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WESTFORD.

Graniteville.
The members of A. R. Choate hose company held their regular meeting in Healy's hall on Monday evening with Capt. J. A. Healy presiding. The meeting was well attended. Considerable business of a routine order was transacted, after which the members enjoyed a social hour.

The experiment of oiling the streets was tried for the first time on Tuesday afternoon, where that portion of Main street between Greig's Corner and the Boston and Maine depot were given a covering of the oily mixture. A subscription paper has also been presented to the people along Broadway street to see if they will contribute something toward de-

fraying the expense of having Broadway street oiled. Capt. S. H. Fletcher of the Westford board of selectmen was down here on Tuesday and was deeply interested in the work. It is thought that the required sum will soon be subscribed and the work will be continued at once.

Frank L. Furbush is now spending his vacation at his boyhood home at Farmington, Me., and before he returns he will make a visit to Rangely lakes. He will be absent two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Defoe and son Gerald, who have recently returned from a pleasure trip to Victoria, Canada, report a very pleasant time while away.

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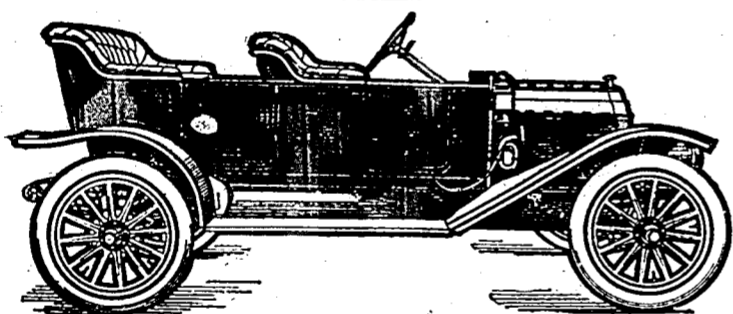
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The annual Lake Tahoe Endurance Run started Saturday from San Francisco to Lake Tahoe and return. We finished this afternoon thirty entries, six clean scores, consisting one American, one Winton, two Buick "40s," two Flanders, one Flanders driven by a girl 17 years old made trip, but was unable to finish in time. Trip took four days and covered worst roads in state of California, total distance 520 miles, over the high Sierras. Highest point reached 7013 feet, longest grade 15 miles, steepest grade 22 1-3 per cent., one rise 1200 feet in four miles, trip was one of the hardest on the Pacific Coast showing the Flanders wonderful and everybody taking their hats off to this little car. Photographs will be sent you by mail.

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HARVARD.

News Items.

Bromfield school opens for the fall term Wednesday, September 20. A. F. Leonard, principal, Miss Bernice Sears and Miss Alice Chadwick, assistants. The outlook now is for a large number of the old students to return with an additional large class of freshmen.

Miss F. E. Priest and Albert Goodrich return to Worcester on Monday, September 18. The former returns to her work there and the latter to enter the Institute of Technology.

Should Saturday September 16, be a favorable day. Mrs. A. C. Sawyer will give the children in her Sunday school class an auto trip to Concord and return, visiting places of interest en route. Mr. Hutchinson will furnish the auto barge. The youngsters are looking forward to an interesting trip.

Leon Dadmun and family closed "Somerville," their summer cottage, on Lovers' lane this week and have re-opened their winter home at Somerville.

Kent Tyler Royal is to enter Colby college, Me., this fall, for a four-years' course preparatory to entering the Harvard Medical school in 1915.

Ralph Whitney is visiting for a few weeks with the Kingmans at Swampscott.

Joseph Savage of Pepperell visited over Sunday last with his father here in town.

Walter Hazard left on Monday by the way of Cleveland, Ohio, for Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, where he goes in as sophomore on a four-years' course.

Ray E. Hutchinson left this week for Amherst, where he enters his second year at the agricultural college.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Hazard of Oak Bluffs have been visiting this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hazard.

Herbert Dickson returned Thursday from a two-weeks' visit to his grandfather's at Plymouth.

Alfred C. Fuller closed his summer place on Oak hill this week, and with his family are now at their home in Belmont.

Miss Ellen B. Morrill is visiting in the family of Dr. Royal.

George F. Cobb and Edgar W. Cottle are installing a water system in their homes on Oak hill. They are using compressed air to overcome gravitation.

Talk on Single Tax.

Upwards of two hundred citizens gathered on Friday evening of last week at the town hall to listen to addresses by a number of the ablest speakers and best informed single tax advocates in the country. Chairman Warren H. Fairbank introduced the speakers. Gov. Garvin of Rhode Island was the first speaker. He spoke of the benefits to be derived by the middle and poorer classes under a single tax system. He was a very attractive speaker. Prof. L. H. Johnson of Harvard university occupied the next quarter-hour with remarks along the same line. Prof. Jesse Holmes of Swarthmore college, Pa., spoke on the opportunities of the churches in the way of developing good citizenship. His remarks were brief, but very much to the point. The next speaker was Frank Stephens, the head and heart of the single tax colony at Arden, Del. He was an eloquent speaker and interpreted single tax principles in a clear and forceful manner. His address was far too short. William L. Price, an architect and sculptor, was the last speaker and gave a different version perhaps, but all along the same lines of direct taxation. Questions were then invited by the speakers and several were asked, all of which were promptly and fully answered.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
 Fred A. Naylor of Forge Village, who has been a regular attendant at the Congregational church for the last two years, has not been coming alone since the reopening of church services after the vacation. In attendance with him is his young English bride of a few weeks.

Mrs. O. R. Spalding entertained the Thimble club and a few other guests at camp on Wednesday of this week. The guests were transferred to and from in Mr. Blaisdell's comfortable barge. Many were the contributing causes to make the event one of Mrs. Spalding's pleasantest camp reunions. There were eighteen guests present.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning, it was "Labor Sunday." Rev. David Wallace in his sermon gave an intelligent presentation of many phases of both sides of complicated labor problems and what the attitude of the churches thereto. In the evening John Adams Taylor presented two of Henry Van Dyke's poems, in which this well-known preacher, author and teacher, presented the spirit of labor most excellently. A large number came out to hear Mr. Taylor and his sympathetic rendering of the author's thought was sincerely appreciated.

A daughter has recently been born to Mr. and Mrs. David Sherman.

Mrs. Edward Fisher and daughter Esther are at Swampscott for a week.

The annual agricultural fair under the auspices of the Congregational church will take place next Friday afternoon and evening.

The Ladies' Missionary society met at the parsonage on Wednesday afternoon and made plans for the season's work.

On Friday afternoon of last week, the Clambake club had its annual meeting and spread. This is the sixth season these affairs have taken place. Mrs. John Feeney, Mrs. Edward Fisher and Mrs. A. W. Hartford were the hostesses on Friday, and it was a great success in every way. The weather man was not quite kind, but that did not deter the gathering from carrying out their plans. The scene was changed from John Feeney's apple orchard to the lower town hall. The long table presented a cheerful sight with its delicious menu and decorations of golden glow. There were about twenty in attendance.

The Lowell Electric Light Company are making good progress setting poles and wiring for electric lights and there is every prospect the town will be lighted by late fall. A large force of workmen are at work and have poles in place from Forge Village part of the pumping station at Pine Ridge, to Westford Center.

It was the eighty-ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Edwin Gould at the home of her son, George E. Gould, on Tuesday of this week. The event was made pleasant by the presence of invited guests who brought felicitous greetings; also, Mrs. Gould was the recipient of some pretty gifts and some beautiful flowers. Refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett. Mrs. Gould, whose long-time home was at North Westford, enjoys aside from deafness, very comfortable health.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry L. McClusky and son Donald of Worcester were guests at Mrs. A. S. Wright's on Wednesday of last week, coming in their auto. The day was their twelfth wedding anniversary.

Miss Lila C. Fisher returned recently from a delightful European vacation and went this week to resume her teaching in Boston.

Miss Dora Hawkes of Melrose has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Hartford, during this week.

The programs for the Tadmuck club for the coming season have been distributed to the members this last week and present their usual attractive appearance in their pretty gray covers, and within the outline for the winter is full of suggestive possibilities for instruction and entertainment. The special topic for study is "South America," which follows nicely after last season's subject of "Spanish North America." These afternoons will be interspersed with other interesting subjects. The first of these will be at the first meeting, Tuesday, October 10, called a "Home afternoon," in charge of Miss E. Marion Sweatt, assisted by Miss Winnifred Burnham and Mrs. C. A. Blaney.

Miss May E. Day returns this week for her senior year at Smith college.

Miss Gertrude Hamlin, who was graduated from Miss Kimball's school for girls at Worcester in June, enters Wellesley college this next week.

Leon F. Hildreth resumed his studies at Lowell high school this week.

Among our home young people going to other places to teach are Miss Ruth Tuttle to Wintthrop, Miss Edith A. Wright to Ayer, Miss Edna Ferguson to Beverly, Miss Jennie Ferguson to Presque Isle, Me., Misses Jennie M. Chandler, Julia Hall, Lila Fisher to Chatham, Miss Edith Stellan to South Royalton, Miss Stella Hartford to Carlisle and Archie Hartford to Norwood.

A sad case of sickness is reported at Charles H. Bicknell's on the South road. Mrs. Bicknell has boarding with her a family of four children named Winters. These children are wards of the state. Grace, aged four, has infantile paralysis, but the physician in charge thinks her case hope-

ful of recovery. Not so hopeful is the case of an older brother, Morris Winters, aged twelve, who is suffering with the dreadful tetanus or lockjaw. At this writing his sufferings have not reached the acute stage that they will. The boy got a rusty nail into his foot and when the physician first saw him the early stages of tetanus were well developed.

Mrs. J. G. Lester of Patterson, N. J., has been visiting Mrs. Ida M. Gould and Mrs. J. H. Colburn this week.

Superintendent of schools, Frank H. Hill, will be at the academy building on Tuesday afternoons, from two to four o'clock, the same as last year, for conference with parents and others on matters that may come up pertaining to the school work.

Seth Bannister enters Amherst Agricultural college at the beginning of the fall term and, Allister MacDougal goes to the same for his third year.

The graduating class of the academy this last season have plans as follows: Anna Symmes is studying stenography and typewriting at Miss Hard's school in Lowell, Ruth Furbush has entered Lowell Normal school, Seth Bannister goes to Amherst, Ruth Flagg goes to an academy in East Greenwich, R. I., to especially study music, Joseph LaDuc goes to Clark college, Worcester, John Feeney expects to go to Amherst for a special course later, Miss Ida Trask, Miss Adelle Day and Herbert McMaster are at home for the present.

Will E. Wright, who has charge of the local teaming of produce to the Boston market, tried as an experiment an auto truck for a trip Tuesday night with a two-ton capacity. It is hoped by many that this may lead the way to doing away with horse power for the heaviest trucking.

Miss Grace Robinson and Miss Hilda Isles are studying at the Lowell Commercial college.

Pearl Harmon, who has occupied Miss Mary Moran's house for the past six months, removed his goods to Chelmsford this week Monday.

William R. Carver has a force of twenty Italian workmen on the Brigham farm where they will do some extensive work clearing land, etc., for extensive setting out of fruit trees, mostly apple. Quarters for the men have been built in one of the fields on the brow of Depot hill.

A recent real estate transfer is that of the Bean place to Mrs. Cora E. Carver.

One-half mile of the main street in the Center, extending from the village side of George Heywood's to Drew's Corner, has received a coat of oil. This is in the nature of an experiment to allay the dust and preserve the road bed. The preparation is a heavy oil containing forty percent asphaltum which works into the surface and is said to give excellent results in other towns where it has been tried. Abutters along the oil-d section have contributed well toward the expense.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler entertained the Thimble club on Wednesday of last week with full attendance and merry time. A supper was served to the guests.

Schools.
 Schools opened last week Monday with a large attendance. There are no changes in the teaching force at the Center this year: Principal Dexter Cogshall at the academy, assisted by Misses Norris and Lawrence; Miss Ruth Fisher, principal at the Frost school, assisted by Misses Grant, Burnham and Crocker; Miss Raynes, supervisor of music, and Mr. Brackett, the drawing, the same as last year. Those in charge of the transporting of scholars are Mr. Hunt from the west end, Mr. Blaisdell from the south end, and Mr. Merritt from the north end, and the electric car brings those from the east village district. Mrs. Carter has taken Misses Lawrence, Morris and Burnham to board, the same as last year, and Misses Grant and Crocker board at Mrs. J. E. Knights.

Grange.
 The annual neighbors' night of the grange took place last week Thursday evening under auspicious conditions. Members of Acton and Littleton were the invited guests and each grange brought a good delegation and there were also representations from several other granges. There were fully 150 in attendance. The visitors gave the entertainment and the home grange the supper, according to time-honored custom. Littleton members presented a farce, "A paper match," and a good miscellaneous program. Acton members gave some excellent music, a ladies' quartet and a gentlemen's quartet, also, solos.
 Among the speakers were worthy master Richard Barrows of Littleton and past masters Tuttle and Payson of Acton. Mrs. J. E. Knights and Mrs. S. L. Taylor were in charge of the supper with a good corps of assistants.

The ladies' degree staff in charge of Mrs. Snow, has organized and will begin rehearsals for the fall initiations. This staff is in charge of the entertainment at the next meeting, Thursday evening, September 21, and are planning an attractive program.

About Town.
 The board of registrars will hold a meeting in the town hall on Wednesday evening, September 20. All persons entitled to register for the caucus on September 26, will have an opportunity.

Hiram Dane, who has arrived from California, will sell his farm and personal property at auction today. It has a large beach frontage on Long Sought pond.

Seth Bannister, he of the familiar Bannister Corner, has entered Amherst Agricultural college.

Felton, a junk dealer of Lowell, has bought the Vose farm on the Acton road, and Stearns, the invalid, who formerly lived there, has moved onto the West place near Carlisle station.

Rev. L. L. Green of Chelmsford conducted the services at the Unitarian

church on Sunday in exchange with Rev. B. H. Bailey.

The next meeting of Westford grange will be held on Thursday evening, September 21. Mrs. F. L. Snow has charge of the lecturer's hour which will be open meeting during the lecturer's hour.

The first reunion of warm weather and frost for 1911 was held on Wednesday evening.
 Hon. Grafton D. Cushing of Boston was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

Clippings.
 The following was taken from a recent issue of the Boston Globe:

"If you don't live in the sixth councilor district, which is made up of the first, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth Middlesex senatorial districts, you may not have heard of Councilor Herbert E. Fletcher, but if you do know him as a quiet, unobtrusive politician of the old school, who has little use for the new-fangled ideas of party politics which the uplift element insist on calling 'progressive.'"

