

# TURNER'S PUBLIC SPIRIT.

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## TOWNSEND.

### Harbor.

The Sampson family of Lowell, who formerly had a summer residence at South Row, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Orin Ball.

The early part of the week, Hezzie Spaulding of West Groton visited on friends at the Cape.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sanborn of Wollaston were over Sunday guests at Mr. Doherty's.

On Wednesday evening, Gilman Conant attended the dance in Greenville and reports a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith and family of Waltham made an auto trip to this village last Sunday to visit the home of Adney Gray, Mrs. Smith's brother. The party also included Mrs. Smith's father, David Gray of Prince Edward Island. Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck and little son of Pepperell were also guests at Mr. Gray's. Altogether, four generations were present, including David Gray, Adney Gray, Mrs. Shattuck and little LeRoy, Jr.

At quarter of six o'clock on last Monday morning the chimney of the house occupied by Mrs. Bryant was found to be on fire. The neighbors responded to a call for help, but the fire proved an obstinate one. By the aid of a looking glass it was found that with the exception of a very small passage the chimney was filled with a hard, sooty substance that burned slowly but was hard to extinguish. About one o'clock the chimney had become so heated that the adjoining woodwork took fire and members of the department were called. Although they responded quickly all danger was over before their arrival.

The damage done to the down stairs rooms was entirely by water. In one chamber the flooring was torn up and timbers cut away. In another chamber an opening was cut in the ceiling to effect an entrance to the chimney near the roof. Already the insurance company has the repairs well in hand.

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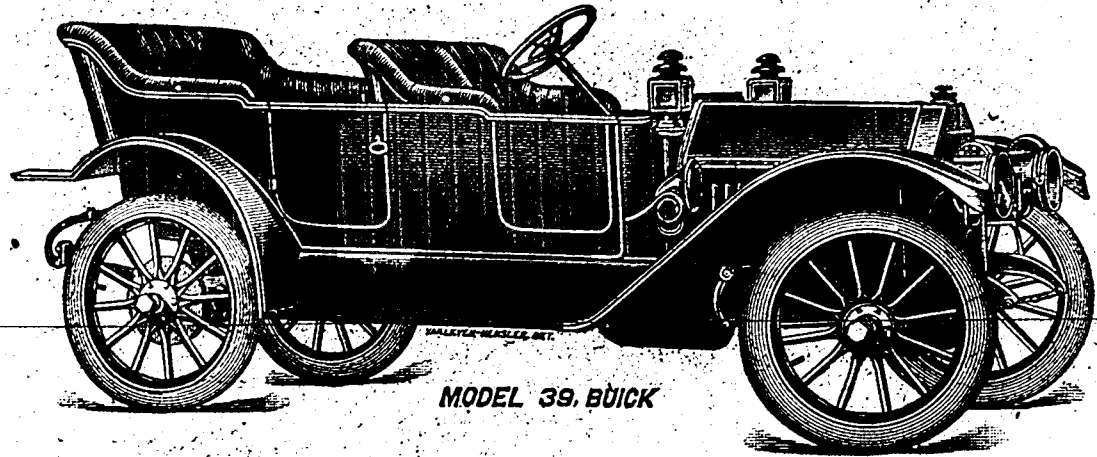
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### WESTFORD.

#### Center.

Principal Dexter Coggeshall of the academy was summoned to Everett last week by the serious illness of his mother. He did not reach home in time to see her alive, for his mother's illness was very brief, death coming in a little more than an hour after she was stricken.

The Westford academy boys were defeated in their ball game with Littleton high school team last Saturday afternoon at Whitney park.

An attractive program is being arranged for the closing social of the Tadnuck club which takes place next Tuesday evening at the Unitarian church at eight o'clock. A reader new to Westford audiences has been engaged, and Misses Gertrude and Julia Fletcher are arranging the musical part of the program and there will be refreshments and social good time. Each member is entitled to the privilege of inviting one guest. These guests tickets are being distributed at the present time.

Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright of Brookline and Westford, and Miss F. Fletcher of Westford, have returned from their California trip. Mr. Wright's arrival home was saddened by the death of his father at the latter's home in Boston which took place at just about that time.

W. L. Woods, 16-3, and H. G. Osgood, 13-12, have had telephones installed in their residences this last week.

It is pleasant to have Mrs. John B. Fletcher, who has been spending the winter months in Chelmsford at her home in this village again; also, to have Mrs. Porter Wright staying with her for the present.

Misses Jessie Hadley and Miss Jane Braut of Lowell have been guests of Miss Edith Forster at Nashoba farm this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Hildreth of Malden were Sunday guests at H. V. Hildreth's this last week.

Miss Fannie Bickford, daughter of one of our former Congregational pastors, has been visiting old friends in town.

George T. Day continues to gain after his somewhat prolonged illness.

#### Fires.

While the present very dry weather lasts the selectmen will not issue any more permits to burn brush. A rubbish fire near the house occupied by the John Perkins family got pretty threatening last Saturday afternoon, calling out the fire company. They got a good stream going from a nearby hydrant and the danger threatened to the buildings was averted. Monday, a fire in woodland of W. J. Merritt and J. A. Cameron called out men to fight it and was controlled without serious damage. Later in the day a fire was discovered in Paradise woods and a gang of twenty men did some good work in controlling it, also without serious damage.

#### About Town.

Oak hill had the largest and most lurid fire of the season on Monday afternoon and evening. Starting near the stone quarries, it was fanned by the summer breezes into thicket and woodland. Oak hill is the prominent height of land overlooking a large territory and the fire after sunset was the wonder and admiration of Lowell and many other long distance localities. The fire, after not being particularly about town lines, ran, leaped and jumped into Tyngsboro, and covered pasture and timber land as quick as a grab mortgage, and threatened the farm buildings of selectman Otis L. Wright of Tyngsboro.

The three-months' old baby of John and Jessie Walkden Bell, died of consumption early Monday morning at their home on Nabasset road, Westford corner. Mr. Bell was also unfortunate in breaking a finger on Saturday afternoon, which will lay him off work several weeks.

Gerry Decatur is teaching school at Gilbertville with satisfactory results.

Luanna-Decatur, who has been spending a week's vacation at her home on the Lowell road, returned to her school in Everett last Sunday.

Mrs. Perley Wright, who has been ill with appendicitis, is recovering from a surgical operation performed by Dr. Metcalf of Boston, and Drs. Wells and Sherman of Westford.

Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey's youngest brother is seriously ill at his home in Newton. Dr. Rice, a specialist of Boston, has been called on the case. Dr. Rice is a native of Westford and a son of Rev. George M. Rice, so pleasantly remembered as the minister of the Unitarian church a half-century ago.

Daniel H. Sheehan, who has just finished sawing a large lot of lumber in Carlisle has a contract for sawing in Lincoln and Wayland. Between sawings he is busy making two pressings of cider from Tadnuck brook cold storage apples. He also has an order for 10,000 barrels of potatoes. In addition to this busy business, he would like to contract to light the villages of Westford.

A May party was held at the home of James H. O'Brien on the Stony Brook road on Saturday, May 6. There were friends from North Chelmsford, West Chelmsford, Westford and Lowell. All were dressed in costume. Miss Mary Donnelly won first prize for best costume; Miss Mary Flynn, prize for best cake; Miss Margaret O'Brien was May queen. Mrs. Michael Donnelly and Mrs. J. H. O'Brien served refreshments. The indoor festi-

ties made merry makers of every one, and the out-door sports were ditto, without even a May shower, to dampen the earth or the merry gathering. Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, when it is a question of hospitality, have the real article on hand and wisely apply it.

Charles W. Whitney has erected a new residence for swine near the little rivulet that ebbs and flows westerly of little Tadnuck hill.

The H. O. Keyes horse hayrack that got so pinched in the procession that attempted to collide with the railroad bridge on Stony Brook road, is now in the middle of Stony Brook, easterly of the two-arch bridge. Why not remove the environments of the stair winding tower of Babel recently moved onto the Bean land at Westford Center?

#### Fires.

Owing to the long continued drought, fire warden John A. Healy, has decided to withhold all permits to set fire until after some moisture has descended on the earth. This is good judgment, but some fires seem to be self-permitting. Such started Wednesday forenoon near the Whitman & Pratt Fertilizer Company, near West Chelmsford. The heavy northerly wind drove it at a rapid rate beyond control in the direction of South Chelmsford with several farm buildings in danger. The large barn of Daniel Dalley on the Lowell road caught fire several times from sparks. The volume of smoke was at times like the black cloud of a powdermill explosion. It was not subdued until late in the afternoon, and the extent of damage is not yet reported.

Following close on this fire, about noon, two more fires started in the vicinity of Parkerville, one near Judson Sweetser's and the other near Acton line. They loomed up with smoke like the furnace of a volcano. The extent of the damage is yet to be itemized.

#### Club Meeting.

The Fortnightly club had a full house last week Friday evening. President Arthur T. Blodgett presided and called off the program. Phonograph selections by Mr. Ward. Arthur Blodgett as cornetist, got the crowd with him and he had to cornet again. Ditto also Mrs. Arthur Blodgett as solo singer. Mrs. Walter Wyman entertained with a humorous reading. Delacey Corkum of Billerica was there in all the war trimmings of reciprocity and contended that reciprocity and then free trade would bring peace and plenty to all mankind and the lamb and the lion would lay down together and neither would be inside the other. S. L. Taylor followed in opposition to reciprocity, contending that it was not reciprocity to take from Canada from produce that we are exporting out of the country, and give them in return a class of farm produce that their climate will not produce. Climatic conditions forbid reciprocity. We raise much they cannot. They raise nothing we cannot. They need us. We don't need them.

#### Forge Village.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coley of Worcester were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards also entertained Miss Nellie Willis, her mother, Mrs. Willis, and her fiancée, Ernest Durand. Miss Willis and Mr. Durand are to be married on June 26.

Mrs. Guernsey and her daughter, Miss Stella of Lowell, visited in the village last Sunday.

The Girls' Friendly society of St. Andrew's mission held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Sewing circle met in Recreation hall on Wednesday afternoon.

The John Edwards hose company held its regular meeting on last Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected: Edward T. Hanley, capt.; Francis Lowther, 1st lieutenant; Penimore Morton, 2d lieutenant; Walter Precious, stew.

A large band of gypsies, comprising six double-horse wagons, passed through the village on Monday afternoon and they stopped to refresh themselves on their journey. On a visit to the store of Conrad Richards', one of the tribe helped herself to \$2.50, which she "picked up" in the store. Mr. Richards soon recovered his money, however, when deputy sheriff A. A. Fillebrown of Ayer appeared on the scene with a pair of handcuffs and gave the band just four minutes to get out of the village, and "they got."

A concert and dance will be given by Royal Self-Help lodge in Abbot's hall, Forge Village on Saturday evening, May 27. After the concert will follow "That rascal Pat," will be given, to be followed by dancing.

#### Graniteville.

The Graniteville baseball club played the Martins of Lowell on the home grounds here on Saturday afternoon and won the game handsly by the score of 16 to 2. The Spinner brothers of Forge Village did the battery work for the home team, and were in the game every minute, the Lowell boys finding "Jack" Spinner's pitching a hard puzzle to solve.

The members of Cameron circle, C. of F. of A., of this village held a very successful dancing party in Forge Village on Saturday evening which was well attended.

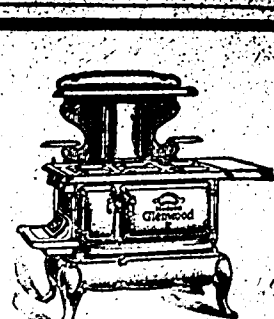
The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. W. O. Hawkes on Thursday afternoon.

Irving Cummings, a former resident of this village, but now located in Beverly, has been a recent visitor here.

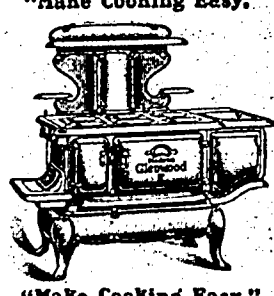
Final preparations are being perfected for the Old Folks' concert, to be held in the M. E. church here on Friday evening of next week.

Word has been received from Miss Nellie O'Brien of Portland, Oregon, formerly of Westford, of the death of her brother, Frank D. O'Brien, who passed away at his home in the west on Easter Sunday. He was a Spanish war veteran and was buried with a military funeral in the national plot for soldiers.

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### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell started on Monday for Detroit, Mich., where they will visit their son Chester and family. Their return home is expected in ten days or two weeks.

