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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Miss Laura D. Amsden is prepared to give private or class instruction in raised metal, jewelry and leather work at her craft shop. All communications should be addressed to Laura D. Amsden, Littleton, Mass.

All Littleton schools will close November 29 and reopen December 4, instead of the time designated in the calendar of the town report.

Warren Green opened a dancing school for children Thursday afternoon. The following one will be next Tuesday afternoon.

The harvest supper at the Baptist vestry Tuesday evening met with success. An appetizing supper was enjoyed by a large company of people. This was followed by a good entertainment of cornet, violin and piano music, reading by Miss Tenney, singing by E. W. Stone and an interesting account by A. F. Conant of his recent western trip. Misses Olive Flagg, Elsie Whitney and Katherine Kimball were some of the musicians of the evening. The sum of fifteen dollars was netted.

The recount of votes for representative from this district was made on Wednesday evening and no error was discovered.

The ladies of the Baptist society will hold their monthly missionary meeting next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Miss Ellen Paine Huling of Cambridge will address the lyceum Tuesday evening, November 21, taking for her subject, "The people of Labrador; their costumes, curios and mode of living." She will have an exhibition of curios, relics, etc., that she collected while visiting Labrador. Miss Huling has gained for herself a desirable reputation as lecturer and although she comes to Littleton next week for the first time she is not an entire stranger to our people. Those who have once listened to Miss Huling are pleased of an opportunity to hear her again.

At the Congregational church tomorrow the pastor will take for his subject, "Beating swords into plowshares." At the evening service Supt. of schools Frank H. Hill will speak. Mr. Hill's subject will be, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held at the Unitarian church on the morning of Thanksgiving day. The address will be given by Rev. O. J. Fairfield.

Mrs. Paul G. Favor of Somerville is a week-end and over Sunday guest at W. E. Conant's.

Mrs. Frank Worthen is visiting in Arlington and Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hill and son Ralph and Mrs. Chas. A. Kimball attended the grange meeting at Acton Center Wednesday evening. They were treated to a fine musical program. The subject of "Education" was well discussed by several speakers. Among the latter was Mr. Hill, who presented several phases of the subject, emphasizing particularly the benefits of cooperation between school board, teachers and parents.

William Brown of Harvard is putting in a steam heater for Edmond Wesley.

Mrs. Charles Johnson completed her inspection of Eastern Star orders last week.

The next meeting of the Oddfellows will be held Monday evening, November 20, instead of November 27. The meeting promises to be a busy one as a number of candidates will be initiated and nomination of officers. A collation will be served at the close of the business.

Farewell Party.
About forty friends from West Littleton, Littleton Common and Ayer were very cordially welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bradley at their home on Lactart road, where a farewell party was given Saturday night, November 11, just previous to the removal of the Bradley family to Wamest. Dancing and other amusements filled the evening with pleasure. Joseph Wainwright played the accordion and other music to the great satisfaction of those who danced. Charles Smith, in behalf of Littleton friends,

presented Mr. and Mrs. Bradley with a handsome leather rocking chair, the Sunshine club gave Mr. Bradley an umbrella with gold handle bearing his initials; and his aunt, Mrs. Patrick McGovern, of Shirley, gave a dozen silver teaspoons.

Although Mr. Bradley was much surprised at the generous manifestation of regard for him and his family, he proved himself equal to the occasion and like Mr. Smith received a loud applause for his eloquence. An elaborate spread completed the entertainment and the evening closed with the farewells and good wishes of guests, hosts and hostesses for one another.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have enjoyed much popularity among their many friends in this community who wish them Godspeed in their new home.