"Ever since he began to vote Councilor Fletcher has been deeply interested in politics. He is a native of Westford, where he lives, and has been selectman of his town, a member of both branches of the legislature and is engaged in the granite business. He is one of the republicans who is listed at headquarters: 'Will stand without hitching.' He can boast of the only pompadour in the executive council. He is a thin, wiry blond man and a tireless worker."

"It looked one time as if Mr. Fletcher's political career was ended. The Newton contingent in the district—a most important cog in the republican wheel of that section—was trimming him. He was promised their support at the expiration of Serrell Jones' second term in the council, but Serrell, who is close to Congressman Weeks as the bark to a tree, hankered for a third term. 'Billy' Gareolon and the others who pull the strings out that way arranged it so that Serrell got what was denied General Ulysses S. Grant and others of less account in the political arena."

"The following year, 1910, the Newton politicians kept their word and handed him the nomination on a silver platter. If they hadn't made good the chances are that Councilor Fletcher would have started something. He had been watching them for a year, as the late George M. Stearns of Chicago used to watch those whom he played cards with."

"Mrs. Stearns, the story goes, protested to Mr. Stearns about the tobacco juice stains on his white shirt front. He explained that they were undoubtedly caused by his expectorations while he was playing cards with his cronies."

"Can't you turn your head when you want to spit?" demanded Mrs. Stearns.

"Not with that crowd, my dear," was the old democrat's answer.

"Councilor Fletcher will be reelected this fall. He has no serious opposition."

Forge Village.
 Eugene Simpson of Boston has been spending his vacation at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Splaine.

Sunday school opened last Sunday at St. Andrew's mission and was in charge of Rev. A. L. Bumpus, who will have charge until Mr. Lowe of Groton School returns from his summer vacation. Mr. Lowe succeeds E. H. Hilliard, former superintendent.

On Wednesday evening, September 20, a parish meeting will be held in Recreation hall. All who are interested in St. Andrew's mission in any capacity are earnestly requested to be present.

Ernest Castingary of Manchester, N. H., was the week-end visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parrott of Beaver Brook road.

Mrs. Catherine O'Hara will soon remove into the cottage on Pond street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Jean and family.

A little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morton of Lowell on September 7. Mrs. Morton was formerly Miss Rose E. Northrup of this village.

Mrs. Catherine Elliott of Bradford street, has recently purchased from W. H. P. Hart, a strip of land situated on Pleasant street and Concord road.

Miss Mary C. Joyce of Lowell was the guest of Miss Christina Lowther last week.

Miss May Lord, who is training to become a nurse at the South Framingham hospital, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord, over Sunday.

Miss Grace Lawrence and Miss E. M. Plummer are visiting at Portland, Me.

A farewell dancing party was held by the young people who have been camping on the shores of Forge pond in Abbot hall last week Friday evening, which was very well attended. Music was furnished by Miss Sarah Precious, piano, and Harry Brown, violin.

The children's playground at Cameron park was opened last week Thursday. Swings, see-saws and merry-go-round have been placed in position and a baseball diamond greatly adds to the sport. Abbot Worsted Company have kindly made the improvements in the park and put in position these amusements for the young people.

Miss Florence Strout and friends from Lowell spent the last of the week at Mr. Hart's cottage at Forge pond. A son was born in Tuesday, September 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Hunt. Mrs. Hannah Collins of Haverhill is the guest at the home of her son, Miles Collins.
 Miss Bertha Collins has returned to Lowell Commercial college.
 Miss Mabel Sanborn has started on her second year in the high school at Ayer.
 William Davis and Albert Collins has resumed study at the Westford high school.
 Mrs. Walter Brooks of Brockton is the guest of Mrs. Randall this week.

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Mrs. H. E. Randall is entertaining Dr. Harrison M. Bennett of Washington, D. C., and his brother, Abijah Bennett of Weyanwega, Wis., who, with their brother, Alvin S. Bennett, and sisters, Mrs. Mary I. Drake and Mrs. Lucretia Reed, attended the Bennett reunion held at the home of their brother, John Bennett, of Worcester, on Labor day.

William Burnett of Pleasant saret is confined to his home, suffering from a diseased eye.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.
 The young people here are leaving home this week for school. Miss Jean Baker went to Meriden to enter Kimball Union academy and Charles Bell and Charles R. Hardy to Denham to attend the state college.

Dr. and Mrs. George S. Hazard took a five days' trip to the White mountains in the doctor's automobile, returning the first of the week. They visited the Profile house, Bretton Woods, Intervale and other places. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bill as guests.

Mrs. Sarah Beechings of Boston spent a few days in Hollis the first of this week on her way to Bethlehem, N. H. Mrs. Beechings has spent her vacation in Bethlehem every summer the past thirty-six years. She is the last survivor of the late Benjamin Poole's family.

One day last week Scott Farley while assisting Walter Hayden pulling stone was seriously injured. A large stone slipped back into the hole, which caused a lever to fly up, striking Scott on the lip, and threw him several feet. He was taken up unconscious, his face badly lacerated. The physician had to take fourteen stitches. It was a narrow escape from death. He is recovering more rapidly than was expected.

Premium Winners.
 Hollis proves itself equal to any town at the New Hampshire State fair held in Nashua last week. Those winning premiums are as follows:

Bell farm, with two other prominent herds of Ayrshires competing, won: 1st, aged herd; 1st, breeders' young herd; 1st, bull and get; 2nd, yearling bull; 1st, 2nd, bull calves; 2nd, cow over 1 yr.; 2nd, cow 3 yrs.; 2nd, cow 2 yrs.; 1st, veal calf; 2nd, heifer calf; 1st, best display of fruits; 1st, largest and best display of apples; 1st, Baldwin's, Roxbury Russets, Northern Spy, A. J. Greenings and 1st on 19 other varieties; 2nd on 14 varieties of apples; 2nd, best display of peaches; 1st, 7 varieties of peaches; 2nd, 5 varieties of peaches; 1st, 2 varieties of quinces; 1st, largest and best display of plums; 1st, 14 varieties plums; 2nd, 3 varieties plums.

S. Coleman, 1st on Gravestines with a very fine plate of them.
 Daniel Goodwin, 1st on Yellow Bell-fleur, and 2nd on Bewaukee apples; 1st on Bourre Bosc, and 1st on Sicken peaches.

E. Adelbert Greenleaf on peaches; 1st on Fitzgerald; 1st on Niagara; 1st on Crosby; 2d on Elbertas.
 Mrs. Frank W. Wheeler had a fine display of apples winning 1st on 9 varieties and 2nd on variety. Mrs. Wheeler also had a large exhibit of canned fruit.

Henry D. Blood showed his herd of Holstein Friesians, and in competition with 3 other herds, won 2nd, aged herd; 2nd, breeders' young herd; 1st and 2nd, cows 3 years with get; 1st, cow 3 yrs.; 2nd, cow 3 yrs.; 1st, heifer under 1 yr.; also 1st on drawing with his gray team.

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Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH A. HOLMES late of Nashua in the county of Hillsborough and State of New Hampshire deceased, or in the personal property hereinafter described, and to the Treasurer and Receiver General of said Commonwealth: Whereas, WILLIAM F. LAWRENCE, appointed administrator of the estate of said deceased, by the Probate Court for the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire, has presented to said Court his petition representing that as such administrator he is entitled to certain personal property situated in said Commonwealth to wit: Deposit and interest in North Middlesex Savings Bank, Ayer, Mass., represented by book No. 1490, and praying that he may be licensed to receive or to sell by public or private sale on such terms and to such person or persons as he shall think fit—or otherwise to dispose of, and to transfer and convey such shares and estate.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth 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 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, at least before said Court, and by delivering a copy of said citation to the Tax Commissioner of said Commonwealth fourteen days at least before said Court.

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

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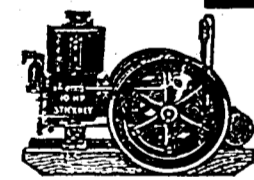
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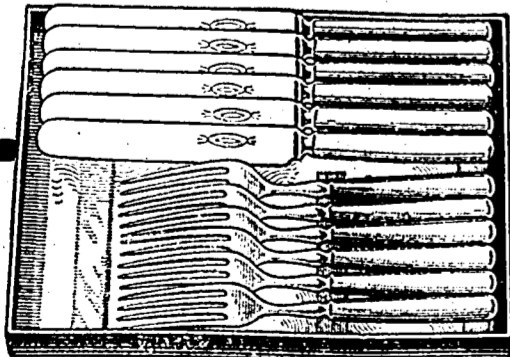
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By Edward A. Richardson.
(Continued from last week.)
Susan F. Bancroft was a successful teacher here in the summer terms of 1859-60-61. She was born in New Ipswich, N. H., October 25, 1836, the daughter of James and Sarah W. Kendall Bancroft. She married Albert Conant of Boston, June, 1867, and died in Charlestown on January 28, 1885.

The following is an extract from an obituary notice of her in 1885: "At an early age she attended the common schools of her town and then entered New Ipswich Appleton academy where she pursued her studies, attained a high rank as a scholar and commenced the development of those noble traits of womanly character which became so conspicuous in her after life. At the age of sixteen she began to teach the 'District school,' first in the town of Nelson, and, subsequently, in New Ipswich, Rindge and Wilton. In the autumn of 1860, she became preceptress of Appleton academy, now McCollom institute, in Mt. Vernon, where she remained four years, the academy during that time being under the charge of her brother, Rev. Cecil F. Bancroft, Ph. D., now principal of Phillips academy, Andover, Mass. She again taught public schools in Mt. Vernon, Amherst, and also in Randolph and Charlestown, Mass. She was devoted to her chosen profession and never seemed to be more happy than when engaged in imparting instruction. She was always at ease in the schoolroom and made it attractive for her pupils. With them her rule was love and her word was law which they kindly and cheerfully obeyed. She had a thorough knowledge of her subjects and the wonderful art of making her scholars understand them. Of her it can be truly said, she was apt to teach."

Rufus Livermore, who taught this school in the winter of 1860, was born in Groton on November 1, 1839, son of Daniel and Abigail (Trask) Livermore. He fitted for college at Lawrence academy and studied for a while at Williams college. He then attended the Albany Law school and was admitted to the bar of New York state. While familiarizing himself with the Massachusetts legal code and teaching, the war broke out and he was one of the first to enlist and as a member of (Groton) Company B, 6th regiment, was in the bloody march through Baltimore, April 19, 1861. He returned to Groton and assisted in securing further enlistments and finally went again to the war in the Third Rhode Island cavalry. On January 22, 1863, he was married to Martha Elizabeth Todd.

After the war he lived for a while at the Lewis Blood place on Washington street, Groton Junction, now Ayer. After this brief residence here, he moved to Orange, and became closely identified with the concern which eventually became the Rodney Hunt Machine Company, of which he was secretary and director. He became one of the most prominent and respected citizens of the town. He was a representative to the state legislature in 1879, and a state senator for the years 1883 and 1884.

Mr. Livermore died in Orange, July 8, 1891, after a short illness. He was closely connected with many local organizations, was an active, earnest member of the Congregational church, a superintendent and teacher in the Sunday school, and active in all work which promoted the welfare of the community.

One of his associates has fittingly said: "Mr. Livermore was a man for whom I felt the highest respect. It was not necessary to know him a long time and to watch his course through a series of years in order to be assured of his sterling character. He was one of the few men whose every act was impressed with intimate integrity and honor."

George Anson Bruce, in the winter of 1861, became the teacher. It is interesting to note that Cecil F. P. Bancroft, a former teacher, was then teaching at Mt. Vernon, N. H., the place of birth of Mr. Bruce, where he was born on November 19, 1839. His parents were Nathaniel and Lucy (Butterfield) Bruce. He graduated at Dartmouth in the class of 1861, and after leaving school No. 2, served in Thirtieth N. H. Volunteers in the war of the rebellion. He was admitted to the bar of Middlesex county in Massachusetts in April, 1866. He was a member of the New Hampshire legislature, and in 1882-3-4, in the Massachusetts senate, being president in the last named year. He moved to Somerville in 1874, and was mayor of that city for three years. He married on January 26, 1870, Clara Moors Hall, daughter of Joseph Fletcher and Sarah (Longley) Hall of Groton.

Julia Maria Page was the teacher in the spring of 1862, and was born in Shirley on August 12, 1844. She was the daughter of George and Abigail (Gibson) Page. She had the benefit of the instruction at Shirley Center of Charles Goodrich, who taught advanced scholars in the lower room of the town house, where she and her brother Walter both attended. She was also taught privately by Mary Longley, a sister of the late Melvin W. Longley. This school at Groton was her first, and she taught later at Shirley village and Shirley Center. She married Thomas L. Hazen of Shirley on November 17, 1867, and died on September 6, 1883. Their daughter, Mabel G. Hazen, born on July 27, 1872, was a graduate of Fitchburg high school, Smith college, and took a course at Bridgewater as preparation for teacher. Like her mother, she has been a successful teacher.

Emma Caroline Hartwell, daughter of Benjamin F. and Emma Whitman Hartwell, was born in Acton, Mass., May 20, 1843, and with her brother Benjamin came with their parents to Groton, the place of birth of the father, when quite young. She graduated at Lawrence academy and became a teacher. She taught this school in the summer and winter of 1863, and in the summer of 1864. She afterwards

went to Gallopolis, Ohio, where she taught for several years and where she was married to M. V. B. Kennedy. The family afterward moved to Zanesville, Ohio, where Mr. Kennedy died. She now resides with her only son in the last named city.

The school committee were pleased to say in their report for 1863-64:

"The summer and winter terms were taught by Miss Emma C. Hartwell of this town, who possesses admirable qualities for a teacher," and in the next report for 1864-65: "She is a thorough scholar and insists upon thoroughness on the part of her pupils."

Benjamin Hall Hartwell, who taught in the winter of 1864, had been a pupil with his brother Harris in the same school. This was his first experience in the profession which he later gave up for that of a physician. He was born in Acton, Mass., February 27, 1845, and came to Groton with his parents in 1847, to the "community" location. He graduated at Lawrence academy and after his season of teaching here, taught the school at Sandy pond, now in Ayer, and then the high school at Groton Center. Educational interest lost a good teacher and the medical profession gained an eminently successful practitioner. He became a resident of the present town of Ayer in 1869, and was closely identified with its schools and other public institutions. He died at Ayer on December 6, 1904, much lamented and long to be remembered.