The body of the late William Chappelle was buried in Westlawn cemetery, and not sent to Prince Edward Island as was at first planned.

During Harry J. Smith's recent long trip down east, Mrs. Smith accompanied him to Portland and visited there and in the suburbs.

Miss Lora Barnes, teacher in Springfield, visited at Mrs. A. W. Knowlton's last week.

The C. E. Juniors met at the Orthodox parsonage on Thursday afternoon instead of Friday, on account of the missionary meeting held in Fitchburg on the latter day which members of this society attended.

Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell, who has been ailing for a long time, expects to go soon to a hospital for an operation. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

William Yapp, who has been sick for the last two weeks, is making good headway on the road to recovery.

C. V. Flagg is driving a handsome new pair of gray horses.

The high school baseball nine defeated Westford academy in Westford last Saturday afternoon. The score was 10 to 8. The high school will play the Townsend high at Townsend, Saturday afternoon, May 13.

The Alliance officers chosen at the annual meeting held last week Friday afternoon were as follows:

Mr. O. J. Fairfield, pres.; Mrs. Mary J. Priest, vice pres.; Miss Abbie Billings, treas.; Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, sec.; Mrs. William C. Brown, Mrs. S. M. Hartwell, Mrs. G. W. Prouty, Mrs. S. E. Abbott, Mrs. Amelia Wakefield, ex. com.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Conant of Concord were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant.

Mr. Rich, a Textile schoolmate, was the guest of Richard G. Conant at W. E. Conant's over Sunday.

William Cleaves of Rindge, N. H., spent Sunday at J. H. Kimball's.

C. J. Libby has moved into the Abel Flagg house.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith has gone to Ossipee for an outing of a week or more.

George H. Gordon of the editorial staff of the Boston American, has been transferred to New York. He has sold his farm to C. M. Neilson, and expects to assume his new duties soon. Mr. Gordon has been a familiar figure at the Littleton station, where he has boarded the train daily for Boston.

Miss Lucy Adams has returned to school duties in Waltham after one week's vacation. Her mother, Mrs. Emily Adams, has gone to Newtown to visit her daughter, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, for several weeks.

Charles Yapp recently lost two cows and the cause of death is attributed to eating lamb kill. Mr. Yapp has sold his milk route to P. O. Robinson.

Rev. William E. Strong, who represents the American Board, will preach at the Orthodox church tomorrow morning.

#### Broken Into.

The railway station was broken into again last Saturday night for the third time in about eighteen months. Entrance was made through the door facing on Taylor street, by breaking a pane of glass in an upper panel and then reaching the bolt. The grating of the ticket office window was taken out, the office entered and ransacked, but no tickets, packages or other valuables were missing. The money receptacles for gum and telephone were torn down and emptied, and the postoffice door was found open, the money drawers examined, but nothing was taken so far as is known at present. An old coat with burglar's jimmy was left on one of the seats in the waiting room. It is probable that very little money was found, and the work and risk involved seem altogether out of proportion to the booty.

#### May Party.

The May party in town hall last week Friday evening, under the auspices of the Back Log club, and directed by the West End committee added one more to the good times of the club season now closing. The number present was sufficiently large for a good time. From Concord Junction there was a large party, including John Adams, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Wendell Davis, Miss Mabel Hawkes and others. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwell and son Herford of Somerville, and Misses Marion

and Helen Brown of Cambridge were also present. Thayer's orchestra played for the dancing in the upper hall. The lower hall was provided with tables for whist, and not a few availed themselves of the opportunity to play. The refreshments consisted of ice cream and cake.

#### About Town.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield gave his lecture on "James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet," before the Men's club of the Unitarian church of Hudson last evening, the ladies also being invited to attend.

Mrs. Nettie O. Robinson of Ware is visiting for a few days at the Unitarian parsonage.

Last Sunday Mrs. Paul Brown and Mrs. John Hardy were chosen delegates to the Unitarian May meeting.

Mrs. Hartwell Whitcomb is spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Gardner, in New Bedford.

Karlton Priest will speak before the Guild on "Ralph Waldo Emerson," Sunday evening.

Be sure to watch for the big poster and notice of May 27 auction.

F. H. Farmer, auctioneer, will sell by public auction the farming tools, household goods and clothing at his barn in Littleton on Saturday, May 20, at one o'clock p. m. The farm is located on the New Estate road near the Littleton Depot road.

New Telephones and Changes.  
Grotton—William P. Crowe, 73-2; Lawrence Brooks' farm, 17-15; Howard D. Bowles, 15-5.  
Harvard—Gustave Gabelrison, 13-4; Mrs. Joseph H. Crandell, 5-24.  
Pepperell—Frank E. Turner, 43-3; Waldo Spaulding, changed from 34-4 to 129-4; Emma H. Haynes, changed from 56-2, to 129-3.

### SHIRLEY.

#### Center.

John Johnson at the North, who has been suffering with heart trouble for several months, is slowly recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Holden at Shrewsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed of Wollaston spent last week Friday at their home here.

Howard A. Hatch secured another deer last week while it was damaging his strawberry beds.

Dr. and Mrs. Cook of Providence, R. I., are guests at Sidney A. Carter's.

John Moulton, at the North, is erecting another large, new henhouse.

The Girls' Sewing guild held a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. William E. Barnard on last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Henry F. Groat will entertain them at the next meeting.

Mrs. William Berger and son Raymond of Fitchburg, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, returned home last Saturday.

Roy Hatch, after a short vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Hatch, has returned to his position in Newton.

Mrs. Chester Going of Townsend spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Longley.

Work on Fred Carson's house is being rushed along. The contract for building the house has been awarded to George Woods of Grotton.

John Brown, at the North, who sprained his ankle several weeks ago, has recovered sufficiently to be out.

John Bennett of Boston has entered the employ of Sidney A. Carter at the Mary Anna Home.

One of those popular social dances with Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell will be held in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 13.

Mrs. Adolphus Jenkins is confined to the house with a severe illness. Miss Marion Moulton is also on the sick list.

Edward Farnsworth is building a life-boat for William Berger of Fitchburg, to be used at his public bathing place at Whalom park.

On Tuesday evening another fire broke out near the house of William Wilkins at the East. In a corner of the field owned by Daniel Mason of Ayer. Mr. Wilkins noticed it about nine o'clock and sent for Henry Farnsworth and George Buxton, with whose help he succeeded in putting it out before much damage was done.

Edward R. Thompson has sufficiently recovered from his recent operation to begin work again at the leatherboard mill at West Grotton.

Ike Nutting, who has been employed during the winter by M. W. Carey, began working this week for Augustus B. Cram at the village.

Ernest Bohanon has just returned home from a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bohanon at Springfield.

George Byram, although on the road to recovery, is still very sick.

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Mrs. M. A. Lynch moved this week into her new house, which is nearly completed.

Elmer Wilkins received last week a fine new cabinet grand piano from Boston.

S. LeRoy Longley has purchased of John W. Farrar the Ayers lot of six acres, situated near the Center school. It is grass land and contains a good apple orchard.

There will be a celebration of holy communion at Trinity chapel on Sunday morning, May 14, at 10.30 o'clock. Regular Sunday school classes at 8.15 p. m.

Mrs. Steels Mackaye and her son Percy, the dramatist of Cornish, Me., spent the week-end at W. E. Barnard's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton of Brookline spent a few days this week at their summer home on Center road.

Mr. Sinclair and family, who have been occupying the Mitchell place for the past year, are moving to Ayer this week.

Superintendent Johnson distributed on Tuesday, among the pupils of the Center primary and grammar schools, young catalpa trees, to be set out.

Miss Nellie Wilkins spent last week at the North, and then left to visit her sister, Mrs. Louise Wilkins in Waverley.

V. A. Bean has just purchased a fine young pair of black horses, weighing about 3,400, to use at his portable mill on the Baker woodlot.

The Matrons' Aid held their regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, May 9, at the home of Miss Etta Holden. The next meeting is to be held with Mrs. Eva Holden.

Charles Leavitt of Leominster, who once lived in the house now owned by Mr. Boutillier, is to move into the Mitchell house.

Mr. Ware is having several rooms finished off and a new chimney built at his summer home here.

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

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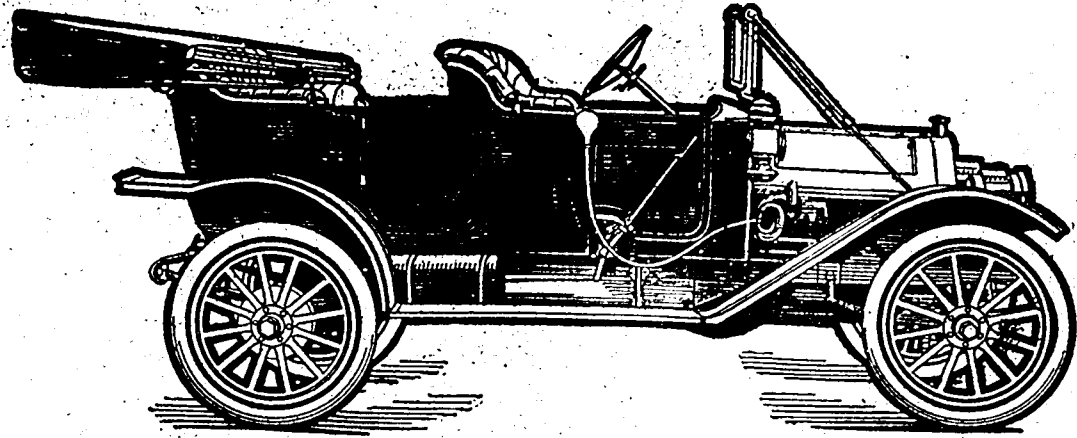
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### LUNENBURG.

#### News Items.

The members of the high school debating club, will hold a joint debate with Townsend high school on Friday evening, May 19. Question: Resolved, "That the right of suffrage should be granted to the women of the United States." Townsend has the affirmative, while Lunenburg will plead for the negative. A barge will be provided to carry all from town who wish to go, for not more than thirty cents, and probably less, depending of course upon how many take passage. The committee in charge would like to have all who wish to go leave their names at the store of Warren Lewis & Co., so that all may be provided for.

The first open car of the season for Lunenburg came in on a new trip on Tuesday afternoon, leaving the American house at 5.30, and leaving Lunenburg on the return trip at six, and will hereafter run on that time, daily, through the season. This will be a great convenience for shoppers, workmen and others.

Mrs. Joseph Sherwin is very seriously ill at her home on Massachusetts avenue, Boston, and is in the care of a trained nurse.

The Loyal Temperance Legion was re-organized last week at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Longley on Thursday afternoon, right after school. The following officers were elected: Earl Brown, pres.; Idella Magovern, vice pres.; Rodney Curley, sec.; Elizabeth Warren, treas. It was voted to hold meetings on Thursday afternoons, right after school, for the present, and every child in town of six years and upwards, is most cordially invited to attend the meetings and become a member.

The Lincoln club and the Willing Workers gave Miss Myrtle Hastings a genuine surprise on Tuesday evening, it being her eighteenth birthday. Miss Ruth Harrington, in behalf of the assembled guests, presented Miss Hastings with a beautiful gold locket and chain, with which she was very much pleased, and will gladly wear the pretty gift in memory of the donors. Ice cream and cake were served, and games played, in which all took part with great enjoyment.

There will be a rummage sale for the benefit of the Village Improvement society at the home of Mrs. Ella Bradley on Cunningham avenue, May 17, 18 and 19. Anyone wishing to contribute to this sale may leave articles at Mrs. Bradley's home any time before these dates.

John Snow, a former resident of town, died at his home in Warner, N. H., on Friday morning, May 5. He was a veteran of the civil war and a

member of the G. A. R. He leaves one brother, Timothy B., of this town.

The benefit given Wilbur Lancy on last week Friday by the D. of V., the band, grange and Memorial association, netted \$151. A goodly sum for a worthy beneficiary.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

Miss Edith Lyon of Ayer and Fred Wilson of Fitchburg have been recent guests of Mrs. Frank Maynard.

George W. L. Hobart, who has spent the winter at Brookline, Mass., has returned home.

Mrs. John Hughes, who went to St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua, May 2, passed away on Thursday night, May 4. The funeral and burial took place at Townsend last Sunday. She is survived by an aged husband, several daughters and sons, and grand-children. A kindly woman, who always had a pleasant word of greeting.

Miss Blanche W. Hall spent part of last week at Nashua, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. T. Ross Hicks.

Rev. George Bennett, a former pastor of the Congregational church, has accepted a call to Wakefield, N. H.

