

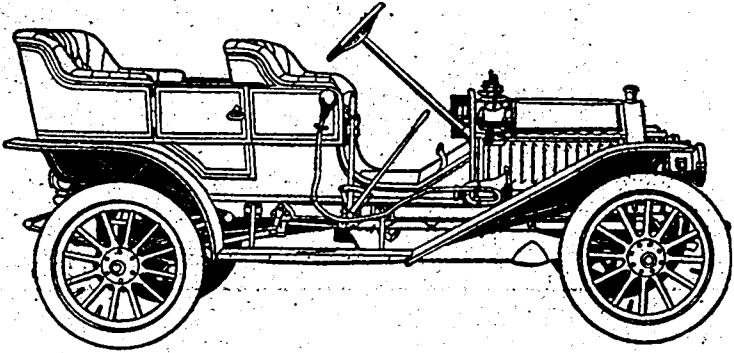
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Ayer, Mass., Saturday, October 1, 1910.

No. 3. Price Four Cents

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HAVERD.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bailey, with their daughter of Hudson, were guests with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shores on Sunday and Monday last. Mrs. Bailey was formerly Miss Julia Sawyer, at one time resident and school teacher here.

Leon Dadmun of West Somerville, who with his wife and daughters, the Misses Alice and Blanche Dadmun, have spent the summer at their new cottage on Lovers' Lane, closed the house this week and returned to their Somerville home. They expect, however, to spend an occasional Sunday this fall at "Somerville," which is the name of their cottage here.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Cottle have christened their summer home on Oak Hill, "The Crossways," a name very fitting to its pleasant location at the shady crossing of the Oak Hill and Slough roads.

H. A. Thayer of Newton has with his family moved into his new possession, the farm of the late Patrick Desmond. Mr. Thayer is a very pleasant man and it is with pleasure that we learn he is to be a permanent resident here.

Friends of Edith Hapgood will be pleased to learn that she has accepted a superior position in Boston. The firm in Worcester with whom she has been for several years sold out to a Boston firm and they offered Miss Hapgood a position with them at much better inducements.

The King's Daughters will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, October 6, at 2:30 p. m. Meeting to take place at the Memorial rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Atherton of Boston spent Wednesday of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Atherton.

Mrs. Allan Hazard, who has been for the past two weeks with her son and wife at Woodstock, Vt., taking a much-needed rest and vacation, returned home this week. Her son Alvah returned with her and stayed with his parents here. Although returning somewhat tired she has had a very pleasant outing, visiting and sight-seeing.

R. L. Fillebrown is putting in new furnaces for A. T. West and S. H. Houghton.

Thomas Lee suffered a slight shock on Friday of last week, which has left him in rather feeble health. Since the recent death of his wife, Mr. Lee has not been in his usual good health. His son, John Lee, who is a painter by trade, is now at home attending to the work about the farm.

George K. Clarke, who with his family have spent the summer at "Westward" cottage on Oak Hill, has returned to his winter home at Cambridge.

Miss Ellen C. Gamage has closed her house here and gone to Duxbury for the winter.

The Wednesday evening prayer meetings, discontinued through the summer have been resumed at the Congregational church. Last Sunday was rally Sunday for the Sunday school and quite a large number of children, who through the warm weather have been absent, responded to the general invitation sent out last week by the pastor.

Miss Katherine Mongovin, who is employed in the Nurses' hospital connected with the State Insane Asylum at Westboro, is visiting for a few days with her mother and family on Bare Hill.

Mrs. W. E. Craggs is at the Memorial hospital at Worcester, where she was taken last week Wednesday for treatment.

Miss Mary Johnson, employed with Mrs. G. C. Maynard at "The Elms," is taking a few days' rest visiting with her folks at Ayer. During her stay Miss Poltras is helping Mrs. Maynard about the house.

Gypsy and brown-tail moth notices are out. If you haven't received one it's an oversight.

Real estate owners may obtain a copy of the town valuation for 1910 by applying to Isaac P. Baker.

Ralph Whitney was taken ill Thursday night in Groton and Friday morning he was taken to the Groton hospital, where it was found he was suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

Caucus.

The republicans of the town of Harvard met at caucus on Wednesday evening, September 28. H. D. Stone called the meeting to order at 8:05 p. m., and was elected chairman of the meeting and Percy A. Atherton, secretary. The following delegates were elected: State, George T. Gale; congressional, Horace Hildreth; county and councillor, W. B. Willard; senatorial, W. A. Dill; representative, A. H. Turner, C. L. Russell; district attorney, F. W. Bateman. Town committee, H. D. Stone, P. A. Atherton, Horace Hildreth.

Motion to pledge the delegate to the congressional nomination was lost.

Still River.

Mrs. Haynes and Helen Stone attended the Worcester Musical festival, Friday afternoon, this week.

Michael Coffey is moving this week from the home that he recently sold to Miss Sears, at the foot of Prospect Hill. He moves into the house owned by his son, the Brackett place, where he will probably spend the winter, but he hopes to buy another home before then.

Chester Willard is digging a fine lot of potatoes from his intervale piece. He expects nearly a thousand bushels there.

Death.

Monday afternoon, Mrs. Emma M. Thornton, wife of Silas R. Thornton, living just over the line in Bolton, passed away. Her death was not unexpected, as she has been very sick for several months with carcinoma of the liver. She has been cared for by her husband and daughter, Miss Etta Thornton, who has been with her during her vacation from her school duties in Lynn, and did not return for this school year, but remained to care for her mother. Another daughter, Mrs. William E. Smith of Still River, has also done all she could for her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton bought this place a few years ago, coming from Lynn. The family have the sympathy of their many friends that they have made since coming here.

Mrs. Thornton was a home-loving lady, and did not mingle much in society, but she was a very genial person to meet and was a mother that will be greatly missed by her husband, daughters, and grandchildren. Mrs. Thornton was aged 51 yrs., 4 mos.

The funeral was from the house on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. L. H. Morse, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. On Thursday morning the body was taken to Lynn for burial.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society meets with Mrs. H. L. Packard on Fridays after school.

On Thursday, October 6, George W. Sanderson will be glad to greet any of his friends between two and five o'clock on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowmen of Wakefield were the guests last week of their cousin, Mrs. A. F. Hopkins.

Mrs. Lucy Fletcher Chandler of Worcester, has recently been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Folkins visited in Derry, N. H., over Sunday, the home of his sister, Mrs. Greenough.

Fall Suits and O'Coats

We are now ready to show you an unusually fine lot of Stylish Suits and Overcoats made for us by Schaffner & Marx for the coming season.

We're anxious to have you see the new patterns and Colorings. Some very smart Grays, Blues, Browns, Tans; exquisite Patterns and Stylish Models.

Suits, \$10.00 to \$24.00. O'Coats, \$10.00 to \$22.00

We also have a complete line of HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES and FURNISHINGS

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Geo. F. Brown
RELIABLE CLOTHIER AYER MASS.



New Fall Fashions

in
Young Men's and
Men's Clothes

The styles are remarkably attractive and will appeal to the good dressers of this vicinity. We're showing the smart new fall models for Young Men. The clothes we sell you are distinctly of the better sort—the very clothes you will like. We have the newest fabrics, the latest and best tailoring features, and we can assure you garments that are perfect fitting in every detail.

We can please the man who knows that quality is the true test of clothes value.

YOUNG MEN'S SUITS.

\$8.47, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00

MEN'S SUITS.

\$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00

THE RAINCOAT.

The Raincoat is as useful and so stylish a garment that it will be popular for years to come. A Raincoat or Light Weight Overcoat as you may prefer—its either or its both. Some styles have the Military Collar that button close about the neck and afford great protection.

Prices—\$10.00, \$13.47, \$15.00, \$18.00.

MEN'S COAT SWEATERS.

A big assortment of Sweaters for Men and Boys. Some splendid values for the price. We are offering some special bargains this season. Colors—White, Oxford, Crimson and Blue.

Mens—79c., \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00
Boys—79c., 98c., \$1.50, \$2.00.

FALL HATS AND CAPS.

The new Fall Hats are ready. We have the correct blocks in both the Stiff and Soft Hats. Our hats come from the best makers, including the well-known

LAMSON and HUBBARD

make of soft and stiff hats. Also all the new shapes and colorings in Fall Caps for Men and Boys.

Stiff Hats—\$1.98, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Soft Hats—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Men's Caps—25c., 50c., \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Boys' Caps—25c. and 50c.

SWEATERS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

We have a good line of Sweaters for Women, Misses and Children. They come in the new weaves and the new Coat Styles. Colors are White, Crimson, and Gray. Extra good values for the price.

Ladies' Coat Sweaters—\$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Misses' Coat Sweaters—\$1.50 and \$2.00.

Children's Coat Sweaters—50c., 98c. and \$1.50.

WANTED, CIDER APPLES

We shall be ready to receive Apples on Monday, Sept. 26, and would call your attention to the improvement recently made whereby 10 wagons can be unloaded at one time without delay.

The same liberal and courteous treatment, as heretofore, will be extended to all.

HAYNES-PIPER CO., Ayer, Mass.

R. P. LOUGEE, Supt.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Jennie B. Sargent, telegrapher operator, returned on Monday after a two weeks' vacation spent at Sabago Lake, Me., and at Niagara Falls.

D. G. Houghton and family and Mrs. Houghton's aunt, Mrs. Childs of Woburn, who is visiting here, took a fine auto ride to Barre, Friday.

Mrs. Oscar Farwell will sell at public auction on Monday, October 10, beginning at nine o'clock a. m., personal property as advertised on auction bills. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

The semi-annual meeting of the Middlesex North-West Temperance union will be held in the town hall, Littleton on Thursday, October 6, at ten a. m., devotional service, led by Rev. Harrison L. Packard; address of welcome, W. E. Conant, Littleton; address, "What can the average man do against the saloon?" Rev. Henry C. Speed, Clinton; 1:30 p. m., devotional service, led by Rev. E. C. Hayes, Acton; address, "The progress of the temperance movement," Arthur J. Davis, field secretary Massachusetts anti-saloon league.

Lyceum Course.

The following is a list of entertainments to be given in the Littleton lyceum, in town hall, the coming season:

October 11. The Hayden Concert company of Boston, Eleanor Soule Hayden, organ, chimes, mandolin, xylophone; Edith Gertrude Wales, accompanist; Edwin Byron Powell, violinist; Nina Bearse Wilbur, reader. The Hayden Concert company is recognized as one of the leading concert and lyceum attractions.

November 1. Dr. William Spurgeon of England, lecturer. Mr. Spurgeon is blessed with a magnificent voice, and has a flow of language both easy and impressive.

November 22. Gen. William A. Bancroft of Boston. Subject "Boston elevated."

December 13. Mrs. Minna Elliot Tenney Feck. Illustrated lecture on home life in Oberammergau and the Passion Play of 1910.

January 13. Ray Newton, the mystic entertainer. He is a master in the art of magic, character impersonator, and also performer on the Swiss hand bells.

January 24. Home talent.

Caucuses.

The democratic caucus was called to order on Tuesday evening by Chas. D. Smith. Charles F. Johnson was elected chairman and Chas. D. Smith, secretary.

The following delegates were chosen: state, G. W. Prouty; council, E. P. Sheehan; county, E. P. Sheehan; district attorney, Peter McNiff; congress, J. E. Smith; senator, Charles D. Smith; representative, J. J. Denehy. Town committee, J. E. Smith, J. J. Denehy, Charles D. Smith, G. W. Prouty, George Hutchinson, James W. Neagle, Charles F. Johnson.

The meeting adjourned with the firm determination to make a clean sweep in the coming election.

The republican caucus was called to order by C. A. Kimball who read the call and was elected chairman with J. W. Ireland as secretary. The following delegates were chosen:

State—Daniel H. Woodbury; Congressional—W. E. Conant; County and District Attorney—F. A. Patch.

Senatorial—C. A. Kimball, Councillor—Chester M. Hartwell, Representative—James W. Ireland, Harold W. Conant.

Town committee—C. A. Kimball, J. W. Ireland, W. E. Conant, F. A. Patch, J. A. Harwood.

This paper is the paper to insert your advertisements, for the reason that it cannot escape the eyes of the thousands who read this paper from week to week. No "bogus" circulation.

New Advertisements.

For Sale

We offer for sale one Four-tenement House, located within five minutes' walk of the R. R. Station. All in good repair and all four tenements rented.

This property has paid for itself since the present owner purchased it and will do the same for you.

Will rent so as to pay 11% on the money invested, which will net you more than double as much as you can get in the savings bank.

Anybody looking for a place where they can occupy one tenement and make the other three pay for the house or anybody looking for investments will do well to investigate.

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WESTFORD.

Centre.
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney are enjoying an autumn sojourn to the White Mountains.

Mrs. Alvin Fisher has recently returned from a visit with the Jack Fisher's at their home in Hartford, Conn. This opportunity of getting better acquainted with the three grandchildren in this pleasant home was especially enjoyed. At the close of the visit Miss Ruth Fisher and Miss Eva Fletcher went down to Hartford for the week-end and escorted Mrs. Fisher home.

Mrs. Helen Leighton and daughter Frances were over Sunday guests at Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher's.

Miss Mary Hager of Boxborough has been visiting Miss Alice Lambert.

Our popular motorman, John Sherlock and Mrs. Sherlock move the first of the month from Mr. Spalding's house into the house near the Common; recently vacated by the B. F. Day's.

Dr. and Mrs. Atwood, who have been spending the warm season north and part of the time with the Westford relatives, returned this week to their home in Daytona, Fla.

W. J. Merritt, who has been on the sick list and under the doctor's supervision this week, is better.

Westford friends of Miss Mary Olivia Patten were saddened this week to hear of her death at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. F. Conant in Littleton. Mrs. Patten's early home was in Westford and she always retained a warm love and interest in the place and for former contemporaries. A cellar hole is all that remains to show what was once the pleasant farm building of the Rufus Patten homestead, just off the Forge Village road on the westerly side of Westford hill.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin left this week to resume her studies at Miss Kimball's Home School for girls at Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howard have recently returned from a pleasant vacation at Salisbury beach, where they rented a cottage with mutual friends from Tynsgboro.

Frank C. Wright is detained at his home with malaria and Warren Carkin is driving the R. F. D. route No. 1 for him.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company was well represented at the firemen's convention in Lowell last week Friday afternoon. After the big banquet, a picture of the assembly was taken. This was remarkably clear and it is interesting to pick out our local members from the hundreds of faces. J. Herbert Fletcher has presented the company with one of the pictures nicely framed, to hang on the walls of the room at the fire house.

A real estate transfer of much interest is the sale of the Austin H. Foss place to Wm. L. Woods, who has been superintendent of the Brigham farm for a number of years, and will bring to the management of his new property the energy and practical experience necessary to make it succeed. Mr. and Mrs. Woods many friends are glad to have them remain in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Foss left Tuesday for South Lake Weir, Fla., where they have large orange groves and other fruit. The grape fruits are now demanding their owner's attention. Mr. and Mrs. Foss have many friends in this village and wish them much success in the change they have made, which is on account of Mr. Foss' health. The same day this transfer took place the papers were passed selling the Pearl Harmon place to Lowell parties. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon go to South Lake Weir with Mr. and Mrs. Foss.

Members of the Tadnuck club will bear in mind the first meeting of the season next Tuesday afternoon in Library hall at 2:30. Some one has asked "What kind of souvenirs should be used in answer to the roll-call?" The chairman of that meeting would suggest the usual, broad interpretation of the word souvenir, something in remembrance. It may be a keepsake, a relic of antiquity, a reminder of personal experience, a treasure obtained on some excursion, a bit of jewelry or historic ornament. Each member should add a few words of explanation.

Party.
Mrs. J. Willard Fletcher at her pleasant home in the Westford Depot district, entertained a group of friends Wednesday afternoon, the memory of which will linger long with those who were so delightfully entertained. Mrs. Fletcher understands well the happy art of combining the genial hostess and capable housewife, which so insures the enjoyment of guests.

Whist, music and merry sociability engrossed the first part of the afternoon, after which the company was bidden to supper served on the spacious screened-in porch. A delicious menu of clam chowder, steamed clams with regular accompaniments, salads, lima beans, rolls, coffee, melons, sherbet, cakes and bon-bon was fully discussed. After lingering to enjoy the beautiful autumn sunset over the Stony Brook valley the guests took their departure.

