

## HARVARD.

### Graduating Exercises.

Thursday night proved an ideal one for parents and friends of the pupils of the Center school. The closing exercises for the year were given by the pupils at the town hall to a crowded house. Commencing at eight o'clock, the following program was given: March, Bromfield orchestra; song, "O the flowery month of June," grammar chorus; class motto, Harry Whittemore; piano duet, Grace Tewksbury and Eva Sheehan; sunbonnet babies and overall boys, grades 1 and 2; indignation meeting, Herman Thomas; class song, grammar chorus; rope drill, grades 3 and 4; "Parson William's Sabbath breaking," Wilbur Brown; selected orchestra; "Grandmother's rose jar," grammar; "vacation," Carl McCoo; "Old-fashioned garrett," Mabel De Long; "Picnic party," grades 3 and 4; introduction to class prophecy, George Tooker; class prophecy, Kenneth Russell; song, "A little dog barked at the big round moon," grammar chorus; presentation of diplomas, Supt. A. R. Paul; to the graduates, grades 3 and 4; semi chorus, "Summer song," Graduates—Wilbur B. Brown, Annie M. Callahan, Mabel D. De Long, Harry Mead, Kenneth C. Russell, Eva M. Sheehan, Grace E. Tewksbury, George W. Tooker, Edward E. Thomas, Harold

H. Whittemore, Kenneth W. Whittemore.

The hall was decorated about the walls with red and white bunting. The stage was framed in laurel, set with red and white roses. Seldom, if ever, has the hall been so thoroughly and tastefully decorated or the school exercises so carefully planned and carried out. This is due to the tireless and careful work of the teachers and pupils. During the class drills Miss Margaret Thayer presided at the piano, and Miss Dorothy West played the march for graduates. Superintendent A. R. Paul presented the diplomas, giving him an opportunity for the first time to visit and speak to the people.

### News Items.

The Bromfield graduating exercises of the class of 1911, will be at the town hall on Wednesday, June 21, at ten o'clock a. m. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Unitarian church at 10.45, Sunday, June 18, by Rev. H. H. Barber. This year the pupils of the school have prepared a paper, The Bromfield Beacon, which will be offered for sale at the graduating exercises and also at the reunion of the alumni which will take place on Wednesday evening, June 21. Mrs. George Maynard and her mother, Mrs. Bird of Ayer, spent Thursday with Mrs. E. A. Carmen.

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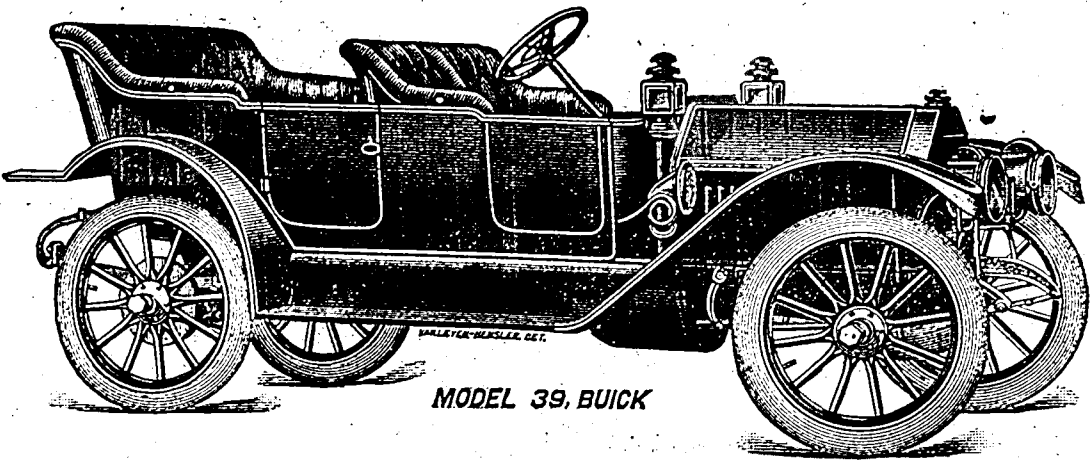
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Buick	E-M-F
Outer Roller Bearing Sleeve, .85	Outer Roller Bearing Sleeve, \$1.50
Rear Axle Shaft, \$2.70	Rear Axle Shaft, 5.00
Roller Bearings with cage, 1.90	Roller Bearings with cage, 3.00
Outside Front Wheel Cones, .45	Outside Front Wheel Cones, 1.00
Ball Cups, .50	Ball Cups, .50
Retainer Rings, .05	Retainer Rings, .10

The Buick Axle is one-quarter of an inch larger than the E-M-F, which I have compared. The Roller Bearings on the Buick are also a little larger. The bearings are the same make and style.

These prices are on a Model 21 Buick.

These are facts. You can draw your own conclusions.

## Second Hand Cars

One 1908 four-cylinder Corbin with magneto, top, wind shield, Prest-o-Lite tank, two extra tires, one new tire, all the rest are good tires, \$500.00.

One small 2-cylinder Maxwell, '09. One 1910 2-cylinder Reo.

One 1911 Buick Roadster, Model 16; good as new, with top, speedometer and extra tire.

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## HARVARD.

### News Items.

Married on Wednesday afternoon, June 11, at the parsonage of the Orthodox society, by Rev. H. B. Mason, Herbert A. Pollard and Alice Phoebe Croft, both of Harvard. The knot being tied, the young couple left for Boston. They take with them the hearty and best wishes of the townspeople with whom they have been associated for many years.

Miss Katherine Dickson, who is in a serious condition at the Faulkner hospital, is reported as no worse and bravely holding her own.

Kent Tyler Royal was one of twenty out of a class of forty-two graduates at the Worcester academy to receive a diploma at the graduation exercises there this week. He naturally came home in good spirits. Next week he goes to Worcester to take the New England college examinations.

There will be no service at the Congregational church next Sunday as the baccalaureate sermon at the Unitarian church will be held that day. Sunday school and C. E. services will be held as usual.

### New Advertisements.

**BARGAINS**—Good Carryall, Top Bike Buggy, Trap for 2 or 4 people, Riding Saddle and Bridle at very low prices. Mowers, Rakes, Tedders, Grinders, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, and Farm Implements, Concord, Democrat, Express and Farm Wagons, Harness, all kinds, see our Double Team Harness at \$50, Robes, Blankets and Horse Goods, Rogers & Hubbard Base Fertilizers, F. B. PELCH, Care, Ayer, Mass., Tel. 84-2.

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Men's Regular Shape Soft Straws..... 50c., \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00  
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Men's Common Straw Hats..... 25c. and 50c.  
Men's Cloth Hats..... 25c. and 50c.  
Men's Golf Caps..... 25c. and 50c.  
Boys' Golf Caps..... 25c. and 50c.  
Boys' Straw Hats..... 25c. and 50c.

Children's Straw Hats..... 19c. and 25c.  
Children's Fine Straws..... 50c. and \$1.00  
Untrimmed Straws for Women and Misses..... 19c. and 50c.

## Men's Low Shoes

For Summer Wear

Men's Gun Metal Oxfords—Made in blucher cut and in several lasts with different styles of toes. We have such well-known makes of good shoes as O'Donnell, Douglas, Barry and Curtis, all good reliable makes.

Prices: \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

Men's Russia Calf Oxfords—Made in blucher cut style on several different shapes and styles of toes. Such reliable makes as O'Donnell, Douglas, Barry and Curtis will be found on our counters. All superior values.

Prices: \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

Special—Just received a line of shoes made expressly for Boy Scouts. A practical shoe for tramping, climbing and all out-of-door sports. Sizes 1 to 6. Price: \$2.00

## Summer Shirts

Our assortment of fine shirts is the largest in this section and our makes are among the very best in the country. You will find here the well-known Monarch, Stag and Hathaway makes, all thoroughly reliable. The styles include the new things for this coming season.

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You will find here the very latest thing in shirts,—the negligee shirt with French cuffs, and the new soft collar to match same.

## SUMMER UNDERWEAR

Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers—Made of fine Egyptian Cotton; shirts made with long or short sleeves, and drawers made in regular cut and stout cut.

Prices: Men's—25c. and 50c.  
Boys'—25c. per garment

Porosknit Underwear—Shirts made short sleeves, and the drawers made in ankle or knee length; also, the Union Suit, made in ankle or knee lengths.

Prices: Boys'—25c. per garment  
Men's—50c. per garment  
Boys' Union Suits, 50c. per suit  
Men's Union Suits, \$1.00 per suit

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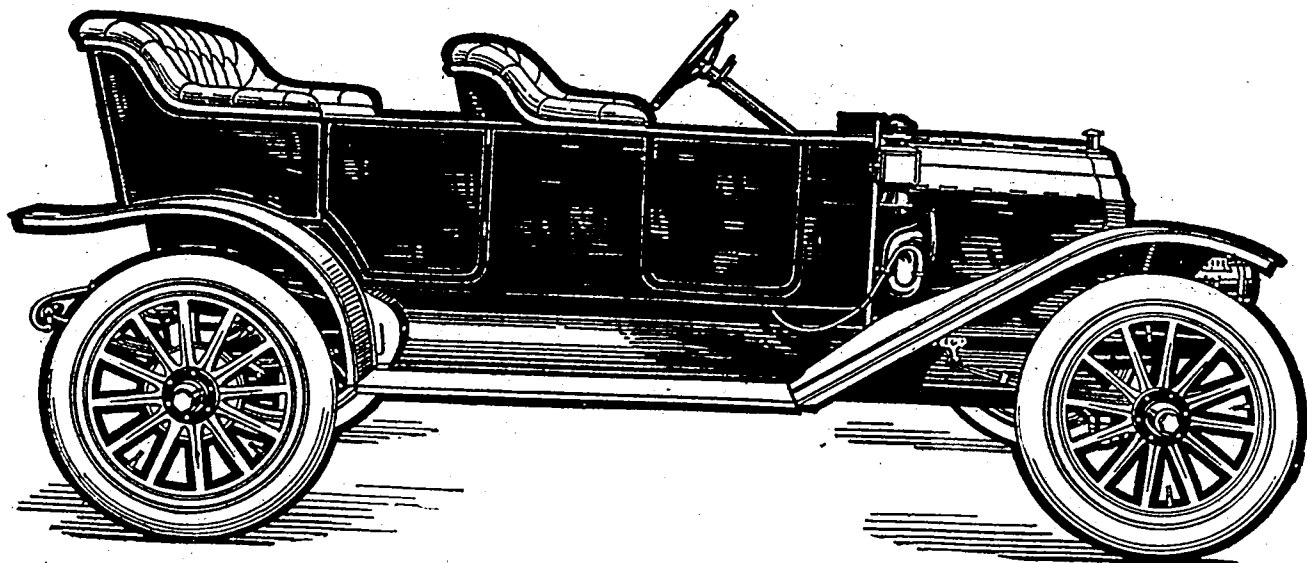




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# Three Speed, Fore-Door Five-Passenger Touring Car

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Examine it, scrutinize it to the last detail and you will be convinced that this, the latest achievement of the E-M-F factories, offers extraordinary automobile value.

The business man of moderate circumstances who desires for himself and family the health, the enjoyment of automobiling, can now secure a touring car of certain reliability at a purchase price within his means. For \$800 he will buy in the Flanders "20" a car to carry five passengers far across the country and back again, surely, swiftly, in the life-giving out-of-doors.

You can rely on this car. It has the power to climb any hills you may encounter and travel through sand, mud and over roughest roads. Moreover, in ease of operation, in economy of fuel and upkeep, the car will be a constant and pleasant revelation. You will be delighted to discover for what small expense you can drive a Flanders "20."

Add to utility, the gratifying beauty of line which this car embodies. The body is a full fore-door type, with wide full fenders which confirm the impression of speed and strength. Side by side with any car on the road the owner of the Flanders "20" will be assured that his car in unmistakable automobile value has no superior.

In mechanical principle the new Flanders "20" advances far beyond previous cars at a comparable price. The three-speed feature has been introduced and offers the same advantages as a higher priced car. In addition the chassis has been lightened, the motor more deftly built and adjustable push rods provided.