John Porter is at home after a winter's sojourn at Brookline, Mass.

Mrs. Louis Bragg is ill.

Mrs. Helen Fisher of Fitzwilliam has been the guest of Mrs. Mary Cox and daughters.

Mrs. Samuel Swett, who has been at St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua for the past six weeks, returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Davis is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett.

Prof. Joseph Yarrick and wife returned to their summer cottage this week.

Memorial exercises will be held at Tarbell's hall on Saturday afternoon, May 27, at two o'clock. The Sons of Veterans of Townsend, John C. Harvey, commander, the Ayer drum and fife corps, and commander of Worcester post at Hollis will participate in the exercises. Albert Koch has been appointed a member of the memorial committee.

James H. S. Tucker of Nashua spent the weekend and Sunday with his brother, Edward C. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Blake and little granddaughter, Nathalie Blake, of Pepperell, were at the Tucker homestead last Saturday.

Harry Drew is seriously ill with pneumonia at Reading, Mass.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes attended the ministers' meeting at Manchester on Tuesday, and attended "The world in Boston," this week.

Mr. Howard and family of Methuen, Mass., are occupying the J. Harvey Hall homestead.

The young people will present the drama, "Down in Dixie," at Townsend on Tuesday evening, May 30, under the auspices of the Sons of Veterans.

The marriage of Arthur Nye, youngest son of George H. Nye of this town, and Miss Constance Hungerford, the daughter of Mrs. Alice Hungerford of Hartford, Conn., took place at Hartford on Friday, May 5. They will reside at Nashua. Both the bride and groom are popular young people and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for many years of happiness.

Rev. James N. Seaver, Mrs. Cora Boutenhouse, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nye, Miss Jessie Seaver, Mrs. Emma Valdege and Mrs. Minnie Holcombe attended "The world in Boston," this week.

Dr. C. H. Holcombe attended the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Medical society at Concord this week. Frank Kennedy has purchased the Blake farm on the Hollis road in Pepperell and will make a permanent home there. It is to be known as Pinehurst.

### Sunday School Convention.

The district convention of the Sunday school association at the Congregational church, Wednesday, May 3, was a meeting of interest and instruction. The devotional and praise service was led by Rev. J. N. Seaver, followed by a cordial address of welcome by Rev. W. L. Noyes, Rev. Mr. Fuller responding with feeling. Rev. W. L. Noyes was elected presiding officer, and Mrs. Cora Boutenhouse as secretary pro tem.

Rev. Charles Davis of Hollis spoke very interestingly on the Sunday school as an educator.

Rev. J. N. Seaver, Mrs. Ira Daniels and Mrs. Stickney of Milford were appointed a committee on nominations and resolutions.

Mrs. Hendricks spoke on "Common sense methods in Sunday school work." Mr. Fuller gave a very interesting talk to the children, very plainly illustrating the necessity of forming good habits. "He keepeth me ever," was sung by the ladies' quartet, composed of Mrs. Emma Valdege, Mrs. Minnie Holcombe, Mrs. Jennie Boutelle, Mrs. Cora Boutenhouse.

Mr. Fuller spoke on the "Needs of the small school." Rev. T. Ross Hicks of Nashua, gave an interesting address on "The boy problem." Rev. Charles White of Amherst took for his theme "The child for Christ."

Rev. W. L. Noyes was elected president of the district and Mrs. Cora

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### "THE HOUSE OF MY FRIENDS"

Next Sunday's Globe will contain the opening chapters of an unusually powerful serial story entitled "The House of My Friends" by Elizabeth York Miller. The plot is startling in its novelty, so startling and so novel that the reader's curiosity is excited even by the first paragraph. A husband's devotion to the memory of his dead wife, a devotion which turns to demagogue hatred by the discovery after her death that she loved another, and that that other was his intimate personal friend—this is one of the pillars by which the "House of My Friends" is supported. But the main foundation of the thrilling plot is the love of the crazed husband's sister for the wrecker of her brother's home. To appreciate the full import of the complex situation, bear in mind that although Dick Tennant has not a particle of love for Bridget Rose, she is fondly attached to the purpose of staying the hand of the Ryle which holds a revolver against the temple of Tennant. From that hour Tennant and she conspire to deceive her brother into the belief that Tennant's love letters and messages to Ryle's wife were in reality for Bridget and that the wife was their friend and intermediary.

That Ryle may be undecieved any moment and kill Tennant is a patent fact that fascinates the reader. Bridget is a beautiful young woman and Tennant may fall in love with her. Another riveting circumstance. Yet she may lose her fondness for Ryle, not only through his cold indifference towards her, but through a moral who wreaked her brother's life, and cares naught for hers. That alone would compel the reader's interest. The serial story which is written in most attractive style and has not one dull line in it. Make no mistake! Begin "The House of My Friends" in next Sunday's Boston Globe.

### BUFFALO BILL TO RETIRE

Many Interesting Features Will Be Presented.

Considerable interest has been aroused in this vicinity through the announced appearance of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show at Fitchburg, May 23.

Col. Wm. F. Cody, the original and only Buffalo Bill, travels with the big exhibition, and he personally appears at every performance, rain or shine, but this will be his farewell appearance in this section as he is soon to retire. Arrangements have been made with the railroad officials to run excursions at special rates from the various stations along the line and there will be a special provision for the accommodation of those who wish to visit the exhibition. To the small boy and grown-up, "Buffalo Bill" will be the chief attraction, for his fame is not dimmed by the years which have elapsed since he helped write the story of the West through his heroic deeds. One of the principal features of the show, in which he took active part, and featured in the open-air melodrama, "The Battle of Summit Springs, an engagement in which he killed more than one hundred Indians and several cavalymen and soldiers. Contrasted with this scene will be an Oriental spectacle which will picture the gorgeous beauties of the Far East, its pageantry and people, its pleasures and pastimes, and its strange costumes and customs. Turning again to American history, there will be an Attack Upon an Emigrant Train and a Holiday at "T. E." Ranch. Ross's Musical Elephants will be a particular feature of the Far East scene, and as an individual feature of the Wild West section of the exhibition Ray Thompson's "Trained Wild Animals" horses will be shown in feats of grace and equine skill. Sharpshooting by Johnny Baker will be a particular attractive feature, and a bunch of bucking bronchos will furnish the principal comedy element of a truly exhilarating and strenuous exhibition.

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Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate by JOHN N. GOING who swears that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of May, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner 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 on 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 fourteen days at least before said Court.

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

348 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

### READ THIS

We wish to express our appreciation to friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kind words for the beautiful floral tributes at the time and death of our mother.

Wm. E. Rogers and family, Groton, May 6, 1911.



GROTON.

**News Items.**  
Dr. McClauskand of Boston, the noted bone specialist, was at the Groton hospital on Tuesday afternoon and several cases came to him for observation or operation. Among them was Miss Maud Kemp, who had a lame hand and was operated on. Thomas Haley and Will Cleary, who are lame, were others observed by the doctor, but were not, as we understand, operated on.

The fire company responded to a call on Monday evening, the alarm being for a forest fire on the Lowell road towards Westford, and near the Sherborn place. Not a very large area was burned over.

Mrs. James R. Hawkes went the latter part of this week for a stay of a week or so in Boston. During her stay in the city Mrs. Hawkes will take in visits to the great exposition, "The world in Boston."

Mr. Headle, assistant station agent, has moved with his family from Mrs. R. Chase's to house owned by Mr. Haley, and previously occupied by Walter Gleason.

Chief of police Riley has his headquarters and is boarding now at Policeman David Young's on Station avenue.

Mrs. Howard Souther was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital one day of last week. Mrs. Souther is doing well.

Mrs. James Frazer went some days ago to hospital in Nashua for operation for a nasal trouble.

Mrs. John Trayne is more comfortable.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Swallow went on Wednesday to attend "The world in Boston," and returned on Thursday evening.

S. Evans, who has been at his old home in Jersey City since the first of April, is in town this week for a visit to Maitland Johnson and family on Chicopee row.

Mrs. E. F. Tolles has been quite ill, barely escaping pneumonia, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Wright. Mrs. Tolles was able to be up and dressed on Wednesday.

R. M. Erving is lettering some tablets for the Groton School. These tablets are placed in their "Hall of fame," in commemoration of baseball and football achievements. They have in all some fifty, or more tablets.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Headle on Tuesday, May 9. The little fellow weighed eleven pounds.

Miss Lillian Wright of Ayer, who attended the Groton grange on Tuesday evening, spent that night with Mrs. J. A. Sanderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron P. Swallow attended "The world in Boston," last week Saturday, returning that night. Their daughter, Miss Bertha Swallow, is visiting in Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Smith of North Groton reached the fortieth anniversary of their wedding day on Saturday, May 13. The Groton grange will make an observation of the event. Mr. Smith is one of the two oldest in membership of Groton grange, and has always been, when in health, constant in attendance.

Hermon Frazee has been ill, obliged to take to his bed and be under the doctor's care.

Frederick Bancroft of Boston accompanied his brother, Maj. Gen. William A. Bancroft, on his coming to Groton last week Saturday.

P. L. Donahue came home last week, having a foot which seemed threatened with blood poisoning and needed treatment.

Miss Mary Parmenter, sister of Mrs. George T. Stevens, was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital on Tuesday and is doing well.

Main street has been treated to a new application of tarvia, under the direction of the superintendent of streets.

Rev. H. A. Cornell attended "The world in Boston," on Monday and Tuesday, and was well pleased with what he saw and heard.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold their annual food sale on Thursday, June 8.

D. Graham comes from Franklin, N. H., this week Saturday to make final arrangements for their removal from Groton. Their household goods will be taken by the cars to Franklin, and Mr. and Mrs. Graham will leave next week for their new home in that town. Mr. Graham has been employed at his trade there for the past six or eight weeks, and finds it a desirable position.

The Book and Thimble club held their ninth anniversary last week Friday afternoon in a very enjoyable gathering, every member being present. There were no literary exercises except the reading of an original anniversary poem by Mrs. E. A. Barrows. Mrs. George Belcher was a most agreeable hostess and laid the table for the anniversary spread in an unusually pleasing manner. The next regular meeting of the Book and Thimble will be with Mrs. George H. Woods. Subject, "The insurrection in Mexico."

Rev. P. H. Cressley will preach a sermon tomorrow, Sunday morning, appropriate to "mothers' day."

Groton School won over Cambridge Theological on Wednesday afternoon, by a score of 14 to 9.

This Saturday afternoon the return game with Middlesex will be played on Groton School grounds.

The large peach orchards of the Faddin farm are in full and heavy bloom, making a beautiful sight. The apple trees are coming into bloom every day now—the Baldwins will not have so profuse blossoming as other and earlier varieties. As this farm is probably the largest fruit farm in apple and peaches of any in Groton, it may be taken as a representative of all others. The bloom promises a heavy crop.

Rev. Endicott Peabody of Groton, who has been making a tour of Egypt, has arrived in Paris, where he has joined Mrs. Peabody and his daughters, the Misses Peabody.

W. A. Parkhurst has been making some carpenter's repairs on the Baptist parsonage.

The opening hour for Sunday evening services at the Baptist church has been temporarily changed to 6.45, instead of seven o'clock.

Samuel H. Raddin has just bought a new horse, a fine one, of E. A. Whitney of Ayer.

Mrs. S. H. Raddin has been detained by illness in the family, from going to North Waterboro, Me., as early as she had planned, but will go this week Saturday. Carl and Hazel Sawtelle, her little nephew and niece, go with her.

Miss Everetta Wellington has been a recent guest at Frank Lawrence Blood's.

The Reading club met with the Misses Gertrude and Ruth Gerrish on Wednesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Alliance met in the parlor of the First Parish church on Thursday afternoon. A paper on "Hospitals—their needs and dangers," written by Miss Clarke of Boston, was read by Mrs. Gardner H. Rockwood.

The last church social of the season for the Unitarian society was held last week Thursday evening. An excellent supper was served and the following program proved an enjoyable entertainment:

Piano solo with encore, Miss Hertha Fletcher; vocal duet with encore, Misses Gertrude and Ruth Gerrish; piano selections with encore, Mrs. Cressley; readings, two selections with encore, Mrs. P. H. Cressley; the following took part in the farce, "The bargain counter," Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. Manning, Miss Helen Dodge, Mrs. Fred Porter, Mrs. Fred A. Sherwin.

Town water has just been introduced, at the house of Misses Vickery.

Mrs. Minnie Moore is at home again from Agworth, N. H.

Miss Alice Conant of Plainfield, N. J., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck.

