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News Item.

The Shirley A. A. will play a Lowell team on the Shirley grounds this Saturday afternoon, the game to be called at three o'clock.

Miss Mabel Hazen has returned to her school duties at New Haven, Conn.

Kenneth Horton has entered the Fitchburg high.

Ethel and Lester Freeman of Malden are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albe Annis.

Miss Amanda Beaudette has given up her position at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Co., and started today for Springfield, where she will attend a business college. Miss Beau-

dette will make her home while in Springfield at the Mercy hospital.

Willie Connors has resigned his position as shipping clerk of the Samson cordage works and has accepted a position as shipping clerk with the New England Screw Company of Boston, commencing work at his new duties on Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustin Provost started the first of the week for a few weeks' vacation. Mr. Provost has gone to his old home near Montreal, Canada, and Mrs. Provost has gone to stop with relatives in Montpelier, Vt.

Mrs. James McMillan of Lowell is spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah O'Neill.

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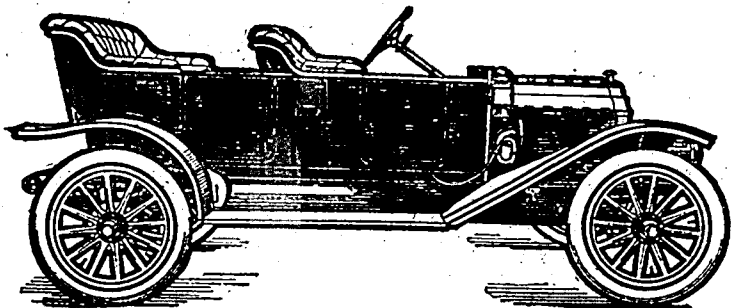
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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Rev. Darius B. Scott, for the past ten years pastor of the First Congregational church at Lancaster, Mass., surprised his people at the morning service last Sunday by tending his resignation, to become effective on January 1, 1912. He went to that church from Sioux Falls, S. D., having but shortly before declined the presidency of Yankton college. In December he will have completed forty consecutive years of pastoral work. He graduated from Andover and his first parish was in Lynnfield. He later came to Hollis, and then to Clinton, Mass., and to Sioux Falls in 1892, where he remained nine years. His work has been very successful.

Mrs. Helen Leighton returned to Hollis last week Thursday, from her trip to Bermuda. She was accompanied by Miss Frances, who has been visiting in Littleton and Westford, Mass. Miss Ardna Butterfield of Dunstable accompanied Mrs. Leighton on her trip. She professes herself charmed with the island. She left on Monday to assume her school duties in Amherst this year.

All the schools in town commenced on Tuesday, September 5, with the same corps of teachers.

Frank Ellsworth, who has a position in the machine shops at Hopdale, Mass., is at home for a ten-days' visit.

The Hollis grange holds its fair on September 26.

Miss Maria Hamlet, one of the teachers at Ponemah, spent a few days the last of the week with her cousin, Mrs. C. A. Reed.

The Woman's club of Bridgeport, Conn., have presented a beautiful old-fashioned clock, mahogany frame, with changes of moon on its face, to the Hollis Social Library as a memorial to Mrs. Mary E. Bill, whose death was published in this paper last February. Mrs. Bill was the widow of Dr. Bill, who practised medicine many years in Bridgeport. Mrs. Bill so endeared herself to the Bridgeport ladies, they took this method of testifying their esteem to her native town. The memorial words are engraved on the brass pendulum.

Miss Grace Hardy of Keene spent Sunday and Monday at the paternal home.

Hollis A. A. went to Townsend on Labor day for a game of baseball and were defeated by the score of 9 to 0.

The young people of the Y. P. S. C. E., who have been working so hard the past few months, to earn the

money to purchase a piano for the chapel, found they lacked only five dollars of the requisite amount. Last Sunday, one of our annual summer visitors handed to the chairman of the piano committee, that amount. We expect to have the piano soon. In less than three years the society have earned enough to purchase one hundred chairs for the chapel, and this money for the piano. Great credit is due them.

George Stickney of Waltham, Mass., with his wife and children, are visiting relatives in town during his vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Davis started on Wednesday on their vacation at Intervale, N. H., among the White Mountains.

Hon. J. A. Hubbard of Greenwich, Conn., returned to his home on Tuesday, after a two-weeks' visit in Hollis.

Twenty-two from Hollis attended the annual meeting of the Nashua River C. E. Union in Pepperell on Labor day.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Mrs. C. C. P. Hiller of Everett was a guest for a few days last week at the Misses Atwood.

Mrs. Annie Barnard and Miss Florence Barnard of Brookline have been recent visitors at Willis Hildreth's.

Workmen are busy building a bay window on the southwest side of W. J. Merritt's house.

Pomona Grange.

The day for the meeting of the North Middlesex Pomona grange on Friday, September 1, came out clear and beautiful after the week of rain. This Pomona, consisting of members of Billerica, Dracut, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Chelmsford, North Reading and Wilmington, has for some years had a central place of meeting in Lowell, but recently voted to hold its sessions with the different granges with a view of being beneficial to the local grange. Westford came first in this new schedule, and there was a good representation at Friday's meeting.

After the opening of the session and reports from different granges, the subject for the morning discussion was taken up, namely, "What has proved the most profitable crop on the farm for you?" This was well sustained and interesting. Among those who gave experiences were Mrs. Sherborne of Tyngsboro, S. L. Taylor of Westford, G. W. Trull of Tewksbury, DeLacey Corkum of Billerica, Mr. Howe and Mr. Milliken of Dracut, and Mr. Davis of North Reading. Dairying, poultry keeping and fruit and vegetable raising, all had their exponents. While perhaps much that was brought out might not be strictly new, the main thought that what the individual was best adapted for plus determination, ability, energy and good old-fashioned "hustle" was well emphasized.

The cost of labor and the cleaning up of some of the sordid conditions of slum city life as well as our country barn were sub-topics well treated. The second subject for the morning, "Resolved, that the automobile is a benefit rather than a detriment to the farmer," claimed the remainder of the morning session with sentiment toward the affirmative.

An excellent dinner was served at noon by the entertaining grange in charge of Mrs. Arthur Blodgett, after which many of the visitors took the opportunity to inspect our pretty village.

The afternoon session was open to the public and was re-inforced by a number from outside. The address of welcome was given by S. L. Taylor, with characteristic, cordial wit and wisdom. J. S. Anthony, master of the Pomona, responded and was followed with a skillful piano duet by Mrs. C. A. Blaney and Miss Lillian Sutherland. Mrs. W. A. Sherborne, lecturer pro tem of Tyngsboro, gave dialect selections after which a trio of maidens gave a charming feature as follows: Song, Miss Lillian Sutherland; violin obligato, Miss Evelyn Hamlin, accompaniment, Miss Hazel Hartford. There was also singing by Miss Rachael Wall, Miss Ruth Furbush, accompanist, and piano solo by Miss Grace Robinson.

The speaker of the afternoon was J. C. Warren of the State Board of Education. Mr. Warren was followed with close attention and later answered many questions. He endorsed the introduction of industrial education into the school curriculum and gave some account of its practical workings in the little town of Peru in the western part of the state. Cooking, agriculture and store keeping were the branches told of.

The meeting closed at 4.30. There were guests present from Groton, Littleton, Peppercell and Nashua. The next meeting will be held with the North Reading grange, the first Friday in October.

To the Editor.

In this paper of August 19, there appeared a series of questions by Daniel Dalley, who is a stranger to the writer of this article. The questions evidently are prompted by a desire for truth and to improve the terms of living. The writer is equally desirous in the same direction, and we only differ as to facts, and the best method of procedure. Now to answer these questions properly would require the whole space of this paper, for which I have not time to occupy—and some one suggests, nor ability. Thank you, I was going to mention the latter.

The first question reads: "Does the system of capitalism under which we are now living, make it impossible for man to live an honest, moral, upright life, and do unto others as he would be done by?"

The writer can only emphasize what was expressed in a previous article, that the doors are wide open in all directions for intellectual and moral improvement; the present system has opened the doors. These paths have never been crowded, scarcely any one has fully utilized opportunities. "Every one should have an opportunity for moral and intellectual improvement." Opportunity is everywhere, walk in. But, if you prefer cheaper goods and less effort, you will only illustrate the truth of old "Give us of your oil for our lamps have gone out." Don't lay it onto "the system," and when it comes to living an honest life, if only poor people were dishonest, it might look a little shady for the system, but wealth

is in it much more than poverty. More only in the source of the extent of damages, and not more as relates to numbers.

If a sharp man cheats you in trade, can he excuse himself by saying "the system." Would he suddenly become honest under "socialism"? Two neighbors living closely on opposite sides of the road are not on speaking terms and have not been for years. Would socialism make them speak?

If friend Dalley were out some dark night and suddenly a robber should spring at him with a revolver and demand money and should get it and depart, and should afterwards be arrested and tried at Ayer before Judge Atwood and the robber should make the plea "the system," and the plea should be accepted, what would Daniel say to such justice as that? What would society say? Highway robbers would be more plentiful than flies and bacteria in milk, and furthermore would said robber suddenly become a quitter under "socialism"?

The writer does not know of any laws or "systems" that prevents man or woman from loving their neighbor as themselves, and more too, go right out in the field and get your neighbor's hay in and let your own stay out and get wet. "He that would take away thy coat, give him thy cloak also."

It is wholly a question of the overthrow by the law of love. Both are personal qualities and government or "systems" do not prevent action by selfishness or love. Representative James N. Carey said at the meeting at Westford: "Socialism will remove all poverty and evil." If that is true then the converse of it must also be true, that the present "system" is responsible for poverty and evil. Now to set at naught personal responsibility for conduct and substitute the responsibility of the "system" under which we live, is entering dangerous waters, and the ship of life in which we are all sailing, will have to have added "lighthouses to keep from shipwreck on the dangerous rocks of personal irresponsibility."

The second question reads: "If the system of capitalism were destroyed, would not the system of co-operation (socialism) naturally follow? If not, what would follow?"

The present system of capitalism is the system of individual capacity, a large capacity gives us a Morgan. The little fellow couldn't be a Morgan though the doors were wide open and his friends pushed him into the large arena. Were we all equal in capacity and started with equal capital and make equal foolish and wise movements, then at the end of life the credit and debt of every one would be alike. But nature will not contenance any two being alike, hence results are not alike. Two persons start in the same business with equal capital, both have an equal amount of domestic misfortune at the end of a term of years. One retires with a small fortune, the other settles in bankruptcy. These two opposite results is the measurement of the difference in individual capacity. Should we change to socialism, you would not have changed the law of individual capacity and inequalities would still be a troublesome quantity to settle with.

Coöperation differs from socialism in that it selects its company with reference to individual capacity for the work to be performed and weeds out all else. Socialism attempts to make uncongential, ill-fitting personalities harmonize. What would follow the present system might depend on how the present system was got rid of. S. L. Taylor.

About Town.

Henry B. Read has been listed on the sick list, but now he is listed on the well list.

John A. Taylor starts on Tuesday for North Dakota.

The Middlesex North Agricultural society will hold its annual fair at Billerica on September 14 and 15, in connection with Billerica grange.

The funeral of Mrs. Ingerson took place from the home of her son-in-law, George E. Prescott, Saturday afternoon of last week. Rev. David Wallace conducted the services. Burial in Fairview cemetery under the direction of David L. Greig, undertaker.

Forge Village.

Cameron school re-opened on Tuesday morning. There has been no change in the teaching staff.

The fall term of Sunday school will begin tomorrow afternoon at St. Andrew's mission at 3.30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett visited in Worcester during the week.

Robert McCardell and William Franz of Manchester, N. H., spent several days during the week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett. The gentlemen enjoyed a most pleasant fishing trip and returned home with a long string of fish, among which was three prize pickerel.

Mrs. George Jackson is visiting with relatives in Maine.

Two airships passed over the village on Monday afternoon, which attracted great attention.

Mr. and Mrs. John McNiff entertained at their home on the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Emmott and family and William Mitchell of Lawrence.

James Walsh of Lawrence was the guest of Miss Alice Walsh over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Vickers of Providence, R. I., visited relatives here on Labor day.

William DeRothen spent last week visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler of Worcester.

Alvin S. Bennett, Mrs. Mary J. Drake and Mrs. Lucretia Reed attended the Bennett family reunion held at the home of John Bennett of Worcester on Labor day.

Miss Gladys Daly has recently been entertaining Miss Florence Lundigan of Leominster.

J. B. Carmichael, Russell Furbush, James Sargent and friends spent a few days last week enjoying camp life at Beaver cottage.

Misses Lottie and Mildred Parrott

have returned from their summer vacation spent in North Adams.

Miss Agnes Milligan and little brother, Master Frank Milligan, of East Boston, spent last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James May.

Misses Annie and Mary Leclerc spent the holiday as guests of their sister, Mrs. John Paquette of Nashua, N. H.

Miss Luella Prescott has returned to her duties as teachers in the public school in Andover.

Joseph Bannister, Bert Comey and B. Griffiths spent the holiday at the Nashua fair.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Joe Arlin and Frank J. Knight of the Harbor have been drawn as jurors for the fall term of the superior court, their duties commencing on Monday, September 11.

Henry Cowdrey has been visiting at Athol.

Al Richards was called to Lowell last week by the critical illness of his brother John, who resides there.

A social dance given by the baseball boys was held at Memorial hall on Labor day evening, and everyone enjoyed a good time. Music was furnished by the Philharmonic orchestra and refreshments were served.

The Ashbys are to be the attraction at the local grounds here this Saturday. This will be their first appearance, but they have been winning all their games lately and put much confidence in their battery, so they will probably be down all primed and loaded to try and defeat their neighbor town.

Fred Davis of Boston and Harry Hartford of Westford were in town over the holiday.

Harold Harvey of Cambridge is at T. J. Harvey's this week.

Miss Bessie McGuire and Henry Spaulding of Boston; also, Christy Gates and family of Waltham, were holiday guests in town.

Mrs. Emma Seaver has returned from a visit with her uncle at Provincetown.

As Frank Noyes was swinging his little son in the hammock last Saturday, the rope suddenly broke and the little fellow's collar bone was broken. He is getting along comfortably at the present writing.

Mrs. Laura Richards and her son Luther were called to Newfield, N. H., this week by the illness of Mrs. Richards' father.

Rev. A. L. Struthers and family have returned from their vacation at Nelson, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bruce of Somerville were guests at W. E. Bruce's this week.

The funeral of Mrs. Mabel Gilman was held here at the Congregational church, Monday afternoon, Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating. The body later was taken to Mason. She leaves a husband, A. E. Gilman, and one little girl. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman formerly lived in the house occupied by George Wilson.

Townsend Wins Three.

The game between Shirley and Townsend last Saturday was rather a loosely played one on both sides, but it was kept interesting by the continual changing of the score, first one side being ahead, and then the other. The home team lambasted Witmer's slants for fourteen hits for a total of twenty, and Knight, our own pitcher, was hit hard also, and was not up to his usual standard. Keefe and Teehan were the stars of the game, the former getting several difficult grounders and also getting a home run, while Teehan made some brilliant catches in center field. Parker played a good game at first, saving his field mates several errors by picking up bad throws. Shirley's second baseman did the best work for them and also was the best hitter. At the last of the game Knight staidied down and struck out the last two batters.

