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#### LITTLETON.

##### News Items.

Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb and daughter Marion, spent a few days with friends in Bridgewater last week.

Mrs. Mattie K. Priest, president of the Woman's club, attended a meeting of the Dorchester Social club on Monday and the annual meeting of the State Federation in Cambridge on Tuesday.

J. Warren Twisden of Cambridge spent Sunday with his mother and sister at Littleton Common.

Edward Brotz, for several years past in the employ of Conant & Co., has severed his connection with the firm and taken up farming with his father-in-law, W. H. Decatur.

Miss Mabel Sargent spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Montague.

The ladies of the Congregational society will hold their annual sale of fancy and useful articles, candy, food, etc., on Wednesday afternoon and evening, November 16. For those desiring to remain from afternoon to evening there will be an opportunity to buy a substantial lunch at six o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged for the entertainment in the evening.

Rev. Paul G. Favor was one of the speakers at the reception tendered to Rev. William Batt in Concord Junction. Mr. Favor has been elected secretary of the committee in charge of the "Exposition of Missouri," to be held in Boston next spring.

The Backlog club will give their annual Thanksgiving ball at Littleton town hall on Thursday evening, November 24. The Salem Cadet orchestra has been engaged for the evening. There will be a concert from eight to nine o'clock.

The Woman's club will meet next Monday afternoon in the Orthodox vestry. Mrs. Walter Scott Carr of Andover, N. H., will speak on "Some old superstitions," and Mrs. M. K. Priest will sing.

Miss Jessie Smith will have charge of the guild meeting tomorrow evening. The subject is "Daily service."

The subject of the Y. P. S. C. E. for tomorrow evening is "The war against the saloon: enlist." Mr. Hutchinson will be the speaker at the Baptist church.

The many friends of Mrs. Arthur W. Drew are glad to learn that she is convalescent, and at time of writing (Thursday) can sit up two hours each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrows will attend the National Grange meetings at Atlantic City, next week. They will also visit Philadelphia, Washington and New York.

Parkinson Oddy has torn down his barn and in its place will erect a small barn and house for hay and hens.

Mrs. Daniel G. Houghton has spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Carl A. Dodge, in Gloucester City, N. J. Miss Edith Houghton has been with her mother and her sister part of the week.

#### TOWNSEND.

##### Centre.

There will be a parents' and teachers' meeting at the high school building Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, and it is earnestly hoped that all parents will attend this. A good time is planned. There will be talks, a question box and light refreshments.

The ladies of the Congregational society have purchased a vacuum cleaner and it is to be kept at Mrs. A. J. Atwood's. They have decided to let it to those outside the society and only a reasonable price will be charged.

Miss Mabel Eaton of Dorchester is a guest at Mrs. Clarence Sherwin's, old city, this week.

Miss Adelaide Well and Miss Elsie Powell gave a party to their neighbors and friends at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brackett, last Saturday evening. Games and a general good time were enjoyed by all. The "old city" band was in attendance and dainty refreshments were served during the evening.

The Country club held a meeting at Mrs. Irving Seaver's last Friday afternoon and Mrs. Seaver and Mrs. Emma J. Spencer gave a delightful account of their recent trip to England. Mrs. Spencer also told of the different ways things were done in England to what they are in America. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Don't forget the free public reception to the Townsend baseball team here tonight at Memorial hall. Everyone is requested to come out and see the ten silver loving cups presented to the winners, and to help all to enjoy the evening. Dancing and a social time will be in order after the reception.

Past master T. E. Flarity inspected the West Boylston grange on Friday night.

The Board of Trade held a meeting and banquet at J. L. Farrar's hotel on Tuesday evening and the election returns were received there.

#### SHIRLEY.

##### Bowling.

The Leominster team of bowlers paid a visit to Shirley on Thursday evening and connected with the Shir-

ley team for a match game in the Trolley league series at the local alleys. The contest was a good one, the Leominster bowlers winning by good margins. The first string was a banner one, the Leominsters registering a total of 490 as against 452 for the home team. Douglas in this string scored 105 and each of the remaining four bowlers on his side came close to the century mark.

In the second string the visitors were not so fast scoring only a total of 447, while the home team again scored the total of 452. King of the visiting team rolled 102. The third and last string of the match was won by the Leominsters who reached a total of 473. Reagan in this scoring 108. All the Shirley players lagged on this final string, scoring only 410.

The Leominsters rolled a total pinfall of 1410 as against 1314 for Shirley. Metcalf was high roller in the game scoring 290, and Collyer and Cook tied for the losers, each scoring a total of 269. Cotter and Burrill also tied for second place on the Shirley side, each rolling 264.

The Leominsters put up a good game and certainly delivered the goods in Thursday night's match. The summary:

LEOMINSTER.			
Douglas	105	80	272
Metcalf	97	95	290
King	93	102	278
Reagan	97	80	258
St. George	98	90	287
490 447 473-1410			
SHIRLEY.			
Cotter	99	92	264
McGuinness	86	84	258
Cook	90	92	269
Burrill	92	94	261
Collyer	95	90	259
452 452 410-1314			

#### Items of Interest.

The gum of the Mexican chicle tree is valuable as the basis for most chewing gums, for the reason that it is absolutely tasteless and therefore does not effect the flavor of other ingredients mixed with it.

The twenty fishing vessels owned in the little Cayman Islands (Jamaica's neighbors on the south) caught 2,234 green turtles last year.

Mortality records for Washington for the year 1909 show that the city's death rate was 19 in every 1,000 persons. Fall River, with 19.1 per 1,000, and New Orleans, with 20.2 per 1,000, are the only American cities in the 100,000 class having a worse record.

Since September first, this year, the tax in the United Kingdom on a motorcycle has been \$4.86, on a motor-car under fifteen horse-power, \$19.47, and on a motor-car above sixty horse-power \$204.38.

The White Cross society, whose chief object is to further the object of pure food, has as a part of its program of reform the abolition of French words from American bills of fare in the restaurants and hotels. It is held that there are good, understandable English words that describe any ordinary dish served in the restaurants of the country, and the employment of French words is regarded as an effectation and a source of confusion.

In certain parts of Mexico the natives hang the nests of a large species of spider in their houses to entrap flies and other small insects.

Speaking on "America's Influence in China," at the Boston City club, Rev. Arthur H. Smith, D. D., of China, said that Americans are too self-satisfied. He said that the people of this country would not bother to learn much about another land unless they had financial interests at stake there; that Americans are practically disqualified from comprehending other races. Americans take things for granted; they knew without learning. He explained some of the existing conditions in China, saying that every Chinaman is the epitome of twenty-seven dynasties.

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Boys' Woolen ..... 50c.  
Men's Union Suits ..... \$1.00 to \$3.00  
Boys' Union Suits ..... 50c. to \$1.00



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**WESTFORD.**

Centre.

The officials of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company and the board of selectmen held a conference Thursday at the office of Edward Fisher at Lowell relative to the earnings of the spur track from Brookside to Westford Centre in the past six months. The accounts submitted showed a deficit in the operating expenses for the past six months of over \$100, and according to agreement, the townspeople are to make that sum good. There is a paper in circulation to raise the money. The road will be kept in operation for the next six months on the same basis.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Heywood on Tuesday of this week.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Mills, in the Westford depot neighborhood, the first of this week.

Peter Clement's family are in quarantine, one of his daughters having an attack of diphtheria. Fortunately it is in a mild form.

Mrs. Myrtle Snow Clark, who has been spending a number of weeks with her parents in North Westford, has returned to her home at Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Miss Evelyn Atwood came up last week for her last stay with the Westford relatives before returning to her winter home in Dayton, Fla.

James Kimball from Boston was present with his aunt, Miss Luce, at the supper and entertainment at the Congregational vestry on Wednesday evening.

**Grange.**

There was a fair attendance at the last meeting of the grange and those present felt well repaid for being there owing to the excellence of the program. Rev. Albert H. Wheeler, chaplain of the state grange, was the speaker of the evening. Mr. Wheeler is always a favorite with the Westford patrons with his genial, genuine personality, and his presentation of the subject, "The crowning glory of man," was most clearly followed. The crowning glory he deemed to be character, which was above beauty, grace, ancestry, social position, wealth, the cunning hand or the cultured brain. It was an excellent theme excellently treated.

The program was supplemented with cornet and piano duets by Mr. Blodgett and Miss Pond. Master Frank C. Wright for the first time for several meetings was able to be in his chair. Mr. Wright earnestly thanked the members for the flowers sent to Mrs. Wright and himself during their illness and other kindnesses received.

At the meeting of the North Middlesex Pomona grange, held the following day at Lowell, Westford grange had its full share in the events of the day and evening. There was a large delegation present and the dinner and supper were in charge of Westford members, with Mrs. Josie A. Prescott, chairman.

The Westford grange orchestra furnished music during the afternoon under the direction of Arthur Blodgett, cornetist; William Wall, drum; Walter Steele, violin, and Miss Marion Blodgett, pianist. There were a number from this grange who received the fifth degree in the evening.

**Social.**

The first social in the series for the season at the Congregational church was held on Wednesday evening, and was thoroughly successful. It was in the charge of the gentlemen who carries out all details of the supper and entertainment and they richly deserved the ready appreciation they received.

At 6:30 a fine supper of oyster stew, scalloped oysters, cold meat, rolls, coffee and pie was served, followed by an entertainment in the vestry below. All of the numbers contributed by the gentlemen was as follows: W. J. Merritt gave a varied number of selections on his graphophone which is of especial softness and clearness of tone; Fred A. Smith read two selections, "Choosing a pastor," and "Nobody specially cares," which was much enjoyed. Rev. David Wallace gave violin solos, which were a happy manifestation of a new accomplishment to most of his friends. L. W. Wheeler read "The court-in" from James Russell Lowell and supplemented this with a original skit of his own, a play on words, bringing in the names of many of those present which caused much merriment.

Dr. C. A. Blaney, who was in excellent voice contributed two pretty ballads, "Where are the scenes of yesterday?" and "When the autumn leaves are falling." E. G. Boynton always a favorite with these audiences sang "Neath the pines of Maine." The accompanists for the evening were Mrs. Boynton, Miss Pond and Mr. Naylor.

Rev. David Wallace had general charge of arrangements and Fred A. Smith was the capable head man in the kitchen.

**About Town.**

Mr. and Mrs. Felix McGown are busy these November days in pushing a girl baby carriage. Mr. McGown will be remembered as a brother of the late Mrs. Samuel M. Hutchins, and lived in town for several years at her home opposite Fairview cemetery.

Rev. Richmond Fisk of Ayer conducted the services at the Unitarian church last Sunday and preached an eloquent sermon on the final triumph of good. Evil as a permanent influence was given an eloquent leave to withdraw and set up business nowhere.

The piling for the extension of the bridge for the lengthening of the side-

track at Westford station, arrived several weeks ago, and according to rules of the Boston and Maine railroad they should be paying for overtime storage of their own freight on their own cars. The extension will cross Stony Brook towards the arch bridge.

Next Thursday evening will be observed as neighbors' night by the grange, and Littleton, and Groton granges will furnish appetite and entertainment.

Gleason & Company are in town and doing business in an apple way. They are preparing to load a car at Westford.

Several from town attended the grange ladies' minstrel show at Chelmsford. It was so much witty, wise, pleasing and close to nature, that the town hall had not capacity enough for all comers, and a carload from Lowell could only be allowed outside space, which is a large acreage.

The Fortnightly club is beginning to gather its scattered recollections of last spring's adjournment, and a meeting is momentarily expected most any Friday evening after this week so keep open eye and clear vision.

**The Election.**

The forewarned landslide has come and gone, and for all that has left the thankful spirit that we are not crippled for life. That the new deal will make good there is no doubt, that doubt will be good is quite another affair that we have all got to prove by eating it. Should it prove more bitter than what we are at present enjoying, why then we shall begin to look for our return ticket which always has an unlimited date. The vote of Westford was all that was expected and some besides. The following vote will show the expected and other reflections: Governor, Draper 220; Foss 129; Lieutenant governor, Frothingham 227; Cassidy 109; congressman, Wilder 200, Mitchell 134; senator, Bennett 213, Kiely 116; representative, Wilkins 129, Fisher 240.

The republicans of the town remained true to the rock bed principals of protection to home industry, and helped to give a majority of 109 to home grown product for representative. We are still living and breathing occasionally, pulse is slow, but makes out to go.

**Forge Village.**

Rev. Arthur L. Bumpus, who has been appointed vicar of St. Andrew's parish, which includes Ayer and this village, preached his first sermon at the mission on Sunday afternoon and made a good impression on the large congregation present. Rev. Mr. Bumpus announced that he would call on his parishioners within a few days, as he desires to become acquainted with the members of his church. A meeting will be held shortly and committees will be appointed for the different societies connected with the church.

Holy communion will be celebrated at the mission next Sunday morning at nine o'clock; evening prayer at 4:30; Sunday school at 3:30. Choir rehearsals will be resumed on Wednesday evening of each week, commencing next week.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met at Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon for the usual work. A lunch was served which added considerable interest in the afternoon's sewing.

Miss Mary H. and Miss Annie Cherry spent Saturday and Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker of College Hill, Worcester. Miss Christine Lowther, who spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Baker, returned home on Sunday night.

Mrs. Joseph Mason and little son Clayton of Lowell, spent a few days the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole.

Joseph McDonald, who purchased the Bradley farm in Groton some time ago, moved his household effects on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ame Boucher and family moved into the house vacated by Joseph McDonald on Bradford street, and Mr. and Mrs. Tenney Martin, who purchased the brick house which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Boucher, took possession of their property on Monday.

Mrs. Hans C. Dege and son Albert of North Billerica, were entertained on Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole.

Mrs. Harriet E. Randall spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Brockton. Mrs. Randall has a fine display of chrysanthemums in her garden and Wednesday picked two rosebuds.

Alvin S. Bennett has returned from a business trip to Springfield.

Mrs. Felix True and two sons of North Chelmsford spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Tenney Martin.

**Death.**

Mrs. Ellen Cavanaugh, wife of William Cavanaugh, died early Tuesday morning at her home on Bradford street, after an illness of a few days. Mrs. Cavanaugh gave birth to a son last Saturday and although the little fellow is well and doing nicely, the mother sank rapidly until the end, leaving a husband and ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh arrived here four months ago from Keighley, England, and intended to settle here with their family. Mrs. Cavanaugh was a devoted wife and mother, and was a regular attendant at St. Catherine's church. The sincere sympathy of the entire village is extended to the bereaved family in their great loss. The funeral was held at St. Catherine's church on Friday morning.

**Granville.**

The Jolly Three club of this village held a social dance in Healy's hall on Saturday night of last week that was well attended. Music was furnished by the Elite orchestra of this village, and at intermission an excellent oyster supper was served in the lower hall. There was to be prize waltzing at this affair, but owing to the large number being present, and the flow being constantly crowded, it was thought best to postpone this interesting event until some future time. The dance was in charge of the following committee: John Rafferty, general manager; Walter Shattuck, floor director; Edward Leland, supper committee.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. W. O. Hawkes on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

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**SHIRLEY.**

Clarence H. McLenna of this village and Miss Myrtle Weston of South Lancaster were quietly married in Clinton on Friday, November 5. Mr. McLenna, who is a telegraph operator, now has charge of the Western Union telegraph office at Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. McLenna will at present reside with the bride's parents in South Lancaster, and later will take up housekeeping in Clinton. The young couple start in on their new life with the best wishes of a host of friends, for both are very well known, both here and in South Lancaster.