Mrs. Fletcher was assisted in entertaining and serving by Miss Gladys Fletcher and her neighbors, Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Bannister. Mrs. Jacob Murphy of Billerica was a special guest of the afternoon. Others present were Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Edward Fisher, Mrs. Feeney, Mrs. Hartford, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. J. H. Fletcher, Mrs. W. Lizzell Hamlin, Mrs. D. L. Greig, Mrs. Percy Wright, Miss Mary Moran and Miss Esther Fisher.

Agricultural Fair.

The annual agricultural fair held under the auspices of the Congregational church was fair in all the various phases that go to make up a successful result in an effort of this kind. It took place last week Friday afternoon and evening at the town hall and the beautiful fall day and moonlit evening was fully appreciated by the committee in charge as well as the generous patron and hearty spirit of cooperation among the workers. The hall presented a most attractive appearance with its prettily decorated tables for candy, aprons, fancy articles, food, samples and children's post-office. The stage-setting of autumn foliage and flowers was particularly well done. There were excellent specimens of fruit and vegetables from the Cold Spring farm. H. G. Osgood had a fine exhibit of eleven varieties of apples. Among novelties noticed were some handsome red currants; also, some skillful flowers carved from vegetables by a man employed at the Osgood farm. Among other exhibitors were noted the names of Boynton, Pyne, Jenkins, Sweetser, Decatur, Wheeler, Wallace, Hildreth, Taylor, Atwood and J. W. Fletcher. From six to eight an appetizing supper was served to a large number of people. The entertainment in the evening consisted of readings by Mrs. Belle Harrington Hall of Lowell, who has previously made such a good impression with Westford audiences. Through a misunderstanding the singer, who had been engaged, failed to appear, but Mrs. H. Hall supplied the deficiency to the satisfaction of all.

About one hundred and fifty dollars was realized from the enterprise.

Death.

Henry J. Bineault died at his home in this village, Friday night, September 23, after a three-weeks' struggle with typhoid pneumonia. Skilled help and the vigor of young manhood seemed powerless to control the ravages of the disease. This is the single case of typhoid in the village this autumn and it is not known how the disease was contracted.

Mr. Bineault is survived by a widow, Ruth Miller Bineault and an infant son, Everett Miller Bineault, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Bineault, who is past grilhood, the sincere sympathy of the community goes out to the dead man and leaves a father living in Lowell and brothers and sisters. Mr. Bineault had recently entered the employ of O. R. Spalding and started to establish a home for his family in the Timothy Fletcher house, owned by Mr. Spalding.

The deceased received the last rites of the Catholic faith previous to his death and the funeral was held from the Catholic church in Graniteville, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

About Town.

The second child of August Nelson, a boy eighteen years old, is still critically ill with typhoid fever, at his home at Mill's corner, one and one-half miles below Brookside corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Denton of Somerville have been partaking of all things rural—air, scenery, and friendships at the Landscape farm of Mr. Denton's sister, Mrs. Frank W. Bannister, corner of Lowell and Providence road.

The Sunday school of the Old First Parish church will organize for love and labor, Sunday, October 2, directly after the morning service. The choir of the church was favored again last Sunday with the deep and melodious, Albert E. Prescott as bass.

Another old familiar resident of Westford in former years has migrated into the yonder in the death of Miss Mary Patten, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Albert F. Conant of Littleton. She was born in Westford, August, 1839, and here she spent her early life. She was a constant and familiar figure at the Congregational church and strong in its support and influence. She was a unique link in the rural life of the well-known Patten place, the building of which was wrecked by fire several years ago. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Albert F. Conant and Mrs. Georgiana Stone of Illinois, and one brother, William O. Patten of Worcester.

The regular meeting of Westford grange will be held on Thursday evening, October 6, and the next meeting of the Middlesex-North Pomona, Friday, October 7, at Odd Fellows' hall, Lowell.

Political.

At the democratic caucus on Tuesday evening, Edward Fisher, chairman of the town committee, read the call. John M. Fletcher was chosen chairman of the meeting and W. H. H. Burbeck, secretary. Delegates to the several conventions were elected as follows: State, Edward Fisher; congressional, John M. Fletcher; senatorial, Albert R. Wall; county, Michael McGilchey; district attorney, John L. Flynn; councillor, George H. Burke; representative, Angus McDonald, Robert J. McCarthy.

The republican representative convention for the eleventh Middlesex district, including the towns of Ayer, Acton, Chelmsford, Carlisle, Littleton and Westford, will be held at the town hall, Ayer, Saturday, October 8, at two p. m.

At the republican caucus held on Wednesday evening, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, chairman of the town committee, read the call, as a member of the Governor's council and candidate for reelection. He was legally disqualified from presiding and George H. Hartford was chosen. Charles L. Hildreth was elected secretary, and the following delegates were elected without opposition to the several conventions: State, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, William R. Taylor; congressional, George T. Day, George H. Hartford; senatorial, Alfred W. Hartford, Wesley O. Hawkes; councillor, Sherman H. Fletcher, Fred A. Sweatt; county, J. Arthur E. Wilson, Edward Hanley; representative, Harry L. Nesmith, Alvin Nelson, Thomas Diano, Samuel L. Taylor; town committee, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, Alfred W. Hartford, Julian A. Cameron, Charles M. Trull, Walter Whitden, J. Arthur E. Wilson, Harry L. Nesmith, Andrew Johnson, Alvin Nelson, Edward Hanley, Fred A. Sweatt, Thomas Diano, Wesley O.

Hawkes, Edward M. Abbot, Samuel L. Taylor.

Grange.

Westford grange bunched into barges, double teams, single teams, electric cars and steam cars and bounced to Chelmsford last week Thursday evening, for their neighbors' night invitation from Chelmsford grange. Sixty-five went this way and so far as heard from, no one went any other way. It was a jolly good time party, all the way there and return from there. The stay there was a lone feast of laughter, while sixteen gentlemen of Westford grange impersonated the ladies' degree team, in the farce, "The third degree," with masks, skirts, boucnes, shirt-waists and ribbons. They marched and counter-marched. If it was not up to real prize winning military style, it was up to a continuous roaring of laughter. The grange orchestra added to the elasticity of the swing of affairs by their timely chiming music under the direction of Arthur J. Blodgett. Joseph Wall was grand bandstand director and military order general and led the first platoon. The second platoon was manned by the tall, graceful, nine-step negro woman, Andrew Johnson, in the ranks as over-seer was J. Willard Fletcher, chaplain, Horace E. Gould; treasurer, J. Everett Woods; lecturer, Alonzo H. Sutherland; steward, William R. Taylor; gate keeper, Fred Clement; Flora, Fred Blodgett; Ceres, Charles Blodgett; Pomona, David L. Greig. As candidates for progressive marching orders, Lewis Jenkins and John Feeney, Jr., kept up with the turn about march, and the humorous, unprogressive and contradictory advice. The grand final laughing spat was the capers of the negro elephant, Andrew Johnson, with two candidates astride, and Joe Wall, with "The big stick," as elephant tamer. Supper between acts.

Forge Village.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McNiff was christened Hannah, Sunday morning at St. Catherine's church, Graniteville, by Rev. Fr. Dougherty. The sponsors were Michael Walsh of Lowell, and Mrs. Joseph Binns of South Barre. Mr. and Mrs. McNiff, who lately came from Keighley, Eng., followed the custom of the land of their birth by entertaining a number of their friends at tea Sunday evening in honor of the event. Among those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. T. Corcoran, John J. Lynch, Thomas Lynch, Miss Sadie Lynch, Miss Theresa Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Mannus and Michael Welsh, all of Lowell; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Binns of South Barre, Miss A. Emmett and Miss R. Emmett of Lawrence and many of their neighbors, who enjoyed a delicious and dainty tea.

Miss Elizabeth Dufort and Mr. Lapointe of Leominster visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly at their home on Lakeside avenue.

Alvin S. Bennett has returned from Worcester, where he went last week to take up the affairs of the Bay State Stamping Co., during the absence of his brother, John Bennett, manager of the concern. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett attended the reunion of the G. A. R. at Atlantic City.

Miss Grace Lawrence and Miss Elizabeth Plummer are enjoying the beautiful days of early autumn at the White Mountains, where the scenery is now at its best. They are at present located at Bethlehem, N. H.

Miss Priscilla Bennett returned with her sister, Mrs. August Meyer, to Boston, Saturday, where she will spend several weeks.

A son weighing nine pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Hosmer, Friday, September 23, at their home on Pleasant street.

Mrs. George L. Sanborn and Miss Eva Mae Lord have returned from a very enjoyable visit to Boston.

Alvin S. Bennett spent Tuesday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Smith at their home in Tynsgboro.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett were guests on Saturday of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, their former pastor at his summer home at Legate Hill, Pratt's Junction. Mr. Fisher left for Sioux Falls, N. D., where he will take up missionary work on October 1. He was accompanied on his long journey across the country by Rev. Mr. Williams, a personal friend of many years, who goes to take charge of a parish about sixty miles from where Rev. Mr. Fisher will locate.

The Ladies' Sewing circle held their first meeting of the year last Thursday afternoon at Recreation hall. The sewing hours were concluded with a dainty lunch and social hour. Mrs. Richard D. Prescott was retained as treasurer and Mrs. Henry Catchpole as secretary, the remaining members are Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Mrs. Nelson Prescott, Mrs. David Lord, Mrs. George L. Sanborn, Mrs. William H. Fernald. They will continue to meet at the hall until further notice.

Wilbert E. Parsons left for Vancouver, Wash., last Thursday, after disposing of his real and personal estate. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons will reside for the future in the west. Mrs. Parsons, who was a local correspondent for the Westford Wardsman, is now correspondent for the Vancouver Columbian, a newspaper printed in Vancouver, Clarke County, Wash.

Services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at St. Andrew's mission by E. H. Hillard of Groton School, who opened the Sunday school for the fall term.

Miss Ruth Lewis of Leominster and her brother, R. Lewis of Ayer, were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sweatt.

Graniteville.

Mrs. W. C. Wright has returned from an enjoyable vacation spent in Provincetown.

Mrs. J. A. Healey and Miss Fanny McCarty were guests at the firemen's convention held in Lowell last week. They were entertained by the firemen's wives and daughters of Lowell and report an enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. Frost also attended.

The funeral of Henry Beneault took place Wednesday morning at eight o'clock from his home in Westford. A nine o'clock funeral mass was celebrated at St. Catherine's church by Rev. Fr. Doherty. The choir sang

the Gregorian mass. A solo was rendered by Miss Mary Hanley. The flowers were numerous and beautiful and testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The bearers were Michael and Thomas Rafferty, Thomas Healey and Florence Sullivan. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

Mrs. Loveland and daughter Fay, from Somerville are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dudoir.

J. J. Downing has returned to Albany, N. Y., after a few days spent with his wife and daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Moran, and Miss Lillie Moran has returned after an extended visit with friends at Beachmont.

Mrs. D. W. Harrington has returned after spending a delightful visit with relatives in Worcester.

The Graniteville Athletic club has certainly got busy and their football club is sure to be a success. The boys have already got in some good practice work and will be in fine trim for their game with Forge Village which will be played on the home grounds here on Saturday, October 1. A return game will be played in Forge Village one week later. Great interest is being taken in the coming games and the loyal "rooters" from both clubs will be found on the side lines.

Accident.

Thomas Rafferty, the well-known stone contractor, met with a serious accident while at work on his quarry in West Graniteville last Saturday morning. In blasting out a piece of stone, while working with his son Michael, quite a quantity of dynamite was used and both men got away what was considered a safe distance before the explosion. Thomas Rafferty was the farthest from the blast, a small-sized, jagged piece of rock hit him in its descent back to the earth, ripping an ugly hole in his left side and splintering the hip bone. He was brought to his home in the village and Dr. W. H. Sherman summoned and later Dr. O. V. Wells of Westford was called. It was found necessary to take eighteen stitches to close the wound and the patient is now resting as well as can be expected.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Miss Hazel Harrington entertained her parents from Orange, at Harry Whitcomb's over Sunday.

Claude Morse is at home for a month's vacation, at John J. Morse's. Elery Kilbourne has gone back to the University of Vermont, to enter upon his senior year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Coens and family who have been in N. J. McGuire's for some weeks, have returned to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

A fair day greeted the little ones in their rally Sunday work at the Congregational church last Sunday, and the exercises and address by Rev. E. C. Porter of Dorchester were much appreciated. The work of the Sunday school showed the labor which the superintendent and teachers have put into it.

The grange held their regular meeting Monday night, with current events; readings by Mrs. F. B. Higgins, Mrs. F. S. Spring and music, for the evening's entertainment.

The congregational pulpit will be occupied Sunday, October 2, by Rev. Alfred L. Struthers of Alfred, Maine.

Postmaster and Mrs. H. B. Hildreth enjoyed a trip to Waltham last week Saturday, to be the birthday of Miss Lillian Hildreth. They helped her celebrate it in a fitting manner with a theatre party on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Eliza Sanderson of Ayer and Mrs. Frank Pinyerg of Littleton were week-end guests at W. L. Bruce's.

Mrs. Jennie Ellenwood of Barry, Vt., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Al Richards, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Christy Gates and little sons of Waltham are at George Gates' for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity are enjoying a vacation at Bethlehem, N. H. Mrs. H. Warren Seaver visited at Somerville this week, returning on Tuesday.

Several from here attended the Worcester-Middlesex Pomona grange meeting at Ashby on Wednesday.

At the democratic caucus held at Memorial hall on Tuesday evening, the officers and delegates chosen were as follows: George H. Tenney, chairman; Stephen D. Coffey, secretary; John M. Coffey, treasurer; state, Stephen Coffey; congressional, George H. Tenney; senatorial, W. T. O'Brien; representative, Alexander Reed; town committee, John M. Campbell, R. McElligott, H. B. Boynton, J. F. Thompson, Alexander Reed, G. H. Tenney, Samuel Gillis, J. O'Brien, John M. Coffey, S. D. Coffey, H. L. Stickney, Will T. O'Brien, Daniel Coffey, J. E. O'Brien.

Baseball.

Townsend was defeated on the home grounds by Shirley last Saturday by a score of 14 to 1. This was the last game of the season and although the boys would have liked to have evened up the games with this team, the heavy hitting by the visitors and the loose playing of their own team gave them a slim chance from the first. Both Spaulding and Knight were tried out in the box, but it was a day of easy hitting for the Shirley's. To add to the excitement, in the last time at bat, Robert Teehan was hit by a pitched ball and knocked senseless for some few minutes, after which he was assisted to the bench and soon escorted home by several of his fellow players. He is able to be out and feels no very severe results from the blow.

Decided.

Judge Ruggs of the supreme court has decided for the plaintiff in the suit of A. W. Burnbank, C. F. Edgarton, against William A. Russell of Townsend and Frank P. Brooks of New York, seeking to set aside an assignment by Russell of all his property to Brooks, as they claimed, for the purpose of avoiding his share of liability on notes amounting to \$50,000.

They claimed that Russell, who was to pay one-fifth, had paid only \$1,000, and sought contributions from him out of the property which he was alleged to have wrongfully assigned.

West.

Ford Reed and family have returned to the E. W. Seaver cottage, after spending the summer at their farm in New Ipswich, N. H.

G. E. Walker and family have moved into the new house on the Ashby road, owned by C. H. Stickney, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Donley from Rindge, N. H., have moved into the tenement vacated by the Walkers, Mr. Donley being employed as clerk in I. P. Sherwin's store.

George McElligott of Boston is spending a few days at the home of his mother, Mrs. Louise McElligott, before returning to his duties at the Boston Art school.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis and Mr. Davis' mother have returned from the camp at Stoddard Lake, N. H., where they spent the summer and opened their home on Main street, the elder Mrs. Davis being in very poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney are enjoying a brief vacation spent in New York and vicinity.

Frank Kelley and family have moved from the Upton house in Josselynville into the cottage in the yard of the Belgrade Rug factory, which was occupied this summer by Mr. Ormsby and family.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit next Sunday morning and evening. He is at present resuming his studies at the Newton Theological seminary, spending the first part of the week in the city.