In a certain sense this car is not a new car. It is the product of the E-M-F factories whose eight plants furnish an unequalled equipment for building motor cars at a minimum cost and with economical attention to detail. E-M-F quality is literally famous as the standard in automobiles. Other machines will cost more, but every automobile built by the E-M-F factories provides a dollar for dollar value which has long been the despair of other manufacturers.

Into the new car the E-M-F designers have put all their experience. The design is studied to the last degree of simplicity and refinement, and on these lines is built a car from high grade materials whose quality we absolutely know, and which we construct with the most careful and intelligent workmanship.

FLANDERS "20"		E-M-F "30"	
Fore-Door Touring Car, Five-Passenger,	\$800	Fore-Door Touring Car, Five-Passenger,	\$1100
Roadster, Two-Passenger,	750	Roadster, Two-Passenger,	1000
Suburban, Four-Passenger,	750	Standard Touring Car, Five-Passenger,	1000
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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 ANGELA P. BLOOM late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by HARRIET MARIA BLOOM who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh 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, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of June 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, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JEREMIAH F. RYAN late of Groton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to WILLIAM J. RYAN of Groton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in said County the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

3139 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM S. SHELDON late of Ashby in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ELLA L. SHELDON of Ashby in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth 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.

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

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Center.

Miss Sara A. Dunn, one of the two music critics of the New York Sun, and music editor of the leading society paper of New York, Town and Country, arrived recently in Shirley Center, where she will spend the greater part of the summer.

Charles K. Bolton has a gang of men at work on his estate setting out white pine trees in his pasture land. They are setting one thousand trees to the acre and are to cover twenty acres.

V. A. Bean, superintendent at the portable sawmill, expects to finish work here this week and move to Winchendon.

The Center primary and grammar schools closed on Friday of this week for the summer vacation.

Mrs. J. Walker Ward entertained the members of the Matrons' Aid at her home on Tuesday afternoon, June 13. The next meeting place has not yet been decided upon.

Hazel Cummings of Fitchburg high school spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Mrs. Norman R. Graves spent Sunday with friends in Townsend.

Lena Allen of the village was a guest of Mildred Evans on Friday.

Miss Annie Costern of Lynn spent Sunday with Elsie Kirby.

Etta Holden attended the banquet and reception at Pepperell on Tuesday afternoon, given by Acoma Rebekah lodge in honor of the Grand lodge officers.

Mrs. William Wilkins and daughter Florence visited Massachusetts General hospital at Boston last week, for treatment of Florence's eyes.

A large automobile truck passed through the North and East on its way to Boston one day this week, carrying a load of stoves, weighing eleven tons. The driver hesitated about trusting to the Nashua bridge to support such a weight, but finally got safely over.

The next meeting of Shirley grange on June 20, will be an "evening with Flora." Ruth M. Graves, Flora, has charge of the entertainment, which will consist of a leaf guessing contest, current events and subjects pertaining to flowers and nature.

Little Charles Hubbard is the latest victim of the mumps reported.

Sidney A. Carter has been confined to the house for the past week with an acute attack of rheumatism.

Robert Evans spent the latter part of last week in taking Bowdoin college entrance examinations at Fitchburg.

The Girls' Sewing Guild will hold their annual election of officers on Saturday afternoon, June 17, on the common if the weather permits, if not, it will be held at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley.

Miss Alison Winslow spent the latter part of last week with friends in Somerville.

Mrs. Homer P. Holden spent two days last week on a visit with relatives in Springfield.

Mrs. Henry F. Grout has gone to New York for a two-weeks' visit.

Charles K. Bolton has posted a list of the ministers who are to preach at Trinity chapel during the summer months. It is as follows: June 25, E. B. Hilliard; July 2, Rev. Howard A. Bridgman; July 9, Arthur W. Smith; July 16, 23, 30, Rev. A. A. Bronson; August, Rev. F. E. Webster; September 3 and 10, Rev. A. A. Bronson. Rev. Malbourne Birkhead does not expect to return to the chapel again next fall, as he intends to take charge of a church in one of the western states.

George Holden lost one from his pair of white horses last week.

Robert Evans has been home from Fitchburg high school for several days this week with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mr. Lewis, who has been boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for the past year has gone to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Bonney.

Mrs. William Wilkins has just received two more children from the Society for the Care of Orphans in Boston. Both are deaf and dumb. Their names are Mildred Mann and Nancy Southers, the latter having been here for a short time last year.

The house at the North belonging to J. W. Farrar is being painted, papered and whitewashed in preparation for Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, who are to move in as soon as their furniture, which is on the way from California, arrives.

The house which Mr. Carson is having erected at the North is nearing completion, only the inside work remaining to be done.

Miss Elsie Kirby of Lynn arrived on Saturday to spend the summer at the house owned by Mrs. Grace Winslow and recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. W. Herman Schenck. She brought with her as servants, two aged colored people, who have just arrived from Virginia. They are the parents of Mrs. Louise Barton, who was formerly a servant to Mrs. Winslow and who is well-known here, having lived here several years.

Mrs. Von Hesse and her companion arrived last week at one of the cottages owned by Mrs. Steele Mackaye, to spend the summer months.

W. Herman Schenck finished moving his furniture from the house belonging to Mrs. Grace Winslow, into the house owned by Mrs. Cynthia Lynch on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Whitney and little daughter Rose of Melrose are visiting at Henry F. Grout's.

Ernest Bohanon and John Bohanon returned last week from a trip to Cottage City, Oak Bluffs. They made the trip to Oak Bluffs in a team.

Miss Louise Roe, Harriet Bridgman and two girl friends from Brookline spent Saturday and Sunday at Rev. H. A. Bridgman's house.

Edward Adams and family of West Roxbury spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Communion service was held at Trinity chapel on Sunday morning at 10.30. On Sunday, June 18, the regu-

lar service will be held at 3.15. The address will be by Rev. Malbourne Birkhead. This will be the last Sunday he will officiate, as the long summer vacation at Groton School begins next week.

A band of gypsies passed through the Center and North last week with six wagons and ten horses. They passed through without creating any disturbance and went to West Groton.

N. Otis Colburn has just finished giving a new coat of paint to the house owned by Emerson and Mildred Parker.

The valuable Panama hat which was taken from the gentlemen's cloak room at the town hall at the last social dance has been recovered. The automobile party from Pepperell were suspected and word was sent to the chief of police there to look out for them. They did not return from their joyride until the next day, but the hat was found laying in the bottom of their automobile, somewhat the worse for wear. After some persuasion they decided to make good the value of the hat and let the matter drop.

Picnic.

The annual picnic for the children of the Sunday school at Trinity chapel was held on Friday afternoon of last week. Gideon West very kindly offered his grove for the picnic and trimmed out the brush for the occasion. About seventy-five from the Center, East and North attended. Rev. Malbourne Birkhead and three of the fellows from the Groton School were also present. All played games and had a general good time. A baseball game was started between a team consisting of the smaller boys and a team consisting of the larger boys and girls. Rev. Malbourne Birkhead acted as umpire, and the game was called at the end of the fifth inning with the score a tie. The ladies of Trinity chapel furnished the refreshments which consisted of sandwiches, ice cream and cake.

Death by Suicide.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Miller and Harry Stone, while driving down the Horsepond road on Saturday afternoon, came upon a man with his head badly cut, lying beside the road near the two large elm trees beyond the residence of Mrs. Hattie P. Holden. They immediately drove back for help and summoned Dr. Hopkins of Ayer by telephone. He arrived in a few minutes and found the man's throat to be cut at least two gashes, and the windpipe entirely severed. The razor with which he made the cuts was found near him. He was a man of about seventy-two years of age and was well dressed. In his pockets a bundle of letters were found written to him by his wife and a letter addressed to his wife. From these letters his identity was found and his relatives were immediately notified. Dr. Hopkins sewed up his wounds and conveyed him to Groton hospital in his automobile.

Relatives identified him the next day as Henry B. Going of Brookline, Mass. He was the son of the late John K. Going, and many years ago was a prominent and well-to-do citizen. On the day of his rash deed he was seen coming from the direction of Ayer at about noon, and later stopped at Woodville. His sufferings must have been great, for he had lain for some time before he was discovered, as was shown by the blood which had dried on his wounds. The probable cause of this attempt at suicide was temporary insanity. He passed away at Groton hospital on Wednesday morning from the effects of the wounds.

During his residence here Mr. Going gave a large sum of money to the First Parish church for a new pulpit and a complete renovation of the inside. He leaves besides a wife, a son and two daughters.

**A CHARMING WOMAN** is one who is lovely in face, form, mind and temper. But it is hard for a woman to be charming without health. A weak, sickly woman will never be a desirable. Constipation and kidney poisons show in pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. But Electric Bitters always prove a godsend to women who want health, beauty and friends. They regulate Stomach, Liver and Kidneys, purify the blood, give strong nerves, bright eyes, pure breath, smooth velvety skin, lovely complexion and perfect health. Try them. 50c. at William Brown's, Ayer.

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So great is the demand for this specific that Mr. Hill has been able to secure only a limited supply, and every one who is troubled with dyspepsia, constipation or liver trouble should call upon him at once, or send 25 cents, and get sixty doses of the best medicine ever made, on this special half-price offer, with a personal guarantee to refund the money if it does not cure.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of JOHANNA F. O'NEILL late of Shirley in the County of Middlesex, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

JEREMIAH F. O'NEILL  
Shirley, Mass., May 25, 1911. 31407

**FARMERS**—If you have a surplus of strawberries we can use them. We have a number of strawberry crates for sale. Call or telephone 96-2. VESPER PRESERVING CO., Ayer, Mass. 40

**WANTED**—500 Cords of Hardwood. The Rescue Mission Wood & Coal Yard, 65 W. Dedham Street, Boston, Mass. 437

**FOR SALE**—White Fig. JAMES STARR, Pepperell.

**ROOMS TO LET**—For light house-keeping. Inquire at Public Spirit Office, Ayer. 1148



GROTON.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vinton from Staunton, Va., with their young son are guests of their relatives, Arthur W. Shattuck and family.

George Badtman picked ripe peas and strawberries from his garden last week.

John Finnerty of Waltham, who was run over while jumping a car at Fitchburg last Saturday morning and was brought to the hospital here by Dr. Hopkins of Ayer, died at the hospital Saturday night. His brother in Waltham was notified.

The moving picture show from the Keith theatre in Boston, given in the town hall last week Thursday evening, was very satisfactory to the good-sized audience present to enjoy it. The proceeds were for the benefit of the catholic church of this town.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church hold their annual business meeting and election of officers Thursday afternoon, June 22, at 2.30.

George Fay Sampson is at present working as driver on the American Express team.

Howard L. Gilson had the misfortune some few days ago to lose his valuable large black horse, which died of the prevailing epidemic among horses and which in several other cases proved fatal.

Mrs. Walter Fletcher, who has been staying in town since Memorial day, was taken Tuesday to the hospital for an operation performed the next day.

The man who was brought to the hospital here from Shirley in Dr. Hopkins' auto last Saturday, and who was found on a roadway in that town with his throat cut, died from the effects of his suicidal attempt Wednesday forenoon. He belonged in Brookline, Mass., where his family resides, and his name is Henry B. Going, son of the late John K. Going of Shirley, where the suicide was born. His body was taken to Ayer, in charge of W. Wright & Son, undertakers. At one time he was a man of considerable means, having received a very large sum from his father's estate.

Flag day, June 14, was observed here by a generous display of the red, white and blue. It was the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of its adoption as our nation's emblem. The G. A. R. and W. R. C. have for years observed flag day, but now Gov. Foss, by public proclamation, sets the day, June 14, apart as flag day, to be observed by the whole Commonwealth and calls it "a day of great significance."

Mrs. Everett C. Williams, who underwent a serious operation at the Groton hospital two or three weeks ago, has made a good recovery and returned to her home on Wednesday.

The Brown Loaf club has postponed the outing to Wachusett, set for Wednesday, June 21, until a later date.

Miss Ruth Mayhew of Martha's Vineyard is a guest of Mrs. P. J. Benedict.

Eleven ladies of the Groton branch Alliance attended the Alliance meeting in Ayer last week Thursday.

Eighteen Rebekahs of the Middlesex lodge of Groton, attended the lodge gathering at Pepperell on Tuesday afternoon. They returned by special train, which stopped at Groton and let them disembark, while they took on the Odd Fellows from Groton lodge going to Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wood of Woburn were recent guests of her mother, Mrs. Mosely Gilson.