The summary:

TOWNSEND A. A.		SHIRLEY A. A.	
ab	rb	ab	rb
Keefe, ss.	2	2	2
Lancey, 2b.	2	2	2
Bartlett, c.	0	0	0
Eastman, 3b.	1	1	1
Teehan, 1b.	5	5	5
Whitcomb, rf.	1	1	1
Swicker, cf.	2	2	2
Parker, lf.	0	0	0
Knigh, p.	3	3	3
Totals	16	13	20

SHIRLEY A. A.

ab	rb	ab	rb
Shеды, 2b.	1	1	1
Pombrio, lf.	1	1	1
Conors, 3b.	0	0	0
Collyer, 1b.	0	0	0
Burrill, rf.	1	1	1
Woodcombe, c.	1	1	1
Sibley, cf.	2	2	2
Congram, ss.	1	1	1
Witmer, p.	1	1	1
Totals	8	11	14

Innings: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9
Townsend A. A. 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0
Shirley A. A. 0-1-0-1-1-2-0-0-0

Home run—Keefe. Three-base hits—Eastman, Shеды. Two-base hits—Knight. Bases on balls—By Knight 4, by Witmer 3. Stolen bases—Bartlett 2, Pombrio 1, Collyer 1. Sacrifice hits—Swicker, Witmer. Wild pitches—Knight, Witmer. Hit by pitched ball—By Knight 2, by Witmer 3. Empire—McGrath. Time—2:30.

The game on Labor day morning with Hollis resulted in a shutout for Hollis, the home team winning by the score of 9 to 0. It speaks well for our veteran captain, H. L. Whitcomb, who used to be pitching ball twenty-five years ago, that he could go in today and pitch such a heady, no-run game as he did and having twelve strikeouts to his credit. Eastman caught and gave him great support and nearly all the base stealing was nipped in the bud. Keefe was not satisfied by making a home run in Saturday's game with Shirley, so he made another in this game. Swicker and Harold Morse also did some stunts with the willow. Ladd of Hollis rather bothered the boys at first, until the fifth and sixth, when their nine runs came in by sixes and threes. McFarlane for. Hollis got the most hits.

A large crowd was in attendance on Labor day afternoon to witness the game between the home team and the Lowell Y. M. C. A. at the local grounds. This team won out here a few weeks ago in a closely contested game and consequently every one was greatly surprised that the boys should give them such a strong start when they had come up stronger than they were before. The first part of the game was a good contest, but after that the locals found out Condon for some hits and the visitors seemed fairly to go all to pieces, and it should really have been another shut out for Townsend, but in the last of the game a base on balls and two slips-ups gave them a chance of getting in some runs. Knight pitched one of his best games and was well supported from every quarter.

Pomona Grange.

A beautiful day brought a large attendance at the Pomona grange, held at the Congregational vestry this Wednesday. The morning was devoted to business affairs and a short program which consisted of the discussion of the question: "Is it wisdom to buy so much food in paper packages?" Remarks were also made by Mr. Abbott of Framont, and Pansy (Howe) of Peppercell, and Henry Robbins of Littleton reported on the recent traveling picnic. A bountiful dinner was served in the back vestry, in charge of G. L. Whitcomb and assistants, and the afternoon was an open meeting and many outsiders were gladly welcomed in to hear the program which was as follows:

Address of welcome, secretary of Townsend Grange, Mrs. Atwood; response, Mr. Aker of Lunenburg; discussion, "Which is the greater injury to the country, trust or strikes," piano solo, Violet McKenzie; two papers, "The white grub and how to control it" and "Plant life," by S. R. Walker; of North Leominster, read by Mr. Atwood; recitation, Little Miss Green of Peppercell; song and encore, Stella Farver; prayer, The woman of tomorrow; "Miss Abbie Barber violin solos, Ruth Haynes, accompanied by Beth; "Co-operative farming," by the speaker of the day, Rev. Robert E. Bishop of Hildreth; essay, "Smiles," Mrs. Sawyer of Groton; reading, Mrs. Gillespie; piano solos by A. G. Seaver, "Joyful peasant" and "Larghetto."

West Townsend.

A citizens' meeting was held in connection with the special meeting of the Eclipse engine company to discuss in regard to sick benefit funds or insurance for the welfare of the company. A goodly number were interested and it was finally voted that this company become members of the Massachusetts Fire association, which provides for the members and families in case of accident or death in performance of duties.

Alex Crosby and John Mooney, who have been employed in town during the past year, have been visiting their many friends here this week.

Mrs. Everett Pierce and her grandson Donald, who have spent the summer with Mrs. L. C. House, returned the last of the week to their home in Brookline, and Mrs. Purinton, who was a recent guest of Mrs. House's, returned on Thursday to her home in Boston.

S. Leroy Shapleigh of Cambridge spent Labor day with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and little son, who have been at J. F. Thompson's for a few weeks, have returned to their home in Winthrop.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit on Sunday, preaching in the morning on "The Lordship of Christ," and in the evening on "The way of the transgressor." The Y. P. S. C. E. service will be held at six o'clock. The leader has not yet been determined.

Mrs. J. Reed and daughter Elsie from Boston have been recent visitors of Mrs. Andrew Shattuck at the Squannacook house.

The first meeting of the L. B. B. S. was held on Wednesday afternoon in the vestry with five in attendance.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Donnaman of the Center at the home of Mrs. Eldredge on August 31.

The Misses Ruth Hayden and Lena Thompson commenced their studies at the Fitchburg Normal school on Tuesday. Miss Hayden is boarding in the city.

The public schools commenced on Tuesday, the grammar under Miss Blanche Sprague with twenty-one pupils, and the primary under Miss M. Ellnor Tower with twenty-three. Both teachers are boarding at Alexander Reed's for the present.

Rev. L. A. Eaton of Cheshire, a former pastor of the Baptist church here, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Morgan, where he has been quite ill, but sufficiently recovered to return to Boston on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are entertaining Mr. Brown from East Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stickney from St. Louis, Mo., spent a few days the first of the week with their niece, Mrs. Fred Tenney.

An addition to the United States mail service, commencing with last Wednesday, provides an in-coming mail at two o'clock, and an out-going one at five o'clock in the afternoon.

F. A. Patch, who has been obliged to take a vacation from his duties at Stickney's cooper shop on account of a number of boils upon his arm, is spending a few days with his wife at Oakledge, Me.

Mrs. Luther Blood, who has been employed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle through the summer, has returned to her home in Mason, N. H.

On Sunday evening, Miss Ora Craig addressed a large audience in the Baptist vestry at the regular evening service, giving a well written and delivered address on "The Passion Play at Oberammergau," which was heartily enjoyed.

The Y. P. S. C. E. commenced their meetings again at six o'clock in the vestry and the meeting last Sunday evening was led by Miss Stella Tucker on the topic, "Lessons from the life of Daniel." A nominating committee, composed of Rev. S. D. Ring-

rose, Miss Stella Tucker and Miss Alice Seaver, were appointed to bring in a list of officers and committee for the ensuing year to be acted upon at the next business meeting.

Carl B. Willard enjoyed an auto trip to Hampton Beach and vicinity with a party of friends the latter part of last week.

Misses Beatrice and Carrie Conway, who have been for several weeks with their sister, Miss Bessie Conway, at A. J. Manchester's in Josselynville, returned to their home in Salem on Monday.

Irving Kendal, from Fitchburg, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Mary Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman started on Monday on an auto trip to Maine, where they will spend a few weeks with relatives.

Alexander Reed and family have returned from their camping trip at Ward pond, Ashburnham.

The public schools commenced on Tuesday morning with Miss Blanche Sprague from Readsboro, Vt., resuming her duties as teacher of the grammar school with twenty-one pupils, and Miss M. Ellnor Tower at the primary with twenty-three. Both are boarding at Alexander Reed's.

Among the guests in town for Labor day were Harry Streeter of Waltham at Mrs. Mary Streeter's in Josselynville; Roy Kaddy of Boston with his mother, Mrs. Robert Kaddy; George McElligott and Miss Esther McElligott from Boston at Mrs. Louise McElligott's; George Wright of Winthrop with his family at J. F. Thompson's; James Thompson of Cambridge with friends and relatives in town; Mr. and Mrs. Dunn of Beverly with Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle; Ralph H. Willard and Edward Patch from Boston and their respective homes here; Earl Craig of Providence, R. I., with his father, Edward A. Craig.

Miss Alice V. Seaver returned on Sunday from a few days' visit to a friend in Rindge, N. H.

Ian Rusk, who has been spending a part of his vacation with relatives in Albany, N. Y., returned home on Saturday.

Misses Inez McElligott and Grace Thompson, who have been employed as waitresses at the White Mountains during the summer returned to their homes on Saturday evening.

Miss Ora Craig returned on Monday morning to Lebanon, N. H., where she resumes her duties as teacher of languages in the high school.

A party of four from here attended the convention of the Nashua River Union of Y. P. S. C. E. at Peppercell on Labor day.

Mr. Norton, superintendent of the work on the state road, spent a few days the first of the week at his home in Somerville.

William Parsons of Cambridge, a well-known former resident here, called upon friends in town on Monday.

Death.

The sudden death of Mrs. Jane Campbell, wife of John Campbell, who died very suddenly of heart disease on Wednesday morning, was a great shock to the community. Although she has been in ill health for a number of months, she seemed greatly improved for a few days preceding her death and on the morning she passed away she had been up and around the house. She was eighty-two years of age and was born in DeBert, Nova Scotia, but for forty-five years had been a resident of this town, twenty-one years having been passed in this village. Besides the husband and a daughter, Mrs. Oscar Lovering, of this village, her only relative in the United States is a nephew in Boston.

In spite of the fact that she had been for an invalid and confined to her home for a number of years, she leaves many friends who mourn her loss and sympathize with the sorrowing family.

Funeral services were held at her late residence on Friday afternoon, and the interment was at Townsend Center cemetery.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Miss Ella Davis and Miss Olive B. Richardson of Dorchester have been visiting Mrs. Joseph Poland for several days.

Many Boxborough people saw the airplanes driven by Ovington and Milling as they passed over this town about 1.45 p. m., Labor day, in the Globe contest.

Prescott Burroughs, Albert Poland, Theresa McNamara and Oliver Shattuck started in Concord high school on Tuesday.

Mr. Wilson and family will return to Charlestown on Monday, having spent the summer at their cottage, Bide-a-Wee.

Mrs. Bertha Benanson of Spencer is visiting at her father's, Albert Walker.

Mr. Brick, superintendent of schools, has returned to his home in Maynard after his summer in this town.

Mrs. Leon Wetherbee has been in Worcester, attending the New England fair.

Miss Bertha Livermore entertained a party of ten young people over the holidays.

Mrs. Albert Littlefield spent Monday and Tuesday in Framingham, visiting her mother, Mrs. Heminway.

Mrs. Albert Hartwell, who has been ill for several days, is very much better.

Mr. Deane has returned to Hyde Park from his summer home in this town.

Miss Hinckley of Baldwinville and Miss Alice Wait of Worcester are visiting at Rev. F. H. Viet's house.

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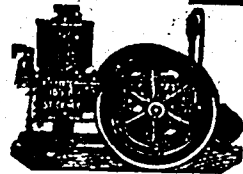
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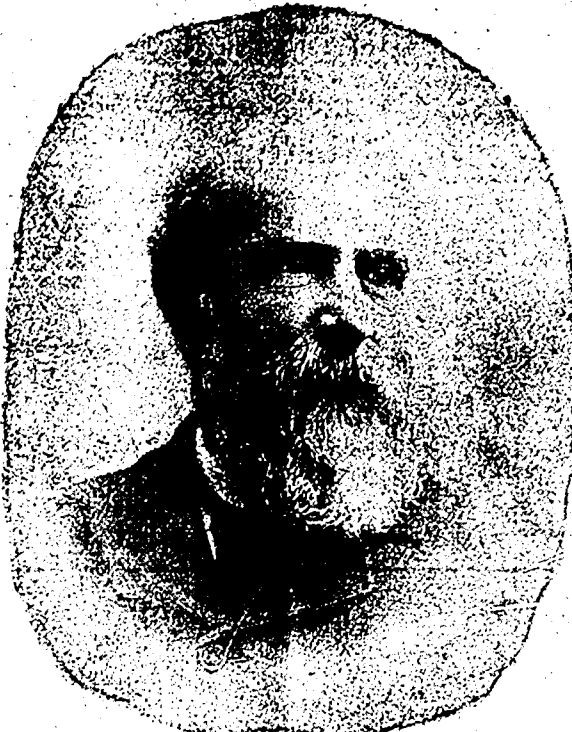
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DISTRICT NUMBER TWO SCHOOL,
By Edward A. Richardson,
(Continued from last week.)

The records show that Deacon Curtis Lawrence taught this school in 1847 and since his daughter went to school to him at her first attendance here we then have a verbal record of an earlier charge over this school. Mr. Lawrence in 1847 was a veteran teacher in the schools of Groton during the winter terms.

He was born in Groton April 26, 1799, at the old homestead on the east road in the district and his sons and daughters were pupils here and some of them had gone on through the academy and college.

His administration was marked by great interest and improvement. The school committee remarked in their report that "Love and respect for teacher were everywhere manifest."

Mr. Lawrence also taught what was called the grammar school at No. 12, Groton Junction which some of the larger boys of District No. 2 attended winters. He was a remarkably tall man and kindness lurked in the eyes overshadowed by his long shaggy eyebrows. He was long a noticeable person in this vicinity and died in Groton February 23, 1888. His first wife was Lucy Merriam, the mother of his children and she died November 18, 1846.

Susan Frances Lawrence, daughter of Deacon Curtis Lawrence, is probably both the oldest living pupil and teacher of this school. She was born in Groton November 30, 1828, and is now living there in the home of her son. She married Reuben Lewis November 8, 1866, and has one son, Frank D. Lewis, and one daughter, Susie E., wife of Mr. Geo. S. Knapp. As a pupil in 1833 Mrs. Lewis remembers the old fireplace which was supposed to sufficiently heat the building. After leaving the school as a pupil she attended Groton Academy and Appleton academy in New Ipswich, and one year at Mt. Holyoke seminary and returned as a teacher in the summer of 1849 and taught several years elsewhere.

Lucy Maria Lawrence, a sister, was a pupil here previous to her attendance at Groton Academy in 1837. She married Rev. William Wood on July 11, 1847, and they sailed in the same month for Bombay as missionaries at Satara mission in India. Two sons were born there and after the death of their mother in India they were sent to Groton to their grandfather, Deacon Curtis Lawrence and were pupils at the district school in 1857. One was William Curtis Wood, who went to Yale and died in New Haven in 1875, the other was Edward Addison Wood, who graduated at Harvard Medical school in 1869 and became a successful physician and died July 18, 1886.

Edward Addison Lawrence, oldest son of Curtis Lawrence, was a pupil here before 1837, when he attended Lawrence Academy. He was born February 25, 1823, graduated at Dartmouth in 1843 and was a teacher for many years. He died in Orange, N. J., February 6, 1911, aged eighty-eight years.

The interest of the Curtis Lawrence family has continued for over a century in this school, through the father and son and daughters, and Mrs. Lewis's husband, the late Reuben Lewis, was one of the school committee for several years.

Samuel Cragin Wheeler, a son of Artemas and Esther (Cragin) Wheeler, was born in Temple, N. H., April 27, 1820. After 1834, he was living with his parents in Groton on the road to the soapstone quarry at a farm just northerly of the farm of Deacon Isalah Cragin, whose daughter Asenath he married, September 29, 1852. He entered a student at Groton academy in 1838, and it was probably at the close of his course here that he taught the school at District No. 2. John P. Hildreth of Townsend sat under his instruction for two terms after 1841, and without much doubt he taught in the winters of 1842 and 1843. He died in Groton on January 3, 1857.

Artemas Longley of Shirley was the winter school master for the term of 1848-49. He was born in Shirley October 19, 1815, and married May 18, 1845, Elizabeth Barrett of Shirley. Mr. Longley was a teacher of experience and a strict master of discipline in the school. One old scholar remembers how one day he called up an unruly boy, took him and threw him out of the window into a large snow bank, saying "When you think you can behave yourself you come in and do so." He had no further trouble with that boy.

Mr. Longley purchased a farm in Groton, on the cross road, in 1852,

where his family now reside, and his daughters have all been most successful teachers, one of whom Sarah H. is the present teacher. He died at Groton, February 26, 1876.