Death.
Mrs. Mary Sargent, whose death and burial were noted in the Ayer column last week, spent the greater part of her life in Littleton. She was born March 1, 1846, in Ireland. June 22, 1865, she married Samuel Sargent, whose death occurred three years ago. About five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Sargent left the farm in South Littleton, where they had lived about forty-five years and moved to West Acton. After Mr. Sargent's death his widow and their daughter Lucy moved to Ayer where Mrs. Sargent passed away last week Monday. She had been feeble for a long time and her death came not unexpectedly. Bright's disease and other complications had rendered her condition beyond recovery. Her suffering for two months previous to her death was very great and the close of life brought welcome relief.

Mrs. Sargent was of a domestic nature, always ambitious for the good of her family and an unceasing worker for their interest. Cheerful in disposition and courageous, she met the joys and ills of life calmly and philosophically, content to bear her lot with sweet repose.

She leaves a daughter Lucy of Ayer, who lived at home, and two sons—Albert and George of Boston, also two step-daughters and one step-son to mourn her loss.

A Public Court Trial.
For some time, it is alleged, one of our prominent citizens has been the happy possessor of a valuable Plymouth Rock rooster. He had no special qualities above roosters in general, except a degree of plumpness that has time and again excited the cupidity of epicures.

Not far from the residence of the gentleman mentioned above, lives another well-known citizen who has an unconquerable appetite for poultry. One evening recently, this rooster retired to his perch in the henhouse as happy and contented as any rooster in Littleton. The next morning he was missing. That day the gentleman with the longing for poultry, had roast rooster for dinner. This may, or may not, be regarded as a suspicious circumstance; but there is other evidence that forms a connecting link between the henhouse and his table.

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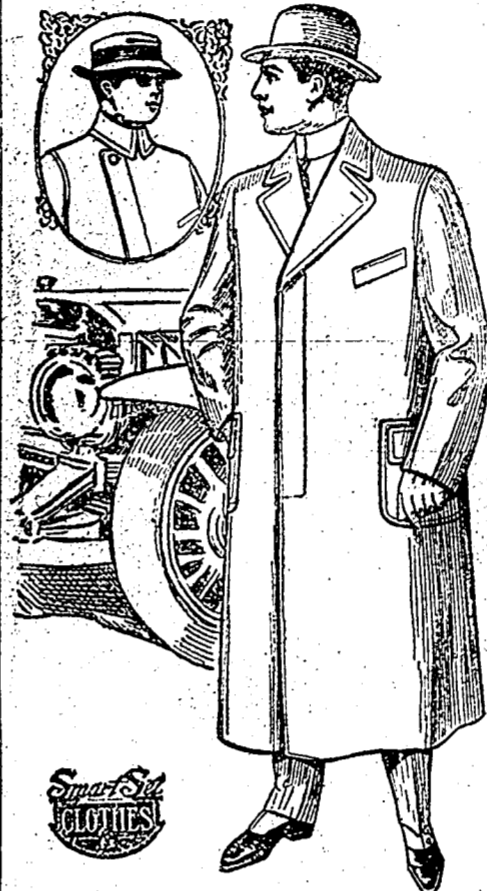
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in public for the larceny of the fowl and his questionable attitude towards roosters in general will be given an airing in the near future.

The parties in the case are so prominent that it is feared no court room will hold the vast crowd desirous of attending the trial, so it will be held in the town hall on Thursday evening, November 23, under the auspices of Loyal Nashobah lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U., to whose benefit the proceeds will be devoted.

In other words it will be a mock court trial in which a large number of our most prominent and popular citizens will participate.

The committee having the affair in charge have engaged Col. A. V. Newton of Worcester, the veteran manager of these entertainments, to attend to the details and conduct the trial.

Col. Newton has had remarkable success in the leading cities of the country and without doubt the mock court will be here, as elsewhere, one of the most pleasing and successful entertainment events of many seasons.