Miss Annie Veno is assisting in the work at C. R. Morgan's and Miss Ina Sargent, who was formerly employed there, is working in East Templeton.

Harvey Hodgman accompanied Mrs. Herman Stickney and children to Lewiston, Me., where they are at present visiting.

The program committee of the Ladies' Reading club met at the home of Miss Alice Seaver last Tuesday evening and prepared a program of the year's work on the topic of "Our country," the first meeting being on the physical features of the country to be conducted by Miss Alice Seaver and held at the home of Mrs. E. J. Lees, next Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

Charles Reed of Palmer, a former resident, is visiting his uncle, Alexander Reed.

Owen Waite of South Boston was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilder of Josselynville over Sunday.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Junior King's Daughters held a food sale at the Centre store last Saturday which netted them four dollars. This they placed with previous earned sums which they will contribute to the floating hospital.

Miss Julia Sprague and teacher friend from Lowell spent Saturday and Sunday at the Heyward Hartford camp.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy entertained at their Sunday guests, Mrs. Hardy's father from Greenfield, and Judge Hardy of Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hall went on Wednesday to New York city where they expect to remain for one week.

The Guild will be led by Rev. O. J. Fairfield on Sunday evening, October 2, and his subject will be "Confidence committee."

The first meeting of the Alliance this season will be held with Mrs. Mary J. Priest, Friday afternoon, October 7, and will consist of an experience meeting. Mrs. William C. Hill will give vacation notes from Chautauqua.

The Outlook club of the Congregational church will hold its first meeting at the vestry, October 6, when Miss Anna Taft will give an address.

Benjamin Conant, Jonathan and Herbert Harwood went to Cambridge this week to continue their studies at Harvard college.

Roland Fletcher is at Hyde Park, where he has begun work as draftsman.

Ralph Conant is now working in the middle west with headquarters still at Chicago.

Ralph Hill arrived in town Saturday, and has this week entered the Y. M. C. A. school in Boston, taking up studies in practical electrical work.

J. H. Whitcomb, Jr., has gone to his cottage in South Wellfleet for six weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barker plan with his brother to spend the winter in the south.

J. H. D. Whitcomb has been chosen one of the cattle judges at Brockton fair.

Miss Jennie B. Sawyer, telegraph operator, returned to her duties in the ticket office on Monday morning, after a vacation of two weeks spent at Sabago Lake, Maine, and Niagara Falls.

The Littleton grange furnished the entertainment at the grange meeting in Acton Centre last Tuesday night. The Wachusett Baptist association will meet with the Littleton church on Tuesday, October 4.

Malcom Priest went back Monday to M. I. T., Boston, to take up junior year studies.

Superintendent Hill's goods arrived by auto truck Saturday morning from Norwood, Mass. Mr. Hill's family came the following Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Blood and son Donald of Yonkers, N. Y., were Sunday guests of her uncle, Austin T. Kimball.

W. L. Mitchell is greatly improving convenience and appearance of his house on King street by the addition of a second story to the ell.

Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Pratt of Kings-ton, former parishioners of Rev. H. L. Packard, and Mrs. Packard's father have been recent guests at the Congregational parsonage.

Miss Mary Patten is critically ill at her home at A. F. Conant's.

J. H. Kimball is taking a vacation, which he is spending at home.

Miss Mabel Sargent, West grammar teacher, spent Saturday and Sunday with her people in Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thacher went last week Thursday on a White Mountain excursion, returning the first of this week.

Miss Mildred Flagg has passed her examinations for Pembroke college, Providence, R. I., and entered that institution.

Rev. H. B. Drew lectured at South Acton and Chelsea this week and has similar engagements at Shirley and Ayer for next week.

The chowder supper given by Rev. H. B. Drew's class at the Baptist vestry on Monday evening was pronounced a great success. The boys, about eleven years of age, took much pride in making preparations and serving the supper, and those who patronized them speak words of highest praise for actual achievements. The sum netted was thirteen dollars.

The Stratton estate is reported as sold although no papers have been passed and no payment has been made.

The King's Daughters' meeting, usually held the first Tuesday in each month, has been postponed one week on account of the convention at the Baptist church. The King's Daughters' circle will meet Tuesday afternoon, October 11, with Mrs. Annie C. Smith.

Rev. Roy B. Guild, field secretary of the Church building society, will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The winning of the west," in the auditorium of the Orthodox Congregational church on Sunday evening, October 2, at seven o'clock.

There will be an important business meeting of the Back-log club, Thursday evening, October 6, at eight o'clock in the Unitarian vestry.

The street lamps were lighted for the first time on Tuesday night.

Frank McKinley is at home on a vacation. He recently caught thirty-eight pickerel within a comparatively few hours, one of which weighed three pounds.

The F. C. Weld estate so thoroughly advertised, attracted a mere handful of people at the auction sale on Tuesday afternoon. Auctioneer J. E. Conant of Lowell read the conditions and offered the property for sale at the appointed hour, and it was sold for \$225 to E. H. Bliss, real estate agent of Ayer.

Charles L. Smith and George W. Canney have been drawn jurors to the Lowell court.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant of Concord are spending a week at his father's.

Richard Conant has entered upon the senior year at Lowell Textile school.

Mrs. Perley D. Smith began her services as the regular organist at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh, formerly of Littleton, now of Pueblo, Colorado, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant, who gave in their honor on Monday evening an informal reception to a few of their Littleton friends. Mr. and Mrs. Marsh came east at this particular time to place their second son, George, in Worcester academy, preparatory for the polytechnic institute. They have been visiting Mr. Marsh's former home in Holden, where Frank Marsh, another of our former townsmen, is at present located.

Self-centered or Christ-centered is the C. E. subject for tomorrow evening. Leader at the Congregational church, Roland Whittier.

Miss Helen McCoy has a slight case of scarlet fever.

Mrs. Elmar A. Flagg, accompanied her daughter Mildred to Pembroke college, Providence, and remained in the city visiting at Rev. H. B. Drew's home for several days, returning to Littleton on Saturday.

The public will be cordially welcome at the convention in the Baptist church on Tuesday, October 4. The program is very promising. Among the speakers are Mr. Bucher of Woonsocket, R. I., in the forenoon and Prof. Rowe of Newton Theological seminary and Rev. Speed of Clinton in the afternoon.

Death.

Miss Mary Patten entered into rest Monday morning after an illness of ten days. She contracted a severe cold two weeks ago and suffered also from indigestion, but the immediate cause of death was heart trouble to which she had been subject for several years.

Miss Patten was born in Westford, seventy-one years ago and always lived there until the year of 1889, when she and her step-mother came to Littleton and throughout the remainder of their lives lived with Miss Patten's sister, Mrs. A. F. Conant. Here they enjoyed all the comforts that affection could provide, and gave in return a most sincere devotion to the Conant family.

Miss Patten was industrious, and faithfully served as her capacity allowed the interests of home and church. In character she was a consistent christian, tender-hearted and sympathetic, living a blameless, perfect life. Besides her sister in Littleton, Miss Patten leaves a sister, Mrs. Stone of Illinois, and one brother, William L. Patten of Worcester.

The funeral services were held at her late home on King street, Thursday afternoon, and the burial was in the family tomb at Westford.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Much interest was taken in the sermon last Sunday morning delivered by Rev. A. A. Bronsdon at the Congregational church, which was one of special importance to the large number of boys of the industrial school who were present to hear the address.

At the regular meeting of the C. E. S. of the Congregational church, held the first of last week, Mrs. Harry Collyer was elected a delegate to the State C. E. convention at Springfield, which commences Tuesday and closes on Thursday. Mrs. Collyer, in company with Miss Mrs. Holbrook, started on Tuesday morning for the convention. They will arrive home the latter part of the week.

Mr. Pierce, a mason employed in the remodeling of the dormitory at the industrial school, fell two stories last week, the staging on which he was working giving away. Luckily he escaped with only a sprained ankle and a number of contusions. He is being attended to by Dr. Lilly, the school physician, who predicts his early recovery.

Mrs. Trueman Nickerson, who has been confined at home with chronic Bright's disease, remains about the same.

Henry W. Brockelman has left town to join his wife at Jefferson, N. H., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Allen of Boston, with young son Lester, have been spending a vacation with his brother, Elmer H. Allen. Mrs. Allen and son returned home Sunday. Mr. Allen remained longer.

Burley Hocquard of Canada is spending a vacation in town with his brothers, Philip, Harry and George.

Mrs. Charles W. Wolff is confined to her home with sciatic rheumatism.

Rev. Fr. Bridges of Boston addressed the boys at the industrial school, last Sunday afternoon, on the subject, "Good companionship." This was followed with an address by Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, the school physician, on the subject of "Infection."

At the session of the Sunday school at the Congregational church last Sunday, Walter Knowles was chosen by a unanimous vote as the delegate to the annual State convention of the Massachusetts Sunday school association at North Adams, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

Dr. and Mrs. Percy Miller, nee Watson, of Harwich, are rejoicing over a son born first of the week.

Samuel James, about seventy years of age, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Victor O'Brien, was suddenly stricken with apoplexy on Monday, September 26, while engaged in carpenter work at the home of Rev. Howard A. Bridgman. He was taken to his home by Melvin W. Longley, and Dr. Pierce was called in and upon examination found the shock had affected his entire left side. His son, Harding M. James and family, left town last Sunday to visit a sister in Wilmington, having sold his farm here.

The ladies' circle of the Congregational church will hold a supper and entertainment in the church vestry on Tuesday evening, October 4. Supper will be served at seven o'clock, followed by a lecture by Rev. Harold B. Drew of Littleton, subject "White-washing the leopard, or a trip to Virginia." Mr. Drew is a forcible and entertaining speaker and his address will be one of merit and profit. All are invited to attend.

The members of the Societe L'Assomption are earnestly requested to be present at their regular meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 2, at four o'clock to make arrangements to assist at the Columbus day celebration which takes place in Lawrence, October 12.

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon is taking the school census.

Miah Flynn has been drawn on the jury and will report at the superior court at Cambridge on Monday, October 3.

Forrest Hooper and Burt Gately started on Wednesday morning for a trip to New York. They will return home next Sunday.

Mrs. Martha J. Lyon of Ayer, a past noble grand of Vesta Rebekah lodge of Ayer, has been appointed deputy of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge of Shirley.

Eugene Griffin of California, a former resident, is spending a vacation in town.

Services will be resumed in the Universalist church next Sunday morning, when the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, will occupy the pulpit, Sunday school following the service with young people's meeting at seven p. m.

The Odd Fellows will stage a drama in the near future.

Emil Carter, teamster for the Samson Cordage works for the past five years, has gone to Cleveland, Ohio, where he has secured a position in a machine shop.

The Altrurian club will hold the first meeting of the year on Thursday, October 6, at three p. m., at the Congregational vestry. It will be presidents' day and all officers of the neighboring clubs have been invited. A very social reunion is expected.

Death.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Rutter Cram, wife of William H. Cram, was held at two p. m., on Monday, at her home on Center road and a large number of relatives and friends attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Allen A. Bronsdon, pastor of the Congregational church, of which the deceased was a member, uniting with it in 1895. A quartet, composed of Mrs. Harry Collyer, Mrs. Nellie Holbrook, Edward E. Colburn and J. Albert Deardon, sang, "After" and "The beautiful isle of somewhere." The pall bearers were Grand Army comrades of Mr. Cram and they were Oliver W. Balcom, Walter E. Mellish, Herbert B. Richardson and George F. Lewis. The burial took place in the family lot in the village cemetery, the committal service being read by her pastor.

Among those attending from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Todd of Rowley, George Willey of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Cram of Whitensville, Hiram Cram and Mrs. Ida

Cram of Peterborough, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. B. Cram of Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Cram of West Acton, Miss Bertha Cram of Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rockwood of Lunenburg, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Rockwood of Groton.

Mary (Rutter) Cram was a native of Pictou, N. S. Her age was 82 yrs. and 6 mos., and she was married to William H. Cram, January 3, 1876. She had been in failing health for some time past, receiving the best of care by her husband and Miss Fannie Blood of Groton. Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Frank P. Todd of Rowley; a sister, Mrs. John Paulin of Pictou, N. S.; a brother, William Rutter of Spring Hill, Kansas; a stepson, Clarence D. Cram of West Acton.

Mrs. Cram was a lady of the good, old Puritan type, fond of her home and always commanded the respect of neighbors and friends.

The flowers were beautiful and following is a list of those sent:

A pillow and wreath from husband, W. H. Cram; wreath of roses and lilies, Mr. and Mrs. Todd; spray of roses, Mr. Willey; wreath of roses and asters, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cram; wreath of roses and asters, Moses and Augustus Cram; spray of pinks, Hiram Cram; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Cram; spray of asters, Ida Cram; spray of flowers, Mrs. C. K. Bolton; spray of gladioli, Congregational Ladies' circle; spray of asters, Mrs. Provost; spray of flowers, Mrs. Charles Marshall; bouquet of flowers, Miss Clemmer Blood; spray of asters, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Lawrence; spray of dahlias, Miss Mary Park; spray of zinnias, Edward Colburn; bouquet of flowers, Mrs. Ann Lawrence; spray of asters, Mrs. Homer Holden.

Baseball.

The Shirley baseball team went to Townsend last Saturday afternoon to play a return match with the Townsend team and won the game with apparent ease, the score being 14 to 1.

The feature of the game worthy of mention was the batting of the entire Shirley team and the excellent fielding of Tudsbury who took sixteen chances without an error. Only a few of the Townsend team were able to reach first base.

The shrubbery and low line trees that bothered the Townsend players when they were on the Shirley diamond seemed to be imaginary and it can be well said that the members of the Shirley team were in no ways hampered by the low growth and densely wooded outfield of the Townsend diamond.

The Pepperell team was scheduled to play the Townsends, October 6, but when they heard of the game of last Saturday and of the beating that Townsend received from the Shirleys, Pepperell cancelled the game and then made arrangements with Fred D. Weeks, manager, to play the Shirley team at Shirley on Saturday, the same day.

Workmen Have Outing.

Members of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., and their families held an outing at C. R. White's cottage at Fort pond last Saturday with basket dinner and clam chowder and lunch served in the cottage under the direction of an able committee.

D. Chester Parsons acted as toast-master and at the close of the dinner hour brief addresses were made by William J. Harrigan, P. G. M. N., and Charles C. Fearing, G. R. John M. Stevenson, P. M. W., had charge of the sports and prizes were awarded to the winners of each contest. Edward Lilly was the winner of 75-yd. run for boys under twelve years, and Thomas Burrill was the winner of 75-yd. run for boys under fifteen years. Miss Gertrude Provost was the victor in the 75-yd. run for girls under eighteen years. Harry Annis was the winner in the contest for boys ten years and under, and Miss Doris White was the winner in the 100-yd. contest for girls ten years and under. Lester Allen was the winner in the doughnut eating contest for boys of all ages.

The principal sport of the afternoon was the quilt pitching contest with William J. Harrigan and Michael Cotter on one side, and Charles C. Fearing and Joseph Hume on the other. The contest was won by the latter, who scored twenty-one points against nine.

About one hundred were present, including women and children, who were all photographed at the close of the day's festivities. The master workman of the lodge, John H. Logue, was unavoidably absent. Stanley White, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. White, was present at the gathering during the day and did everything possible to entertain all who attended.

Caucus.

The republican caucus was held in Engine hall, Wednesday evening, Charles K. Bolton was chosen moderator and Frank H. Wheeler, secretary. The tellers were James L. Holland, Ezekiel Wilson and Joseph H. McClellan. J. Edwin Pomfret, favorable to Harry L. Pierce of Leominster, was elected as delegate to the congressional convention. On motion of Herman S. Hazen it was voted, that the republican town committee be instructed to place upon the ballots prepared by them for republican caucuses the name of any republican voter who presents a petition specifying the office to be voted for, signed by ten republican voters, eight days before the time for holding the caucus. Herman S. Hazen, J. Edwin Pomfret, Frederick W. Holden, Frank H. Wheeler and J. Fred Brown were reelected to the republican town committee.