Agnes Bancroft Pollard was employed as teacher for the spring terms of 1850-51-53. She was a most energetic teacher and in full control of her school. She was born in Groton on November 3, 1832, the youngest child of Jacob and Betsey (Davis) Pollard. She married, April 25, 1854, Asa Stillman Lawrence of Groton, and died on March 15, 1861. A son of this union, William Asa Lawrence, is a resident of Groton and one who has always manifested a deep interest in the public schools of his native town.

Hollis Carr was born in Stow, Mass., June 12, 1825, and this school in Groton in 1850, was one of the early ones taught by him. He also taught the Ballard Hill school in Lancaster, Mass., and in New Jersey and Philadelphia.

In 1862, he married Annie Parker of Pepperell, who died several years ago. Mr. Carr died on December 17, 1910, in Harvard, where he had been a resident many years. A notice of him appeared in Turner's Public Spirit under date of December 24, from which the following extract is taken: "Mr. Carr was a man of unusual education for his times, and during his younger days gained a reputation as a successful teacher in the surrounding towns. He was of an exceedingly kindly disposition and was universally liked by young and old."

Alden Ladd presided over the school during the winter terms of 1852 and 1853. He was born at Johnson, Vt., in 1830, and came to Lawrence academy in 1849, as a student. His parents were Avery S. and Sally (Cole) Ladd. He spent some time at the theological seminary, preparing for the ministry. He became a preacher of the Congregational faith and was pastor at Waterville, sixteen years in Roxbury and six years in Berlin and West Berlin, all in Vermont. He married first Sarah Edwards and secondly Mary Prentiss, both of Roxbury. The last years of his life were passed at West Randolph, Vt., where he died July 1, 1887.

At the close of Mr. Ladd's services in Groton, Mr. Boutwell, for the school committee, reported that they believed female teachers could be employed all the year around to advantage in some cases. Some of the parents had complained of the over strict discipline and the harshness of his corrective methods.

Miss Alma H. Willard was a lady of fine scholarship. She was born in 1828, the daughter of Stedman and Mary Howard Willard, who lived on the more recent John W. Tuttle farm. The family came from Lancaster to Groton in 1844, so that her attendance here as a pupil was quite brief before she went to the academy in 1845. After leaving the academy she taught at school No. 4 in Westford, and at No. 10 and 11 in Groton, and at this school in 1852. She was much loved and respected as a teacher on account of her thoroughness and ability to control the children under her care. Her two sisters, Almada and Lydia, were also fine teachers. She married George Kendall of Ashby in 1864, who died on April 18, 1893. She was nearly blind in her later life and died in March, 1904.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Andrews taught the school in 1854, and boarded in the family of John Hodgman. She was in the next year a student at Lawrence academy and had attended Appleton academy in New Ipswich, N. H., before teaching. The school at No. 2 was her first experience as a teacher and was followed by engagements at the Harris Crossing school in Shirley, called the southeast district; then at Shirley village, and at Groton Junction, where she labored successfully for several years. She was the daughter of Peter and Sarah (Marston) Andrews of Shirley, and was born on September 30, 1833, on the farm where her brother Charles now lives. She married in 1871, Alpheus A. Adams, a merchant of Chester, Vt., and died there in 1899.

In 1855, Mary P. Baker came from Lowell, Mass., to teach this school. She was the daughter of Stephen and Sarah Curtis Baker, and was born at Tunbridge, Vt., March 6, 1826. Her mother died while the child was in infancy, and at the age of thirteen, she was deprived by death of her father. She was always bright and precocious as a child and could read in the new testament at the age of three years, and at the age of seven was the last to remain standing at a union spelling school. Her excellent education was secured in Lowell and she taught school in Tunbridge, Groton and Pepperell. She married Joseph Whitney in Pepperell on No-

ember 20, 1856, and is now living in Wells River, Vt., and is an invalid.

Frances O. Peabody, a daughter of John and Abigail (Spaulding) Peabody, was born in Groton, Mass., February 21, 1825. The home of her parents was the present Bigelow place on Main street, from which her brother William moved to the farm on the Ayer road, where he died on June 19, 1910. Frances, called Fannie in those days, was one of a family of six daughters and two sons, and of the sons, William only grew to manhood. The daughters were Frances, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary Jane, Susan and Abigail. The first four became school teachers and taught in Groton and the surrounding towns. Their early education was supplemented by an attendance at Groton academy, and Frances taught at No. 2 in the spring of 1855, and at other times at school No. 3, Farmers' row, and at No. 9 in the Brown Loaf Hill district.

Miss Peabody for several years was matron in Dr. Brown's institution for feeble minded children and youth at Barre, Mass., and filled the position with marked success. She was never married and died in Groton, March 19, 1907.

Charles O. Thompson, during the winter of 1855-56, came from Dartmouth college and taught the school, as others have done, resuming the college work in the spring. Mr. Thompson afterwards was president of the school now known as the Worcester Polytechnic institute at Worcester, Mass., and became one of the foremost educators of his time. The older pupils at No. 2 will remember the valuable instruction he gave them.

The following extract is taken from a memorial to Charles O. Thompson, prepared by a committee of the Terre Haute Literary club, of which he was a member:

"Charles Oliver Thompson, A. M., Ph. D., was born September 25, 1835, in East Windsor Hill, Connecticut, where his father, William Thompson, D. D., was then professor in the Connecticut Theological Seminary since removed to Hartford in the same state. He prepared for college under Paul A. Chubbourn, and entered Dartmouth in 1854. He was graduated in 1858, and received his degree of Master of Arts in 1861. His own college bestowed upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1879, and Williams in 1880. From September, 1858, till November, 1864, he was principal of Peacham academy in Vermont. From 1864, till the opening months of 1868, he was principal of the Coting high school of Arlington, Mass. In February, 1868, he was elected principal of the Worcester Free Institute of Industrial Science. After spending eight months in Europe, he assisted at the opening of that school in November of the same year. In April, 1882, he accepted the presidency of the Rose Polytechnic institute at Terre Haute. Beginning with the following July, he spent another eight months in Europe. March 7, 1883, he delivered his inaugural address at the Rose Polytechnic, and held the presidency of that institution till his death, March 17, 1885. May 14, 1862, he married Miss Maria Goodrich, daughter of Horace Goodrich, M. D., at East Windsor Hill, Connecticut. His widow and three children survive him.

The Terre Haute Literary club, of which Charles O. Thompson was a prominent member at the time of his death, was organized January 3, 1881, with William Mack president, and H. C. Nevitt secretary.

The membership of Mr. Thompson dates from November 12, 1883. His first contribution to the club was made January 7, 1884, in the form of an essay on the "Philosophy of Bacon," which was enthusiastically received. On January 26, 1885, he offered another admirable paper on "Robert Burns," which proved to be his last regular contribution.

Miss Jane Elizabeth Davis was born in Newburyport, Mass., January 26, 1834, the daughter of Nathan and Lydia Knapp (Hills) Davis. Her grandfather Davis built and lived in the old Adolphus Holden house, now in Ayer, on the Nashua river. The present house was built about one hundred years ago, but the original house stood where the barn now is, and was built by the maternal ancestors of Mr. Davis, the Stones, who were the original settlers of the farm. Miss Davis, the subject of this sketch, moved up to the Amos Farnsworth farm in 1851, when a young lady of seventeen, at that time of its purchase by her father. Miss Davis taught the school at No. 2 in 1856, and this was her only experience at teaching. In June, 1866, she married Alfred Pollard, who died in August, 1871. In November, 1872, she became the wife of Asa Stillman Lawrence, and died in her home in Groton in October, 1888, leaving no children. A sister, Sarah M. (Davis) Powers, is now living in Leominster.

Earl Webster Westgate taught here the winter term of 1856-57. He was born in Plainfield, N. H., August 31, 1838, son of John and Betsey Ann Westgate. While teaching he boarded like many other teachers in the family of John M. Gilson, near the school. Since leaving Groton he has been engaged in teaching and farming in Kansas and now lives in Manhattan, Kansas. He has been master of the state grange from 1900 to 1906, and representative for his county in the state legislature for the years 1909-10. He was married on August 21, 1861, to Julia Maria Porter, and November 11, 1905, to Louisa M. Cowell, and has a son Porter and daughter Julia. He is an active, energetic man in his county and state.

In the spring of 1857, Miss Amanda Parsons came from East Gloucester, Mass., to teach this school and while in Groton boarded with her cousins, the Harrimans, who lived on the old Moors place near the school. Miss Parsons had attended the public schools in her native town and taken a course at the Salem Normal school, and was a fine scholar. She was the daughter of Thomas L. and Matilda C. Parsons, and was born at East Gloucester, December 14, 1836. Her father was an old-time sea captain and the homestead of her parents was her home for years after her teaching experience at Groton. She never mar-

ried and died at the old Parsons home on April 19, 1910.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Graham was in charge of this school in the summer term of 1858. She was a graduate of the State Normal school at Framingham and had attended Lawrence academy. She was born in Lunenburg, Mass., in December, 1839, the daughter of Ephraim Graham, who had been a teacher in Fitchburg, Lunenburg and Leominster. After leaving Groton, Miss Graham taught in East Walpole, Westminister, North Leominster and four years in Worcester. She then married Henry L. Bates of Boston, and is living in Dorchester.

The scholars of the winter terms of 1858 and 1859, were favored in having for their teacher, none other than Ceell F. P. Bancroft, who here began that profession which he made his life work and in which he was preeminently successful. Ceell Franklin Patch Bancroft, Ph. D., Litt. D., Williams; L. L. D., Yale; was born in New Ipswich, N. H., November 25, 1839, and died at Andover, Mass., October 1, 1901. Mr. Bancroft was a student at Dartmouth college and was permitted to come to Groton to teach. He still kept up his studies and graduated at the college in the class of 1860. After graduation he was principal of Appleton academy, Mr. Vernon, N. H., from 1860 to 1864; a theological student at Union Theological seminary, Schenectady, N. Y., 1865-66, and at Andover Theological seminary, 1865 to 1867.

He married on May 6, 1867, Miss Frances Adella Kittredge, a former pupil and resident at Mt. Vernon; and immediately they went to Chattanooga to assume charge of "A loyal Christian New England school for poor whites," on Lookout Mountain. Here they remained until the school was closed in 1872. The years 1872-73, were spent in travel and study in Europe, and returning to America in 1873, Mr. Bancroft assumed the principalship of Phillips academy at Andover, Mass. He labored here with great success for twenty-eight years, a beloved instructor and greatly lamented at his death, October 4, 1901.

Three generations of Mr. Bancroft's ancestry lived in Groton in its early settlement and his parents, Deacon James Bancroft and his wife, Sarah Kendall Bancroft, moved to New Ipswich, N. H., where the subject of this sketch was born. Early in life he went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Patch of Ashby, friends of his parents. They had recently lost a little son by death and Ceell seemed to fill the aching void in their hearts. He attended the schools in Ashby and prepared for college at Appleton academy in New Ipswich. Here he formed a life-long friendship with John Wesley Churchill, who was with him at Andover, later in life, and was a noted teacher of elocution and reader.

Mr. Bancroft was present at the centennial celebration of Lawrence academy at Groton in 1893, and referred to the fact that he was "examined" by the late George S. Boutwell, when he applied to teach district school No. 2. One of his pupils at this school states that she always remembered the impressive manner in which their teacher conducted the required religious service at the opening of school and how on the last day of his teaching here he was greatly surprised when presented with a bible by his scholars.

His son Ceell K. Bancroft, of Andover, informs me in writing: "I have before me a Bible, 'Presented by his pupils of District No. 2, in Groton, Mass., February, 1859.'"

His services here were most efficient and brought out from the school committee the terse and fitting endorsement: "The school was in every respect a good one."

He was a close companion at Dartmouth of George A. Bruce and George A. Marden, who both came from Mt. Vernon, N. H., and this undoubtedly led to his going there to teach. Mr. Bruce afterwards taught at District No. 2, and George A. Marden was for years the editorial head of the Lowell Journal and Courier, and treasurer and receiver general of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As principal at Appleton academy, Mt. Vernon, Mr. Bancroft had the able assistance, as preceptor, of his accomplished sister, who also taught the summer term for two years here at No. 2.

The following extract as tributes from friends are taken from an obituary notice of him in the Andover Townsman of October 1, 1901:

"His early success as a teacher forecast his life work, although in the meantime he made full preparation for the gospel ministry. 'Thousands of young men who have gone out into the larger educational fields, or into business life from the great school, whose head, Dr. Bancroft so long was, will ever tell by the influence of their lives, by the high standards they will raise, and through the strong characteristics they will ever show, that the foundations were laid by a master hand in the building of young manhood.'"

"All those that taught with him and a large proportion of his pupils are grateful that they were privileged to hear the morning petitions offered in the school chapel. Those prayers were gracious messages of peace and strength, and enabled many to establish their ways against evil and live a life that was true and serviceable."

"But I cannot forbear adding that the boy was father to the man, the young teacher was the prophecy of the mature education, for the same genial, cheery, kindly, unselfish heart, that won and blessed all who came under its influence in earlier days, is the sufficient secret of the success, which has crowned his twenty-eight years of tireless service in Andover, and makes the whole town, as well as the hosts of his scattered pupils, sincerely mourn his death."

(To be continued.)

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GROTON.

News Items.

Miss Genevieve Hodgman left on Monday for her second year's teaching in the high school at Chester.

Lawrence, Edward and Phil Smith spent Labor day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theophilus G. Smith.

Relatives in Groton hear of the recent arrival of a little daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Gilson of Beaver, Pa.

Miss Margaret T. Cleary left on Monday for Gilbertville, where she is to teach, her school opening Tuesday.

Miss Mary A. Dunphy left on Saturday, September 3, for North Attleboro, where she is to teach. Her school opened on September 5.

Miss Abbie Bowen and Miss Margaret O. Leary started on Tuesday to attend a business college in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Clarke, from Lynnfield, were Labor day visitors at their cousin's, Mrs. John L. Gilson's.

Miss Phyllis Clarke, from Lynnfield, visited her cousin, Mrs. Horace Rockwood, on Labor day.

An item last week appeared a little too blissful through an error in spelling. The jurors drawn from Groton for the September term of court are William T. Taylor and Royce Bliss.

Rev. George M. Howe occupied his own pulpit at the Congregational church last Sunday, having returned from his vacation.

Guy Swallow and sister, Gladys Swallow, are attending a business college in Fitchburg, starting in on Tuesday, September 5.

Miss Frances Ready, formerly of Groton, but more recently of Dorchester, went to the Massachusetts General hospital week before last for a serious operation. Miss Ready stayed a week at the hospital, but the doctors in charge decided she was too weak to undergo an operation and will try absorption remedy.

Dr. and Mrs. Branigan entertained out-of-town visitors, coming Friday, September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Blood of Beverly spent the Labor day vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. J. Blood.

The portable sawmill has finished its work on the John L. Gilson lot. The piles of sawed boards and railroad ties are being hauled away. The ties go to Tyngsboro.

Miss Kathleen Dunphy went on Tuesday to take examinations for the Fitchburg Normal, which opens Thursday. She will board at home. The other girls going to the normal school from Groton are Miss M. L. Nutting, Miss Marion Green, Miss M. E. Leonard. They will board in Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Erving have returned from their stay at their place in Intervale, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Donahue of Dorchester were in town over Labor day.

Miss Hazel Gibson was the soloist at the First Unitarian church in Concord on September 3, going down with Miss Elizabeth Lowe, who has been organist there during the vacation season. Miss Gibson's singing was very pleasantly received.

Mr. and Mrs. Huntley N. Spaulding, who have been staying at Groton Inn, have gone with their chauffeur to New York to spend a week.

There were ninety-five took dinner and eighty-six to supper at Groton Inn on Labor day.

Miss Fannie E. Woods spent a couple of days in Boston this week.

Miss Lucy B. Raddin returned from her western trip on Wednesday. She has spent the past month with her cousin, Mrs. Alice Cluff, whose winter home is at The Dalles, Oregon, and summer home at Seaview. Miss Raddin returns to teach her old school in Everett, which opened on Friday of this week.