Miss Lizzie S. Jaquith, the teacher for the summer of 1865, was born in Ashby, Mass., and attended the district schools and the high school in that town. From the high school she came to teach the school in this district. After leaving Groton she taught in Ashby, Ashburnham, New Ipswich, Milford district schools until her marriage in 1876, to Erastus O. Wheeler of Ashby. She died in 1880. A sister resides in Fitchburg, and a son in Pomfret, Vt.

Maria Catherine Wright, the eldest daughter of Deacon Alva Wright, taught in the winter of 1865. She was born in Groton, August 18, 1842; was a pupil at No. 2, and entered Lawrence academy in 1854. With some other ambitious young ladies in 1858, she was examined at the old brick schoolhouse opposite the academy for a position as teacher and at that early age of sixteen began to teach in Groton. At various times she taught first at No. 14, at the paper mill; at No. 11, Sandy pond; also, in Dunstable and South Lancaster. She also taught in the academy at Mt. Vernon, N. H., taking the place there of Miss Susan F. Bancroft, who had previously been a teacher at our school at No. 2. In 1867, she went as a teacher in a large school for freedmen, the Lincoln school at Memphis, Tenn., located in surroundings especially trying for our eastern girls accustomed to good roads, sidewalks and well-kept grounds. In 1877, she married Shelby H. Sawyer, whom she survives and she makes her home in Groton.

In this place it may be said that the Wright girls had a fine reputation for punctuality and scholarly application, and at one of the examinations when they were pupils, the committee after looking over the register, wished to see those Wright sisters.

"Where are they; let them stand up." They had not been absent or tardy during the long, severe winter term.

Fannie E. Wright, the teacher for the spring of 1866, was one of the three daughters of Alva and Fanny G. (Woods) Wright, who all taught this school at different times. She was born in Groton, December 10, 1846, and attended this school as a pupil and also at Lawrence academy. She was married in 1868, to Burton W. Potter, esq., who had also attended the academy. She also taught in the north and east schools of Groton. Since her marriage she has held many positions of usefulness in the church, Woman's club, and patriotic organizations of Worcester, where she now resides.

James Calvin Carter Parker came to this school in the winter of 1866, as a teacher, but did not make an extensive stay. This may have been a hard school for Mr. Parker, but at any rate he failed to arouse the interest of his pupils. He was born in Shirley on July 19, 1846, the son of Dr. James Otis and Martha Lincoln Carter Parker. After seven months military service in the Second Massachusetts cavalry in 1865, he attended Lawrence academy, being enrolled in 1866. He also taught at East Shirley. He was a direct descendant of Captain James Parker, an early settler of Groton, and his father was a graduate of old Groton academy in 1820, and Amherst college in 1824, and was a well-known physician at Shirley. The son died recently, January 27, 1911, at his home in Shirley.

Miss Cynthia A. Goodnow, a teacher in the spring of 1868, was born in Boston, the daughter of Asa and Cynthia Hamilton Goodnow, June 27, 1849. In her early life, with a sister, Mary A., now wife of Leonard Stone of Roxbury, she came to Littleton, after the death of their mother, to make her home in the family of a cousin, Mrs. Mary J. Priest, and for about ten years Littleton was their home. During these years she attended Lawrence academy at Groton, being enrolled at that institution with her sister in 1865, during that time taking private lessons also of Miss Clarissa Butler. She graduated at Salem Normal school on January 23, 1868, and was one of the essayists. After the period of teaching in Groton, she went to Brookline, Mass., to make a home for her father, and died there on February 10, 1877.

The teacher for the spring term of 1869, was Miss Rebecca Arabella Prescott of Westford, Mass. She was the daughter of Levi and Rebecca Fletcher Prescott, and was born in Westford in October, 1848. While teaching this school she boarded in the family of John M. Gilson, as several teachers have done. Miss Prescott attended the public schools of her native town and received private instruction preparatory to her taking in the profession, which she followed at Littleton, Westford, Sandy pond, Grantville and Bridgewater, N. H.

She died in Westford on August 12, 1881.

Miss Gantle A. Hunt came from Vermont to teach the school in the spring of 1870. She was born in Fairfax, Vt., on April 21, 1847, daughter of Helen and Julia Sanford Hunt. While in Groton, she boarded at the Ephraim Sawtelle house. Vermont had more claims on her services and she returned there after the term of teaching here. Since then she has taught in Vermont, Wisconsin, Nebraska, California and is now teaching a course in manual arts at Brigham academy at Bakersfield, Vt. (To be concluded.)

Notice—in the preparation of the series of articles about this school, the writer has obtained a large amount of information from which the most pertinent has been selected. Since it is intended to arrange this later in pamphlet form, the writer would be pleased to learn of any omissions in names of pupils and teachers. In a work involving so much statistical labor, some errors in copying or printing may have appeared. These it is desirable to have corrected for future historical reference. Address, Edward A. Richardson, Ayer, Mass.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Miss Elsie Holcombe of Winchester has been the guest of Dr. Holcombe and family.

The local R. F. D. carriers are taking their annual vacation. Frank Willoby is substituting for Frank Kilduff, and James H. Gilson for H. Arthur Brown.

Charles Howe and family are to occupy the Gilson cottage on the Milford road, owned by Samuel Swett.

Mrs. Sarah Colburn is visiting at the home of Mrs. Orin Ray at Somerville.

Miss Marjorie Patch of Malden and Miss Edna Turner of Brookline, N. Y., are at the Russell farm.

Mrs. Clara Russell is gradually improving from her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Arthur Brown are at Boston and the beaches for part of the week.

James Coleman, an employee at the icehouse, severely cut his finger with an ice hook on Friday of last week. The services of Dr. Holcombe were required.

Mrs. Olive Burton of Milford is at the Holcombe homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. George I. Dodge observed their fifteenth wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 9.

Charles R. Hardy enters Durham college this fall.

Mrs. Edward T. Hall of Milford was a guest in town on Thursday of last week.

Miss Marion A. Stiles resumed her school duties at Nashua on Monday and Miss Mary L. Brown returned to Waltham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Warren Gould of Rosindale, have been guests of Mrs. James Campbell.

New telephone poles have been set throughout the village.

The Edward Hadleys return to Cambridge this week.

Mrs. Fannie Peabody, who has spent the summer at Mrs. William Hall's, returned to New York on Friday of last week.

James H. S. Tucker of Nashua is at the Tucker homestead for the week.

Mrs. Susan Jewett of Pepperell, who has reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years, has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin.

Mrs. James Wise and son Will of St. Albans, Vt., and Robert Wise of New York, were recent visitors in town.

Rev. George L. Perin, D. D., and family, returned to Brookline, Mass., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Patenaude of Dedham, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swett over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard attended the wedding of Miss Edith Lyon at Ayer on Thursday.

Mrs. Ernest Tarbell and James Lawrence of Pepperell have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Corey.

Miss Hazel Goss and Forace Hall have resumed their studies at Milford high school.

Patrick Regan, who has been employed at the icehouse for several years, met with a painful accident on Sunday. While at work loading cars, his leg was caught between two large cakes of ice and severely jammed. It is feared the bones in the ankle are broken. He was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital at Boston on Monday morning.

Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe attended the meeting of the Hillsboro County Medical association at the Uncanoones on Tuesday.

We copy the following from the Chattanooga, Tenn., Daily Times: "St. Elmo well played, draws good houses any place, and of course it is always a special attraction in Chattanooga. There is a charm about it, fortified by a sound and wholesome sentiment that refreshes the laggard morals. The performance at the Bijou last night was a most creditable one. Lenora Bradley, as Mrs. Murray, could hardly have been more charming. She made one homesick for the mothers of the old southern mansions."

Norman Spencer, who has lived with Mrs. Louise Bragg for several years, suddenly disappeared last week Thursday and his whereabouts are unknown. All efforts to locate him have failed.

William Bailey of Worcester has been at the home of his daughter.

Mrs. Cora Boultonhouse and Rev. James N. Seaver were at Milford on Monday and had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Louis A. Banks, the noted evangelist, in the evening.

Rev. James N. Seaver gave an excellent sermon at the Sunday morning service at the Methodist church, taking for his theme, "Individuality." Mrs. Jennie Boutelle sweetly sang a solo.

Entertained.
The primary department of the Con-

gregational Sunday school gave a reception to the cradle roll babies and their mothers at the Congregational vestry on Wednesday afternoon of last week, from three to five o'clock, through the courtesy of Miss Marion A. Stiles and Mrs. Bertha Brown. The vestry was draped with green and white and butterflies. The little people in their dainty gowns made a charming picture as they merrily played games. The following program was pleasingly given:

Piano selection, Mrs. Emma Valdege; welcome, primary department; song, "We'll try to make Jesus glad," primaries; reading, "Cradle roll poem," Miss Mary Brown; song, "I've two little hands"; primaries; remarks, Mrs. N. J. Daniels; reading of a letter from Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Noyes; song, "Suffer little children," primaries; re-roll superintendent.

Tempting refreshments were served by Mildred Dodge, Alice Whitcomb, Bernice O'Connell and Madeline O'Connell. The young ladies also assisted in caring for the babies. About fifty were in attendance, including primaries and their mothers, cradle roll babies and their mammas and friends. The present membership of the cradle roll is twenty-nine, the largest number since its organization. The cradle roll babies present were:

Philip Sampson Farnsworth, Robert Elmer Wright, Julia E. Trainer, Philip Maxwell Dodge, Bertha Maria Hall, Winifred Della Hall, Rodney Baldwin Wright, Priscilla Dodge, Harry Gilman Dodge.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Miss Helen Thompson of Laurel, Md., was at R. Y. Nelson's on Monday.

News has been received of the marriage of Miss Eva Coleman to Robert J. Halliday on August 19. The happy couple have gone to housekeeping in Whittinsville.

"Reminiscences of a pleasant summer," was the subject assigned for the last grange meeting and many interesting accounts were given. Music for the evening consisted of vocal duets by Mr. and Mrs. Myers; cornet and piano by Mrs. C. B. Robbins and C. T. Wetherbee; duet, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Littlefield. Two guessing games followed, which were won by Mrs. Robbins and Charles Sherry.

The first social of the season was held by the Ladies' circle at the vestry on Friday evening of last week. A delicious corn supper was served by young ladies, after which Miss Bernice Cunningham gave an entertaining account of her recent trip through England, Scotland, Wales, Holland and Belgium. A vocal solo by Miss Mary Nelson completed the evening's entertainment.

Frank N. Bancroft of Brookline, N. Y., is enjoying a month's visit with his sister, Mrs. Bertha Shattuck.

Melvin Cobleigh of Charlestown visited his brother Nelson last week Saturday.

Mrs. A. F. Ring and Miss Louisa Gooch of Hanover, are spending a few days at their brother's, W. H. Gooch.

The Wilsons returned to Charlestown this week Monday, much to our regret.

Boxborough schools opened on Monday, September 11.

Mrs. Albert Hartwell has recovered from her recent illness.

Alice Cobleigh and Benjamin Hayward are attending Concord high school.

NOT A WORD OF SCANDAL. Married the call of a neighbor on Mrs. W. P. Spangh of Manville, Wyo., who said: "She told me Dr. King's New Life Pills had cured her of obstinate kidney trouble, and made her feel like a new woman." Easy, but sure remedy for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. Only 25c. at William Brown's, Ayer.

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GROTON.

News Items.
Miss Thekla Huebner, second eldest daughter of H. Huebner, florist, at Groton, is spending a week in Fitchburg.

Work on the Pleasant street railroad bridge began on last Saturday and about a dozen men are now engaged there. One of the men got hurt by a heavy plank and men falling on him, but he has since, we believe, been able to resume work.

Mrs. Page Mack and child from Boston are at the home of Mrs. William Boynton, her husband's sister, on Whiting avenue.

Miss Lena L. Tuttle came home to her sister's, Mrs. J. H. Sargent, for the Labor day vacation, but left to begin teaching in her school at Bos-cawen, N. H.

Miss Batchelder of Reading, teacher of the Butler lower primary school, is boarding with the Misses Vickery of Pleasant street.

J. Warren Wetherbee has sold his residence on Main street to Frederick Bishop, a business man of Springfield, Vt., and New York city. The sale is positive. Mrs. Bishop will be pleasantly remembered by friends in Groton as Miss Arlene Putnam, who has been at different times a guest of Everett C. Williams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Northrup of Arlington are at the Misses Vickerys on Pleasant street.

Mrs. Crowley, wife of chauffeur P. H. Crowley, sails with their little son on September 20, going on a visit to her old home in Sweden.

Mrs. Arthur A. Wood has returned from a visit to Nova Scotia, where she went with her sister, Mrs. Bastian, of Clinton. Their mother, Mrs. Perry, who had gone on an earlier visit there, returned with her.

Mrs. A. J. Dugas, from Milford, N. H., with little son, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams.

George Lee Bixby and brother Donald of West Groton, left last week Tuesday for a visit in Nova Scotia, going by boat from Boston to Yarmouth, and thence in the northerly part of the country.

Mrs. McMurray, matron at Groton School, met with an accident on Monday, which resulted, according to the specialist who was summoned, in the dislocation of her hip. She stepped upon a rug which slipped on the smoothly polished floor, and fell with the above result.

The frost of Wednesday night was unusually severe for this time of the year. Whole fields of corn planted a little late were blackened and spoiled. Other vegetation fared the same, not only were squash vines killed, but the squashes were nipped. In some localities the soil was a little frozen.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church are busy preparing for the church fair. The president, Mrs. E. C. Leonard, and vice-president, Mrs. W. A. Moore, have oversight of the undertaking, assisted by the different committees. The regular night for the Congregational church social comes on the second Thursday in October. This year it falls on October 12, Columbus day. The town hall and all the tables will be decorated in national colors in observance of the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Benedict and a party of friends from Pepperell broke camp at the Meadows last Sunday where they had been camping for the previous ten days. Miss Carrie Stevens from Somerville was one of the number.

Morris Lane, a high official in the city of Oakland, Cal., is visiting his cousins, the Misses Ellen and Kittie Denahy, and stopping at Jeremiah Denahy's. Mr. Lane was on here visiting two years ago.

At the Clinton fair, George S. Knapp was awarded premiums on apples as follows: first on collection of twelve varieties; also, four firsts and four seconds on single plate exhibit of different varieties.

Dr. Samuel Edson Abbott of Auburn, N. Y., was a recent guest of William H. Whitehill.

The Ladies' Alliance of the First Parish Unitarian church will hold a food sale in the lower town hall on the afternoon of Thursday, October 5, commencing at 2:30 o'clock.

Robert Trask, superintendent of the town farm, has raised and harvested this season, 3,008 pumpkins, 615 squashes, and expects two hundred bushels of potatoes.