The vote in detail was as follows: State—Edwin H. Conant, 26; Frank H. Wheeler, 61. Congressional—Walter Knowles, favorable to William H. Wilder, 40; J. Edwin Pomfret, favorable to Harry L. Pierce, 65. County—George O. Evans, 57; John E. L. Hazen, 36. County—Henry W. Brockelman, 47; D. Chester Parsons, 66. Senatorial—Sullivan W. Longley, 30; District Attorney—Elmer H. Allen, 40; Representative—John W. Farrar, 23; Herman S. Hazen, 76; Herbert O. Pease, 36; Charles H. Weare, Jr., 65. Town committee—Henry W. Lockrow, 26; J. E. Brown, 39; J. G. Conant, 27; G. E. Harlow, 30; H. S. Hazen, 67; F. W. Holden, 54; M. W. Longley, 22; E. Pomfret, 65; F. H. Wheeler, 41; W. H. Wilbur, 28; Dr. Lilly, 27.

Church Services.

The devotion of the rosary for the month of October in St. Anthony's church will open on Saturday morning at the seven o'clock mass.

Rev. D. E. Lockrow of Melrose, will



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Centre.

Luther Holden is shingling his house.

Henry Ware and family and Charles Bolton and family returned this week to Brookline for the winter.

Mr. James was taken seriously ill while at work on the repairs on Rev. H. A. Bridgman's house last week.

Miss Myrna Carter has returned from Auburn, Me., where she has been spending her vacation.

Rev. H. A. Bridgman is making quite extensive repairs on his house. He is putting in a bathroom and finishing off two rooms in the third story; he is also digging a bulkhead into his cellar.

Ernest Bohannon has moved into the house where Homer P. Holden formerly resided.

The Girls' Sewing guild will meet with Miss Edith Longley on Saturday, October 1.

Communion services will be held in Trinity chapel, Sunday, October 2, at 10:30 a. m.

Grange Entertainment.

The entertainment given by Shirley grange, Friday, September 23, was well attended and was one of the best ever given by the grange. The program consisted of piano solos by Hazel Cummings and Laura Chevrete; a short farce, "A precious pickle," given by Mrs. A. R. Cummings, Mrs. N. R. Graves, Margaret and Mildred Evans, Gilbert Evans, Ora Holden and Emma Hubbard; a dialogue by Mrs. C. J. Stevens and Mrs. Minnie Hodgman, which was full of local hits and a dialogue by Miss Pansy Howe and Miss Bertha Farnsworth, both of Pepperell, entitled, "Interviewing a farmer."

After the entertainment the floor was cleared and a dance was held, Robert Holden's graphophone furnishing the music. Ice cream and cake were served.

LITTLETON.

OCTOBER.

The silver harvest moon sinks in the west
The while the sun lights up the eastern skies
And with his cheerful presence greets the world,
Bidding the drowsy slumbers arise:
The purple mist steals upward from the meadows,
Where berry maples glow,
Fair zephyrs blow so blue amid the stubble,
And chuck-a-dees pour forth an autumn song.
Quick the year speeds onward to its close—
No time is given to waste in dull repose.

The promises of blossom time are now fulfilled
With luscious fruit our labors to reward;
While barns and granaries are amply filled
"Nature's wee pensioners" select their board:
Revealing unto us the Father's care,
Who gives each tiny beast its rightful share.
Crisp tread the withered leaves beneath our feet—
Tossed by the breeze they revel to and fro;
Soon sinks the glorious sun beyond the hills
And in the darkened heavens the night-lamp glows,
Hastily the autumn hours pass quick along
And speed the harvest-time with grateful song.

LUCY J. DODGE.

AUCTIONS.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction the stock and tools belonging to James W. Long, Carlisle, on Friday, October 7, at 9:30 a. m., consisting of seven choice cows, horse, small tools, etc.

Administrator's sale of the personal property of the late Rose McNiff of Harvard, by public auction on Saturday, October 8, at 9:30 a. m., consisting in part of fourteen cows and heifers, horse, farming tools, wagons, sleds, harnesses, etc. Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer.

John A. Finnigan, auctioneer, will sell by public auction a large collection of antique furniture, including pewter, silver and brassware, belonging to Dudley Hartford, Bedford, on Thursday, October 6, at nine a. m.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by auction, the personal property of Fred P. Roberts and Robert Bros., of Ashby on Monday morning, October 3, at 9:30.

New Advertisements

LOST—Pass-book No. 5322 North Middlesex Savings Bank. Finder please return to said bank, Ayer, Mass. S. T. TUTEN, Treasurer.

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Saturday, October 1, 1910.

GROTON.

Groton Fair.

The executive committee and all those of the management of the Groton fair who have worked strenuously up to the day before, felt assured of success if only the weather proved favorable on that day, Thursday, September 29. The weather was superb. The day was an ideal one. The attendance in large numbers included among the Groton people many of its foremost citizens and there were others from Lowell, Fitchburg, Worcester, Leominster and all the nearer neighboring towns, making a crowd estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000. The perfect order, entire absence of drunkenness, disorderly conduct or gaming was noticed by everybody on the grounds. The dinner was satisfactory and well patronized.

The exhibit as a whole was excellent, but in some classes there were no entries. In the vegetable class the exhibit was exceptionally large and unexcelled in any country fair, and in quality would compete closely with more pretentious exhibits. It seemed as if every vegetable or garden product grown in northern soil was represented. The same can be said of the fruit class as represented in Plate exhibit of the apple. Some of the best, biggest, best colored and smoothest apples to be seen anywhere, were shown. Some of our orchardists had other varieties which might have been brought in, and there are some large Groton orchardists who didn't take the trouble to bring anything in the fruit line as they might have done. The children's garden exhibit was called by the supervisor, one of the very best ever shown at the fair. Among other exhibits special mention should be made of the fine collection of needlework, artifacts and various handiwork shown by the Harvard Shakers, and the sign painting, etc., which was the work of the Shirley Industrial school for boys. The grand showing of beautiful glad-rolls, some twenty or more varieties brought in by our new citizen, Montague Chamberlain, the recent purchaser of the former Jacobs' farm. Then the handsome hand-made rugs, the toothsome cooking specimens, canned fruit, etc., the embroidery done by girls of the sewing school class was exquisite and unusual for girls of that age.

The poultry exhibit was not very large but was good and made more interesting, especially to dog fanciers and children, by the exhibit of fox hounds, rabbit hounds, and Scotch poodles. The merry-go-round was something new for Hazel Grove park. The horse trot was called a road one. There were mostly out-of-town horses entered. The dance in the evening closed the fête day and was given a good attendance. Music by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell.

Altogether the Groton fair of 1910 was one of the best, if not the best, ever held at Hazel Grove park. The list of premiums awarded and horse-races will be given next week. It was announced at the races that the 2.40 class was postponed until Friday afternoon, September 30.

News Items.

Elmer Archibald of Jamaica Plain visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Woods this week and attended the fair on Thursday.

Groton School opened the football season on Wednesday afternoon. Their team was victorious over Somerville high, score 22-0.

This Saturday afternoon Groton School plays English high.

Lawrence academy opens the football season this Saturday afternoon, playing Cambridge Latin.

Miss Nimie Huebner leaves her position in Nashua this week to take a position in an office of a silk mill in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Converse expect to leave Groton very soon to make their home in East Douglas.

There was a frost on the lowlands in different parts of the town last week killing vines and some other vegetation.

Mrs. Emeline Gilson Sears has been a guest this week of her nephew, J. H. Hynes, and her brother, Dr. F. E. Gilson. Mrs. Sears attended the fair on Thursday, where she met a number of her old friends.

Rev. C. B. Ames of Quincy was up Thursday and attended the fair.

The public schools had a holiday Thursday for the fair.

Francis S. Cragin of Lowell was another former Groton man attending the fair.

The ladies of the Groton branch Alliance will hold a food sale in the lower town hall on Thursday afternoon, October 6, from two till five o'clock. Cake and ice cream will be on sale. Besides, there will be tables of cookies, doughnuts, cake, bread, biscuits, rolls, etc. It goes without saying that everything will be nice and tempting, calling for a liberal patronage. This sale takes the place of the regular monthly social at the Unitarian church.

The cellar is dug and batters up for the new house for Mr. Richards, one of the masters at Groton School. A baseball cage is also being built at the school.

Albert B. Farwell has sold his place in Chippewee row to Howard S. Wheelock of Ashmont. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell are storing their goods in the cottage nearby, as they vacate their recent home for Mr. Wheelock's immediate occupancy. They have not decided as to their future residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer, Mrs. Starr, Miss Fanny Lowe, Mrs. Wallington Keirstead, Walter Winslow, Miss Elele Bailey were members from Groton grange who attended the Pomona

at Ashby on Wednesday. They report a lovely drive and a pleasant and interesting meeting, and say that they felt quite sorry for those who did not attend.

Ralph Whitney, son of Harry F. Whitney of Harvard, was taken ill on Thursday evening at the house of a friend here and was taken to the Groton hospital, Friday morning. It is a case of appendicitis.

The Ladies' Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold a food sale in the lower town hall on Thursday afternoon, October 6, from two o'clock until five.

The Groton Improvement society will meet on Tuesday, October 4, at the home of Mrs. Marshall Swallow.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott of Lunenburg, a newly-married couple, were over Sunday guests at Groton Inn.

Miss Ada Clark of Boston concluded a week's visit with her cousin, Mrs. J. L. Gilson, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Fuller are camping at Long pond.

It was "Maidens' night" at Groton grange on Tuesday evening. After a business meeting of length, a play, "Aunt Susan's fortune," was given by six young women in manner appreciated by all present. There was a vocal selection by Miss Annie L. Gilson, and piano selection by Amy L. Wright. Visitors were present from Shirley, Pepperell, Townsend and Merrimack. Five names were favorably voted on for membership—W. V. Bixby, George Lee Bixby, Miss Addie Rudolph, George Clarke and daughter, Mary E. Clark, and several other names were presented to be voted on at a future meeting.

Mrs. E. J. B. Robinson, mother of William B. Robinson, passed her ninety-fourth birthday on September 27, and thus has the distinction of being the oldest person in Groton. Mrs. Robinson is the widow of a former pastor of the Unitarian First Parish church of this town. Her health is quite good.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Gates on Saturday, September 24.

The inspection of E. S. Clarke W. R. C., takes place on Tuesday afternoon, October 4, at two o'clock.

"Cinderella in flower land; or, the lost lady's slipper," is the name of the cantata to be given in town hall on Thursday evening, October 13. It is to be the delightful entertainment of the Congregational church fair of that date. Forty children are to take part in the most charming scenes with music, butterflies and birds, flowers and all harmonious arrangements that will make it all enchanting. The fact that Miss Fannie E. Woods has charge of this entertainment is sufficient guarantee that it will be something excellent—something you will all wish to see and hear.

The little daughter of Joseph McMahon, who has been ill with cholera infantum, is recovering nicely.

Fred O. Porter and Charles A. Harrington had fine luck fishing at Cow pond meadows last Saturday night. One hundred and fourteen pouts, the biggest catch for many a season in this town—and what is more a big turtle was secured. This huge fellow weighed sixty pounds.

West Groton.

Last Monday, Clarence Thompson, accompanied by his sister, Miss Hazel Thompson, visited friends in Wellesley, going by automobile.

On Friday and Saturday of last week, Miss Elsie Tarbell visited her sister in Brookline; also, her cousin, Miss Alice Humiston, who is taking the library course in Simmons college. On her return Miss Tarbell was accompanied by her sister, Miss Olive Tarbell, for an over Sunday visit.

Mrs. Charles Andrews of North Shirley has been quite ill with nervous indigestion. Her physician, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn, has been in attendance.

Mrs. Chester Hill returned this week from a five weeks' visit with friends in Connecticut.

On Thursday of last week, Elery Kilbourn was a guest of his aunt, Mrs. H. Spaulding. He returned this week to Burlington for his senior year in Vermont university.

Mrs. Powers, accompanied by her sister, was a guest this week of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Shores.

Mr. Craft and family, who have occupied one of H. E. Kemp's houses on Mill street, have moved to Shirley to the place known as the pansy farm.

It is reported that Mr. Welton will move from J. H. Hunkin's house to the upper tenement in the Larson house of North Shirley.

The name of last week's entertainer of the L. A. society should have been Mrs. A. W. Adams. The Sunshine club was entertained at Mrs. Charles Bixby's. The Ladies' Aid society will meet Thursday, October 6, with Mrs. J. Young.

On last Saturday, one of our high school freshmen, Webster Harrington, attained his fourteenth birthday, and a number of young people gathered at his home to partake of the birthday supper and enjoy the pleasant evening that followed. Those present were Miss Bertha Bixby, Miss Sylvia Lawrence, Misses Nellie and Lillian Harrington; Lee Bixby, Richard and Kirkwood Lawrence.

Weather conditions last Sunday were unfavorable for the observance of the cradle-roll anniversary, and but few of the little ones were present. The decorations of Michaelmas daisies and asters were tastefully arranged. At the close of the service, flowers were given or sent to each child whose name appeared upon the roll, forty-nine in number, all under five years of age.

The annual meeting of the West Groton Periodical club will take place next Wednesday evening, at the home of the president, Mrs. H. Spaulding. Not only the members, but all others, who would like to join the club, or to purchase back numbers of the magazines which will be sold at auction, are invited to attend or to signify their wishes to the president.

Items of Interest.

Just 148 years ago the largest bulk of treasure ever taken from a ship at sea was brought into London. It was the whole of the cargo of the Spanish ship Hermione, captured on May 21 by

H. M. S. Active. The Hermione, surrendered to the Active without an action, and the treasure was landed at Portsmouth and conveyed to London in twenty decorated wagons with British colors over Spanish and an escort party of sailors. The strange procession reached London on August 12, the day on which George IV, was born. On being sold, the treasure realized £519,705 1s. 6d. and the share of the officers and men of the Active was as follows: The captain, £265,053 13s. 9d.; three commissioned officers, each £13,004 14s. 1d.; eight warrant officers, each £4,336 3s. 2d.; twenty petty officers, each £1,806 1s. 8d.; 158 seamen, each £485 5s. 4d.

The shortest route for sending a letter from Beebe Plain, Vermont, to Beebe Plain, Quebec, is 294 miles, although the two postoffices are in the same one-room building and one postmaster serves both.

The late King Edward VII of England often referred to himself as "A farmer on a small scale." However, his horses won many races and his cattle captured many prizes.

Mme. de la Roche was the first woman to be granted an air pilot's license. She was so honored by the French Aero Club after flying four times around the course at Heliopolis, a total flight of twelve miles.

The late Florence Nightingale, heroine of the Crimean war, was first to demand sanitary barracks for soldiers.

Isabella G. Bird (Mrs. Bishop) the only woman member of the Royal Geographical society, was born in 1832 and spent her adult life in exploration.

Miss Selma Lagerlof, winner of the Nobel prize in literature, was thirty-three years of age when her first book, Gosta Berling's Saga, was printed. It is said one Swede in every twelve owns a copy of this book.

United States Consul William Dulany Hunter of Nice reports that the exports of perfumery from that French district to the United States in 1909 amounted to \$1,082,510, as compared with \$717,379 in 1908.

Germany's drink bill is estimated at \$750,000,000 a year, twice the combined cost of the army and navy.

The birth rate for England and Wales was 36.3 per 1,000 population in 1876 and 26.5 in 1908. In 1876 the death-rate was 14.56 per 1,000 population and in 1908 it was 11.85. In 1908 there were 1,036 boys born to each 1,000 girls.

The Australian government loans money to workers who earn \$1,250 a year or less for home building. The borrower must pay \$15 each six months on each \$500 borrowed or can add to this \$25 or any multiple of \$25. The loan will be repaid in 36½ years on lowest payments.

Queen Mary of England has the reputation of being very serious except when playing with her own or other children.

E. A. Wentworth of Rockport, Me., while digging in his garden found two coins, one a Pine Tree shilling, dated 1652, and the other a Spanish piece dated 1781.

Seventy-seven in every hundred Canadian farmers own their own farms.

The Taiwan Seito Kisha, the largest sugar company in Formosa, has six plants, all equipped with American machinery. The company has \$2,750,000 paid-up capital. One of the plants is being extended to become the largest sugar plant in the world. The framework of the buildings is American steel, and the railway has American locomotives and American cars.

AUCTIONS.

M. W. Longley, auctioneer, will sell on Saturday, October 9, at one o'clock p. m., the real estate property of W. E. Griffin, on the road from Shirley Village to Ayer.