At the special town meeting held Tuesday evening, September 5, there were 161 votes cast. The measure under consideration was whether the town of Groton would help out the West Groton people on a water supply by guaranteeing a bond of \$25,000 for the West Groton Water District. The vote stood 65 in favor to 96 against.

K. T. Fletcher, while fishing on Long pond on Tuesday, caught an eel that measured three feet and ten inches.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Williams entertained a household of company over Labor day. Among the number were Mrs. Arline Bishop, whom some of the Groton people knew as Miss Arline Putnam, and her husband, Mr. Bishop.

Mrs. Keefe and three daughters are camping at Mrs. Sullivan's bungalow. The Misses Keefe are all high school teachers in Boston.

The Improvement society will meet with Mrs. C. E. Bigelow, Monday afternoon, September 11, at half-past three o'clock.

At the exhibition of the products of school and home gardens at Horticultural hall, Boston, September 2 and 3, Richard, Ralph and Harvey Lawrence received prizes for home gardens. Elizabeth S. Hill directs the Groton gardens. At the same exhibition prizes were awarded the three school gardens of Lancaster, where Susan P. Hill is director.

Mrs. Ralph Jackson and children have returned to occupy their bungalow in the Brown Leaf neighborhood.

Mrs. Ethel Perrie and young son returned to her home in New Haven, Conn., last Saturday. Her sister, Miss Lilly Collier, went with her.

Miss Phyllis Gay returned Tuesday to teach her school in Brockton which opened Wednesday.

At the Worcester fair George S. Knapp was awarded prizes on apples as follows: Four first, four second, two third.

Wednesday, September 6, was an eventful and notable day in the lives of at least four Groton men: Dr. Herbert B. Priest, married at Littleton; Paul N. Perrin, married at Pepperell; Herman E. Huebner, married at Ayer; Charles H. Berry, golden wedding at Groton.

R. M. Erving is now the only member in Groton of the old Company B, 26th Massachusetts regiment. The fiftieth anniversary of this regiment is to be held in Highland hall, Branch street, Lowell, on Tuesday, September 19. Dinner will be enjoyed by the veterans.

About ten members from Groton grange went to the Pomona grange meeting on Wednesday in Townsend. They report an enjoyable meeting with a good attendance considering the unfavorable weather of the morning.

Miss Clara P. Nelson of Boston, coming on Saturday, was an over Labor day guest of the Misses Hutchins of Pleasant street.

Charles H. Osgood of Champney street has been very ill for the past week with dysentery and was taken to the Groton hospital on Thursday.

Among the Labor day guests in town, coming in their car, were Mrs. Frank L. Whitcomb and Miss Eleanor Whitcomb of Allston and chauffeur, and Mrs. C. E. Whitcomb of Sharon at Mrs. Fannie Forbes.

The three brothers, Lawrence, Edward and Phil Smith, enjoyed their Labor day holiday at the old home last Monday by all working to help their father, T. G. Smith, fill his silo.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Brigham and a party of friends from Boston were recent guests at Groton Inn.

Jerome Burr, son of Rev. E. P. Burr, a former pastor of the Baptist church in this town, was here at the Groton Inn from Friday of last week until Tuesday, with a party of friends. He is now a student at Northfield. His father, Rev. E. P. Burr, has arranged to start from California this month en route to China, where he goes as a missionary.

A large touring car with five or six gentlemen passengers ran along on the railroad track through Groton on Thursday. This may be a more common occurrence elsewhere, but it is an unusual sight in this vicinity.

Miss Gladys Mason visited in Fitchburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams went this week to attend the fair at Sherbrooke, P. Q., and were gone several days.

All public schools open next Monday.

Michael Sheedy, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Branigan, Mrs. E. M. Needham went over to Littleton on Wednesday evening to the wedding reception of Dr. and Mrs. Priest. Mrs. Mosely Gilson, Mrs. Sampson and others of the doctor's relatives here, attended both the wedding and the reception. Mrs. Sampson and son, George F. Sampson, will remain at Dr. Priest's residence until the arrival home of Dr. and Mrs. Priest, sometime next week.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed by citizens over the railroad taking down the bridge on Pleasant street, so long before they were ready to begin the work of rebuilding. From Saturday of last week, up to Thursday, the time of this writing, the bridge is closed to all public traffic and passing. The people are getting impatient to see the work on it begin.

Mrs. William Rockford, jr., formerly Miss Lizzie McCann of this town, had a ten-pound boy born last month in Sligo county, Ireland.

The Aeroplanes.

Crowds of Groton people were out Monday watching for the aviators. They chose hill tops, high buildings and open fields for their vantage grounds. At about two o'clock some caught sight in the dim distance towards the east the first flight. It was tiresome watching and not a few began to get discouraged. It was something like watching for "the comet." But about three o'clock a shout went up, the hens and chickens frightened, scurried to cover as a birdman came sailing plainly in sight. These living in the direction of Champney and North Main streets had a fine view, as he passed directly over their houses and fields going towards the railroad track and south to Ayer.

According to the time and maps it was Lieut. Milling flying smoothly and beautifully along and rather low, the noise of the machinery being distinctly heard. It was indeed a fine sight and the spectators felt well repaid for their long waiting.

Visited in Town.

Mrs. James R. Hawkes arrived in town from Roque Island, Me., Tuesday forenoon. She will stay until Saturday, when she will go to visit her husband's relatives in western Massachusetts. Mrs. Hawkes has passed a most enjoyable summer on the large and beautiful island where fishing is one of the pleasurable experiences. Cod fish are very plentiful off the coast there and while out on the ocean one day, Mrs. Hawkes beat her record and caught a cod that weighed over nineteen pounds. The captain of the boat another day went far ahead of that and hauled in on one hook, a forty-nine pounder, and on another hook one weighing eight pounds. The Groton friends of Mr. Hawkes will be pleased to hear that his health is improved. He leaves Roque Island for Monument Beach with his patient at the close of September. Mrs. Hawkes will remain on her visit in the Berkshires until into October.

Weddings.

Miss Nimie Huebner, eldest daughter of H. Huebner, the well-known florist of this town, was married on Labor day to Edward F. Stuart, a

business man of Clinton. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Livings of Fitchburg, in which city the bride had been very successfully employed as a stenographer.

Miss Huebner was a member of Groton high school, class of 1905, and later graduated from the Fitchburg Business college. Previous to working in Fitchburg, she held a good position in Nashua, N. H. Her Groton friends wish her much happiness in this new position.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are away on a honeymoon for two weeks, after which they will live in Clinton.

Paul N. Perrin, son of Napoleon B. Perrin, of Shattuck street, Groton, was married at the catholic church in Pepperell to Miss Elizabeth O'Brien of that town on Wednesday, September 6. Many neighbors and friends of the bridegroom from Groton and Westford went over to the wedding.

Mr. Perrin, who is quite popular among his neighbors and acquaintances here, is employed by William P. Wharton on his estate in the Badcock neighborhood. Previous to this employment, he served for four years in the United States regular army. Mr. Wharton gives him a few weeks' vacation, returning from which Mr. and Mrs. Perrin will live in Groton, occupying the Miss Frances Ready house on Station avenue.

The young people of Groton and friends of the family here, are interested in the marriage of Herman Ernest Huebner of this town, to Miss Beatrice R. Kelleran of Ayer on Wednesday morning, September 6. The ceremony was performed at the home of and by Dr. Fisk, the Unitarian minister at Ayer. It was a very quiet wedding on account of the recent death of the bride's father. Miss Thekla Huebner attended as bridesmaid and Henry Scott of Fitchburg as best man. The bridegroom is the son of the well-known and prosperous florist, H. Huebner of Groton, and carries on the business in connection with his father, who is out of health. The very handsome bouquet, all of lilies-of-the-valley, carried by the bride, was from the Huebner greenhouses.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Groton high school, class of 1907. The class consisted of eight boys and eight girls, and this is the second marriage among the classmates. The bride is a graduate of Ayer high school, class of 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Huebner went away on a wedding trip of a week, after which they will return to live in Groton, with the best wishes of many friends. Mrs. Huebner is a sister of Mrs. F. W. Chase of this town.

Golden Wedding.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Berry was celebrated on Wednesday, September 6, in a manner very enjoyable to the host and hostess, and to those who joined them on this festive occasion. Their home brightened with decorations was open all day to receive the relatives and friends who came from Nashua, Boston, Waltham, Pepperell and other places, besides the neighbors and friends of Groton; also, the members of the Groton grange. Among the telegrams and letters received were some from Los Angeles, Cal., Washington, D. C., Boston, Roque Island, Me., and New York, all bringing congratulations and best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Berry received handsome gifts of gold, silver, china, linen, glass and embroideries, all appropriate to a golden anniversary.

No anniversary of this kind would be quite complete without the original poem. At this time it was aptly supplied by Mrs. E. A. Barrows, in verses of a happy and congratulatory strain. Mrs. J. L. Moore of Waltham, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Mansur and Mrs. Hopkins of Nashua assisted in receiving and served ice cream, cake, fruit and fruit punch.

On September 3, 1861, Charles H. Berry enlisted as a soldier of the civil war. Three days later, September 6, 1861, he was married to Miss Margaret Moore, at the home of Rev. Mr. Fletcher of Wayland. He was mustered into Company C of the 24th Massachusetts regiment and served with his company and regiment until discharged at Richmond, Va., on January 20, 1866.

This was an old war time marriage, but the veteran and his wife bear lightly their years, and show no scars of an unhappy life. They have living two daughters, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. At their pleasant home in Groton, they often welcome their friends, who trust that their remaining years may be golden with hope, health and many comforts to cheer them on their way.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

George A. Cook went to Portland last week, returning with Supt. F. H. Hill in the latter's automobile.

E. F. Chamberlain's family returned to East Orange, N. J., last week Friday.

The D. H. Woodbury family is expected back from Annisquam this week.

Littleton people saw the first flying machines pass over their town Labor day. One whizzed past in direction of Worcester at 1.45 p. m. This was a monoplane and an hour and a quarter later a biplane crossed the heavens in the same direction. Both machines were plainly visible to the naked eye and the sound of the motors was clearly heard. The novelty aroused much interest and enthusiasm among the many who beheld this remarkable achievement of modern science.

Orman Ewings was the recipient of many pleasant tokens of regard on Sunday, his ninety-fourth birthday. These he accepted very gratefully and courteously acknowledged on post cards in his own neat hand writing.

Eighteen members of the Littleton societies attended the C. E. convention in Concord, Monday.

Miss Sarah Priest is staying at Dr. Priest's in Groton during his absence.

Miss Blanche Hunking of Lowell has been visiting her friend, Miss Ruth Gilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendley of Pepperell were recent guests of her brother, J. W. Ireland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith of Waltham were at his parents Labor day.

Rev. L. H. Morse of Still River will preach at the Baptist church to-morrow.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith Conant last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Conant returned home Monday from their long sojourn in the West.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler of Dorchester are spending a week at Curtis Drew's.

Miss Bowley and Miss Andrews, teachers, are at E. A. Cox's pleasant home.

George Brown is working for Hartwell & Hosmer.

Harry Barker arrived home from California on Wednesday.

Cornelius E. Dalley and Christiana Jensen, both of Littleton, were married in Grantville on Wednesday, September 6, by Rev. Michael E. Doherty.

Calvin Howard, who met with a painful accident two weeks ago, is making slow, but certain progress. With his injured limb confined in a plaster cast, he suffers little pain, and is able to sit bolstered up in bed or change to a half reclining position on the couch. Mr. Howard does not expect to take part in harvesting his fruit this year, but we hope that recovery may not be far distant.

Miss Louisa Flagg is spending a few weeks on the Maine coast.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin of Westford, is a week-end visitor at Austin T. Kimball's. Miss Hamlin enters Wellesley college, class of 1915, this month.

Mrs. Carrie Gilman Edwards goes to Vermont today for the second time this summer to meet professional engagements on the lecture platform. She will be absent for one week. Invitations have been received from Mr. and Mrs. P. Corning Edwards to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ruth Davis Gilman, to Ralph Waldo Conant at the Ledges on Tuesday, September 26, at four p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Nahum Whitcomb and son Harold went to Plymouth yesterday. They are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bettinger, who, with their two children, spent last Saturday and Sunday with the Whitcomb family in Newtown. Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb will visit his sister and family, the Hayward Hartwell family, in Egypt on Sunday.

The webbing factory was in operation on Monday, an unusual occurrence on a holiday.

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Candy Pull.

Saturday afternoon practically all Littleton that didn't attend the special town meeting, gathered in Frank Farmer's spacious pine grove for one of the most anticipated events of the year. Every lad and lassie was, as usual, abundantly chaperoned by parent, aunts and grandmas, and into the freedom of the sweet scented woods, bathed by the mellow sun of a perfect September day, all came with hearts and minds in perfect accord with nature. Swings, seesaws, sand pile and various other devices attracted the little people and kept them occupied while Mr. Farmer and two assistants from his Boston factory boiled the sugar for the candy in the cauldron over coals in the open air. After this came the cooling, flavoring and pulling, all in the presence of the spectators, who watched with interest the various processes until the candy was stretched out upon the linen covered benches.

Then came a call for help to wrap the candy in paraffine paper and distributed to the continually increasing crowd. Did any one hesitate? Yes; occasionally a bashful youth hung his head and refused to serve, but most of the boys and girls, counting it a rare distinction and privilege, were inside the benches and at work in double-quick time. The first lot of candy was soon distributed and the manufacturers were immediately busy with the next. Scarcely had the molasses pops melted when the distributors were again busy serving the multitude, for there were now some 175 persons in the company. Again and again the various processes were repeated until five different kinds of candy were made and freely given away.

After two hours of pleasure the party broke up with repeated thanks and lusty cheers for the generous host, Frank H. Farmer.

Among those who came to the candy pull was Mr. Farmer's mother, a distinguished confectioner and popular caterer in Waltham. She was a member of the Cameron automobile party driving from Westford.

Pleasantly Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin T. Kimball entertained a party of fifty friends, all townspeople, at their pleasant home in Newtown on Monday evening. For several years it has been their happy custom in peach harvesting time to extend their hospitality for an evening to as many of their friends as their large dining-room will accommodate. Tables, walls and other places that would lend themselves to artistic decoration were gay with luscious peaches still nestled among the green leaves of their native branches. After a pleasant reception in parlor and sitting-room, the guests were pleased to accept an invitation to satisfy the taste as well as the sight, and a good quantity of ripe, melting peaches were served in the dining hall. Ice cream,

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frederick A. Sherwin and Bessie E. A. Sherwin to Mortimer B. Williams, dated January 31, 1911, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3580, Page 119, will be sold at public auction for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage on the premises hereinafter described on Saturday, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1911, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described substantially as follows:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the center of Groton in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the northwesterly side of Station Avenue and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at said Avenue and at land of the Worcester, Nashua and Rochester Railroad Company; thence northeasterly by said Avenue sixty-two (62) feet to a stake and stones; thence northwesterly by land of Mary W. Shattuck one hundred and thirty-five (135) feet to land of William A. Lawrence; thence southwesterly by said Lawrence land sixty-two (62) feet to land of said Railroad Company; thence southeasterly by land of said Railroad Company one hundred and thirty-seven (137) feet to the point of beginning.

The above premises are conveyed subject to the conditions in a deed from Mary W. Shattuck to Henry M. Adams, recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 2354, Page 524.

Said premises will be sold subject to a first mortgage of Twenty-five Hundred (\$2500) Dollars, a second mortgage of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500) Dollars and unpaid interest thereon, and unpaid taxes. Terms at Sale.

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Boston, Mass., Sept. 6, 1911.
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AYER.

News Items.

R. P. Lougee and Henry J. Zoller took a trip to New York state, leaving last Saturday afternoon and returned Tuesday noon. While away they attended an outing and picnic given by Noah Lodge, F. and A. M., of Altamont, N. Y.

Married on September 6, by Rev. Richmond Fisk, D. D., at his residence 2 Pond street, Herman Ernest Hueber, Jr., of Groton and Miss Beatrice Romane Kelleran of Ayer.