The following is the make-up of the court:

Frank A. Patch, judge; Charles A. Kimball, clerk; J. M. Hartwell, complainant; Richard Harwood, defendant; C. B. Perry, esq., of Worcester prosecuting attorney; E. V. Newton, esq., of Worcester, defendant's attorney; B. Frank Jacobs, court officer; Daniel Stetson, erler; George A. Cook, George H. Cash, William Pickard, Harrison L. Packard, Harold Conant, Dr. James D. Christie, witnesses; James Smith, foreman; Nahum H. Whitcomb, Harry W. Ireland, Frank Hill, J. N. Murray, Daniel H. Woodbury, Ed. A. Cox, Richard Barrows, Charles Smith, E. H. Woodbury, William Newell, George Canny, jurors.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

Miss Grace Lambert underwent an operation for gall stones at the Lowell General hospital on Thursday of this week.

Dr. O. V. Wells is having his home wired for electric lights.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woodward have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.

Reports from the Hamburg-American Line's cruise around the world of the S. S. Cleveland tell of the party, of which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright and Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney are members, being at Port Said and making trips to Cairo and the pyramids.

The trustees of the Union Congregational church have under consideration the installing of electric lights in the church.

At the Tadmuck club next Tuesday afternoon, at Library hall, the subject will be a continuation of the season's special topic for study of South America. Miss Ella F. Hildreth, vice president of the club, will have charge of the afternoon's program, and will present "A few cities of South America." Members are reminded of the change of time for the meetings. Beginning with this meeting the time of commencing will be 2.30, instead of at three p. m.

Mrs. Helen R. Leighton was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher this week.

Banquet.

The annual banquet under the auspices of the Congregational church took place on Thursday evening. Owing to the fact that the event came early this year and that weather conditions were quite ideal; also, that the new electric lights had just been pressed into service, the attendance was the largest ever. The seating room was taxed to its capacity and tables had to be reset. The tables, decorated with narrow central runners of crepe paper in autumnal shades of green and maize color, with vases of chrysanthemums at regular intervals, and last but not least, an attractive menu of good viands, presented a most attractive appearance. The pastor, Rev. David Wallace, said grace, and after the dinner had been thoroughly discussed the post prandial services took place.

Rev. Charles P. Marshall, of Quincy, a former favorite pastor, and Rev. Frank Hargraves of West Chelmsford were the speakers of the evening, interspersed with a musical program by those of the home church, assisted by the Graniteville male quartet. John P. Wright acted as toastmaster, as in former years, and introduced all with his usual wit and originality.

Mr. Marshall spoke on "Men and the church," and Mr. Hargraves' topic was "The boys and girls and the church," and both speakers were followed with close attention.

The musical numbers were as follows:

Piano duet, Miss Hazel Hartford and Miss Julia H. Fletcher; song, E. G. Boynton, with Miss Boynton at the piano; song, "Unforgotten Broom," song, Mrs. Sarah Stearns Colburn, accompanied by Miss Grace Lambert; song, John S. Greig, accompanied by Miss Hazel Hartford; selections by the Graniteville male quartet, Henry Smith; first tenor, Frank Cauter; second tenor, Fred Reed; first bass, E. G. Boynton; second bass.

While the people were assembling for the first of the evening, Miss Grace Lambert played organ selections with excellent effect. After the entertainment, Mr. Wallace, in behalf of the committees in charge, thanked all who had contributed to the success of the affair. Following are the committees: Program—Rev. David Wallace, John P. Wright and L. W. Wheeler. Dinner—Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mrs. John P. Wright, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Miss Florence Wilson, Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. Ida M. Gould, Mrs. Ella Langley and Mrs. David I. Greig.

Birthday Surprise.

On Wednesday of this week, our townsman, David L. Greig, passed the forty-seventh milestone of life's journey. Of this fact the sturdy David had full cognizance, thinking it ended there. However, a group of congenial friends thought otherwise, and in the early evening on Wednesday proceeded to disturb the pastoral quiet of Fairview farm with a visitation. Mr. and Mrs. Greig, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Greig, Jr., and son John were taken completely by surprise, but quickly adjusted themselves to circumstances and extended a hearty Scotch welcome. The horses were snugly stabled in the barn and the guests given the liberty of the pleasant home.