New Advertisements

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We take this method of thanking all our kind friends and neighbors who rendered assistance during the illness of our loving boy, for the flowers sent in, and for their sympathy in our sad bereavement.

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A Prince Poisoner

By FREDERICK BINGHAM.

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There was a time in Italy when the Italians got rid of those who stood in their way by means of poison.

At that time Italy was divided up into a number of petty principalities and dukedoms. These former rulers are still called princes and dukes, but their power has been merged in the king. There was formerly a grand duke of one of these little territories whose power was absolute and who used it simply to gratify his poison passion which pervaded Italy at that time. He had a way at a feast of honoring a guest in this wise: He would send his glass to the guest with his compliments, proposing to change glasses with him. The guest who accepted the honor would then rise, bow and drink from the duke's glass. The wine in it would be poisoned and the last the guest would ever drink.

The duke's domain took in a principality adjoining on the south, the duke having poisoned all the members of the reigning family—save one princess—and then appropriated their dominion. This princess he brought to his capital and desired to marry her that he might unite the two countries under a common dynasty. She was unwilling, and through motives of policy he preferred to wait rather than force her into the proposed marriage.

One night while the grand duke was sitting at a table on a raised dais, a number of guests seated at tables beneath him, the door opened and a stranger walked in, unannounced and uninvited. There was a vacant chair beside the princess, and after deferentially asking her permission he accepted it and at once entered upon an animated conversation with her.

The grand duke looked on astonished and mad with jealousy. While he was homely and misshapen, the stranger was astonishingly handsome. He paid no more attention to the host than if he had not been present. The duke turned to one of his attendants and ordered a glass of wine. The attendant, who was the official poisoner, went out and in a few moments returned with a glass of wine on a salver.

"Take it to the stranger," said the duke, "with my compliments, and say that I would pledge him with an exchange of glasses."

The glass, with the message, was carried to the stranger, who took the former from the salver, arose and addressed the duke:

"It would be boldness indeed for me to drink your highness' wine when the lady whom you are expected to honor with your sovereign hand is beside me. I will therefore pass the compliment to her."

Holding the duke's glass in one hand and his own in the other, he was about to offer the duke's to the princess when the duke thundered:

"Who are you who dares insult us by refusing our ducal favor?"

The stranger set both glasses on the table and replied:

"I ask your highness' pardon. Have I offended?"

"You have."

"Then I apologize. The offense was unintended."

Taking one of the glasses from the table, he placed it on the salver, and it was taken to the duke, who, half intoxicated as he was and irritated with the man who might have cost the princess her life, as soon as he saw that the stranger had pledged him, drank it down. In a few minutes his eyes were starting from his head, his face became purple, his tongue protruded, he fell over dead.

Then at a signal from the stranger several men from among the guests, starting from their seats, drew their swords and stood beside him.

"My friends," said the stranger, addressing the company, "I am the only legitimate living male heir to one-half this dukedom. For years I have been waiting for the tyrant to alienate you, his subjects, that I might reclaim my own. By sleight of hand I changed the glasses after setting them on the table and sent him back his own glass. He has come to his end by drinking his own poison. I announce myself Prince of C., which I declare a separate principality, and these gentlemen who have gathered around me are my ministers. The princess, my cousin, will return with me to my capital."

Then the stranger offered his arm to the princess, the men who had joined him surrounded them, and they walked out of the room. They had not reached the door before the company, glad to be rid of the ducal poisoner and impressed by the noble men of the Prince of C., broke forth in acclamations.

By the time the populace learned that the duke was dead the Prince of C., his cousin and his supporters had mounted horses that were standing ready and were galloping across the border. At sunrise from several "towers," as those mediaeval strongholds were called, the prince was proclaimed sovereign of C., and his adherents sprang to arms to enforce his claims.

But the dukedom remained united, the prince being called upon to assume the sovereignty left vacant by the duke as well as of his own dominions. He married his cousin, who in the female line was the legitimate ruler.

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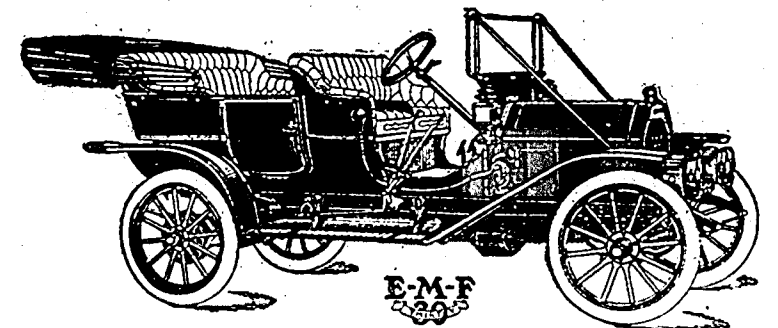
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Saturday, October 1, 1910.

AYER.

News Items.
Rev. L. E. Perry is to move to his new parish next week Tuesday. The parsonage is completed and is a very fine house. Mr. Perry has taken seven members into his church on confession of faith this summer and this with the building of the new parsonage he considers a great achievement. On Saturday there will be many useful articles for sale, such as bedsteads, tables, lamps and refrigerator, which he does not care to move.

Thomas F. Mullin has sold the place on Shirley street occupied by Mrs. John Thynne to Miss Maria A. Pender of Lowell.

The Middlesex Country club will entertain a delegation of tennis players from the Alpine club of Fitchburg on their grounds, Saturday, October 1, at two o'clock. Matches in singles and doubles will be played and a light lunch served. Members and friends are urged to be present and welcome our guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Law, who have resided in town for the past two years, making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben C. Parker on Elm street, left town for Lancaster on Thursday, where they resided before coming here. Mr. Law is a brother of Mrs. Parker.

The republican representative convention for the eleventh Middlesex district, is to be held in Ayer town hall on Saturday afternoon, October 8, at two o'clock. The towns comprising this district are Ayer, Acton, Chelmsford, Carlisle, Littleton and Westford.

Rev. Arthur L. Bumpus has accepted the call to St. Andrew's parish as vicar and will officiate the first Sunday in November. Rev. A. D. Gring, a former missionary to Japan, will preach at St. Andrew's on Sunday morning, October 2, and at Forge Village on Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, former rector of St. Andrew's church here, left his summer residence at Legate hill, Pratt's Junction for Sioux Falls, N. D., where he will take up missionary work on his arrival, expecting to reach there the latter part of this week.

Mrs. Nutting and her son Wendell left Wednesday for Brooklyn, N. Y. This summer they occupied their cottage at Sandy pond, one of the best at that summer resort.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance will meet on Thursday October 6, at three o'clock, with Mrs. E. W. Murphy. Unitarian church services at 10.45. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Fisk on "Fruits of the spirit." Sunday school at twelve m. Y. P. R. U. at seven p. m. Mrs. Avis Fisher will be the leader and Dr. Fisk will give readings from the poets.

Mrs. Dr. Cowles gave a very interesting paper last Sunday evening before the Y. P. R. U. on "Social service."

E. A. Richardson and son, S. F. Farnsworth, W. U. Sherwin and William Wright went last week Friday for Bass Point, by invitation of Mr. Richardson, in his auto, and were two and one-half hours in going. After dinner and sight-seeing in the afternoon, they started at five on the return trip and reached here at seven.

Charles Ball of Brookline, commenced work in the store of L. Sherwin & Co., on Monday, and is filling the position vacated by Clarence Moore, who in company with I. G. Dwinell, will open the store in Phelps' building over the cash market.

Dr. F. L. Gilson has been so ill that he has been confined to his home in Grotton for several days. He is better and expects to be at his dental rooms here next week.

The goods for Clarence Moore and I. G. Dwinell are all purchased and a portion of them are here. They expect by the latter part of next week to have their goods on the shelves, ready to open for business later.

Frank Curtis of Grotton, disturbing the peace at Grotton, September 24, was in court on September 26, and on trial was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

The firm of G. Poullus & Co., fruit dealers in Mead's block, have purchased the moving picture outfit of Mr. Chisholm in Page hall.

Mr. Phelps is having the barn on the Kingsbury place, so-called, fitted up as a five-room tenement to be occupied by Mrs. Patrick Desmond and daughter of Harvard, who recently sold their place in that town.

A few days ago Harry Whitney of Harvard bought of Mr. Fallon, who resides in the J. E. Fletcher house, so-called, on Columbia street, three fat hogs that Mr. Fallon raised under the ell of the house and the weight of the three hogs was about 1,200 pounds. No one in that vicinity ever heard a squeal.

The seventh senatorial district convention will be held at Reading on October 8. From the return it looks as though Frank P. Bennett, Jr., would carry the convention.

George Moore, the seven-year-old son of Mrs. Michael Coughlin, while playing last Sunday afternoon on the roof of a shed near the vinegar factory, fell through the roof and broke both bones in his left leg between the ankle and knee. There were five boys in the group, and all fell when the roof gave way, but the others were uninjured. They carried George to the house of Mrs. Lewis Davis and his step-father was summoned. George is attending school in Worcester, but was on a visit to his home.

The opening meeting of the Ayer Woman's club for the season of 1910-1911 will be held in Page hall, Wednesday afternoon, October 5. Business meeting at three, program commencing 3.30.

The concrete sidewalk in front of Mr. Tuttle's store and laundry looks "slick" and how much better to walk over than the broken and uneven brick walk. Another piece of good cement sidewalk is that in front of the new store and market on Main street, and

both of these walks are the handiwork of E. H. Longley.

New advertisements will be found scattered in the eight pages of this paper. On the last page is the large advertisement of New York Cloak Co., of Lowell. On page three is the new advertisement of the Cape Cod Fish Co., who are to open next week in the American house building, so-called, on Merchant's row. On this page is the advertisement of P. Donlon & Co., the first page of George H. Brown & Co., and on page three the advertisement of the Ayer Variety store. Read the advertisement headed "For sale at a bargain, of very valuable estate in the centre of Grotton." Other advertisements interesting to the ladies is the fall and winter opening of millinery of George L. Davis and Mrs. E. G. Ducklee.

It is currently reported that John Wadsworth, night yardmaster, whose home is in Charlestown, gives up his position here this Saturday. He has filled the position here very acceptably for the past five years or over, and anticipates locating some where in the northwest.

All of the summer residents of Sandy pond have left with the exception of E. A. Richardson and family, whose residence is well adapted for the cold weather and they may make a stay for some time yet. Mr. Brown and his family are still at their summer residence and are ready to occupy their place on East Main street as soon as it is ready for occupancy and which has undergone a great change, being made much larger and more accommodating to his good-sized family.

Mr. Hardy has the ground broken for the cellar of a story and a half farmhouse for Miss Sears, 30x32, in Harvard, on Prospect hill, and it is to have all the modern improvements. Mr. Hardy has a number of jobs on hand and everyone who employs him likes the man and his work.

The Rufus R. Fletcher property, so-called, was advertised for sale by auction was bid in by the heirs.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Barry and little boy left last week Friday for Jaffrey, N. H., for a vacation for a couple of weeks.

Hon. E. F. Fletcher of Worcester, ex-Mayor of that city, was in town last week Friday, stopping with his brother, Dr. W. Fletcher, returning to Worcester the next day.

Mrs. M. Andrew Lynch of Shirley Centre, who purchased the old brick schoolhouse recently, is having it made into a tenement with the addition of an ell. There will be a fireplace, furnace, bathroom, hot and cold water. Mr. Hardy is doing the work and when completed it will be so remodeled that it will be hardly known that it was a schoolhouse.

Mrs. N. M. Livingstone of Voorhees, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William H. Reynolds.

The executive board of the Woman's club meets Friday evening, September 30, with the president, Mrs. Avis B. Fisher.

G. Poullus & Co., who purchased six hundred baskets of peaches in Wilton, N. H., reaching here last week Tuesday, had them all sold out in ten days. This was quick work. The Poullus brothers are enterprising men and are doing an extensive business.

A town meeting is to be held at the town hall on Thursday evening at eight o'clock, to act upon the following article: "To make an additional appropriation of six hundred dollars for sidewalks and to authorize the town treasurer to borrow that sum, or take any action thereon."

Unclaimed letters at Ayer postoffice, September 26: Charles W. Gilchrist, S. M. Harrington, R. D. Maxson, Pirone Carmine Di Raffaele, Miss May Tray. Rev. Dr. Ezra B. Crooks will preach at both services in the First Congregational church on Sunday, October 2, the subject of the morning sermon being "Life by sacrifice." At the seven o'clock evening service, a short sermon will be given on a profoundly searching question from the book of Job: "Why is light given to a man whose way is hid and whom God hath hedged in?" H. C. Hardy, superintendent of the Sunday school, will be pleased to see all the boys and girls back in their classes and he will welcome new students.

The interest in the special meetings at the Baptist church the past week has been so encouraging that Rev. D. J. Lockrow, the evangelist, has been invited to continue his services, and will preach on Sunday, October 2, at 10.45 a. m. and seven p. m. The singing is a special feature of these meetings.

Taken Suddenly Ill.

Dr. Sullivan was taken seriously ill last Tuesday and kept growing worse. Having an inclination what was his troubles, Dr. Hopkins was called, and on examination he pronounced it appendicitis and hastened with Dr. Sullivan in his auto to St. John's hospital, Lowell, on Thursday forenoon, and the surgical operation was undertaken soon after his arrival there. The latest from Dr. Sullivan is that he is doing as well as can be expected. It was a case of ruptured appendix, or what is termed gangrenous appendix, and Dr. Sullivan was in a very serious condition after the operation. Mrs. Sullivan accompanied her husband to Lowell. Dr. Sullivan of Lowell, an uncle of Dr. Sullivan here, assisted by four other physicians, performed the operation. Gangrene had set in slightly.

Real Estate Sales.

Following are the recent sales by Edward H. Bliss in this vicinity:

Thomas L. Hazen of Shirley sells his farm of 125 acres with large barn and two houses to Edward M. Davis and Winthrop S. Brooks, who intend to develop extensive apple orchards.

Nellie M. Houghton's thirty-acre farm in Shirley to A. W. Wood of Pepperell.

H. M. James' farm of forty-two acres with milk route and personal property to A. G. Drum of Medfield.

The seventy-one acre Harvard farm of the late Patrick Desmond to Herbert A. Thayer of Newtonville.

Mr. Bliss has reported a number of good customers waiting for the right places and anyone having a good farm for sale, especially with apple orchards, will do well to get in touch with him.

On Tuesday, Mr. Bliss entertained W. G. Brackett, manager of Brackett's real estate agency, connected with the famous and well-known firm of Joseph Brackett and Sons, Boston; also, Mr. Carroll advertising manager. They

spent the day looking over the territory and farms listed with Mr. Bliss, and took quite a number of photographs. This was Mr. Brackett's first visit to this section and he expressed himself as very much pleased.

Showers.

Miss Stella Ruso was thoroughly and very pleasantly surprised by a miscellaneous shower of useful articles brought to her by a company of friends on Thursday evening. Miss Ruso is a prospective bride and this shower included articles in the line of china, tin, linen, kitchen implements, jewelry and many other useful and beautiful gifts. A most delightful evening was passed by the company at the house of Mrs. William Reynolds, sister of Miss Ruso, where her home is.

The evening was spent with whist, music, both vocal and instrumental. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Those present were the Misses Hatie Hume, Rachel Osgood, Laura Osborne, Margaret McMillan, Minnie and Maud Whitaker, Esther Stone, Maud Whitcomb, Grace Murphy, Millie Beverly, Mrs. Sadie Nourse, Mrs. Elva Andrew, Mrs. Daisy Bickford, Mrs. Harry German, Mrs. Edna Zoller and Mrs. Fred Ruso.

Wedding.

Saturday, September 24, at two p. m., took place the wedding of Miss Gertrude Isabelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jabez Franklin Fisher, and Arthur Orange Scott, son of Mrs. and the late Rev. George W. Scott, at their new home in Lunenburg, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Saunders. The maid of honor was Miss Elsie L. Fuller and the best man was Austin W. Fisher. The house and grounds were decorated with clematis and autumn leaves. A reception followed the ceremony at which refreshments were served on the lawn. The bride will be remembered as a favorite teacher in the Ayer high school and especially by the members of classes 1906 and 1907. Among those present was Miss Nellie H. Carrigan of Ayer, a former pupil of Miss Fisher.

