, took up Mr. Nebbins, but it was said that she did so because she liked to be contrary. I mention these two girls because they represent the two extremes.

Just as Nebbins was acquiring a social foothold along comes Tom Kirschaw, who the year before had left L. to go into business in the city, and says that he had seen Mr. Nebbins working in overalls in a large manufacturing concern. A halt was at once called, and many were of the opinion that no more invitations should be extended to the workman until more was learned about him. Miss Price the next time she met him cut him. Miss Laraway, with her usual contrariness, was more gracious to him than ever. The rest of us were divided. The situation was rather annoying, because Nebbins had been received within our circle, and, once admitted, it was not easy to oust him. Ed Gifford, one of our number, who prided himself on going straight at things, asked Bob if it was true that he had been a workman. Nebbins admitted that it was. Gifford attempted to follow the matter up with other questions, but Nebbins admonished him to mind his own business.

Common sense prevailed. Those who declined to turn a cold shoulder to Nebbins because he had been a greasy mechanic carried the day, and, although he was not especially welcome among us after this, he was at least tolerated. We wondered what he lived on. He had come among us at the beginning of the summer, and it was expected that he would leave early in the autumn. Probably the fact that his stay among us was temporary contributed to our willingness to treat him considerately while he remained. Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which Nebbins labored, he gradually made friends. I don't mean that he was in any way a popular man, even with those with whom he became most intimate. After it became known that he had been a workman this fancy of his for putting on mean clothes seemed to be explained. In other words, he was an instance of a workman trying to be a gentleman and only half succeeding, or, rather, now and then suffering a relapse.

We young men found Nebbins much more endurable—not to say attractive—than the girls. There were a few girls who, like Miss Price, made no scruple of turning the cold shoulder to him; there were those who neither avoided nor sought him and a few who in a spirit of kindness treated him cordially. Miss Laraway alone positively favored him. But Miss Laraway had laid out for herself a life of work and had accepted a position as teacher to enter upon her duties the following autumn. On this account probably she had less influence with us in a social point of view than any of the girls. Indeed, Dora's social position was not fixed among us. Some of the girls, though they worked with her in church duties and were familiar with her at such times, forbore to invite her to their homes. She was as refined as they and more intelligent than most of them. Indeed, there was no difference between her and them, at least none that was not to her advantage, except that when her parents had first come to L. they had neither been inclined to enter "society" nor had they the means to enable them to do so. Indeed, Dora had been taken up by a few of those "in the swim" for herself alone, and she did not seem to care whether the others accepted her or not.

Miss Price was the girl whom all her associates looked up to as one bound to achieve prominence. She was really marked for a star career. Affable to all, she knew how to draw a distinction between those of her set and others, just as a gentleman knows how to be on easy terms with his coachman without permitting that coachman to become familiar with him. She recognized a certain kind of merit in Dora Laraway and undertook to patronize her, but Dora showed no appreciation of her kindness, and it was withdrawn. Some of us thought that one reason for Miss Price's snubbing Bob Nebbins was the fact that Miss Laraway was disposed to be his friend.

Such was the situation when Labor day was coming round. Bob Nebbins sent out invitations to us all for a supper he proposed to give that day, the eve of his departure. What surprised us was that he included those who had been cool to him and even those who had cut him after he had admitted that he had worked in a factory. Even Miss Price was invited. The next question was, What were we going to do about it? We fellows discussed the matter at the club, but men are not so particular about their social acceptances as women, and we got no further than a statement from each man either that he would go to the supper or he would do as he pleased about it. I understood that there was a good deal more discussion among the girls, some of whom—Miss Price being the prime mover—thought that they owed it to their social position to decline in a body. But they were overruled by those who did not relish the idea of giving up the supper. A third lot were independent enough to assert that they would accept even if all the others declined.

When the evening for the supper arrived—10 o'clock was the hour fixed—it was found that every one invited was present. Nebbins met us in the ante-room. What was our surprise and consternation, in some cases, to be received in overalls. Being all in full dress themselves, some considered this apparel an outrage. Fully one-third turned away and left the place. The rest chatted with one another till the door of the supper room was thrown open and we entered. Waiters stood about ready to serve the viands, and when all were seated, at a signal from the host, the covers were removed. There on each plate was a surprising feast indeed.

Each guest was served with crackers and cheese. Nebbins began to munch his portion, while some of his guests followed his example, a few good naturedly accepting the situation, others grudgingly, while others, one by one, left the table, very red in the face, here and there muttering maledictions on the head of the man who would invite guests to such a supper. One of the guests as he passed out glared and said: "You may intend this as a joke. It is an insult. But what is to be expected from one who attempted to rise above his station and seeks admission to the society of his betters?"

Nebbins rose, lifted a glass and bowed imperturbably to his retiring guest, drinking his health in cold water. The departure of this person left half a dozen men and as many girls, all of whom sat good naturedly munching crackers and cheese. When it became apparent to the host that those who remained were not disposed to upbraid him he stood up, unbuttoned his overalls, threw them off and stood before them in evening dress. "Come," he said.

A waiter opened a door, and Nebbins led the way into an adjoining room, where stood a table with a place for each one of those remaining at the supper party. Seating themselves at the table, a real supper was served. It seemed that their host had ransacked the uttermost parts of the earth to find delicacies. As to wines, few of those present had ever drunk wines of such delicious flavor. The host, too, was in keeping with the feast he offered. Certain mannerisms that he had evidently up to this time assumed were dropped, and he appeared a plain gentleman. "My guests," he said, "you who remain I count my friends, and so far as I am concerned you will always remain such. Those who have retired are to me a part of the great world in which I exist. You, on the contrary, are inexpressibly near to me. I owe you an explanation and will not ask you to wait for it longer."