Children's Sunday at the Congregational church will be observed on June 25.

The report, which was given only as a report, in this column last week about the five young men of Groton going abroad, has proved to be untrue as regards William Boynton and Winthrop Sheedy. They say they have had no idea of going. There seems to be more foundation in fact as to the others—Messrs. Needham, Stebbins and Roche. Stebbins, it is said, goes abroad with his parents, but we have not verified the reports about any of these young gentlemen.

The public schools close this week for the long summer vacation.

Mrs. E. O. Collier is entertaining her young grandson, Francis Collier, from West Somerville, a very interesting child of four years.

Mrs. William S. Woods died of childbirth at the Groton hospital on Thursday night.

Mrs. Lucy B. Shattuck died about three o'clock on Friday morning, June 16. She was one of the oldest women in town and her age was ninety-two years. She died at the home of her son, Edwin A. Shattuck. Funeral will be on Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. G. M. Howe, officiating.

The Butler High School Alumni association will hold its seventeenth annual social gathering in the town hall, Groton, on Friday evening, June 23. The business meeting at 7.30 o'clock will be followed by an entertainment and dance.

A special meeting of the Improvement society is called at the home of Miss Boutwell for Tuesday afternoon, June 20, at 2.30 o'clock.

Gen. William A. Bancroft of Cambridge, whose family are summing at his estate "Gibbett Hill," Groton, went up Wednesday for his usual mid-week visit. He also spends the weekends at his estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elbridge of Boston were in Groton the early part of the week.

The baccalaureate sermon on Sunday at five o'clock will be delivered by Rev. R. W. Drawbridge of Pepperell at Lawrence academy chapel.

The examinations at Lawrence academy begin Saturday and closes on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. G. Low of Lowercroft gave an exhibit of technical landscape gardening and horticultural work done by the students of the school on Wednesday

day afternoon, June 14, from three to six o'clock. The visitors found the drawings and gardens interesting and of much excellence and the exhibit highly enjoyable. Coffee, iced tea, cake and sandwiches were served. Lowercroft enjoys the distinction of being the first horticultural school founded for women.

Dr. D. R. Steere has sold to Waldo Jewett the Susan Prescott place which Mr. Jewett has been occupying for some time. The sale was made this week Tuesday.

Mrs. Lucy B. Shattuck's condition is very low at this time of writing—Thursday.

The conference of Unitarian churches meets with the church in Ashby next week Wednesday.

Miss Ysabella Waters of New York city is the guest for a short time of Miss G. A. Boutwell.

John L. Gilson put up a new windmill Thursday. This is the power for the new water supply for his buildings which he has been getting ready for some time. The well and trenches were dug and 1200 feet of pipe laid some months ago, before the ground froze up for the winter. The windmill has a 42-ft. tower.

Don't forget the lawn fete at Ayer, Monday, June 19.

Weddings.

The marriage of Miss Mabelle Gardner Mansfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Mansfield of Wakefield and Dr. Edward Bailey Branigan, son of the late Dr. Edward W. Branigan, for many years professor at Tufts dental college, took place Monday evening, June 12, at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Austin Rice, pastor of the Congregational church, beneath an arch of laurels.

Dr. Arthur D. Hall of Boston was best man and the maid of honor was Miss Anna C. Mansfield, sister of the bride. The bride wore white satin, hand-embroidered, with pear trimmings, and a veil caught with lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Following the marriage there was a reception, which was attended by many friends from Boston, Groton, Wakefield, Worcester, Lowell, Medford, Chicago and Millbury.

The young people received many handsome wedding presents. Upon their return from a wedding trip they will reside on Main street, Groton.

Dr. Branigan is a graduate of Wakefield high school, class of '01, and of Tufts dental college, class of '08. He practices his profession in Groton in Boston, and is a member of the 1st corps cadets.

The bride is a graduate of Wakefield high school, class of '02, and was a member of the class of '07 of Smith college. She was formerly president of the 1905 club.

The marriage of Miss Joanna McDonald and Patrick L. Donahue was solemnized at the Sacred Heart church Wednesday morning, June 14. The ceremony with nuptial mass was performed by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Finnigan. The ushers were John McDonald and David Donahue brothers of the bride and groom. The bridesmaid was Miss Helen Keating and the best man was Thomas F. Donahue, jr., brother of the groom. The bride looked very pretty and bride-like, gowned most becomingly in white-satin-cut train. She wore a bridal veil caught with orange blossoms.

The church was well filled with the many relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Both are Groton young people and wishes for future happiness are many and sincere. They have received many rich, handsome and useful gifts. They will reside in Dorchester.

Commencement Exercises.

Lawrence academy commencement exercises, class 1911, will occur on Wednesday, June 21, at 10.45 in the First Parish meetinghouse. Frank O. Nash of Boston will be organist for the occasion.

Dinner of the Alumni association will be held in the academy building at one o'clock. Reed of Fitchburg, caterer. Tickets, one dollar. Good music and speaking will be provided. Application for dinner tickets should be made to the secretary of the Alumni association, Mrs. Clara Porter Lawrence, Groton.

The commencement ball game will be played on Shumway field at three o'clock and is usually one of the best games of the season.

Trains from Ayer at 10.30 will arrive in season for exercises at church and noon train will arrive in time for dinner.

The 9.05 a. m. car for Lowell will wait at the Ayer station until 9.10 a. m. for the steam train from Groton and Pepperell at 9.08 a. m.

Closing Meeting.

The Groton Historical society held its closing meeting of the season on Tuesday evening with a good attendance. The speaker, Hon. Levi S. Gould of Melrose, continued his interesting historical sketches of the towns of Middlesex County in alphabetical order, commencing where he left off at the annual June meeting of last year.

He took up the towns of Somerville, Sudbury, Stowe, Tewksbury, Townsend, Wakefield and Waltham, having found in his researches facts in the history of each of much interest to his hearers. They regretted to learn that these sketches of historical value were not likely to be printed in book form as they had hoped.

Major M. P. Palmer read the resolutions on the death of Francis M. Boutwell, who was vice president and acting president of the society at the time of his decease. Major Palmer had prepared these resolutions to be read at a meeting of the society last winter, but owing to illness had not been able to present them until this evening.

Business reports of the society were read and at the conclusion of the meeting the usual annual strawberry festival with ice cream and cake and social intercourse was enjoyed.

Salem Normal School.

The Crosby memorial fund association will meet with Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell in Groton on Wednesday, June 28. Basket picnic. The hostess

will furnish tea or coffee. Train leaves North station, Boston, at 9.30. Train leaves Ayer for Groton at 10.33. Barges will take persons to places of historical interest and to the Groton School. Members of class XI, graduating in February, 1861, and of class XII, graduating in July, 1861, are especially invited to attend to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of graduation. Miss Boutwell was a graduate in class XII and hopes to meet all her classmates at her home. All members of the school during the membership of Miss Boutwell are invited to join in this outing whether members of Crosby association or not.

Highly Satisfactory.

The annual food sale held by the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church on the afternoon of June 8, and the Japanese wedding entertainment on evening of same day were both highly satisfactory. At the sale, the tables were all cleared, everything sold out. In the evening there was a large attendance, the entrance fees amounting to twenty-three dollars.

All the parts were well carried out and some scenes, as the temple scene where the lights burning low and dim fell upon those kneeling, and the priest in official robes made his invocations, were very impressive. Special mention should be made of the very fine substitution made by Miss Marion Green for Miss Hazel Gibson, on a short notice, when Miss Gibson was taken ill and Doris Peabody taking Miss Green's part.

The proceeds realized from food sale and entertainment amounted to something over ninety dollars.

West Groton.

Mrs. Lamb of Fitchburg, coming on Saturday, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. F. L. Blood.

Mrs. Lewis of Hyde Park is a guest of Mrs. C. E. Blood.

Clarence Thompson, going on Wednesday, visited friends in Boston and vicinity several days this week.

Friends of R. H. Burgess of Bar Mills, Me., hear with regret that he has sustained a painful though not serious accident, a compound fracture of a finger.

The primary department of the Tarbell school closed on Friday afternoon with a picnic in the woods. Eight pupils are promoted to the grammar department: Evadne Harrington, Mildred Blood, Beatrice Noonan, Victor Duquette, Bernard Cronin, Irving Kezar, Harold Craft.

Owing to the severe storm on Tuesday afternoon the exhibition of work and ice cream sale held by the grammar school did not receive the usual number of visitors. Those who were there, however, found much of interest in the various departments of school work.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Seams of Pepperell, with their two small children, have moved this week into the house on Main street so lately vacated by Mr. Richardson, who with his family, left last week for Melrose, intending to go later to Florida. Mrs. Seams, with her children, spent some days with her sister, Mrs. Andrew Blood.

J. W. Balcom, new owner of the Thompson place, has left orders for repairs with his son, Charles Balcom. He intends renting the place for a time.

Rev. C. A. Finnigan of Groton held a service in Squannacook hall last Sunday and several children of the village, were, it is understood, admitted to their first communion.

The Ladies' Aid society will give a supper on Thursday evening, June 22, at the usual time. Vocal music and the Victrola, combined with marching and games, will form a later attraction in the upper hall free of charge. Ice cream and cake will be on sale. The public is cordially invited.

Mrs. Aden Fuller and two sons of Fitchburg were recent guests of Mrs. Augusta Harrington, Mrs. Fuller's mother.

David Thompson, second son of A. H. Thompson, made short calls on his relatives here a few days since. His home is in Mattapan.

Frank Humiston of Jaffrey, N. H., recently visited his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Shores with little daughter Willard are expected home this week from a two weeks' vacation spent with relatives in Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley returned late last week from a week's trip in Connecticut and Rhode Island, returning by way of Mattapan. During their absence Mr. Shepley renewed his acquaintance with relatives whom he had not seen for twenty-six years.

The Sunshine club closed their meetings for the season with a picnic held on the church lawn last Saturday afternoon. These industrious young people have recently sent a donation of thirty dollars to the floating hospital, an increase of five dollars on last year's gift.

On Saturday of last week, the West Groton Crescents played the Townsends on the field of the latter, and were defeated 8 to 6. The Crescents were somewhat handicapped by being obliged to substitute for three of their regular players. This Saturday they play the Pepperells in West Groton. The West Groton Athletic association played a Pepperell team last Saturday at West Groton and defeated them by a score of 9 to 5.

Escape from what might easily have been a fatal accident occurred here one day recently. Little Charlie, youngest son of Charles Lawrence, ran directly in front of an approaching automobile driven by Mr. Wheeler of Ayer. Despite his best efforts Mr. Wheeler could not stop the machine in time to save the child from being knocked down and going under the auto. Fortunately, he escaped the wheels in his fall, and it is not difficult to imagine the relief of Mr. Wheeler when the little fellow crawled out from under the machine unhurt, save a few bruises.

Graduation Exercises.

On Wednesday evening about eighty people filled every available seat in the grammar schoolroom to listen to the following program: Piano solo, Ruth Bixby; Vacation

songs, school; essay, Rose Fallon; recitation, Walter Lindall; song, school; essay, Ethel Robinson; recitation, Dorothy Thompson; piano solo, Marion Mellish; essay, Marianne Duquette; recitation, Frank Belyea; duet, Misses Mellish and Fallon; recitation, William Fallon; song, Ruth Mellish and Misses Robinson and Young; essay, Grace Isbana; song, school; recitation, Ruth Mellish; piano solo, Ethel Robinson; essay, Ruth Bixby; recitation, George Wolaver; song, school; essay, Evelyn Lindall; piano solo, Ruth Bixby; recitation, Provost Thompson; essay, Ralph Lawrence; song, school; recitation, Marian Parker; piano solo, Ethel Robinson; essay, Marion Mellish; song, school.

The essays were well written and clearly and intelligently read; the recitations thoroughly learned and given with good expression. At the close of the program, Rev. G. M. Howe congratulated teacher and pupils, particularly complimenting the chorus singing which was exceptionally good. In further remarks he emphasized the need of education in all walks of life, laying particular stress upon the necessity of solid foundations.

Mr. Manning, superintendent, followed with a few earnest words on character building. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Howe to the eighth grade graduates: Marion Angeline Mellish, Evelyn Lindall, Ralph Seavey Lawrence.