To the Editor:

The result at the Republican caucus in this town on Wednesday evening was particularly gratifying to Mr. Pierce's supporters, and while I regret that the results in the district as a whole were not what I hoped for, they were not altogether a surprise. Mr. Wilder, at a meeting in Lincoln hall in Fitchburg last Saturday evening, openly invited and justified the Democrats in attending the Republican caucus and voting for him. In several towns and in wards of some of the cities, they evidently did so for far more votes were cast than there are Republican voters.

At the present writing, on a very conservative estimate, which is confirmed by the Associate Press reports, Mr. Pierce has a safe majority in the convention. GEORGE J. BURNS.

Caucuses.

The democratic caucus for the nomination of delegates to the various conventions met Tuesday evening and was called to order by William J. Donlon, who read the call and was later elected chairman of the meeting. Charles A. McCarthy was made secretary. Joseph McGuane and Martin Scullane were appointed tellers. The polls were kept open half an hour. Nineteen ballots were cast and the following delegates elected: State, John D. Carney, instructed to vote for Vahey; congressional, W. J. Hurley, instructed to vote for Mitchell; senatorial, C. A. McCarthy; district attorney, Martin Scullane; councillor, William Walsh; county, P. J. Hyde; representative, John J. Markham, William Fitzgerald, Fred Place, William James Hillery. The town committee chosen for the coming year were: W. J. Donlon, C. A. McCarthy, Joseph McGuane, P. B. Murphy, W. J. Hurley, Martin Scullane.

The republicans of Ayer met in caucus on Wednesday evening in the town hall and elected delegates to attend the several conventions. The meeting was called to order by Elisha D. Stone, who read the call issued by the republican town committee. The organization of the meeting was then effected by the election of John M. Maloney as chairman, and Edward A. Richardson as secretary and the appointment of Frank S. Bennett, Rev. Lewis E. Perry, John Lentz and Warren Preble as tellers.

The balloting for delegates resulted as follows: Whole number of votes cast 106; congressional, and pledged to Harry L. Pierce were George J. Burns, who received 64 votes, and Edward A. Richardson, who received 66. In this contest the Wilder delegates, Frank S. Bulkeley and William U. Sherwin, received 38 and 37 votes respectively. There was practically no other contest and the delegates elected as follows: state, Eugene Barry, Elisha D. Stone; councillor, D. W. Fletcher, Wm. A. Wright; county, A. A. Fillebrown, Henry C. Sherwin; senatorial, Stanley L. Cotton, Frederick Whitney; representative, John M. Maloney, Frank S. Pierce, Oliver K. Pierce, Huntley S. Turner. Town committee, George J. Burns, Stanley L. Cotton, Howard P. Fletcher, John M. Maloney, Oliver K. Pierce, Edward A. Richardson, Elisha D. Stone, Huntley S. Turner.

Children's Gardens.

The annual exhibit of the products of children's gardens in the care of the Woman's club was held in the lower town hall last week Friday afternoon and evening. Fifty children received seeds, but quite a number of them failed to plant them, some children moving from town and others failing to have a suitable place for the garden. Some others were affected by the dry weather and so failed to have anything to exhibit. But the exhibit was nevertheless very creditable. It was well attended and the committee in charge were encouraged by words of appreciation from many people who have the interest of the children at heart.

The exhibit was in charge of Mrs. A. M. Sargent, Mrs. Barker and Mrs. S. G. Shattuck, assisted by Misses Jennie and Mabel Sargent. The judges were Mrs. Ella A. Church and Mrs.

Charlotte S. Whitman who gave careful and intelligent work. The following prizes were awarded:

Vegetables—Priscilla Mullin, 1st prize for beets; Ed for turnips; Waldo Winslow, 2d for beets; third for beans; Ruth Powers, 1st for beans, lettuce and parsnips; Irene and Blanche Hassam, 1st for beans; Reginald Sargent, 1st for turnips and brussel sprouts; 2d for parsnips and lettuce; Carol Pierce, 1st for radishes; Edessa Crawford, 1st for carrots; 2d for brussel sprouts; Theodore Carlson, 2d for carrots; Leon Parker, 3d for carrots; Charlotte Richardson, 1st for tomatoes and summer squash; Maud Briggs, 2d for tomatoes; Wm. Profit, 3d for tomatoes; Anna Scullane, 3d for parsnips.

Flowers—Priscilla Mullin, 1st for calceolaria and nasturtiums; Charlotte Richardson, 1st for sweet peas; 2d for calceolaria; Reginald Sargent, 1st for poppies, mignonette and Chinese pinks; Irene Hassam, 2d for mignonette; Anna Scullane, 2d for Chinese pinks; Waldo Winslow, 2d for nasturtiums.

Fancy work—Katherine Donahue for sofa pillow; Jane Briggs for dolly; 1st; Mary Webb, 2d; Gladys Briggs for brass work.

Prizes were awarded Charlotte Richardson for tomatoes and summer squash; Maud Briggs for corn; Grace Steves for watermelon.

Six children have been members of the potato club that took seed from the Massachusetts Agricultural college. Waldo Winslow received first prize and Leon Parker second. The others were Jane, Gertrude and Gladys Briggs and Madeline Carlson. In this club each child received three potatoes and did what was possible with them. Besides the children's exhibits there were some other products of Elizabeth Bennett exhibited, beets and carrots from the garden of her grandfather, Arthur Fenner; Charles Mullin, winter squash and popcorn from his father's garden, and Carol Pierce brought a good variety from the garden of her father, F. S. Pierce. There was also a fine and varied exhibit from the garden of C. C. Wood.

Clipping.

The following clipping from the Brockton Enterprise was sent in for publication:

"There is one town in Massachusetts where the White Ribboners don't need to do any missionary work to suppress the cigarette habit," remarked the returned vacationist. "They don't have to; the business men there fixed it long ago," he added.

"I suffered all the way from Boston to Ayer for a smoke because I didn't think to buy any in Boston and there was none on sale on the train. When I hit the long row of stores in the centre of Ayer my first errand was to buy some cigarettes."

"The first store was a grocery. I named my favorite brand. 'Don't carry 'em,' said the clerk. I named another make. 'Don't handle any kind. Boss won't have 'em around' was his terse remark. The next store was a drug store. Same answer. The next was a news and periodical store. Again the frosty turn down. The fourth place was another drug store. 'Say,' said I to the clerk—'he looked like a fellow I could sass and get away with it—'isn't there any place in this dump of a town where a fellow can buy the little white smokers? Something about fifteen cents a throw for ten of 'em in a little box?'"

"He shook his head sadly, said he didn't belong there with a proud fling of his head, and gave me the same story the others had. I fished for a better explanation and got it. Seemed that the business men of the town had organized an uplift organization about thirty-five years ago. They didn't believe in cigarettes and wouldn't sell them. Not one had since got the courage to meet the rising demand for the paper smokers. This clerk did give me a pointer when he said, 'Only place in town that sells 'em is the dago's fruit store up the street.'"

"I went there. No wonder he had a show case piled high with all kinds of cigarettes. His has the big trade of the town. I had to wait ten minutes for a trolley and strike me dead if I ain't telling the truth when I saw at least a score of sales on cigarettes in that ten minutes. Poor, ignorant foreigner! I suppose he didn't know any better than to peddle out death in paper capsules."

"The subject was still warm with me when I got on the trolley and a sympathetic-looking passenger got the burden of my plaint."

"Bet a dollar they are not so squeamish about handling 'spoon drink,'" was my rather hot comment.

"Right my son, right you are," was his rejoinder. And I rode on nursing a sense of satisfaction that I had been able to size up the situation from one viewpoint."

Is Chief Acting Head.

The following is from the Boston Journal, September 22:

Back from his first tour of inspection of the Boston and Maine railroad since he became acting head of that system, President Charles S. Melton of the New York, New Haven and Hartford and its subsidiary lines hurried away from the North station in a cab directly he had alighted from his special train on Wednesday afternoon of last week, and was shortly engrossed in the mass of work awaiting him at his office in the South station leaving Vice President Timothy E. Byrnes, who, with Vice President Frank Barr, accompanied him on the trip, to talk to the newspaper men.

"We saw and discussed many things on the trip," said Mr. Byrnes, "but it is not yet time to give out anything concerning them to the public. It is too early to consider any changes on the system even though they come later."

Then Mr. Byrnes announced that all the vice presidents of the Boston and Maine, including himself and Mr. Barr, had been put on the same level in rank. "There are no longer graduations," he said. "There are no such things now as first, second, third or fourth vice presidents, nothing more." This is following the plan adopted on the New Haven road some time ago.

Mr. Byrnes will act as the chief operating head of the Boston and Maine, co-operating with President Melton as his right-hand man in working out the extensive improvements that have been planned for the system. He will probably make his headquarters at the North station.

It has developed that the directors of the Boston and Maine not only granted the retiring president, Lucius Tuttle, a year's leave of absence, and voted to pay him \$50,000 for that period, but likewise made him their chairman at a salary of \$10,000 a year, to be continued indefinitely.

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Steel Traps.

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Medium size, 3 1/2-inch open set spring, steel chain, with ring and locking bar 20c.

Carpet Stretchers.

Malleable iron, sharp steel teeth, handle socket 10c.

Carpet Beaters.

Heavy coppered wire, 32 inches long, twisted entirely through handle 15c.

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All brass, complete with cups, perches and swings \$1.75 to \$2.75

Opal Seed or Water Cups.

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Opal Bird Bath.

Fancy ribbed sides, pure white 5c.

Spring and Chain.

Solid brass spring and 30-inch chain 15c.

Maple Butter Molds.

Full one pound, hard maple carved prints 20c.

Butter Ladles.

Clean white maple, fits hand 5c.

Bread or Meat Knife.

9-inch swerved blade, steel ferrule, ebonoid hot water proof handle 15c.

Kitchen Knives.

Assorted, rosewood, ebony and box wood handles, brass rivets, three style blades, extra finish, fine edge 10c.

Milk Kettles.

Stamped top, patent bottom, soldered tin cover 10c.
One quart 10c.
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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items

Herbert S. Corey attended the republican State convention at Concord on Tuesday, as a delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe, nee Nettie Key, are at home from Colorado. They contemplate locating in Mexico.

Rufus Wells and family are to spend the fall and winter at New Ipswich, where Mr. Wells is to have charge of a large wood lot.

Mrs. Julia Lawrence and son James, Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence, little daughter and son of Pepperell; also, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Jeliveau of Brockton, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey.

James H. S. Tucker attended the democratic State convention at Concord, Thursday, September 22.

Miss Mabel Popple returned from the hospital at Roxbury on Saturday much improved in health.

Mrs. Sarah Shattuck has returned to Pepperell after an extended visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clinton D. Gilson.

At the union service at the Methodist church last Sunday evening, an excellent address on temperance was given by Rev. Warren L. Noyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley and daughter Evie; and Mrs. Newcombe of Somerville, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye, last Sunday, coming by auto.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Russell attended the funeral of Willis Blanchard at Nashua last Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid met at the church parlors on Tuesday afternoon and sewed for the family of Edward Hammond.

The Loyal Workers met at the home of Mrs. George Betterley on Wednesday afternoon.

County Commissioners A. T. Barr, G. E. Farley and Herbert O. Hadley were in town last Friday, examining the town books, relative to the State and county railroad tax.

George F. Marshall, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marshall for several weeks, has returned to his home at Cedar Springs, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett and Miss Adelaide Well of Townsend were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Boutele.

Born, Tuesday, September 27, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hall.

John D. Bailey and family have moved to Lunenburg, Mass.

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Brotherhood will be held at the vestry on Wednesday evening, October 5. Rev. Charles E. White of Amherst will give an address. All the men are invited to attend.

Fred and Leona Hammond, young son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hammond, are seriously ill with dysentery. Dr. Holcombe is in attendance and Mrs. Minnie Holcombe is assisting in caring for them.

Orville D. Fessenden is having pipes laid from his reservoir to the village and the residences of Harry Marshall, Mrs. James Campbell, Mrs. N. J. Daniels, Mrs. Mary Cox, Lewis Popple, Samuel Sweet and Judge J. E. Parker are to be supplied with running water.

Entertainment

A large and appreciative audience were in attendance at Farbell's hall on Thursday evening, September 22, at the entertainment given for the benefit of the Brookline park. Prof. Joseph Yarrick and Miss Agnes Champney gave a delightful and unique program. Music for dancing was furnished by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell, Mass., Anna Thayer, pianist; Miss Laura Herrig, violinist; Thayer brothers, clarinet and drum. The selections were all finely rendered. A handsome decorated cake, made by Mrs. L. P. Peabody, the genial hostess of the Elmwood, was won by Miss Clara Campbell, who guessed the nearest to the weight. Lewellyn S. Powers won the ring tossing contest, securing the prize, an ornamental parlor lamp. Walter E. Corey served as floor director and was ably assisted by Richard Wright, Ralph Greeley, Harry Powers, Clayton Hobart.

Death.

Frank L. Willoby attended the funeral of his brother, George H. Willoby at Franklin, Mass., on Friday, September 22. Mr. Willoby has the sympathy of his many friends in his recent bereavement, following the death of his father so closely. We copy the following from the Franklin Sentinel, September 22:

George Henry Willoby, Franklin's well-known jeweler and superintendent of the firm, who had been critically ill of the winter, and for the past month, passed away at his home yesterday afternoon. He had been in failing health for a year or more, but was able to be at his store until a month ago, when his illness took a serious turn and he was obliged to take to his bed. He failed rapidly the past few days and the end, which was quiet and peaceful, was not unexpected. A man of ingenuity, modest and unassuming, he was greatly respected in town and local business circles.

Born in Brookline, N. H., fifty-four years ago, he learned the watchmaker's and jeweler's trade at Manchester, N. H., in his youth and became an expert workman. He came to Franklin twenty-seven years ago to assist William H. Howe in the jewelry business, and later went into business for himself, meeting with success from the start. To Mr. Willoby is at a large share of credit for inaugurating the present improved fire alarm system. In a word, Franklin loses one of the most useful citizens in the pastime way of Mr. Willoby. He is survived by his wife and one brother, Frank L. Willoby of Brookline, N. H. His father died at Brookline five weeks ago and his mother passed away ten years ago.

He had been a member of the Masonic lodge at Manchester, N. H., and here. He was also a member of Willoby of the Franklin, N. H., and the impressive Masonic service was given by the color lodge. The burial took place at Brookline, N. H., on Saturday in the family lot of the South cemetery. The many beautiful floral tributes bespoke the love and esteem of a large circle of friends.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Ora Read left her Hollis home on Friday, September 23, for Orono, Me., where she will visit her brother,

Lowell Read and family, for a month or more. Mr. Read is an instructor in the State university in Orono.

Cards announcing the marriage of Francis M. Jameson to Miss Helen M. Baker, in Nashua, September 24, were received by friends in Hollis. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson will reside in Hollis when they return from their bridal trip. Mr. Jameson is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jameson; Mrs. Jameson is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Baker, formerly of Pepperell.

Rev. D. B. Scott, D. D. of Lancaster, Mass., occupied the pulpit at the forenoon and evening services last Sunday in exchange with Rev. C. H. Davis. Dr. Scott was pastor of this church several years, leaving town twenty-six years ago; he still has a strong hold on the hearts of the people here.

Hollis Y. P. S. C. E. was invited to a C. E. rally in the Pilgrim church, Nashua, last Sunday afternoon, which was addressed by Rev. Smith Baker, D. D. of Lowell. Several from here accepted the invitation.

Miss Hazel Read resumed her work Monday in the office of the Esterbrooks, Anderson shoe factory, Nashua, after a vacation of four weeks, two of which were spent in Lewiston, Me., the remaining two at her former home, Berlin, and her present home, Hollis.

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This train will carry through sleeping cars, and will leave the Union Station, Portland, at 6:15 o'clock p. m., daily, except Sunday. This hour will be very convenient for business men and the general public, as all important incoming trains from different sections of Maine and the Maritime Provinces are scheduled to arrive in Portland in time for connection with it. To merchants and traveling salesmen it will be a boon as it will reduce to a minimum loss of time and travel, and after a comfortable night ride, will give them a full day for business in New York.