"First of all, I am a workman; secondly, I am a capitalist. My father and mother were both of the labor class, and I have followed in their footsteps. But I am more fortunate than most laborers in this—my father and mother worked hard and saved to give me a better education than usually falls to those of my class. All that I am is due to them. God bless them! I worked and studied at the same time. Providence bestowed upon me a gift. I began by inventing machines to save labor and ended by inventing them to give me wealth that I might help my fellow men. I have succeeded beyond my highest hopes."

"I believe that in America labor is respectable, that there is no prejudice against it as labor and that any laborer who becomes refined can find a place among the best people of the land if he wishes to do so. To gratify a whim I came here among you. I have found that a place among the best has been open to me. You are the best. For your inferiors I care not."

During these remarks we all looked at one another, each remembering some occasion wherein we had not been as blameless as our host had assumed. I confess, remembering certain times when Nebbins appeared at his worst I had wished I might not be seen with him, I blushed for my want of independence. Nevertheless we all felt very happy at having stood the test and doubtless rejoiced that we would be able to crow over those who had not.

Naturally we all looked to the girl who had been foremost in standing by Bob Nebbins. Noticing this, he said: "There is one among you who has not needed to be deceived. A few days ago I told her what I have told you this evening. I have her permission to announce our engagement."

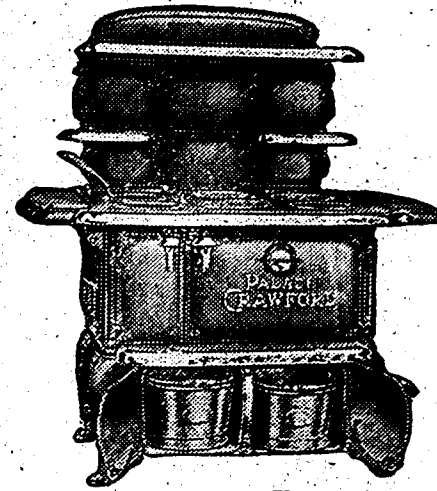
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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Miss A. E. Leonard of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the guest of Mrs. Warren L. Noyes.

Mrs. Lindsey of California is the guest of Mrs. Edward Hadley, and Miss Constance Hungerford of Hartford, Conn., is a guest at the Nye homestead.

Miss Mabel Popple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Popple, is at the New England Baptist hospital for treatment.

Edward Taylor of Medfield, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Taylor.

Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss and daughter Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Corey, son Harry and daughter Eva, enjoyed a trip to Uncanoonuc Mountain and Pine Island park last week Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell of Manchester are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farnsworth.

All of the schools commenced on Tuesday with the following teachers: grammar, Miss Elizabeth Parker of Milford; Village primary, Miss Clara Campbell; West primary, Miss Helen Pratt; North primary, Miss Seaver.

Nathaniel Hobart, David Fessenden and Orville Fessenden enjoyed an automobile trip to West Acton and vicinity last Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Burgess Snow and daughter have moved to their new home at Leominster, Mass.

Married at the Congregational parsonage, on Thursday, September first, by Rev. Warren L. Noyes, Herbert Taft Crandall of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Mrs. Lillian E. Thayer of Leominster, Mass.

Eighty dollars were the proceeds of the annual apron fair.

Miss Eliza J. Parker observed her eighty-fourth birthday on Wednesday, August 31. So gracefully has she borne the advancing years, it is impossible to realize that she has passed the four score milestone.

Mrs. Fannie Peabody is spending a few days at Springfield, Mass., while enroute to her home at Scarborough, N. Y.

Ellen C. Sawtelle and Martha Wright are spending the week at Larchmont, N. Y. They will resume their school duties at Boston next week.

Miss E. May Pierce resumed her studies at the Nashua Business college this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kendall are enjoying an outing at Oak Bluffs and vicinity.

Mrs. Adella Whitcomb and daughters Hattie, Alice and Elizabeth and son Harland reunited with the Congregational church last Sunday.

Charles Clifford and son Carl are to move to Milford.

Edward C. Wade of Boston spent the week-end and Monday at the Tucker homestead. Miss Eleanor Wade of West Roxbury is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker for the week.

The Ladies' Aid gave a reception to the cast of the Union Depot at the Congregational vestry last week Friday evening. A musical program was rendered, games participated in and refreshments served.

Primary Election.

The result of the direct primary election held on Tuesday at the town house was as follows:

Republican Governor, Robert P. Bass; 27 votes, Bertram Ellis 2; member of Congress, Frank D. Currier, 26; councilor, Joseph N. Woodward 2; Charles W. Stevens 10; Benjamin F. Green 18; State senator, Henry L. Emerson 2; James O. Reed 18; Daniel Hayden 7; sheriff, Fred Sawyer 7; Nathanial H. Holcombe 1; Daniel F. Hearley 2; solicitor, Harry W. Spaulding 2; Alme E. Boisvert 5; treasurer, Irving E. Forbes 13; William M. Holmes 0; register of probate, Elbridge J. Copp 25; register of deeds, Calvin E. Wood 26; commissioners, Daniel E. Proctor 17; Albert T. Barry 17; George E. Farley 2; James H. Hunt 14; representative, Harry Marshall 6; George H. Nye 21; Walter E. Corey 1; delegate to State convention, Clarence R. Russell 11; Herbert S. Corey 12; supervisor, Alpha A. Hall 27; Perley L. Pierce 4; Henry G. Shattuck 25; Harry Marshall 1; H. Holcombe 1; moderator, Clarence R. Russell 9; Arthur J. Nye 1; Frank L. Willoby 1; Alpha A. Hall 1; Orville D. Fessenden 1; Democratic Governor, Clarence E. Carr 16; member of Congress, Henry H. Metcalf 14; councilor, Albert W. Vooner 1; State senator, George W. Tolford 14; sheriff, Frederick B. Stark 12; Heltor, John P. Bartlett 8; Patrick H. Sullivan 6; treasurer, John H. Boyd 15; register of probate, Charles S. Russell 15; register of deeds, Harry S. Appleton 14; commissioners, Frank M. Woodbury 15; Augustus A. E. Brien 16; Herbert O. Hadley 15; representative, Edward C. Tucker 17; delegate to State convention, James H. S. Tucker 18; supervisors, Dewey S. Powers 7; Harry W. Campbell 8; Albert T. Pierce 10; moderator, Orville D. Fessenden 8.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. James Begg of Leominster, Mass., spent several days with Mrs. Goodwin the first of this week.