**Election Day.**

At eleven a. m. Herman S. Hazen, town clerk, called the meeting to order and read the warrant.

It was voted to lay on the table the part of the warrant relating to town business until 2:30.

At 11:30, Edward J. Stevens, chairman of the board of selectmen declared the polls open, and 198 votes were cast out of a registered list of 309.

The election of officers were: George E. Harlow and Gideon C. West, ballot clerks; Edward J. Stevens, ballot box; Walter Knowles, check list; Frank P. Rugg and Thomas Gately, gate-tenders; Jeremiah H. Flynn, Edmund F. O'Neill, LaForest J. Carpenter and H. H. Lynch, counters.

At 2:30 town meeting was called to order by the town clerk, and D. Chester Parsons was chosen moderator. The following business was transacted:

Voted, To amend section one of article one of the by-laws of the town by striking out the words "first Monday after the eleventh day of April," and insert in place thereof, "fourth Monday of March."

Voted, To amend section two of article two of the by-laws of the town by striking out the word "April," and inserting in place thereof the word "March."

The above votes practically mean that in the future the annual town meeting will be held on the fourth Monday of March instead of the first Monday after the eleventh day of April.

It was also voted to accept the sum of one hundred dollars for care of the J. C. Parsons' lot in village cemetery. Following is the vote in part:

Governor—Eben S. Draper, 115; Eugene N. Foss, 74.

Lieutenant governor—Louis A. Frothingham, 114; Thomas F. Cassidy, 61.

Secretary—William M. Olin, 111; Charles J. Martell, 57.

Treasurer—Elmer A. Stevens, 112; Benjamin P. Beach, 60.

Auditor—Henry E. Turner, 105; Charles C. Paine, 60.

Attorney general—James M. Swift, 112; John B. Bartigan, 60.

Congressman, fourth district, regular term—William H. Wilder, 110; John J. Mitchell, 80.

Congressman, fourth district, to fill vacancy, unexpired term—William H. Wilder, 107; John J. Mitchell, 77.

Councilor—Herbert E. Fletcher, 113; J. Keiso Mairs, 59.

Senator—Joseph H. Hibbard, 97; Fish-eal H. Pearson, 77.

Representative in general court—David H. Damon, 103; Charles F. Worcester, 78.

County commissioner—Charles H. Richardson, 115; Dexter C. Whittemore, 62.

County commissioner, to fill vacancy, unexpired term—Winthrop H. Fairbanks, 62; Chester B. Williams, 110.

Associate commissioner—Edward E. Thompson, 101; Frank A. Patch, 98.

Legender—V. Colahan, 52; Joseph L. Marin, 48.

District attorney—John J. Higgins, 115; James B. Fawcett, 59.

Sheriff—John R. Fairbairn, 117; Whitfield L. Tuck, 61.

**Altrurian.**

The Altrurian club held their usual meeting at the club room on Thursday afternoon, November 3. The president, Mrs. M. W. Hazen, called the meeting to order at three o'clock. After the business hour two papers were given on "New methods of dealing with the criminal." Miss Nellie Cronin's paper and talk on reformatories was given in a bright and spirited manner, showing the results of the new methods. Miss Mildred Daniels gave an exceedingly fine paper on "Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth and her work."

Five members of the club attended the Federation meeting at Littleton on October 31. Mrs. L. J. Merriman gave an excellent report of the addresses given and of the pleasant greetings extended to the visitors. Mrs. L. J. Merriman also attended, as delegate, the State Federation meeting at Cambridgeport on Tuesday of this week, the principal subject of the afternoon being "Ideals in civic arts," by Morris Paterson of the University of the South.

**BOXBOROUGH.**

**News Items.**

Mrs. Albert Littlefield and her son Charles, went to Littleton on November 2, and witnessed the working

of the fifth degree upon a class of sixty-five, by the officers of Middlesex-Worcester Pomona. After the degree, members of Groton grange gave a minstrel show.

Dea. M. E. Wood and wife will be pleased to receive their friends at their home on Monday, November 21, which is the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, from three to five, and seven to ten p. m.

Carpenters are at work on a new barn for J. A. Walker.

Miss Mary E. Hager is taking care of the sick at Mr. Farrar's in East Acton.

Clarence Bramer and family were Sunday guests at A. E. Lawrence's.

Mrs. Leon Wetherbee is spending the week in Fitchburg.

Frank Page and family and Mrs. Ida Hoffman, who have been visiting at Mrs. Page's, have returned to their respective homes. Her many friends will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Page's health is much improved.

There was no school on Monday as the teachers attended an institute in Maynard.

**HARVARD.**

Lecture Course.

The following is the annual course of Warner Free Lecture Fund to be held in town hall, Harvard:

Friday, November 25—Frederic Poole, "The new China." Illustrated.

Tuesday, December 13—Ex-Governor J. Frank Hanly, "The patriotism of peace."

Friday, December 30—A song recital by Miss Villa Whitney White and Miss Linda Ekman. Groups of Scotch, English, Irish and Anglo-American folk songs.

Friday, January 13—Dr. G. M. Twitchell, "Stumbling blocks."

Friday, January 20—A Leland Powers' recital, "The dawn of a tomorrow."

Friday, February 10—Rev. Edwin A. Blake, "Egypt." Illustrated.

Friday, March 3—Musical, the Weber Concert Company.

**News Items.**

Harvard voters turned out fairly well on Tuesday last, 140 votes being cast. Draper had 97 and Foss 43. Among those from out-of-town who came home to vote were: W. P. Phillips, W. L. Crosby, A. C. Fuller, Fiske Warren, P. A. Atherton and George Pollard.

The townspeople met on Wednesday evening at the town hall to hear and act in regard to a settlement with Miss Nell T. Hartshorn for alleged breach of contract with the school committee for janitor service. W. H. Fairbank was chosen moderator of the meeting. A motion was made by A. W. Bryant as follows: To instruct the selectmen to settle with the plaintiff and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to meet the same. After some discussion the town voted as the motion directed. The selectmen were also instructed to transfer such unexpended balance from other appropriations as they saw fit to meet the required amount.

**HOLLIS, N. H.**

The members of the Ladies' R. and C. society are busy getting ready for a supper and sale to be held November 16. The proceeds are to be added to the money raised last summer towards finishing the ladies' parlor.

At the annual meeting of the Auxiliary to the Woman's Board held last week, Mrs. C. H. Davis was elected president to succeed Mrs. Jewett, who declined re-election.

Town meeting, November 8, for state election passed off very quietly. The following were elected from Hollis to serve in town and state for the next two years: Moderator, Silas M. Spaulding; supervisors of check list, Hon. Franklin Worcester, John Woods, David Hayden; representative to state legislature, Charles W. Hardy. Mr. Hardy's friends are very glad of his election. He is a life-long republican and has always been most loyal to his party. He has served it most faithfully in Hollis in every way in his power. He will be faithful in the legislature and do everything possible to further all upright and reform measures. His service will be a credit to the town.

Daniel W. Hayden of Hollis was elected state senator for the fifteenth district. Mr. Hayden is a life-long republican and has always been ready to promote all advance movements in Hollis. He is a veteran of the civil war, consequently is a broad-minded man and will do all in his power to promote all measures for advancement in New Hampshire. Both Mr. Hardy and Mr. Hayden will be a credit to Hollis, during the session of the coming legislature.

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WILLIAM F. WHARTON, Adm.  
 50 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, November 9, 1910. 219

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Boston, October 21, 1910.  
 I approve the foregoing by-law.  
 DANA MALONE,  
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**ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF AYER.**



I certify that the following additional by-laws were adopted by the town of Ayer at the annual town meeting, April 4, 1910, and that they have been approved by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GUY B. REMICK,  
 Town Clerk.

**Article VI. Sidewalks.**

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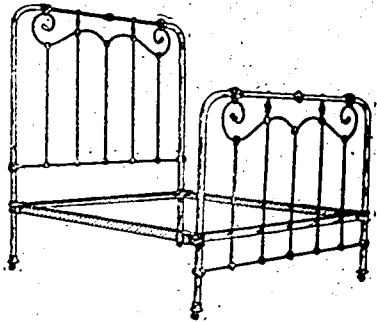


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**LITTLETON.**

**News Items.**  
 Miss Cora Davis, postoffice clerk, has been absent several days, and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton has substituted for her.  
 Mrs. D. G. Houghton has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl A. Dodge in Gloucester City, N. J. Miss Edith Houghton was also a guest of Mrs. Dodge for part of the week.  
 The junior and senior classes of the high school under the chaperonage of Misses Mitchell and Jackson, will go to Boston today to see Julia Marlowe and Sothorn in Macbeth.  
 Miss Etta Ewings has been spending a few days with her father, Osman Ewings, at Hon. F. A. Patch's this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Elmar A. Flagg went to Providence last week to see Miss Mildred, who is much pleased with her chosen college. She recently played the violin at a reception given by Pres. Faunce.

**Grange.**  
 At the grange meeting held in town hall, Littleton, on Wednesday, November 2, nearly two hundred, including patrons and guests outside of grange circles were present. Early in the forenoon arrivals began, people coming by rail or carriage from Lunenburg, Leominster, Fitchburg, Townsend, Shirley, Groton, Westford, Acton and Ashby.  
 The program of the day was opened by William Pickard, master of Littleton grange, who extended to all a royal welcome.  
 A full account of the meeting would furnish interesting reading, but unfortunately the writer of this article was unable to hear the entire program and for other good reasons must establish limits. Mr. Jubb of Shirley spoke on "From fleece to fabric," and gave interesting details of his factory experience from the time when he worked twelve hours a day for small wages. His ambition and enterprise led him to specialize at different times in the various kinds of factory work and his advancement and salary became correspondingly encouraging. He exhibited samples of wool in different stages of manufacture, and spoke of the wonderful labor-saving machinery of modern times.  
 Mr. Jubb well illustrated the possibilities for establishing a name by citing the case of an American manufacturer who for years saved the small portion of fleece that is finest and best, and finally, converting it into highest grade cloth, placed it on exhibition beside goods manufactured by an English firm that had until then enjoyed the reputation of making the finest cloth in the world. The American company was accorded the highest place in the manufacture of excellent woolen goods.

George H. Cash of Littleton, discussed "The best fertilizers." In a brief talk he gave his experience with chemical fertilizers. The most satisfactory results he said had come from buying and mixing himself. Mr. Cash strongly urged the advantage of co-operation in the purchase of wholesale amounts of the chemicals, thus seizing the opportunity for reduced prices.  
 Hon. Frank A. Patch, who spoke not from experience, but rather from the large store of his common sense and careful observations, talked briefly on the subject, "Are we careful in selecting traits for our grandchildren?" This he said was a subject for scientific study and too broad and deep to be disposed of in the few minutes allotted to him. Mr. Patch believes that although we may by example and precept lay the foundation of future generations, yet the difference in environment and the age may, in a great measure counteract the influence of our lives on theirs. The speaker, however, urged that our lives be such that it could not truthfully be said that the sins of the parents were being visited upon the children. Insanity and some other abnormal conditions he would classify as disease, rather than traits.

Rev. Robert E. Bisbee of Boston, the principal speaker of the afternoon, commanded the closest attention to "What men should know about." He emphasized the need of more thorough knowledge of legislation and the way in which it is conducted under the present system.  
 He dwelt upon the small amount of influence the people themselves have in direct legislation, the swaying of legislators for a consideration by the great business interests. As a corrective of this evil he recommended the initiative and referendum, and explained their uses. When legislators refuse to pass such bills as the people require, a petition is circulated and signed by a certain percentage of the people themselves who vote on the issue. He mentioned states that have already adopted this method and gave examples illustrating its practicability. He predicted that unless some such method is adopted, whereby the people are given a more direct voice in legislative matters, there will be a startling revolution.  
 Mr. Bisbee, by request, gave a short account of co-operative farming in Boxborough, where, by direction of a scientist, he and his company purchased sixty acres of land containing the proper soil for asparagus. Three acres of this have been planted with carefully selected asparagus roots of their own raising. To this plantation he invited all interested persons in asparagus season.

A very entertaining number of the afternoon program was an excellent recitation by little Miss Bradshaw of Ayer.  
 A bountiful lunch was served at noon by the Littleton grange and about seventy persons did justice to it. Light refreshments were served to about thirty who stayed for the evening session.  
 In the evening the fifth degree was conferred in full form on sixty-five candidates. Deputy Kilpatrick was present and inspected the work of the officers. The latter part of the evening was given up to a fine entertainment in form of a minstrel show by members of Groton grange.

**Alliance.**  
 The Alliance meeting was on Friday of last week with Mrs. W. C. Brown. Twenty-five were present to hear Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells speak on "Unitarian grandmothers." Mrs. Wells drew an interesting parallel between the unorganized women of two generations past and the organized women of today, making an interesting and instructive comparison in many particulars.  
 Mrs. Brown served light refreshments with the assistance of her little daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth, who shared that feature of the entertainment with grace and pleasure.

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 Those who knew her best sometimes had demonstrated with her, and felt that she should have more time free from the thought of others, but she invariably answered as fully as a light to all who knew her. She is enshrined in the hearts of little children, who are repeating the little prayers she taught them. From the inmost consciousness of those who have known her, arises thanks to God for the life of Mrs. Jessie A. Hager.

Frank J. Hager, and George W. Sanderson, jr., a nephew, who lived with him at Ironwood, will remain east for a few weeks. Mrs. Lena Knox Winton of Duluth, Mich., a cousin of Mrs. Hager, who came from her home in that place, to attend the funeral, will remain with relatives in this vicinity for a week or more.

**TOWNSEND.**

**West.**  
 Frank Farrar and wife have moved into the Richard McElligott house on lower Main street, recently purchased by Mrs. Chloe Brown of Manchester, N. H., and Dr. Shaw and family will soon move from their house on the Centre road to the cottage vacated by the Farrars which Dr. Shaw has purchased.  
 Fred Smith of Josselynville has purchased the cottage next to the railroad station occupied by Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Parsons.  
 Mrs. George Ball and little daughter have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wood, and her niece, Miss Freda Jodery, also spent Sunday with them, the party returning to their home in Concord on Monday.  
 Miss Mildred Seaver, Ralph Willard, Edward Patch and Frank Thomas of Boston were in town over Sunday.  
 Miss Maud Hodgman from Reading has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan.  
 Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Shapleigh of Cambridge spent Sunday with relatives in town.  
 Mrs. Ford Reed of Boston has been spending a few days at her home here.  
 The Ladies' Literary and Social club met last week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence and discussed "The works of John Ruskin." The next meeting will be on Friday afternoon, November 18, with Mrs. E. A. Craig and the topic will be "Shelby," the English poet.  
 Mrs. R. S. Ely has been visiting friends in Boston and vicinity, and Alden Sherwin spent Sunday with his fiancée at her home in Quincy.  
 The total number of books distributed from the library reading-room for the month of October is 314.  
 At the regular monthly covenant meeting of the Baptist church it was voted to change the hour of the afternoon meetings from three o'clock to 2.30.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Homer have closed their summer residence here and returned to their apartments in New York city for the winter.  
 A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phelps on the Manning farm last Sunday.