Interesting Program.

Children's day was observed in the chapel last Sunday morning. The church was well filled and all gave close attention to the interesting program presented by the children of the various grades in the Sunday school.

Decorations were of laurel, potted plants and cut flowers. The children were a pretty sight as in time to a song by the choir, they marched into the chapel, finally taking their seats as the last words were sung.

In addition to the chorus songs by the choir, an obligato was rendered by Miss K. A. Tarbell, the accompaniment being sung by Mrs. A. W. Lamb, Miss Alice Humiston, H. Spaulding and F. L. Blood.

Two little ones, Helen Elizabeth Blood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blood, and Harvey Asa Bixby, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Bixby, were presented for baptism. Following this ceremony a solo was beautifully rendered by Mrs. A. W. Lamb. "The child's heart song," words composed by the pastor.

Certificates of promotion from the cradle-roll to the primary class were presented to Grant and Virginia Harrington, Vivian and Eugene Boutelle, Homer Harrington and Joseph Lawrence.

Those of the school who had reached their seventh birthday during the preceding year were: Myra Thompson, Isabelle Bixby, Grant Harrington. These pupils, according to custom, received a testament, presented with apt quotations from the book itself by Charles Bixby, superintendent.

So varied was the program and so large a number of children participated in the exercises, that it is impossible to speak of their work individually. Two little songs, however, were so sweetly given, that owing to the youth of the little singers, they are especially worthy of mention—a duet by Harvey Lawrence and Irving Kezar, and a solo by Gertrude Parker.

Just before the benediction Miss Lillian Harrington, one of the teachers, presented a flower to each small child, not only in the school, but in the congregation, a pretty and fitting close to the exercises of children's day.

LITTLETON.

Wedding.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Whitney, Westford, Wednesday evening, June 7, when their son, Hamilton was united in marriage to Lena Maud McCormack of Littleton, formerly of Pepperell. A few minutes after the guests had assembled in the parlor, Miss Estelle Whitney, a sister of the groom, played the wedding march. The bridal party then marched into the room. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Dolly McCormack of Lexington, and the groom by his brother, Nathaniel Whitney.

Rev. B. H. Bailey, formerly of the Westford Unitarian church, performed the ceremony. The room was prettily decorated with evergreen and roses, and in one corner a canopy of evergreen and roses were artistically arranged. Here the party stood during the ceremony, the bride dressed in a simple white silk, trimmed with pale blue ribbon and carrying a shower bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaid wore a gray dress and carried a bunch of pink pinks.

After congratulations had been received a broom was presented to the newly-married couple with a presentation speech written purposely for the occasion. The room was prettily decorated with purple and white tissue paper with large bows of white ribbon. This had been a standing joke for some time between the bride and a friend. A second ceremony was suggested by one of the guests, but the sudden disappearance of the best man, due to bashfulness, put an end to this proposal. Ice cream and cake was served.

They received many beautiful and useful gifts, among which were a carving set with mother of pearl handles, a large onyx clock, a hand painted parlor lamp, a lemonade set, a dining room set, a dinner set, silver knives, forks and spoons, besides many others. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney's honeymoon will be spent at various beaches. On their return they will reside in one of the new cottages at Minot's Corner.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. Elmer H. Allen entertained the members of her high school graduating class last Saturday at Fort pond. Dinner was served at Snell's café and the day was very enjoyably spent.

Mrs. Louise Livermore, with daughter, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, is spending this week at Montague.

Children's day will be observed on Sunday, June 18, at the Congregational church in the morning commencing at 10.45. Appropriate sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon, and recitations and songs

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At the assembly session of the high school held last Friday afternoon, the following program was rendered: piano solo, Rae Carpenter; spelling match, school; last chapter of the story written by class of 1912, Stanley Wells.

Miss Evelyn Miner spent the weekend with her sister Mabel and found her no better.

A meeting will be held the latter part of next week when reports of the various committees will be given.

J. C. Ayer, J. O. U. W., held its regular meeting on Monday evening, at which two applications for membership were received.

Mrs. Samuel B. Scott is critically ill with pneumonia. She recently passed her eighty-first birthday.

Joseph H. McClellan, in company with Miss Nellie Gardner, spent the week-end with relatives in Gardner.

The public exhibition of work done by the scholars of the schools in the village, including the high school, was a grand success and reflected credit on the schools and those in charge of the work.

The exhibits of the manual training was deserving of special mention, being excellent in every respect and Miss Berenice Staples, who has been in charge of this line of work, was the recipient of many compliments from the large number who inspected the exhibits last Wednesday afternoon. The sewing exhibits done by the pupils of Miss Margaret McMillan was also the subject of favorable comment.

The King's Daughters held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening with Mrs. Bessie Collyer. Supper was served at seven o'clock, followed by business and a social hour. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, pres.; Miss Bessie Daddam, vice pres.; Inez McMurray, sec.; Annie Holbrook, treas.; Mrs. Bronsdon, Mrs. McCoy, Mrs. Whitaker, supply com.; Nina Holbrook, Mrs. Collyer, Sarah Knowles, Emma Knowles, social com.

A public meeting in the interest of a Fourth of July celebration was held in the engine hall last week Thursday evening. The following officers and committee were chosen:

Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, chairman; Leon Mudgett, sec.

Parade committee—C. R. White, Miah Flynn and John Will.

Music committee—Andrew Phelps, J. Albert Deardon, Fred Sleeper.

Sports committee—G. R. Campbell, Elizabeth Wilson, Harry Collier.

Finance committee—C. R. White, John M. Stevenson and Walter Knowles.

The Shirley A. A. team lost its first game of the season last Saturday when Clinton was the victor by a score of 4 to 2. Witmor and Woodcombe, the ex-Bijou battery of Fitchburg, were in the points for the local team and Clinton secured seven hits against six for Shirley off Ralston, Woodcombe connected for a two-bagger and Witmor registered for a single, but the former allowed two passed balls.

Don't forget the lawn fete at Ayer, Monday, June 19.

C. E. Officers.

At a meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church held on Sunday evening, the following officers and committees were nominated for the second half of the year:

Leonard Hooper, pres.; Miss Nina Holbrook, vice pres.; Miss Mary A. Park, sec. and treas.; Mrs. Frank W. Brockelman, pianist.

Lookout committee—Joseph A. McClellan, Edwin H. Conant, Miss Bessie Daddam, Miss Elsie Knowles.

Prayer meeting—Miss Mary A. Park, Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, Miss Arline L. Wilbur, Miss Jessie Love, Russell Miner.

Social—Mrs. Andrew H. Phelps, Miss Blanche Wells, Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy, J. Albert Deardon, Stanley G. Wells.

Missionary—Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Miss Grace Adams, Mrs. A. A. Bronsdon, Miss Eleanor Miner, Miss Flora Shepard.

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Whereas, LETTIE B. NICKERSON administratrix of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

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

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

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AYER.

News Items.

Rev. L. N. Adams of Lynn will give a very interesting lecture, illustrated by 150 stereopticon views of historic spots in the south, in Page hall, Monday evening, June 19, hour, 7.30. You will miss it if you do not attend.

The parish and Sunday school picnic of St. Andrew's church will be held at Sandy pond on Saturday, June 24. Take the eleven o'clock car. A committee will take care of all. Games and races all day.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades and the high school will close for the summer vacation on Friday, June 30. The other schools closed yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Williams of Dorchester were guests of Mrs. M. J. Simons and family the past week. Mr. Williams is a comrade and a color bearer of Benj. Stone, Jr., post. He visited the comrades at the G. A. R. hall and was cordially received by comrade O'Brien, and the adjutant of George S. Boutwell post.

T. F. Mullin, real estate dealer, has sold a building lot on Nashua street, owned by Howard D. Stone of Still River and Arthur M. Winslow to Mrs. F. W. Moses, who very likely will build later a house.

The police received word on Friday evening from the authorities of the School for the Feeble Minded at Waverly that two boys had escaped from the institution and to be on the watch for them. Chief Beatty and deputy sheriff Pillsbury found them on a west bound freight which was held here to permit the officers to look over the train. The boys were taken to the police station where they gave their names as Victor J. Richee and Aldrich Sloan. They were held until the arrival of one of the officials of the school on Saturday, when they were brought back.

A little girl, Helen Victoria, weighing eleven pounds, made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Partridge on Wednesday morning, June 7, 82 Prospect street, Marlboro, Mass.

Ayer council, Knights of Columbus, conferred the second degree on nine candidates on Tuesday evening. The third degree will be exemplified on Sunday afternoon before a large class composed of candidates from Pepperell and Ayer councils.

L. W. Phelps says he intends bringing suit against the town for loss of water power caused by the drainage from the ponds, which supply the power, by the driven wells on the south shore of the tannery pond, which were installed a few years ago, as well as the drainage by the old well near the pumping station, which has been in use since the water works were started, a period of twenty-four years.

The fourth annual reunion of all teachers and pupils of the Sandy Pond school is to be held on Saturday afternoon, June 24. Everyone is urged to make an effort to be on hand. There has been a kitchen added and the schoolhouse whitened and painted inside since the last reunion. Business meeting at 2.30 p. m. Friends are invited.

At the adjourned meeting Tuesday of the stockholders of the Boston and Maine railroad, 221,667 shares of the 353,440 shares officially stated to be outstanding were voted in favor of the consolidation with the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester railroad. No inquiries were made as to the plan of consolidation. One share was voted against it.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, June 20. Work—Royal Arch degree. A lunch will be served after the work.

There was realized, above all expenses, from the supper and sale in lower town hall by the ladies of St. Andrew's guild last week Thursday night, fifty-seven dollars.

Chief of police Beatty, officers J. H. O'Connell and W. J. Mullin searched the Globe hotel on Wednesday evening for intoxicating liquors, but found nothing.

Several hoboes called at the cider mill of Haynes-Piper Company on Wednesday evening and asked the night watchman, William Brill, for cider. Upon being refused they threatened him. The police, assisted by Ruel P. Lougee, superintendent, made a search for the men but they had disappeared.

Daniel W. Fletcher left on Thursday noon on a business trip to Cashmere, Wash. From there he goes to Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Ore., on a pleasure trip. He intends to be absent about five weeks. At Gardner he was met by Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and son of that town, who are friends of E. F. Fletcher, a brother of Mr. Fletcher, who were going to Cashmere, where Mr. Carpenter has business interests. They intend to make an extended visit there.

The police received word on Thursday evening that one of the boys of the Industrial school at Shirley had escaped that afternoon. Later the information was received that the fugitive was seen at Fitchburg and had boarded a local freight for Ayer, with the intention of joining Ringling Brothers' circus. Although a thorough search was made for the boy he was not found. The boy's name was William Smith, seventeen years of age and when he escaped wore the regular school clothing.

Principal Herbert L. Whitman of the high school has accepted the position of superintendent of schools in the Bourne-Mashpee-Sandwich district, and has tendered his resignation from his present position to the school committee. Mr. Whitman has been principal of the high school for the past five years. Before coming here he was principal of the high school at Bourne, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Whitman will leave town shortly after the close of the high school for Sandwich, where they will make their home.

John G. Ross, while at work at the Standard Oil plant on Tuesday forenoon, was taken suddenly ill. He was taken to his home on Grove street

and is improving. Dr. Hopkins is attending him.

Chief of police Beatty was kept busy keeping the wayfarers moving on Thursday. During the day he moved thirty-five of them out of town. Many of them appeared to be of a different type of the regular tramps, but it was thought best to keep them moving. Of these above number twenty-four were found during the day in the woods in the rear of the Haynes-Piper Company's cider factory. It is supposed that the reason for the unusual numbers here on that day was they were following the Ringling Brothers' circus, which passed through town early Friday morning bound for Fitchburg from Lowell.

The Elfe club made its bow to the public on Thursday evening in the very pretty lawn party given by its members on the grounds of D. W. Fletcher, which were gaily decked with Japanese lanterns for the occasion. There were sales of ice cream and candy in the charge of the Misses Natalie Bickow, Pauline Sherwin, Evelyn Sanderson, Pearl Carley and Margaret Hume, while the candy table was cared for by the Misses Doris Fletcher, Lillian Baker, Marion Proctor and Flora Cole. Mrs. S. M. Barker and Mrs. D. W. Fletcher were general assistants. There was a large attendance and a very pleasing evening was passed.