All the schools in town began Tuesday with the same corps of teachers as last year, except in the grammar school which has a new one.

Miss Emma, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Spaulding, underwent an operation for appendicitis last Sunday afternoon. She is convalescing as well as possible.

Mrs. Emma Dow of Brookline, Mass., made a short visit to South Hollis Tuesday and Wednesday, calling on her old neighbors.

Twenty-three from Hollis attended the convention of the Nashua River C. E. Union held at the town hall, Dunstable, on Labor day. The papers and addresses were of unusual interest. Francis A. Lovejoy of this town was re-elected president; Edward A. Hills, chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. E. K. Jewett, chairman of the lookout committee. The Hollis society invited the Union to meet in Hollis on February 22.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex Superior Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of SARAH A. FIELD, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas HENRY B. HILDRETH, administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell private real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by depositing a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, a file objections, if any, so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in 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 twentieth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3151 F. M. EBY, Asst. Register.

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TIME TABLE.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

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Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchester, Amesbury, Andover, and Lowell Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 6.25 p. m. until 9.55 p. m. and every 30 mins. until 1.15 p. m.)

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Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 1.40 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. and every 30 mins. then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.18, 6.18, 6.30, 6.55, 7.02 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 1.33 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 6.55, 6.57, 7.18 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.15 p. m. until 10.45 p. m.) Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—8.35 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays—8.05 a. m. 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 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m. then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—5.18 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.18 p. m. Return—Leave Tyngsboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.33 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. then 11.33 p. m. Sundays—8.05 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m.

THOMAS LEEB, Supt.

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HIGH PRICES DISCUSSED

Congressman Gillett Considers Their Relation to Tariff

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Says High Prices Prevail in Free-Trade England as Well as Protectionist Germany—Rise is World-Wide

Congressman Frederick H. Gillett of Springfield does not believe that the tariff is responsible for the general rise in prices. He has given the subject careful consideration, and in an interview which he has given to this newspaper states what he considers to be the actual causes for this world-wide phenomenon. What he has to say follows:

"The increased cost of living is an unpleasant fact which daily obtrudes itself into the home of every family and excites the query, what causes it? Our wide awake opponents have not overlooked such an opportunity. They know that a tariff law has a direct effect on the cost of some articles and that such a law has just been passed by a Republican congress and so with their wonted recklessness they proclaim that this new law causes the high prices.

"The average American does not have either time nor inclination to study anything so dull and technical as tariff schedules. He has been convinced in many political campaigns that a tariff does affect prices and wages and in the absence of any other obvious cause it would be natural for him to believe this bold and plausible Democratic statement. But he is intelligent and willing to hear both sides, and I am convinced that it will not require lengthy argument to satisfy him that this charge is as unfounded as many other Democratic campaign fairy tales, and that the revision of the tariff had no more to do with our high prices than had the recent comet.

"The Tariff and Prices
"How is it that a tariff affects prices? It is because it provides that each one of the thousands of articles which it specifies shall, when imported from a foreign country, pay a certain tax before it can be taken from the custom house and offered for sale. Of course when the article comes to be sold the merchant has to charge his customer not only what he paid the foreigner for it but also in addition what he paid the custom house as a tax on it. So the tax increases by so much the price of the foreign article. It is claimed by free traders that such a tax not only increases the price of the foreign article but also increases by just so much the price of all similar articles made in this country. That claim we protectionists deny, but as it makes no difference on this cost of living question I am perfectly willing to admit just for the sake of argument that they are right, and still with that admission they cannot show on their own theory that the revision of the tariff contributed to the high cost of living.

"And why? Because on practically all articles of common use, the articles whose rise in price is complained of, the tax was either reduced or was not changed at all. If the duty had been raised on articles they could fairly claim on their theory that the raise of tariff raised its price, because the more tax the importer has to pay the custom house the more he would have to add to his selling price. But if there was no change in the tax, or if it had been reduced, that certainly did not cause the merchant to fix a higher price.

"The Duties Were Reduced
"Now what did this revision of the tariff do in fixing the duties on the necessities of life? If you read the long law through, schedule by schedule, you will find that it almost invariably reduced these duties or left them unchanged. I cannot take the time to quote the schedules and no one would read it if I did, but I make the deliberate statement, and no well informed Democrat will contradict me, that there are hardly any increases on necessities of life and a vast number of decreases—and that proves beyond fair dispute that the rise in prices was not due to the tariff revision.

"The tax on wines and silks and many other luxuries was greatly increased, but these are not the articles we are now concerned with. On the articles of every day use there were very few increases and very many reductions. So if the tariff had any effect on prices it should have lowered and not increased them.

"Moreover, articles on which the tariff was greatly reduced and which should have gone down in price if it was the change of tariff which was affecting prices, have advanced just as rapidly as the others. All duty was taken off of hides and the duty on shoes was reduced 60 percent and still they advanced in cost with everything else. Was it the tariff which caused it? Was it the reduction of duties which increased the price? Of course it could not have been. If it was, what tariff could possibly have gent prices down except a Democratic tariff, like the Wilson act, which would destroy industry and break all prices?