**Entertainment.**  
 The annual sale and entertainment of the Ladies' Benevolent society will be held in the Seminary hall on Tuesday evening, November 15. There will be a sale of fancy articles, candy, aprons, etc., and a very entertaining farce, entitled "Our church fair," will be given by the young ladies with the following cast of characters:  
 Mrs. Roberts, who wants to be president, Mrs. Charles Stickney; Mrs. Henry, young, giddy, and fond of love, Grace Thompson; Mrs. Jackson, president of the society, Mrs. Mabelle Wilson; Mrs. Brett, on the dinner committee, Mrs. Charles Hodgman; Mrs. Lewis, the minister's wife, Miss Edith Tenney; Mrs. Lawson, very plump, Miss Inez McElligott; Mrs. Brown, anxious to get new church attendants, Blanche Sprague; Mrs. Addison, very inquisitive, Miss Alice Seaver; Mrs. Otis, on the dinner committee, Miss Mabel Thompson; Mrs. Drey, just married, Mrs. Edgar Wilson; Mrs. Thompson, decidedly close, Miss M. Elinor Tower.

**Club Meeting.**  
 The Ladies' Study club met in the reading-room last Monday evening and took up the topic "History of 1776," under the charge of Mrs. George Adams. The next meeting will be on Monday evening, November 21, and the topic will be "Historic towns," under the charge of Mrs. E. J. Lees and the following papers will be read: "Boston," by Mrs. R. S. Ely; "New York," Mrs. Mervin Hodgman; "Philadelphia," Mrs. E. J. Lees; "Salem," Mrs. G. A. Seaver; "Lexington," Mrs. Fred A. Patch; "Concord," Mrs. Albert Wilson. The programs for the year were distributed and the topics include all the various departments of our history; our national history, our government, our customs, colleges, negro and Indian schools, painting, sculpture and pottery, famous men and women, our new possessions, Alaska, strange corners of our country, the history of our state, and on February 28, the club will reserve as gentlemen's night, and the Men's club will be entertained.

**Death.**  
 The funeral services over Mrs. Ellen J. Webster, who passed away at her home here on Wednesday, November 2, was held at her late residence at three o'clock on last Saturday afternoon, Rev. S. D. Ringrose officiating. Two solos, "There is a land," and "Face to face," were beautifully rendered by John Manchester of Lowell, and John Campbell acted as funeral director. The burial took place at the Centre and her sons tenderly bore the body to its last resting place. The room in which the body lay was filled with beautiful flowers, covering and surrounding the casket and filling the entire house with fragrance.  
 Mrs. Webster was aged sixty-five years and six months and leaves a husband, W. W. Webster, five sons—Frank W., Stephen L., James L., and Walter D. Farrar of the Centre, and Clarence L. Webster of this village, and two sisters—Mrs. Warren Farrar of Troy, N. H., and Mrs. Susan Hill of Millis. She was a devoted wife and mother and a faithful friend and kind neighbor, and during the twenty years she had lived in this village had made many friends who will mourn her loss.

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 About thirty-five friends of Miss Gertrude F. O'Neill called at her home last week Thursday evening and tendered her a very successful surprise party and presented her with a very pretty gold watch and pin. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake, candy and fruit were served. Games and music made the evening one to be long remembered by all present.  
 Mrs. McMichael, accompanied by Elmer H. Allen, went to Pittsfield on last Saturday to remain for a few weeks with her granddaughter, Mrs. Dana B. Somes. Mr. Allen returned home the first of the week.  
 The supper, social and entertainment of the Congregational church, last week Thursday evening, proved to be a very pleasant affair, and was

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 Mr. Gately died last week Friday morning of heart failure. His sickness commenced about eight years ago and during that time he had suffered attacks of heart trouble, becoming more frequent as time passed on. His last and final attack was four months ago, when he was compelled to give up work and for the past six weeks he had been confined to his room and was a great sufferer. His brother, Thomas F. Gately of Fitchburg, was a loyal and faithful attendant, never leaving his bedside night or day during his final severe attack.  
 Dr. Lilly was the attending physician and consultation with Dr. Cohn of Leominster and Dr. Cowles of Ayer were held recently in the hope that something might be done to help his case.  
 Mr. Gately was a native of Shirley and at the time of his death was 28 yrs., 5 mos., 12 days. He was an elastic web weaver by trade and had been employed for the past ten years by the C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Co., where he learned his trade. He was conductor for the Fitchburg and Leominster road and for a brief period was in business for himself, buying and selling teas and coffee.  
 Mr. Gately was married two years ago to Miss Mamie Graves of Ayer, and their married life, though brief, was full of happiness, both being fondly attached to each other. He was a young man of the gentle type, honest and straightforward in all his dealings with others and was loyal to his friends. He will be missed in Shirley, where he was prominent with the social set of the younger element. Much sympathy is expressed throughout the town for the bereaved wife and relatives.  
 He leaves a wife, three brothers, Thomas of Fitchburg, Henry of Boston, and Joseph Gately; four sisters, Mrs. J. G. Ayer of Charlestown, Miss Abbie F. Gately of Medford, and the Misses Etta and Lena Gately of Shirley.  
 Following is a list of flowers which were numerous and choice:  
 Twenty-eight call lilies, wife; two pillows of roses, sisters and brothers; cross of roses, "At rest," employees of C. A. Edgerton Mfg. Co.; wreath of roses and Easter lilies, Hewes & Potter, Boston; wreath of pink roses and chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, Medford; pinks and roses, Miss O'Connor of Ayer; spray of roses, Mr. and Mrs. James Gately; spray of white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gately; spray of pinks, James F. Eimer of Ayer; white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson; spray of pinks, Mrs. Ida Warren and mother; chrysanthemums, Mary A. Livermore; lodge of Rebekahs; pinks, C. H. Wearo, Jr.; roses, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wheeler, Boston; cross of pink and white roses, Mrs. Toohy and family of Ayer; pink chrysanthemums, Alfred Oikie, Ayer; pinks, Margaret Fayton, Ayer; spray of pink, George Holden and family; chrysanthemums and violets, Mrs. Graves and daughter; wreath of roses, Frank Noylan, Ayer; violets and pinks, Wm. Grosbeck and George McNiff, Boston; spray of white pinks, Mrs. Will Love and family; chrysanthemums, Brockman, Brockman, Ayer; roses, Katherine Keating, Fitchburg; pinks, George V. Barrett camp, S. of V.; pinks, Ladies' Aid society, Universalist church.

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 He leaves a wife, three brothers, Thomas of Fitchburg, Henry of Boston, and Joseph Gately; four sisters, Mrs. J. G. Ayer of Charlestown, Miss Abbie F. Gately of Medford, and the Misses Etta and Lena Gately of Shirley.  
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 The funeral of Mrs. Frank J. Hager was held at the home of her uncle, Hon. George W. Sanderson, on Monday afternoon, November 7. There were present many relatives, former neighbors, and other friends gathered to pay respects to a most estimable and much beloved woman.  
 Rev. H. L. Packard, pastor of the Congregational church, officiated, and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell sang "Nearer my God to thee," at the simple, but beautiful service.  
 The bearers were J. E. L. Hazen of Shirley, John H. Hager of Gardner, and Leslie Hager of Littleton, all brothers-in-law of the deceased; also, Charles F. Flagg, Josiah P. Thacher and Elmar A. Flagg of Littleton.  
 The remains were laid to rest in a bed of choice flowers in the family lot at Westlawn cemetery.  
 Jessie A. Sanderson was born in Littleton, June 19, 1860, the daughter of John F. and Mary Knox Sanderson. She was married to Frank J. Hager of Littleton, May 4, 1887. The following year Mr. and Mrs. Hager went west, and after two years settled in Ironwood, Mich., where they have since resided.  
 Mrs. Hager recently returned from a trip to Chicago and was in the best of health up to the evening before her death, when she was stricken with apoplexy, shortly afterward becoming unconscious, and passing away fifteen hours later.  
 Besides a husband, Mrs. Hager leaves one sister, Mrs. John E. L. Hazen of Shirley, one brother, John Sanderson, located in the middle west, several nephews and other relatives to mourn her untimely death.  
 The following tribute is taken from the Ironwood News Record:  
 A feeling of sadness swept over Ironwood and settled with somber heaviness on the hearts of its people on Thursday afternoon, when it was known that the gentle spirit of Mrs. F. J. Hager had passed on beyond our earthly knowledge.  
 To those into whose homes had come the light and help of her clear thought and wonderful sympathy, the sense of loss and sorrow was perhaps more poignant, but from all who had known her came living testimony of her kindness, her neighborliness, her tact, her sympathy, her willingness to sacrifice for others. Mrs. Hager knew well the true meaning of brother and sister; she lived a beautiful life in the full knowledge that her fellow beings were her brothers and sisters, and as such she regarded their interests and well being, not as next to her own, but as before her personal interests. She found her happiness in relieving the sorrows, the difficulties, the trials of others. How many bereaved ones have gone with their hearts, their sense of loneliness and grief to Mrs. Hager, and have come away calm and at peace, knowing through her help that the All Sustaining Arm would bear them up and that God held their dear ones in His loving care as fully as when they were manifest in the flesh. No trouble was too small, no vexing problem too insignificant to call forth her careful thought, if it stood in the way of the happiness of anyone who appealed to her.  
 Those who knew her best sometimes had demonstrated with her, and felt that she should have more time free from the thought of others, but she invariably answered as fully as a light to all who knew her. She is enshrined in the hearts of little children, who are repeating the little prayers she taught them. From the inmost consciousness of those who have known her, arises thanks to God for the life of Mrs. Jessie A. Hager.

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Saturday, November 12, 1910.

### GROTON.

**News Items.**  
Mrs. James R. Hawkes entertained eight friends from Washington, D. C., and Waltham, one evening this week from seven to 9:30 o'clock. An appetizing and inviting lunch was served at seven o'clock.

E. S. Clark post met for inspection by G. G. Tarbell of Pepperell last week Saturday evening. After inspection a delicious oyster stew, doughnuts, coffee and cheese were enjoyed.

Rev. H. A. Cornell, by special invitation, attended the annual roll-call of his former church at Chelmsford Centre last week Tuesday. Mr. Cornell introduced the roll-call at this church sixteen years ago, where it has since been observed.

The first meeting of the sewing school will take place in the town hall on Saturday afternoon, November 19, at two o'clock. All children of six years of age and older are welcome. There will be a class in cutting out and making babies' clothes for the girls who have completed the work in both grades.

Last Sunday at the communion service of the Baptist church the individual communion cups were used for the first time.

The union Thanksgiving services will be held at the First Parish Unitarian church on the evening of Sunday, November 20. Rev. H. A. Cornell will be the speaker.

Hen thieves have put in their appearance in town and in visiting the hen coops of George Prescott, scooped in eight of his choice fowls. It behooves others of our townspeople to keep a sharp lookout and entrap, if possible, the hen thieves. Woe be unto them if caught.

Mrs. Charles Duren, with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Irving Duren and young child from Boxborough, are visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jane Clark, of Elm street.

Walter H. Dodge, assisted by Marshall Swallow, is wiring the Congregational church building for electric lights.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntley N. Spaulding and sister, Miss Nannie Mason, who have been staying at Groton Inn, left for their winter home at the Westminister, Boston, on Monday. Miss Mason has improved in health since coming to Groton.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Denahy of West street on Thursday morning, November 11.

Jack, the familiar St. Bernard of Shawfieldmont, whose home has been for years at the farm house, was mercifully shot the other day, being enfeebled by old age.

Mrs. W. H. Fernald has returned to her home on the Great road after spending three weeks with relatives and friends at Massena and Brasher Falls in northern New York.

At the grange meeting on Tuesday night, the third and fourth degrees were conferred on the large class recently entered and who received the first and second degrees at the previous meeting. There was a number of visitors from neighboring granges. A short program of speeches and music was followed by supper spread in the dining room which was enjoyed by the good number in attendance.

Mrs. Charles H. Gerrish and daughter, Miss Ruth Gerrish, and Mrs. M. F. Warner took the train from Boston to Fall River on Monday night, there embarking, reached New York the next morning. On that afternoon they sailed for Florida, where they will spend the winter months at West Palm Beach.

The little girl from Shirley, Zeda Seymour, seven years old, who was operated on for appendicitis at the hospital here on Tuesday, is doing well. Miss Katherine Laba from West Groton, operated on Wednesday for appendicitis, is also doing well.

There was quite a party of teachers over from Fitchburg to attend the Teachers' convention last week Friday. Among them were Miss Clara Tozier, principal of the grammar school at West Fitchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. George Hubbard. Miss Tozier is a sister of Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish and a frequent visitor here. Mr. Hubbard is principal of the Laurel street grammar school, Fitchburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard made friends in Groton when he was an instructor at Lawrence academy a number of years ago.

The Ladies' Alliance feel well pleased with the results of the affair of the travel tours and picture show given in town hall on Saturday evening last. They had a good house and were able to add thirteen dollars to their treasury as their share of the profits.

Last week Friday, Joseph E. Messinger was chosen juror to attend court sitting in Cambridge.

Mrs. S. O. Trott, whose home is with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Gould, received a number of calls, congratulations and other remembrances on Tuesday, November 8, that being her eighty-sixth birthday.

By the will of Mrs. Jerusha Blood of Granitville, the Woman's missionary society of the First Baptist church in Groton has received the legacy of three hundred dollars. Mrs. Jerusha Blood was the widow of Gilman Blood, formerly of Groton. At one time he lived with his family in the Rocky hill neighborhood.

Charles B. Campbell, of Nashua, N. H., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Berry of Groton, came on from Washington, D. C., to vote. He is as-

sistant deputy sheriff in the government employ. He cast his vote in Nashua, but called on his relatives here.

Warren A. Clough has returned to his work with the General Electric Company located in Chicago. His wife, Mrs. Nora Sleeper Clough, is at present at her home in North Shirley.

George H. Woods is at work on the repairs, renovating the Alden Warren house recently bought of the Groton Historical society by Arthur G. Fuller.

Six men in the employ of an Ohio tree expert company are at work pruning, repairing with cement, and giving all necessary kind of attention along their line to the trees on Riverdale farm now owned by Mr. Howes from Brookline.

Born, Friday, November 4, a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Pelletier. The little boy is named Burton Raymond.

**Obituary.**  
Mrs. Martha M. (Lawrence), widow of William Jewett Boynton, passed from this life on Sunday evening, November 6. She had been in poor health for a number of years but the last illness was pneumonia of only a few days' duration. Mrs. Boynton was born in Groton on June 6, 1833, the youngest daughter of Asa and Betsey Bennett Lawrence, both parents being of old New England stock, people of worth and good standing; their children after them becoming influential and thrifty citizens of their native town. Mrs. Boynton always lived in Groton and attended the public schools in which she afterwards taught. She also attended Lawrence academy.