Beginning last Tuesday curtailment of expenses on the Boston and Maine railroad began. A new order directs a cut in help whenever possible, and station agents, trainmasters, general ticket agents and foremen of sections, as well as the motive department, are instructed to practice rigid economy. Baggage men, freight handlers, trackmen and extra ticket sellers will be the parties most affected. Trainmen will be laid off where several trains are to be discontinued and work trains will carry only the crew required by law.

Mrs. C. Buddington and son Earl will soon move to Springfield, where Kirk Buddington is working, and where Earl will attend business college.

A daughter was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wood of Shrewsbury. Mrs. Wood was Miss Daisy Sherwin of Ayer.

Miss Marion E. Farnsworth, daughter of Charles L. Farnsworth, leaves next Wednesday for East Northfield, where she will enter the Northfield seminary.

Lyman Palmer is to be the singer at the moving picture show on this Saturday evening. The feature pictures are to be "Back to the primitive," a Selig, and "Slim Jim's last chance," a Kalem.

A regular meeting of Caleb Butler lodge of masons will be held Monday evening, September 11. Work—M. M. degree. A lunch will be served after the work.

Mrs. F. S. Pierce and daughter Carol went this week to Norwich, Conn., to visit her sister, Mrs. Anderson.

Mrs. E. J. Cady and Miss Elizabeth Vinton, nieces of O. K. Pierce, who have been visiting relatives here, left this week Tuesday for New York, and after a short stay there will return to their home in Oak Park, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith of Melrose were in town for Sunday and Monday, staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Landry at the Willows.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Durgin of Wenham were guests of O. K. Pierce and Mrs. Lucie Richardson over the holiday.

The death of Mrs. Georgianna Durgin Gilpatrick at her home in Arlington September 4, will be sad news to many here who knew her in her younger days, through her frequent visits to her aunt, the late Mrs. O. K. Pierce. She was fifty-eight years of age and leaves a husband and four grown-up children.

William Leahy, who resides on the old Pierce estate, has been quite ill for the past two weeks, but his many friends are hoping for his early recovery. Mr. Leahy has made his home one of the handsomest along the road and deserves long life and health to enjoy it with his interesting family.

The ladies of the Congregational church are to have a supper in the vestry of the church on Thursday evening, September 14. Supper at 6.30.

Mrs. David Ryan and son Paul have just returned from a visit to Mrs. Ryan's sister, Mrs. James Cainan, at West Upton.

The only changes in the teaching staff of the public schools, which open next Monday, are in the high school where Ernest A. Gleason takes the place of former principal Herbert L. Whitman, and the primary school on East Main street, where Miss Winifred Cochran of Antrim, N. H., will have charge.

Narcisse Cornellier returned last Saturday from a trip to St. Melanis, P. Q.

George H. Brown has returned from a month's vacation, spent at North Scituate beach.

Martin Scullane, while jumping from one car to another in the railroad yard, where he is a brakeman, last Saturday sprained his ankle. He is able to be about with the aid of crutches.

John Beaton died at his home on the Westford road on September 1, of arterio-sclerosis, aged 95 years, 10 mos., 23 days. The contributory cause was dysentery. Mr. Beaton was the oldest person in Ayer. He was born in Scotland. He was a stone cutter by trade and retired from work upon coming to live with his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Tatro, three years ago. He leaves a son and three daughters. The funeral was held on Monday, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church officiating. Interment was in the family lot at Greenville, N. H.

The annual picnic of St. Mary's parish was held at the town park on Labor day. The usual sports and amusements were provided. A procession was formed at the church at ten o'clock, and preceded by the Sons of Veterans fife and drum corps, marched to the park. The feature of the afternoon was a baseball game between the West Groton A. A. and a picked team from this town, the former being the victors by a score of 4 to 0. The American orchestra furnished music for dancing during the day. Refreshments were on sale.

W. H. Farmer, superintendent of the maintenance of way department on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston and Maine railroad, passed through here on Thursday afternoon, over the tracks of the road in an automobile on his tour of inspection from Thayer to Nashua. The sight of an automobile moving over the tracks was a most unusual one and attracted a good deal of attention. On the front of the machine were two white flags, such as are used on the trains. Archibald Tatro was the conductor in charge of the car which stopped here to receive orders the same as those given to trains before the automobile proceeded to Nashua.

Rev. W. G. Colgrove, a former pastor of the Methodist church, with Mrs. Colgrove and their child, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Turner the first of the week. Mr. Colgrove and family are at present living at Holliston.

Jerry C. Reynolds received a telegram last Sunday, stating that his father was dead at Ludlow, Vt. He left for that place on Monday.

Lewis Lapointe has a force of men at work in transforming the store in Carley's block recently vacated by Morris Miller, to quarters for the post-office. The work was commenced on Tuesday morning.

Superintendent of schools, Frank C. Johnson, returned on Monday from Boscawen, N. H., where he and family had spent July and August. Mrs. Johnson and children are expected to return this week.

Eugene Batchelder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark A. Batchelder, formerly of Ayer, has recently entered into partnership in a grocery store in Delmar, Cal., with Hartwell Whitcomb Gardner, formerly of New Bedford.

Mrs. M. L. Sayage, with her two children, Llewellyn and Helen, and Mrs. Gertrude P. Turner, returned this Friday forenoon from Beachwood, Me., where they have been for a couple of months.

The batter boards for the new house to be built for Frank S. Bennett on upper Washington street are up, and Charles H. Hardy will have the charge of the work of building.

John F. Lentz, manager of the depot restaurant, has been given a six-months' leave of absence from duty and plans to leave some time next month with Mrs. Lentz to a warmer climate for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Fisher have returned from Mount Clemens, Mich., where they have spent several months in the interest of Mr. Fisher's health.

Miss Lillian A. Wright, who went with a party to the national encampment of the G. A. R. at Rochester, N. Y., arrived home last week Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Sawyer visited over Sunday with Mrs. Sawyer's sister, Mrs. Nelson Winberg in South Carver. Their daughter Hortense, who has been visiting in that place, returned with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman are spending a week in camp at Long pond.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Heath of Merrimack and two children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wyman over Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walsh on Wednesday.

Fred G. Philbrick underwent a successful operation at the Charlesgate hospital, Cambridge, last Saturday for gall stones.

Miss E. B. Patterson will be in town to do chiropody, shampooing, etc., Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15.

District Court.

The continued case of Frank Smith of Waterville, Me., was heard last Saturday morning. The charge against him was breaking, entering and larceny in the night time, one of the most serious crimes in the calendar and because of this fact and the clever manner in which the prisoner was caught, gave the case more than ordinary interest.

The charge against him was the breaking and entering and stealing a large quantity of clothing, jewelry and other articles from the home of S. W. Sturgis near the Groton School. The first the Groton police heard of the robbery was from the Worcester police department, that clothing bearing the name of Mr. Sturgis had been found in a pawn shop in that city. Chief Riley of the Groton police immediately got in touch with Mr. Whitting, the superintendent of grounds at the Groton School, and they entered the vacant house, the occupants being then away on their vacation. They saw at once that some one had entered the house and Chief Riley went to Worcester, where the police of that city had Smith in custody. He was taken here for trial, and the case continued until last Saturday morning.

The witnesses for the government were Inspectors Casey, Goode and Fisher of the Worcester police department, Jacob L. Jasen, clerk in the pawn shop at Worcester, where the goods were sold, and Chief Riley and H. W. Whiting of Groton.

At the conclusion of the testimony, Judge Atwood found probable cause and ordered Smith held for the action of the grand jury in \$2,000 bail. He was unable to furnish sureties and was committed.

Labor Day.

Labor day was quietly observed here, the only unusual event was the passing of the airships over town in the much heralded tri-state flight, the prizes for which were given by the Boston Globe through its editor, Col. Charles H. Taylor. By previous arrangement with the manager of the telephone company, J. J. Barry, and chief engineer P. H. Hoolley of the local fire department, the fire alarm was sounded when the first aviator left Nashua. In anticipation of witnessing the novel sight, large numbers of people gathered on the higher elevations, principally on the hill at the reservoir, and upper Washington and Pleasant streets.

At precisely 1.17 o'clock, the two blasts of the fire alarm notified the expectant crowds that the first airship was headed this way on its journey to Worcester. Sixteen minutes later a machine was sighted in the east and was so far away that it was hardly visible without the aid of field glasses. It remained in sight for nearly half an hour.

About this time another machine was seen in the same direction and it was thought it was the first one

which had lost its course and was going higher in order to escape the high currents in the upper air. This proved to be incorrect as there were two separate machines.

The first airship was the monoplane operated by Ovington, which was ahead of the second operated by Lieut. Milling, who was delayed on the route from Squantum to Nashua.

After waiting some time to get a better view of the flying machines some of the crowd left, but those who waited were well repaid for doing so, as Lieut. Milling's ship came along on its way to Worcester and sailed over town at an altitude that it could be plainly seen and the noise of the motor heard.

Of the four entrants, the above-named finished the flight, Atwood and Stone being obliged to stop at Medford. There was objections by several who proposed to enter the contest because they considered the route between Nashua and Worcester too dangerous and wished to have this part of the journey changed. A hearing was given them by the committee in charge last Saturday, and their objections heard, when the committee announced that the original plans should be adhered to. A final inspection of the route was made last Sunday in automobiles and as a result Graham-White and Sopwith, the English aviators, refused to enter.

Death.
John Beaton passed peacefully away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Tatro, near the Groton line, last week Friday, aged ninety-five years, five months and twenty-one days. Although so near the century mark, he had retained his faculties to a remarkable degree and had been able to get out and enjoy walking about the farm until within four months. He had been very dearly loved and tenderly cared for by his daughter and her husband and was respected by all who knew him. He had resided at the Brigham place, so-called, about three years.

Funeral services, which were necessarily brief, were conducted at eight o'clock Monday morning, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, after which the remains were taken to Ayer and then by train to Greenville, N. H. A service was held there in the afternoon and interment was in the family lot in that town, beside the wife and several children, who had passed before him.

Mr. Beaton was born in Scotland and was a staunch Presbyterian. He leaves four daughters and one son, besides several grandchildren and great grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Garden Party.

The garden party held Tuesday on the grounds of Mrs. George J. Burns was a great success, both socially and financially. There was a good-sized company present and every moment of the afternoon was greatly enjoyed. There were sales of various kinds, and a fine gramophone entertainment. The sales were of candy in charge of Mrs. Ida C. Perkins and Mrs. Ruth Sherwin; aprons, Mrs. S. M. Barker and Miss Doris Fletcher; ice cream, Mrs. Porter and Mrs. D. W. Fletcher; food, Mrs. E. G. Duncklee and Mrs. H. A. Bixby; lunch counter, Miss Madeline Whitney and the mystery table, Misses Mona Steadman and Gladys Porter. Mrs. Burns and her daughter, Mrs. Avis Fisher, were everywhere, assisting as they were needed. The beautiful and extensive grounds offered a fine opportunity for enjoyment of a very pleasant outing. Many guests were present from Shirley.

Case Settled.

William H. Hitchcock, the master in the case of Hannah E. Curran, et. als., vs. Julia O'Meara, et. als., has submitted the preliminary draft of his report to counsel in the case. He finds that the attempted suspension of Ayer Circle, Companions of the Forest, by grand chief companion Julia A. McCarthy, November 1, 1910, was invalid and that Mrs. O'Meara, Kate O'Neill and Minnie Murphy, who were named as defendants, and those represented by them, were members in good standing when the plaintiff's bill in equity was filed, and that the defendants' names were the officers of Ayer Circle when the bill was filed, and are entitled to the possession of its funds and property.

The master's report, when settled will be filed in the superior court at Cambridge. John M. Maloney is the counsel for the defendants and Herman L. Brown of the firm of Murray, Field and Brown of Boston, for the plaintiffs.

The case has caused widespread interest, not only to the members of the order throughout the state, but to other organizations of a similar nature, inasmuch as the legal rights of such are determined.

The controversy between the members of the local circle and the grand circle had been going on for a considerable time before the alleged suspension of the circle of November 1 of last year by the grand chief companion. The matter was then referred to the courts and a master was appointed to hear the case with the above result.

Church Services.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., will preach at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning at 10.45. The parish especially are urged to welcome the rector home. Sunday school will reopen at twelve o'clock.

Services will be held at the M. E. church as usual tomorrow.

Service at Unitarian church at 10.45, sermon by Rev. Dr. Fisk. Sunday school at twelve m.

The C. E. society of the Congregational church will have their meeting at the usual hour on Sunday evening.

HARVARD.

News Items.

The Unitarian Ladies' Sewing circle will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. E. P. Watson on Thursday, September 14.

Mrs. Emeline Whitcomb of Leominster, who has been visiting here with her sister, returned by auto to her home this week.

Francis Murray of Worcester is a guest this week with his cousins, the Misses and W. J. Kerley.

Miss Myrtle McMahon of Groton is visiting this week with her cousin, Miss Dorothy West.

Mrs. Etta Ripley and Mrs. Etta Harlow started on Wednesday afternoon for a carriage drive to Mt. Wachusett. They arrived about eight p. m., spent the evening, and forenoon of Thursday sightseeing and drove home on Thursday afternoon. They enjoyed their trip exceedingly.

Miss Loretta Desmond is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Abbie Desmond, on Bare hill. She returns home Sunday.

Mrs. F. R. Preston has her mother, Mrs. Merrill, visiting with her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stedman Stewart of Littleton spent Labor day with Frank Preston and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins of Hudson camped at Bare hill during last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gale of Providence, R. I., spent the holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gale.

Of course everybody saw Ovington and Milling when they passed over town on Labor day. Prospect hill, so famous for its splendid view, did not come up to expectations as a vantage point from which to view the fight, the aviators passing too far east.

Summer flirtations are at end, so the young men say about town. Labor day sees the closing of nearly all the camps about the pond.

Miss Bessie Johnson of Ayer is visiting her sister, Mary Johnson, at the Elms.

Mrs. G. C. Maynard is taking a restful vacation with the Wheatons at Somerville.

Jefferson Drinkwine of Fitchburg is visiting this week with Fred St. John and family.

Ground is being broken for the new office building of Fiske-Warren to be erected near Abbotshill. It is to be one of the nicest and best equipped buildings on this estate.

Still River.

H. W. Atherton and family returned to their Holyoke home on Tuesday after a month's stay at the old homestead in Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Haskell, A. A. Hutcherson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haskell have attended the New England fair at Worcester this week.

Monday afternoon found nearly every one out watching to see the air ships pass over here in their flight from Nashua to Worcester. The first one passed quite a ways to the east, but the second one went right over the village and was seen very plainly by all.

Rev. S. A. Read of Springfield will occupy the Baptist pulpit tomorrow.

Louise and Dorothy Bateman returned to their home in Arlington on Tuesday.

Roger Morse returned to school at New London, Vt., Tuesday.

Edna Robinson is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Keyes in Springfield.

Warren Harrod went to Worcester on Tuesday to resume his duties as teacher in the Greendale school.

Miss Edna Flanders will remain at home this year and not go back to her school duties in Whitinsville.

Mary Clark, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. L. H. Morse, for a few months, has gone to her Ontario home.

Miss Edith Fairchild returned to her school duties in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Wednesday.

Mrs. Addie Turner is visiting friends in Fitchburg.

Mrs. Dudley and two children, who have been guests of her aunt, Miss Mary Cumming, returned to their home in Yonkers, N. Y., Thursday.

On Tuesday, Mrs. and Miss Fairchild and Blanche Willard went to Marblehead for a day's outing.

On Saturday, Mrs. A. H. Keyes and Mrs. S. B. Haynes attended the annual reunion of the women of the 36th regiment in Worcester. Mrs. Keyes' first husband, J. C. Haynes, enlisted in this regiment, dying in Kentucky while in the service.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

George Brow has one of the finest displays of asters in town.

Mrs. Keenan is visiting friends out-of-town.