Men have started in on the cellar of a new cow barn to be built at Shawfieldmont. It will stand near the other barn of the farm buildings.

Everett F. Nutting is enjoying a fine new E-M-F "30" auto, and also giving enjoyment to many of his friends who are pleased to accept his invitations for a drive. He is his own chauffeur.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGrath have moved into Patrick Crowley's house.

The Sunday evening meetings at the Unitarian church have been discontinued until October.

The first of the annual May meetings was held in the town hall last Sunday evening. The preacher, Rev. W. J. Scarlett of New York city, was well liked and listened to with close attention. The audience was not as large as is usual at these meetings.

The boys and girls of the senior class of the high school, will present the play, "At the end of the rainbow," at the town hall, Friday evening, May 19, which promises to be a brilliant and successful effort. Attractive features in the play are the football game and the masque ball. The play will be bright and taking throughout and will be received by the public with enthusiastic interest. The tickets are on sale at Bruce's drug store. None are to be sold around town. It will be necessary to get tickets early to secure seats.

A number were present at a party at James McNiff's last week Thursday evening, and Bridget Waters of the Groton School took a number of her friends to the party. Dainty refreshments were served. Dancing lasted till the wee sma' hours in the morning. All had a most delightful time.

Be sure to watch for the big poster and notice of May 27 auction.

Death.

Francis Gordon Brown, who died at Glenhead, L. I., on Wednesday, May 10, was once a famous athlete and the greatest football leader ever turned out by Yale. His methods, manliness and sportsmanship have ever been held up as ideals for football players. Mr. Brown was a great disciplinarian, was never known to have missed chapel or recitations. He had certain hours for study, hours for athletics, and a few minutes each for his friends. This young man, who evinced more than ordinary interest in his studies fitted at Groton School, where he was honor man for Yale, which he entered in the fall of 1897. Mr. Brown was a nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan.

A Good Attendance.

The Groton Improvement society met on Monday, May 8, at the home of Mrs. Frank Woods, with a good attendance. There is an element of social spirit combined with business which makes the meetings quite enjoyable and this occasion was no exception. Two names were proposed for membership, which was a gratifying evidence of growth of interest in the work. It is hoped that many more will join, remembering that in numbers there is strength.

It is pleasant to note the increasing appreciation shown of the efforts made by the Improvement society to beautify the village and the results attained. Funds for carrying on the work are raised largely by the personal efforts of the members. The recent food sale, was the means of adding seventy dollars to the treasury.

The illness of Miss Elisabeth Hill and her consequent inability to take charge of the children's gardens, made it seem advisable to suspend this branch of the work for this year at least. The care of the parks will be continued through the coming season.

Snakes and Autos.

Mrs. L. E. Starr of Pepperell passed the rough Groton last week Friday on a carriage drive to Boston. When going down to the city, the old turnpike road through Concord was taken, and on the return Saturday afternoon, they drove over the new State road. While going over the old turnpike an unusual incident was noticed—three large black snakes came out from the woods trailing their length

one after the other over the road. One of them was run over by Mrs. Starr's carriage. The notable incident coming back was that while passing between Arlington and Concord, one hundred and four automobiles were counted during an hour and a quarter's drive, which goes to show the trend of the times.

Appointed.

Attorney Albert O. Brown of Manchester, N. H., whose membership has just been announced by the superior court, as a member and chairman of the tax commission, the appointment having been made by Chief Justice Parsons, is a native of Northwood. Mr. Brown obtained his early education in the schools of his native town and fitted for college in Coe's Northwood academy. After leaving the academy he entered Dartmouth college, graduating with the class of 1878. Following his graduation from college he was a member of the faculty for three years at Lawrence academy, resigning to enter the law office of Burnham & McAllister, to take up the study of his profession.

After reading for a time in the office of the firm, he entered Boston University Law school, graduating in the class of 1884. Following his graduation he returned to Manchester and began the practice of his profession in Mr. Burnham's office, where he has remained since that time, being at present a member of the firm of Burnham, Brown, Jones & Warren.

The appointment of Mr. Brown meets with the universal approval of not only his associates at the New Hampshire bar, but of the business men of that city and state, who believe that, with his knowledge of law and proven business ability, no better choice could have been made. Among his business associations, Mr. Brown has been president of the Amoskeag Savings bank since 1905, and is a director of and counsel for the Manchester Traction Light and Power Co. Since February 1910, he has been special counsel for the State of New Hampshire in the railroad tax appeals now pending in the supreme court.

Mr. Brown is a man of such recognized position in his profession that his acceptance of a place on the new list of his personal interests, but the fitness of his selection will be admitted by all who are at all acquainted with his thorough study and knowledge of the questions which the commission will be required to take under consideration.

Grange Meeting.

The Groton grange held its regular meeting, May 9, with the program in charge, of Mr. and Mrs. James Starr and eleven other Groton members living in Pepperell. Mr. and Mrs. Starr were living in Groton when they joined Groton grange and later bought property in Pepperell. Mr. Starr never taking his name from the Groton books. The Nokes, Mrs. Raymond and Miss Farnsworth were in Groton when they joined. The program was given in recess and the curtain revealed different sisters in unusual poses with various sized lunch boxes often exposed. William Atkinson most pleasantly auctioned off these various shadows, the secretary, Mrs. Boynton being clerk. The highest shadow brought seventy cents and the lowest fifteen cents. The shadows brought in seven dollars toward the linen fund for newly weds. The brothers were especially good, some buying four or five shadows. After a short social Miss Gertrude Nokes opened the literary program with a piano solo and Mrs. William Atkinson read current events. Mr. Nokes was the joker and played a joke on all by his absence, but furnished a paper on a trip with local hits, read by his wife, Mrs. Josie Nokes. Anecdotes by Mrs. Alice Raymond were read by George Smith.

Mrs. Dora Atkinson gave a classical piano solo and responded to an encore. "Original lines" by Miss Bertha M. Farnsworth was a bright bit of jingle and a surprise to all. Everyone knew that Miss Effie Gillespie would be good and they were not disappointed. Miss Georgiana Kimball of Hollis grange, but living in Pepperell, had been invited by the committee to be present and her recitations were a good addition to the excellent program provided. Mr. Atkinson gained warm applause in his singing and the last verse of his encore is still ringing in the ears of his listeners. Mrs. Kimball responded to a second call. It was voted that a committee, consisting of the master, executive committee and Mrs. L. E. Starr, act in reference to a grange party at past master, George Smith's on Saturday, May 13. Before leaving the hall it was decided to ask each member to be present and bring his or her own cake, pie or fruit, ice cream being furnished. It is the fortieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's wedding and they have been members of Groton grange over thirty-five years and his family of six all belonging to the grange.

Forest Fires.

Over one hundred acres of woodland lying wholly in Groton territory, and belonging to the Nutting Bros. estate and William A. Lawrence was burned over on Thursday afternoon. This land lies along the road between Groton and Pepperell, near Sand Hill and the Four Corners. At one time the fire jumped that road over to the Nashua road not far from Cold Spring and Squash path, and threatened to spread far in that direction. The first alarm was at three o'clock in the afternoon, and the second was a half an hour later, and called for more help. A third call was rung at eight o'clock in the evening, but the fire at that time had been subdued.

A call in the afternoon was also sent to Pepperell for help and a generous response was made. At least one hundred men and a large number of Italians at work on the railroad were fighting the fire all the afternoon. It was so hot that autos and other vehicles could not pass along the road, and it was terrible work for all the men engaged. It was one of the very worst forest fires ever experienced in Groton. It was said to have caught from the sparks of a passing locomotive.

West Groton.

Mrs. E. P. Shore's, with her mother, Mrs. Powers, and little daughter Winifred, spent Monday and Tuesday in Boston. "The world in Boston," was visited during their stay.

Mrs. Martha Tarbell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Adams of Lunenburg.

Little Patricia Smith returned last Sunday from a two weeks' stay with relatives in Walpole.

Mrs. Florence Briggs is spending the week with relatives in Groton.

Last Sunday Charles Chapman, Jr., joined his family, who have been spending some weeks with Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Bixby.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams have entertained this week Mr. and Mrs. Champlin of Worcester.

Mrs. George Gay, who has been quite ill, is now somewhat better and her daughter, Mrs. George Barrett, who has been with her during the past two weeks, left for her home on Wednesday.

Mrs. G. S. Webber visited Boston on Friday and Saturday of last week. Tarbell grammar school has returned to the two-session plan.

Miss Edna Bowles was entertained recently at A. H. Thompson's, spending the weekend. On her return to Groton, Miss Bowles in turn entertained Miss Hazel Thompson, her classmate at Groton high, class of 1908.

Mrs. Edwin Brown was a guest in town this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Keziah Small.

The Ladies' Aid will meet on Thursday, May 18, with Mrs. E. P. Shore's. Angelo Blood has been seriously ill and was taken to Groton hospital on Tuesday. At time of writing (Wednesday) he is reported as resting more comfortably, relieved somewhat from the intense pain he has been suffering.

Oliver Hallett joined Mrs. Hallett last Sunday at the home of her mother, where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Born, recently, a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bowles, who so lately left this village to return to their home in Groton, announce that they are ready to communicate with West Groton friends by means of the telephone lately installed in their home. Mrs. Bowles with daughters, the Misses Alma and Dorothy, and son Jerome visited "The world in Boston" last week.

Miss Alice Peters of West Roxbury is spending a number of weeks in the village as guest of Mrs. H. E. Lindall.

The West Groton A. A. will give a social dance in Squannacook hall on Thursday evening, May 17. Music, Thayer's orchestra.

A Success.

The supper and dance of the baseball nine held on Friday of last week, were a success from all viewpoints. The lads worked bravely and interested parents and friends lent willing assistance. The short farce was given by the Misses Sylvia Lawrence and Lillian Harrington and John Robinson and Lee Bixby. A piano solo with encore was rendered by Mrs. Isabel Wiggin. Piano and drum furnished music for dancing, played by W. G. Proctor of Townsend and Ray Sleeper, respectively. The sum netted was about thirty dollars and this amount, in addition to the sum previously raised, enabled the young players to order their suits. It is understood that George Lee Bixby is captain of the nine and Webster Harrington, manager.

Well Attended.

The business meeting held at the hall last Wednesday evening was well attended and the subject of transporting the pupils of this village to Groton was discussed. The school and school building committee were represented by J. H. Manning, Dr. Priest, James Bennett and F. L. Blood. The situation was carefully explained, but to all plans for transportation whether of all or a part of the grades, West Groton's answer was an uncompromising "No." With houses being built every year and more tenements an absolute necessity; with about sixty children already enrolled and considerably more than sixty under school age; no other view could possibly be taken.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Rev. H. B. Mason returned home from the Elliot hospital, Boston, on Tuesday last. He is feeling much better and improving rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Atherton were pleased this week to receive news of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Percy A. Atherton of Boston. The event taking place Saturday, May 6.

Miss Marlon Renfrew of Dorchester, a former teacher here at Bromfield school, was in town last week for a few days, a guest of the Misses Kerley.

Miss Grace E. Putnam of Reading, formerly principal of the grammar school, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Fairbank.

Dr. William Ripley of Brighton and Newton made an auto trip to town last Saturday, stopping a few hours with his brother here, Albert F. Ripley.

John E. Armstrong of East Lempster, N. H., for many years a resident here, visited over Sunday last with friends in town.

Robert Britton, who for several years has been in the employ of A. M. Brown, has engaged to Benj. J. Priest for this season.

John J. McDade has moved with his family onto the farm he recently purchased of Harrison Goding. Mr. Goding moved his goods and family this week Tuesday onto the farm of Philip McNiff, occupying half the house with George Hardy.

Albert Haskell, who has for the past two or three years driven the team for Gale, Dickson & Co., severed connections this week and enters the employ of C. L. Russell, superintendent at Tahanto farm at once.

Wilmer Cleaves of New York city is at home with his parents, Mr. and

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Mrs. John H. Cleaves, for the summer months.

Chemical No. 1 turned out last Sunday in answer to a call for help at the fire near Bennett rock, Bare Hill pond. Cottages of the Clinton campers were seriously in danger. The Hermitage, owned by Fiske Warren, was destroyed, loss about eight hundred dollars and several acres of woodland burned over.

Dr. Austin Peters of Jamaica Plain arrives this week with his family at the farm recently purchased of Allan Brooks off the Ayer road, near the farm of J. W. Bacon, known as the Wm. Blanchard farm. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are staying at the home of George C. Maynard for a season.

David Mongovin of Hudson, formerly a town boy, is to commence next Monday as teamster for Gale, Dickson & Co.