In 1858 she was married to W. J. Boynton, a well-known business man of Groton, who died in 1889.

Always a home-keeping, home-loving woman of her it could have been fitly said, "She looketh well to the ways of her household and eateth not the bread of idleness" and those who knew of her kind ways and generosity, which were not known to everybody, could fitly have added, "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor, yea she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." But her life as it has been lived is her best eulogy and "He giveth his beloved sleep."

The funeral, held from her late home, Wednesday afternoon, November 9, was largely attended, her pastor, Rev. G. M. Howe, officiating. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, among them being a handsome piece from the Boynton bakery employees.

Mrs. Boynton is survived by two sons—George L. and John H. Boynton, and two daughters—Mrs. Harry P. Tainter and Miss Fannie M. Boynton, all of Groton. Four children died young and one son, William T., in the prime of life several years ago, leaving a widow and three children, also in this town. One sister, Mrs. Philomena Lawrence Durr, the last of their father's family, lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

The interment was in the family lot in Groton cemetery.

**The Grange Show.**  
The minstrel show, given in town hall, Thursday evening, passed off very successfully. There was a good house considering the unfavorable weather. The following program was carried out, each number being applauded:

Selection by orchestra: opening chorus, Misses Annie Gilson, Bertha Farnsworth, Marion Winslow, Esie Bailey, Dora Adams, Mrs. E. A. Barrows, Mrs. Emma Wood, Mrs. W. H. White, Mrs. Grace Bradshaw; original song, written by Mrs. E. A. Barrows, sung by Miss Mandy Lee (Shad Evans); "What's the matter with father," sung by Henry Adams; "You can't do without it," Andrew Jackson (Walter Winslow); "I am afraid of you," Miss Marion Winslow; monolog, "Her rub," by Andrew Jackson (Walter Winslow); solo, Miss Dora Bailey; "Come along after breakfast," Liza Lane (Herbert Gilson, Charles Ferrin, Mrs. Charles E. Stone, Hezlie Spaulding; "Meet tonight in dreamland," Miss Dora Bailey.

The jokes, local hits and puns were bright and witty. Johnnie Denahy made an excellent buck and wing dancer. Millard F. Sawyer was interlocutor. The bones were handled by Herbert W. Mason and Chester P. Ferrin, the tambos by Nat Anderson and Walter Winslow, mandolin by Hezlie Spaulding and Shad Evans and the circle. The only colored ladies were the Misses Mandy Lee and Lisa Lane, whose singing in costume elicited much applause. They were the recipients of handsome bouquets from Mrs. Starr, master of the Grange.

Dancing until twelve o'clock closed the evening's entertainment of which Walter Winslow was the committee.

Excellent ice cream was on sale during the evening.

**The Teachers' Convention.**  
Although it fell to the lot of the Teachers' convention of Friday, November 4, to have a rainy day, that did not apparently interfere greatly with the attendance. Probably a larger number of Groton people would have been present had the weather been fair.

While all the speakers have been spoken of as interesting, the address of Rev. Sherrard Billings on "Moral development of children" was listened to with the closest attention and enjoyment. "System and individuality," by Frank E. Spaulding, superintendent of schools, Newton, was another address of marked interest and content.

The violin selections by F. W. Mansur were extremely fine, rendered with artistic skill and taste. The folk songs by the chorus from the Groton high school have been highly complimented. Their singing was a credit to themselves and their instructor, Miss Lowe, and refreshing to the audience.

Over 140 sat down to the ample dinner which was spread in the Congregational parlor. Mrs. Thomas Altken was chairman of the dinner committee. The next result was \$34.50 and was added to the treasury of the Benevolent society of the church.

**Football.**  
The prophecy that Groton would win over St. Mark's in their annual game of football was fulfilled on Wednesday afternoon. A keener interest if possible was felt, and there was a larger crowd in attendance than for many a year. The long line of hand-pumped and costly automobiles was a sight

in itself to see. The crowd of spectators was a throng up to the thousands. It was Groton's day, all right. Outweighed considerably in the line, St. Mark's made a gallant resistance, but their opponents' attack was invincible. The score was Groton 11, St. Mark's 0. Following is the lineup:

**GROTON.** ST. MARK'S.  
Parker, Skinner, Bennett, Coolidge, Paine, it, ..... rt, Burnett, Duncan, it, ..... rt, Kean, Atkinson, ..... rt, C. Roa, Howland, ..... rt, Cottrell, Boyer, rt, ..... rt, Howell, Wharton, rt, ..... rt, Graham, Hardwick, rt, ..... rt, Cottrell, Biddle, rt, ..... rt, Bradlee (capt.), Frothingham, rt, ..... rt, Taylor, Pinkard, Holcomb, Smith, rt, ..... rt, McKinnock.

**Score—Groton, 11; St. Mark's, 0.**  
Touchdowns—Frothingham, Parker, Goal from touchdown—Hardwick, Umpire—Burleigh. Judge—Frank E. Spaulding. Time—Four 15-minute periods.

**Town Meeting.**  
On Tuesday the town meeting called out a large number of citizens who cast votes for governor and other state officials. The vote for governor was: Draper, 209; Foss, 123. The republican vote was twenty-nine heavier, and the democratic fifty-six than at the last election.

The Groton republicans are taking their defeat very calmly, by many of whom it was more than half expected. In local affairs it was voted to appropriate \$500 for the use of the electric light committee for commercial lighting purposes. An increased appropriation of \$250 was voted for wiring the townhouse for electric lighting.

It was voted to instruct the road commissioner to improve the crossing near Tainter's store. It was also voted to accept the new road running up over the hill at West Groton, the same to be called Bixby avenue.

**May Be the Last One.**  
The famous Peabody educational fund of \$2,000,000, established forty-three years ago by George Peabody of Peabody, the London banker, is in prospect of dissolution through recent action taken in New York by the fourteen members now remaining of the board originally named to supervise the expenditure of this great sum. This was the annual meeting and it may be the last one held. The chairman of the board is Joseph H. Choate, former United States ambassador to Great Britain. Among those now serving with him are: Richard Olney, formerly United States attorney general; Dr. Samuel A. Green, librarian of the Massachusetts Historical society; and Col. Theodore Roosevelt.

**Children's Report on Home Gardens.**  
Owing to the continued ill health of Miss Elizabeth Hill we have had no school gardens this year, but have had home gardens instead. Seeds were sent to the teachers in town and distributed to the scholars. The children were told that they should buy the seeds if they pleased and many of them did so. Of course in home gardens there is no opportunity to teach. The best method is to have a school garden, each child works out as seems best, sometimes with good results. Sometimes with meagre results, when a few suggestions from a competent person should enable the child to gain good results.

Miss Susan Hill visited all but fifteen of these and had reports from some of the fourteen. The number of children who had home gardens in Groton in September 1909, was 312, or more than two-thirds of the children in town had some gardens. The seeds were contributed by the Agricultural department at Washington, and by individuals, so there is no excuse for the school garden.

The committee is very much pleased with the success of the summer work. We do not feel that as a policy of the society, the home garden should be held in the school garden. The present method of teaching the proper use of tools, the best way to lay out the garden, the best fertilizers for different crops and much more, too much to be mentioned in detail. The child with a home garden is learning. The parents sometimes know how to garden and give the children the profit of their knowledge. Often the parents have no garden, and the children do not know how to garden. If the parents could plow a small piece of ground for their children, it would be in fair condition, it would help very much. It is difficult to make a success among so many of the children where they can learn good methods and give the profit to their father whose girls planted their garden while the father was away at a hospital, said that he had vegetables all over his garden, as many as they needed, the present high cost of living, it is not worth while to have the children taught for them and for the town or family, especially as they enjoy it? In the school gardens the companionship of other children makes it seem more like our good fortune to have here in Groton, in Miss Elizabeth Hill, an expert in this work, probably one of the best in the whole country, a pioneer in the work. She is asked to prepare papers for publications, in the periodicals which treat of such matters, and in conventions held for conference in civic improvement. Her reputation is not confined to the town or the state, but is known in the far corners of New England. Should we not avail ourselves of her talent in a larger degree than we have heretofore done? Groton is an agricultural town. So far as we can foresee it is always to be an agricultural town. If by carrying on this work among our children we can give them love of the land and of farming, so that they will remain at home, shall we not be doing a great work for them and for the town?

Eight years ago, ten boys had gardens under our supervision, this year instead of ten gardens we had 210, these 210 gardens were visited once by our director. They should have been visited three or four times.

In the eight years in which we have worked along these lines the interest has increased to such an extent that with our financial resources we can no longer do justice to just to ourselves. We need more money—for that we need the help of others. We recommend that we make an effort to interest in this work the Farmers' Union and the school committee in this work and ask that they aid us in establishing gardens upon a larger scale in different parts of the town and thus put ourselves in the forefront of this work. Your committee visited about fifty

gardens selected by Miss Hill as the best. We have awarded the following prizes in two classes—children under ten years, and children between ten and sixteen years.

**First prize, \$1.00—Elizabeth Blood, eight years old, eight kinds of vegetables, five kinds of flowers, good care of garden.**

**Second prize, 75c—Henry F. Lawrence, seven years old, twelve varieties of vegetables.**

**Third prize, 50c—To each of the following: Irving Keyes, nine years old, seven varieties of flowers; Ethel Patterson, ten years old, eight varieties of vegetables, five varieties of flowers; Blanche Frazee, nine years old, six varieties of flowers; Harry Davis, nine years old, ten varieties of vegetables, among them canteloupe and melon, difficult to raise successfully.**

**Second class, children from ten to sixteen years:**  
**First prize, \$1.00—To each of the following: Paul Wilson, fourteen years old, seventeen varieties of vegetables, fourteen varieties of flowers; George B. Woods, sixteen varieties of vegetables, five varieties of flowers, very nice celery, difficult to raise.**

**Second prize, 75c—To each of the following: Lawrence Lawrence, fifteen varieties of vegetables; Kirkwood Lawrence, seventeen varieties of vegetables; Ralph Lawrence, fifteen varieties of vegetables.**

**Third prize, 50c—To each, Ruth and Edith Workman, fourteen varieties of vegetables six varieties of flowers. These two girls cultivated one garden together.**

The gardens are plowed and ground prepared for the children. All work after that time is done by the child credited with the success of the garden.

Georgianna A. Boutwell, Ellen M. Needham, Addie M. Woods, Committee on children's gardens for Groton Improvement society.

**West Groton.**  
Going on last week Thursday, Mrs. F. E. Harrington and son Homer, spent the week-end in Boston and vicinity, returning on Sunday, accompanied by Mrs. C. L. Roy, who joined them on Saturday.

Schools were not in session on Friday of last week, as the teachers, Mrs. Wiggins and Miss Bixby, attended the teachers' convention held in Groton.

Evadne Harrington spent several days last week with Mrs. Lillian Harrington of Ayer.

A number of the village young people attended the football game between St. Mark's and Groton on last Wednesday and rejoiced in Groton's victory.

Miss Catherine Leahy, a young lady visiting at John McCann's, was taken to Groton hospital on last Saturday. On Sunday she underwent an operation for appendicitis and is doing as well as can be expected.

A little granddaughter of Mrs. Tracy of North Shirley is a patient at Groton hospital, having undergone an operation for appendicitis this week.

Electricity is furnishing not only light for our convenience, but apparatus for household utility as well. Mrs. A. H. Thompson is in possession of an electrical vacuum cleaner.

Men have been at work on the telephone lines for several days. A great deal of trouble has been experienced lately, owing, largely it is said, to the introduction of electric lighting. We have the promise, however, that the trouble shall be obviated as fully as possible, and that we may expect better service in the near future.

Mrs. J. L. Nutting of Ayer, was a guest this week at H. Spaulding's.

Lee Bixby, Miss Addie Rudolph and Mr. Clark and his daughter of Shattuck farm, were members of the large class of candidates upon whom the fourth degree was conferred at Groton grange last Tuesday evening.

The improvement in the curve of the road just beyond C. E. Blood's on the way to Groton is very noticeable. Much of the ledge has been removed and the road considerably straightened. This improvement has been long desired, and its accomplishment by Herbert Rockwood, road commissioner, insures a much greater degree of comfort and safety to the traveling public.

G. S. Webber is providing for a supply of soft water by a cistern in his yard.

There was a breakdown at the Vose mill this week, but by a shifting of machines work was continued.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday, November 17, with Mrs. Charles Bixby.

The Sunshine club will hold its next meeting on Saturday, November 19, in the ante-room of the chapel. Mrs. C. Bixby will meet with the young people.

An entertainment by Herbert Alden Clark, Boston's musical humorist and impersonator, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections, humorous readings, and character songs, will be given in West Groton on next Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Squannacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. Mr. Clark's program will be followed by dancing till one. Music will be furnished by Thayer's orchestra. Ice cream and cake will be on sale. Everybody welcome.

Miss Lida Bliss entered Dawson's business college, Fitchburg, on Monday, October 31.

**HARVARD.**  
**News Items.**  
Schools were closed on Friday of last week on account of the convention at Groton. Misses Grace Putnam, Maud King, Nina Perkins, Nora Brooke and Bernice Sears attended.

In addition to the regular program at the Grange on Tuesday evening next, the lecturer has arranged with a speaker from the State Grange, who will address the meeting. Subject is not announced.

The ladies of the Orthodox church held a very successful supper and fair at the hall Thursday night. Further particulars next week.

**Well Known Here.**  
Mrs. Sarah W. Dennison of Portland, Me., has fled in Worcester county a suit for legal separation with separate maintenance from her husband, Capt. Alexander C. Dennison of Melrose. In the writs so far filed she alleges her husband left her in June, 1906, and that she has had no further aid from him.

Mrs. Dennison, who brings the suits, was formerly Miss Sarah Waterman of Auburn, Me., and was married to Capt. Dennison fifteen years ago. Their married life was supposed to be truly happy until the news of their sudden separation, four years ago, was made known to their friends.

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**Death.**  
Prof. Selah Howell, aged seventy years, a well-known educator and teacher in the Boston Latin school, where he had taught history and English for eighteen years, died on Monday afternoon at his residence in West Roxbury, after several months' illness.

Prof. Howell was born at Blooming Grove, Washington county, N. J., May 24, 1840, a son of J. W. T. Howell and Eliza W. Strong Howell. He prepared for college at the age of nineteen years, attending Antioch college, Ohio, and finishing at Union college, New York, class of 1864. The next year he became superintendent of schools at Tippecanoe, Ohio, from there he went to the Dayton, Ohio, high school in charge of the scientific department. Soon after he went to Europe and studied history for a year, and on returning taught at the theological school at Stanfordville, N. Y., for five years. After a year at Waterbury high school he became principal of the school. In 1882 he was called to Harvard to act as assistant teacher in the Bromfield school, under Prof. Hooper. After two years, Prof. Hooper was sent to Tufts college and Prof. Howell became head master at Bromfield, a position he held for six years, leaving here in June, 1890. He was also for a time connected with the then firm of Ginn & Heath, acting as a salesman for that concern.