Thirty-seven tickets were sold at Groton railroad station for the Clinton fair, which is about one-third the number usually sold to that fair from this town. There were a number, however, from Groton, who took the cars at Ayer or went over by other conveyance.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have continued their camp at Baddacock this week, and have been entertaining Mr. Christensen's brother, who is a senator from Washington.

Miss Annie L. Gilson is visiting in Newton, having concluded her stay at Ocean Park, Me.

Miss Catherine Smith, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Connell, in Westford, has returned to F. F. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. William McMahon are camping with Keenie T. Fletcher at Long pond.

The public schools opened on Monday with full numbers. The Butler high school opened with eighty the first day, and increased by two or three more later in the week.

Born, Saturday, September 3, at the Crystal Spring farm, East Groton, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cunningham (Miss Effie LaFavre).

Charles E. Osgood of Champney street, who was taken to the Groton hospital last week, is at last reports, somewhat improved.

Miss Catherine Dilbert and brother, Frank Dilbert, have returned from a two-weeks' visit to their uncle in New York.

Lawrence academy opens on September 20.

Thomas Aiken went last Saturday for a visit in Woodstock, Vt. During his absence the place is in charge of N. C. Anderson, Jr.

Rev. Mr. Gibson, who is stopping with his sister, Mrs. G. H. McKee, of Common street, will preach at the Congregational church tomorrow. The pastor, Rev. G. H. Howe, is necessarily detained from his pulpit, as he went Friday to Meropoint, Me., and officiated today at the marriage of his second son, Ralph T. Howe. As the wedding is not to take place until five o'clock today, it will not be possible for Mr. Howe to get back to Groton in time to preach Sunday.

Josiah S. Williams of Framingham was in town last week on business and also visited his sister, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst.

Mrs. Jane Clark went to Nashua on Wednesday to consult a specialist about her eye which is troubling her. It will be remembered that Mrs. Clark suffered the removal of one eye some years ago. It is hoped that she may be spared the severe affliction of losing this one.

While working on Monday at Grange hall in preparation for the meeting of the grange the next evening, Thomas Gilson fell from the fire escape and dislocated his shoulder.

There was a special meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday, preparing for the annual inspection which will be held on the afternoon of October 3. Miss Ella K. Boss of Fitchburg will be the inspecting officer. The next regular meeting of the corps will be held on Tuesday afternoon, September 19.

Grange.

The third and fourth degrees were worked on a class of nine at Groton grange on Tuesday evening. There were eighty-six members of Groton grange present, and visitors in numbers from Westford, Lunenburg, Ayer, Pepperell, Norwood, Littleton, Nashua and Keene, N. H., making a gathering of not far from 125. A short program and a supper, under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilson was enjoyed. The usual gift from the grange to the newlywed—linen table cloth and napkins—was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. Perrin, members from Ayer. There were other newly-weds entitled to the same gift, but they were not present to receive them.

A Fatal Case.

The case of a horse belonging to M. Chamberlain of the old Ayer road has attracted considerable attention and interest. The horse seemed to be ailing and was being driven for awhile by Dr. Kilbourn. From the symptoms, as they developed, it was thought the horse might be suffering from the same epidemic which has attacked several in town, and in some cases proved fatal. On Monday two veterinarians employed in the case exhausted their resources over an inexplicable trouble. After the horse died an examination revealed a hard ball of food which weighed one and one-quarter pounds lodged in the intestines. Some time in eating the horse had swallowed with his food some foreign substance, like a piece of wire or something of the kind, and food eaten afterward gradually collected around it until this large hard ball had formed and caused all the trouble.

A Delightful Vacation.

Miss Lucy B. Raddin returned home last week, reporting a delightful summer on the Pacific coast. Leaving on August 21, Seaview, the pleasant summer home of her cousin, Mrs. Alice Cluff French, Miss Raddin's course was homeward, though making some stop-over calls on the journey. Two of these were on Mrs. Hood at Seattle, and on Mr. Parsons at Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Hood is a sister of Mrs. Thomas Clough of Groton, and Mr. Parsons moved from Forge Village to Vancouver not long ago. He is well-known here. Miss Raddin boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Parsons when teaching in Forge Village. Miss Raddin started in school work at Everett on last week Friday, and will come home to Groton this Friday to stay over Sunday.

West Groton.

Miss Olive Tarbell has returned to her position in Brookline.

C. R. Dudley is entertaining a sister and her child from Nova Scotia.

Mrs. J. S. Augur of New York was a guest this week of her niece, Mrs. H. Spaulding.

E. K. Harrington has joined his wife at Long Island, where she has been spending some weeks with her son. Mr. Harrington, will be away two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Kierstead and son are visiting relatives in New Brunswick.

Last Sunday morning, Mrs. Martha Tarbell received a painful cut upon the head, requiring several stitches as the result of a fall. She is making a good recovery.

Charles Parkhurst has moved into the upper tenement of J. H. Hunkins' house lately vacated by Ernest Bowen, who has moved to the house recently purchased by William Balcom.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge attended a Sunday school convention in Townsend on Wednesday. This Saturday they will visit Ayon, where Mr. Trowbridge will officiate at the wedding of a former parishioner.

The Boy Scouts held the first meeting of the season on Friday evening.

Lee and Donald Bixby are enjoying a visit with friends in Nova Scotia.

It is understood that W. V. Bixby had the misfortune to lose a horse this week. He experienced a similar loss some weeks ago.

Next Sunday will be cradle roll welcome day. It is hoped that all the little ones and their parents will be

present at the service at 10.45. Each child will receive a flower.

The elder of the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Simms was quite ill this week, but is now much better.

Mrs. J. L. Nutting, who has been employed in Groton during the past six months as housekeeper and nurse for the late G. E. H. Abbot, is visiting at H. Spaulding's.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bixby left on Friday for a trip to Nova Scotia by boat. They were joined in Boston by Mr. and Mrs. Fuller of Wellesley. Mrs. Bixby's sister, Miss Mabel Fuller, of Wellesley, will remain here during their absence. Mr. Bixby, who has been in poor health for some time, expects to derive much benefit from the trip.

Tarbell school opened on Monday with a roll of sixty-eight, twenty-nine in the upper room and thirty-nine in the lower. The entering class is unusually large, numbering sixteen. Mrs. Wiggins and Miss Bixby have returned to their respective rooms.

Miss Nellie Hill, who is engaged in settlement work in Boston, has been at home for a month's vacation.

Charles Trofater of Boston, is spending a short time here, occupying his summer cottage.

William MacCherie is changing the color of his house by the application of a coat of white paint.

L. G. Strand's house is receiving a coat of paint and M. F. McGowan's the addition of a piazza.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid will be held on next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. W. Lamb.

Allan Sedley and family have returned to their home in Malden.

Mrs. G. H. Bixby is still quite ill though it is understood she is able to leave her bed for a short time daily.

Gardens, both of flowers and vegetables, were blighted by the heavy frost of Wednesday night; even on the higher grounds, in protected places, usually the last to succumb, the more tender varieties of plants were killed.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Hon. and Mrs. Arthur Peck returned this week Thursday to their Boston home.

Fred C. Hartwell has just returned from Sunapee lake, N. H., bringing with him a perfect red apple measuring sixteen inches in circumference, an approach in beauty and superiority of size to the apples which mythology claimed for the Garden of Hesperides.

Arthur Wright of Allston is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ethel Dods, on Great road.

Henry Wright of Gardner is visiting his uncle, John A. Wright, this week.

A. Truax of Haverhill is painting Mrs. F. S. Pingrey's buildings at Pingreyville.

Mrs. F. S. Pingrey, with a cousin, Miss A. Haggood, of Harvard, attended the funeral of their cousin, Jason D. Whittaker, at Hudson, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Conant, who have had a most enjoyable summer tour across the continent, showed their loyalty to home interests when on their return to Littleton on Labor day, they stopped at the Center on their way from the station and joining the members of the Historical society, proceeded with them to Newtown for re-inspection of the old Indian reservation. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Conant on their safe return and their memories of a most delightful summer.

Miss Gertrude Sanderson, who has been in New York for a month past, is expected home next week from the Catskill Mountains, where she has been sketching in company with other members of an art community.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Titcomb had a pleasant trip into New Hampshire towns recently, going in the McDonald auto.

Elmar A. Flagg is back at the canning factory after a confinement at home for several days because of blood poisoning.

Superintendent Hill has been riding his bicycle lately as his touring car has been out of commission and in the hands of his son Ralph, a student in the electrical department of the Boston Y. M. C. A. college. The car is now in good running order.

New silos have been erected recently at C. J. McEnnis' farm, at F. S. Kimball's, and at the Col. Harwood farm.

George F. Stone was awarded fourteen prizes on cattle at the Clinton fair this week; eight first prizes, and six second prizes. Louis E. Fletcher was prominent at the trotting park where he drove some of his fine horses.

Miss Gertrude Griffiths, clerk in the ticket office at Littleton station, is taking a vacation of one week.

Gladys Kimball goes to Tilton, N. H., today for the senior reception at the academy. She will remain over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius E. Bailey were pleasantly serenaded by a party of their friends at the common on Monday evening.

Mrs. Frank H. Hill and daughters returned from their summer home in Cape Elizabeth, Me., on Tuesday.

Whitcomb Robbins of Newton, who graduated from Harvard college last June, has a responsible position as secretary and treasurer of a New York firm with headquarters in New York city.

Among the students to return next week to college are Mildred Flagg to Pembroke, Malcolm Priest and Herbert Whitcomb to Boston Technology, Benjamin Conant to Harvard, Edward Esten to Tufts, Walter Boireau to Clark, Florence Whitcomb to Mt. Holyoke, Dorothy Blodgett to Wellesley, Stanley Conant to Boston university, Herbert and Jonathan Harwood to Harvard, Frank Healy to Dartmouth.

Mrs. Frank Plummer and little daughter of Maynard, spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stephens. Mr. Stephens does not gain as fast as could be desired.

Miss Davis of Winchester is the guest of the P. C. Edwards family at the Ledges.

Rufus Stinson of the agricultural department of the State Board of Education, delivered a good lecture on "Agriculture in the schools," before the grange last week Wednesday evening. The audience was rather small, owing to the wedding reception at D. G. Houghton's on the same evening, but those who were present speak in high praise of the address.

This week Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Barrows, Mrs. George H. Cash, Miriam Cash, Miss Edgerly, Hugh McDonald and Peter McNeil attended the grange. A few members of Littleton grange went to Groton grange the same evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cash of Medford, have been visiting his brother, George H. Cash. Henry Cash, a nephew, from Florida, is also a guest at G. H. Cash's.

Miss Mildred Flagg is recovering from tonsillitis.

Mrs. Addie Russell Loring of Marlboro, is spending the week at Elmar Flagg's.

A Newton theological student will preach at the Baptist church tomorrow.

Curtis Drew had the misfortune to lose his pocketbook containing a good sum of money and a check the latter part of last week. We have not yet learned that it is found, but sincerely hope that it may be restored to the owner, who is an honest, hard working man and respected citizen. Mr. Drew has many sympathizers.

One of the handsomest exhibitions of landscape gardening may be seen at H. F. Proctor's on Mill street. A more beautiful display of hydrangeas does not exist in Littleton. Another collection that well deserves mention is to be seen at Hon. Frank A. Patch's home.

The annual harvest supper at the Congregational vestry is booked for the evening of October 11.

Lewis E. Fletcher was the winner of several prizes at the horse races in Clinton fair.

SHIRLEY.

News Items.

George O. Evans is away this week on a business trip to Philadelphia and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana B. Somes left town on Thursday for their home in Boston. They have been spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

Rev. William Ware Locke of Boston, civic and settlement worker, will preach at the First Parish church on Sunday, September 17, at 11.15 a. m. Mr. Locke was the speaker at the neighborhood meeting of branch Alliance on Thursday afternoon. His subject was Dorethea Dix.

The Shirley baseball team will play the Y. M. C. A. team of Lowell this Saturday afternoon on the local grounds at three o'clock.

Mrs. John G. Conant returned home this week from a two-months' visit at Falmouth Heights. Mrs. Conant was accompanied during her stay at Falmouth, by her daughter, Mrs. Walter W. Manning, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Ovilia D. Tetrault, son of Daniel Tetrault, has gone to St. Aime, P. Q., to take up his studies again at St. Joseph's college.

Frank A. Conant of Pepperell has been reappointed D. D. G. M. of Frodonian lodge, I. O. O. F.

Miss Barbara Hazen has left town for New York city to again take up her duties as teacher of domestic science at the H-brew Children's Guardian society of New York.

Mrs. Oliver W. Balcom has returned home from a summer's visit at Albany, N. Y.

Leon D. Mudgett was awarded four prizes for white rose comb bantams at the Worcester fair last week. Mr. Mudgett has been appointed one of the judges for the poultry show in Woonsocket, R. I., to be held about the middle of December.

Stanley Wells is confined to his home this week with a sprained ankle. Mrs. Wells is this week entertaining her brother, P. W. Meader, and family of Leominster.

The board of registrars of voters will meet in the engine hall on Saturday, September 23, from three to six p. m., in season for the primaries which convenes on September 26, at town hall.

A number of the boys from the Industrial school, under escort of their guards, visited Clinton fair on Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Eva Beaudette is spending a few days' vacation at Whalom.

Rev. Allen A. Bronson has been appointed district deputy grand master of Harvard lodge, I. O. O. F., of Harvard and George F. Buxton has been reappointed district deputy grand master of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ayer.

Mrs. Maggie Lapage is erecting a two tenement house on Shaker road.

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will hold their next regular meeting at the church parlor on Thursday afternoon, September 21, at three o'clock, to be followed by a supper at 5.30. The date is changed to Thursday on account of the meeting to be held at Ayer Wednesday of the Middlesex branch of the W. B. F. M.

Mrs. Louisa Lynch, who resides in the vicinity of Tucker hill, was arrested Thursday morning by Chief Goodwin and her little daughter was also taken in custody and arraigned in the Ayer court. Mrs. Lynch was charged with the neglect of her daughter. In fact complaints have been coming to the town officials for some time past and finally the matter was called to the attention of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children, whose officials made the complaint. The child was taken to court simply to be considered as a neglected child and taken care of by the proper au-

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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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AYER.

News Items.

Miss Clara B. Thomas left on Wednesday morning for Brunswick, Me., where she is engaged for the season.

Rev. J. W. Thomas attended the ministers' meeting in Fitchburg last Monday morning.

The W. R. C. will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon, September 19, at 2:30 o'clock.