Miss Katherine Dickson was taken to the Faulkner hospital, Jamaica Plain, last week, where she underwent an operation for mastoids. She is doing finely and improving rapidly. The anxious days are past and her friends are glad to hear of her steady gain.

Grand Celebration.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Ladies' Picnic club was given a second celebration on Thursday evening last, when the gentlemen gave a return supper to the lady members of the club. The affair was elaborate and very thoroughly gotten up in every detail. Supper was served at seven o'clock. N. A. Dill as chairman of the feast committee, left no detail incomplete. The tables were decorated with pink and white—apple blossoms being used profusely. Favors were distributed each guest and over one hundred plates were served. The supper in itself was a marvel of good things tastily arranged. After this came songs, singing being interspersed with toasts.

The entertainer for the evening was a Mr. Clarke from Waltham, who was genuinely a first-class entertainer. His work consisted of impersonations, songs and local jokes, the latter being especially good. He kept his hearers attentive for every minute he was on. During the evening, Miss Louise Freeman gave the audience a treat with one of her violin solos, very artistically rendered, Miss Helen Stone as accompanist.

The members of the ladies' club are very much pleased with this return party given them by their gentlemen friends and are strong with their praise in the almost perfect way the whole affair was carried out.

Still River.

The Baptist Sunday school held its annual re-organization on Sunday. The officers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Jennie Willard, supt.; S. B. Haynes, asst. supt.; Eleanor Hawkell, sec.; Carlton Haskell, treas. and librarian; Alice Harrod and Fitts Willard, pianists.

E. L. Vaughn was taken with a severe hemorrhage of the nose on Tuesday night. As it did not yield to treatment, Dr. Royal was called, and after several hours, it was stop-

ped. Mr. Vaughn is quite weak from loss of blood, but otherwise is better.

Mrs. W. B. Haskell, Mrs. H. D. Stone and Miss Katherine Lawrence have visited "The world in Boston," this week and quite a number of others are planning to go in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairchild and Miss Adelaide Fairchild arrived at their summer home in Still River on Tuesday, from their winter home in Ruthersford, N. J.

Mrs. L. H. Morse and Mrs. S. B. Haynes attended the convention of Kings' Daughters in Shrewsbury on Wednesday.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE G. DAY late of Ayer in said County deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by FRANCES A. DAY 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 first day of June A. D. 1911, 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, day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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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 SARAH MARTEL late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by J. NARCISSE CORNELLIER who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him, or some other suitable person, no executrix being named in said will.

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AYER.

News Items.

The Loyal Temperance Legion will meet in the Baptist vestry on Thursday afternoon, May 18. Dues should be paid on or before convention day, May 20.

Charles Waterman, a former sawyer at Phelps' mill, who has been ill since last February, and was feeling well enough to get about, had a relapse on Tuesday and is again confined to his house.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, May 16. Work—Mark Master degree. A lunch will be served after the work.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, May 15. Work—M. M. degree.

Harold Marquie, the young man who used to pass all his summer vacations with his aunt, Mrs. A. Tarrant, formerly of this town, who has been at the Malden hospital dangerously ill for seven weeks, is still there and not able to sit up yet. He will be remembered by the younger folks while visiting in town here. He has made his home with his aunt since she moved to Malden.

Mrs. A. Tarrant, a former resident here, is very ill at her home in Malden, and under the care of two physicians. Born on May 11, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Fiedell Daigle, and on May 1, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. James H. O'Connell.

Mrs. G. H. B. Turner was taken in George L. Osgood's automobile on Wednesday, to the Woman's Charity club hospital, Roxbury, where she underwent an operation on Thursday forenoon. The operation was successful and she is resting comfortably. On the trip she was accompanied by her nurse, Miss Oliver.

A large crowd attended the performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin in Page hall on Wednesday evening. The famous play, though before the public for many years, has evidently lost none of its popularity. A street parade was held at noon and a concert was given in front of the hall before the show.

Ellixia D. Martell expects at an early day to let the contract for the erection of a dwelling house on the lot on Forest street that she recently purchased and where was located the Union house livery stable that was taken down by William Mullin.

Caleb Butler lodge has been invited to visit Golden Fleece lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Lynn, May 29, and Robert H. Irwin, past master, and George O. Fillebrown, master, have been invited to assist in the work of the M. M. degree.

The high school baseball team was defeated by Lancaster high at the town park last Saturday afternoon by a score of 5 to 3. Although the score was close there were several costly errors on both sides, as well as many good plays.

A large band of gypsies stopped here for awhile Monday and then proceeded on their way toward Lowell. They were seen late in the afternoon at North Chelmsford going toward that city. They had several teams of fancy design with supplies and several fine horses.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Mullin was held on Monday morning. The remains were brought to St. Mary's church where a high mass of requiem and prayers for the dead was said by the pastor, Rev. P. J. Sheedy, who also performed the committal service at the grave at St. Mary's cemetery, where the interment took place. A large number of relatives and friends showed their esteem for the deceased in attending the funeral services. The funeral was in charge of L. B. Tuttle, undertaker. The pall bearers were six grandsons of the deceased—William R. Frawley of Boston, Dennis F. Shea of Ware, James E. Mullin of New York city, J. W. E. Mullin of Roxbury and Charles A. and Joseph H. Mullin of Ayer.

Ayer Council, K. of C., will hold a social dance in Page hall on Thursday evening, May 18. Music by Collins orchestra of Marlboro, five pieces. The council will make this dance an enjoyable event, so be sure and attend.

Miss Ida Forcier, a housekeeper in the family of William Stone on the Groton road, was taken to the Groton hospital last Sunday in Dr. Kilbourn's automobile, accompanied by Dr. Kilbourn of Groton and Dr. Bulkeley of this town, for an operation for appendicitis. Dr. Bulkeley performed the operation and was assisted by Dr. Kilbourn.

Thomas W. Irwin of Philadelphia, an Ayer boy, and son of Mrs. Silas N. Stone, with his family, are on their way here to spend a week with his mother. It is the intention of Mr. Irwin, while in town, to secure a building lot for the erection of a summer residence so as to spend his vacations here with his family.

At the annual meeting on Thursday evening of George J. Burns hook and ladder company, the following officers were chosen: A. Paul Fillebrown, capt.; Joseph Kyle, 1st lieutenant; E. B. Lewis, 2d lieutenant; G. O. Fillebrown, treas.; H. M. Beverly, clerk; Hartwell Kidder, stew.; Harry Sargent, Alfred Okie, Joseph Kyle, fin. com.

George Oakes, who has been in town a couple of weeks, leaves for Boston next Monday. For the past six years he has filled the position of advanced agent for the Guy Bros. minstrels. Mrs. Sanford B. Preble is a sister of Mr. Oakes, where he is stopping during his stay in town.

E. O. Proctor has sold since the commencement of the season seven Buick autos and several second-hand autos that he had repaired ready for use. Mr. Proctor has other prospective customers for the celebrated Buick autos that have a world-wide reputation.

Mrs. W. N. Cowles, who has been in poor health during the spring months, is at the Elliot hospital in Boston, where she went a week ago for surgical treatment. Early in the week Mrs. Cowles was critically ill, but is now somewhat improved.

Mrs. Ernest Palmer, who has been

sick for a long time with cancer, died at Providence, R. I., on Tuesday. The funeral was held in that city Thursday. Mrs. Palmer was the wife of Ernest Palmer and formerly lived here.

Warren B. Cotton sustained a slight shock in Lawrence last week Friday and is still in a hospital in that city.

Chief of police Beatty, together with officers J. H. O'Connell and D. C. Smith, raided the premises of Silas N. Stone last week Friday afternoon and seized eight gallons of cider. The confiscated liquor was taken to the police station. The order of notice is returnable on May 27.

Rev. Wm. G. Thayer, now at the head of St. Mark's school, Southboro, and formerly vicar of St. Andrew's church, was a candidate for bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Western Massachusetts at the convention held Wednesday at Springfield. Rev. Thos. F. Davies, Jr., the rector of All Saints' church, Worcester, was chosen for the position.

Station agent Kinney received word Thursday evening to send a force of men to fight a disastrous forest fire, which raged all the afternoon and early evening between Groton and Peppereil. The men went up ready for work, but when they arrived the fire had been put out.

These officers have been chosen by the Page hose company for the ensuing year: Joseph Markham, capt.; Daniel Donahue, 1st lieutenant; W. J. Hurley, 2d lieutenant; W. J. Donlon, clerk and treas.; Wm. F. Walsh, steward.

The Hartwell hose company has chosen these officers: E. B. Harlow, capt.; E. O. Proctor, 1st lieutenant; I. G. Dwyer, 2d lieutenant; H. G. Turner, clerk; H. P. Fletcher, treas.; W. N. Scrupton, P. R. Andrew, C. E. Perrin, standing committee; S. J. Andrew, steward.

The selectmen appointed W. L. Preble, P. H. Hooley and H. E. Farnum, fire engineers last Saturday. Five candidates were initiated at the regular meeting of Ayer Junction Aerie, F. O. E., on Thursday evening. A large number attended.

The Bay State Golf club, which purchased the property known as the Rural Home of the Harvard Shakers, was opened this week as a club house.

Several friends of Joseph C. Anno assembled by invitation at his house on East Main street Thursday evening; the occasion being the celebration of the birthdays of he and his son Matthew. The date of the anniversaries of both came last Sunday, but the observance of the events were postponed till the time above stated. A fine banquet in real Italian style was served to the guests, after which the company enjoyed a social hour. Before leaving the party left with Mr. Anno and his son suitable presents, all pleasant souvenirs of the occasion.

Rev. E. B. Crooks, D. D., who has been pastor of the Congregational church since last September, has resigned and will go to Evanston, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, where he will accept a position as assistant professor of philosophy in the Northwestern university. A meeting was held at the church on Friday evening to act on the resignation.

The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., will meet as usual at the town hall at two o'clock on Friday afternoon, May 26, to attend the memorial services annually given by the public schools.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker has been in Boston this week, caring for her sister, Mrs. Helen M. Calef, who had an operation on her eye on Monday.

Charles A. Mullin and Miss M. Agnes Walsh were married at St. Mary's church at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, by Rev. P. J. Sheedy, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Susie V. Walsh, and J. W. E. Mullin of Boston, a cousin of the groom, acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Mullin left in an automobile for Nashua, where they started on a wedding trip, which will include Montreal and Quebec, and the shrine of St. Anne de Beauce. They received many useful and beautiful presents. On their return they will make their home in this town.

The members of the G. A. R. post, the Woman's Relief Corps, and the Sons of Veterans have been invited by Mrs. Paul Thordike of Harvard, to be her guests at dinner on Memorial day. Mrs. Thordike is the wife of Dr. Paul Thordike, the well-known surgeon, and is a daughter of Gen. William T. Sherman of civil war fame. The members of the three above organizations will attend memorial services at St. Andrew's church by invitation of the vicar, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, on Sunday, May 28.

The feature pictures at the moving picture show for Saturday, evening are "A girl from the west," an Esbary and "Three sisters," a Biograph. William Burns of Boston, baritone, will sing three of the latest illustrated songs.

Be sure to watch for the big poster and notice of May 27 auction.

Ernest Carbell of Peppereil was in court last Saturday, charged with assault and battery. The case was dismissed for want of prosecution.

Martin Specles of Peppereil paid a ten-dollar fine in court on Monday morning for disturbing the peace. The drunkenness complaint against him was placed on file.

Albert Mirriska of Peppereil was in court the same day, charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace. He was taxed ten dollars on the former charge and the drunkenness complaint was placed on file.

Stanley Urban, another resident of Peppereil was fined fifteen dollars for disturbing the peace and the case of drunkenness was placed on file.

Steve Getherel, the last of the quartet, was charged the same as the others. He paid ten dollars for disturbing the peace and the drunkenness complaint was placed on file.

Lawrence McNamara and Michael Brennan, both of Lowell, were in court on Friday morning, charged with riding on a freight train of the Boston and Maine railroad early Friday morning without permission of the proper authorities. They were cap-

tured here by Chief Beatty in response to a request of Superintendent Mooney of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division, who wanted to get their story regarding an accident in the railroad yard at Nashua, in which another hobo was seriously injured. The cases were placed on file. Judge Spry of Nashua appeared for the Boston and Maine.

The Ayer water department has made a contract with Charles Millar & Son Co. of Utica, N. Y., for two hundred tons of cast iron pipe and special parts for the new fire protection and standpipe and part of it is here and has been distributed in the different streets in town and the balance is on the way. The contract price is \$22.40 per ton delivered in Ayer, which has been secured by the water department at a very low price. The money to equip this new system has been borrowed at 3 1/2%.