He became a substitute teacher in the Boston schools until his appointment to the Boston Latin, a position he held until failing health compelled him to relinquish the active duties of his life. While a teacher at Bromfield school, Prof. Howell endeared himself to the citizens of the town and it was a mutual pleasure to himself and to the people, that during his later life he spent a part of his summer vacations here among the people he had come to know so well.

He leaves, besides his wife, Fred B. Howell of Schenectady, N. Y.; Dr. William W. Howell of West Roxbury, and a daughter, Mrs. Fanny Hofman, wife of Prof. H. O. Hofman of Jamaica Plain.

Funeral services were held at the First Parish church, West Roxbury, Wednesday, November 9, conducted by Rev. Ernest S. Meredith, pastor of the church.

**SUN RIVER.**  
Edna Flanders has resigned her position as teacher in Palmer, to accept a more remunerative position in the school at Whitinsville.

Thursday, Chester Willard, A. A. Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes, W. S. Dudley and Clifford Dudley attended the corn show at Worcester.

A. L. Hunter has a sister from Vermont visiting him.

Mrs. A. H. Keyes has been visiting relatives in West Boylston this week.

**Items of Interest.**  
Socialism had little foothold in Germany before 1848. When the revolution of 1848 came the spirit of democracy and revolution that had been inherited from the first French revolution was revived and intensified. The soil was now ready for the new seed, and when it was planted it grew to marvellous and alarming proportions. The party is without doubt not only the largest but the most thoroughly organized and efficiently led revolutionary body that the world has ever seen. It is a constant menace not only to Germany but to the entire world. Its program of democratic communism and the radical utterances of its leaders give ample justification to the remark made many years ago by the second chancellor of the empire that "it is the greatest danger which threatens the close of the nineteenth century and the opening of the twentieth."

It is said that the savings deposits in the banks of the country for a single month aggregated \$5,500,000,000, or \$64.92 per capita of the population. The average amount of each account was \$381.28. In England the amount per capita is only \$23.08 and in France \$24.48. In Germany, however, the figure is nearer that of the United States, being \$51.79. This is thought to mean even more than the figures indicate for the reason that the number of people who invest money in stocks and real estate is larger in this country than in any other. This comparison is taken to show that the people of the United States are less extravagant than is often supposed.

More than thirty-four carloads of sunflower seed were raised in a single Illinois county last year and sold for medical purposes or bird or stock food.

Prince Edward Island has raised 550,000 tons of hay this season, more than 7,000,000 bushels of oats, and about 6,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

**New Advertisements.**  
LOST—Hat Pin in Ayer, Monday. Finder please leave at GEO. B. TURNER'S Dry Goods Store, Ayer. 119.  
LOST—Automobile Starting Crank. Sunday, November 6, on Ayer or Groton Road. GEORGE H. HILL, Ayer. 9  
FOR SALE—Furnace, Small Size, second hand. Suitable for cottage. GEORGE H. HILL, Ayer. 119.

**TRAPPERS, ATTENTION—H. A. Goodrich, the veteran fur dealer, is still buying raw furs. He says he will pay an extra price for prime Mink, Fox and Muskrat Skins, if sent by express or brought to him at 53 Highland Avenue, Fitchburg, Mass. 219.**

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We feel grateful for all who so kindly rendered assistance during the illness of our daughter, Helen Leoda, for their sympathy in our sad bereavement, for the beautiful flowers, and the singers for their attendance.  
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Saturday, November 12, 1910.

**To the Voters of the Eleventh Middlesex District:**

I wish to extend to the voters of this district my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the confidence and trust reposed in me as evidenced by the vote received at the polls yesterday, and my only purpose now is to perform the duties and obligations which I am to undertake as your representative in a manner which will fully respond to such confidence and trust.

Edward Fisher.  
Westford, Nov. 9, 1910.

**AYER.**

**The Election.**

The result of the voting on Tuesday, election day, furnished several surprises. The democratic candidates for governor, congressman and representatives all received substantial majorities, which is unusual here, as the voters are of the opposite political faith and are usually in the majority. The meeting was called to order at 5.45 a. m. Town clerk, Guy B. Remick, read the warrant for the meeting, after which the election officers took their places and the polls were declared opened. At that early hour there were people waiting to cast their ballots.

The election officers were: Charles E. Sherwin, James H. O'Brien, ballot clerks; P. H. Hooley, J. J. McGuane, H. G. Turner, W. L. Preble, counters and supervisors; E. H. Bigelow, ballot box; and J. H. O'Connell had charge of the rail.

The vote in the early morning was quite heavy and it was thought that a good poll would be recorded, but aside from a few temporary spurts, the vote fell off so that the total vote registered at the close of the polls was but 460 out of a total registration of 601, in spite of the fact that both the democrat and republican workers used automobiles to get out the vote.

The great surprise of the day from a local view point was the majority given to Edward Fisher of Westford, the democratic candidate for representative. Everyone who knows the popular Westford attorney expected that he would receive a good vote here, but were not prepared to learn that he carried the town by an eighty-four majority. Still greater was the surprise when it was learned that Mr. Fisher had carried the district by a substantial majority.

The political wisecracks have not yet figured out the cause of this remarkable victory in this district, as the six towns comprising it are all republican by good-sized majorities.

The election returns was received as usual in the lower town hall which was open to the public. The Board of Trade and other organizations had special wires to get the election returns. The vote in detail follows:

- Governor—Eugene N. Foss, 245; Eben S. Draper, 158.
- Lieutenant governor—Louis A. Frothingham, 212; Thomas F. Cassidy, 198.
- Secretary—William M. Olin, 217; Charles J. Martineau, 194.
- Treasurer—Elmer A. Stevens, 215; Benjamin F. Peach, 189.
- Auditor—Henry E. Turner, 207; Charles C. Paine, 192.
- Attorney general—James M. Swift, 210; John B. Fittman, 190.
- Congressman for regular term—John J. Mitchell, 246; William H. Wilder, 192.
- Congressman, to fill vacancy, unexpired term—John J. Mitchell, 250; William H. Wilder, 192.
- Councilor—Herbert E. Fletcher, 223; J. Keiso Maits, 185.
- Senator—Frank P. Bennett, Jr., 216; Philip A. Kieley, 205.
- Representative in general court—Edward Fisher, 249; James H. Wilkins, 165.
- County commissioner—Charles H. Richardson, 214; Dexter C. Whittemore, 190.
- County commissioner, to fill vacancy, unexpired term—Chester B. Williams, 201; Winthrop H. Fairbanks, 199.
- Associate commissioners—Frank A. Peach, 182; Edward E. Thompson, 176; Leander V. Colahan, 165; Joseph L. Marin, 163.
- District attorney—John J. Higgins, 218; James H. Irwin, 195.
- Sheriff—John R. Fairbairn, 223; Whitfield L. Tuck, 193.

**Accounting of Finances Necessary.**

In the second annual report of "Statistics of municipal finances," Charles F. Gettemy, chief of the bureau of statistics, states the following: "We have not yet turned in their financial report for 1907, complying with the law passed last year, making an accounting of their finances necessary: Ayer, Becket, Bedford, Berlin, Bernardston, Blanford, Boxford, Boylston, Canton, Conway, Dudley, Essex, Fairhaven, Florida, Freetown, Gill, Goshen, Groton, Groveland, Hardwick, Hinsdale, Huntington, Lee, Leicester, Lenox, Lexington, Manchester, Middlefield, Middleton, Millbury, Monroe, New Ashford, New Marlboro, New Salem, North Brookfield, North Reading, Otis, Paxton, Pepperell, Peru, Petersham, Rockport, Russell, Southboro, Sudbury, Sterling, Stockbridge, Sudbury, Swansea, Upton, Warren, Warwick, Wendell, Whately, Williamsburg and Wilmington.

**Has Gone to Washington.**

Rev. Edward Evans, a former pastor of the Unitarian church here, and since he left here, pastor of the Universalist church at Fort Plain, N. Y., has accepted the pastorate of the People's church, Washington, D. C., going there quite recently. We take the following from the Fort Plain Standard of October 27:

The People's church is a non-sectarian organization which has been in existence for about twenty years. Its origin and existence is chiefly due to the loyal service and devotion of Dr. Alexander Kent, whose earthly life terminated nearly two years ago. Previous to the organizing of this new movement, Dr. Kent was a very efficient pastor of the Universalist church of Washington. He was the prime factor in raising money to build the present building used by the Universalist denomination. With the passing of the days Dr. Kent became more and more enlightened and interested in the application of current social problems, and he had a vision that he had to seek a freer pupil for his ministrations.

The nature of the People's church is evident from the following extract which is article II of the by-laws: "The object of the People's church shall be the service of humanity. To this end it will seek to draw the thought and heart of men to righteousness, to bring life individual and collective into harmony with its requirements and to establish society in the love and practice of justice. It will aim to promote the filial and fraternal spirit, the spirit of reverence for the good, the spirit of devotion to man, as man, irrespective of all accidents of birth, culture, race or station. It would have them shape legislation, mold institutions, and give character to the nations. In short, it would help to establish universal ethical religion and so bring the reign of righteousness here on earth not merely in the life of a few, nor in the activities of the church, but in the temper and spirit of society at large."

This religious institution does not confine the interpretation of religion within the limits of any traditional dogmas or creeds. Its aim is to know the truth and to enjoy the freedom necessary to discover the truth and to relate truth to the molding of personal character and social conditions. Its members and supporters are of varied religious beliefs and experiences, but are all eager to usher in the reign of peace and goodwill. The society is not called a Christian church because of the exclusiveness of that term. Its aim is to unify all sincere lovers of truth and goodness so as to abolish sectarian and universalize the brotherhood of man.

**Franchises Granted.**

The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company has secured franchises from the various towns through which the road passes, to carry freight and express matter on its line. As the Boston and Northern Street Railway Company and Northern Street Railway Company from North Chelmsford to Lowell, it appears that Ayer will soon be connected with that city with trolley express and freight service. It seems that an extension of the service to Fitchburg and intermediate points would be a great convenience

to the public. The Fitchburg and Leominster Street Railway Company has been carrying merchandise for a good while and the results are pronounced very satisfactory. The missing link in the chain between Fitchburg and Lowell is the Worcester and Nashua crossing here. It seems that if the tracks at this point could be crossed at grade, that through trolley and freight service could be conducted between the two cities, which would benefit the passengers as well as those shipping freight and express. Such a movement would no doubt prove very popular.

With the safeguards about the crossing it seems that the danger of accidents to cars crossing at grade would be practically none. The trains moving on this division are not numerous and they are compelled by law to stop within five hundred feet of the point where the tracks and those of the Fitchburg division intersect.

There is a flagman at the crossing and as a further safeguard the conductors of every trolley car crossing at grade are obliged by the rules of the company to go ahead of the car to see if the crossing is clear before his car crosses the tracks of the steam road.

With all these precautions it seems that any objection that might arise as to the granting of the permission of the electric cars to cross at this point would be removed.

**News Items.**

The funeral of A. E. Manzer took place from the Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. W. Thomas officiating. The music was by the church quartet. Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body and conducted the service at the grave. The bearers were E. L. Cotton, William E. Wheeler, J. L. Kennison and Fred Jenkins. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery. A brother, who lives in Maine, and a sister and two nieces from Lowell were present.

At the meeting of the Y. P. R. U., on Sunday, Miss Doris Fletcher was leader. The address was by F. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, who spoke on the topic, "The danger of moral indebtedness." The music was a piano solo by Mona Stedman, and a piano duet by Miss Etta Green and Mona Stedman.

Miss Edith D. Lyon started Thursday morning of last week for Philadelphia, where she is the guest of Miss Florence Bridgman for several weeks. W. G. Lyon has moved from the Burns cottage, to the house recently vacated by Rev. L. E. Perry on Williams street.

Dorothy Robbins, daughter of H. B. Robbins, had a husking bee at her home at the Willows last Saturday evening. A party of fifteen had a merry time husking corn, after which a supper was served and games were played. Her schoolmates present were:

Marion Proctor, Evelyn Glynn, Gertrude McCarthy, Zella Reynolds, Berta Walsh, Hazel Wright, George Reed, Ralph Brown, Thomas Walsh, John and Ralph Griffin, William Barrett, Llewellyn Savage.

Rev. Arthur L. Bumpus, rector of St. Andrew's church, occupied the pulpit last Sunday for the first time as vicar, and the attendance was considerably larger than it has been for some time. Mr. Bumpus made a very favorable impression and as he becomes acquainted with his parishioners and the work to be accomplished the outlook for the church will be very favorable.

William Crombie arrived at his destination, Fallbrook, Cal., on Thursday of last week after a tedious journey of seven days. He is very much pleased with the climate and already feels the benefit of California's glorious atmosphere.

A newly and neatly furnished café has been opened at the Globe hotel to accommodate the public and electric travel. A quick lunch can be secured at reasonable rates.

An extra film will be shown at the moving pictures on Saturday night. The name is "The stolen fortune," which was broken last Saturday night. This will mean the continuance of the show to about 10.30.

According to the latest revision of the election returns in the fourth congressional district, William H. Wilder of Gardner, republican, is elected over John J. Mitchell of Marlboro, democrat. For the long term, Wilder's plurality appears to be 129 votes, and for the short term, 26. Mr. Mitchell says he will ask for a recount. These are the totals which are believed to be close to the actual results: For the long term: Wilder, 16,953; Mitchell, 16,824. For the short term: Wilder, 16,683; Mitchell, 16,657.

There will be a food sale in Unitarian church parlor on Tuesday, November 15 at three p. m. Sale in charge of Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin and Miss Madolin Whitney.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold a rummage sale on Saturday evening, November 12, at six o'clock in the Unitarian vestry.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker was called to Keene, N. H., Wednesday, November 9, by the critical illness of her brother-in-law, Benjamin B. Calef, who died on Thursday.

Hon. John J. Mitchell, candidate for congress for the full and unexpired terms against William H. Wilder, has petitioned the town clerk for a recount of the votes cast for both candidates on last Tuesday. As the vote now stands Wilder has a small majority. Philip A. Kieley of Lynn, candidate for senator, has also asked for a recount of the vote cast for himself and Frank P. Bennett, Jr., of Saugus. Mr. Bennett's margin appears to be small at the present time.

Charles A. Nourse, who has been employed for several years at the works of the Chandler Planer Company, got through with others last Saturday and left Tuesday for Waltham where he is employed at the Howard watch factory. Mrs. Nourse will not leave town for the present.

Mr. Stone expects to have finished by the latter part of next week, the addition to the garage building of E. O. Proctor.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church held their annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon, November 9. The following officers were elected for the ensuing

year: Mrs. William M. Sargent, pres.; Mrs. Sacie Sanders, vice pres.; Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, sec.; Mrs. G. G. Osgood, treas.; Mrs. Edward Sawyer, chairman of the board of directors.