The departing time of the train (which is to be known as the New York Express) from other important points in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts will be as follows daily except Sunday: Biddeford, 6:45 p. m.; Kennebunk, 7:05 p. m.; Dover, 7:40 p. m.; Exeter, 8:05 p. m.; Haverhill, 8:43 p. m.; Lawrence, 9:12 p. m.; Lowell, 9:55 p. m.; Ayer, 10:42 p. m.; and arrive at Worcester at 11:30 p. m. From Worcester the train will be handled by the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and will arrive at the Grand Central Station, New York, at 6:00 o'clock a. m., daily, except Sunday.

On the run from New York to Portland, the train will leave the Grand Central Station at 10:40 p. m., daily, arriving at Portland at 8:20 a. m. Principal stations enroute as follows: Daily except Monday: Worcester, 2:55 a. m.; Ayer, 4:52 a. m.; Lowell, 5:22 a. m.; Lawrence, 5:52 a. m.; Haverhill, 6:35 a. m.; Exeter, 6:55 a. m.; Dover, 7:00 a. m.; Kennebunk, 7:42 a. m.; Biddeford, 7:59 a. m.; arriving at Portland at 8:20 a. m. For the convenience of passengers traveling to and from New York or intermediate points and Portland, a breakfast and supper will be served on the train if desired. This new service is likely to prove one of the most popular improvements ever made by the Boston and Maine railroad, as it will unquestionably accommodate a large number of patrons scattered throughout a wide territory.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRIET A. LOVEJOY, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by AUGUSTUS LOVEJOY, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, one of the executors therein named, and other having declined the trust, without giving a surety on his official bond.

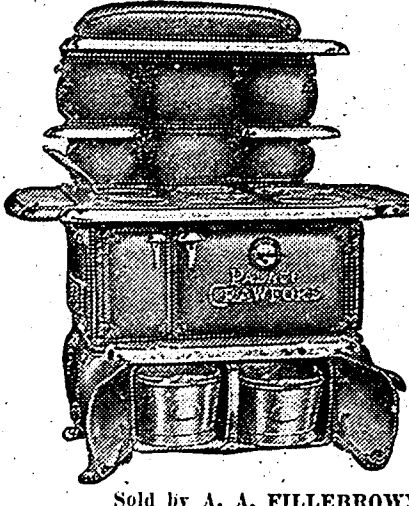
And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice hereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 312 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of LUCENA O. BALCH, late of Shirley, in said County, deceased. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to EMERIL L. CUMINGS of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, without giving surety on her bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the seventeenth day of October, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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BOXBOROUGH.

Farmers' Club Fair.

The Farmers' club desire to return thanks to all those who assisted in any way in making the fair of Saturday, September 17, the most successful one of the club, both financially and otherwise. The weather was ideal. The grounds were thronged with people and the exhibition in the hall would have been a credit to a far larger place than Boxborough. Dinner was served in both the lower town hall and the vestry of the church and then it was necessary to reset the tables. Rev. F. H. Viets gave the address of welcome, followed by Hon. F. A. Patch of Littleton and Wm. H. Wilder of Gardner.

In the line of sports several exhibitions of boxing in barrels and tug-of-war furnished amusement for the crowd. The potato race was won by Tobin of Littleton with Roger Brown of West Acton second. The drawing match was won by Levi W. Perkins. A 100-yd. dash was won by Arthur Goding of West Acton with Dan Wetherbee second. In the afternoon there was a ball game between the Harvard and Boxborough teams, which was won by the home nine with a score of 10 to 6.

Following is the premium list:

Live stock—Alex Pierra, best herd of four cows; 1st prize; R. Y. Nelson, breeding mare, 1st; colt under one year, 1st; 2-year-old colt, 1st; L. W. Richardson, family horse, 1st; Alex Pierra, Yorkshire boar, 1st; breeding sow and pigs, 1st.

Poultry—C. T. Wetherbee, trio White Wyandotters, 1st prize; C. H. Richardson, trio Wyandotters, 2d; B. Logan, Rhode Island Reds, 1st; G. W. Burroughs, trio Barred Rocks, 1st; Robert Cunningham, trio bantams, 1st.

Vegetables—A. Littlefield, best collection of vegetables, 1st prize; A. H. Wetherbee, potatoes, 1st; A. Littlefield, cauliflower, 1st; L. W. Richardson, carrots, 1st; Wood boots, 1st; Mrs. H. Richardson, beans, 1st; W. O. Holden, beans, 2d; C. H. Burroughs, sweet corn, 1st; Alex Pierra, cabbage, 1st; manure, 1st; run-hogs, 1st; Porters, 1st; Baldwin's, 1st; C. B. Robbins, best collection of apples, 2d; Gravensteins, 1st; M. J. Handly, cranberries, 1st; E. L. Bartheaux, Louis Bond pears, 1st; M. L. Wetherbee, Concord grapes, 1st; C. B. Robbins, best Irish potatoes, 1st; C. B. Robbins, best pears, 1st; Mrs. Mabel Robbins, peaches, 2d; C. A. Dudley, quinces, 1st; A. H. Wetherbee, field corn, 1st; C. H. Burroughs, best collection of preserves, 1st; Mrs. J. H. Watkins, best collection of pickles in cider vinegar, 1st; Mrs. Pickers, rug, 1st; Mrs. C. A. Dudley, 2d; Lora M. Page, darning, 1st; patchwork, 1st; Lizzie Burroughs, sofa pillow, 1st; tracing, 1st; landscape, 2d; Mildred Gallant, painting on cloth, 2d; oil painting, 2d; panel, 2d; Mrs. C. A. Wetherbee, best collection of flowers, 1st; Helen Pierra, 2d; Mary Nelson, bouquet, 1st; Mrs. Robbins, 2d; M. J. Priest, best embroidery, 1st; Mrs. Knight, 2d; Hazel Morse, embroidered sofa pillow, 1st; Carrie Wetherbee, embroidered center piece, 2d; Mrs. Stevens, drawn work, 1st; Mrs. Owen, 2d; Mrs. Owen, battenburg, 1st; Carrie Wetherbee, embroidered shirt waist, 1st; H. Richardson, embroidered corset cover, 2d; embroidered center piece, 1st; Mrs. J. B. Logan, novelty lace, 1st; Katherine Richardson, Irish lace, 2d; Mrs. E. Richardson, embroidered undersleeves, 1st; Grace A. Richardson, sixteen table doilies, 1st; Edith Woodford, sofa pillow, 2d; Carrie Wetherbee, stenciled scarf, 2d.

Handcraft—No premiums offered, but recommended by committee: Paul Viets, writing desk, 1st; H. K. Richards, Downs, burned wood, original design, 2d; J. K. Richardson, Jewel box, 3d.

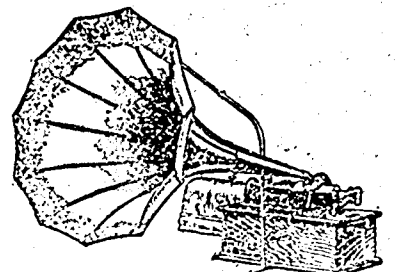
News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins have been enjoying a vacation at Provincetown this week.
At the republican caucus Wednesday evening the following delegates were chosen to the several conventions: State, Arthur W. Nelson; councillor, Rev. F. H. Viets; county, Chas. Richardson; district attorney, Chas. Richardson; congressional, Albert L. Littlefield; senatorial, S. D. Salmon; representative, R. Y. Nelson; town committee for ensuing year, A. Littlefield, G. W. Burroughs, W. H. Furbush.
The population of Boxborough has been increased by two this week; baby girls at W. H. Gooch's and S. B. Hager's.
Miss Ella Furbush has gone to North Beverly to stay with her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Shattuck, for the present. A baby girl has recently joined Mrs. Shattuck's family circle.
No. 1 school was closed Wednesday, as so many of the children wished to attend Bolton fair.

Mrs. Albert Hartwell is entertaining her aunt and cousin from Jersey City.

LITTLETON.
About Town.
The King's Daughters circle meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, its regular meeting time, is postponed a week to the second Tuesday, on account of the Baptist convention to be held here next Tuesday in the Baptist church.
Mrs. D. G. Houghton is having her aunt, Mrs. Childs of Ayer, for company, for a while, as her daughters are away.
Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh of Pueblo, Colo., were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant. Mrs. Marsh will be remembered as Atlanta Tuttle, daughter of George Tuttle, and was born here.
Miss Dorothy Priest, who returned with her uncle, Benson Priest, to East Orange, N. J., for a visit there, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breed of Lynn are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell. They are cousins of Mrs. Hartwell.
Last Saturday, Montgomery Lovejoy left for his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Robert Whitney for his Lexington home, both of their school years beginning last Tuesday.
The Guild of the Unitarian society will be in charge of the conference committee, with Rev. Fairfield chairman.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Bronislaw Brozovsky of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts to William N. Mault of said Pepperell, dated the twenty-eighth day of August, 1907, for breach of condition therein contained and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at public auction on Wednesday, the twelfth day of October, at five o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage deed, namely:

A certain piece or parcel of land with the buildings thereon situate in the easterly part of said Pepperell, on the southerly side of Leighton Street, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on Leighton Street at land formerly of L. F. Williams; thence easterly by said Leighton Street about eighty (80) feet to a fence at land formerly of Albert Leighton; thence southerly by land formerly of said Leighton about one hundred and one (101) feet to a stake and stones at land formerly of said Leighton; thence westerly by said Leighton land about seventy-eight (78) feet to a stake and stones at land formerly of said L. F. Williams; thence northerly by said Williams' land over the center of the well, about one hundred and four (104) feet to the point of beginning.

Said property will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. Terms one hundred (100) dollars in cash at the time and place of sale, and balance in ten days.

WILLIAM N. MAULT, Mortgagee.
Pepperell, Mass., September 22, 1910. 312

WANTED—Cosmopolitan Magazine requires the services of a representative in Ayer and vicinity. Please look after subscription renewals and to extend circulation by special methods which have proved unusually successful. Salary and commission. Previous experience desirable but not essential. Whole time or spare time. Address, care of H. C. CAMPBELL, Cosmopolitan Magazine, 1789 Broadway, New York City.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HENRY H. RAMSDELL, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by NATHAN A. TAYLOR, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of October, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice hereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Littleton Guide, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-first day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 312 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH N. ELLIOTT, late of Pepperell, in said County, deceased. Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by CHARLES H. MILLER, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of October, A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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GIRLS WANTED—Steady Work for a few more Women and Girls at FLAGG BROS., Littleton, Mass. 612

APPLES WANTED—Hand Picked Gravensteins, McIntosh and Baldwin for Cash on Delivery, at FLAGG BROS., CANNING FACTORY, Littleton, Mass. Without Barrels. 612

LOST—Savings Bank pass-book, No. 3120 North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass. Finder please return to said Bank. 311

WANTED—Thirty men to drive teams. E. J. McLAUGHLIN, Harvard, Mass. 212

THE STATE'S INSANE WARDS

Why It Costs More to Care
For Mentally Defective

CONSTANT INCREASE IN NUMBER

Dr. Owen Copp Tells What Commonwealth is Doing For These Unfortunates—State Assumed Burden Formerly Borne by Cities and Towns

A very large item in the state tax is due to the commonwealth assuming the expense of caring for the insane and mentally defective. According to Dr. Owen Copp, secretary of the state board of insanity, \$1,800,000 of the total state tax this year is assessed to cover this cost. In regard to the work of this board Dr. Copp says: "Formerly cities and towns cared for many (22 per cent) of these classes in their almshouses and in addition paid directly 70 per cent. of the cost of their support in state institutions. But the insane, the last six years; and the feeble-minded and epileptic, the last two years, have been supported at the expense of the state alone, and the insane, so far as public charges, are cared for only in state institutions. Consequently the demand upon the state for new buildings at its institutions has been proportionately greater and the annual state tax levy for their support is now more than three times what it would have been under the old system without change of conditions.

"In more definite terms, the continuance of almshouse care and of city and town support of their insane in state institutions would have resulted in reductions of state expenses as follows:

"(1) The state tax of 1910 for the maintenance of the insane and defective in state institutions would have been reduced more than \$1,800,000, which would have been added to the local taxes of cities and towns.

"(2) State appropriations during the last twelve years for new buildings and improvements for state institutions would have been reduced approximately \$2,000,000.

Increase in Insane is Normal
"There is a normal increase of the insane in public institutions. The annual average the last twenty-five years was 320; the last ten years, 387, and the last five years, 402. One-half of this increase is due to the growth of population, the other, in the main, to (1): The fuller confidence of the public in the institutions, because of the better care and treatment they afford, including more frequent admission of new patients, longer stay of the chronic and longer lives of the sick and feeble.

"(2) The lessening ability of relatives to continue their home care or to resume it after institutional treatment because of the higher cost and standards of living.

"(3) The greater intolerance on the part of neighbors of infringement of their rights and comfort by the eccentric acts and conduct of such persons in the community, the inevitable sequel of the loss of elbow-room by closer contact of modern life in apartments and lodging houses, and of the greater prevalence in general of urban conditions resultant from the rising food of migration from rural districts to the cities and more populous centers.

"(4) A keener appreciation by the public and public officials of the dangers in the present and the menace to the future welfare of the race consequent upon neglect to protect these unfortunates in the community.

"(5) The tendency to broaden the definition of insanity to include forms of mental disease not formerly so classified.

"(6) A probable moderate increase in the development of new cases of insanity.

Hospitals Are Still Overcrowded
"Overcrowding of the insane was nearly 20 percent ten years ago. This means that more than 1500 patients slept on cots in day rooms and corridors, most of which had to be stored away during the day to make room for patients. Systematic and persistent efforts gradually relieved this distressful and unsanitary condition, but the recent hard times and the Steele tragedy at the state house a few years ago, suddenly caused a great inflow of patients into state institutions. In 1908 the insane increased nearly 800, about double the average. In consequence there was an overcrowding of nearly 5 percent at the opening of the last legislature, which necessitated the unusually large appropriations of last winter for new buildings and improvements amounting to \$631,070, and providing for 732 patients and nurses, in addition to administrative buildings.

"There exists at all times in every community an ever increasing demand for public provision for feeble-minded and epileptic, which is probably never adequately met. In this commonwealth, however, during the last decade there has been a nearer approach to sufficiency in this direction than ever before. Continuously for years there has been a waiting list of not less than 500 such children urgently needing care and protection in our

special state schools for such. Despite the deplorable consequences of neglect of such children, the state had provided, up to the beginning of the period under discussion, less than 600 beds at the Waverley school and 200 at the hospital for epileptics. Now the capacity of the Waverley school is 1350, the hospital for epileptics 850 and the new state school at Wrentham was opened with 250 beds. In other words, provision has been made since 1898 for more than twice as many feeble-minded and epileptic children as had been made prior to that date.

Nurses Now Live in Homes
"In 1900 nearly all our nurses and attendants lived on the wards in association with all classes of the insane. There was only one home for 40 nurses; now there are 21 homes, with pleasant rooms, usually single, for 910 nurses. Their hours of duty have been reduced from 84 hours a week to 60 or 65 hours, usually with one full day off in seven. Their wages have been advanced 15.32 percent from an average of \$22.34 per month to \$25.76. Corresponding improvement in living conditions and wages has been made for other employes.

"Such progress has seemed to be demanded by the public, and injustice to workers in an exacting and unattractive field in the interest of a pitiful class of unfortunates.

"The last legislature appropriated \$2,601,732 for the maintenance of institutions whose inmates and defective inmates numbered, Sept. 1, 1910, 13,823, an increase since 1898 of 6569, or 90.55 percent. Comparison of weekly per capita cost of maintenance so far back as 1898 cannot be made on an accurate basis, but in 1905 such weekly cost was \$3.75, which advanced in 1909 to \$4.24, being 49 cents a week more, or 13 percent. Higher wages and shorter hours of labor account for an increase of 36 cents a week, or 74 percent of the whole advance. Evidently the remaining 13 cents a week is more than explained by the higher prices of food, clothing and other supplies."

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY HARNEDEN, late of Groton 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, by CHARLES A. HARRINGTON of Groton, in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of October 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 the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in Groton, the last publication to be on or after the day of said Court, and by mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to the next of kin of said deceased, seven days at least before said Court.

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

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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 29, 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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PETER B. MURPHY,
FRANK J. MALONEY,
GUY B. REMICK,
Registrars of Voters.