The first meeting of the board of registrars of voters preceding the fall election, will be held next Saturday evening in the selectmen's room, town hall building, from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. It will be necessary for those who wish to take part in the primaries on September 26, to get registered at this meeting. The other meetings will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 7:30 to 9:30, and on Saturday, October 28, from twelve noon, to ten p. m., continuously.

The Clinton fair attracted quite a number of people from town as usual this week.

Samuel F. Farnsworth has sold his painting and papering business to F. H. Chandler of Groton.

Chief of police Beatty started last Monday on a two-weeks' vacation. Officer William J. Mullin is substituting for him during his absence.

Miss Margaret Walsh began her duties as teacher in Shirley Center last Monday.

All the public schools opened for the fall term last Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Small, jr., of Syracuse, N. Y., whose husband was a draughtsman at the Chandler Planer Company a few years ago, was in town on Friday of this week, making preparations to have their household goods, which have been stored at A. M. Winslow's, shipped to Syracuse, where Mr. Small is employed in a similar position at the H. H. Franklin automobile plant in that city.

At the fall convention of the Grand Royal Arch chapter of Massachusetts, held in Boston last Tuesday, there was received as a gift from Bancroft chapter of Ayer, a brass plate from which were printed the mark blanks of St. John's Royal Arch chapter of Groton, and which was recently found. The ancient chapter was organized in 1802, and disbanded in 1843. The plate is in familiar form with the text: "Lapis albus virtutis," meaning, "the white stone of virtue," at the top and the authorization is stated as coming "by order of Worshipful Mark Master, St. John's lodge, Groton, Mass."

Edward O. James got through working for Harlow and Parsons last Saturday, where he has been employed for the past thirteen years, and has secured a position at the Boston and Maine transfer shed. James Craft, formerly of Shirley, will take Mr. James' place.

John C. Davenport is laid up with a bad leg.

Grant Bergquist, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Bergquist, while at play at the Moors school just over the Groton line, where he was a pupil, broke his shoulder blade on Tuesday. Dr. Hopkins attended him.

With this issue we begin the forty-fourth year since the foundation of this paper. Last week we had twenty-eight columns of reading matter from seventeen towns and villages, the largest we ever had in one week.

Easter lodge, New England Order of Protection, had an open meeting on Tuesday evening. After the meeting refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed. The speakers were Curtis A. Hubbard, d. w., of Boston, Jacob A. Hunt, d. g. w., of Fitchburg, and Alfred F. Boylen.

Gorham K. Brooks has recovered his bicycle which was stolen last Sunday. The matter was reported to the police and the two implicated in the theft located. They told where the machine was, and it was found under the Chandler Planer Company's shop where it was hidden.

Miss Margaret Crowley has accepted a position as cashier and stenographer with the Haynes-Piper Co.

At the quarterly communication of the Most Worshipful Grand lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, held in Boston on Wednesday, September 13, Albert A. Fillebrown, p. m., of Ayer, on behalf of the master wardens and members of Caleb Butler lodge, A. F. and A. M., presented the grand lodge a portrait of Caleb Butler, who was grand master of the grand lodge in 1841-2. The portrait is done in oil, executed by Mrs. E. H. W. Carley of Ayer, and was pronounced by very many members of the grand lodge, to be as fine a piece of art as any hanging in the lodge room.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Haggatt (Florence Smith) of Everett, welcomed a little son to their home last week Friday. He is called Gordon Pierce. Little Miss Glenn is much pleased with her new brother.

Frank L. Smith of Chicago is visiting his parents in Melrose, and hopes to call on friends in Ayer soon.

George W. Stuart, one of our oldest and most prominent citizens met with an unpleasant experience on Wednesday evening upon his arrival here from Waltham. When he got off the train at the railroad station he became bewildered and as he supposed started for his home on Washington street. Instead of doing so, he went up the Worcester and Nashua railroad tracks toward Harvard. He fell down the bank near the railroad signal tower and lost his cane and a traveling bag that he carried. Upon arising he wandered further up the yard, where he was found at ten o'clock by Arthur G. Wentworth, who accompanied Mr. Stuart to his home. Mr. Stuart is eighty-eight years old.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, September 19. This is the annual meeting and election of officers for the ensuing term.

The moving picture show this Saturday night are to be featured with "1861" a war picture, Selig, and "The child and the tramp," Edison. Lyman Palmer is to sing two illustrated

songs, entitled "Billy," and "It's got to be some one that I love."

These members of the Unitarian Alliance attended the neighborhood meeting given on Thursday afternoon by the Shirley Alliance at Shirley Center, and greatly enjoyed the address of Rev. W. W. Locke of Boston on Dorothy Dix. Dr. and Mrs. Richmond Flisk, Mrs. H. A. Bixby, Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, Mrs. C. B. Butterfield, Mrs. George J. Burns, Mrs. S. M. Barker, Mrs. E. E. Duncklee, Mrs. D. W. Fletcher, Mrs. J. W. Kittredge, Mrs. Franklin Lawton, Mrs. Albert C. Perkins, Mrs. O. P. Robinson, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mrs. Ruth C. Sherwin.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, September 18, work—F. D. degree. Right Worshipful Arthur D. Prince, district deputy grand master of the twelfth Masonic district, will make an official visitation. Banquet at 6:30 o'clock.

The young men and boys of St. Andrew's church are invited to the vicarage on Saturday night at 7:30 to form a club and listen to a talk on birds by James Peters of Harvard; Harvard, 1912.

The ladies of the M. E. church will serve a supper in the vestry of the church on Wednesday evening, September 20, from six to eight p. m. The supper consists of steamed clams, baked beans, brown and white bread, pies, pickles and coffee.

Those who wish to enter the Civic club gymnasium classes for the fall and winter term may do so by calling on the chairman of the gymnasium committee, William Brown. If a sufficient number signify their intention of joining the classes, a meeting will be called and they may decide what they wish to do concerning the arrangements for the coming season. The Civic club is willing to do all that it can to help the good work along and with the interest that should be shown by those athletically inclined, there seems to be no reason why they should not enjoy a profitable and pleasant winter season along the lines of previous years.

The pipe laying gang will finish its work this week on the water works extension. The work of erecting the new standpipes will begin next week. The machinery for the work and a part of the material is now on the ground. The power for hoisting the sections of the tank and driving the rivets will be furnished by compressed air engines.

L. K. Barker of Waverley has bought out the harness making business of the late Silas P. Morgan. Mr. Barker will be ready for business on Wednesday, September 20.

Paul Hamel, while driving his automobile up the incline of the eastern approach of the over-head bridge early Tuesday evening, crashed heavily into a team driven by C. L. Thompson of Groton, which was going in the same direction. The buggy was completely wrecked by the force of the collision. The automobile was only slightly damaged. Mr. Thompson was thrown out of the buggy and was painfully bruised, although able to be about. The stories of the cause of the accident differ. As near as can be learned the team was on the side of the road and left ample room for any other vehicle to pass. The driver of the automobile evidently did not see the team until too close to it to avoid a collision. Neither the automobile or the team carried lights.

Miss Edith Lyon, who was married on Thursday evening, attended at noon of that day, the wedding of her fiancé's twin brother, Edward Wilson, which took place in the Methodist church in Fitchburg. Miss Edith was bridesmaid. Altogether Miss Edith had a very busy day on Thursday.

During the past week these people have been guests of Wm. G. Lyon and family: Miss Florence Bridgman of Philadelphia, Miss Barbara Farley of Boston, Miss Elsie Grout of Lowell, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard of Brookline.

The Congregational ladies served a very excellent supper in their church vestry on Thursday evening. The committee in charge was Mrs. K. C. Parker, Mrs. George Corner, Mrs. J. Hart, Mrs. J. M. Harrington, Mrs. J. McMillan and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer. They were assisted by these young men who were waiters: Warren Winslow, Leroy Smith, Howard Stone, Wilbur Hart, Holden Harlow, Raymond Wright, Philip Mason, George Parker and Warren Nixon.

Letters remaining at the Ayer post-office for the week ending September 15: Mrs. J. S. Clark, Gus Johnson, A. M. Finney, L. A. Hall.

Deaths.

Daniel H. Dickinson, adjutant of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., received word on Tuesday of the death at Fallbrook, Cal., on September 4, of William Crombie, a former well-known business man of Ayer, and a past commander of George S. Boutwell post. The cause of death was heart failure. The funeral was in charge of the veterans' club of that town. The interment was in Fallbrook. His only living relative is his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Findlay, of Fallbrook. Mr. Crombie was born in Scotland and at the time of his death was seventy-six years of age. He came to this country when young, and learned the trade of marble cutting, and worked at the business here as an employe and for himself since he came to town in 1883. He was also a fine musician as well as an expert workman at his trade, and at one time conducted an orchestra here, and was a teacher of the violin, which was his favorite instrument.

He enlisted for the civil war in April, 1861, from Lowell, in the famous Sixth Massachusetts regiment as a member of the regimental band. They arrived at Baltimore on the eventful nineteenth of April in that year and after a part of the regiment had made its way across the city and another portion mobbed by southern sympathizers, and three men shot, the remainder of the regiment were held back. Mr. Crombie was among the latter number and the band was sent back to Lowell. On October 15, 1861, he re-enlisted in the band of the

Twenty-sixth Massachusetts regiment as a part of a brigade organized and commanded by General Benjamin F. Butler. In this regiment was James J. O'Brien of this town, who served in it until February, 1863, when he was transferred to the Fifth United States battery.

They left camp Chase, now known as the fair grounds at Lowell, on November 21, 1861, for Ship Island in the Gulf of Mexico, and from there they proceeded with General Butler and Commodore Farragut into the Mississippi river, successfully bombarding Forts Jackson and St. Phillip, and proceeded to New Orleans, where they raised the Stars and Stripes over the city. When Mumford, the secessionist, hauled the flag down, General Butler ordered him hung, and Mr. Crombie was in the band that played the death march at his execution.

Mr. Crombie was discharged from the service on September 15, 1862, and re-enlisted in Company F, Second Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and was stationed at Newbern, N. C., being detailed as chief musician.

On August 25, 1864, he was promoted to second lieutenant in Company C, First North Carolina colored troops, and on June 21, 1865, was appointed first lieutenant in the Fourteenth colored heavy artillery, his commission being signed by Charles H. Dana, then assistant secretary of war and editor of the New York Sun. He was in command at Fort Macon near Beaufort, N. C., acting as captain. He was honorably discharged from the service on December 18, 1865.

Mr. Crombie was married at Portland, Me., on March 19, 1869, to Miss Mary E. Dobbin of Jonesport, Me. They lived three years in Waldoboro, eleven in Bangor, from which city they moved to Lowell, and after living a few months in the latter city, moved to Ayer. Mrs. Crombie died here on January 16, 1910.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Crombie sold his business interests here with a view toward settling in California. He left here on October 26, of last year, with his sister, Mrs. Findlay, for Fallbrook, in that state, where he lived till the time of his death.

Asa Simeon Burgess died at his home on Groton street, Tuesday morning at the advanced age of 84 yrs. 5 mos. 6 days. The cause of death was uræmia. He had been in failing health for a year past, and for the last two months was confined to the house.

Mr. Burgess was a native of Harvard, where he was born on April 6, 1825. He was a son of Asa and Lydia Burgess. During his active life he worked at farming, and for a time while engaged in that kind of work at Harvard, conducted a milk route in Ayer.

Mr. Burgess was four times married, the first time to Miss Sylvia Wright, the second to Miss Abi Wright, the third time to Sarah Lydia Warner, and to Mrs. Ruth E. Straw, who survives him. He also leaves two children by a former marriage, George W. Burgess of Ayer, and Mrs. Hattie A. Longley of Marlboro, who assisted in taking care of her father during his last illness.

Mr. Burgess lived in this and surrounding towns for the past thirty years, a greater part of that time being a resident of Ayer. He was one of our oldest and most respected citizens.

Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Lyon on Williams street was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Thursday evening, September 14, when their daughter, Miss Edith Catherine, was united in marriage with Charles Frederick Wilson of Fitchburg. The house was very artistically decorated with cut flowers and palms. Among them was a beautiful collection of twenty-one old-fashioned marigolds.

The ceremony took place at six o'clock in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives. The wedding march was played by Miss Etta Green and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher. The bridal pair stood in front of a bank of flowers. The bride was given away by her father, and the double ring service was used. The bride was very charming in a gown of white liberty satin, with pearl trimmings. She carried a shower bouquet of Mrs. Taft roses. The maid of honor was Miss Florence Bridgman of Philadelphia, an intimate friend of the bride. She wore rose chiffon over white and carried American beauty roses. Kenneth W. Wilson, a brother of the groom, was best man. Little Mae Milken, the niece of the bride, was a very pretty flower girl. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Saunders, pastor of the First Universalist church in Fitchburg.

A reception immediately followed the wedding ceremony at which the newly-wedded pair were assisted by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyon, the maid of honor and the best man, Miss Bridgman and Mr. Wilson, and the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Fitchburg. The ushers were Arthur W. Carley and Herbert Allen of Ayer, Ralph W. Fales of Fitchburg, and Rodney E. Wilson of Illinois.

During the hour and a half of the reception, congratulations were brought by two hundred people. Guests were present from Shirley, Fitchburg, Boston, Illinois, Lowell, Philadelphia and Ayer. Dainty refreshments were served by a Fitchburg caterer.

The gifts received were very numerous and beautiful. They included linen, glass, china, solid silver, gold in money, a brooch containing forty-eight pearls from her class of '08, Ayer high school, of which the bride was a talented and popular member.

At the close of the reception, amid a shower of confetti, the bridal pair entered an automobile and started on the way to Boston, from which place they went on Friday to Nova Scotia. They will be away for two weeks. On their return they will keep house in Fitchburg on Myrtle avenue, where Mr. Wilson is in the insurance business.

The bride's traveling dress was of

heavy blue serge and her hat was white camel's hair with white veil. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are very popular young people and their hosts of friends wish them a happy life.

A Rare Treat.

The Middlesex Country club is soon to give a course of three entertainments which promise to be among the best that have ever been given in town.

The first, which is to be given on October 17, will be a lecture on "Sport, travel and adventure in West Africa," by Peter MacQueen, F. R. G. S. Mr. MacQueen covered much the same territory in his travels as did Ex-president Roosevelt, and this lecture, based on his many exciting experiences and illustrated as it will be by 175 lantern slides, should be extremely interesting and instructive.

The second entertainment will be given on November 21, by "The Players," a company of talent who will present two brief comedy or dramatic sketches between which will be interspersed humorous and serious readings and musical numbers. The company is one of the best, possessing recognized talent and ability, and have always scored success wherever they have appeared.