**A Successful Fair.**

The annual fair by the ladies of the Congregational church was held in Page hall on Thursday, November 10, afternoon and evening. One side of the hall was prettily arranged with tables and booths adorned in bright colors.

The domestic table was in charge of Mrs. Arthur Winslow, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Emma Woods and Mrs. Esther Hart, and the ladies were very busy disposing of their useful articles.

Misses Bertha Stone and Rachel Osgood sold popcorn, made up in a variety of ways, from a pure white booth which was very attractive.

Mrs. Edith Hassam and Mrs. Frances Viall presided over the fancy articles, which were disposed of from an elaborately decorated booth, adorned in red and white paper and laurel leaves. Their sales were very satisfactory.

Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Harry Stone had charge of the mystery packages which were drawn from a cool well lined with green moss and were kept busy until all articles were disposed of.

Last, but not least, came the booth from which delicious home-made candy was sold by Mrs. G. W. Shattuck. The booth was very gay in orange and white, and all the candy was sold.

A doll was contributed to the table of fancy articles. The name was placed in a sealed envelope, but as no one guessed the name correctly it was put up by auction and purchased by Mrs. Edith Hassam.

There was a large number of people present, about 160 of whom partook of an excellent chicken-pie supper served by the following committee: Mrs. Reuben Parker, chairman; Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Helen Reynolds and Mrs. Edward Sawyer. The young ladies of the church served as waitresses at the supper tables.

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A Canadian correspondent of the London Times says that it is estimated that 12,000 men could find immediate employment in the three prairie provinces at pay ranging from \$180 to \$275 a year. The immigration authorities have positions waiting for 8,000 men. Immigrants are still coming into the ports of Halifax and St. John by thousands, and the movement of American settlers into the West is unabated. There is also a continuous exodus from Ontario and the older provinces, which excites real apprehension. A recent development is the arrival of four hundred French-Canadians.

It takes a mile and a half of freight cars to carry the mammoth cargo of apples that went to Liverpool on the Leyland liner, "Bohemia." The shipment of close to 25,000 barrels is the biggest to go from Boston in two years. In all, there were over 6,000,000 apples, which will bring a high price in the English market.

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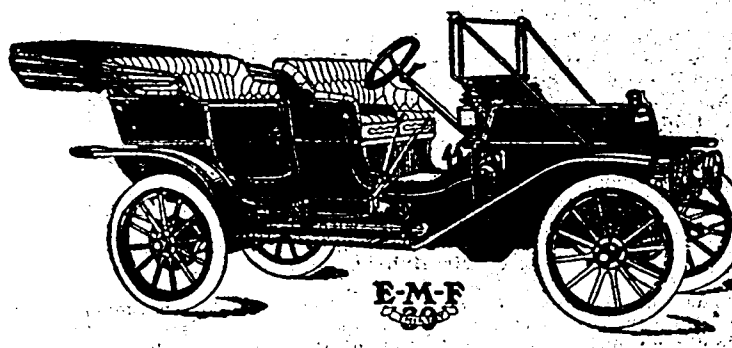
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# Cookery Points

**Birthday Cake.**—When a child's birthday happens to fall on a special holiday the colors appropriate to that occasion can be used in the candles—as buff and blue for the 22d of February, red, white and blue for the Independence day child and holly painted candles for the Christmas birthday cake.

Wonderful color combinations can be made with colored icings—put on with a pastry tube in designs—and candles to harmonize or form a contrast.

Every child should be given the privilege of cutting his own birthday cake. Canning birthday-cakes of tiny proportions can be bought for baby's first birthday. The one candle is larger than those used later and sometimes can be bought with the child's first name decorating it in gilt letters.

When for any reason a child has been unable to come to the birthday party at the last minute his slice of cake with candle attached is wrapped in paraffin paper and sent to him.

Sponge cake or a simple cup cake batter is the best birthday cake for young children, as many mothers are fussy about their children eating rich food.

**Potato Cake.**  
Potato cake is not the piebald pastry that it sounds. Made according to the following rule, it is worthy to hobnob with the most aristocratic sounding dainty. Cream together two cupfuls of granulated sugar and a cupful of butter. Work in a cupful of hot mashed potato, a cupful of English walnuts chopped fine, half a cupful of sweet milk, two cupfuls of flour, four eggs beaten light, five teaspoonfuls of melted chocolate and a tablespoonful each of cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Add two teaspoonfuls of baking powder and bake in layers. Put together with marshmallow filling.

**Cocoa Sauce.**  
Cocoa sauce is liked with Dutch apple cake by at least one family. For the sauce a couple of tablespoonfuls of butter are melted in a saucepan, and then there is stirred in two tablespoonfuls of flour and two teaspoonfuls of cocoa that have been sifted together. A cupful of hot water is added gradually, and the sauce is cooked until it thickens. Then a quarter of a cupful of sugar is turned in and a teaspoonful of vanilla and a pinch of salt. More cocoa may be used if the sauce is to be served with a plain dessert like cottage pudding.

**Codfish Souffle.**  
Soak the prepared salt codfish for three hours, then boil for twenty minutes, drain and set away until cold. Measure the fish and to two cups of it allow one cupful of mashed potatoes. Mix well, beating in one cup of milk and the yolks of three eggs, well whipped. Add a tablespoonful of melted butter, salt and white pepper to taste and three tablespoonfuls of grated Parmesan cheese. Turn into a buttered baking dish, sprinkle grated cheese over the top and bake to a golden brown. Serve immediately.

**Potato Griddlecakes.**  
Twelve large potatoes, three heaping tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoon of baking powder, one-half teaspoon salt, one or two eggs, two teacups of boiling milk. The potatoes are peeled, washed and grated into a little cold water (which keeps them white); then strain off the water and pour on boiling milk, stir in eggs, salt and flour mixed with baking powder; if agreeable flavor with a fine chopped onion. Bake like any other pancake, allowing a little more lard or butter. Serve with stewed or preserved fruit.

**Eggs a la Goldenrod.**  
Three hard boiled eggs, one cup milk, five circular pieces of toast, one tablespoon butter, one tablespoon flour, one-half teaspoon salt, one-eighth spoon pepper. Make a thin white sauce of milk, butter, flour, salt and pepper; separate yolks from whites of eggs, chop whites and add to sauce. Arrange toast on platter, pour sauce over, force the yolks through strainer, sprinkling over the toast. Garnish with parsley.

**The Useful Caramel.**  
Many women who do not venture to prepare caramel at home because of the danger of burning instead of browning the sugar do not know that the druggist has it at its best. Delicious custard is made with maple sugar for sweetening and caramel for coloring, and the two flavors blend excellently. The caramel is useful for coloring sauces as well as for flavoring custards and creams.

**Molasses Cookies.**  
Put into a saucepan one cupful of molasses, then allow it to cool, add two well beaten eggs, half a teaspoonful of baking soda dissolved in one tablespoonful of boiling water, then stir in lightly one pound of sifted flour. Roll out, cut out with a round cutter and bake in a hot oven.

Hot wheat pancakes are delicious for a simple midday luncheon if served with quince jelly.

A spoonful of fluffy whipped cream makes an ornamental addition to an eggnog.

## HARDWOOD FLOORS.

**How to Acquire One of Successfully Polished Oak.**

The two principal hard woods used for floors are maple and oak. Of them the latter is in more common use for all kinds of floors. To achieve a successfully polished oak floor is by no means a simple and easy process, but the result is well worth the expenditure of labor and money, since it is practically indestructible and improves in appearance with age.

Oak flooring leaves the factory in perfect condition. It has been kiln dried, tongued and grooved and end matched. The care of the lumber after it reaches the builder's hands is of the greatest consequence to the success of the floor. It should be protected from moisture and from rough handling such as may mar the surface. After it has been laid the next process is that of smoothing. The lumber is, of course, smoothed before it is laid, but it will nevertheless require a more minute process of scraping in order to remove the "waves" which slight differences in the quality of the boards will give rise to. This process is one of the most important, since after the finish is put on imperfections will show up even more plainly than before. Every housewife knows of the small rough patches in a bare floor which gather dirt and which it is impossible to clean.

During the process of scraping the part of the floor which has been finished should be covered so as to be protected from footprints and any other possible injury to the surface. It is much better if possible to have the floor laid and finished after plastering, painting and papering are all done so that it will not be necessary to walk on the floor. This makes them somewhat more expensive, however.

After the scraping and smoothing processes are completed the floor should have a coat of a paste filler. This filler is rubbed thoroughly into the wood, and then the superfluous paste is removed. This paste filler may be incorporated with coloring matter, and in this manner any one of a variety of tones may be given to the floor. After the filler has dried the finishing process is completed by the application of one, two and sometimes three coats of varnish, each one being allowed to dry before the next one is applied. Floor varnishes nowadays have been improved until they do not crack or show heel prints if a good quality is employed.

### GOOD THINGS FOR WINTER.

**How to Make Tomato Butter and Citron Melon Preserve.**

Tomato butter has not the insipid sweetness of ordinary fruit butters and therefore can be used much more freely. It can be spread over bread with or instead of butter, and in one household at least it has materially reduced the butter bill. It also makes a delicious substitute for catchup with cold meats at luncheon. The recipe calls for three pints of peeled and minced potatoes, two cupfuls of brown sugar, three-quarters of a cupful of vinegar, two teaspoonfuls of salt, two of cinnamon and one of cloves. Let the mixture boil down until very thick and then seal up in sterilized pint jars.

To pickle yellow tomatoes put three quarts of the fruit carefully washed on the stove with two pints of sugar and a scant half pint of vinegar. Add salt, cinnamon and cloves to suit the taste, using about half as much cloves and cinnamon and having one half the spices powdered and the other half whole. Cook the pickle very slowly on the back of the stove for several hours so that each little tomato will preserve its shape and will be perfectly tender and thoroughly permeated with the spices. It is cooked quickly the tomatoes will be likely to fall apart and make an unsightly looking dish. The spices should be used liberally.

A reliable recipe for preserved citron melon calls for half a pound of sugar, one lemon and a big spoonful of raisins to every pound of citron. After weighing the citron peel it, cut it into chunks and put it into boiling water, just barely enough to cover it. While the fruit is boiling add the sugar and lemon and then when tender stir the raisins through it and seal in glass jars that have been properly sterilized.

**How to Stand in a Car.**  
A Brooklyn (N. Y.) man who probably speaks from long experience gives advice upon how to maintain equilibrium when compelled to stand in a car.

"Many persons," he says, "sway backward and forward as well as from side to side. This often throws them into awkward positions, especially when carrying parcels, which make strap banging impracticable. To overcome the difficulty one should place the feet seven or eight inches apart and one a little behind the other, say about three inches, with the toes pointing out. I have seen business men reading newspapers and standing in this way when riding to and from work with little more inconvenience than if standing on solid ground."

**How to Keep Grapes.**  
In one of the grape regions in New Jersey luscious bunches of the fruit are kept fresh by picking every imperfect grape from the stem and then dipping the cut ends of the bunch in sealing wax and placing it in a thin paper box, sealing the bag securely and hanging it in such a way that the bunch will be suspended without weight on the fruit. The bags are kept in a very cool, dry place.

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## BROOKLINE, N. H.

**News Items.**  
Harry Hall, William J. Bailey, George Hobart, George Wright, Thomas Storer, Herbert French were at home for election.

Mary Elizabeth Dodge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Dodge, underwent an operation for adenoids at the hospital at Worcester last week. She is rapidly improving and will remain with her aunt, Mrs. Nina Beverly at Ayer, for a few weeks.

Miss Leonora Bradley spent last week at Boston, returning home on Tuesday, accompanied by her nephew, who has recently arrived from England.

Mrs. Walter Parker and Miss Eliza J. Parker of Lowell spent part of last week at Four Pines.

Miss Blanche W. Hall attended the funeral of Mrs. W. W. Webster at West Townsend on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Rideout of Wilton were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, and Miss Lillian Ames of Ayer of Miss Blanche Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence, little daughter and son of Groton, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey last Sunday.

James H. S. Tucker of Nashua, and H. B. Drake of New York, recently visited with Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tucker.

The Loyal Workers had an interesting meeting at the Seaver homestead on Wednesday afternoon.

Last Sunday morning Mrs. Emily Pierce Stickney united with the Congregational church by letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris L. Gilson of Wakefield, Mass., Mrs. Lulu Magrath of Nashua, Mrs. Edgar W. Blake, Mrs. Perley Blake, Fred Bennett, Frank Bennett, George Lakin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lakin of Pepperell attended the auction sale of Mrs. Elvira Shattuck on last Saturday.

Miss Grace Whitcomb is at home from Roxbury, Mass., for a brief vacation.

The O. W. C. met at the home of Mrs. Lucretia Martin on last week Thursday, and enjoyed one of their happy days. Twenty-two were in attendance and partook of the tempting dinner, which included a delicious fish chowder prepared by Mrs. Ella Rockwood. Mrs. Linville Shattuck of Pepperell, Mrs. Alice Kendall of Townsend Hill, Miss Marjorie Patch of Malden, Mass., were the guests from out-of-town. The fourth birthday of little Miss Esther Martin was also observed. A handsome birthday cake, adorned with lighted candles, was a pleasant reminder of the occasion.

Miss Mildred Dodge, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Dodge was surprised by twenty-seven of her young friends last Saturday and reminded that she had reached her twelfth birthday. A handsome gold bracelet and several other gifts will often recall the happy occasion. Games and music added to the pleasure of the afternoon. Ice cream, cake and fruit were served.

**Able Presented.**  
Notwithstanding the downpour of rain on last week Friday evening, a goodly number were in attendance at Tarbell's hall, when the popular three-act comedy, "Brother Josiah," was presented by the young people of the Methodist society. Alfred S. Barnaby, as Josiah Armstrong, displayed much ability and won merited applause and was presented with an artistic bouquet of vegetables. James N. Seaver sustained the part of Wellington Armstrong, a wealthy broker, with dignity. Chester Barnaby, as Benjamin Butler Armstrong, was full of antics. Fred A. Hall, as William LeBlanc, was completely disguised; James Gilson, as Henry Newcombe, lent a helping hand; George H. Nye, as Hiram Penstroke, proved himself a faithful friend; Wallace Jenness, as James, the butler, responded promptly; Miss Blanche W. Hall, as Mrs. Wellington Armstrong, was constantly reminding "of the sphere in which we move"; Mrs. Hattie Pierce as Jemmy, was a typical rustic; while the Misses Lila and Jessie Seaver were charming young maidens. Mrs. Jennie Boutelle sang two selections in her usual pleasing manner. Miss Ella May Pierce and Mrs. Emma Valedge presided at the piano. Promenading was enjoyed and ice cream and cake served.