The water department will place fifteen or more new hydrants in different parts of the town as called for by the plans of the engineer in charge and they have been procured of the Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co. of Troy, N. Y., and most of them are here.

The bids for the erection of the standpipe are to be submitted by May 23, from eight firms who are in competition for the job.

The standpipe and connections are expected to be completed by September 1, if not earlier, and ready for service.

This is a very opportune time for the economical construction of this new system as everything is away down at the present time and the contractors are ready to rush the work as they are anxious for business.

The hearing on the petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for location of new poles in the Sandy pond district was held in the selectmen's room on Wednesday evening. E. D. Stone, chairman of the board of selectmen, presided. Henry E. Farnum of this town appeared in the interests of the petition for the company. O. K. Pierce appeared in behalf of the Sandy Pond Schoolhouse association and asked that the location of poles near the schoolhouse be changed so as not to interfere with the new shade trees which have been recently set out about the school building. Mr. Farnum stated that the required change would gladly be made. There were no others to speak for or against the petition and the hearing was declared closed. The location of the poles as asked for in the petition were from the railroad crossing at the Willows, to the Lowell road, three poles and from the Ayer-Lowell road from the Sandy pond schoolhouse to the residence of Frank P. Briggs, ten poles.

As a result of the disappearance of a case of spirituous liquors, containing eight quart and four pint bottles, three of the men employed in the transfer sheds of the Boston and Maine were discharged this week. The liquors were shipped by freight and when they were discovered to be missing an investigation was begun which resulted in tracing the loss to this station, and as a consequence the men were discharged for being implicated in the theft. For some time past there has been considerable of the ardent consumed by some of the employees of the yard, and the impious supply was gained at the under illegal conditions in town. From the above facts it is evident that some of the stuff at least was not got in town.

The golden wedding of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Richmond Fisk was observed at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield, Monday, May 8, in the afternoon and evening. The people of their parish, many other townspeople and friends from abroad were present. Those who assisted in doing the honors of the occasion as ushers were Mrs. Avila B. Fisher, Mrs. Nina H. Beverly, Miss Elinor Clark and Miss Madolin Whitney, and the following representatives from the Y. P. R. U. and the Sunday school waited upon the guests and served refreshments: Natalie Bigelow, Doris Fletcher, Margaret Hume, Evelyn Sanderson, Pauline Sherwin, Lily Baker, Dorothy Robbins, Marion Proctor and Mona Steadman.

Dr. Fisk has had a long life devoted to great measures and the uplift of mankind in whatever locality he has been placed. He was born in Bennington, Vt., February 23, 1836, son of Richmond and Luana Matteson Fisk, the sixth of eleven children, in the fifteenth generation in descent from Symond Fisk, Lord of the Manor of Stadbaugh, Suffolk, England. In 1854, he entered Williams college, in 1856, Union college, where he graduated B. A. in 1858. He then studied law for a while at Hudson, N. Y., and Albany. But his bent was more for the ministry, and he entered the study of A. D. Mayo, pastor of the Unitarian church in Albany in 1859, and was ordained Universalist minister in 1861.

Dr. Fisk was pastor of churches at Newark, Lockport and Auburn, N. Y., until 1868, when he was made president of St. Lawrence university. He established a law school and inaugurated a system of five scholarships for Northern New York, and helped in the erection of Herring library hall. He resigned the presidency in 1872, and has since been pastor of Universalist churches in Grand Rapids, Mich.; Syracuse and Watertown, N. Y.; Unitarian societies in East Boston; Fargo, N. D.; Middletown, Conn., and Oxford, N. Y., from which last place he came to Ayer, January 1, 1910, to the Unitarian church, that he might be with his daughter.

At Syracuse he was instrumental in establishing the bureau of labor and charities of which he was secretary for seven years. He organized a Red Cross society and was secretary of a Civil Service Reform association. He engaged in similar work in Boston and Watertown, was a vice-president of the Unitarian Sunday School society. He is well-known as a Thirty-second Degree Mason.

Dr. Fisk married in 1861, Miss Ad-

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laide C. Bartle, daughter of Hon. James P. Bartle of Newark, N. Y. They have one daughter, Alice Louise, wife of Dr. Edwin Byner Butterfield of this town, and two grandchildren, Hortense Elizabeth and Fisk Henry Butterfield.

At the wedding Monday night, each guest was presented with a dainty little poem printed in gold letters upon white, as a memorial of the occasion. Among the gifts received was quite a sum of money from the Unitarian friends of Ayer.

Automobile Accident. Last week Friday, as D. W. Fletcher and O. K. Pierce were on their way to Peppereil in Mr. Fletcher's automobile, they met with an accident which fortunately resulted in little damage to the machine or occupants.

They left here and were proceeding to Peppereil by way of Groton, where they made a stop on business, and from there started for their destination. When they had proceeded about a mile or so out of West Groton, they came to a sharp turn in the road on a steep down grade. A heavy loaded coal wagon drawn by two horses was in the narrow road coming toward them.

The driver of the coal team evidently was not looking for anything on the road and did not turn out. This being the case the only alternative for Mr. Fletcher was to turn sharply to the right to avoid the coal team. In so doing the right hand forward axle of the automobile struck a tree with great force. Mr. Pierce pitched forward and his face came in contact with the wind shield of the auto, which caused his nose to bleed, but his injuries were very slight.

Mr. Fletcher had hold of the wheel guiding the car and remained in the car after it struck and was uninjured. Word was sent to E. O. Proctor's garage here and an automobile truck and passenger car were sent to the scene of the accident. They were taken to Peppereil in the car, and the auto truck towed the disabled machine to the shop for repairs. The damage to the automobile consisted of a broken axle.

Concert. A very enjoyable concert was given by the members of Ayer Council, Knights of Columbus, in their hall on Thursday evening, before a large audience composed of the members of the council and their lady and gentlemen friends. The entertainment was in charge of Thomas F. Mullin, the lecturer of the council and was first-class in every way. Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Lillian Reardon Moore of Ayer, and William Flynn of Shirley, who rendered vocal solos; Miss Louie Stiles Mudgett of Lynn, reader, and Charles F. J. O'Brien, esq., of Jamaica Plain, the speaker of the evening. All were liberally applauded for their fine efforts.

The address of Mr. O'Brien, entitled "The church and free institutions," was delivered in a clear and able manner. He is an excellent speaker, and for the space of three-quarters of an hour held the closest attention of his hearers. Delightful music, which was much appreciated, was furnished during the evening by Frank E. Griffin, violinist; Richard Kitzredge, cornetist, and Miss Helen Griffin, who played the piano.

Alliance Meeting. The annual meeting of the Unitarian Woman's Alliance was held on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arthur Penner. Reports of the various officers were heard, the treasurer's showing a fair balance. These officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. Henry A. Bixby, pres.; Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin, vice pres.; Mrs. Charlotte I. Whitman, sec.; Mrs. Clara I. Burns, treas.; Mrs. Barker, chairman of cheerful letter com.; Mrs. D. W. Fletcher and Mrs. Carrie Murphy, visiting com.

The neighborhood meeting of the Alliance will be held on June 8. Arrangements were also made for the summer outing, and it was voted to leave the time and place with the officers, due notice to be given to the members. Refreshments were served at the close of the business meeting during a social hour by the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Frank Bennett.

Among those present at the meeting was Mrs. Ruth Southwick, who at the advanced age of ninety-four, is bright, active, a great reader, and interested in all that goes on around her.

Birthday Anniversary. Dr. John Q. A. McColleston, a former resident of Ayer and Harvard, who had a very extensive practice in both the city and other surrounding towns, and a physician of note, observed his eightieth birthday at his home in Waltham with his family and friends on Friday of last week, where he has resided for nearly twenty years after leaving this town.

Many called to congratulate the doctor and he was the recipient of a large number of gifts, while many beautiful flowers, cards and notes of felicitation, evidenced the esteem in which he is held by hosts of friends in this city and elsewhere.

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good cheer came to him that they brightened the day, and all united in wishing him a speedy recovery and many more happy birthdays.

Assigned Parts. The following pupils of the senior class of the high school have been assigned parts in the program of the graduation exercises next month:

Helen Ames, Madeline Donlon, Helen Hardy, Edith Longley, Madeline Russell and Marlon Winslow. There will be a change in the program given at the public speaking this year. Instead of the individual selections by those chosen for the places as former Shakespeare's plays. Those pupils who have been selected for the speaking parts are Edna Brown, Lillian McGuane, Harold Felch, Frank E. Griffin, Frank P. Griffin, William Hart, all of the senior class; Pearl Carley, Kathleen Hackett, May Peterson, Sarah Ross, Mildred Sanders, Wallace Kitzredge, Harvey McColleston, Harry McNiff, of the junior class; Gertrude Carrigan, Mary Leahy, Alice McCarthy, Lillian McMahon, Frank Brown, Victor Fillebrown, Roger Lawrence, Everett Hurley and Charles Mullin of the sophomore class.

Church Services. Rev. Dr. Fisk will make some friendly comments and criticisms on the address of President Fitch of Andover Theological seminary. Given at the fiftieth anniversary of the Congregational church, at 10.45, at the Unitarian church, Sunday school at twelve m. The Y. P. R. U. at seven. Leader, Miss Beatrice Kellerman, and Dr. Fisk will speak on Col. Higginson.

St. Andrew's church: ten a. m., holy communion; 10.45, morning prayer and sermon on "A common problem"; twelve m., Sunday school.

Next Tuesday afternoon, at three o'clock, St. Andrew's guild meets at the vicarage.

At the First Congregational church Rev. A. A. Brown of Shirley will preach at the evening service. The pastor will speak at the 5.30 p. m. service on "Adam, the racial man."

TOWNSEND. The board of trade held a meeting Tuesday evening, in regard to sprinkling or laying the dust upon the roads about town. J. L. Farrar, Dr. A. J. Atwood, George L. Whitcomb and A. L. Fessenden were chosen as a committee to look up the matter.

The Groton Seconds came here on Wednesday afternoon and defeated our high school boys with a score of 11 to 7. This is the first game the boys have lost.

Mrs. John Brown and family of Providence arrived at their summer home here this week.

William Cromble, who until within a few weeks worked for S. A. Woods,

has entered the Mt. Hermon school, at Northfield.

New Advertisements.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of THEODORE W. HANSON, late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by DANIEL G. HOUGHTON who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of May A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

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

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### TOWNSEND.

Center.

The high school played a local pick-up nine at the new grounds last Saturday and succeeded in winning their game with a score of 5 to 1. The latter nine had not practiced any this season and there was much sport among the rooters that the high school won the game. The batteries were E. Swicker and C. Farrar, Keefe and Eastman.

W. F. Rockwood was called to Baltimore the last of the week by the severe illness of his daughter Ethel. At this writing she is now comfortable, but still confined to the hospital at the John Hopkins Medical school, where she is a student.

A very interesting demonstration of "Lightning," was given at the grange on Monday evening by Mr. Harriman of Fitchburg. He used miniature wood and steel buildings, and a battery furnished the lightning.

Mr. Hill, superintendent of schools of Littleton, gave an interesting talk before the teachers here at their meeting after school on Tuesday afternoon.

T. E. Flarity inspected the Tisbury and Chilmark granges last Monday and Tuesday evenings, and had a fine trip to the cape.

Mrs. A. K. Tyler, who was reported quite ill last week, has sustained a severe shock. Her condition remains about the same as when she was first taken ill.

Frank Weston received word last week of the death of his daughter's husband, Lyman Spaulding, of Seattle, Wash. Mr. Spaulding had nearly recovered from pneumonia when he suddenly became worse and he died shortly after the setback. The funeral was held on Sunday at his late home.

Miss Laura Brown of Still River is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bruce this week.

The Townsend grange enjoyed neighboring with Brookline grange at the latter town on Wednesday evening. Townsend furnishing the entertainment.

A stereopticon lecture upon India was given by Rev. Edward Houten at the Congregational church last Friday night. Mr. Houten is at home on a furlough from missionary work in India. The Y. P. S. C. E. tendered Mr. and Mrs. Houten a reception after the lecture.

T. E. Flarity inspected the Royalston grange on Tuesday evening.

Eben Mead has so far recovered his attack of appendicitis as to be back from the hospital and it is hoped that he will now gain in strength every day.

Charles Fuller is very ill with heart trouble. Mrs. Aspinwall is caring for him.