The Hayden Concert Company will give the third and last entertainment on December 12. This company has an enviable record of success and is admitted one of the leading high-class concert and lyceum companies. The program will consist of refined and artistic musical novelties, miscellaneous readings, dialects, impersonations, etc., assuring a most delightful evening.

Tickets for the entire course will be \$1.00 and will be sold in advance and exchanged on or after October 10, at Hill's drug store for seat checks good for all the entertainments. Tickets for single attractions will go on sale at the same place one week before the performance and will be fifty cents for each entertainment.

Course tickets may be obtained from the following members of the club: T. W. Barry, H. M. Beverly, L. K. Clark, Holden Harlow, Dr. Hopkins, H. G. Turner, George L. Osgood and G. H. B. Turner.

District Court.

James Murphy of Lexington was arraigned on Thursday morning on charges of evading carfare on the Boston and Maine railroad and drunkenness. The charge of evading fare was placed on file and on the drunkenness complaint was fined ten dollars.

Joseph Malinowski of Shirley appeared Thursday morning to answer to a complaint charging him with assault and battery on one of his fellow countrymen in that town. In order to extract sufficient evidence for a proper understanding of the case, the services of Morris Miller of this town as interpreter were necessary. The court failed to find sufficient evidence to convict the defendant and he was therefore ordered to be discharged.

The case of Harry L. Brown of Lowell for violation of Chapter 755, of the Acts of 1908, was heard on Thursday morning and the defendant was discharged. The complainant in the case was James I. Mills of this town, deputy fish and game commissioner. Mr. Mills stated that the defendant when he met him at North Chelmsford, had in his possession a bag, a gun and dog, and had the appearance of being a hunter. Mr. Mills asked the defendant to open the bag so that he might see what it contained, at the same time saying he was an officer and showing his badge. The defendant refused to do as commanded and the arrest followed. The law under which the arrest was made, was passed in 1908, and gives the right of commissioner of game and their deputies to search if they have reason to believe the law has been violated.

James L. Farrar of Townsend, who was found guilty of maintaining a common nuisance and with violation of the liquor law in that town, in the district court on August 26, and who appealed to the superior court, changed his former plea of not guilty to guilty at the session of the district court at Cambridge on Thursday. The court imposed a fine of fifty dollars, which he paid. The fines and expenses of the case which were imposed in the local court amounted to \$206.10.

The cases of John Hoffman of Ashby, charged with maintaining a common nuisance in that town from May 1 to August 16, past, and exposing and keeping intoxicating liquors for sale, came up on a continuance last Saturday morning. The defendant pleaded guilty to both complaints. He was fined seventy-five dollars on the nuisance charge, and the other complaint was filed. The liquors seized were declared forfeited after a hearing.

James O'Donnell, who it is alleged was connected with the break at the home of S. W. Sturgis in Groton, a few weeks ago, was arraigned Tuesday morning on the charge of breaking and entering and larceny. He pleaded not guilty and the case was continued till this morning, he being held in \$1,000 bail for his appearance at that time. As he was not able to furnish the bail, he was taken to the Lowell jail to await trial.

Frank Smith of Waterville, Me., who was held for the grand jury by the local court on Saturday, September 2, for being connected with the break, was indicted by the Middlesex grand jury at Lowell last week. On last Monday he was brought before the superior court in that city and pleaded guilty. He was sent to the Concord reformatory.

Alonzo Hosley was found not guilty of assault and battery last Saturday morning and was discharged.

John Murphy, W. J. Connors and W. T. Meahan of Ayer were in court on Monday morning, charged with breaking glass and drunkenness. The two former were fined ten dollars on each complaint. The latter was placed on probation for six months on the charge of breaking glass, and he was found not guilty on the drunkenness complaint.

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A Big Deficit.

A deficit of \$1,602,983 for the year ending June 30, last, as compared with a surplus of \$783,260 for the fiscal year of 1910, is shown in the annual report of the Boston and Maine railroad company, made public Tuesday at Boston. There was an increase of \$1,457,909 in gross earnings and of \$140,728 in other income, but the operating expenses increased \$3,812,379, and the charges of only \$355,988, while the dividends amounted to \$1,958,971, and had to be paid chiefly out of the surplus net earnings of previous years.

President Charles S. Mellen says in his annual report that the deficit and the consequent reduction of the dividend on the common stock to a four per cent basis were caused by "Concessions in wages made to labor employed by the road and by the further fact that the road has been operated for several years with such a strict economy that there remained but little if any margin for further savings unless by such serious curtailment of service as would have brought upon the management severe public criticism.

To the Editor.

It is strange that a suggestive poster like the one within five hundred feet of the Baptist church should be allowed in any thoughtful, busy town. On the lower left hand corner a medallion is the representation of a hotel table with colored waiter in attendance. At the table seated are pictured a young girl sixteen, and a young man a bit older, "Have a cocktail?" On the upper left hand corner is another medallion with a similar aged couple before the desk of the hotel clerk, "Double or single?" The look, the expression in the girl's face, what does it mean? Have any parents who care for children seen this poster? How many people going through the town will see the poster? It is put there for a purpose that the most possible people should see it. All the churches in town, preaching in town, one Sunday, one meeting of all the uplifting societies in the town will not undo the insinuating work of that poster or be able to reach its hidden work.

Church Services.

Rev. J. W. Thomas will preach tomorrow in the Baptist church at 10:45 in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening. Praise service at seven. Sunday school at twelve.

At St. Andrew's church the services will be: Ten a. m., holy communion, 10:45 a. m., morning prayer and sermon, Sunday school at twelve.

Services will be held as usual at the Congregational church on Sunday.

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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The King's Daughters will hold their annual reception to all Littleton people seventy years of age or over in the Unitarian vestry on Thursday afternoon, September 21, from 2.30 to 4.30 o'clock. This is one of the pleasantest occasions of the year, and as the King's Daughters enjoy planning an acceptable entertainment for their venerable friends, it is hoped that as many as are able will accept this invitation.

Miss Elizabeth Smith has returned to her school in Morristown, N. J.

Roland G. Houghton went on Monday to Ashburnham where he entered the senior class of Cushing academy.

Miss Florence Bartlett has been spending the week with Mrs. Helen Cushman Eicher in Waltham, and her father, L. W. Bartlett, has made his headquarters in the meantime at his mother's.

George F. Stone drove several of his fine herd of Ayrshire cattle to the Clinton fair early in the week.

John H. Kimball, conductor on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad, is taking a vacation of a few weeks.

Tomorrow will be observed as rally Sunday by the Congregational Sunday school. There will be a special service at the church in the morning.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson of Concord, N. H., is at her parents' home at the common.

Miss Dorothy Blodgett, daughter of Thomas Blodgett, has returned from Pennsylvania, where she has spent the summer. She leaves next week for Wellesley college, where she is a senior.

Charles J. McEnnis has just completed a new silo which is located conveniently near his barn.

George M. Lovejoy is at P. S. Whitcomb's. Mr. Lovejoy expects to leave with his family for their Cincinnati home next week.

Mrs. Everett Kimball has been the guest of the Misses Dodge in Cambridge recently.

Stanley Conant enters Boston university this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyde Crane have the sympathy of their friends in the loss of their infant daughter, who died last week Thursday at the age of two days. Mrs. Crane has been very sick, but is now improving.

George A. Cook has improved his place at Littleton depot by the addition of a cement walk.

The registrars of voters will be in session in the selectmen's room at the town hall on Monday, September 18, from eight to nine o'clock p. m., and on Monday, October 2, at the same place, from eight to nine o'clock p. m., and on Saturday, October 28, at the same place from twelve o'clock noon till ten o'clock p. m.

Mrs. Mary J. Kimball is visiting her brother, Melborne Hutchins at the New England hotel in Boston.

Charles K. Houghton has taken a vacation of a few days from Thursday of last week to the following Monday. He contemplates taking another installment of his vacation this next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown and son of Springfield are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, at Littleton Common. Mr. Brown is a successful veterinarian in Springfield, where he has a large clientele.

Mrs. Alta Hollis of Cambridge visited Littleton friends here on Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Thacher enters Lasell seminary, Auburndale, September 27.

Harris Steele's family has moved to Coldbrook, N. H., where Mrs. Steele's father owns a farm. Eugene Steele is at present working for his grandfather. Harris Steele is still at work for the ice company here, but contemplates trying his luck farther west very soon.

Miss Thirkhail has been visiting her classmate, Miss Margaret Thacher, this last week.

According to Boston papers, the Avery Chemical Company will establish their acid works in Lowell and expect to erect a plant to cost \$150,000. Seventy-five skilled workmen will be employed. This will mean that a half-dozen or more families will move from Littleton to Lowell, as they have been thrown out of work at the chemical through the recent fire. We are hoping to see some new industry arise in place of the chemical business. The place is well situated for a large business, plenty of land, a good supply of water, side-tracks and other accommodations contribute important factors for a thriving industry.

Capt. William H. Sawyer attended the reunion of his company at Worcester on Wednesday.

James Rivel's little two-year-old girl (Italian) remains at the hospital in Boston, where she was taken for treatment weeks ago. While playing at her home on Harwood avenue one morning, her younger brother innocently threw a small stone that struck her eye with considerable force. It seemed from the first as if the eye were lost, and Mr. Rivel took the child on the next train to Boston, where she was placed in a hospital. The doctors are still uncertain whether they can save the eye or not. She will have to remain with them for another week at least, and possibly two weeks.

Jack Frost made his first inroads on meadow and field on Wednesday morning, and the following night he pursued his work with a vengeance.

About Town.

Cora L. Rudderham of Fitchburg has brought suit for \$1,000 against Elmer A. Flagg of Littleton. The action is one of tort and has been filed in the superior court. The plaintiff alleges that on September 14, 1910, she was riding in an automobile near Concord, and that by reason of the negligence of an employee of the defendant, who was driving a two-horse team, an accident occurred and she sustained severe injuries.

The topic for the Young People's guild Sunday evening will be the eleventh in the series on an American Unitarian hall of fame, Starr King, whose eloquence and patriotism saved California to the union.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold their annual church fair Friday, November 3, in their vestry, afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Paul Brown, Mrs. E. P. Wilcox and Rev. O. J. Fairfield have been elected delegates to the National Unitarian conference in the city of Washington on October 23-26. It is hoped there may be a number of others so as special rates have been secured, an excellent program planned, and Washington in October is an attractive place for the conference.

Some Labor Day Reflections.

Ever and anon, especially during the harvest season, when politicians are active, we hear a whole lot about the wonderful prosperity of the American workingman.

The question quite naturally arises whether the facts in the case tally exactly with the beautiful word pictures thus presented to us. Are American workmen so much better off than the workmen of other nations? Do Americans get so much more for their labor than do the workers in other parts of the world?

We often hear it stated, usually by men whose hands are not very much hardened by toil, that there never was in the history of the world, such opportunities for a young man as at the present time. That never before were such chances open to young men of brains to earn magnificent salaries as right now and that the workingmen ought to be exceedingly thankful that their lines are drawn in such pleasant places.

While admitting that young men especially endowed in the matter of brains and with a fair opportunity to develop them, may have good chances in life, we are inclined to think that such constitute a not very numerous class and a class that have always been able to take fairly good care of themselves.

What of the millions that are not thus especially endowed by nature or who do not have the opportunity to develop the best that is in them, the great mass of workers that must do the world's hard work.

Suppose a brilliant lawyer does draw a magnificent salary for keeping the heads of some law-breaking trust out of jail, wherein does that benefit the thousands of workers in the plants of the trusts from the profits of whose labor comes the income of the trust that pays the lawyer's salary. It seems to me to be true that the common, every day worker, who has nothing to sell but his labor power, on the sale of which he must live, is worse off today than he was twenty years ago.

While the great combinations of capital of the present day have to employ a few men in responsible positions to whom they must pay good wages, one of the objects of the trustification of industries is to render the number of such high-priced employees to a minimum.

While the wages of the ordinary worker have increased somewhat in the last few years, the cost of living has increased by leaps and bounds, and much more than has the price of labor. Any workingman has only to refer to his own experience to realize beyond a doubt that his week's pay will not buy as much of the necessities of life now as it would fifteen or twenty years ago. Something like twenty-five years ago I worked a while for ninety cents per day in the state of Alabama. At that time and place I could buy beef by the quarter at three cents per pound, pork at the same price, chickens fifteen cents each, eggs seven cents per dozen and other things in proportion, so that ninety cents would buy more than two dollars worth in Massachusetts today.

This shows that the price one gets for his labor does not tell the whole story and that the apparent prosperity shown by the figures on our pay envelopes is sometimes deceptive.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Orland D. Barber of Townsend have announced the engagement of their daughter, Edith Athena to Herbert Nelson Wright, Worcester.

The Ashby-Townsend baseball game was postponed one week on account of the rain and they will play here this Saturday.

Elmer Wallace met with a serious accident to his new runabout on Tuesday evening while giving Reid Hall a ride to West Townsend. In some way Frank Parsons came near colliding with him in making a turn near Lawrence's store and Mr. Wallace in order to avoid him, was obliged to turn quickly toward the sidewalk, where his machine crashed into some posts or poles, and it was badly damaged. Mr. Hall jumped and injured his limbs so that he had to go to a doctor. The machine could not be driven home.

Rev. Osborne Billings of Upton supplied the Congregational pulpit on Sunday and also spoke at the evening meeting.

Spargle Misner has returned home from his summer visit to Nova Scotia.

Mrs. George McGuire and little daughter of San Diego, Cal., are at T. J. McGuire's for the rest of the month. They came on several weeks ago and have been visiting her people in Connecticut.

Mrs. George Davis has purchased the Kate Spaulding house on Brookline street, now occupied by Daniel McKenzie. It is rumored that Mr. McKenzie's people will move into A. C. Misner's house soon, and Mr. and Mrs. Misner are intending to go south very soon.

Miss Grace Barker of Nelson, N. H., is to be at J. W. Eastman's this winter, and Miss Bessie Eastman left this week to take up her duties as assistant at the Dover high school.

Rufus Brown has returned to his home here, having been away since

July 4, when he was taken to a hospital for an operation for appendicitis. Since recovering he has been in Maine with his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Warman.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity left here last week Friday night for their vacation, and on Saturday morning they left Boston on a tour to Niagara Falls and the Thousand Islands. They are to be away two weeks.

Miss Lou Stearns of Nashua was at S. J. Stearns' last week.

The household goods of the late Charles Fuller were sold at the residence of R. J. Hargrave's last Friday. The house was bid off to Mrs. Charles Andrews of Shirley, who is Mrs. Hargrave's mother.