A collation of ice cream and cake; also, home-made candies had been provided and was much enjoyed, as well as some merry hands of whist. The party broke up at a late hour, after many sincere wishes to their hosts for many happy returns of the day.

About Town.

Hugo T. Page, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is apparently past the danger point, but is taking lots of time to recover.

Mrs. Mary Naylor of West Chelmsford observed her ninety-second birthday on Wednesday. She is living with her daughter, Miss A. Naylor, who for many years was the village school teacher, giving up teaching to care for her mother.

J. Willard Fletcher has twenty-six feet of water in his newly drilled deepened well.

An electric car got temporarily stalled near the residence of Andrew G. Anderson on the Lowell road, by the cable breaking loose from the iron arm on Tuesday. After some wire tapping the trip to Westford was resumed. Near Proctor's lumber yard,

North Chelmsford, an electric car jumped the track on Wednesday and danced about, whither it would.

The many friends of Dr. Varney of North Chelmsford will be sorry to learn that he broke his right arm between the elbow and wrist while cranking his auto recently.

Has Arrived Home.

Our old townsman, Hiram Dane, who came from California in September to attend to the closing out sale of farm and personal property, writes from Glendora, Cal., of his return trip, leaving Westford on October 24. After reaching Springfield, a delay of an hour was caused by a freight wreck, which made it necessary to change the route, going by way of the Hoosac tunnel, reaching Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday morning at 8.15, and dinner at Toledo at eleven a. m., reaching Chicago at three o'clock in the afternoon, being three hours late and in consequence had to wait until 10.30 for another train without change for California, crossing the Missouri river on Thursday and reaching Topoka, Kan., on Friday, and dinner at nine a. m., at Trinidad, Cal. and Los Vegas, New Mexico. The weather was cold and snowing. Later he arrived at Arizona, where he had much merriment seeing the Indians ride the donkeys and make faces at each other. Many of the passengers gave five cents to see the little papoose carried in a basket on the side of the squaw.

He writes: "I have been entertained by a party from Inverness, Scotland, going to Los Angeles, Cal. and is a pleasure to travel with such people. It seems my good fortune to always find such friends. I am now, Sunday morning, in San Bernardino, at breakfast—strawberries, blackberries and all the nice things raised in this tropical land. One hour later the conductor shouts Glendora, when I bid good-bye to my new friends, who follow me to the vestibule of the car to say good-bye."

Later Mr. Dane will give a short account of his new home.

Forge Village.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shackleton sailed for Keighley, England, on the Franconia on Tuesday, where they are to settle with Mr. Shackleton's father, who had taken a house and awaited their coming. On last week Friday, word was received that Mr. Shackleton, Sr., had died suddenly the past week, which caused a gloom to fall on their ocean trip. Mr. and Mrs. Shackleton will now return here in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodchild and Master Randolph Goodchild, and Mrs. Susan Reed of Lowell visited the past week at the home of Mrs. Lucretia Reed.

Miss Luella Prescott of Andover was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Prescott, over Sunday.

A very pleasant home party was held at the home of Mrs. E. Oldham on Pond street, Saturday evening.

The mills of the Abbot Worsted Company started on Monday morning running on full time again.

Daniel Sullivan of Boston is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan.

Mrs. Richard Blank and sons, Leonard and Merrill, of St. Catherine, Canada, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of Pleasant street. Mr. Blank is expected on Thanksgiving day.

Arthur Parrott is building another cottage on the shore of Forge pond for a relative in North Adams.

Miss Hattie Northrup is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Fennimore Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole and Miss Emily Catchpole were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Gilson of Graniteville on Friday evening of last week, at a party held in honor of Mr. Gilson's brother, William Gilson, of New York. They reported a most enjoyable time.

Miss Cecelia Wilkinson held a pretty birthday party at her home on Pine hill on Friday evening of last week. Miss Wilkinson was the recipient of many pretty presents.