"What then is the cause of this undeniable and disagreeable rise in prices if it is not the tariff law? Political economists give many different answers. Nearly all attribute much influence to the increased production of gold. As the measure of value grows more plentiful, they say, it is less desirable and will purchase less and less. Government inspection and the laws against adulteration compel food and meat to be better and so more expensive. Then the inevitable law of supply and demand always asserts itself. While our population multiplies rapidly it produces more luxuries like automobiles, and less hogs and beef and wheat, and so there is greater demand for the necessities and they climb in value.

"It is significant, too, that this rise in value is not confined to our country, as our tariff law is, but is as striking and unpopular in Europe as here, involves free trade England as well as protected France and Germany, so that some world wide current is obviously operating alike everywhere.

"And we must not forget that if we pay more for living in this country we in return get more. Our standard is not only vastly higher here than anywhere else, but is vastly higher here than it was a few years ago. The people eat more varied food, live in better houses, have more comforts and pleasures and resources than ever before. And while the wages here are much greater than anywhere else, the cost of living is not proportionately so great. Samuel Gompers, the labor leader, went abroad last year to study the conditions of the laboring man in other countries and in his report said:

"Gompers on Labor Conditions
"I believe I may assert that whether the cost of living in Europe or America is greater to the workman depends entirely on the standard of living he adopts in America. If he voluntarily lives the life of self-denial in this country that he compulsorily lived in his native land, his outlay in money will remain about the same. Even then he will hardly be able to escape gaining something from the superior supply of the good things of life in America."

"We do not wish the wage earner to live here as he does in his native land. We wish him to bring up his children here in a healthier, happier atmosphere. I hope the standard of living will still rise, and that not only the prosperity but the pleasure and happiness of each class may gradually increase. It cannot be done by legislation, but it may be hindered and delayed by legislation, and one of the surest steps is to mislead the people to believe that the present era of high prices is caused by a law which cannot possibly have produced that result."

"Shadows.
The shadows of the mind are like those of the body. In the morning of life they all lie behind us, at noon we trample them underfoot, and in the evening they stretch long, broad and deepening before us.

"An Exception.
She (protestingly)—That's just like you men. A man never gets into trouble without dragging some woman in with him. He—Oh, I don't know. How about Jonah in the whale?—Boston Transcript.

"A Mean Retort.
Bertha—I'm sorry you asked me to marry you. It pains me to refuse. Will (cheerfully)—Oh, don't worry! Perhaps you know best what I'm escaping.

"Pleaded an Extenuation.
An Indiana youth had called with a cab to take the judge's daughter to a dance, scarcely two blocks from her home. The judge entered the room where the youth was waiting. Pacing across the room a couple of times with his head bent and thoughts concentrated, he came short about in front of the youth and declaimed:

"Young man, this cab hiring to go two blocks is foolish, unwise, unthoughtful, misguided, unreasonable, lavish—a prodigality—a—I am surprised. My daughter is flesh and blood, and she won't melt, and if her gown should be ruined I bought it, and I can buy her."

"That's all right, judge, but my father is paying for that cab."—Woman's Home Companion.

"Elizabethan Slang.
According to the latest edition of Webster's Dictionary, one meaning of "lobster" is "a gullible, awkward, bungling or undesirable fellow." This meaning is supposed by most persons to be a modern development of slang. However, "lobster" was a favorite term of abuse among Englishmen of Queen Elizabeth's day, and Shakespeare may have denounced his calibos as a "lobster" when the boy failed to attend to his duties. Some students of the word think it probably was applied first to men with red faces. As signifying a soldier the term "lobster" is as old as Cromwell's day. Lord Clarendon, historian of the civil war in England, explains that it was applied to the Roundhead cuirassiers "because of the bright iron shells with which they were covered. Afterward British soldiers in their red uniforms were called "lobsters." Then came another development. The soldier in the red coat became a "billed lobster," while the policeman in blue was, of course, an "unbilled" or "raw lobster." Again, "to bill a lobster" was for a man to enlist in the army and put on a red coat.—Chicago News.



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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the thirtieth day of September A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, by postpaid copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3151 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of CHARLES H. ATTY, deceased, in said County of Middlesex, without giving surety on his bond, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the 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 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 sixteenth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3151 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of OSCAR FARWELL, late of Littleton, 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. HASKIN, of Leominster, in the County of Worcester, without giving a surety on his bond, you are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first 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 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 nineteenth day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 3151 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

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Her Three Lovers

By M. QUAD

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You wouldn't find another case like it in three states. Here was Miss Susie Jones of the village of Grafton, smart and good looking, with three lovers in tow. Each one had proposed marriage—each knew the other had—each was ready to die for her, and yet the three were good friends.

There was a family skeleton in the Jones closet, but none of the lovers suspected it. The smiling and gracious Susie had a temper like a wildcat. This was only shown out at home, however. Had any of the young men suspected it he would have reasoned that he could tame her after marriage. Had he been told it he would have replied that he admired temper in a girl. Love isn't blind. It's just woozy.

The three young men had dangled and sighed and grown thin for a year when the Methodist church held its annual picnic on the bank of the river half a mile below the village. The three of them escorted the young lady on that occasion. The three of them also had an intuition that that would be a momentous day for them. Intuition was right. Young Springer was the first to discover that it was. He invited Miss Susie to take a row with him on the surface of the historic Wabash. She graciously assented. No jealousy on the part of the other two. They would walk along the bank and be as happy as they could.

Young Springer had never rowed a boat. He had simply seen others do it. He did very well, however, for about ten minutes. That was because he let the craft drift, while he proposed marriage for about the seventh time. The answer was the same as it had always been. Miss Susie would see about it. This so encouraged the lover that he seized the oars and dipped a blade and splashed a barrel of water over the girl in white in the stern. She screamed. Then he splashed another barrel with the other oar. This completed the bath. Miss Susie rose up, and the boat was upset. It was for young Springer to rescue her. He would have done it slick as grease had she not, while clinging to the waterlogged craft, begun calling him names. It was dreadful the way she called him blunderhead, dunderhead, idiot, greenhorn, milkop, red head, squint eye and thirty other things. How could he rescue her with her tongue like that?