A traveling company, who are to play "A jolly mixup," are to appear at Memorial hall this Saturday night.

A stereopticon lecture upon "Bon Hur," by J. Willbur Fairbank of Boston, was given at the M. E. church this Friday evening under the auspices of the Baraka club.

L. C. Jelts met with a painful accident recently while driving B. H. Savage's black horse in a wagon on the way to change and hitch it to a roller, the horse became frightened and started up quickly, throwing Mr. Jelts off the team and grazing his head and ear badly. It also scraped down one of his arms and he can hardly move it since the accident. Mr. Jelts made the best of the accident, and although along in years, he is able to be out. The horse soon stopped and began to graze.

Family Reunion.

Mrs. Azubah Davis was pleasantly surprised last Saturday and Sunday by a family reunion which was held in her honor. There were present at the Melvin Davis homestead, Mrs. Azubah Davis, who is still bright and active at eighty-nine years of age; her twin children, Melvin Davis and Mrs. Melvina Seaver of Mansfield, who are fifty-nine years of age; also, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and little son. Mrs. Bruce is a daughter of Mrs. Seaver, so four generations were present. The party also included Mrs. Emma Davis and Ernest and Misses Ethel, Blanche and Bertina Seaver of Mansfield and others. They all took dinner together Sunday at the Park hotel, and there were twelve present besides Ernest, who waited upon the party. All wish "Grandma Davis" happy days for the remainder of her life's journey.

Grange.

"Poets' night" was observed at the grange this week and a very interesting program was presented. A. N. Fessenden gave an address on poets and poetry in general and read one of his favorite poems from Longfellow, "The day is done, etc." Mrs. Clara Clement read short selections from several authors and the audience was requested to guess the selection or author. One of Sam Walter Foss' poems was read and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Haynes both read poems from the works of James Whitcomb Riley, and Mr. Haynes gave a brief sketch of his life. The music for the evening was in charge of Mrs. Laura Richards, and there were grange songs and a piano solo by Prof. A. G. Seaver.

West Townsend.

At the annual business meeting of the Baptist church, the following elections were made:

M. E. Tower, clerk; P. W. Sawtelle, treas.; F. A. Patch and J. W. Sawtelle, junior deacons; Mrs. L. A. Lawrence and Mrs. Foster Hamilton, aud.; pastor, cabinet; Clerk, deacons, Quincy Adams, W. J. Wilder, Mervin Warren and Foster Hamilton; F. A. Patch and Foster Hamilton, delegates to association meeting in Hudson, in October.

Mrs. Duncan Rusk and sons have returned from a visit to relatives in Albany, N. Y.

Miss Alice Seaver has been enjoying a few days' visit with friend in Waltham.

Mrs. Winfield Upton returned last Thursday from a visit to relatives in Boston and vicinity.

The Misses Ruth and Agnes Wilson, who spent the summer at Block Island, have returned to their home.

Mrs. Sarah Hodge, who has been visiting in Boston, returned on Friday to her home on Elm street. Miss Emily Orr, who accompanied her will remain in Lynn for the present.

Miss Agnes Thompson left on Monday morning for Montpelier, Vt., where she is employed by the Library Bureau association.

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

Billy, Dr. Boynton's hound, was struck and instantly killed by an auto passing through town on Friday morning of last week.

Miss Lena Thompson had the charge of the library books at the reading-room Saturday in the absence of Miss Seaver, the custodian.

Dr. J. Murray Clarke of Burlington, Vt., has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver.

Mrs. Burton Bruce of Boston has been stopping with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Bruce.

Mrs. Potter and two sons from Everett have been visiting her father, Thomas H. Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bruce from Boston have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bruce.

James Flynn and family, who have been spending the summer at Elm lodge, their cottage on lower Main street, have returned to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Funerals.

The funeral service of Mrs. Jane Campbell, wife of John M. Campbell of Elm street, who died very suddenly of heart disease on Wednesday morning of last week, was held at her late residence on the following Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Sylvester D. Robertson of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. S. D. Ringrose of the Baptist church. Two solos, "Rock of ages," and "I love to tell the story," were rendered by Miss Stella Farrar of Townsend. The bearers were Bowen Quincy Adams, Frank D. Parsons, William M. Lawrence, and the inter-

ment was in the family lot at the Center.

The body of Mrs. Elizabeth Ford of Deerfield, who died at Jackson cottage, Whalom park on Sunday morning, after a lingering illness of dropsy, was brought to town for burial on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, accompanied by her only surviving relatives, a daughter, Julia C. Ford, of South Deerfield, and her brother, Dr. J. Murray Clarke, of Burlington, Vt.; also, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter and their son and daughter from Northampton, and Mrs. Emma Sanderson of South Deerfield.

They were met at the cemetery by the friends and after a brief service by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, the body was placed beside her husband in the family lot.

Mrs. Ford was about sixty-two years of age, and was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Clarke, Mr. Clarke being the pastor of the Universalist church in the village for a number of years. Besides spending much of her early life in West Townsend, she also returned with her husband, Herbert Ford to whom she was married in Burlington, Vt., and they remained in West Townsend a number of years before moving to Deerfield.

Her many friends were much grieved at her sudden death and expressed great sympathy for the bereaved daughter who is left alone.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Lester Hayden was united in marriage to Miss Christine Calderwood in Craftsbury, Vt., last week. They give a wedding reception to their friends in Hollis Saturday evening, September 16, at their own home, the Hayden farm.

The pulpit was occupied last Sunday forenoon and evening by Arthur W. Kelley, associate editor of the C. E. World in Boston.

For the first time in its history there are more pupils in the high school than there is seating capacity. The surplus are placed in various places. The new assistant is Miss Johnson of Newton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bill left here Thursday for their new home. Hollis people greatly regret their leaving.

Miss Florence Dudley gave a farewell party to her classmates of the high school last week Saturday evening. She left her home Tuesday to attend the Bridgton academy in Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Pineo with their three children left their home Sunday forenoon for a visit of several weeks in Nova Scotia, Mr. Pineo's native home.

Mrs. W. P. Cutter left home Wednesday forenoon for a visit to the White mountains. Her sister, Mrs. Bell of Nashua, accompanied her. They will remain a week.

A GREAT UNDERTAKING.

Twenty-six Hundred Passengers to Visit E-M-F Detroit Plant.

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate by LEORA L. COCHRAN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her without giving a surety on her official bond, or to some other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of October A. D. 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.

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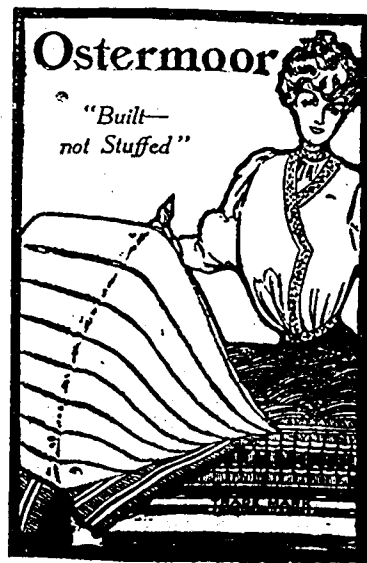
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News Items:

Mrs. Charles H. Bliss has been en-
tertaining her aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth
Willard, mother of Ex-mayor Edward
E. Willard, of Chelsea.

Adolphus Ebar's female shepherd
dog was shot and killed by constable
Forrest Hooper last week Saturday.
Complaints have been made about the
dog from time to time and last Sat-
urday a lady resident of the town, who
has recently passed through a critical
illness was badly frightened by the
dog making a vicious jump at her
as she was passing in the vicinity of
the Munson house. This complaint
reached the climax and Constable
Hooper went immediately and shot
the dog. Let us hope this will be a
lesson to other owners of vicious dogs.

The game of baseball, scheduled for
last Saturday at Shirley between the
Lowell team and the home team was
cancelled owing to the rain.

Fred Sleeper is feeling somewhat
under the weather and is taking a
rest from his duties at the C. A. Ed-
garton Company.

On Sunday, September 17, the forty-
hour devotion will open at the ten
o'clock mass in St. Anthony's church.

Misses Nan and Jessie Love arrived
home the first of the week from a
summer visit at their old home at
Lake George, N. B.

John Simpson spent the week-end
at Newburyport, visiting his friend,
Earl Bier, a former resident of Shir-
ley.

George Knox has been confined to his
home for the past month with sickness
and is in a very serious condition.

Superintendent Charles W. Wolf of
the C. A. Edgarton Company, in com-
pany with his wife, started last week
Friday morning in their auto on their
annual vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf
will tour through Connecticut, stopping
at New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford
and Newport, and will then proceed to
New York and after visiting all points
of interest in New York city will re-
turn home. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are
expected to arrive back in Shirley on
Saturday, September 16.

Amos Gionet, assistant superintend-
ent of the Metropolitan Insurance
Company of Lowell, was visiting
friends in Shirley last Sunday.

Arthur Boucher, employed as an
electrician in Worcester, was visiting
at the home of his parents in Shirley
last Sunday.

Jerry Mashrol of Gloversville, N. Y.,
who has been visiting at the home of
his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Michael
Gionet since last Thanksgiving, re-
turned home on Thursday.

Miss Arline Wilbur left town on
Monday for Ashburnham, where she
will attend Cushing academy.

Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman, in
company with Miss Mary Desmond,
left Shirley on Monday morning for
a two-weeks' vacation at Jaffrey, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of Clin-
ton, with their three children, visited
friends in town last Sunday.

John Sweeney, one of the Industrial
school boys, was suddenly attacked
with appendicitis on Tuesday evening.
His condition became so alarming
that he was taken by the school phy-
sician, Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, to the
Massachusetts General hospital on
the nine o'clock train that night. An
operation was performed upon his ar-
rival at the hospital.

J. Albert Deardon was awarded sec-
ond prize at the Clinton fair this week
for a pair of White Plymouth Rock
chicks, cockerel and pullet.

Reception.

A reception was tendered Edward
H. Harlow of Leominster on Monday
evening at the regular meeting of J.
C. Ayer lodge. Past master workman
Harlow is the recently appointed de-
puty of the lodge. Former deputy
Albert W. Allen; also, P. M. W. Fos-
ter, both of Tahanto lodge, were also
present. A goodly number of the
members were in attendance and the
evening was very pleasantly and
profitably spent. The new deputy was
given a cordial greeting and certainly
must have been impressed with the
idea that his relations with the lodge
gave every indication of being all that
he could wish for. His remarks were
inspiring to the members and the
brief remarks of former deputy Allen
were also enjoyed. A detailed ac-
count of the new fraternal bill was
given by the grand lodge advisory
counsel D. Chester Parsons. At the
close of the meeting cigars were pas-
sed and a social hour was enjoyed.

Class Initiation Plans.

The Ancient Order of United Work-
men have started a big initiation class
plan, the idea being to have at least
two and perhaps more large class
initiations in central Massachusetts
between now and April 1, 1912. With
this in view a meeting was held first
of the week at I. O. O. F. hall, Clin-
ton. Walter Knowles, John H. Logue
and John M. Stevenson were the com-
mittee from Shirley who represented
J. C. Ayer lodge. It was voted to
have the first of these gatherings at
Clinton on November 24, and plans
for the continuance of the work will
be made later.

The temporary organization affected
some time ago by Rollston and Clin-
ton lodges to start the movement was
made permanent at the meeting held
the first of the week. Some thirty
members were present in all, repre-
senting lodges of Worcester, Leomin-
ster, Fitchburg, Clinton, Sterling,
Hudson, West Fitchburg, Princeton
and Shirley. The matter was inform-
ally discussed from its different sides
and it was the unanimous sentiment
that the plan was one which should
be carried out and which will tend
to increase the interest of the mem-
bers of the order in this section of
the jurisdiction and also increase
the membership very largely.

The representatives present were
unusually enthusiastic over the idea
and will report back to their lodges.
A meeting will be held later to per-
fect further plans. While nothing was
done definitely at this meeting about
what degree staff should do the work,
it is expected that some crack or-
ganization outside the district may be

procured. All lodges concerned will
furnish its candidates.

Center.

Mr. Stanwood of Brookline spent
Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Chas.
K. Bolton.

A daughter was born to Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Holden of Shrewsbury re-
cently. Mr. Holden is the son of Mr.
and Mrs. Luther Holden of this town.

Eugene Sleeper and family of Wal-
pole were guests of his mother, Mrs.
Mary Sleeper, at the North last week.

Rebecca J. Chany and Alison Wins-
low were awarded first prizes last
week in the Boston Journal's "Looney
tick contest."

Rev. A. A. Bronsdon of the village
preached on the subject of "How God
shapes the character," at Trinity
chapel last Sunday afternoon. Mr.
Bronsdon will occupy the pulpit again
tomorrow at 3.15 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcome Longley were
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Longley's
mother, Mrs. Sara Longley, over Sun-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden and
daughters Elsie and Ora, and nephew,
Ernest Bohanon, have returned home
after three weeks of camping at Dead
pond at the village.

Mrs. Chany and daughter Rebecca,
who have been spending the summer
at William E. Barnard's, left on Wed-
nesday for a week's stay at Annis-
quam.

Mrs. Helen M. Winslow and daugh-
ter Alison spent Thursday and Fri-
day in the vicinity of Boston.

A letter has been received from
Remsen B. Ogilby, written to the Sun-
day school at Trinity chapel. Mr.
Ogilby was formerly minister at the
chapel, but for the past two years
has been doing missionary work in
the Philippine Islands. The letter is
accompanied by several photographs
and describes the people and the
country. It will probably be read at
the next meeting of the Sunday school
on Sunday, September 24, and should
prove of interest to all.

Stanwood Bolton left town on Mon-
day for Brookline, to return to school.

Hazel Cummings resumed her stud-
ies at Fitchburg high school last
week. She enters as a junior this
year.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Holden received
a visit from their grandson from
Leominster on Sunday.

The party of girls at the Mary Anna
home returned to Boston on Monday.
The home will now be closed for the
season.

The Girls' Sewing guild held their
meeting at Mrs. M. W. Longley's on
last Saturday afternoon, after about
a month's vacation. At this meeting
they voted to pay for having Trinity
chapel newly painted.

Mildred Mann and Nancy Souther,
two of the orphans at William Wil-
kins', returned to Beverly last week
to the school for deaf and dumb chil-
dren.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth and son
Everett are visiting at Fitchburg this
week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth and
daughter Bessie attended the Clinton
fair on Tuesday. Mrs. George Holden
and son Lester attended the fair on
Wednesday. Mr. Harris, at the Merri-
man farm, has entered some ducks
and geese in the exhibition, which
took prizes at the fair in Athol re-
cently.