Many from this village went to Graniteville last week to hear the Gospel Team at the M. E. church, who proved to be very efficient speakers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett spent last Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ferguson at their home in Westford.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The work on the Dr. Phelps' buildings and grounds was undertaken the latter part of last week. M. W. Leahy has a large force of men at work removing the terrace next to the house. A new cement foundation is to be made, a piazza will be built all around the house, and new doors will replace the old ones. Partitions are to be torn down and two attractive, up-to-date tenements will be made. Littleton people are very glad to see this estate put into the good condition that will restore it to its former position of dignity and attractiveness among the best of the old residences.

Mrs. Oscar Farwell, who has been in the west for many months, returned to her friends in the east last week. She is now visiting Mr. Farwell's relatives, J. Hartwell Whitcomb and J. H. D. Whitcomb.

Mrs. Warren Flagg of Allston was an over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregory.

Mrs. Lucy Pickard spent the week-end with her daughter Mabel in Boston.

Miss Cora Warren of Boston was at home from Friday until Monday evening.

Miss Lucy Houghton has recently entertained her past room-mate of Wheaton seminary.

J. William Dodds spent Sunday with his family at Arthur Wright's in Allston.

Stanley Conant, B. U. class of 1915, was at home over Sunday.

The webbing factory has resumed its former time schedule.

Annual Fair.

The annual Unitarian fair and supper held at the vestry last week Friday proved as popular and successful as ever. Although the auditorium

where the several booths were attractively arranged with various kinds of useful and fancy articles, toys, etc., seemed at no time over-crowded, the receipts of some over two hundred dollars show that the purchasers were there and came prepared to exchange money for goods. The remembrance table yielded an especially good profit. A bountiful supper, consisting of all the good eatables that the harvest time suggests, was served at six o'clock, and many were present to do it justice. In the evening Joseph Wainwright entertained the company with music on his accordion, accompanied by Simon P. O'Banion, pianist. Mr. O'Banion also delighted the audience with vocal selections. John Fairfield contributed further to the program by a poem well read. This event auspiciously opens the sales and entertainments of the society for the new season.

Clipping.

From the Roanoke Evening News we quote the following article which will interest many in this community:

"One of the most notable events and one of much social interest throughout Virginia, is the approaching marriage of Miss Hazel Wood to Rev. H. Bellows Drew of New Bedford, Mass., which will be solemnized the early part of December. Miss Wood is the daughter of one of Roanoke's most prominent professionalists, Dr. and Mrs. F. Le Roy Wood.

By her charming personae and many accomplishments she has been a conspicuous figure in the social and literary circles throughout West Virginia, and is a great society favorite. While Roanoke deeply regrets the loss of its young leader, still we are proud to send into the world one who bears the pride and honor of Virginia.

Mr. Drew is the son of an old distinguished family from Providence, R. I. and is a man of sterling character and very prominent in immigration work in New Bedford, Mass. By his gentle manliness and nobleness of character he has won the interest and esteem throughout southwest Virginia.

We may add that Rev. H. B. Drew has been pastor of the Baptist church in this town for the last two years, his resignation having been taken early in June. He entered his new field of service in the immigration department of the Y. M. C. A., with headquarters at New Bedford. Miss Wood will be remembered as niece of Mrs. Alta Hollis, and granddaughter of Emery Fletcher of Ayer.

A Good Attendance.

The Woman's club enjoyed a good attendance on Monday afternoon. Three new members were voted in—Mrs. Myra S. Keeler, Mrs. Gertrude M. Kimball and Miss Miriam A. Conant. The name of Mrs. Gertrude Holbrook Works was proposed for membership. The club is very happy to welcome all the new members and also those who have returned after an absence of a few years.