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Sundays—First car at 7.05 a. m., then same as week days.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer and Fitchburg at 6.05, 7.20 a. m., then 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m.

Sundays—First car 8.20 a. m., then same as week days.

Cars leave North Chelmsford for West Chelmsford and Brookside at 6.00, 6.35 and 7.50 a. m., and 50 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.

Sundays—First car 7.50 a. m., then same as week days.

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Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by CAROLINE T. BOUTWELL, executrix, and letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix thereof, named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

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

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Groton Landmark, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be on or after the day of said Court, and by mailing post-paid a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

31 F. M. BENT, Ass't. Register.

Ladies, Why not Preserve Your Youth and Beauty?

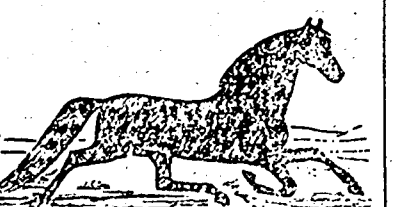
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Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.20 a. m., then same as week days.

North Chelmsford via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.50, 7.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.23 p. m. Sundays—7.33, 8.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 5.55, 6.20, 6.57, 11.03 p. 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 30 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.45 p. m. until 10.45 p. m.) 11.05 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.05 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

Wynboro via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 9.48 p. m., then 10.48 p. m. Sundays—7.18 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.48 p. m. Return—Leave Wynboro—5.40, 6.20, 6.57, 7.22 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.32 p. m., then 11.32 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. until 10.32 p. m.) THOMAS LEEB, Supt.

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Gleanings.

Miss Marietta Putney has moved from the Centre into the house on Chapel place owned by Frank Behrens.
Andrew J. Shattuck has been quite seriously ill, with little hope of recovery, but is now more comfortable, and a more favorable outcome is expected.
Mrs. G. Kimball recently returned from a trip to York beach, spent a few days in Hollis last, returning on Monday last.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bean spent last Sunday in Hollis.
Mr. Brigham, successor to W. N. Mault, has moved into the vacant tenement of O. M. Nash on River street.

Ernest Nash of Revere was in town over Sunday.
Miss Clara Gill of Nashua was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John O. Bennett, a few days last week. Mrs. Bennett is much improved in health.

Mrs. H. C. Thurston, who had the misfortune last week of breaking her collar-bone, is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. H. C. Winslow returned on Monday from a visit in Fitchburg with her brother, William True.

Charles Sylvester has been quite sick with appendicitis, but is better.

Cards have been received in town announcing the marriage of Francis M. Jameson and Miss Helen M. Baker of Hollis, at Nashua, on Saturday, September 24. Miss Baker is a native of Pepperell and has many friends here who wish the newly-married couple much happiness.

Mrs. Nellie M. Gutterson has entered the employ of Whipple & Tower.

Mrs. N. A. Lawrence of East Village, who suffered a shock about two weeks ago, is much better and able to walk about a little.

Mrs. Fred Lane and daughter of Fitchburg visited friends in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rivers are in Maine at the former home of Mrs. Rivers.

Wisner Park has returned to his home in Concord.

Miss Florence True expects to enter the Fitchburg business college next week.

Mrs. Harris Tarbell of Wellesley, late of Monument beach, is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin.

Mrs. Joseph Donnelly is visiting her parents at Ayers, Me.

Mrs. Tena Holden and daughter Gladys of Southbridge are visiting John Fisher. Mrs. Holden is to return to her home on Sunday, but Miss Gladys will make a longer visit.

Clifford Shattuck, son of W. P. Shattuck, is attending a business college in Fitchburg.

Cecil Tarbell returned this week to the Wesleyan academy at Wilbraham.

Mrs. Ona Swasey of New Haven, Conn., and Mrs. William Reed of Fitchburg, visited their father, N. A. Lawrence, last week, returning to Fitchburg on Sunday. They were accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Andrews, who will remain in Fitchburg for a short visit and later, if her health is improved, will go with Mrs. Swasey to her home in New Haven.

About Town.

Mrs. Elizabeth True returned this week from a visit at Lenoxville, Canada.

George S. Day has sold his farm, stock, and other property to Mr. Thomas of Salem. Mr. Day and family have moved to the Elm street place for the present.

Delia Carter returned on Thursday from Wintthrop, where she has been for some time.

Frank Kiburn, who escaped serious injury by being thrown by a stallion owned by Edward S. Blood.

The many friends in town of Dr. and Mrs. Percy Miller of Harwich, are pleased to hear of the arrival of a little son, Donald Wm. Miller, born September 25.

Maybelle Howe, daughter of Dr. E. D. Howe, is attending a boarding school at Merrimac, N. H.

Rev. P. H. Cressey of Groton will preach in the Unitarian church on Sunday, October 2. The meeting of the Sabbath guild at seven o'clock will be led by Mrs. Addison Woodward. On Sunday, October 9, a christening service will be held immediately following the sermon.

Arthur Bolles of Boston is enjoying a visit with his parents.

Mrs. Leroy Nutting has been in poor health for some time and is now confined to her home most of the time, suffering from a general nervous breakdown.

The Congregational church is receiving a new coat of paint, the work being commenced on Tuesday by W. E. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton have returned from their vacation at Atlantic City.

Mrs. Lizzie Gilson is at present making her home with her daughter, Mrs. F. S. Bancroft.

Harry Foster and family moved on Tuesday into the house formerly owned by Porter Humes on Townsend street.

G. G. O'Dyer, the blind lecturer, spoke before the students of the high school in their building on Thursday. Mr. O'Dyer explained the methods in general used to teach the blind how to lead useful and enjoyable lives.

Mrs. Ida K. Peckham of Boston arrived on Wednesday for a visit with her mother and sister.

Miss Murphy of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Harman.

Nettie Blood from Waban visited her mother, Mrs. A. N. Blood, recently.

A. G. Conant and family, who have been summering in town, left Thursday for their winter home in Plainfield, N. J.

It is reported that the Standard Paper Bottle Co. is to start manufacturing its product for the market on next Monday.

News Items.

The first social and business meeting of the L. S. C. branch of Woman's Alliance will be held on Friday afternoon, October 7, at 2.30, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Heald. Arrangements for a neighborhood meeting are to be made and work planned for the winter. A full attendance is requested.

The movement for branch library and reading room is receiving good encouragement. Another meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. P. W. Flynn, Monday evening, October 3.

S. M. Nokes, superintendent of streets, has had the covered bridge thoroughly cleaned out again, which wins commendation from those who pass through.

Word was received on Tuesday of the arrival of a baby boy at the home of Dr. Percy and Mrs. (Hannah Wilson) Miller of Harwich. Dr. Miller is the son of Charles H. Miller of this town. The name bestowed is Donald Winn Miller.

A number from here attended the entertainment given by the grange at Shirley last week Friday evening. Miss Pansy Howe and Miss Bertha Farnsworth were among the number and took part in the program with very creditable results.

It is reported that George T. Day has disposed of his farm, known as the Blood farm, Park street, to parties from Salem.

The L. S. C. of the Unitarian church held a successful supper and dance in Central hall on Thursday evening. Although the number present was not up to the usual, owing to so many other meetings and gatherings, a thoroughly good time was enjoyed and those who could not attend missed a feast.

John J. Keegan is the new manager at Bellamy's clothing store. He has been in charge of their Marlboro store and succeeds Theodore Reynolds, who accepted a position in Newark, N. J.

The Pepperell Card and Paper Co.'s plant is receiving a coat of fresh paint, changing the appearance and particularly noticeable as it is now red in color in place of cream colored.

Arthur Bolles of the Hotel Touraine office arrived at the home of his parents on Heald street, Tuesday, for a two weeks' vacation.

Maynard Copp fell from a pear tree to the ground at his home on High street last Saturday. Dr. Lovejoy was called and it was difficult to find just how severe the injuries were. He is confined to his home and will not be able to resume work for some weeks.

Harry B. Foster has moved into the house on Townsend street formerly occupied by Mrs. Gilson and Miss Putnam. It is understood Mr. Foster has purchased this property.

Mr. Tobieson received a hard knock while cranking his automobile Thursday afternoon. No bones were broken.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. E. F. Harman at her residence Friday afternoon, October 7, at three o'clock.

Mrs. Thurston, wife of H. C. Thurston superintendent of the Nashua River Paper Co., met with a painful and serious accident at her home last week Friday afternoon. She fell down the stairway and broke the collar bone, as well as being severely bruised. Dr. Lovejoy was called and her condition made as comfortable as possible.

The Congregational church building is receiving a new coat of paint. Work is being done by W. E. Chapman's painters.

Mrs. S. E. Trueman arrived home Friday, having spent two weeks with her son, Rev. H. Trueman of New Bedford.

Rev. D. R. Child will preach at Groton on Sunday. His place here will be filled by Rev. P. H. Cressey of that town.

Miss Reagan is a student operator at the central telephone office.

The announcement of two additions to our business community is made in the arrival of Dr. Nelson S. Wood of Worcester, who will succeed the late Dr. C. A. Grenache. See his advertisement.

Dr. C. A. Raymond is the other and a dentist formerly of the Warren Chambers, Boylston street, Boston. He has secured rooms in the new block of E. E. Tarbell, which will be completed in a few weeks and during the interim he has opened rooms at the New Prescott hotel. His advertisement was received too late for publication in this issue.

Mrs. Harris G. Tarbell of Wellesley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin, Cottage street, while Mr. Tarbell is touring through the Berkshire hills.

Mrs. J. J. Smart of Haverhill is a visitor at Mrs. H. G. Tarbell's. Her husband, Dr. J. J. Smart, formerly of this town, is a veterinary in the employ of the U. S. government at Haverhill.

Mrs. Henry Woodworth and child have arrived at their home on Park street, having spent the summer at Lake Sunapee.

Foxes are reported in abundance in North Pepperell and some good sport is expected by the hunters.

Frank O'Neal underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Massachusetts General hospital on last Saturday and is reported gaining.

License of Roger B. Taft, Pepperell, revoked; it appeared after an investigation and hearing, that an automobile operated by Taft was, September 7, in-



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The double-tracking of the W. N. and P. division of the Boston and Maine railroad at this point is now under construction. This will be a great improvement to the train service and also to patrons. The gate-man's house, which has always been in a very unpopular position, will be moved to the opposite side of the street. The track will be some ten or twelve feet nearer the railway station taking away quite a stretch of the plankings. The new track being laid is a mile and more in length.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bowser of Stoneham were guests of Miss F. J. Bowser last week Friday and Saturday.

The changing of operators in the telephone office from male to female employees, which was mentioned in these columns some months ago, will go into effect in the Pepperell office, October 2. Miss McDonald of Groton succeeds E. P. McCord, who has held the position for five years and eight months.

Thomas F. Clark has had his restaurant connected by telephone.

Unclaimed letters at East Pepperell postoffice, September 26: George Collins, Jackie Horrigan, Walter Hall, George Henry Pierce, P. J. Tierney, Ludgie Wilton.

Town Meeting.

The adjourned town meeting was called to order by chairman C. H. Miller at eight o'clock Thursday evening. Town clerk P. J. Kemp read the minutes of the previous meeting and the meeting was declared open by the moderator. George T. Koyes, chairman of the water commissioners, made a few remarks regarding the report not yet being completed and handed to the town clerk a copy of all but a small portion which was mislaid. He stated the report would not be complete in book form until October 6. It was voted that the report of the water commissioners be laid on the table until an adjourned meeting on Thursday evening, October 20, that the water commissioners be instructed to supply each voter with a copy, and that the resignation of the water commissioners be laid on the table until the adjourned meeting.

It was voted to adjourn until Thursday evening, October 20, at eight o'clock.

The Fair.

The exhibits to be seen at the town house, fair day, Thursday, October 6,

bid for high degrees of perfection. Many firms are to display important lines and the entire program shows the efforts put forth to make it a success in every way. The ball game scheduled for fair day is to be between Pepperell and Shirley, and a good game is assured.

The school children are happy as they are to have a holiday, the prices are right, all under twelve years of age being admitted free.

It has been four years since there has been a fair here and all are working that it may be the best ever held. The committee succeeded in getting the fine grounds of Miss F. Sibley on Main street, that is near the exhibition hall and from the entries now heard of there will be an unusually large showing of live stock. Every farmer should be represented other than by his presence. If some of his crops are not in his judgment up to first premium requirements, some will be and the greatest return to the exhibitor is to see the produce his farm raises along side of the other exhibitors and not only ask questions but be ready to advise those whose exhibits do not win against his.

The Caucuses.

The republican voters' caucus held in the town hall, Wednesday night, was the closest for many a day as a new ticket was put in the field when the time for voting came. This change of the nominees for the congressional delegation on the regular ticket framed by the town committee, as it was desired there should be an opportunity for Wilder delegates to be elected, if the majority preferred, against the regular nominees, which go unpledged, but it is stated have a Pierce preference. This was so explained by W. H. Drury, a Wilder nominee, and also by Francis G. Hayes, his associate nominee. The regular ticket contained the names of J. O. Bennett and A. E. Bannon and they were chosen, the vote being 32 against 26, and the regular ticket was elected as follows:

State—C. S. Denham, P. J. Hayes, Congressional—Arthur E. Bannon, J. O. Bennett.
Councillor—J. A. Saunders, C. S. Denham.
County—S. R. Merrill, J. G. Willey.
Senatorial—H. I. Whipple, L. P. Richardson.
District Attorney—F. G. Hayes, E. L. Tarbell.
Representative—F. R. Bennett, E. A. Williams, W. H. Drury.

The democratic caucus was held in Lawrence hall on Tuesday evening. Chairman Thomas J. Drumme presided and Patrick T. Flynn, secretary. The following delegates to the state

convention were chosen: state, Thos. J. Drumme; councillor, Absalom Lawrence; congressional, Patrick T. Flynn; county, John T. Sullivan; district attorney, John Garvey; senatorial, Edward Gagnon; representative, L. G. Robbins, F. H. Parker. The delegates were unpledged, but instructed to use their own judgment in selecting candidates for office.

TOWNSEND.

Centre.
Miss Lillian Hildreth is enjoying a vacation from her duties at the Waltham postoffice; visiting her friends in New York city and Montclair, N. J.

The republican caucus was held at Memorial hall, Wednesday evening, and following officers and delegates were chosen: A. N. Fessenden, chairman; William Lawrence, secretary; state, A. N. Fessenden, F. J. Knight; congressional, George A. Wilder, F. J. Piper, pledged for William H. Wilder; councillor, L. G. Chandler, R. G. Fessenden; county, George C. Fessenden, Fred A. Patch; senatorial, A. C. Josselyn, F. J. Knight, pledged to A. C. Best; district attorney, I. P. Sherwin, George M. Frye; representative, Melvin Davis, F. B. Higgins, William M. Lawrence, E. B. Morse. Town committee, Clarence Stickney, R. B. Adams, William M. Lawrence, George A. Wilder, F. B. Higgins, Fred Piper, John J. Piper.

Mrs. Mary Attridge McGuane and little son of Ayer visited relatives in town this week.

Miss Annie Begg of Leominster is at Dr. Chandler's for a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wilder of Fitchburg were in town Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harvey of Nashua, N. H., are at George G. Clarke's for a few days' vacation.

Harbor.

Miss Hazel Cummings, who is teaching in Hudson, N. H., spent Sunday at her home.

Several from the Harbor and Cape Corner attended the fair and dance at Groton on Thursday.

Mrs. Oliver Proctor has returned from a three weeks' visit to Shelburne Falls.

Miss Leonora Bradley, who has been a guest at Seven Pines farm the past summer, has, after failing to secure an available house at the Cape, purchased a place in Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. Loranzo Doron and Mrs. Mark Leadbetter visited in Fitchburg last Saturday.

Miss Mary Cruikshank of Brookline, is a guest at Pinehurst.

Miss Isabel Ewing has returned from a visit in Putnam, Conn.

Herbert Cummings went to Baldwin on business Wednesday.

A. C. Josselyn, who has been visiting the Spaulding brothers, in Rochester, for a few days, returned last night after an auto trip to Boston.

Harold Gray has been out of school a week owing to a sprained ankle.

Charles Adams has a melon vine bearing six musk melons, the combined weight of which is 37 lbs., 2 oz.

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