Young Springer, on a sand bar, and young Brown, on the bank, heard every word of the interesting discourse, but they were not a bit jealous. When Miss Susie had to stop talking and hunt around for some more breath she thought it time to continue on to the shore and go home for dry clothes. Young Brown had not plunged. He had a new pair of blue suspenders that had cost 25 cents, and he knew that if you get pale blue soaking wet it will crock a dollar shirt and add 2 cents to the price of washing at a Chinese laundry. He had told Miss Susie that he stood ready to die for her, but of course he meant a dry and not a wet death. If these things are properly understood at the time they are spoken much confusion may be saved later on. Young Brown wanted to extend his hand when the nymph should come near enough. No jealousy on the part of the other two—a great deal of wetness and mud, but no jealousy.

The bedraggled Miss Susie extended her lily wet hand, but in so doing she lost her balance and went under water again. As there was a good bed of mud to fall on, no bones were broken. Those pale blue suspenders were still in young Brown's thoughts. It was time to plunge, but he didn't do it. Instead, he reached down and seized a dainty little foot to which a painful of mud was clinging and hauled the half drowned girl up the bank. No jealousy on the part of the others. On the contrary, they looked on admiringly. Susie gurgled and gasped and coughed, and Mr. Brown knelt beside her wet form and asked her for his sake to recover. If she died, then he wanted to die too. He didn't want to die of mud and water, but of a Black Hand bomb. He wanted to be in an Italian grocery buying macaroni when the bomb exploded, and he wanted his faithful and loving heart to be blown clear across the street.

Miss Susie could not withstand the appeal. She returned to life and the state of Indiana and the Wabash river, and then she made jerky little speeches to her rescuer. He had rescued her heels first; he had dragged her up on the bank; he had dragged her after she was up the bank. All the names she had called the other two she now bestowed on the trembling Brown and then added twenty new ones for good measure. Then, scolding all assistance, she started for home, leaving a Wabash trail as she went. When she had gone the three lovers came together. No jealousy.

"By gosh!" said Springer. "By gum!" said Cotton. "By swipes!" said Brown. And a week later Miss Susie sent for Mr. Brown and demanded:

"Why didn't you jump in to my rescue, sir?" "I—I was afraid of wetting my new suspenders!" "Your answer shows that you've got more common sense than Springer and Cotton combined. I am ready to say yes to your proposal!"

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PEPPERELL.

About Town.

Bernard Shattuck spent Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. George Shattuck. Merritt H. Johnson of Little Rock, Ark., is spending a few days at his summer home on Oak Hill.

Ethel Wells and Marion Ames, former teachers in town, left Tuesday for their duties at Bridgewater Normal school where they will take a course of training.

Mrs. Walter Smith and two children of Montclair, N. J., returned Wednesday after spending a pleasant summer with her father, N. P. Smith.

Richard, O'Connell from Lowell, formerly employed by P. F. Sullivan in the blacksmith shop, has been visiting friends in town.

Dr. Morgan of Boston, the famous eye specialist was in town Monday, calling upon H. W. Hutchinson.

Rainsford Deware's family have returned from their vacation in the Provinces.

Mrs. E. S. Durant and family have been visiting Mrs. Durant's parents in Milford, N. H.

Mrs. Alfred Lawrence visited in Groton two days last week, being present at the birthday party of Mrs. Milo Shattuck, she being seventy-six years of age.

Mrs. Mention is visiting her son, George Mention of Jamaica Plain.

Supt. A. R. Paull arrived Monday with his family from his summer school at Bar Harbor, Me. He has been very busy the past week preparing for the opening of the schools on Monday, September 12.

Mrs. Ida Boynton and daughters spent last Saturday at Whalom park.

Walter Reid, employed by Mrs. Johnson of Boston, engineer of the water works system, enjoyed a visit with his mother, Mrs. Peter Reid.

Thomas Sullivan, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Sullivan, who has been suffering from an attack of rheumatic fever, is now able to sit up.

Edna Tarbell left Monday for her duties as teacher at Northfield, and Carrie Shattuck the same day left for Ashland, N. H., where she is a teacher in a school in that town.

The remains of Henry Coffin, a former resident, were brought to town for interment on Thursday. Mr. Coffin while visiting his son Lee, who recently purchased the Overlook farm, was suddenly taken ill and died from the effects of gall stones.

Digging commenced on Wednesday to extend the laying of the pipes on Sheffield street as far as the knife factory.

Lloyd Chapman, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Chapman, returned to his duties as chemist at Great Falls, Montana.

The property on Townsend street, formerly owned by Porter Humes, has been recently purchased from W. A. Kemp by F. R. Bennett.

Gleanings.

The Unitarian Sunday school will begin its sessions again next Sunday. The Sunday evening meetings of the Babbidge guild will be resumed on September 18. At the morning service Rev. D. R. Child will preach on "The Amherst program for the country church," with some notes of the conference of Rural Social Workers held recently at the Massachusetts Agricultural college at Amherst.

Mrs. Ida M. Billings and daughter, Ethel Billings Mills from Worcester were in town recently and spent a week with her mother, Mrs. C. G. Hambley.

Miss M. Herrig has come to St. John, N. H., where she has a ten-day engagement as first violinist with the Boston Woman's orchestra playing at the reunion exhibition held in that city.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. L. E. Weston on Friday afternoon, September 16 at three o'clock.

Norman Upson is at work for Mr. Day, the milkman.

Miss Margaret Blood returned this week from a visit in Concord with her brother, S. Thompson Blood.

Mrs. Bert Durant and children are visiting in Milford, N. H., at Mrs. Durant's former home.

Irene Bonilla who has been visiting in Somerville returned to her home here on Friday last.