Several matters of business were discussed. Mrs. Nellie M. Hartwell was chosen delegate to the semi-annual meeting of the state federation in Haverhill. It was voted that contributions to the endowment fund for the general federation be made voluntarily through Mrs. M. K. Priest, president. The balance of the unexpended cash received from sale of red cross stamps last year was voted to the society for the prevention of tuberculosis. Reports of the conference of local club officers, recently held in South Boston, were given by Mrs. E. H. Proctor, Mrs. N. M. Hartwell and Mrs. M. K. Priest.

Mrs. Fannie P. Woodbury gave a clear and concise resume of the leading current events. The club was pleasantly entertained by Miss Emma E. Tenney, and her guest, Miss Crawford, of Boston, who rendered a piano duet. Miss Crawford also kindly contributed an instrumental solo that was much appreciated.

The speaker of the afternoon, Miss Cora Warren, teacher of domestic science in Boston, and a former officer of the club, was enthusiastically received. Miss Warren first outlined her tour through Italy, Switzerland and other countries to Liverpool, England, from which point she sailed on her return to America. She then conducted her attentive audience to those cities and rural communities that most appealed to her and revealed the splendor and beauty of natural scenery and the peculiarities that help individualize some of the places visited. She illustrated her talk by using pictures and postcards which were passed around among the club women. So full of interest and charm were the various scenes and experiences happily portrayed, that her audience lingered after the adjournment of the meeting to accompany Miss Warren further in her travels through conversation.

Off for Florida.

Leroy Jewett, Mrs. Jewett, and their daughters, Gladys and Ruth, left Littleton on Tuesday afternoon, in route for Largo, Fla., where they plan to spend the winter, and if conditions prove favorable, an indefinite period of time. Mr. Jewett will engage in gardening and the poultry business. The best wishes of their Littleton friends attend them.

Mr. Jewett carried with him a seed potato of marvelous size, from which he hopes to raise some tubers that will make the natives sit up and take notice. Its dimensions were easily ten inches in length and five and a half inches in width. Its weight was said to be a little over three pounds. This giant potato raised in the State of Maine, was forwarded in a shoebox by Mrs. Nancy Wood of Houlton, Me., to her niece, Miss Ethel Shaw, in Littleton.

Birthday Celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartwell Whitcomb and daughter, Mrs. Paul Brown, were guests at John H. Whitcomb's in Ayer on Wednesday. Our venerable townsman on that date passed his eighty-third milestone, and the celebration also marked the near approach of Mrs. Whitcomb's birthday. Both retain their former vigor to a remarkable degree. Mr. Whitcomb enjoys a brisk walk daily to the postoffice and back home, a distance of two miles, and buses himself with the care of his large flock of hens, besides driving to the station and high school every

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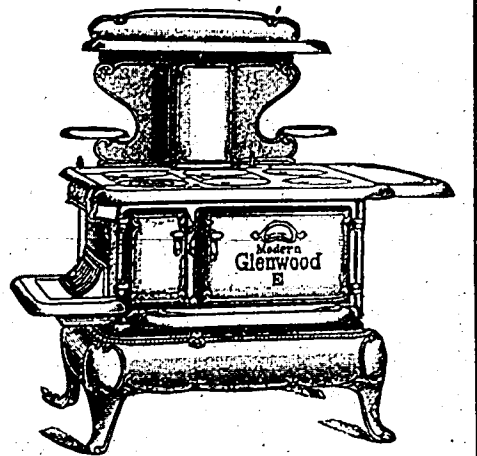
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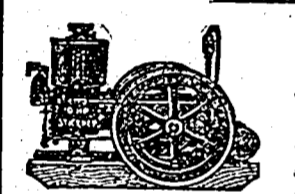
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TOWNSEND.

Center.
Mrs. Goldthwaite, who is suffering from a shock, is in a slightly improved condition. One side is paralyzed, but her mind is clear and she is able to talk, which is a great help to those who are attending her.

Mrs. E. L. Haynes has been very ill the past week, but is now improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Barber have both been on the sick list the past week.

The Board of Trade met on Tuesday evening and had an interesting discussion on the desirability of having the parcel post.