The Unitarian Women's Alliance held a special business meeting in the church on Monday night, after the resignation of Mrs. Charlotte I. Whitman as secretary was accepted, and Mrs. Carrie F. Murphy was elected as secretary. Owing to the small attendance the arrangements for the program for the coming year was postponed to another meeting to be called by the president. The annual outing will be held at Whalom on July 12.

The regular monthly meeting of the Unitarian Social Gathering was held at the vestry on Tuesday afternoon. There was some work of correspondence and at the close refreshments were served.

The feature pictures at the moving picture show on Saturday night were "The warrant for Red Kube," and "A faithful Indian." Joe Loud of Boston, tenor, was singing three of the latest songs, illustrated by up-to-date slides. This will be the last night of the moving picture shows until early in the fall.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Chauvin on Wednesday, June 14. Miss E. B. Patterson will be in town on this date and 24, to do shampooing and chiropody.

Official Visitation.

Horace M. Sargent of Haverhill, master of the grand lodge, I. O. O. F., accompanied by Dr. Geo. L. Marshall, d. d. g. m., of Somerville, and William M. Webber, g. l., of Boston, made an official visitation to five lodges of the order in Robert Burns lodge hall on Tuesday evening. The lodges represented were Robert Burns lodge of this town, Fredonian of Shirley, Beacon of Pepperell and Groton and Harvard.

The grand officers and the members of Groton and Beacon lodges came here from Pepperell by special train, arriving here about 7.50 p. m., the grand officers having made a visitation to a meeting of Rebekah lodges at Pepperell during the afternoon.

Upon arriving here they proceeded to Robert Burns lodge rooms, where exercises of the evening were held. The large gathering was called to order by Joseph Kyle, noble grand of Robert Burns lodge, who extended a welcome to the grand officers and visiting brethren, and then turned the meeting over to George F. Buxton, d. d. g. m., of Shirley, who presided during the rest of the evening.

Addresses were made appropriate to the occasion. Music was furnished by an orchestra composed of Ralph O. Jenkins, violinist; Harry Lynch, cornetist, and Harry E. Fisher, who played the piano. After the meeting the party adjourned to the banquet hall where lunch was served.

District Court.

Michael Kostoco of Westford was in court on Monday morning charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace. The former complaint was placed on file and on the charge of disturbing the peace he was fined ten dollars, which he paid.

Vale Nickon of Boston was found guilty of drunkenness and disturbing the peace at Shirley and was fined five dollars, which he paid.

Joseph Quint of Nashua, N. H., was found guilty of drunkenness and disturbing the peace at Groton. The drunkenness complaint was placed on file and for disturbing the peace he was fined ten dollars, which he paid.

The fourth case of drunkenness and disturbing the peace was from Pepperell, the offender being John O'Connell. He was found guilty on both complaints. On the drunkenness charge he was placed on probation for six months and the other complaint was placed on file.

Death.

The body of Henry Barrett Going of Brookline, Mass., a frequent visitor here of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Dana Bancroft, who died at the hospital at Groton on Wednesday morning, June 14, from pneumonia, superinduced by self-inflicted wounds in the gashing of his throat with a razor, which was found by his side in Shirley on Saturday morning, June 10, was brought to Ayer on Wednesday afternoon by W. Wright & Son, undertakers, from the hospital in Groton, where he was taken by Dr. Hopkins in his auto, who was notified by telephone after being discovered near the highway in Shirley after committing the rash deed. Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the Unitarian church here. Burial was at Shirley Center in the family lot of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John K. Going. He leaves a wife, two daughters and one son in Brookline, Mass. His age was 72 yrs. 3 mos. 10 days, and he was born in Shirley.

Lawn Fete.

The O. E. S. lawn fete to be held at Linden court Monday, June 19, is hoped to be one of the best ever given in town, as great preparations are being made. Neither pains or expense have been spared in arranging an attractive program, which will be continuous from four to eleven p. m. Dudley Prescott of Boston, the humorist ventriloquist, the most original entertainer before the public, has been engaged for this occasion. He will entertain the children at five p. m., and furnish entertainment throughout the evening. Everybody enjoys him.

The brass band of the industrial school at Shirley will give a band concert in the afternoon and vaudeville numbers will be given by members of the band. The high school orchestra will furnish the music for the evening. Supper will be served on the lawn from five to seven. Home-made candy, tonics, pop-corn, ice cream and cake will be for sale in attractive booths. Pershena, the Gypsy queen,

will be in her tent to tell fortunes. Shooting gallery and rolling boards, etc., will afford amusement for all.

The grounds will be illuminated with electric lights and elaborately decorated. Weather permitting everybody is sure to have a good time. All are cordially invited.

Weddings.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Greene in Dorchester was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday evening, June 14, on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Helen Marguerite, and Leonard Woods Howell of Worcester. The house was adorned with a wealth of flowers, intermingled with green.

The canopy, within which the bridal pair stood, was covered above with a mass of southern smilax, plinks and white roses, from which a large floral horse shoe was suspended.

The dining room presented decorations of red roses and ferns. The stairway was concealed with an abundance of laurel and pink roses. The bride was gowned in white satin trimmed with princess lace. Her white veil was caught up with lilies of the valley and she carried a flower bouquet of the same.

She was given away by her father, Miss Frances Hanscom, a friend of the bride, was maid of honor. She was daintily attired in white and carried Killarney roses.

The groomsmen were Reginald Howell, a cousin of the groom. The ushers were Ray H. Greene, brother of the bride; Carl B. Boutelle, a cousin, and John Rome of Dorchester and Mr. McGrath of Worcester. The little flower girl, three years of age, was a cousin of the groom. The ring-bearer, a cousin of the bride, was Albert H. Kelly, four years of age.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. Arthur Little, pastor of the Second Congregational church of Dorchester. The wedding march was played by Miss Mildred A. Lowe of Fitchburg. Howard's orchestra of Boston discoursed music throughout the evening.

The bride was the recipient of many rich and beautiful presents, including cut glass, silver, china, books, pictures, linen and many other articles. Of special interest was a check for \$1,000, a baby grand piano and several gold pieces. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Greene, father and mother of the bride, Mrs. Howell, mother of the groom. Refreshments were served by caterers McDonald & Webber of Boston.

The newly-married couple were showered with confetti and rice as they came down the stairs to take their departure. An automobile was in waiting, elaborately decorated with white streamers from all sides, to take them to Boston.

On their return from their wedding trip they will reside in Worcester, where a newly-built and furnished home is awaiting them.

The bride is a grandniece of O. K. Pierce and Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson of Ayer, who has spent several summers with her parents at Camp Sesame lodge, Sandy pond.

Guests were present from Boston, Dorchester, Fitchburg, Leominster, Lancaster, Ayer, Danvers, Roxbury and Worcester.

Lester Whitcomb and Miss Jennie Gertrude Harrington were married Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride by Rev. E. B. Crooks, pastor of the Congregational church. The couple were unattended. Only the families of the bride and groom were present.

The parlor in which the ceremony was performed was prettily decorated with evergreen, laurel and flowers. After the ceremony there was a reception and lunch at the home of the bride, after which Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb left on their wedding journey, and upon their return will occupy a tenement in the house at the corner of Groton and Lawton streets, where Mrs. Whitcomb, the mother of the groom, resides.

Many beautiful wedding gifts were received including furniture, china, silver, cut glass and linen.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb are well-known young people of Ayer, he being the assistant superintendent of the Ayer Electric Company, and she until recently, was an operator in the local telephone exchange, and is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Harrington.

James F. Elmer and Miss Catherine Toohy were married at St. Mary's church on Wednesday morning by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. James P. Donahue was best man, and Miss Della Toohy, a sister of the bride was maid of honor. After the ceremony the married couple left on a wedding journey which will include points in Maine. Upon their return they will live in the Reardon house, corner of Elm and Prospect streets.

Michael Sculley and Miss Bessie O'Hara were united in marriage at St. Mary's church on Monday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. P. J. Sheedy in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. John F. Hurley acted as best man and Miss Helena T. McGovern as maid of honor. After the ceremony a reception was held at the house they are to occupy on Bligh street. Large numbers of people came during the afternoon and evening to extend congratulations and to wish them a happy and prosperous wedded life. Guests were present from Leominster, Nashua, Lowell, Littleton and Ayer. Mr. and Mrs. Sculley received many useful presents.

Fatal Accident.

John Finnerty, whose home was in Waltham, while attempting to board an east bound moving freight at the eastern limits of the east yard at Fitchburg last Saturday morning, was thrown under the wheels of the train and his right leg so severely crushed as to make amputation necessary. The injured man was picked up by the train crew and brought here, word having been sent ahead to have medical attendance at hand upon the arrival of the train. Dr. Hopkins attended Finnerty upon his arrival here and then hurriedly brought him to the Groton hospital in the doctor's automobile. In spite of all the efforts of the doctors he died on Saturday night. The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright &

Son and prepared for burial, after which the body was sent to Waltham.

Baseball.

St. John's high school team of Worcester defeated the Ayer high team at the town park last Saturday morning by a score of 9 to 4. The game was marked by heavy batting and good fielding. The first three innings resulted in no scores for either team. With two out in the fourth, and none on bases, the Worcester boys started a batting rally which netted them four runs. The local high duplicated the feat when they came to bat, which tied the score. Worcester made one in the fifth, three in the sixth and one in the seventh innings, thereby gaining a lead that the home team was unable to overcome. The game ended at the close of the seventh inning by mutual agreement before the game.

Annual Public Speaking.

A large audience attended the presentation of "Scenes from Shakespeare" in the town hall last week Friday evening. The event was the annual public speaking by pupils of the high school, who performed the parts assigned them in a creditable manner, which gained them liberal applause. The stage was tastefully adorned with potted plants for the occasion.

Music was furnished during the evening by the high school orchestra, which met with the usual hearty appreciation. The cornet duet by Wallace G. Kittredge and Roger C. Lawrence was especially fine and they enthusiastically encored. The final number on the program was a reading by Miss Crane, the elocution teacher in the high school which was so good that the audience called for an encore. The program follows:

Overture, "Zethus," ..... Pettee Orchestra.

As You Like It.

Duke, Ivlinc in banishment. Harry H. McNiff Frederick, his brother and usurper of the dukedom. Harold E. Felch Jacques, lord attending on the banished duke. Max A. Peterson Orlando, son of Sir Rowland de Boys. Wallace G. Kittredge Touchstone, a clown. Frank P. Griffin

Corin, a shepherd. Everett J. Hurley Rosalind, daughter to the banished duke. Mary A. Peterson Celia, daughter to Frederick. Edna C. Brown Phebe, shepherdess. Pearl M. Carley March, "National guard." Mackie-Boyer Orchestra.

The Merchant of Venice.

Duke of Venice. Lillian W. McGuane Antonio, the Merchant of Venice. Roger C. Lawrence Bassanio, his friend. Frank E. Brown Gratiano, friend to Antonio and Bassanio. Kathleen M. Hackett Shylock, a rich Jew. Wilbur A. Hart Messenger. Lillian E. McMann Clerk. Gertrude I. Carrigan Portia, a rich heiress. Alice R. McCarthy Nerissa, her waiting maid. Sarah Ross Cornet duet "Brunette and blonde." Roger C. Lawrence and Wallace G. Kittredge.

The Taming of the Shrew.

Baptista, a rich gentleman of Padua. Charles T. Mullin Petruchio, a gentleman of Verona, a suitor to Katharina. Frank E. Griffin Hortensio, suitor to Katharina's sister. Victor Le F. Pillsbury Gremio, suitor to Katharina's sister. Gertrude I. Carrigan Servant. Mary E. Leahy Katharina, the shrew, daughter to Baptista. Mildred A. Sanders J. O. M. Galop. Osborn Orchestra.

Reading. Miss Crane.

Names Announced.

The medical council of the University of Pennsylvania has announced the names of the first twenty-five men in the junior class of the medical school. Arthur W. Carley of Ayer stands twenty-first on the list with an average of 85.4 percent.

From the first twenty-five students are selected the residents to the University hospital. This is the greatest honor which a medical student at Pennsylvania can receive. The men, however, do not take up their work as residents in the hospital until after the close of their senior year. Their averages are computed from the first three years' work.