Koswell Lawson has commenced housekeeping again in the house owned by him on Hollis street. His two children—Rachel and Alice—are with him. Jennie Sharp is Mr. Lawson's housekeeper.

Miss Ida Whitney returned this week from a visit with Mrs. Imogene Bicknell of Mechanic Falls, Me.

Miss Bertha Johnson and Glen Upson are attending a business college in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Paull and son who have been spending the summer at Old Orchard are again at their home in this town.

Among the visitors in town over Labor day were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall and chil-

dren of Fitchburg at the home of Mr. Marshall's parents; Miss Alice Blood of Gardner, and Edward Bartlett of Spring field, Ernest Bartlett of Boston at Marion Bartlett's; Miss Alice McGrath of Boston at her mother's; Miss Anna Mae Shaw and friend of Worcester at George Shaw's.

Mrs. Frank Lawrence, who was Miss Louise Marshall, and young son are visiting at the home of her parents.

Miss Margaret Parks of Baltimore, formerly of this town, is the guest of Miss Ann Jewell.

Miss Ethel Knoff of Manchester has been a recent visitor at Mrs. J. Donnelly's.

Mrs. Nell McWilliams spent Tuesday of this week in Nashua.

Miss Florence Bates of Wellesley spent the week-end at her home in this town.

A parish meeting will be held in the vestry of the Unitarian church on Monday, September 19, at 7.30.

News Items.

The district nurse, Miss Minnie Spragg, will take a three-weeks' vacation, beginning Saturday, September 10.

The vaudeville entertainment, which was advertised for Thursday evening, September 8, has been postponed to Thursday evening, September 15, out of respect for the late Claude A. Grenache.

The Labor day sports in town went off very satisfactorily. The trot at Babbatasset driving park and the races there were well attended. In the play-out the Warrens won by over twenty-six feet with 202 ft., 1 1/2 in., against Union 2, 172 ft., 6 1/2 in. In the town race, free for all, first money was captured by John Agan, owned by L. M. McInnis; Mystic Maid by E. S. Durant, second; Motion G., Dr. F. A. Davis, third; P. W. Flynn, Jr., Henry Fisher, fourth. In the class B, Bertram, driven by William Boutelle of Brookline, took first money easily; Unknown by Dr. Lewis, second.

The Pepperell ball team went to Townsend on Labor day and played two games, winning the morning game by a score of 16 to 2. The afternoon game was not played with the snap that characterized the morning game, and a few errors and the poor support of Coffey, who pitched, allowed the Townsend team to win, 6 to 2. All were pleased with the splendid treatment of the Townsend management. It is hoped that the rubber game can be arranged for muster day, September 17.

The committee of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club, met last Monday evening and arrangements were planned for the fair on Thursday, October 6. The main street grounds of Miss Florence Sibley are to be used.

The entire town was shocked by the news of the accident at Ayer on Wednesday night, when the automobile accident caused the death of Dr. Claude A. Grenache of this town. The whole town grieves over the loss of one of the town's foremost professional men. He had been in the dental business here about fifteen years and had a host of friends and was prominent in the social life of the young people.

The funeral of Dr. C. A. Grenache is to be held Sunday afternoon at one o'clock from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benoni Grenache, Groton street. Services will be in charge of Rev. George H. O. F., of which he was a member. Burial will be at Pepperell cemetery.

Among those who were Labor day visitors in town were: John P. Kerin, an umpire in the American league; Ron Thirl, Brockton; Leslie Reed, Thomas Conitt, P. T. Finn, William Scanlon, Miss Althea Blake, Miss Elizabeth Garvey, Miss Catherine Morrissey, Boston; Miss Anna Mae Shaw, Worcester; Frank O'Neal, Norwood; Everett C. Boynton, Miss Gladys Williams, Daniel Fahey, Nashua.

Miss Carrie E. Shattuck has accepted a position as teacher in the public schools at Ashfield.

Miss Maude Chinn has returned to her duties as teacher in Sandow, N. H. Her sister, Miss Harriet Chinn, has accepted a similar position at East Weir, N. H.

The Warrens are in for a win at the Townsend muster and every man is expected to show up for practice on Saturday and Monday evenings. Their win over the Union No. 2 is taken as an omen of a successful season.

J. J. Monticci, chief of police, left Monday on a vacation for a few days.

M. H. Sullivan and family have returned home from Green Harbor, where they spent the summer.

Thomas Tarbell of the Mutual life insurance company of New York city, came home for Labor day and played both games with the locals against Townsend.

Mrs. Lucy O'Brien and her two daughters, Nellie and Catherine, returned home from Oak Bluffs, where they spent the summer.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice, September 5: Miss G. Clark, Miss Alice McGowan, J. H. Muldoon, Miss Edna Madin, Lloyd Marshall, Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. D. Smith, Frank Tuttle, P. J. Tierney.

Teachers of Schools.

The schools open on Monday, September 12, with the following staff of teachers:

High school—Carl R. Bryant, principal; Miss Louise J. Hooper, first assistant; Miss Maude McManama, second assistant; Miss Minnie E. Palmer, secretary of commercial department; Miss Mary A. Wood and Miss Ethel H. Hinckley, eighth grade.

Brookline street school—Miss Clara M. Shattuck, principal; Miss Amy L. Aldrich, seventh grade; Miss Ellen E. Bennett, sixth grade; Miss Susie W. Dorr, fifth grade; Miss Sarah A. Hill, third and fourth grades; Miss Helen M. Pond, second and third grades; Miss Bessie Hadley, special instructor.

Groton street school—Miss Agnes Crotty, head teacher, fifth and sixth grades; Miss Marion Batchelder, fourth and fifth; Miss Gladys E. Mason, second and third; Miss Marion S. Blood, first.

Townsend street school—Miss Florence B. Soper, principal; Miss Lydia Sullivan, Pine Orchard school—Miss Lydia Sullivan.