Mrs. Mabel Brackett has been suffering from neuralgia of the face this week.

T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the grange work at Wakefield last week Wednesday evening, and the Wakefield paper complimented him upon his pleasing personality and efficient work.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner left on Monday for their southern home at Orlando, Fla., where they will remain until spring.

Miss Mabel Haynes was in town on Saturday visiting her mother, Mrs. Albert Turner.

The Monday club met this week at Mrs. Wilbur Bruce's, Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Clara M. Farrar, hostesses. Each member responded to the roll-call by reading some short article on "Woman and her work." Miss Ellen Haynes read a most interesting and instructive paper upon "The woman's clubhouses of America." Current events were given by several members. These were in charge of Mrs. Noah Wallace. After the program was over, a social time was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

J. W. Eastman enjoyed a visit on Saturday and Sunday at his son Arthur's at Boston, who is pleasantly situated on Huntington avenue.

Carl Farrar, while playing football on Tuesday, came in contact with the knee of one of his schoolmates, which resulted in a broken nose for Carl. Although the injury is painful, he is getting along as well as can be expected.

Monday was visiting day and the teachers took the opportunity of visiting schools in several cities and towns near here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Page of Pawtucket, R. I., have been recent guests at George Gates.

Elmer Wallace, Walter F. Rockwood, Charles Stickney and a party from Pepperell have been enjoying a hunting trip up near the Connecticut lakes this week.

Surprise Party.

Harry Winchester gave a birthday surprise party to his room-mate, Hallett Misner, at "The Haldene" last week Friday evening, and there were eighteen present. Mr. Misner was invited over to Daniel McKenzie's for the evening about 8.30. Mrs. McKenzie sent her daughter and Mr. Misner up the street upon some errand, and on the way Mr. Misner was enticed into his home where he discovered the party awaiting his arrival.

The rooms were very prettily decorated with pink and chrysanthemums of much beauty, and the guests as they entered were given a carnation, the white for the ladies, and the pink for the gentlemen. These flowers were taken from the fine mission table which graced the center of the room, and were artistically arranged in sprays of pink and white.

Carl Willard acted as toastmaster and after greeting Mr. Misner and wishing him many happy returns of the day, he announced the literary program which was as follows:

Piano duet, Gertrude Rockwood and Maud Hyde, songs, Robert Copeland, duet, Violet McKenzie and Ella Misner, reading, Clara M. Farrar, songs, Stella Farrar, pianola selections, Mr. Winchester and Hallett Misner.

After the program was over, the party marched into the dining-room, where there was a beautifully decorated table filled with many dainties. The favors were bon-bons, and much fun was derived from wearing the paper caps and reading the verses which came with them. Hot chocolate was served and Clara M. Farrar was chosen as pourer. The company stood around the table while Hallett cut his birthday cake, which Miss Hyde assisted him in passing. In the cake there was a ring, banknote, thimble and doll, which were later found to have been in the cake served as follows: Robert Copeland, note; Stella Farrar, thimble; Parke Struthers, doll, and the ring in the remaining piece left.

Mr. Misner at this time thanked his room-mate for his kindness in giving him the party, after which the company adjourned to the sitting-room, where they sang songs around the piano until they adjourned. A most enjoyable time was spent by all and Mr. Winchester proved to be a royal entertainer.

Grange.

Monday was competitive night at the grange and quite a few were present to witness the men trim the ladies, which they easily did. The decision was announced by Rev. S. P. Robertson, chairman of the judges, and although the ladies tried hard to win, they were ready to acknowledge that the decision was a just one. Both entertainments were limited to forty-five minutes, and both contained quite a variety of songs, readings, original lectures, etc.

The men were in charge of T. E. Flarity, and the ladies in charge of Mrs. C. M. Farrar. After the program was over the judges and those who came with them were treated to a lunch before leaving for home. All enjoyed a very pleasant evening. The following is the program and also the names of the judges:

Program presented by the Sisters Chorus. Words by Ica L. Cowden. Negro sketch. A. Granger. Charade.