The scope of the year book of the graduating class has just appeared. It contains a number of interesting facts and figures. According to its statistics, the younger member of the class will be 21 yrs. 5 mos. and 2 weeks old commencement day. The closing exercises will be held on Wednesday, June 21. Governor Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana will deliver the address to the students.

W. R. C. Exemplification.

There was an exemplification of the work of the Woman's Relief corps in the town hall on Thursday afternoon in the presence of state officers of the order as well as a large number from the various corps in the neighboring towns.

The department officers who were present were Nellie F. Libby, president, of Lynn; Marie J. Kendall, junior vice president, of Gardner; Mary A. Landt, inspector, of Hyde Park, and Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy of Ayer, chairman of the department executive board. There were also present, Mrs. Annie C. Shattuck of Fitchburg, national aide, Mrs. Irene Haven, president of corps 11 of Worcester, and Mrs. Lizzie Burpee, past president of the Hollis, N. H., corps.

The visiting members of the order were served with a lunch in the lower town hall, under the direction of the executive board of the local corps, consisting of Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, Mrs. Alice Crawford, Mrs. Etta Craig and Mrs. Lizzie Sartell.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer, president of the local corps. Large delegations from the corps in Fitchburg, Leominster, Groton and West Acton were present. The work was well performed and was commended by the department officers.

The local corps had prepared for the work under the direction of Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the committee in charge of this work being Mrs. Louise P. Kennison, Mrs. Mary B. Johnson and Mrs. Elizabeth Kyle.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

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Members of J. C. Ayer lodge will observe their annual memorial day on Sunday, June 25. In the morning the members will march in a body to the Congregational church and listen to a fraternal address by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. A. Bronsdon. At the close of the service the members will march to the village cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased members. Members from the grand lodge will be present and the members are looking forward to a day of profitable reunion.

A good-sized audience was present at the Congregational church on Sunday morning to hear Mrs. Ida Vose Woodbury of the American missionary association tell the story of the negro problem. She gave her address from personal experiences which were of much interest. Mrs. Woodbury also gave a brief talk to the children of the Sunday school. During her stay in town she was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant. In the evening Rev. A. A. Bronsdon had for his topic, "Second best," which was interesting and instructive.

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### TOWNSEND.

West. The fishing party consisting of Messrs. F. A. Patch, Edward Patch and C. E. Streeter, who have been enjoying a ten-days' vacation at Lake Hardy, Vt., returned on last Saturday evening, reporting a most enjoyable time and excellent sport. Mr. Streeter returned with a nine-pound trout, and Mr. Patch with one five pounds in weight to bear out their statements as to their "fisherman's luck."

The San Souci club camped for the week-end at Ward pond, Ashburnham, taking possession of the Sheldon cottage. Fourteen enjoyed the hospitality of the camp, six of the members and eight invited guests, and in spite of the inclement weather the occasion was one of great pleasure for all.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willard and grandson, Eliot Tyler, visited the home of the latter in Clinton for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan are visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

The public schools closed last week Friday and Miss Blanche Sprague returned on Monday noon to her home in Reedsboro, Vt., for the summer vacation.

Dr. R. S. Ely is the possessor of a Maxwell runabout and is having a garage erected on his premises.

James L. Flynn and family from Brooklyn, N. Y., have arrived at their summer cottage on lower Main street for the season.

Miss Myrtle Hobart of Waltham is at her home in the north part of the town.

Mrs. J. W. Evans and daughters from Shirley have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Evans of Josselynville.

Miss Ruth Russell of the Center is the guest of her aunt, Miss M. Elinor Tower at Alexander Reed's.

Mrs. Harry Marr of Fitchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Haggood.

George McElligott of the Boston Art school is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Louise McElligott.

Ralph H. Willard of Boston spent Sunday at his home.

On Sunday afternoon at two o'clock the North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., and the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge will unite in a memorial service at the cemetery to decorate the graves of the deceased members.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will preach on Sunday morning on the topic, "What constitutes a successful rural church," and on Wednesday will speak from the same topic at the Ministers' conference at Greenville.

The members of the Unitarian society in this village will attend the annual conference to be held in Ashby next Wednesday. Conveyances will meet the 9.45 train here and a very interesting program is prepared.

Mrs. Mary Wilson of Hudson, N. H., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wilson.

Charles B. Stickney is enjoying a vacation at Connecticut Lakes, N. H., where he expects to get a big catch of lake trout.

The L. L. A. S. of the Unitarian society met with Mrs. Edwin Streeter of Josselynville Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Davis and son Ralph visited friends in Ayer for a few days this week, and Mrs. Lucy Lawrence acted as housekeeper during their absence.

Little Bobby Kelley of Josselynville has been on the sick list for the past week from throat trouble.

Miss M. A. Taft, who has been with her sister, Mrs. Josephine Boynton, has returned to Lowell.

The arrangements have been made whereby the reading-room is to be open to the public on Wednesday as well as Saturday afternoons from two till six o'clock, in order more may be able to take advantage of the many papers and magazines on the table.

Alden P. Sherwin has been confined to his home by illness for several days this week, but is now improving.

Edward Patch, who has been enjoying a ten-days' vacation has returned to his duties in Boston.

Clarence Jodery has been quite ill at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wood, suffering from blood poisoning in his foot.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a social in the Baptist vestry on Tuesday evening which was heartily enjoyed and well attended in spite of the rain. The feature of the evening was the presentation of the family album by Rev. S. D. Ringrose. This amusing sketch with sixteen characters followed a brief program with readings and music and a social with refreshments and games was enjoyed until about eleven o'clock.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

#### News Items.

Sunday, June 11, Mrs. Louise B. Bragg picked the first sweet peas of the season from her garden at "Twin Cedars."

Miss Elizabeth May Laving of Boston is visiting her brother, William Randall, and Mrs. Louise Bragg at "Twin Cedars."

W. J. Bailey has resumed his duties in Worcester after a six-weeks' visit with his daughter, Mrs. Louise Bragg, at "Twin Cedars."

Rev. Warren L. Noyes and wife; also, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Gerrish attended the eighty-fifth annual meeting of the Hillsboro County Association of Congregational and Presbyterian churches at Wilton this week.

A union prayer meeting was held at the Methodist church on Sunday evening. Union prayer meetings, Sabbath evenings, will be alternately held at the Congregational and Methodist churches through the summer months.

Ralph Perkins has 1,034 chickens from a setting of 1,409 eggs.

Miss Eva Sawyer of Sterling has been the guest of Mrs. W. Brooks Rockwood.

Mrs. Eliza Avery of Rockland is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Chester Valedge.

Henry Bailey is engaged in blacksmithing at Milford.

Mrs. Elmer Wallace, Miss M. Elizabeth Whitcomb and Walter Rockwood of Townsend have been guests of Mrs. Augusta Smith.

Born on May 31, at Leominster, Mass., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, Florence Imogene Kline. Miss Goldie E. Sweet of Dedham was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sweet over Sunday.

District superintendent R. F. Wolcott will hold the quarterly conference of the Methodist church at the study of Rev. James N. Seaver on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. W. G. Lyon and granddaughter, May Milliken of Ayer, also Miss Florence Maynard of Worcester, Mass., have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard.

Mrs. Mary E. Smith has moved to the cottage owned by Mrs. Josephine Fuller.

Prof. Joseph Yarrick gave an entertainment at the Grace Episcopal church at Newton on Friday evening, June 9.

Mrs. Mary J. Bosworth celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday at the Elmwood, Friday, June 9. Many friends called to extend congratulations to "Aunt Mary," who gracefully served fruit punch. Postal cards, letters, flowers and many dainty gifts expressed the love and esteem of a host of friends.

Mrs. George Cady and Miss Blanche W. Hall enjoyed an outing at Waltham on Thursday, June 8, visiting the Waltham watch factory.

Mrs. Charles Needham of Milford was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sweet on June 7.

Mrs. Annie Gilman Bailey was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Laura Webber at Gardner last week. Her little niece, Olive Webber, returned home with her.

Joseph Ouelette and family are to spend the berrying season at Hollis.

Kenneth Russell of Exeter is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell for the summer.

Miss Blanche Hall spent the week-end and over Sunday at West Townsend.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN R. SHATTUCK late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to SARAH M. SHATTUCK of Pepperell in said County; or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the third day of July 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser a last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

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

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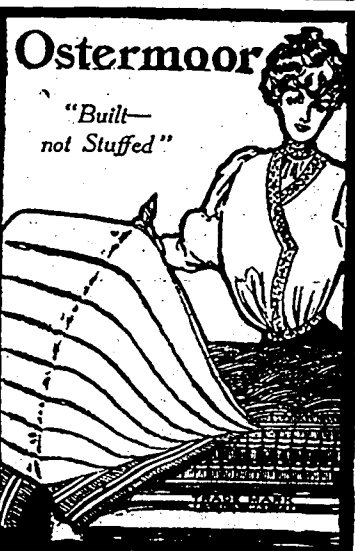
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TOWNSEND.

Center. The children's day exercises at the Congregational church last Sunday were much enjoyed by all present. The subject taken up was "Children's needs." There were also songs by the various Sunday school departments and several other short numbers filled out the program. A potted geranium was given to every boy and girl in the junior and cradle-roll departments.

Roy Wright has accepted a position with Samuel A. Woods in his grocery store.

Elmer Wallace and Charles B. Stickney of this town, together with T. Hayes, Silas Nokes and Warren Kemp of Pepperell and Henry Hall of the Boston and Maine railroad, are enjoying a fishing trip this week at the Connecticut Lakes near the Canadian line.

All schools but the high school closed last Friday and the teachers have left for their respective homes. E. Alonzo Blood has been confined to his house for several weeks with a severe attack of bronchitis. It is hoped he will soon be out again.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the Gardner grange on Tuesday night. The first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of candidates at the grange on Monday evening, the first by the regular officers and the second by the gentlemen's degree team, Dr. A. J. Atwood, master. Several visitors were present besides the regular members.

The will of Leander W. Cummings of Fitchburg has been filed in the probate court at Worcester. It disposes of a considerable estate, the value of which is not given. Mr. Cummings left \$20,000 in trust for his wife. At her death the income goes to his granddaughter, Helen H. Corey, during the joint life of the granddaughter and her father, W. G. Corey. George E. Gates, Townsend, a nephew, and Emma F. Josslyn, Townsend, a niece, receive legacies of \$1,000 each. The residue of the estate is equally divided between his wife and heirs-at-law.

Townsend won out in the ninth inning Saturday in their game with the Young Men's Catholic association of Fitchburg, the score being 5 to 5 until the finish, when a wild pitch by Fitchburg's natty little pitcher Murphy, let in the winning run for the home team. The game started in with Spaulding in the box as pitcher and then was finished up by the veteran Whitcomb taking a hand at twirling. The visitors played the game for all there was in it and at one time had the advantage of a score of 5 to 2. The Greenvilles will play here this Saturday.

Mrs. Bertha Colson and little daughter of Everett have been guests at George Clarke's.

The North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., and the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge will observe their annual memorial day on Sunday, June 18, by decorating the graves of their departed brothers and sisters. They will meet at Odd Fellows' hall at 3.30 p. m. Graves at the West village will be decorated at two p. m. The sisters are to make wreaths on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. F. Savage.

Ernest Judd lost part of the forefinger of his left hand on Tuesday about 5.30 at the heading room of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company's plant. After a fellow workman had finished he went over to his machine when he was injured.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., was invited to Wakefield on Wednesday night to instruct in grange work.

A perfect evening brought many teams and automobiles from neighboring towns to enjoy our first band concert last week Friday night.

Miss Mabel Haynes of Waltham was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Albert Turner, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sears of Rockport are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Bruce this week.

Mrs. A. D. Fessenden is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Victor Miller at Quincy.

Miss Hattie Smith is assisting at the postoffice, as Miss Sanders is needed at home on account of the ill health of her sister, who was injured in the Memorial day accident.

Miss Ethel Rockwood arrived home on Wednesday, making the trip from Baltimore to Boston by boat. It is hoped she will take a much-needed rest and soon gain strength from her recent sickness.