South school—Mrs. Helen A. Hadley, Oak Hill school—Miss Edith Baker, Supervisor of music, Miss L. M. Maynard, drawing teacher, Miss Emma Haynes.

Alaska has the highest mountain under the American flag—McKinley, 29,300 feet.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

The funeral of Geo. A. Lancy, a former resident of this town, took place last Saturday afternoon, Rev. L. E. Perry of Ayer, conducting the services. Interment was in the family lot at Village cemetery. Four of his sons were the bearers, Fred C. of Leominster, Elmer E. of Lowell, Harry A. of Natick and Everett E. of New York. The floral tributes were choice and numerous. Eight children survive him, six of whom were present at the funeral; also, two grandchildren, one daughter-in-law and one granddaughter-in-law. His wife died eight years ago.

The band concert and entertainment given on Tuesday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church for the benefit of the Sunday school connected with the church, was well patronized considering the stormy night. The Boys' band, from the industrial school played well, keeping good time. The remainder of the program consisted of a piano solo by Miss Arline Wilbur, piano duet by the Misses Sarah Stevenson and Doris White, song by Miss Ruby Feich with piano accompaniment by Miss Annie Holbrook and a piano solo by Miss Gladys Phelps.

Lieut. Gov. Frothingham and staff paid a visit on Wednesday to the State industrial school for boys. The governor being unable to appear in Worcester, the Lieut. Governor expressed himself as pleased with the progress made by the school. The Boys' band of the school entertained the guests and light lunch was served.

Rev. J. W. Thomas of Ayer will preach at the Baptist church on Sunday, September 11, at 2.30 in the afternoon. Sunday school at 3.30.

Miss Emma Smith of South Boston visiting at the home of her aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Smith.

Mrs. James L. Holland is enjoying a two weeks' vacation in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eisner spent Wednesday at Worcester fair.

Miss Elsie Knowles is spending two weeks with friends in Clinton.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will preach at 10.45 at the Congregational church; also, again in the evening at seven. The usual C. E. meeting will be omitted.

Henry Fredericks, ten years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fredericks, was struck on the temple with a ball in the school yard Wednesday and rendered unconscious. The boys were playing ball at recess and the ball came direct from the bat of a playmate. While he is quite ill at present no serious consequences are anticipated by the attending physician, Dr. Lilly.

Charles R. White is confined to his home with rheumatism.

Double Wedding.

A double wedding took place in St. Anthony's church, Monday morning, Rev. J. H. Cote officiating. The church was filled with relatives and friends, large numbers being present from out-of-town.

The contracting parties were Eucariste Lozeau of Haverhill, who was united in marriage to Miss Alphina Heroux. The bride was attended by Miss Laudina Lozeau, sister of the groom and the best man was Emory Gallagher. They will reside in Haverhill upon their return.

The second couple consisted of Frank Gionet and Miss Mary Hachi. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lizzie Hachi, and Felix Gionet, brother of the groom, was the best man. Both couples left town on the six p. m. train for a three-weeks' wedding trip in St. Guillaume, P. Q.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team went to Winchester last Saturday afternoon, but owing to the rain no game was played. Labor day the nine played two games with the Keene team at Keene, N. H., and lost both games.

In the morning game the score was 3 to 2. In the afternoon the score was 5 to 3. The Shirley team did good work and lost the games through the errors of one of the best players.

In the morning game the Shirley team up to the eighth inning had the game well in hand, the score being at that time 2 to 0 in their favor.

The star game of the season will take place Saturday afternoon on the new field, between the well-known Tigers of Leominster and the Shirley nine. Both teams have strengthened their batteries, and the contest gives promise of being close and interesting.

This game is one of a series for a purse of one hundred dollars. A large number of tickets already have been sold and one of the largest crowds that ever was assembled on the Shirley ball grounds will be present to witness the game.

Alliance Meeting.

There was a good attendance at the meeting on Thursday of last week which was held with Dr. Ellen E. Schenck at the Grace E. Winslow farm. Owing to illness, Miss Hazel MacKaye was unable to be present and give her reading, but will probably do so at a late date. Miss Sara A. Dunn kindly supplied with an entertaining talk on "A trip through the British Isles," describing many of the chief places of interest in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. A fine collection of postcard views was on exhibition; also, specimens of Irish lace. The ladies expressed their appreciation of Miss Dunn's kindness in giving at short notice so interesting a talk.

The next meeting will be held on September 15, with Mrs. Ware at the former home of Miss Helen M. Winslow, where she wrote Spinster farm and other books. The topic for the afternoon will be religion intelligence which will be ably handled by Mrs. Bridgman, who has just returned from a trip abroad.

Center.

The Center schools opened last Tuesday with Miss Gibbs in charge of the grammar room and Miss Prescott as teacher of the primary room.

Robert H. J. Holden is attending high school at Fitchburg. This is his senior year.

Almond Wing and Miss Mary Adams spent Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Marion Holden started last Thursday to attend the State Normal school at Fitchburg.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon will preach at Trinity chapel, Sunday, September 11, at 3.15 p. m.

Rev. George W. Cooke will preach at the Unitarian church at 11.15 a. m. Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman and family arrived in town last week Thursday.

Mrs. J. W. Farrar is ill and under the care of her physician.

Ralph I. Evans has completed the cement work on his new cement silo. Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Longley spent Labor day with Mrs. Sarah Longley.

Miss Elizabeth Bryant and Miss Olive Jacques are visiting with Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman.

Baseball.

Last Monday afternoon a very interesting ball game was played in Longley's field between the married men and the boys. The men's side consisted of Edward Mellish, Fred Carlin, Henry Grout, Almond Wing, Edward Farnsworth, John Farrar, Welcome Longley, Howard Bridgman and Melvin Longley. The boys' side consisted of Stanley White, Lester Holden, Ralph and Thomas Evans, Stanwood Bolton, LeRoy Longley, Robert Holden, Forrest Wing and Arthur Holden. While the score was 16 to 2 in favor of the boys many good plays were made by the men's side and if the men could have had a few games practice they could have given the boys a hard rub. John W. Farrar made both runs for the men's side and several of the other men got as far as third base.