Twenty-one guests were entertained at the Old Homestead over Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Spaulding of Cleveland, Ohio, recently visited at Pinehurst.

Mrs. George Brown and daughter Mattie returned last Saturday from Camp Hatetokit, Milton, N. H., where they have been guests of Mrs. Ordway, Mrs. Brown's sister.

The Misses Horgans and their brother Thomas have closed their summer home and returned to Chelsea.

A business meeting of the As You Like It club is called for Tuesday, September 12.

Frank Knight has been drawn on the jury and during his absence the shop will be in charge of Harry Wright.

Mr. Chase, a former resident of this village, has moved with his family into the Farrar house.

Miss Dorothy Barnes, teacher at the village school, was a guest of Miss Annie Keefe from Friday until Tuesday, when Miss Barnes went to her boarding place at Mrs. Cummings.

Westley Going, who at one time lived with his mother in the apartments over the store, is about to erect a building in North Rochester, to contain a dance hall and pool parlors.

Fred Brown and family of Providence, moved this week into the old hotel. Mr. Brown will accommodate transients and also keep a team to let. It is also his idea to keep a light line of groceries, cigars and tobacco.

The dance at Cape Corner hall last week Thursday proved an enjoyable affair. On account of the stormy weather the party was small. Invitations for the second dance of the series are being sent out for Friday, September 22.

Last week Friday a merry picnic party from the Cape, numbering nearly twenty, went by trolley to Wachusett. Lunch was eaten at the lake and after the various attractions had been enjoyed, those fond of mountain climbing started for the summit house by way of the Indian trail. Notwithstanding the heavy rains of the preceding days, the atmosphere was too heavy to see any great distance from the observatory. The party had supper at Whalom and a little later attended the theatre, after which came dancing. The day was especially pleasant after the long rain and was greatly enjoyed by the jolly company, members of which came from Shirley, Cambridge, Chelsea, Framingham and Roxbury.

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Center.

Henry F. Grout made a business trip to the south shore on Monday.

Elsie M. Holden, who has been spending the summer at Cottage City, Oak Bluffs, reached home on Saturday and joined her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden, at their camp at Dead pond, where they are to remain for about a week more.

Roy Hatch has been spending a short vacation with his parents at the North.

Hazel MacKaye is visiting relatives in Cornish, Me., this week.

Mrs. Herbert Spencer has a position at the Mary Anna Home for the rest of the season. Her husband has been visiting her for the last few days.

The following from the Center, North and East began to attend the high school at the village on Tuesday: Rachel Carpenter, Margaret Longley, Ora Holden, Mildred Evans, Thomas Evans, Ethel Holden, Henry Crowe, Earl Graves, Ralph Graves and Emma Hubbard.

Edward Farnsworth and Ralph Evans have been drawn from the jury list to serve at the sitting of the court at Lowell.

The next meeting of the Matron's Aid will be held on Tuesday afternoon, September 12, at the home of Mrs. Ardie A. Adams.

Miss Etta Holden spent a few days with friends in Leominster last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams are entertaining Mrs. Adams' sister, Mrs. Eliza Hancock, of Kendall Green, this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman and family are expected to return to their home here about the first of October. They have been spending the past three months in Brookline.

T. H. Bailey, the driver of the automobile, which brought Thayer's orchestra from Pepperell over to the Alliance dance, lost a valuable Masonic emblem in the form of a watch fob, on Thursday evening. It was found by E. J. Miller, who advertised it and later returned it to its owner.

The two aeroplanes in the great cross country race, Labor day, were visible here in the Nashua to Worcester leg of the race, although not very distinctly.

Mrs. Fuller is entertaining her cousin at her home this week.

George Farmer captured a hedgehog last week near the Mulpus brook at the East. Wallace Farnsworth's dog which was with him, attacked the hedgehog and received so many quills that the services of three were required to free him of them. The hedgehog was a very large one, weighing about twenty pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed closed up their summer home last week and returned to Wollaston. Margaret and Miriam Goodspeed, accompanied by Christine Longley started Friday in the pony cart, making the trip in two days. Mr. and Mrs. Goodspeed and little son George left Saturday.

Charles K. Bolton visited Harvard last week and met with the library trustees at the Harvard library. Mr. Bolton is a member of a Boston society for the preserving of historical places and is interested in the home of the Alcotts at Harvard. Mrs. W. C. Ford accompanied him and not Mrs. Paul Leicester Ford as was stated in the Harvard news last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hubbard and family spent Labor day with relatives in Princeton, going by carriage.

The First Parish Branch Alliance will hold a neighborhood meeting in the First Parish church vestry Thursday afternoon, September 14.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ford took a trolley ride to Connecticut the latter part of last week.

Misses Elsie and Beatrice Pray returned Wednesday from a three weeks' stay in Duxbury.

Rev. Mr. Leavitt of Meadville seminary delivered the address at the First Parish church Sunday in place of Mr. Bygraves, who could not come. Tomorrow Rev. Hilary Bygraves will preach at 11.15 a. m.

Albert Adams and daughter, Miss Mary Adams, took a trolley trip to Amesbury Wednesday to spend two days with Mr. Adams' son, E. G. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray returned Wednesday from a three weeks' stay at Turks Head inn at Rockport.

Ruby T. Crockett, graduate of Shirley high school, class of 1911, has entered Fitchburg Normal business college for a course in shorthand and typewriting.

Miss Winnie Rider of Leominster spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey.

Mrs. Scattergood of Pennsylvania was a guest of Elsie Kirby on Wednesday.

Miss Woodhead, who has been visiting at Hampton Falls, has returned to Elsie Kirby's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Carey of Ashland, N. H., and Mrs. Edward Carey of Fitchburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey over Labor day.

The Burnham family at Woodsville, closed up their house on Thursday and returned to their home in Revere.

John Stickney is shingling the Center school building this week. The well at this school is to be overhauled soon, as the water is unfit for the scholars to use.

Mrs. Jones of Lynn is spending the week with Miss Woodhead and Miss Elsie Kirby.

Mr. and Mrs. William Crockett and daughters, Merle and Ruby, attended a family picnic at Whalom park recently. Twenty-two relatives from Leominster, Lunenburg and other places were present.

Mrs. James McGreen and son of South Acton, Enoch Arnold of Peabody and Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of Lunenburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves at Cherry Hill farm.

Roy Reed has returned to his home

in Arlington after a week's visit with Elmer E. Wilkins at the East.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company are laying three new circuit lines through the North, from Ayer to Fitchburg.

Ruth Mellich of West Groton visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Melzer Farnsworth, at the North this week.

All the personal property of the late Mrs. Mary A. Howard will be sold at public auction at her home in Woodsville on Saturday, September 16.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth visited in Lowell last week.

Ethel M. Holden has given up her position with Mr. and Mrs. Herman S. Hazen in order to re-enter Shirley high school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker Ward and son Linton, and Lawrence, Elsie, Ora Holden, Ralph Evans, Edward Adams, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth and Mr. Bartlett attended the Nashua State fair on Labor day to see the aeroplanes. George Farmer and Wallace Farnsworth attended the fair on Wednesday.

The women and children at the Mary Anna Home returned to Roxbury last week. Thirty girls arrived on Monday to take their places. The home closes next week for the season.

Mrs. Ware and daughter Lena are staying at their house this week. Mr. Ware was unable to come as he had to undergo another operation recently and has a physician in constant attendance. It is hoped now that he will be recovered enough to come up for a short stay in about three weeks.

Robert Evans, who has had a position in Cottage City this summer in a hotel, is expected to return home about September 10.

Ruth M. Graves, a graduate of Shirley high school, class of 1911, has entered the junior class at the Fitchburg State Normal school, beginning on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey, Miss Helen Winslow and Miss Harriet Winslow took a day's outing at Whalom park on Saturday, going by carriage.

Emma Hubbard spent Friday and Saturday at Townsend Center with Marguerite Sargent.

Mrs. Charles Andrews returned to her home at the North on Thursday after a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Harrgrave, at Townsend Center. Mrs. Andrews is well on the road to recovery from her recent illness.

Marion Holden resigned from her position at W. E. Barnard's on Saturday in order to return to her studies at Fitchburg Normal school. Miss Holden enters as a senior this year, beginning Tuesday.

Christine G. Longley spent the first part of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed at Wollaston.

Rev. F. E. Webster preached a very interesting sermon at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon, on the subject of "Selfishness." Rev. A. A. Bronson of the Congregational church at the village will give the address tomorrow.

Several have received postcards from Rev. Malbourne Birkhead from Yellowstone park this week, in which he states that he expects to return as pastor of Trinity chapel again this year.

The Center schools opened Tuesday with Miss Alma Bowles of Groton, teacher of the grammar school, and Miss Margaret Walsh of Ayer, teacher of the primary school. Moses Wood drives the school barge from the North, and Daniel Bartlett the barge from the East. Amos Parker has the contract for carrying the high school scholars.

Lottie M. Craft of West Groton is taking the place of Marion Holden at William E. Barnard's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilkins are having a house built at the North on land near the residence of George Adams. Mrs. Wilkins was formerly Miss Eva Leahy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leahy at the North.

John W. Farrar, Elmer Hubbard, Clayton Hubbard and H. L. Howe went on a fishing trip in Boston harbor on Thursday of last week, but were not very successful.

Mrs. Charles K. Bolton returned home this week after spending a short vacation at Magnolia.

Dr. Fuller of Boston was a guest of his brother, Howard Fuller, over Labor day.

John Grout returned home Thursday after a short stay in Waverley.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Graves returned on Friday from a three-weeks' visit with relatives in Nova Scotia.

Fair.

In spite of the forbidding weather conditions, the fair held by the First Parish branch Alliance in the town hall on Thursday afternoon of last week, proved to be very successful. The hall was beautifully decorated in green and white and the tables were arranged as follows: Mrs. Hills and Mrs. L. F. J. Carpenter, food; Miss Bessie Farnsworth and Rachel Carpenter, candy; Miss Sara A. Dunn and Miss Minnie A. Hobbs, fancy goods; Mrs. Mary Hazen, remembrances; Mrs. E. J. Miller, pitchers; Miss Agnes Holden, aprons. The great \$3000 pitcher was exhibited by Mrs. MacKaye at a small rate of admission. This pitcher is a very interesting little article and is all that the name implies, being made from the pulp of three thousand dollars' worth of bills redeemed by the United States government.

A free entertainment was given at four o'clock by the Misses Helen and Mildred Sanders of Ayer, and Ida Holden of Marlboro. The Misses Hardy and Sanders, who have charming voices, sang three duets which were heartily applauded. Miss Bessie Farnsworth acted as accompanist for them. Miss Holden gave two readings and was obliged to respond to encores. Her dialect reading on "Joining the grangers," was especially good.

In the evening a dance was held under the charge of Mrs. Beidman. Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell furnished music for the dancing. Ice cream, cake and punch were served. Mrs. Schenck had charge of the punch table and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth and Mrs. L. F. J. Carpenter had charge of the ice cream and cake table. They were assisted by W. E. Barnard and W. H. Schenck.

Grange.

Shirley grange held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The exhibition of fruit, flowers, grain and vegetables and the corn and fruit supper were postponed until a later meeting, as it is too early to get together enough articles for a good exhibition. No business of any importance was transacted. The lecturer's hour opened with a song by all the members, followed by a reading by William Jubb, violin solo by John H. Farrar, accompanied by a quartet of young men, report of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange traveling picnic to New Hampshire by George Farmer, discussion of the subject, "Which requires the more brains, to earn a dollar or to keep it" by N. Otis Colburn and Ardie A. Adams. The hour closed with the singing of the grange song by all.

Several members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange held at Townsend on Wednesday.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. Edward Hadley accidentally fell down stairs on Thursday evening, August 31, and was severely bruised and shaken up.

Favorable reports are received from George Kendall, who is at St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua.

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

Ralph Lane and mother of Lexington have been guests of Rev. and Mrs. George L. Perin.

Mrs. M. C. Fuller, Boston; James O. Newhall, Lynn; David Hammond, Dorchester, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence at Hillcrest.

Judge Edward E. Parker and family returned to Nashua on Saturday, September 2.

The entertainment at the local grange on Wednesday evening, September 13, will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Goss.

Miss Martha Parker, who has spent the summer at the Sawtelle homestead, returned to Woonsocket, R. I., August 31. Miss Eliza J. Parker accompanied her.

Miss Kate Parker has returned to Worcester.

The Misses Ellen C. Sawtelle and Martha Wright are at Larchmont, N. Y., for the week.

Capt. Alexander Ross of Cambridge, Mass., also Mr. and Mrs. Carlton of Dorchester have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hall. Hutchins Parker, Alan Parker, Ernest Scribner of Lowell and Roswell Douglas Blandey of Watertown have been guests at Four Pines.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reton returned to New York Monday.

Conrad Sawyer of Malden, Mrs. L. D. Shepherd, Dr. and Mrs. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Sawyer of Boston have been guests at the Elmwood. Mrs. L. D. Shepherd was Miss Josie Bailey, daughter of the late Edwin C. Bailey, and resided at the Tucker homestead over fifty years ago.

Mrs. Frances Cox Evans is at Boston.

Several of the residents at the west part of the town, who were on the lookout at Russell hill Monday, were rewarded by a sight of one of the air ships from Nashua.

Mrs. Clarence Russell is detained at home by illness.

Kenneth Russell returned to Exeter, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey of Milford have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall of Fitchburg were guests in town over Sunday.

Miss Mertie L. Shattuck is seriously ill. Mrs. Minnie Ross of Jamaica Plain is assisting in caring for her.

Miss Mary Regan will attend the Milford high school this fall and Miss Matilla Betterley and Earl Dodge the Pepperell high school.

Mrs. Fred LaMontagne and daughter Blanche of Lowell have been the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Josef Yarrisk.

There was a large attendance at the entertainment given by Prof. Yarrick at Tarbell's hall, Friday evening, September 1, and the program was finely rendered. James Wilson won the prize cake, guessing nearest to the weight. Richard Wright captured the dress suit case in the ring tossing contest and Miss Laura Herrig was awarded the shopping bag. Excellent music was furnished by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell.

Miss Bernice O'Connell observed her eleventh birthday on Wednesday evening, August 30, by entertaining a party of young friends. Games and dancing added to the pleasure of the evening. Graphophone music was furnished by William Mathews. Among those in attendance were Mildred Dodge, Matilla Betterley, Madeline O'Connell, Sarah Peters, Earl Dodge, Kenneth Russell, Forace Hall, Alton Jensen.

An old-fashioned corn roast was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Boutelle one evening last week. The corn was roasted in the field and supper was served in the long shed which was attractive with decorations of evergreen and the national colors. The evening was a merry one.

Frank Maynard has been appointed a member of the Board of Health to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Edward C. Tucker.

Eugene Herrick of Keene, a well-known traveling salesman is at a hospital in Boston for surgical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Lewis of Ayer have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilman attended the funeral of Mrs. Mabel Gilman.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester B. Valedge and daughter are enjoying a two-weeks' vacation at East Norwalk, Conn., Rockland and Brockton.

Death.

Mrs. Mabel Hodgman Gilman, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willis Hodgman, passed away at her home at Mason, Saturday, September 2, after an illness of several weeks, aged forty years. A husband, little daughter Muriel, an aged grandmother, Mrs. James Edson, and many friends mourn her loss. Mrs. Gilman was born in Brookline and spent her girlhood days in town. She was a member of the Congregational church and always interested in its welfare. For several years she was a successful teacher in Brookline and the adjoining towns. She was possessed of much musical ability and many recall her sweet voice in the years of the subject. "Which requires the more brains, to earn a dollar or to keep it" by N. Otis Colburn and Ardie A. Adams. The hour closed with the singing of the grange song by all.

Clipping.