An operation for appendicitis was performed Monday morning upon Mrs. Herbert Stearns at her home on Row street. Dr. Lowell of Fitchburg performed the operation and he was assisted by Dr. Norton of Fitchburg and Dr. R. S. Ely of this town. She is getting along comfortably.

Miss Marguerite Struthers and a friend from the Northfield school are at the parsonage for their vacation. The high school boys played the Pepperell high school on Wednesday afternoon and won their game with a score of 8 to 2.

Stephen Keefe of the Harbor, one of the popular members of the T. A. A. has accepted a position with the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company, and will begin his duties at the office on Monday morning June 19.

Married. A pretty wedding occurred at the home of Reid Hall on Wednesday evening soon after eight o'clock, when Ella Margaret, daughter of Mrs. Elsie Parker, was united in marriage to Charles Solomon King of this town. The rooms were tastefully decorated with laurel and cut flowers and there were about twenty-eight neighbors and friends present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. L. Struthers. The bride was gowned in a pretty white lawn, and she carried and wore white peonies and sweet peas. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King attended the couple and Mrs. King wore barred muslin and carried roses. Many presents were sent, including china, cut glass, linen, parlor lamp and a silver ladle from the bride's Sunday school class. Mr. and Mrs.

King have taken a short trip to Fitchburg. They will reside at the west village.

Deaths. Word has been received of the death of Wilmon L. Warren at the family residence in Seattle, Wash., May 18. He had been in poor health for about eight years, but since going west has been able to get out more on account of the mild climate. Peritonitis was the immediate cause of his death, and he was confined to his bed only about a week. Mr. Warren showed wonderful courage and patience in his long illness, and was ready to go at the last. The remains were cremated and placed in the columbarium of Mt. Pleasant crematorium, Seattle, Wash. He was a son of Charles and Lizzie Gilchrist Warner, and was born in Townsend on June 16, 1867. He leaves a wife, Ada (Dunsire) Warner, and two children, Harold R., and Ruth I. Warner.

Word has been received from Minneapolis of the death of Mrs. Mary Adams Peckham, wife of the late Dr. Horace L. Peckham, long a resident of Townsend. She was ill but a few days suffering from paralysis, dying May 18, in her eighty-fifth year. She had spent the greater part of the winter with her brother in Minneapolis, who survives her; also, one son, Charles W., and a stepdaughter, Mrs. Frank Bailey of Franklin, N. H. At her special request her son had the body buried beside her brother Chandler in Montecello, a town about forty miles north of Minneapolis. K. A. S.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items. Mrs. Betts and son James were recent visitors at Mrs. Dixon's. Mrs. Wentworth and Mrs. Armstrong from Reading spent Sunday at Mr. Proctor's.

The Union school closed on Friday, June 16. Friday evening, under the auspices of the Town Improvement association, a drama, "Highly of Harvard," was presented. The persons taking part were Miss Parker, Miss Dickinson, Miss Hersey, Miss Flint, Mr. Boutwell, Mr. Kendall, Harry Swallow, Thomas Conolly. After the play, but not connected with it, was a dance.

Miss Isabel Menut has closed her school work in Milford, N. H., and returned home.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, June 7, 1911.

Resources. Loans and Discounts, \$254,215.22. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 88.79. U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 100,000.00. Real Estate, 12,867.19. Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures, 1,000.00. Due from approved Reserve Agents, 19,022.38. Checks and other Cash Items, 1,304.23. Notes of other National Banks, 3,813.00. Fractional Paper Currency, 29.55. Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie, \$8,600.00. Legal-tender notes, 8,000.00. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation), 5,000.00. Total, \$444,940.37.

Liabilities. Capital stock paid in, \$100,000.00. Surplus funds, 20,000.00. Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid, 28,961.59. National Bank Notes outstanding, 100,000.00. Dividends unpaid, 35.00. Individual deposits subject to check, 185,932.18. Total, \$444,940.37.

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex ss. Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this tenth day of June, 1911. Henry B. Hildreth, Notary Public. Correct-Attest: Clarence Stickney, Henry A. Hill, Chas. B. Stickney, Directors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of FRED OGDEN W. HANSON late of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to LITTON, G. HOUGHTON, Executor, Littleton, Mass., June 1, 1911. 3138\*

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of said deceased, INTERSTATE. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to TIMOTHY F. MCCARTHY, without giving a surety on his bond, You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh 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 the petitioner hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit," a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court. Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Items of News.

The 9.05 a. m., electric car for Lowell will wait at the Ayer station until 9.10 a. m., for the steam train due from Pepperell and Groton at 9.08 a. m.

George H. Bullock packed up his goods the first of the week and they were shipped by freight to Wallingford, Conn., a thriving place of 12,000 inhabitants. He bought out a jewelry concern there.

The Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church will hold a food and ice cream sale at the home of Mrs. George Parker on Main street, on Thursday, June 22, from three to five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kenniston, former residents of this town, left Los Angeles, Cal., May 16, and arrived east on May 21. They left here twelve years ago last November and have resided in that famous California city ever since, where Mr. Kenniston is in the grocery and provision business in company with another man and are prosperous. Mr. Kenniston was in the employ here of E. E. Tarbell for six or seven years, and had a wide circle of very warm friends who were loth to have him leave for his present home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kenniston are very much pleased with Los Angeles.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the Unitarian church on June 18. The Sunday school will assemble at 10.30 and join in the morning service. A christening service will be held at 11.30 for any children who may be present. The special service of the Sunday school will follow with appropriate songs and recitations.

H. C. Tucker of the U. S. navy came Monday, June 5, to say goodbye to his mother, Mrs. Sarah Tucker of River street. Mr. Tucker has reported for sea duty in New York city and has accepted a position as chief yeoman on a cruise of a year and a half across the continent. He leaves his wife and two children in Marlboro.

Mr. and Mrs. George Herrig are to move to Somerville where he is going to take up his residence for the future.

Mrs. Arthur Blood of Gardner was in town this week calling on old friends. Tuesday afternoon, June 13, was by no means a hoodoo day to the members of Vestal lodge of Ayer, Middlesex lodge of Groton, Mary A. Livermore lodge of Shirley, who came to visit Acoma lodge of this town and listen to the well chosen address by grand master Sargent and words from grand instructor Webber. Mrs. Anna Bliss of Townsend, deputy to Acoma lodge, Mrs. Flora Teale of Prosperity lodge, Leominster, deputy Kate Dunlap and many others were present. After the gathering the Rebekahs of our town served one of those banquets for which they are especially noted.

The grand officers of the I. O. O. F. went to Ayer Tuesday evening, and every Odd Fellow that could go went on the special train leaving here at 7.30, gathering the Groton members, and they had a royal good time.

Russell Davey, president of 1912 class of the Pepperell high school, had a reception tendered him at Central hall with various young people furnishing music. Mr. Davey has accepted a position at Ocean Prides hotel, Magnolia, where they accommodate 950 guests at a time and employ 300. He has registered for the fall term at a business college in Boston.

Nellie Gilchrist goes to Thomaston, Me., June 24, and Mrs. Olive Rivers and two children, and Mrs. Wallace go later.

The Ladies' Social circle meet at Mrs. Dudley Child's on Thursday, June 15.

The Gov. Thomas Dudley family association meet at Rev. Dudley Child's for their annual outing.

Mrs. Gilbert L. Richardson of Charlestown, N. H., visited Mrs. William H. Bowman recently.

Sympathy is expressed for Clarence Rhines as his wife is sick at her home with acute diabetes. Mr. Rhines is employed by H. W. Hutchinson.

The road from the conon tree hill towards Townsend is very narrow and has several curves. A slow horse going up the hill and a fast auto coming down the hill might make a dangerous combination.

Mrs. Henry W. Lakin and daughter, Mrs. Charles S. Parker, left Monday for a visit at their old home in Washington, Me.

A surprise party was given Miss Jessie Steves at her home on Peasant street on Saturday evening. Miss Alice Deware, in behalf of those present, presented her with a silk umbrella.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church are planning for a June festival in the vestry of the church on Thursday, June 29.

Games were played and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Children's day services will be held at the M. E. church on Sunday, June 18, followed by a concert in the evening.

Mrs. H. L. Winslow has been visiting relatives in Leominster the past week.

Mrs. H. N. Tower spent part of the week at Mt. Holyoke college with her daughter Fannie, returning to Worcester to attend the graduation of Arthur A. Tower.

Acoma Rebekah lodge will unite with Beacon lodge in observing memorial services at the Congregational church on Sunday, June 18.

A social dance was held in Prescott hall on Friday evening, June 16, under the auspices of the R. S. T. B. society.

W. D. Miller of Pepperell and Lowell has bought a new International motor truck.

The Epworth League was attended by a large number at the gathering last week Friday in the vestry of the M. E. church, which was very attractively decorated for the occasion and was heartily enjoyed by all present. Refreshments were served.

David Belyea, who has been a resident of this town for a number of years, left on Wednesday noon for Boston, where he will take the steamer for St. John, N. B., and to Rochesay, his native place, which is near that city. He goes for his health, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate, and will remain through the summer months with relatives there.

After an absence of a year in Boston, John Hayes has returned to town and is again organist of the M. E. church, playing last Sunday. The choir of young singers sang to the delight of all.

Miss Lizzie McNayr is sick at her sister's on Pleasant street and Dr. Lovejoy is in attendance.

Brainard Shattuck of River street, who had a slight shock last week, is on the gain.

Recital.

Miss Ida E. Dow of Boston, but a teacher of music in this town, gave a very successful recital in Huntington Chambers hall, Boston, Friday evening, June 9. The Dow Choral society, Miss Ida E. Dow, conductor, presented the cantata Ruth by A. R. Gaul, in a very successful manner. Miss Gladys L. Gordon was pianist. Miss Lillian L. Dunton of Pepperell was the organist. Miss Lillian Dunton of the recital also played a piano solo, Improvising on Reinhold, with great success. Miss Arlene T. Deware rendered a solo, Polka De Concert, Bartlett, in a charming manner. The Misses Dunton and Deware opened the program by playing the duet overture from Raymond, Thomas. The hall was filled with a large and fashionable audience and the concert was successful in every way. Orin Savage of Pepperell was also present at the concert.

D. A. R.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., will hold its June 17 meeting at the chapter house on Saturday afternoon. The executive board will be called at two o'clock, instead of 2.30, as usual, that the time may not be crowded, and the chapter at 2.30. The meeting will take the form of a reception to the past regent, Miss Annetta S. Merrill, assisted by the regent and past regent in the receiving line. A report of the continental congress will be given by the delegates, who were present, followed by a social and light refreshments. A large attendance is requested as it is expected that the year booklets of the chapter will be ready for delivery.

East.

The East Village Social club will hold its next meeting with Mrs. Cora Nutting on Wednesday, June 21. Subject, "Flowers."

Miss Margaret Welch, a former resident of this town, died in Boston on Tuesday, June 13. The body will be brought here for burial.

E. B. Phillips of Swampscott with a party of friends were the guests of T. F. Graham on Saturday.

Miss Agnes Crotty spent Sunday with her parents in Fitchburg.

Miss Anna Patterson of Groton was the guest of friends in town on Saturday.

Charles Kelley of Boston was the guest of Miss Laura Herrig over Sunday.

P. W. Flynn, Hiram Wiley, T. F. Graham, Thomas Milah and William Sheppardson caught a fine string of pickerel last Saturday.

Harry Landers spent Sunday with his parents in Newport, R. I.

Forrest Andrews was the guest of George Woods of Groton over Sunday.

Russell P. Wright of Boston is visiting his mother.

It is a fair estimate to say that over three hundred people attended Buffalo Bill's wild west show in Nashua last Saturday, over 225 tickets were sold on the railroad.

Mr. Bresnahan of the New-Prentiss spent Sunday with his family in Lynn.

News Items.

The many who noticed a picture of Miss Fannie Tower in the Boston Sunday Globe certainly take pride in one of Pepperell's scholars. She is now at Mt. Holyoke and is president of her class. Miss Tower is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Tower.

H. F. Tarbell, cashier in the National bank, Robert Coy and D. E. Weston left on Thursday for the lakes in Connecticut where fish are plenty.