Mrs. Mary Sherrin has returned home from Brookline, having buried her mother on Sunday, after a long and trying illness.

West.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin have moved into their new house on Bridge street and commenced housekeeping. Their many friends wish them all happiness in their beautiful home.

Miss Dorothy Tyler of Clinton enjoyed a week's vacation at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ormsby of Winthrop spent several days in town last week preparing their summer home, the house owned by Fred Smith on lower Main street, for their residence during the summer.

An alarm for fire which caused some excitement was sounded last Wednesday afternoon for a chimney fire at the home of H. W. Lawrence. The neighbors rushed to their assistance with good will and most of the work was done before the arrival of the fire department, and the only damage was two holes burned in the roof of the shed.

Herbert Bowen is quite ill with an attack of tonsillitis at his home on Stevens' hill.

Mr. Carter and family are moving from Charles Patch's house to the Jane Adams farm on Bayberry hill.

Miss Mabel Thompson is visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity for a few weeks.

The Ladies' Whist club held their weekly meeting at the reading-room on Thursday afternoon.

Ashbel Streeter, who has been seriously ill at the home of his mother, is improving and will soon be able to be about again.

The total number of books distributed for the public library at the reading-room for the month of April is 270.

Frank Cover and family from Lowell enjoyed an auto trip to town on Sunday, spending the day at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton. They were accompanied on their return by Miss Mary A. Taft, who has been spending several months with her sister, Mrs. Boynton.

The Eclipse engine company held their annual business meeting and re-organization last Saturday evening with the following officers and committees elected: H. B. Hathaway, foreman; G. M. Streeter, 1st asst.; Daniel Coffey, 2d asst.; Thomas Veno, clerk; C. B. Stickney, treas.; Louis Welch, stew.; William Webster, A. J. Manchester, G. M. Streeter, standing com.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton of Providence, R. I., is enjoying a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Mrs. Roy Kaddy is in Lowell for the present, and Mr. Kaddy is boarding at the home of his sister, Mrs. Foster Hamilton.

A very enjoyable May party was held at the grammar school last week Friday afternoon when Miss Blanche Sprague, the teacher, entertained her pupils and a few friends with a lunch consisting of sandwiches, cake and lemonade. Dainty May baskets were distributed among the children as favors, after which the party enjoyed a half-hour of out-of-door sports before the close of school.

Mr. Norton of Boston is superintending the work on the State road and the construction of the new bridge

in Josselynville, and is boarding at A. J. Manchester's. He was employed in the same capacity during the work on the State road four years ago, and made many friends during his stay here, who are very glad to welcome him again.

George Streeter enters the employ of the Belgrade rug factory in Josselynville next week, giving up his position as janitor of the schools. It is not now known who will be his successor as janitor.

Winfield Reed of Boston and his sister, Miss Nancy Reed of Cushing academy, Ashburnham, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society held an all-day session at the vestry on Wednesday, and dinner was served to a party of sixteen at noon. After dinner the annual business meeting and election of officers was held with the following elected: Mrs. Louise McElligott, pres.; Mrs. Ellen Pratt, vice pres.; Mrs. Edward A. Craig, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, Mrs. Charles Patch and Mrs. Albert Wilson of Bayberry hill, directresses.

On Wednesday, Mrs. E. J. Lees entertained sixteen members of the Ladies' Aid society, and dinner was served at noon, followed by the afternoon meeting. The affair was heartily enjoyed.

Next week Wednesday, all who are interested are heartily invited to assist in the annual cleaning at the Baptist church. The carpets and cushions will be cleaned by the vacuum cleaner, while the rest will be the result of the willing workers, who will volunteer. Dinner will be served at noon to all who assist.

A serious fire was narrowly averted on Wednesday morning when the roof of the coopershop near the railroad station was discovered to be on fire, probably from sparks from the chimney. Quick work was done by the men at the shop in using buckets of water and the aid of the fire department was not called.

The friends of Mrs. Edward Walker, a former resident here, who recently fell down the cellar stairs at her home in Waltham, breaking her leg, will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly improving although still in the Waltham hospital.

Louis Welch has been appointed janitor of the schoolrooms and of seminary for the present.

Mrs. Bishop and son from Readsboro, Vt., is stopping with her mother, Mrs. R. S. Cooke.

On Tuesday evening a party of young men serenaded Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Veno at their home in Josselynville, incidentally the other two families in the house received their share of the music which consisted of tin horns and other loud sounding instruments. After due deliberation Mr. and Mrs. Veno invited their friends to enter and entertained them and upon their leaving found themselves the possessors of a very nice lamp and a clock. The next evening, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Sherwin received a visit from the musical crowd.

Harbor.

Members of the Mid-week club met at Maple cottage, the home of Mrs. Ella E. Spaulding on Tuesday afternoon, May 9, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. MacNalley of Panama, who are spending their vacation at Mrs. Spaulding's, were the guests of the club and gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on the homelife and description, etc., of the canal at Panama. Late in the afternoon lunch was served and the members left for home voting it one of the best meetings of the club.

Mrs. Nellie F. Woodward of Nashua spent the week-end with her cousin, Mrs. Ella E. Spaulding of Maple cottage at the Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. MacNalley of Panama were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Lane on Tuesday evening. Music was furnished by Mr. Holohan and Mr. Lane, and refreshments were served during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. MacNalley return to the Isthmus, sailing from New York city on the S. S. Panama, May 18.

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## PEPPERELL.

### Items of News.

W. A. Kemp, Silas Nokes, Fred Bennett and Mr. Wentworth left on Monday morning for Lake Winnepesaukee on a fishing trip.

A black snake measuring four feet and nine inches, was found on the hill where the standpipe is.

A fire, disturbed the people of the upper part of Oak Hill on Tuesday. William Winn had a brush fire which he had looked out for and thinking that the ashes would improve the manure heap, he threw them on it. There was life enough in the ashes to set fire to the straw and the barn was somewhat burned. The neighbors kindly put the fire out.

Rev. Dudley Child went on May 10, to Framingham to give the address of the day on "Mexico." It was by the invitation of Frank T. Marston, formerly of this town, that Mr. Child had this assignment.

Miss Bertha Farnsworth spent last Friday and Saturday in Cambridge and vicinity.

The mayflowers in this section have been a failure this year owing to the severe drought.

Gardner Willey has finished his jury service and is home again.

Monday morning a novel sight appeared. We have had a town watering cart wetting down Main street. A part of it had been oiled, but Monday capped the climax when a stranger from out-of-town, well loaded with fire water, with a groan and a hic-hic had his chauffeur stop his auto to make personal spraying an experiment. Without doubt it was as expensive to those who saw the experiment.

A well-known poultry man of this town received an order for a lot of day old chicks with a request that the chicks be mostly of the female persuasion. After being sent to their destination in Harvard the Pepperells was somewhat astonished to get a telephone message stating that the chickens were not large enough to be a day old and they would be returned, also suggesting that this same Pepperell pay telephone message together with express on chicks both ways.

Fred McCormack, who has been confined to his room with tonsillitis, is better and able to get out again.

George Stewart of Oak Hill is feeling the effects of the two hot days and is far from being well.

Friday, May 12, Miss Louella V. Shattuck and Miss Tucker drove to Fitchburg to attend a missionary meeting that they enjoyed very much and which proved to be very interesting.

Joseph, Graham is fixing up his place nicely, getting ready for the fresh-air children.

We have just learned with much regret that Mr. Peck is not going to open his house to boarders this summer. Miss Mollie Wilson is feeling the loss of her mother, Mrs. Peck, very much, and needed a complete rest. Where that class of patrons that added so much to the welfare of the town can be accommodated, but we are fortunate in having many beautiful farm homes.

Mrs. Lyman Fuller burned up some rubbish in her yard on Saturday and took care of every little spark, yet somehow a blaze was discovered on the roof of the barn and prompt work only prevented a serious fire.

All day Thursday a wood fire had been burning between Groton, Dunstable and East Pepperell, and on Thursday night a force of thirty men were at work trying to put it out. It is said to have caught from the spark of an engine on the railroad, and worked its way up around John Dupris' and E. A. Willis'.

Thursday the business men of the town were able to get a concession from the Water Board and were allowed water for various purposes, but it is understood that they have to pay for both work and water.

Warren Blood has had to stop scraping the streets owing to the dusty condition of the roads. It is to his credit that Townsend street and the triangle at Townsend and Jewett streets had been filled in.

The Brookline neighbors, who gave "Down in Dixie" May 11, at Prescott hall, while having a good play, they ran into a duplicate show, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at the Opera house, and as a result both had small audiences.

The first meeting of the Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., under the new regency, Thursday, May 18—the executive board at 2:30 and the chapter at three o'clock, to choose a committee to prepare the year's program for the printer and make the necessary arrangements for Memorial day.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will hold a thank offering meeting at the home of Mrs. Waldo Spaulding, Wednesday afternoon, May 17. Mrs. Edward Fairbank of the Marathi mission in India will be present and deliver an address.

### Deware the Winner.

The drawing of the barrel of flour for the benefit of the East Pepperell reading room took place Wednesday, under the charge of officer Montelth and Henry Powers. It was perfectly fair, and all of the tickets were put in a hat and a little girl asked to draw out one. The ticket drawn was No. 73 and the winner was E. Deware. The barrel of flour is at P. J. Hayes'. The new Lyric orchestra of four pieces played to the delight of all. Mrs. Josie Nokes read a baseball sketch which was enjoyed. Mrs. Kimball gave two humorous selections; Miss Nokes, a piano solo; Miss Pansy Howe, a reading.

### Presentation.

Friday, May 12, was the thirty-sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Parker, formerly keeper of the town farm. The members of the W. C. T. U. had for many years met Mrs. Parker, and her courtesies to them when they had their various meetings at the farm had won their friendship, so they planned to hold a meeting at her new home on Oak Hill in honor of the event, setting the time at three o'clock. Most of the members took this occasion to combine business and pleasure, and after partaking light refreshments presented Mrs. Parker with a set of solid silver dessert spoons with the initials W. C. T. U. on one side and Mrs. Parker's initials on the other.

### Death.

Mrs. Belle Wallace passed away at her home on Mill street on Sunday evening as the direct result of pneumonia, but Mrs. Wallace has been a frail woman for many years. She had been to Scotland several times to visit her father's people and gain health, remaining there a year or more. She was about forty years, and has passed most of her early life in town and was married to Edwin Wallace of Townsend. Mrs. Wallace made many firm friends here. She leaves one daughter—Beatrice, a mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Frazer of this town. The funeral services were held in the M. E. church on Tuesday afternoon, May 9, Rev. James Sutherland officiating. Her four cousins were the bearers—Harris G. Tarbell, Louis G. Tarbell, R. Ernest Tarbell, and Henry F. Tarbell. The burial was at Walton cemetery in the family lot.

### News Items.

The reception to Rev. Mr. Sutherland and family, which was postponed, will be held in the vestry of the M. E. church on Thursday evening, May 18, at eight o'clock. All friends cordially invited.

Mrs. Mary Swasey celebrated her seventy-first birthday last Saturday afternoon, receiving her friends between two and five o'clock. She was the recipient of many remembrances on this noted occasion.

Section 8 of by-laws of town says that no person shall place or cause to be placed in any public street or way of the town the contents of any sink, cesspool or privy; or place any rubbish or ashes, except by permission in writing of the road commissioner or garbage in such street, or except for the purpose of immediate removal therefrom.

The assessors will be at their office at the town house the week of May 22 to 27, from eight a. m. to five p. m., for consultation with owners of real estate and other taxable property. All persons entitled by law to any exemption from taxation must file affidavits with the assessors in order to receive the same.

Warren M. Blood, highway surveyor, reports that the oil for sprinkling the streets will soon be here and everyone that travels Main street will be more than glad for the dust has been fearful in the past few weeks, with no rain to wet it down.

The installation of officers of the Epworth League will take place in the M. E. church on Sunday evening, May 14.

Miss Edith Mason attended the annual May ball at Hollis on May 4.

The concert by the graded schools will be held in Prescott hall on Tuesday evening, May 16, commencing at 7:45 o'clock. The program consists of songs by the different grades and a cantata in costume, entitled "Guests from various lands."

Be sure to watch for the big poster and notice of May 27 auction.

## SHIRLEY.

### News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hathaway of Bellows Falls, Vt., are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holland. Mr. Hathaway has accepted the position of chauffeur for Benjamin Taft of Ayer, where he intends to reside. Mrs. Hathaway is a sister of Mr. Holland. The King's Daughters met on Tuesday evening with Mrs. A. A. Bronson at the parsonage.