**Election.**  
The check list contained the names of 139 voters and 110 voters attended the polls on election day. Edward C. Tucker, democrat, was elected representative, receiving 58 votes. George H. Nye, republican, had 48 votes. Orville D. Fessenden was elected moderator. Alpha A. Hall, Henry G. Shattuck, Harry W. Campbell were elected supervisors. The state and county vote was:

Governor—Robert P. Bass, 56; Clarence E. Carr, 48.  
Representative to Congress—Frank D. Currier, 51; Henry H. Metcalf, 49.  
Councillor—Benjamin F. Greer, 49; Albert W. Noone, 46.  
Senator—Daniel W. Hayden, 56; George G. Tolford, 46.  
Sheriff—Fred K. Ramsey, 52; Frederick R. Stark, 45.  
County solicitor—Harry W. Spaulding, 48; Patrick H. Sullivan, 46.  
County treasurer—Irving E. Forbes, 48; John H. Boyd, 46.  
Register of deeds—Calvin R. Wood, 51; Harry S. Appleton, 45.  
Register of probate—Elbridge J. Corvett, 50; Charles S. Bussell, 47.  
County commissioners—Albert T. Barr, 48; George E. Farley, 46; Augustus E. Fries, 46; Henry H. Metcalf, 50; James H. Hunt, 49; Frank M. Woodbury, 44.  
License for the sale of liquor—Yes, 27; no, 64.  
Convention to revise the constitution—Yes, 17; no, 21.

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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of EDWARD H. WALKER, late of Townsend in said County, deceased intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to EDWARD H. WALKER, published in Ayer's Standard Register for one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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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 A. KING, late of Townsend in said County, deceased intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to LEONARD E. NICKERSON of Townsend 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 twenty-second day of November A. D. 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted. And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer's last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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# My Big Bird

It Flies Above Savages and Fills Them With Terror.

By F. A. MITCHEL.  
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Having worked a couple of years on an improvement for a flying machine, keeping my models securely locked in my barn that my devices might not be stolen by other aeroplane inventors, and having perfected them, I desired to try them. Not having confidence either in my fellow inventors or the practicability of patents I determined to take my airship to some unexplored country, attach my new machinery and make the necessary tests where, if they were successful, I alone would know about it. From San Francisco I shipped on board a vessel bound for a certain island in the Pacific ocean, and after a few weeks' voyage landed where I might experiment to my heart's content without fear of losing the benefit of my inventions.

I brought with me such modern contrivances as might be useful to me and some that would enable me to conciliate the natives among other things. I had a phonograph machine, toy gyroscopes, an electric hand lamp, a fieldglass and some fireworks. Having at my request been put ashore at a point where there was no human being to be seen, I spent the first day putting together the parts of my aeroplane and equipping it. My fuel oils, etc., I placed under a projecting rock, storing also my belongings, including meat and drink. That night I slept under the ledge mentioned, and the next morning wheeling my machine on to a declivity by which I expected to get my start I took my seat, let go, rolled down the incline and began to rise.

Having attained a height of 1,000 feet, I devoted myself for a few hours to my improvements to the exclusion of all other surroundings and had the satisfaction to find that without exception they worked beautifully. That which I set most store by, a "brake," acted to a charm. Perhaps such an implement worked in so thin a medium as the air may not be considered practicable in any form. This is not so. I produced an attachment that stopped my machine within four lengths. Another matter I had attended to was one for keeping the machine on keel. I had observed the maintenance of a fixed plane of revolution by the gyroscope and applied the principle to my wings.

One thing I did that no other aeroplane constructor has ever done. I made it look like a bird. I used a single plane on each side shaped like a gull's wings, thus giving my machine the semblance of a bird. Fancy, then, suggested a pasteboard beak and the painting of the whole in varied colors! Having satisfied myself that my inventions were each and every one a success, I permitted myself to look beneath me. My eye at once struck large numbers of the natives of the island running about in wild commotion. By those looking up at me I could discern the cause. Evidently the bird monster was at the bottom of their excitement. Some of them were scampering away as fast as their legs would carry them, others were hiding in caves and under rocks, while some were vigorously digging holes to bury themselves in.

Thinking to take others unawares, I rose higher and sped over a matter of twenty miles. Seeing a number of natives about a fire, soaring, I watched them. I could see that some were bound, while others were heaping fuel on the fire. Feeling sure that cannibals were about to make a repast upon human beings, I drew near enough for them to discover my presence above them. They seemed to be paralyzed with astonishment. Slaking to a point about fifty feet above them, I shouted to them to unbind their prisoners. Not understanding my language, they were all the more frightened. I seized my phonograph and, pointing the horn at them, turned on the whoops of American Indians. Hearing such sounds from the throat of an enormous bird seemed to put vigor into their legs, and they ran in every direction.

Descending, I unbound the prisoners, who as soon as their limbs were loosed dropped on their knees before me and buried their faces in the dirt. I raised several of them, desiring to communicate with them, and, in order to invite their confidence, gave them some trinkets. Then I took my phonograph from my aeroplane and set it going with a ducky song. One of the natives pointed to himself, then to the phonograph, as much as to say, "There is a man in there." Going to the box, he looked down the horn to see him, then put his finger in, drawing it quickly out to prevent its being clutched. Not seeing or feeling anything, he looked at me and put his hand within a few inches of the ground to denote the height of the pygmy supposed to be in the box.

Having amused the simple creatures for awhile with the phonograph, I took up a toy gyroscope and set the wheel going. This to them was far more wonderful than making a man sing in a box. They could conceive of a mite of a man being in the box, but they could not conceive of a wheel revolving with but one axis, supported at any angle I chose to put it. Every one

of them dropped on their knees before me, and by the motion of their lips I knew they were worshipping me. I tried to stop them, but, finding it impossible to do so, I gave up the job and, dragging my aeroplane to a slope favorable to getting a start, rose over their heads and flew away. Some of them gazed after me in wonder, while others kept their faces on the ground. I circled about, the wonder of various groups of natives. Finally I discerned two lines of men engaged in combat. They were so intent on killing one another that they did not see me till I was nearly over them. Then one after another looked up at me, and, forgetting the human enemy in the monster bird, they took to their heels, gradually disappearing as they obtained cover.

It was now beginning to get dark. I sailed over different parties, but too high to attract their attention. Finally, seeing a dozen men tied to stakes, I descended to get a nearer view. They were evidently prisoners taken in battle, who were to be roasted alive and eaten afterward, for under each was a pile of wood, some of which was already lighted, a small flame curling up near their ankles. It was too dark for them to discover me, and the ground was not favorable to alighting, so, taking up a roman candle, I lighted it and bombarded them with the balls. Looking up and seeing the dim substance of a huge bird hovering over them vomiting fire balls, they fell on their faces.

I called to them till they looked up and made signs to them to unbind their prisoners, which they did, and as soon as the last man was loose I drove the would-be devourers away at the point of another roman candle. Then I rose, firing rockets as I ascended with a view to striking terror into them, hoping that they would consider themselves forbidden by the god bird from further returning to their captives.

I then returned to where I had left my supplies and after partaking of a supper rolled myself in my blankets under the shelving rock and went to sleep. The next morning after taking in fuel and oil I sailed away again. By this time some of the natives had got sufficiently accustomed to me to consider me amenable to attack and made attempts to bring me down. Suddenly while making some adjustments which took my attention a great stone passed within a few feet of my aeroplane. Looking down, I saw a tribe who were working a machine that looked like a Roman catapult. They were directly beneath me and about to throw another stone. If it hit me it would break my aeroplane. Not daring to risk taking time to rise out of range, I picked up a stick of dynamite and dropped it on them. I saw dust, smoke and fragments, and after the two first had cleared away looked for the natives and their catapult. Where they had stood was a capacious hole in the ground.

Observing a native village beneath me, I determined to descend among them and remain with them till they had got used to me in order that I might commune with them. When yet some distance away I could see them standing together watching my approach. The first evidence of their solicitude was when I came near them and began to descend. Then they all ran away. But when I had alighted I waited patiently till they should come back. Presently I saw heads peeping at me through the long grass. The children came first, the women next and last the men. I worked with them some time in order to establish communication, showing them my wonders. Rigging a telephone, I told a man to go some distance away and I would make his wife talk to him. Having arranged matters for him, I placed a receiver at his ear and, going back to the woman, motioned her to talk through the transmitter. At the first words spoken the man dropped the receiver and looked about him as though he expected to see his wife near him.

Then I established a wireless and placed a man between the two extremes. He could hear the clicking at both, one in keeping with the other. He looked about for some connection, but, finding none, ran away from me and the machine.

To cap the climax I took a little child from its mother's arms and set it beside me in the machine. The mother was frantic, though by signs I endeavored to make her understand that I would bring her child back safely. I think she believed I was a supernatural being and was about to fly up to heaven with the little one. No one dared oppose me, and, rising in the air, I flew away. When ten minutes later I returned and placed the babe in its mother's arms she fainted for joy. Then I was sure she had expected not to see it again.

Confident as to the safety and docility of my mammoth bird having been established, I was besieged with requests for a ride in the clouds. But it would have been impossible to choose between the applicants, so I was obliged to refuse them all. Returning to my landing point on the coast, I picked up what I desired to take away with me, then rising, looked out for a ship. Seeing one some forty miles distant, I flew for it. It happened to be an American steamer, and the captain called to me, inviting me to alight. I made a safe descent on to the roughest part of the deck and at once covered my recently tried devices.

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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 CLEMMIA J. BLOOD late of Groton 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 FANNY P. BLOOD who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein 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 twenty-second day of November 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 Turner's 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, the first day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten. 318 W. E. ROGERS, Register.



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## PEPPERELL.

**Gleanings.**  
Mrs. Martha O'Neil is very sick at a private hospital in Hartford, Conn.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Whalen, depot village, Friday, November 4.

Mrs. J. R. Shattuck spent a day this week with relatives in Nashua.

James Breen was brought to his home in this town by Dr. Kilborn of Groton on Monday.

Mrs. J. Frossard returned Saturday last from a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Nodding of Somerville.

Mr. Butler of Derry, N. H., has moved his household goods into the house on Main street owned by Wm. Emerson of Lynn.

Melvin Howe, who has been in the employ of Mr. Starr of Main street since the decease of Dr. Fletcher, has gone to work in the shoe shop.

Miss Laura True is visiting her sister, Mrs. Morton Kline, of Fitchburg.

Emory Grenier, nephew of Amos Grenier, has returned from Rutland very much improved in health and is now on a visit in Maine.

Dr. F. W. Lovejoy and Wm. Kemp returned Monday from a hunting trip to New Hampshire.

The junior class of the Pepperell high school held a party in the I. O. O. F. banquet hall, Friday evening, November 4. Games, dancing and lunch filled the time until midnight.

Fred Wilson of Brookline street has returned to the business college in Fitchburg.

Bert Woods, employed by Mr. Hill of the Belcher farm, so-called, has gone to Shirley to work on a farm and has moved his family there.

Mrs. Jennie McCullough, who has been spending a few weeks with friends in town, returned to her home in Fitchburg Tuesday last.

Mrs. Frank Hall of Nashua, formerly of this town, is quite ill.

Mrs. L. W. Kilder of Milford, N. H., visited friends in town on Tuesday.

Miss Marion Webber of North Andover has been in town this week calling on her many friends. She was the guest of Miss Lillian Harrington.

Miss Ruth Nelson is at home from Wilbraham academy on account of illness. It is rumored that her sickness was preceded by an acute attack of nostalgia.

**About Town.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Gage and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutchinson attended a football game at Andover, one day this week, making the trip by automobile.

Forest Andrews returned on Wednesday evening from his trip to Nova Scotia where he went about two weeks ago to attend the funeral of a relative.

Mrs. Hayes, who has occupied the Phelps' cottage for several years, moved recently into the tenement owned by Mrs. Haywood of Crescent street.

Mr. and Mrs. Corydon White of Brockton have been guests of their aunt, Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck, of Park street.

The appearance of the grounds around the Boston and Maine depot have been greatly improved by the substitution of crushed stone instead of mud and dust so prominent in the past.

Philip O. Richardson is employed as one of the mechanics for Charles Gage at the International Paper Bottle Co.'s mill.

Several from here attended the football game between St. Mark's and the Groton school at the Groton school grounds on Wednesday afternoon.

The complete list of teachers' names who won prizes at the very enjoyable Halloween party given by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Qua last week should be Miss Agnes Crotty, Miss Gladys Mason, Miss Helen Pond, Miss Sarah Hill.

Edgar Frost was operated on for enlarged tonsils by Dr. C. G. Heald at his office on Friday morning. He is reported as doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nutting of Gardiner were recent guests of their relatives in town.

Mrs. Merritt H. Johnson closed her summer home on Oak Hill, Tuesday, and has left for Little Rock, Ark.

Henry Woodworth of Lake Sunapee is in town.

Mrs. Cynthia Lawrence has moved into the cottage on Canal street, in the rear of Saunders' store.

**News Items.**  
The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will serve their paper contest supper in the vestry of the church on Wednesday evening, November 16, from six to 7.30. The public cordially invited. A social hour will follow the supper.

The meeting of the Babbidge guild tomorrow evening will be led by Miss Emma Stone. The topic will be "Samuel G. Howe, a paladin of philanthropy."

John Dugan and family have moved from River street to the two-apartment house on Tarbell street recently occupied by James Cross. Walter Spaulding and family have moved from Leighton street to the Spaulding farm on River street recently occupied by John Dugan.

H. F. Hobart trapped an unusually fine furred fox on Tuesday, especially large and partly black.

Miss Emily Burns of Saco and Miss Beatrice Wallace of Pepperell, who is visiting Miss Burns, went to Brunswick on Saturday to see the football game.

Mrs. H. E. McCord and Mrs. S. E. Trueman are spending the week with friends in Winchester, Stoneham and Wakefield.

It will please the many friends of young Mahan of Natick, who pitched for McCord's team against Townsend last year, to learn he distinguished himself in the football game last Saturday at Andover.

The East Pepperell reading-room is to be opened on Tuesday evening, November 15. The public are cordially invited. The committee are arranging for a program to consist of music, recitations and readings.

Fred Simmons of Allston has purchased the business of the Bellamy Company clothing store, and retains the services of John J. Keegan as manager.

The two new boxes of the fire department are to be given test at an early date. Number 29 is on Groton street and number 34 is on Pleasant street at the south terminus.

One of H. W. Hutchinson's valuable horses is very ill with tetanus. Dr. Davis is in attendance and the new anti-toxin is being used.

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**Death.**  
Miss Helen Leeds passed away at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Dunbar on Boynton street, on last Saturday after a long illness and much suffering. "And the grave is not the goal." The poet also says, "Learn to labor and to wait." The sympathy of the entire community goes out to this family in their troubles. To these parents who have labored to save their oldest child, they now have their treasure in heaven. Helen was in her fourteenth year, an unusually bright girl, attended the Oak Hill school, and the scholars of this little school will miss her most.

Funeral services were at the home by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge. Four of the boys of the neighborhood were pall bearers—Dana, Merrill, Lester Chinn, Ernest and Clarence Keith. Burial was at Woodlawn in charge of Roland H. Blood. She leaves a mother, stepfather, three brothers and one sister.