The following is copied from the Chico, Cal., Daily Enterprise, and will be of interest to local readers:

Andrew D. Rockwood has been appointed purchasing agent for the Diamond Match Company in Chico, succeeding J. M. Osborne, recently resigned in that position. Mr. Rockwood has been connected with the company for the past seven years and has "made good" in every sense of the word. He was in charge of the commissary department of the Sterling Mercantile Company, prior to going with the match company. He rapidly mastered the details of the work to which he was assigned by the latter and in the last few years has been promoted at different times.

In recent years Mr. Rockwood has had charge of all the insurance of the local plant of the Diamond Match company and the Butte County railroad, and has acted in the capacity of traveling auditor. In the latter work he has thoroughly familiarized himself with all departments and all branch offices of the Chico plant. The experience will stand him in good stead in his new position.

Mr. Rockwood is a young man who is honored with the confidence and respect of his fellow workers and the higher officials of the match company. He is well known and popular in Chico and is treasurer of the Home Zoo club.

Mr. Rockwood is a Brookline boy, son of the late David Rockwood and Ella Herrick Rockwood and has many friends in his old home town who are pleased to hear of his success.

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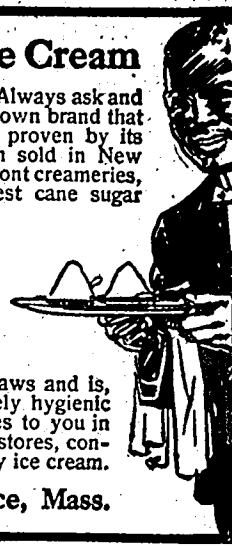
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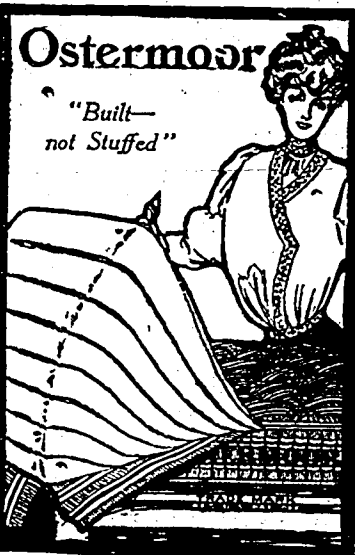
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. George Pomfret of Waverley spent Labor day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret. Miss Effie Perkins of Lowell spent the first of the week with Mrs. Carrie Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Balcom of Baldwinville, with son George, spent over Sunday with his father, Oliver Balcom. Russell Miner of Allston, Morton E. Lawrence of Boston and Mrs. Jennie Ayers, with son Howard, of Boston, were in town over Labor day.

Mrs. London and daughter of Boston spent over Labor day with Mrs. E. E. Edgarton.

Mr. and Mrs. Westphalin of Dorchester spent over Sunday and Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petersen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphee Levesque are entertaining a daughter, born last Sunday morning.

Eddie Smith of Marion, N. J., a former resident, is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Young of Gardner spent over Sunday and Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Balch. Miss Cora Ferris of Worcester; also, was a guest at the Balch home last Sunday, leaving in the evening for a visit to New Haven.

Miss Inez McMurray, in company with Miss Emma Knowles, spent the week-end and over Labor day with relatives in Revere and Everett.

Miss Sarah Knowles spent over Labor day with relatives in Revere.

Frank Homan of Lynn spent over Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Wilson.

Mrs. C. A. Edgarton has purchased from Edward E. Edgarton, the double house on Leominster road, occupied by the John W. Slocumb and John J. Chaisson families; also, all the adjoining land extending easterly as far as the Congregational church property and westerly as far as the land owned by G. M. Ballou, making in all about seven acres.

Alfred Shearer was awarded second prize on S. C. White Leghorn cockerel; also, second and third prizes on pullets at Worcester this week.

Miss Etta Gately, who recently left the employ of the C. A. Edgarton Co., has accepted a position as saleslady in Filene's dry goods house of Boston and assumed her new duties on Tuesday morning in the underwear department.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walsh of Ayer (Badstuber), announce the arrival of a son born on Wednesday. Mrs. Walsh's many friends in Shirley, where she resided so long, are extending congratulations.

The many friends of Erwin H. Livermore will regret to learn that he is in a hospital in Memphis, Tenn., ill with typhoid fever. However, latest reports are more encouraging and a speedy recovery is hoped for. Mr. Livermore is exceedingly well and favorably known in Shirley, where he was born. He is now manager of the Memphis branch office of the well-known firm of Cluett, Peabody & Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gately are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a ten-pound boy, born on Wednesday night of last week.

Miss Eva Haggett of Cambridge, Md.; also, Miss Minnie Munsey of New Castle, Me., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

Arthur Annis and Stanley Wells entered as students of the Fitchburg business college on Tuesday morning and Leonard Hooper enrolled as a student at the Fitchburg high.

Charles H. Miner, in company with daughter Eleanor spent Labor day with relatives in Providence.

Thomas L. Hazen is confined to his home again with sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stay, with daughter Gladys of Somerville, spent Labor day with Mr. and Mrs. Victor O'Brien.

Miss Alice Wilbur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilbur, will enter Cushing academy when it opens for the fall and winter term.

Harry O. Bangs spent Labor day visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Sadie Hinckley of South Boston is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brockelman.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilbur, with daughter, Arline; also, Miss Flora Shephard and Forest Hooper, jr., as their guests, made a trip in Mr. Wilbur's auto to Nahant on Labor day.

Miss Margaret Reiley of Lawrence is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan.

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Henry O. Dow has arrived at his home in Shirley again from Franklin, where he has been staying with an aunt for the past few months on account of poor health.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening, September 11, when a reception will be tendered their newly appointed deputy, Edward H. Harlow, of Leominster, at the close of a short business session. Cigars will be passed with other features of entertainment and a social hour enjoyed. A good attendance is very earnestly requested.

An alarm was rung in on Monday evening shortly after nine o'clock for a fire in the residence of Elmer H. Allen on Harvard road. The firemen responded promptly and extinguished a slight fire with hand chemicals on the porch at the rear of the house, caused by an oil stove. The doors and woodwork in and around the porch were badly singed and it was evident that the timely arrival of the firemen prevented a more serious fire. John H. Will happened to be standing near the house at the time, and hearing the cry of fire, rung in the alarm.

The Shirley baseball team were again bumped good and hard at their game in Townsend last Saturday, by a score of 11 to 8. The game was characterized by very poor playing.

Wedding.

St. Anthony's church was the scene on Monday morning of a pretty wedding when Lev Landry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Landry, of this town, and Miss Minnie Chaisson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Chaisson, were united in marriage, the parish priest, Rev. J. H. Cote, officiating. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mary Ann Chaisson, and Harold Landry, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The bride looked charmingly pretty, being daintily gowned in cream satin with veil and carried pearl rosary beads, while the bridesmaid was becomingly attired in an embroidered dress.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, following the wedding ceremony, and a collation and reception was held at the home of the groom in the afternoon in honor of the event. As both of the young people are well-known and respected in the town, St. Anthony's church was comfortably filled with friends of the couple to witness the ceremony.

The wedding presents were numerous and choice, consisting of silverware, cut glass and fancy linen; also, a very pretty gold lined tea set from the Societe l'Assomption.

After a brief honeymoon the newly wed couple will reside at the home of the bride's parents on Leominster road.

The groom is employed in the weaving department of the C. A. Edgarton Company. The bride was also employed by the same firm in the warping department. Relatives and friends were present at the wedding from Lawrence, Lowell, Chelsea, Grafton and Yarmouthville, Me.

Labor Day Celebration.

Labor day was celebrated in Shirley with marked enthusiasm and charming results, the weather conditions were ideal and the events planned for the day were witnessed by nearly all the Shirley residents, including a large representation of ladies and children besides a goodly number from nearby towns. The day proved to be one of solid enjoyment for the people of the town and Shirley went grandly on record for its first Labor day celebration, the efforts of the committee being crowned with success.

The day's festivities commenced at ten o'clock in the morning with a hose race, which was looked forward to with much local interest. This event was won by the Samson Cordage Works fire brigade in 29 3/4 seconds. The conditions of the race was to carry two hundred feet of hose, lay 150 feet, couple and throw a stream, and the first to get water through the nozzle to be declared the winner. The Samson Cordage team took the first prize of \$10.00.

The industrial school team was second in this contest, their time being 31 3/4 seconds, and took second prize, \$5.00. Shirley fire department; also, the fire brigade of the C. A. Edgarton Company were disqualified, as both teams, through errors, failed to couple at the hydrant. The Shirley fire department men let their hose slip out of their hands at the hydrant, and the Edgarton Company team let their nozzle get caught around the hose carriage at the hydrant. Both these teams were well trained and made a fine run to the hydrant, but lost through being a little nervous and over-confident.

The time keeper was Frank Homan of Lynn, an official time keeper of well-known reputation, and Walter Knowles was clerk of course, Ezekiel Wilson being the starter. The judges were Frederick W. Holden, George G. Hadley, J. Edwin Pomfret and William Lougee. Charles H. Wear, jr., was the captain of the Samson team and Edward H. Sullivan, athletic instructor at the Industrial school, was the captain of the school team, which was composed of boys sent to the school by the courts, while Dennis O'Neill was the captain of the Shirley fire department, and J. Albert Dearnod was the captain of the C. A. Edgarton team.

The following is the list of winners in the races:

100-yd. dash for boys, 12 years and under—Earl Badstuber, 1st, \$1.50 umbrella; Alfred Felch, 2d, base ball bat.

100-yd. dash for boys, 17 years and under—Thomas Purdy, 1st, \$2.00 hat; Frank Baker, 2d, \$2.00 clock. These boys were from the Industrial school.

100-yd. dash, open race—Willie Connors, 1st, \$3.00 hat; Ezekiel Wilson, 2d, \$1.00.

50-yd. dash for girls—Doris White, 1st, \$3.00 silk umbrella; Anna Lougee, 2d, pair of silk hose.

100-yd. race for girls—Gladys Eisner, 1st, \$2.00 cross and chain; Mabel Pelote, 2d, fancy linen.

Mounted out race—Napoleon Comeau, 1st, 1 bag of oats and \$1.00 cash; David Lambert, 2d, \$2.00 on an account at store of George H. Brown, Ayer.

Fat men's race—William A. Daley, 1st, \$1.00 cash; Philip Carpenter, 2d, 75 cents.

This concluded the sports for the morning.

In the afternoon another large gathering assembled on the ball field at 1.30, where a concert was given by the Samson Cordage Works band, and at two o'clock all entries for the pig race were lined up and the greased pig, weighing forty pounds, was let loose and the twenty-five in the race, including four boys from the Industrial school, made a lively dash for the pig which took a westerly course toward the crowd of spectators and was caught in less than three minutes by Jeremiah Comeau and brought up to the time keeper's stand. The prize awarded for this event was the pig. This race created an abundance of fun. The pig, before he was let loose, was liberally bathed in Albany grease by Alfred Rivers, and those who went in pursuit were dressed in old clothes on overalls.

The next on the program was the ball game between the Shirley team and the Brookside of Collinsville and was won with apparent ease by the Shirley team, the score being 9 to 1.

In the evening at 7.30, a band concert was given opposite the store of Brockelman Bros., which ended the celebration for the day. The Samson Cordage Works band; also, the boys band from the Industrial school, were

given five dollars each by the committee, which certainly could not compensate them for the service rendered, but as a simple token of appreciation for their services which were potent factors in the day's celebration.

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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 RAYMOND G. KELLERAN late of Ayer in said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARIA M. KELLERAN who prays that letters testamentary should 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 twelfth day of September, 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 twenty-second day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven. 2159 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of EDWARD JENKINS late of Townsend in said County, deceased:

Whereas, ALBERT J. ATWOOD the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented to said Court for allowance the account of his administration on said estate and application has been made for a distribution of the balance in his hands among the next of kin of said deceased;

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-second day of September, A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why said account should not be allowed and distribution made according to said application.

And the petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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Items of News.

The Warren veteran fire company of Pepperell played at the firemen's muster at Nashua, N. H., fair on Wednesday and came home late with their brooms and wad of \$250, and a record of 223 feet and one inch.

Misses Gertrude Dane and Lucy Blood attended the funeral of Mr. Stockwell on Thursday, September 7, at his late home in Worcester. He was the father of Miss Carrie Stockwell, who was here in town considerably for quite a number of years.

Last week "the good for nothing dog" of George Stewart of Oak Hill beat the celebrated coon hunters of this section by treeing three coons up one tree and another one up a tree nearby. Fred Parker heard the dog and George Stewart shot the coons and gave them to Fred Parker. They were mother coon and three little ones. The dog got the bones.

Edward Caldwell has been visiting in town and made his headquarters at Samuel Marshall's on Elm street.

Nineteen from here attended the Pomona grange at Townsend.

Pearl M. Carley of Ayer is a guest of W. L. Jewett.

Mrs. Erbert Williams and daughter Gladys are spending a week at Peak's Island, Portland, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willett are in town for two weeks.

Mrs. S. D. Glison and daughter Gertrude from Gardner were guests of Mrs. D. E. Weston and N. M. Gutterston over Labor day.

Mrs. William P. Taylor is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Noyes, at Peak's Island, Portland, Me., for a week.

Miss Fannie, Arthur and Lloyd Tower and Roscoe Hayes and Boynton Merrill; also, Remona Dunbar, are camping at Harvard lake. Mrs. H. N. Tower has gone with them as chaperone for a week.

Mrs. C. A. Billings, with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Mills, of Worcester, have been visiting a week with her mother, Mrs. C. G. Hamlett.

Long before the time set for the airships to pass along their course, many people had gathered along the river at East Pepperell and some were watching on the adjacent hills.

Groton grange neared with Prescott grange of Pepperell on Friday, September 8, and furnished the program.

The fresh air children all leave town this week.

W. A. Drummey will hereafter have the Boston American on sale.

C. E. Anniversary.

Labor day was celebrated by two events in town—the twenty-first anniversary of the Nashua River Union held in the Congregational church, and baseball matches in the afternoon.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose of West Townsend conducted the devotional services of the C. E. convention which opened about ten o'clock in the morning. Miss Rayetta Boynton, in behalf of the Pepperell society, gave the address of welcome.

The entire audience listened attentively to Rev. B. A. Willmott of Lowell on the topic, "Who are you, at twenty-one years of age?"

Pepperell is always noted for its dinners and plenty was provided for a larger assembly. After dinner the Hollis society opened the afternoon with a praise service, then the election of officers and a report of the work of the twenty-one years by Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck. This was followed by a general discussion of new ways and paths of advancement.

Current Events.

Brainard Shattuck, who had a second paralytic shock this week, is able to be out of doors, but his throat is affected and he speaks with difficulty.

Miss Arlene Deware, a graduate in the class of 1911 from the Pepperell high school, left home on Friday for St. Johnsbury, Vt., where she will attend the St. Johnsbury academy in that city.

Miss Barbara A. Bancroft, who was graduated from the high school in the class of 1910, is attending the Bryant & Stratton business college in Boston.

James Mahony fell at the paper mill on Saturday night, breaking an arm and dislocating a shoulder. He was taken to the City hospital in Nashua. He has a wife and several children.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hall of Cross street have been visiting at their old home in Turner's Falls.

M. C. Gilchrist visited his wife at the Massachusetts General hospital on Tuesday and he reports Mrs. Gilchrist as getting along nicely.

Walter O'Neil, while riding a bicycle on Saturday evening, collided with a horse driven by Fred Hartwell at the corner of Main and Cross streets. Walter was taken up unconscious and Dr. Qua was summoned and found he was quite badly bruised about the head, neck and shoulders, although no bones were broken. The horse was not injured. No blame was attached to Mr. Hartwell.

The ladies of the Unitarian branch Alliance of this town, will accept an invitation from the Shirley branch Alliance to meet with them on Thursday afternoon, September 14.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rowell visited their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Davis, of Webster, on Monday and Tuesday of this week, attending the state fair on Tuesday.