Among those who visited here over Sunday were Miss Anna Mae Shaw, John L. Hayes, Miss Lillian Frost and Miss Theresa Milan.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. S. S. Blood of New York city and Mrs. Jennie L. Williams of Brooklyn, N. Y., have arrived at their respective summer homes for the season.

Miss Clara Kendall is the new stenographer of the Buffalo Shoe Company. She has previously been for several years with the Library Bureau, Boston.

Russell P. Wright left Thursday for his duties in Boston, having spent a week here with his relatives.

Children's Sunday will be observed at the M. E. church on June 18. Special service in the morning at 10.30, in which the children take part.

To the Editor:

I have been told by several that I wrote the news item in your last week's issue in regard to Oak Hill school and the superintendent. I have been told that the superintendent was looking for me. I did not write the article mentioned, but I do want to say to the school committee and superintendent, that in my mind and in the judgment of many, they have acted unwisely. And when one of the committee asks me on the public street if we wish to boss the school committee, he must have a new idea of public rights and duties and the duties of officials regarding the same. He must certainly carry a wrong impression of the purpose, as well as serious features, of the meeting certain petitioners had with the committee recently. This "age" we live in might be termed "of struggle" as well as progress, for in every state, in every county, people are struggling, some for existence, some for gain, some to preserve their rights, and all around us we see the endeavor to concentrate the powers that be.

Legislative robbery is the term applied to many of the methods of taking away the people's influence and control. We are told that the law is "That none but normal school graduates shall be appointed when new teachers are needed." The law does not say that none but normal school teachers can teach, for that would be unconstitutional, but our superintendent can cause that to be done, which the law cannot command. But here is where our committee come in, he cannot do these things unless they vote it. And here is where the public comes in, and in this instance get stung.

At the school committee meeting mentioned, there were present, the committee, superintendent and the following citizens: Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hobart, Mr. and Mrs. Otis A. Merrill, Mrs. L. N. Maxwell, Miss Louella Shattuck, Miss Lucy Blood, L. C. Blood and myself. We were there in support of a certain petition for the re-appointment of the present teacher at Oak Hill—Miss Edith Baker. The treatment by the committee was most cordial, and if the committee would use a little horse sense and less faith in the word "tech," they would, in my opinion, have made a better impression than our water commissioners did, who place the blame on their "tech" men, for the many errors which caused us to have a new board of commissioners.

It was clearly seen at that meeting that the superintendent had a very weak case. He stated that he had told the committee he considered the teacher inefficient, but it developed by questions that he had not made any comparisons, only judged by work done during his visits. He did not compare work done by the many who had passed from this school and teacher, and through the grammar and high school, and those of other schools in town. We all know the high ideals this teacher has stood for and what smart scholars have left her school and stand today as proof of her efficiency, and I say right out blunt, Mr. Superintendent and school committee, you are inefficient, and when the correct time comes, and soon, you'll hear the crack of condemnation for this piece of apparent official infamy. Edward P. McCord.

LITTLETON.

News Item.

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb went to Ashburnham on Wednesday to attend the graduation of their daughter Florence from Cushing academy.

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield was called suddenly to Indiana by the very critical illness of his mother. He left home on Sunday afternoon, accompanied as far as Ohio by Mrs. Fairfield's aunt, Mrs. Chambers, who has for some time been planning a visit with friends in that state.

Strawberry festival at the Unitarian vestry on Monday evening, June 19, given under the auspices of the Backlog club.

The baccalaureat address to the graduating class of Littleton high school will be given by Rev. Harrison L. Packard tomorrow evening in the Congregational church at seven o'clock. This change has been made because of Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sudden recall to Indiana.

Principal Herschel Lewis of Appleton academy, New Ipswich, N. H., formerly principal of Littleton high school, will act as toastmaster at the Littleton high school alumni banquet on Saturday evening, June 24. Robert Roberts has been engaged as caterer.

The Congregational church was very beautifully decorated with syringa blossoms and mountain laurel on Sunday in honor of the children and a very pleasing service, consisting of singing by the choir, entrance of primary department, songs and readings by the children, an excellent address by the pastor, responsive readings, and benediction took the place of the regular church service and Sunday school. At the Baptist church the Sunday school children gave one of their good concerts in the evening.

Miss Ida Dow and her pupils from Boston and Littleton, assisted by Emma L. Dow, reader, will give an entertainment in the town hall on Wednesday evening, June 28, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of the Littleton Improvement society. The society has been instrumental in improving conditions in town in various ways during the years 1910 and 1911, and desires your patronage that it may increase its funds and continue the good work already begun.

Born on Thursday, June 8, to Rev. and Mrs. Chester A. Drummond of Somerville, a son, Norman Carey.

Miss Lovey J. Brown pleasantly observed her eighty-fourth birthday last Saturday. She was remembered by her friends with gifts, among them a birthday cake from her niece, Mrs. P. L. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunt, station agent, attended the funeral of Mrs. Hunt's mother in Natick on Wednesday.

A Eugene Robbins had a sudden call on Sunday night when the lightning struck his house in Newtown, played about the plastering, tearing it off regardless of artistic effect and set fire to the kitchen wood box. Mr. Robbins and his sister were startled and made immediate investigation of the house and barn and were thankful to find conditions within their control.

Mrs. Everett Kimball left home on Wednesday morning for Tilton, N. H., where she has been attending the graduation of her daughter Gladys and other commencement exercises. Mother and daughter return today.

Mrs. John Day of Lynn is spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crane, on Harwood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbard and baby returned to their home in Winchester on Saturday. During the last week of Mr. Hibbard's vacation he substituted for Charles L. Smith in Thacher & Ireland's store.

P. C. Edwards, editor of The Mystic Light, came on from New York early this week to open his summer cottage which his family will occupy immediately after Miss Helen Gilman's graduation from the Springfield high school this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner of Sanbornville, N. H., are spending Saturday and Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb.

Thirty head of cattle from Ireland have been unloaded at the U. S. quarantine this week.

Attention is again called and the invitation to Littleton people and their friends is repeated, to the meeting of the Women's club and Historical society at Mr. and Mrs. Elbert P. Wilcox's on Saturday, June 17, at 2.30 p. m. Frank B. Sanborn of Concord will be present and it is expected that he will have something to say. Mr. Sanborn will be the guest of Hon. G. W. Sanderson.

At the Littleton high school alumni banquet to be held at seven o'clock on Saturday evening, June 24, in the town hall, the following persons will speak: "Needs for the high school," John Backus, principal; response for the graduating class, Miss Myrtle Fletcher; "Something funny," Miss Lucy Adams; "Do we develop the best talents of the boy by education?" Henry H. Pratt, superintendent, Hillsboro, N. H.; "The Panama canal," George A. Kimball, Arlington.

Misses Emily Robinson, Vera Libby and Ethel Whittier of the Littleton high school graduating class, plan to enter Fitchburg Normal school next September; Austin Hartwell expects to take a course at Bryant and Stratton business college; Edward Esten hopes to enter Tufts college, and the other members of the class are still undecided as to their future course.

The United States government has bought the quarantine land of the Harwood heirs.

Backlog strawberry festival on Monday evening, June 19, at the Unitarian vestry. Supper at seven, followed by dancing in the town hall. Music by Munson's graphophone.

Don't forget the lawn fête at Ayer, Monday, June 19.

Meeting.

The parent-teachers' meeting held in the Union schoolhouse last week Thursday evening attracted a good number and brought out many helpful suggestions. Superintendent Hill spoke on the proper use of the children's school board and several parents and teachers added valuable hints for work, play, reading, etc., during the vacation. Rev. W. C. Brown, chairman of the school board, recommended the following list of books for the children, all of which, excepting the last, are on our library shelves:

The Children's Bible in ten volumes. My Father's Business by C. E. Jefferson. The Mechanic Arts. Young Folks Library. Little Folk of Brittany by Alice Calhoun Haines. Ethics for Children by Ellen Lyman Cabot. God's Troubadour. The Story of St. Francis of Assisi by Sophie Jewett. More Groups and How Not to Be Them by Gelett Burgess.

Strayed Away.

Three strange little children, the youngest about four year of age, were discovered playing about the tracks at Littleton depot last week Friday evening. When questioned as to their purpose in coming here they replied: "We came to meet papa." "And who is your papa?" was asked. "A C. Fuller." "And where do you live?" "In Harvard." "How did you get away down here?" "We walked." And aren't you tired?" "No it was just fun." A ring at the telephone and an anxious mother's mind was relieved. A few moments and a sweaty steed paused at the station. The three children were soon safe at home and the peace and happiness of the household was restored.

Extended Trip.

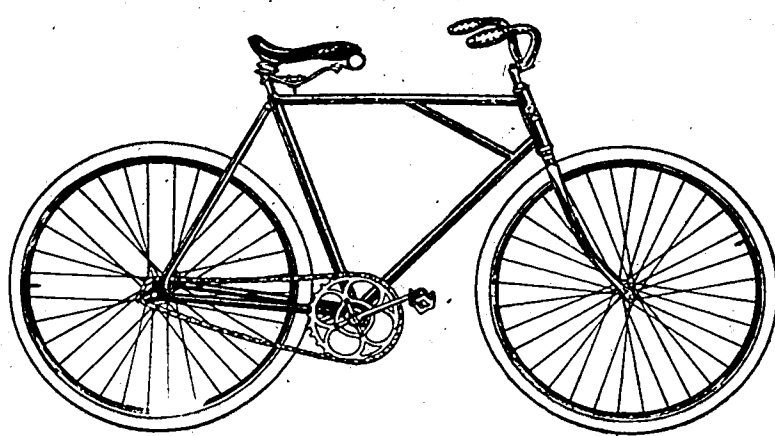
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant left home on Friday, June 16, for a somewhat extended trip to the Pacific coast. The first stopping place in their itinerary is Oberlin Ohio, where they will stay through the commencement at Oberlin college, from which institution their daughter Miriam graduated this week.

They will afterwards continue on their journey to Decatur, Ill., and visit their daughter Grace and Millin university where she is head of the English department.

Sunday, June 25, and part of the week will be spent with Mrs. Conant's sister, Mrs. I. H. Stone. From there they will go to Denver, Col., accompanied by Mrs. Stone and Miss Grace Conant. There they will visit and sight-see and spend a few days at Colorado Chautauqua in which Miss Grace Conant is to have charge of the English work. Later they will

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visit Mrs. Charles Havens at Colorado Springs. From that town they will pass on to Salt Lake City, and from there to Los Angeles and San Francisco, visiting friends and attending the National Educational association. They will next journey north to Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, remaining for some time in that region.

On their return east they will stop over at Yellowstone park and St. Paul and visit friends in Chicago.

Miss Miriam Conant will come to Littleton after graduating and with her brother Benjamin, who has just completed his second year at Harvard college, assume the responsibilities of the home. William Conant and children and his housekeeper, Mrs. William Wright, will also be at the Conant homestead part of the time during Mr. and Mrs. Conant's absence.

The State Normal School at Fitchburg, Massachusetts offers two courses to young men—a course to fit for Grammar Masters and a Practical Arts course to fit teachers for manual training and various forms of industrial work. There are four courses open to young women, besides the one year's course for teachers and the special music course. Two hundred and sixty students have been in attendance at the school for the year just closing which makes it the second largest normal school in the state. The entering class in the fall promises to be larger than ever. Teachers were better in greater demand and salaries better. The new departure in school work has created a need for men that at present cannot be met.

Admission is on certificate from approved high schools. Entrance examinations come on Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23, 1911. For Catalogues and further information, address JOHN G. THOMPSON, A. M., Principal. 2159

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The 9.05 A. M. car for Lowell will wait at the Ayer Station until 9.10 A. M. for the steam train due from Groton and Pepperell at 9.08 A. M. Lowell & Fitchburg Street Ry. Co. L. H. Cushing, Supt. Ayer, Mass.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Pepperell, at the close of business, June 7, 1911.

Table with columns: Resources, Liabilities, and amounts.

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

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June, 1911. George G. Tarbell, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: E. D. Howe, Chas. S. Denham, Arthur P. Wright, Directors.

OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR

Pepperell, Mass.



NOTICE.

My office is moved to the Aldine Block. Open Wednesday and Saturday evenings. All unpaid taxes for 1910 must be in my hands before July 1st and I intend they shall.

EDWARD P. McCORD, Collector of Taxes, 1910-1911.

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