There were many floral remembrances from relatives and friends as follows:

Willow, Oak Hill school; wreath of white asters and violets, Oak Hill Improvement society; spray of white and pink chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Keith; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Chinn; red pinks, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams; white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. McCord; laurel wreath, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ryan; fourteen pink chrysanthemums, Mrs. H. F. Hobart; yellow and white chrysanthemums, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker; spray cut flowers, Mrs. Corbett; pink pinks, Mrs. Matthews; Lane; yellow chrysanthemums, Miss Ruth Merrill; white pinks and sweet alyssum, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Parker; fourteen pink pinks, Alma V. Hill; pink and white pinks, Louis Parker; pink and white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fletcher; pink pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayes; white pinks, Henry Shattuck and Miss Florence Shattuck; wreath of roses and white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Blood, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Blood; spray of chrysanthemums, family; spray of chrysanthemums and white pinks, Mrs. John Wright; Easter lilies, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wright; chrysanthemums and roses, F. E. Wright and family; pink and white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Latuch; pink roses and white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. John Rolo and family; wreath, Mrs. Frank Kilburn and family.

**Nine Election.**  
The voting in this town on Tuesday was not what it should have been. Only 473 votes were cast of a total of 678. But it is encouraging to note that it is a third greater than the vote cast last year. Draper barely won here and it has always been a strong republican town. Precinct A was in charge of E. F. Harmon. John P. Kerin had charge in B. The polls were open from nine a. m. to four p. m. The following vote was polled:

Governor—Draper, 245; Foss, 197.  
Lieutenant Governor—Prothingham, 247; Cassidy, 163.  
Secretary—Olin, 238; Martell, 172.  
Treasurer—Wheeler, 238; Feach, 174.  
Auditor—Turner, 248; Paine, 133.  
Attorney General—Swift, 240; J. Rankin, 168.  
Congress—Wildier, 239; Mitchell, 201.

Congress, for vacancy—Wildier, 225; Mitchell, 201.  
County Commissioner—Richardson, 226; Whittemore, 175.  
County Commissioner, to fill vacancy—Williams, 222; Fairbank, 173.  
Associate Commissioners—Thompson, 197; Patch, 182; Colahan, 133; Marin, 128.

A recount has been petitioned for in the vote for congress, fourth district.

**Change of Management.**  
It is understood that the Nashua River Paper Company has been sold to the Hammermill Paper Company of Erie, Pa. It is also understood that the Hollingsworth mill has been sold to them. For almost seventeen years this mill has been carried on by George T. Keyes and Charles W. Keyes.

The town certainly loses by the retirement of these gentlemen. Their public-spirited qualities and their activity and efforts in the interests of the town will be missed. Great credit is due them that the large mill was kept in operation all through the business depression of two years ago. It is a magnificent plant and has been stated to be one of the best in the state. It is hoped the new concern will succeed and that the town will benefit through increased business by the change.

It is understood that the name will not be changed and that the Messrs. Keyes will have an office in town for some time, as they have secured rooms in E. E. Tarbell's block for that purpose.

C. B. Taft will remain in their employ. R. B. Taft goes to the Boston office of the new firm. R. Obermann of Erie is the new superintendent.

**Centre.**  
The Womans club will meet at Central hall on November 15. "Glimpses of Central Mexico and Yucatan," by Rev. D. R. Child. Music by members of the club. Special board meeting at 2.15. Business meeting at 2.45.

Do not forget the concert on November 21. This will be open to the public in Prescott hall. The Weber male quartet and Miss Gladys Sprague as reader will give an evening of pleasure not to be missed. Come and bring your friends.

The November meeting of the Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will be held at the chapter house on Wednesday afternoon, November 16, at 2.45 o'clock, preceded by a short meeting of the executive board at 2.30. A full attendance is requested, as reports of the State conference will be given by those who attended.

## HARVARD.

**The Town Settles.**  
From the Worcester Daily Telegram, November 10. Published by request.

At a special town meeting Wednesday night, attended by two hundred citizens, the action of the school committee in firing Miss Hartshorn one week after hiring her, was repudiated, a motion to demand the resignation of the members of the committee was made, and in the opinion of most of those present, would have been carried, but the moderator ruled that it couldn't be done.

The school committee members responsible for discharging Miss Hartshorn, have been telling ever since the case first came to public notice, that when the time came they would show just cause for getting rid of her. They failed to make good in the least particular tonight, and a motion to pay her \$200 was carried by a vote of three to one.

Wednesday night's town meeting was called to settle one question only, whether or not the voters of Harvard would sustain the school committee in firing Miss Hartshorn one week after hiring her as janitor of the Centre schoolhouse, a position she had held six years, and before she had really begun the duties of her position.

The meeting was called at eight o'clock. By 7.30 wagons and carriages began to arrive from the outlying districts. When town clerk James L. Whitney called the meeting to order and read the warrant, the lower town hall was crowded. Warren H. Fairbank was chosen moderator.

The committee was divided within itself. Chairman J. E. Maynard was against Dr. Herbert B. Royal and Arthur E. West said flatly that he had never heard in any committee meetings things that Dr. Royal alleged had been said.

A. W. Bryant was first to get at the school committee. His statement that he believed Miss Hartshorn had been done a grave injustice was followed by a motion that \$200 be appropriated to pay her. This was greeted with rousing cheers from every part of the hall.

Cuthbert Rathbun suggested that it might be well before putting that vote, to find out what had led up to the discharge of Miss Hartshorn and to give the school committee a chance to explain.

Dr. Royal, who is and who has been considered the leader in the opposition to Miss Hartshorn, and who it has been said in Harvard, Arthur E. West is bound to follow on account of past favors was on his feet in a second. He said he would be glad to explain all about the Hartshorn matter, but first he would like to hear from the "prosecution or persecution," apparently referring to those who have been making it hot for the committee.

Atty. Percy Atherton of Morse, Friedman & Co., Boston, who has been looking after Miss Hartshorn's interests, decided that was where he fitted, and when he got through the cheers with which he was greeted could have been heard a half mile away.

Atty. Atherton said he had been employed by Miss Hartshorn, and that so far as he could learn, he believed she had been discharged without reason and treated very badly. He said he had advised her to demand payment of the school committee, as he believed she was discharged without just cause, that he was the one who had brought the suit that led up to the town meeting and that he was ready to go and fight the case to a finish if the school committee members wanted to do it or the town wanted to authorize them so to do.

Dr. Royal of the school committee did his best at this point, and worked in a lot of fine words, but apparently he did not affect the sentiment of the town a bit. As he took off his coat, Dr. Royal said he was glad to be present and to have chance to say a word for Harvard and her institutions.

He was invited to the platform, but declined. Then he told of the special meetings of the school committee at which he said it was voted to fire Miss Hartshorn as janitor of the Centre school, but only after a protest had been received against her, and that the full committee agreed at that time that she should be hired conditionally only and told that she would be discharged if she interfered with the discipline of order of the schools.

"The secretary," said Dr. Royal, was instructed to tell Miss Hartshorn that her discharge was likely to come at any time if she did not heed the orders of the committee.

"Miss Hartshorn accepted the position under those conditions. Then later she began to object to certain duties required of her before school opened. It was decided to call for her resignation for the good of the schools. She refused, and on September 13, the committee met and voted to suspend her from service.

"The committee has never made a contract with Miss Hartshorn. The committee has a right to discharge a janitor and the law does not require us to give a reason for it. The only claim Miss Hartshorn can have under the law must be for actual services rendered and she cannot collect damages in this case.

"This whole action is a case of bluff, billingsgate and blackmail."

"This last statement was met with a little applause and some hisses.

Chairman J. E. Maynard of the school committee was one of those to get after Dr. Royal in hot style. He said he was at the committee meetings and heard no protest against hiring Miss Hartshorn. Furthermore, he claimed, the records of the school committee show no such thing.

"The only reason ever stated to me by my colleagues," said Chairman Maynard, "for asking Miss Hartshorn to resign was that it was for the good of the schools. I think she has been used unjustly, and it is the duty of the town to settle with her."

"Never," shouted Mr. Maynard, when Secretary Arthur E. West of the school board replied that he had been instructed by one of the school committee to write Nell and tell her she was hired under protest.

This brought Dr. Royal to his feet, and leaning over so his face was within a foot of that of Chairman Maynard, he demanded if he ever remembered being at a committee meeting where it was voted to tell Nell she was hired only under protest.

He didn't remember.

C. T. Russell got the floor long enough to move an amendment to the motion to pay Nell \$200, so in case she should refuse the \$200, it would be used to fight the case against her.

The amendment was accepted and carried and the motion to pay her the money went through with so little opposition that it couldn't be seen.

The motion had hardly been carried when Atty. Atherton got the floor and practically said there is little question but Miss Hartshorn will accept the money. He said he had advised her that \$200 is a fair price for her to receive, and promised the voters that she shall receive every cent of it, with no commission deducted by himself.

A motion was made and carried, that the selectmen be authorized to get the \$200 from any accounts that might happen to have a surplus.

Albert W. Bryant received recognition and said:

"I have another motion to make, and I believe it ought to be carried. I move, Mr. Moderator, that the school committee be asked to resign by this meeting tonight."

The moderator ruled the motion was out of order, so it never got a vote, but the cheers that greeted the motion indicated what would have happened had it been possible to put it.

The town meeting adjourned, and the best meeting of the night followed.

A telegram reporter cornered Dr. Royal and Secretary West, and asked if they could possibly give any reason for their action against Miss Hartshorn. Two-thirds of the citizens at the meeting crowded around in an effort to hear the answer, but it didn't come. Neither member could suggest any reason beyond "the good of the schools."

It was pointed out to them that for six weeks past they had said that when the time came they would show Miss Hartshorn and the citizens of Harvard that they had just cause for their action, but that now the time is here, they had neither been able to shoot nor hold the gun.

"Bluff, billingsgate, blackmail," was Dr. Royal's repeated expression, and Secretary West could say it backward.

"It wasn't a representative meeting," said Mr. West. "The representative people were not there. That is why we got turned down."

And both members got the laugh from one hundred citizens who stayed behind in the hall to hear what the committee might have to offer for publication.

Chairman Maynard kept at the opposite end of the hall from his colleagues. He is a bit hard of hearing, and when asked if he could in any way agree with the action of Dr. Royal and Mr. West, he at first refused to answer and snatched at the paper the reporter had in his hand. Later he explained that he thought he had been asked a different question, shook hands with the reporter and agreed that he couldn't sustain his colleagues in a single thing in the Hartshorn case.

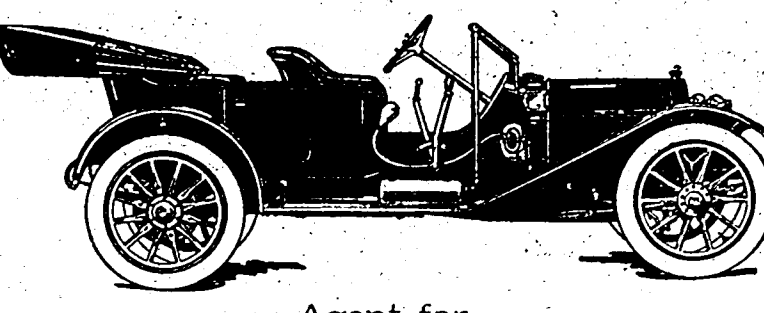
Beside the two hundred men out to the town meeting tonight from all parts of Still River and Harvard, there was a good number of women present.

At a month ago, Dr. Royal told the Telegram that the only reason that could be advanced for the support of Miss Hartshorn's position was the fact that "Nell needs the money."

Nell got it on Wednesday night, and the school committee got trimmed.

That isn't all. Not a few who were at the meeting suggested that two members of the board have a still worse trimming coming to them the next time they are up for election, and if anything could be told by the temper of the crowd on Wednesday night, these same people were not false prophets.

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Edward P. McCord, Tax Collector, 1910.

## Items of Interest.

The general use of an automobile in a South African town has caused the abandonment of a short railroad, and one of its stations has been turned into a garage.

The largest return of expenses incurred in securing a nomination for any State office this year is that of William H. Wilder of Gardner, the republican nominee for congress in the fourth district. Mr. Wilder's sworn return, filed with the Secretary of State, shows that it cost him \$7,310.23 to defeat Harry L. Pierce of Leominster for the republican nomination.

Imports of the United States for the nine months ending with September, 1910, aggregated in value \$1,172,400,000 as compared with \$1,068,600,000 for the corresponding period of 1909, according to statistics of the department of commerce and labor. The greatest importations for the nine months of 1910 were sugar, \$103,100,000; crude India rubber \$78,900,000; hides and skins \$70,300,000, and coffee \$45,300,000.

An archaeologist in the middle west thinks that the Mayas, who once inhabited America, had a civilization as far advanced as that of any early people except the Greeks. The dwellers in the jungles of Yucatan, Guatemala and Honduras are believed to be their descendants. A block of sandstone weighing forty tons, a relic of the Mayas, containing many faces and figures carved on its surface. What connection these had with the religion of the tribe is not known.

The Scandinavians had a jury system over 1,000 years ago, but there is uncertainty from what country the system was introduced into England. When the Normans reached England juriprudential practice still made use of the ordeal of hot iron, which consisted in the carrying by the accused man of a pound of hot metal for a certain distance. An alternative was the withdrawing by the hand of a stone from a pitcher of boiling water.

Quebracho wood is being more largely used by American makers of tanning materials, the imports during the first eight months of 1910 amounting to \$928,531, against \$490,519 worth in the 1909 period and \$199,467 in the 1908 period.

Chile has now 145,894 acres of vineyards, 47,403 acres under irrigation; the output of wine last year was 254,046,959 gallons.

London fruit dealers have bought nearly \$500,000 worth of apple-orchard in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia.

The theory that a buck deer adds one spike for each year of his age after the first is being disproved by a young buck in captivity at Hyner, Pa. Last year, when he was captured and given shelter by Bruce D. Kurtz, keeper of the hotel in the lumber town, he was a spike buck. Now he is coming out of his velvet and is sporting two prongs on one horn and three on the other. Whether this is due to his captivity or to the peculiar kind of feed he has been eating is not certain, but old hunters, who always thought they could tell a deer's age by the number of his spikes, are becoming sceptical about their theories.

Chicago women have founded a story-telling league, that mothers and teachers elsewhere might copy with profit and pleasure. It is entering on its second year of work, its members including mothers, teachers in the primary grades and junior librarians, all working together to mutual advantage.

The telling of stories in recent years has been developed from a mere hap-hazard pastime to an art of a distinct cultural value. It is a field worth cultivating, for all whether children or grown people, are to hear the stories.

Miss Jane Addams in a recent address said that during last year one of every fifty-two of Chicago's population under the age of twenty-five years was brought into court charged with some misdemeanor. The large number of victims of vice she attributed to the lack of proper amusements for young people who are seeking pleasure, and she mentioned the need of more playgrounds for the children.

Having found the use of phonographs in the city schools of Minneapolis, Minn., a decided success, President Elwell of the board is arranging for the installation of moving pictures in all school buildings having auditoriums or assembly halls.

In the course of its 189 miles the Tebanteepe National Railway crosses 862 waterways, twenty-five of which require steel truss bridges.

A billion dollars for this year's cotton crop of the United States is figured out by statisticians whose estimate is made on a 12,000,000-bale basis and the price of last year's average \$72.41 per bale. This includes about \$125,000,000 for the seed.

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