Among those who went to Nashua on Labor day were the following: Ray Maxwell, Maynard Copp, Charles Messer, wife and family, Mrs. Adda Upson and son Warren, Mrs. John O'Connell, Miss Beatrice and Madeline O'Connell, Mrs. Millie Richards, Mrs. Nellie Gutterston, Fred Ross, Mr. and Mrs. John Fliske, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and family, Mrs. Carrie Pitman, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins, Frank Darling and Andrew Pillsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jameson and young son and Mrs. S. J. Baker of Hollis visited Mrs. L. H. Bean on Monday of this week.

Mrs. Charles Parker visited friends in Milford, N. H., on Tuesday last.

Miss Theresa Tully of Beachmont has been visiting relatives and friends in town.

Amos Mahony has been visiting in Athol, going on Saturday and returning on Wednesday.

Mrs. Emma Coffin is visiting in Boston and vicinity.

Earl Dunton has bought out the laundry route of Minot Blood, and will commence his new work on Monday. Mr. Dunton will be greatly missed by the patrons of the express office.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Thurston and granddaughter, Miss Gertrude Cherry, returned from Bass Point, where they have been spending the greater part of the summer, last week Thursday.

Mrs. Arthur Willoughby and family of Manchester, who have been spending a number of weeks at the home of Judson Willoughby in this town, were joined on Saturday by Mr. Willoughby, who remained until Monday, when they all returned to Manchester in the auto of Judson Willoughby.

About three hundred went from here to Nashua by train on Labor day, and one hundred on Wednesday.

Miss Edith Hatherly of West Fitchburg, is visiting Miss Dena Graham.

L. Davis, who was night watchman at the paper mill, has taken Charles Williams' place as teamster. Benjamin Greenough has taken the place of night watchman.

Miss Bertha Johnson of Fitchburg was at the home of her parents in this town over Labor day, coming the Saturday previous.

Lewis H. Bean has been spending a few days with his son Harry in Boston, going on Thursday of last week, and returning on Tuesday of this week.

Glen Upson has accepted a position as stenographer at the Whitney carriage factory in Leominster.

Miss Maud Maxwell spent Labor day in Nashua with her aunt, who lives on Concord street.

Jerome Nutting of Boston, who recently purchased the John Jewett place, so-called, on River street, has bought out Harry Lawrence's milk route, starting in on September first.

The new town hearse which came on Saturday, is quite a change from the old one, being modern in appearance and appointments; also, much larger.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Durant and family have returned from Whalom, where they have been camping for a few weeks.

Charles Williams, son of Orrin Williams, has got through driving the team at the paper mill.

Mrs. Charles Goff is at her home on Pleasant street from an outing of a number of weeks spent in Gardner, Me., and Hillsborough Bridge, N. H.

Thomas Parker and wife, who have been spending the summer at Lake Sunapee, started on Monday for Wilmington, Del., where Mr. Parker is to teach in a high school.

Sherman Parker of Fitchburg was at home over the holidays.

Leora Gaul of Cochituate, who has been visiting her grandfather in this town, returned to her home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson (Alice Marshall) and son of Fitchburg visited relatives in town, coming on Saturday and returning on Labor day.

Harry Lakin of Greenfield was a guest in town on Monday.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball received a telegram from Winchester on Tuesday, saying that her son had been taken to the hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Lena Lillis, a graduate in the class of 1911, from the high school, is attending the business college of Bryant and Stratton, Boston, commencing on Tuesday.

Mrs. Otis Gellino of Lowell, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. A. G. Pike, of Hollis street, for a few days, returned to her home on Monday.

Rev. C. H. Hanaford of South Lancaster, a former pastor of the Methodist church in this town, preached in the church on Sunday morning. There were no services in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard went to Silver lake, Wilmington, on Saturday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Leonard Nodding. Mr. Frossard left on the Sunday following for a business trip to Philadelphia and the west. Mrs. Frossard will remain at

her daughter's until Mr. Frossard's return.

The W. C. T. U. Meeting.

The W. C. T. U. of this town were entertained by the courtesy of their president, Mrs. N. W. Appleton, at their grove on Mt. Lebanon, Thursday, September 7. All members of the union who were unable to be present missed a very enjoyable occasion. The grounds were beautifully decorated. Old glory floated on the breeze. The shrubs and trees were garlanded with the familiar white ribbons and seemed speaking a welcome to all the guests.

The morning was spent in a social way. Many walking about the well kept and beautiful grounds and at noon twenty enjoyed a delightful sitting together at tables under the trees to partake of a bountiful and piping hot dinner. A trip to the observatory followed the dinner. Lack of space prevents telling of the beautiful view from there. Nearly all gathered bouquets of wild flowers, which as well as cultivated grow in this charming retreat.

Quite a number of ladies came in the afternoon who were unable to be present in the morning. At three o'clock the company assembled on the large veranda and were called to order by the president for the transaction of business, as this was the day for the annual meeting of the union. Meeting opened by singing "America" and repeating the lord's prayer. The various yearly reports from the president and the superintendents of the different departments were given. Many of which were very encouraging. The union now has fifty-two members. The report of the president was most excellent and entertaining. She has been present and conducted every meeting but one during the past year.

Some time ago the union voted to assist in raising money towards procuring new headquarters in Boston. In different ways several dollars have been raised for that purpose. The election of officers followed, and all having served so acceptably this year, were unanimously elected to serve the coming year. A vote of thanks for their work and earnest endeavors during the past year was extended to the president and other officers. A vote of thanks was also extended to the president for the enjoyable occasion and to Mr. Appleton, who had done so much to make the day the success it had been.

The meeting closed with singing "Nearer My God to Thee" and repeating the W. C. T. U. benediction; and the ladies returned to their homes laden with goldenrod, purple asters and rosy checked apples and pleasant memories.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Barteaux.

Judge Sanderson has moved back to Ayer for the winter.

The last family of country week boarders left Alex. Gregory's Thursday of this week.

Miss Edith Flagg, librarian from Brooklyn, N. Y., is enjoying her annual vacation of one month, a part of which she is spending with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Varnum H. Flagg.

Rally Sunday will be observed by the Congregational Sunday school, on Sunday, September 17. There will be a special service on that date.

The three little children of William F. Conant attended by their aunt, Miss Miriam Conant, returned to their home in Arlington Heights, last Saturday night.

Carlton Needham, who has been to the Nashua hospital for a surgical operation, is expected home this week. During his stay in Nashua his parents have visited him frequently.

Mrs. John McKinlay with her son Frank and daughter Bertha enjoyed an auto trip to Exeter, N. H., and a visit with friends in that town last week.

Mrs. George Gardner and Mrs. Paul Brown were recent guests of their cousin, Mrs. Samuel Fletcher, at her home in West Newton.

Elmar A. Flagg and family attended the wedding of Mrs. Flagg's niece, Miss Jennie Wheeler and Harry Stevens at the bride's home in Stow, last week Wednesday. Miss Wheeler's mother is well known as a former Littleton girl, who was Miss Carrie Ricker previous to her marriage.

Miss Evelyn Hamlin of Westford visited her uncle, Austin Kimball, last week.

Miss Elsie Waite of New Bedford has been a guest at J. Hartwell Whitcomb's recently.

Hartwell Whitcomb Gardner, formerly of New Bedford, and Eugene Batchelder, formerly of Ayer, have entered into partnership in Delmar, Cal., where they have opened a general store.

Miss Esther McEnnis returned Monday to her school duties in Ludlow.

Miss Abbie McNiff will return to her teaching in Belmont next week.

Mrs. Edward W. Stone and children of New Bedford were guests in town last week.

Miss Hattie Shafter has returned to New Bedford, where she holds a good position in the teaching profession.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Dodge at D. G. Houghton's Friday morning, September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner of Sanbornville, N. H., were recent visitors at J. Hartwell Whitcomb's.

At the Congregational church tomorrow morning, the pastor will take for his subject, "The inevitable question." The offering will be for the work of the American Missionary association. This organization has for its leading work the support of schools in the south. In the evening at seven o'clock, Miss Carrie Erskine will speak of the origin and work of Hampton institute. Miss Erskine has been for seven years a teacher in this great school for the colored people.

Pingreyville News.

Mrs. Horace Amsden has recently visited her mother in Gloucester.

Mrs. John A. Wright is entertaining her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, from Ashburnham.

Zylpha Wright was at home from Fitchburg from Saturday until Tuesday.

Miss Mary Wright has returned from the central telephone office in Littleton where she has been substituting the last two weeks.

The Peabody family has been entertaining a friend from Springfield the last two weeks.

Miss Laura D. Amsden has returned to Petersham for a few more weeks.

Miss Cora Brown is at home again after an absence of five weeks. She has been visiting an aunt in Morgan, Vt., and brother in Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown and daughter from Erving were over Sunday guests of Francis and Miss Cora Brown. They all went to Holliston on Monday for the Brown reunion. Winslow Wetherbee was also one of the number to attend the reunion. Forty-two relatives were present.

Mrs. Eliza A. Sanderson returned to her home in Ayer this week, having been with her brother, F. S. Pingrey, and family for the last five weeks.

Wedding.

On Wednesday evening occurred the union of two prominent Littleton families, when Dr. Herbert Bancroft Priest of Groton, returned to his native town to claim in marriage one of her fairest daughters, Miss Edith Houghton. Heaven smiled approvingly and earth donned her prettiest mantle of green and gold.

At six o'clock, the festive halls of the grand ancestral home of Daniel G. Houghton on Goldsmith street, resounded the notes of Loehngren's wedding march, Miss Mary Gould, wedding classmate of the bride, at the piano. Presently the bridal party entered the parlor, Barbara and Warren Priest, the ribbon bearers, leading, the maid of honor, Miss Lucy Houghton, and then the bride, escorted by her father, following. The beautiful bride was handsomely gowned in crepe meteor, with duchess lace, yoke, and pearl trimming. She wore a veil daintily caught up with lilies of the valley, and carried a shower bouquet of the same. The maid of honor was becomingly attired in blue marquisette over yellow, and carried yellow roses.

From an adjoining room the groom and his brother, George L. Priest, the best man, advanced till they stood with the bride and her attendants before an arch of hemlock that framed a large plant of brugmansia, or wedding bells. Beneath the fourteen lily-white blossoms of that plant, the marriage was solemnized, the bride's father giving her away and Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield, pastor of the First Congregational (Unitarian) church, performing the ceremony, using the double ring service.

Mr. and Mrs. Priest then received the congratulations of their immediate relatives present. At 7.30 o'clock a wedding reception was held in the same room, attended by between three and four hundred friends from Littleton, Groton, Boston, New York, Cincinnati, Cambridge, Somerville, Waltham, Lowell, Worcester, Arlington, Westford, Barre, Ayer, Shirley, Acton, Hartford, Conn., East Orange, N. J., and other places. In the receiving line with the bridal couple were Mrs. Mary J. Priest, the groom's mother, Mrs. Daniel G. Houghton, the bride's mother, in pearl gray cashmere de sole, Mr. Houghton, Miss Lucy Houghton and George L. Priest.

The guests were introduced to the receiving party by Malcolm and Roger Priest, Roland Houghton and Howard Gilson. Library, sitting-room and dining-room were brilliantly lighted, the latter with several candles and decorated with asters, golden rod and hydrangeas, revealing the delicate touch of Mrs. S. Emma Abbott's artistic fingers. To these rooms the guests passed after the reception and exchanged pleasant greetings.

The D. L. Page company of Lowell catered and a fine stringed orchestra from Fitchburg rendered ensemble music throughout the evening. In an upper room was displayed a large and valuable collection of wedding gifts, consisting of china, silver, embroidery, lamp, pictures, books, carving set, putting dish, bank notes and gold pieces. Mr. and Mrs. Priest were generously showered with confetti as they departed by automobile on their wedding trip. They will return in ten days or two weeks to their home in Groton, where they will receive friends after the first of October. Both bride and groom are graduates of the Littleton high school. Mrs. Priest received diplomas also from Wheaton seminary and Fitchburg normal school and has since taught with success in East Orange, N. J. Dr. Priest took degrees from Harvard college, academic and medical departments.

Town Meeting.

At the special town meeting held Saturday afternoon there was a large representation of Littleton voters. The committee on public water and electric lights submitted a glowing report of achievements and possibilities. Then followed an interesting debate on one of the most sharply contested subjects ever presented in Littleton town meeting, with most convincing logic and finished eloquence from several orators on each side. A vote was taken, but as the number of ballots cast did not agree with the check list, the vote was declared illegal and the moderator, N. B. Conant, announced that an adjourned meeting would be held on the following Tuesday evening. Accordingly, on September 5 the voters assembled in larger numbers than on the previous evening and the vote was declared 127 yeas and 52 nays.

It was further voted to raise and appropriate \$65,000 for the purpose of installing public water and electric lights, and a committee of three was chosen to carry forward the work—Hon. Frank A. Patch for three years,

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About Town.

The descendants of Sally Walcott Brown of Littleton held a reunion on Monday, September 4, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Littlefield of Holliston. Guests were present from Worcester, Allston, Malden, DeLand, Fla., Winthrop, West Acton, Mansfield, Marlboro, Boston, Littleton, Erving, Lowell and Somerville. Letters were received from members of the family from Orange, Cambridge, Still River, North Dana, Waukegan, Ill., Colorado Springs, Col., Goldfield, Nev., and Los Angeles, Cal. A bountiful dinner was served under the apple trees of the lawn, and sports and reminiscences made a most enjoyable day.

Miss Ethel M. Edwards of Waltham, who graduated from the Littleton high school, class of 1911, entered the Fitchburg normal school this week.

Historical Meeting.

The historical society conducted their research work under favoring skies Labor day. Joseph Harwood, president, and Frank Priest, vice president, had previously visited the ground and ascertained the bounds of a reservation given up formerly to the Indians. It was found to cover many acres of land, 300 poles by 280 poles, and including portions of Nagog and Fort ponds. Mr. Harwood and Mr. Priest followed the bounds in part with a company of twenty people, who gathered before the public library for that purpose. A pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent in this way. The society voted to place glass cases for the historic collection on each side of the mantelpiece in the public library reading room. The meeting adjourned shortly before seven o'clock.

Woman's Club Program.

October 9—Parliamentary drill. Mrs. M. K. Priest, Debate, "Equal suffrage," by club women.

October 23—Address, "Recent legislation concerning women and children in Massachusetts."

November 13—Lecture, "Vocational training."

November 27—Neighborhood meeting. Response from West Concord Woman's club. Tadmek club of Westford; Altruistic club of Shirley; West Acton Woman's club; Ayer Woman's club.

December 11—"Travel notes," Miss Cora Warren.

January 1—Guest evening. Address, Harry Kimball, on "Savings bank insurance."

January 8, 22, and February 12—Study of Robert Browning. First: "The man, his style, and his message." Second: "An art program." Third: A musical program, leader, Rev. O. J. Fairfield, assisted by club women.

February 26—Lecture.

March 11—At home committee. Mrs. Elizabeth Flagg, Miss Fannie A. Sanderson, Mrs. Emma Abbott, Mrs. Amelia Wakefield.

March 25—Musical, music committee.

April 8—Nature study, "Birds," Committee, Rev. and Mrs. Harrison L. Packard, Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy, Jr.

April 22—Reciprocity day. Nature study, "Flowers." Talk on the wild flowers, Herbert L. Hutchings, M. D. Vocal soloist, Mrs. Grace M. Totch.

May 8—Annual meeting. Suitable music at every meeting.

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Clinton Fair.

The great Clinton fair with all its big attractions is nearly here and promises to be bigger and better than ever. The corn contest, a new adventure for the society this year, has proved a great feature, eighteen farmers from neighboring towns having entered. The grand apple show, which proved such a success and attraction last year, is equally so this year and already twelve granges have entered. On Thursday the last day of the fair, the horse show will take place. This always proves a big feature and this year goes far beyond the ordinary. A horse in charge, people from all over expressing a desire to be in this class show. The dog show on Wednesday and Thursday, September 13 and 14, will be benched under A. K. C. rules and with the best of every breed being shown ought to

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