Owing to the bad weather last Tuesday night Lunenburg Grange failed to make its appearance at Shirley Grange as expected. An automobile load from Pepperell arrived and Shirley Grange turned out well, so a pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Supper was served in the lower hall after the entertainment. Mrs. Luther Holden and Miss Etta Holden were the supper committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Graves, Mrs. Aldie Adams, Miss Etta Holden and William Jubb attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meeting at Townsend Center on Wednesday, September 7.

HARVARD.

Tuesday, Rogers Morse went to New London, N. H., where he has entered Colby academy. His father went with him, to get him settled in his new school home, returning on Wednesday. Mr. Morse thought he had quite a unique experience on his return, he started from New London for a twelve-mile ride in an old-fashioned stage coach, nine passengers inside and several on top. At the end of the stage route he took steam train to Manchester, N. H., from there to Nashua in the electric, and when he arrived at Still River he rode from the station to his house in Mr. Haskell's automobile, so that he had from the oldest, or one of the oldest methods of carrying passengers up to the regular order of advancement, to one of the latest. Not often that one gets all four of these methods in one day's travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Atherton of Holyoke arrived at the Atherton homestead on Sunday evening and stayed until Wednesday morning when they went to Boston intending to take in a trip to Atlantic, to see the flying machines, before returning to their Holyoke home.

Miss Mary Moore of Bolton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. Hunter, this week.

Mrs. Herbert Whitney had friends from Worcester over Sunday and the holiday at her summer cottage.

Warren Harrod commenced his duties for another year as teacher in Worcester on Tuesday.

Miss Flora Murchie is teaching in Vermont.

On September 1, Mrs. George Cross and children left Still River, for her home in Concord, Vt., and after a visit there will go to Ohio, where Mr. Cross has a position. Their furniture went forward same day destined to their Ohio home.

Edna Robinson has been visiting friends in Leominster for a few days this week, and on Thursday, Eleanor Haskell and Adelaide Fairchild went to meet and come home with her.

Last Friday, Mrs. McMurray, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Fairchild, started for her home in Illinois, and in the same train with her went Miss Elizabeth Sprague, who has been spending her vacation in Still River, to her school duties in Wichita, Kan.

Mrs. Jennie Willard and daughter Ruth went to Attleboro, Wednesday, for a visit with friends.

Mrs. Charles Haskell met with a painful accident on Sunday. She was out for a walk and in getting over a stone wall she caught her foot in her skirt and fell, and badly sprained her ankle, in fact at writing, owing to the swelling, the doctor is not sure but that one of the small bones is broken.

Mrs. Annie Connohan and little daughter, who have been visiting with Alice Marshall, returned to their home in Somerville on Wednesday.

Mrs. Anna Flanders, Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mrs. E. D. Stone and Mrs. Adolza Turner went to Boston and Gloucester on Friday, for a pleasure trip.

Items of Interest.

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A man with a swollen finger that had a deep abrasion under the ring called at a jewelry store to get the ring cut off. Before the operation was begun he said:

"Can this ring be mended so a pawnbroker will give me the usual amount on it?"

"It can be mended," said the jeweler, "but I doubt if you can ever persuade a pawnbroker to accept it afterward."

"Then I guess I'll take chances on my finger getting well with the ring on," said the young man and left the store.

"Incidents like that," said the jeweler, "show what a surprisingly large number of Philadelphians live with the pawnshop looming up just ahead of them as an unavoidable evil. Of all the people who need their rings cut off two-thirds of them ask that very question, and a large percentage of them take chances on blood poisoning rather than destroy the ring's value as a pawnable asset."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Little Word "Yes."

"Yes" is a simple word spelled with three letters.

It has caused more happiness and more unhappiness than any other word in the language.

It has lost more money for easy lenders than all the holes in all the pockets in the world.

It has started more dipsomanias on their careers than all the strong liquor on earth.

It has caused more fights than all the "you're liars" that ever were spoken.

It has procured kisses and provoked blows.

It has defeated candidates and elected scoundrels.

It has been used in more lies than any other expression.

It is not meant half the time it is said.

Will it continue to make such a record?

Yes.—Life.

Wouldn't Deliver.

He was born in Dublin and lived in Ireland until about two months ago, when he came to Cleveland. Then he began to look around for a job. The manager of a furniture house promised to give him a trial.

"Come around in the morning and go to work," he said, "and if you can deliver the goods we'll probably keep you permanently."

The Dublin native went over to tell his cousin about it. He confided to him that he didn't believe he'd go back to take the job, after all.

"They want me to deliver the goods," he said. "Think of going around delivering big, heavy furniture. That's what horses and wagons are for in my country."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Harvard University.

Harvard university derives its name from Rev. John Harvard, its earliest benefactor, who in 1638 bequeathed one-half of his estate, amounting to £800, for the endowment of the college. Harvard hall was built in 1705, Holworthy hall of brick in 1812 and Hollis hall, also of brick, in 1764. Stoughton hall, being of the same dimensions and material as Hollis, was built in 1804, and a writer of 1817 states that "its appearance is somewhat in the modern style."

What He Admired.

"What did father say when you asked him for my hand?"

"Oh," replied Augustus, "he—be did his best to be pleasant. He said there was something about me that he really admired."

"Did he say what?"

"Yes; my impudence."

A Pointer to Others.

He—Going to marry the rich Jack Hammond? Why, I thought he had thrown all his money to the dogs. She—So he did, but they turned out to be retrievers.

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We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to the many friends of our dear mother, who assisted us and sent flowers at the time of her funeral.

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