A citizen of Shirley objects to the vote of the town authorizing an out-of-town policeman, on the ground that there are five churches in town and that if it does not behave itself what it needs is a missionary, and not an officer. Possibly if there were not more than two churches in the town there would not be enough public spirit to make either missionaries or policemen unnecessary.—Boston Transcript, May 6.

Miss Evelyn Miner spent the weekend with her sister Mabel in Keene, N. H.

Irving F. Goodwin, the newly appointed chief of the police department of Shirley, conducted a search at the house of Moses Wood at North Shirley last Saturday night, but no intoxicating liquors were found. The officers who assisted the new chief of police were John H. Logue of Shirley, Chief Beatty and James H. O'Connell of Ayer. They made the trip in Proctor's auto.

Archie Guerin left town the first of the week for Canada.

The Shirley high school team won the game with the Pepperell-high at Pepperell last Saturday afternoon by a score of 12 to 4.

Charles Wilson was stricken with a paralytic shock last Saturday evening, affecting his entire right side, and his condition is very critical.

Miss Sarah Harkins and Miss Helen Cobb were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Lilly.

The boys' baseball team from the State Industrial school played the Westminster team at Westminster last Saturday afternoon and won by the score of 5 to 3.

### Children's May Party.

The Children's May ball held last week Friday evening at Odd Fellows' hall, under the direction of Mrs. Charles R. White, was a phenomenal success and the large audience in attendance was well repaid for its patronage, as the exhibition by the children was pretty and artistic and endeared after encore greeted their performance.

The hall was very attractively decorated with evergreen, potted plants and the national colors. The matrons were:

Mrs. George O. Evans, Mrs. John G. Conant and Mrs. F. E. Merriman. The ushers were George O. Evans, Frank H. Wheeler and William J. Crommett. The ushers for the children were Gertrude Knowles, Arline Wilbur, Elsie Knobel, Gladys Phelps, Jessie Love, Amanda Beaudette, Blanche Wells and Ethel Chesbrough.

The children's exhibition opened with a marching circle, followed by "Baby Polke" and "Duchess." The remainder of the program was as follows:

Song and dance, Sarah Stevenson, Gladys Annis and Doris White. The winding of the large May pole came next and was finely executed by the following: Doris White, Gladys Annis, Ruth Knowles, Bertha Wheeler, Etta Shores, Virginia McElroy, Evelyn Glynn, Sarah Stevenson, Gladys Phelps, Ruth Day, Agnes Lynch, Esther Harlow and Bertha Wheeler. Dutch dance, Oma Wood for Kathleen Miner, dance, Earle Weare and Kathleen Miner; Highland fling, Gladys Annis; Highland fling, Gladys Annis, Sarah Stevenson and Doris White; bar dance, Mary Badstuber, Jessie Love, Madeline Logue, Gertrude Provost, Arline Wilbur, Margaret Wells, Elsie Knowles and Fredora Wheeler.

This was followed by dancing for all, music being furnished by Louisa's orchestra of Ayer. Ice cream was served during the evening, and was liberally patronized.

The affair ended about twelve o'clock and the Altrurian club members, under whose auspices this pretty May carnival was held, were delighted with the overwhelmingly successful affair, which was due practically to the artistic ability of Mrs. Charles R. White, who scored a triumph which will long be remembered in Shirley.

### Presentation.

At the regular meeting of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., held on Monday evening, an advisory counsel of the grand lodge, D. C. Parsons, gave a full report of the recent two days' session of the grand lodge, which was very interesting.

The special feature of the evening was the presentation to John M. Stevenson, p. m. w., of a very pretty gold signet ring, the gift of grand master workman for obtaining new members. The presentation was made by D. Chester Parsons, who very aptly voiced the sentiments of the grand master workman and the entire grand lodge staff.

This gift was well deserved as Mr. Stevenson has been a faithful and conscientious worker for the lodge as is fully appreciated by his fellow members. He has been a member of J. C. Ayer lodge for about fourteen years, and has passed through the several chairs attaining the rank of past master, a position which he has held for several years and as a host of well wishing friends.

Mr. Stevenson thanked the grand lodge through their representative and this happy incident ended with loud and long applause.

### Obituary.

The many friends of Benjamin S. Pray will be sorry to hear of his death last week at Cambridge. Mr. Pray has spent the summers here at his home near the Shirley and Lunenburg line for many years and was loved and respected by all. He was well-known not only by his own personality, but also in connection with his beautiful house, "Castle Kitt," which was buried to the ground about two years ago.

Mr. Pray, many years a merchant in Boston, and a pioneer in the South African trade, died on May 4, at the Charlesgate hospital, Cambridge, at the age of seventy-two years. He was born in Boston, the son of Joseph C. Pray and Mary Niles (Haylen) Pray. In 1859, he went to work for N. Boynton & Co., who had offices in the State street block. This house was the pioneer firm in the South African trade, doing business in its own ships. Five years later the firm changed to Richmond & Pray, and later to Benjamin S. Pray & Co.

In the seventies, Mr. Pray was associated with James Sturgis & Co., and later with Henry D. Morse, he introduced the diamond cutting industry in this country.

Until a year ago, Mr. Pray had been for some time a vestryman of Emmanuel church. His wife, who was Miss Frances Motley Gravett of Salem, died in 1892. Since then Mr. Pray had made his home with his son, John Sturgis Pray, Cambridge. His son, who is his only survivor, is a professor in Harvard university, and is chairman of the department of landscape architecture in that institution.

### Grange Notes.

On Friday evening, May 19, Shirley grange will hold an entertainment in the town hall. The program will consist of music and readings, and two farces. One farce, by home talent, will be "An Interrupted Proposal," the other will be by Lunenburg talent. Dancing will follow the entertainment and ice cream and cake will be served.

Several from Shirley grange attended the grange meeting at Leominster last week. They were Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Cummings, Etta Holden and Linton Ward.

William Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Merle Crockett and Ruby Crockett attended the grange entertainment at Lunenburg, Thursday.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, May 16, the lecturer's hour will be devoted to Memorial day exercises under the management of worthy chaplain Alice E. Cummings. Current events are also a part of the program. Each lady is requested to bring one dozen cookies with her. Mrs. L. E. Starr, master of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange, will be present.

## LITTLETON.

### News Items.

Mrs. Sarah Oddy, widow of the late John Oddy, died at her son Parkinson's on Wednesday morning at the age of 75 years, 10 mos. Mrs. Oddy, although almost blind, had been very comfortable until last Saturday, since which time she has failed very rapidly. Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at her late home, Rev. H. L. Packard officiating. Burial was in Westlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Sarah E. Whitcomb went to Worcester on Thursday for a visit of one week with her sister.

The lyceum committee is working in the interest of the institution and will have as good a program for the coming season as they are able to secure with the funds obtainable. By common consent of those present at the meeting last week Tuesday evening, the children will not be admitted free to the course of the coming season or be allowed to sit in groups unaccompanied by parent or guardian.

The May party given by the children of the Baptist society last week was a great credit to all who shared in any way to make it a pronounced success. Members of the primary department sold the tickets, took charge of the booths and gave the entire entertainment. Not one of those children is over ten years of age, and all took their parts promptly and well. The sum of thirty dollars was netted.

Mrs. Fred Hartwell goes to the hospital for an operation today. Mrs. Hollis Robbins of Somerville is at home for the present.

Miss Alice Libby, who has just completed the two years' course at Fitchburg Normal school, has the honor of being recalled to take the four years' course with the promise of a position in the Fitchburg schools.

Superintendent Frank H. Hill attended the convention of New England school superintendents in Boston yesterday.

The public schools will close on June 9, and high school graduation will take place on June 23.

Miss Grace Needham improves slowly and is able to sit up but little each day.

Thomas Marshall is sick and not making as rapid improvement as could be desired.

J. H. Whitcomb has moved his tenement house to Russell street where it is undergoing extensive repairs and improvements.

D. G. Houghton is digging the cellar for his new tenement house on Goldsmith street, to be occupied by hired help.

Mrs. Nettie Robinson of Ware is visiting at Rev. O. J. Fairfield's.

William Yapp is recovering from his severe illness.

Mrs. Stillman Flagg of West Acton is a week-end visitor at her son Elmar's.

John Ames of Somerville is visiting at Mrs. A. W. Knowlton's.

Miss Mildred Flagg of Pembroke college was at home on Sunday and Monday to celebrate her birthday. We hear that she occupies a prominent place on the honor list in college.

Rev. and Mrs. Tibb of Newton were over Sunday guests of Rev. H. B. Drew. Mr. Tibb preached at the Baptist church on Sunday evening.

Bridget Harten, who has been in the employ of Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty for the last six years, is going to New York to live among her relatives.

The Memorial day committee is planning for a celebration in town hall that ought to enlist the interest and co-operation of every loyal citizen and keep our people here on May 30. They have made a great effort to secure a distinguished and popular speaker, and are to be congratulated on engaging Hon. John J. Mitchell, ex-congressman from Marlboro. An equal endeavor will secure a first-class band in keeping with the program for the day. Next week we hope to publish the complete program, which we are confident will meet the approval of our most worthy townspersons.

Alexander Green, employed by F. B. Priest to care for his orchards, has moved his family into the east tenement of the E. E. Fletcher house at the Common.

Superintendent and Mrs. Hill attended the public spelling match at Acton Center on Thursday evening, when the pupils of the schools in the three Actons took part in the prize contest.

Miss Nellie Kimball, who has recently given up her home in Burlington, Vt., has been the guest of Mrs. A. M. Parker and Miss Julia Conant this week. She will take up her residence soon in New Jersey, and her pastor will be Rev. Samuel Loomis, formerly a resident of Littleton.

By invitation neatly written and presented by the pupils of Miss Davis' school, the teachers and several parents attended a meeting at the Union schoolhouse last week Friday. F. C. Brackett, instructor in drawing, spoke on the subject of drawing in the public schools under his supervision, giving his aims and methods throughout the grades and the high school. Supt. Hill spoke on efficiency in teaching and offered valuable suggestions to the teachers. Miss Davis spoke on her methods and purposes in primary teaching and gave an excellent demonstration with her pupils. Supt. Haynes of Townsend was present.

Tuesday afternoon, Supt. Hill addressed the teachers of Townsend on "The efficient teacher."



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## BOXBOROUGH.

### News Items.

Mrs. Norman Wetherbee is convalescent after a long sickness.

Roy Cobligh is able to be out after a long and hard battle with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Littlefield spent Wednesday of last week at the May festival in South Framingham, the former home of Mrs. Littlefield.

Maurice Griffin, jr., has moved on to the late James Chester farm.

A. H. Wetherbee has sold his farm. The purchasers are expected to take possession in about two weeks.

Mrs. Charles Duren and Mrs. Irving Duren and baby were called to New Bedford by the serious illness of Warren Duren, who has blood poisoning.

Henry Lawrence is at Mr. Nelson's assisting with the tree planting.

Mrs. Vieta and Mrs. Littlefield visited Mrs. Vieta's daughter Ruby's school in Auburndale last Tuesday.

Jerry Griffin has moved to Belmont, where he will attend to the position formerly held by Michael Griffin.

Michael Griffin has moved from Belmont onto the Morris Griffin farm.

Saturday, Grace Cobligh, Sarah Richardson, Alice Cobligh and three pupils of her Sunday school class—Emil and Anthony Swanson, and Frank Cobligh, went to Boston. There they met Ruby Vieta, who accompanied the party to "The world in Boston." All report a delightful time.

Daniel Wetherbee of Worcester was the week-end guest of C. T. Wetherbee.

Ernest Bryant of Northwood, New York, is sawing at E. C. Steele's mill.

Our little town seems to be in great danger of fires. Last Sunday, a fire started on the old Talbot place, now occupied by O. W. Mead of West Acton, and ran over land belonging to O. W. Mead, A. H. Blanchard, C. T. Wetherbee, Mr. Swanson and the former Charles Brown place, estimating about two hundred and fifty acres.

Saturday, Bernice Cunningham sails on the Bohemia for a two months' visit in England, Scotland and Holland. Mrs. Cunningham and son Robert, and Miss Lucretia Gale are to see her off.

Friday morning we learned to our great sorrow that Gladys Steele had passed into the life beyond. A private funeral was held at her home last Saturday, because of the illness of others in the family. We are glad to report that the other three are on the road to recovery.

## New Advertisements.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, and all other persons interested in the estate of MINNIE E. STOREY late of Pepperell in said County deceased: FRANK P. STOREY administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of a certain parcel of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirty-first day of May A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

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