Etta Holden has a position with
Mrs. Stone of Leominster throughout
the month of September.

The Matrons' Aid held their first
meeting of the season on Tuesday
afternoon, with Mrs. Ardie A. Adams.
The next meeting will be held with
Mrs. Homer P. Holden on September
26.

Mr. and Mrs. Redtberg and Mrs.
London, who have been visiting at
William Jubb's, have all returned
home.

Chilton Winslow and Miss Wood-
head visited in Boston last week.

Ruby T. Crockett, who is attending
Fitchburg Business college, spent the
week-end at her home at the North.
She is boarding with Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Conant at North Leominster
while attending school.

Charlie C. Longley of Millbury was
a visitor this week with Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Longley.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington C. Ford
left on Sunday for a short visit in
New Hampshire before returning to
their home in Cambridge. Their twin
daughters, Emily and Cremona, and
Bird C. Hazelton, together with the
servants are to remain here until the
last of this month.

Mrs. John Warren of Worcester and
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Warren are
guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long-
ley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Pray spent
the first part of the week in Bos-
ton.

Ralph Evans returned home on Sun-
day from Cottage City, making a short
stop in Malden.

The two McDermott boys of the
North returned to Fitchburg high
school again last week.

Mrs. Von Hesse expects to close
up her home next week for the sea-
son.

At the next meeting of Shirley
grange, on Tuesday evening, Septem-
ber 19, there will be a competitive
entertainment by the members. Mrs.
J. Walker Ward will lead the ladies,
and William Jubb will have charge
of the men. At this meeting the pos-
tponed exhibition of fruit, grain, veg-
etables and flowers will be held. Rib-
bon prizes will be given for the best
displays. The postponed corn and
fruit supper will probably be held at
the first meeting in October.

N. Otis Colburn was the only mem-
ber of Shirley grange to attend the
Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange
meeting at Townsend last week.

Miss Angie Comsky of Boston is
spending a few days with Edna Willis
at the North.

John Stickney is building a large
plaza on the house occupied by Mr.
and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson at the
East.

Mrs. William Wilkins is confined to
her home at the East with illness.

A. A. Fillebrown of Ayer will sell
the personal property of the late Mary
A. Howard at public auction on Sat-
urday, September 16, at her home at
Woodsville.

Forrest Wing, who has been spend-
ing the summer with his grandpar-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams,
leaves town this week to return to
Roxbury to resume his studies at
Roxbury Latin school.

Homer P. Holden began this week
to harvest his cranberry crop. He
expects a yield of about five hun-
dred bushels. Other smaller meadows
are being picked this week also.

Ralph Evans and Edward Farn-
sworth reported at Lowell on Monday
as jurors at the sitting of the superior
court. The court removed on Tuesday
to East Cambridge for the remainder
of the session.

Mr. and Mrs. Almon Wing of Rox-
bury, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams
were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert
Adams on Tuesday, the occasion being
Mrs. Adams' eighty-third birthday.

Rev. Malbone Birckhead is not to
return as the regular pastor of Trinity
chapel this year. Rev. A. L. Bumpus
of Ayer is to preach at the chapel on
Sunday afternoons during the winter
and at Forge Village mission in the
evening.

A large hay stack on the land at
the East, belonging to Otis Kittredge
of Ayer, burned to the ground on Mon-
day morning. Henry Farnsworth
and his men arrived at the place soon
enough to prevent two other stacks
from catching also. The stack con-
tained about six tons of good hay and
was valued at about one hundred dol-
lars. This is the third fire which
has broken out this year in this same
vicinity, mysteriously and without any
apparent cause. It is hoped by the
residents of this section that this will
be the last one.

Mr. Thomas of the village was in-
jured quite badly on Monday after-
noon while chopping in the woods
back of F. A. Wyman's house. E. J.
Miller and Harry Stone, hearing cries,
went over to the woods and found Mr.
Thomas. He had been cutting down a
tree which had partly rotted and so
did not fall as he expected it to. It
struck him in the side, badly bruising
his leg and body. Mrs. Wyman
took him to his home where he was
attended by Dr. Pierce. No bones
were broken and he will probably be
out again within two weeks.

Dr. Marguerite Cockett of Boston
is spending a few days with the
Misses Elsie and Beatrice Pray at
Syringa cottage.

Miss M. Ella Moulton of Jamaica
Plain is making a short visit with
Bessie Farnsworth at the North this
week.

Rev. H. W. Ware of Boston, instruc-
tor in a school for boys, gave the ad-
dress at the First Parish church on
Sunday morning. He also spoke at
the neighborhood meeting of the First
Parish branch Alliance on Thursday
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Helen Pray is making a short stay
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Current Events.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson (Lydia Woodward) at Nashua on Monday. Mother and child are doing well.

Miss Marion Lovejoy is visiting at the home of her parents in this town. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goding (Ethel Handley) of West Acton, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Handley.

Mrs. Abbie Smith, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. A. Pike of Main street, returned to her home in Dorchester last Saturday.

Mrs. Ella Staples of Main street returned on Saturday from Canaan, N. H., where she has been visiting Mrs. Fred Lovejoy.

Mrs. A. A. Blood of Gardner has been spending a few days in town with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins have moved into the house on Cottage street recently purchased and renovated by Frank Behrens.

Mrs. Donald Rivers and children have returned from Burnt Island, Me., where they have been spending a number of weeks.

Mrs. Bessie Wright of the telephone exchange has returned from her vacation.

Mrs. George Stickney and daughter of Nashua visited her mother, Mrs. Horace Bennett, on Sunday last.

Mrs. M. C. Gilchrist came from the Massachusetts General hospital on last Sunday. Accompanied by Mr. Gilchrist, she went to Boston in the morning in his automobile and Mrs. Gilchrist returned with them. She is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Forest Holt and son of Milford, N. H., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson on Thursday of last week.

Harry Foster of Main street, who has been sick with tonsillitis, is able to be out again.

Lincoln Johnson is still employed as shipping clerk by the Nashua River Paper Corporation.

Dr. F. W. Lovejoy returned from his vacation on Saturday last. He was accompanied by his family, who have been spending the summer in Canaan.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Darling of Worcester visited relatives in town last week.

Miss Helen Winslow has been spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. H. C. Winslow, of Pleasant street. She returned to her home in New York city on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Parker and son returned from their vacation on Tuesday.

Mrs. Marion Bartlett is visiting relatives in Gloucester.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smalley and daughter have returned from Maine.

Mrs. Thomas Atridge and son Franklin are visiting Mrs. Ernest Nowell of Braintree, going on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard have returned to their home on Cross street. They were accompanied by their granddaughter, Miss Phyllis Nodding.

Forrest Andrews has left the employ of L. J. Rowell and has gone to work for the Larkin Company in their shoe manufactory.

Mrs. Sarah Patch of Nashua road, who has been quite ill and under the care of her physician, is able to be out again.

Miss Mary Mahoney of Mill street returned on Saturday from a week's visit in Boston, and on Monday visited her father at the St. Joseph hospital in Nashua. Mr. Mahoney is doing as well as could be expected.

Miss Nellie Gaine of Prospect street came home on Saturday from the St. Joseph hospital in Nashua, where she had been operated on for a facial trouble. Miss Gaine is progressing along nicely.

Mrs. John Lynch of Mill street, who on account of tuberculosis has been living in the woods nearby for a number of weeks, has returned to her home on Mill street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Best of Roxbury are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Best, as Florence Page, a Salvation Army lassie, was well-known to many in town a few years ago.

The fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Parker will occur on Sunday, September 17. There will be a family gathering at their home on Linden hill.

Miss Minerva Miller, who has been quite sick at the home of Willis Gillespie on the South road, is now convalescent.

Mrs. M. J. Robbins of Townsend has been spending a few weeks at the home of Frank Robbins on Nashua street.

The baby show, which was to have been held at the Methodist vestry on Thursday, August 31, but was postponed on account of the rain, will now be held at the same place on Thursday afternoon, September 21. Prizes will be awarded. All mothers are invited to come and bring their babies. All interested are cordially invited to be present. There will be a booth for the sale of hot cocoa and cake. Should the day be unpleasant, it will be postponed until the following day.

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Miss Helen Keefe, formerly a teacher in this town, now a high school teacher in Boston, with her mother and two sisters have been camping at Mrs. Sullivan's bungalow in Groton.

Items of News.
Miss Wallace left on Tuesday for Montreal, to spend the rest of this month with Mrs. Thomas L. Crossley (Emily Burns).
The regular meeting of the L. B. S. of the Congregational church will be held on Thursday afternoon, September 21, at 2:30 o'clock. A large attendance is desired. A salad supper will be served in the vestry at 6:30 o'clock, after which a social hour will be enjoyed.
Miss Emma Benedict of Arlington has been a guest of Mrs. Abbie C. Woodward the past week.
Mrs. A. C. Stewart and Eugene F. Fletcher celebrated the birthday of each at the home of the former on Saturday, September 9, as has been their annual custom. Thirteen guests were present besides the immediate family. Refreshments were served and music furnished throughout the evening.
Charles M. Blood of Pepperell exhibited some of his Holstein Friesian cattle at the state fair at Nashua, N. H., and captured three firsts and five seconds.
Mrs. Warren Blood has returned from a two-weeks' vacation, camping at Groton with the Percy Benedicts.
It is reported that the Turner farm has one field of corn of twenty-nine acres.
Addison Woodward has improved the appearance of his place on Park street by removing the fence and grading.
Miss Emma Haynes is still on the sick list.
Mrs. Arthur Blood of Gardner was in town this week and went to Townsend on Thursday, September 13.
The Misses Patch of Concord were in town on Tuesday, calling on Mrs. Mention of Heald street and other friends.
The sewing circle connected with Acoma lodge, went Tuesday on the morning train to Milford, N. H., to visit Mrs. May C. Kidder, formerly of this town, and came back that evening. They brought samples of large dahlias grown in New Hampshire.
The C. E. society held a praise service at the town farm last Sunday under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Ten from Prescott grange went to Groton on Tuesday evening.
James Starr has concluded the seven-day test of twenty-four hours for the water works of the town of Littleton, and is now at West Groton arranging a system there.
George H. Nutting of Orono, Me., a former resident, who has been visiting relatives in this vicinity for a month past and who also attended the G. A. R. encampment at Rochester, N. Y., returns to his home this Saturday.
The Farmers' and Mechanics' club had a committee meeting which was well attended on Thursday evening and closed at ten o'clock, with a meeting called for next Monday evening at several of the committees could not close until they had more time. There are to be several novelties, among which is a three-legged horse. The committee on sports are prepared only to say that there will be some 200-yd., 200-yd. and 100-yd. dashes. Several have entered for the parade. The poultry committee will furnish coops free for all exhibitors.
Friday, September 8, Arthur Rockwood, Andrew Callum, Edgar Rines and Olan Starkey of Lunenburg were in town.
John Bartz has concluded his labor at West Groton and takes a three-months' plumbing job next Monday morning.
Ray Willoughby fell Thursday on the schoolhouse hill while riding a bicycle, ploughing the ground with his face. The fork broke and caused the accident, and he was picked up unconscious. One of his legs seemed to be paralyzed after the accident. This is the latest we could get in regards to how serious the accident turned out to be.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Gilson of East Pepperell went on Friday morning to Lowell to attend the funeral of his cousin.
Mr. Hall, master of Nashua grange, and wife, were in town on Friday of last week visiting Miss Ada Whitney.
Thursday, September 14, there was such a heavy frost that the water froze one-half an inch thick.
A stalk of corn is standing in front of Harry Hutchinson's store that reaches to the second story windows.
Miss Susie Andrews is taking a vacation and was in Lowell on Friday.
Letters remaining at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending September 11: Jack A. Aehr, George C. Allen, Mrs. Bessie Carrington, Miss Rose Hruslander, Levi S. Keirstead, Grace Kerrin, George Lemon, Anna Macdonald, James Monahan, Alex. Morse, John O'Hare, Miss Doris Paze, Miss Jessie Walker, Miss Emma Saint, Mrs. A. Saunders, Patrick Ryan, Miss H. Vance, Miss Nina E. Ward, Sarah A. B. Whitten, A. L. Winton.

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TOWNSEND.

Center.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mead and children left here Thursday morning for a trip to Canada where Mrs. Mead has relatives living.

The Ayer district convention of Sunday school teachers and officials was held at the Congregational church on Wednesday and a goodly delegation was present. Dinner was served in the vestries. Several towns were represented and many good ideas exchanged.

Mrs. Jennie Willard of Still River was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Wilbur Bruce, this week.

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Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$150,077.00
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	17.75
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Bonds, Securities, Furniture, Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	113,124.22
Due from approved Reserve Agents	1,100.00
Checks and other Cash Items	31,252.79
Notes of other National Banks	9.66
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	500.00
Legal-tender notes (5 percent of circulation)	25.51
Specie	\$6,249.00
Legal-tender notes (10,710.00)	16,959.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$365,566.88

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	4,500.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	8,892.63
National Bank Notes Outstanding	5,897.58
Individual deposits subject to check	50,000.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	251,829.33
Reserve for taxes	344.37
Total	\$365,566.88

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:
I, H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 1911.
George G. Tarbell, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
I. J. Rowell,
Arthur E. Howe,
Wright,
Directors.

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Resources.	
Loans and Discounts	\$157,427.28
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	83.93
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	20,000.00
Bonds, Securities, Furniture, Banking house, Furniture, and Fixtures	103,210.00
Due from approved Reserve Agents	105,580.58
Checks and other Cash Items	2,955.00
Notes of other National Banks	120.98
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	120.98
Legal-tender notes (5 percent of circulation)	24,082.75
Specie	11,442.75
Legal-tender notes (17,500.00)	41,442.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation)	1,000.00
Total	\$733,950.52

Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	22,955.01
National Bank Notes Outstanding	19,500.00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	2,893.67
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	2,414.05
Dividends Unpaid	60.00
Individual deposits subject to check	554,182.83
Demand certificates of deposit	1,145.96
Certified checks	3,800.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	800.00
Reserve for taxes	1,200.00
Total	\$733,950.52

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss:
I, Chas. A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of September, 1911.
George W. Sanderson, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
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W. W. Fletcher,
Oliver K. Pierce,
Waldo Spaulding,
Directors.

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LAND COURT.

To the inhabitants of the town of Ayer, a municipal corporation located in the County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth: Ida M. Fletcher, Lory A. Wright and Julia C. Fletcher of said Ayer; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by J. Narcisse Cornellier of said Ayer,