(Words of two syllables in 3 acts) First and second syllables, then the whole word to be guessed at close of program. Mabel Brackett

Song. Mabel Brackett

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Program presented by the Brothers Opening chorus. Original words by E. L. Haynes. Original poem. H. Warren Seaver. Piano solo. A. J. Atwood. Piano solo, showing how a batchelor sees on a button.

Recitation, "Knee deep in June." T. E. Flarity, p. m. Piano solo, "Mignon." Albert G. Seaver. The weekly session of "That reminds me" club.

G. L. Whitcomb, p. m., chairman. An artist's picture. N. Fessenden. Judge. Rev. Sylvester P. Robertson. Of Lexington grange. Frank N. Boutwell, p. m., of Leominster grange; Mrs. L. E. Starr, p. m., of Groton grange.

West Townsend.

Fred Coburn, from Lowell, spent Sunday with his wife at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver of Nashua, N. H., spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss M. Ellnor Tower has left the home of Mrs. Alexander Reed, where she has been boarding since early summer, and moved into her new cottage upon Elm street.

Ford Reed, who has been quite ill at the home of his brother in Acton, where he is visiting, is reported as improving.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose had a very striking sermon last Sunday on "The march of time." The Y. P. S. C. E. service was conducted by H. B. Hathaway and was made very interesting by readings, "Papa's pledge," by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, and a poem, "Only a cup of wine," by Miss Bertha Boynton. At the close of the evening's preaching service, a very beautiful vocal selection, "What will you do with Jesus," was given by a quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Wilder, Milton Wilder and Ashbel Streeter.

Charles B. Stickney is enjoying a vacation with friends in New Hampshire.

Mrs. George and little daughter from Lewiston, Me., are spending a few weeks with Mrs. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Mrs. Lois Vose, who has been with her niece, Mrs. I. P. Sherwin, during the summer, has returned to her home in Ashburnham for a visit before leaving for New York, where she will spend the winter with her son's family.

Mrs. Lizzie McAllie, who has been with her sister, Mrs. George Roebuck, has taken a position to assist Mrs. Shattuck at the Squannacook house.

Edward Patch and Ralph H. Willard, from Boston, spent Sunday at their respective homes here.

Mrs. Caroline Sherwin of Nashua, has been spending a few weeks with relatives in town.

Word has been received of the severe illness of Ernest Cox of Boston, son of the former pastor of the Baptist church, who is in the hospital with an attack of appendicitis.

The annual hunt of the men of the village was held last Tuesday under Captain Alexander Reed and I. P. Sherwin. There were sixteen men on each side and 5750 points were made, of which Reed's side had 1950, and Sherwin 3800, as a consequence of which Reed's men will pay for a game supper at the Squannacook hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton from Webster, have been recent visitors at the home of Mr. Hamilton's mother, Mrs. Augustus Stevens.

Leo Russell, from Pepperell, a former clerk for I. P. Sherwin, has been spending a few days at the home of his parents in Josselynville.

The Ladies' Literary and Social circle, which was to meet and take up an afternoon study of Thackeray at the home of Mrs. E. A. Craig on Friday, has been postponed until next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Glazier and Mrs. Perkins, who have spent the summer at their home here, have closed their cottage and are visiting relatives in Pennsylvania.

A Financial Success.

The annual sale, and entertainment of the Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society was held in Seminary hall on Wednesday, was well attended and a social and financial success. The tables were well supplied with goods and well patronized. The mystery boxes under the charge of Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, were sold out early in the evening, while the fancy work and aprons met with a ready sale, as did the home-made candy under the charge of Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and Miss Mabel Thompson. Vegetables and cake were sold by Mrs. Oscar Evans and Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence, but it was a great disappointment, that through some misunderstanding, the ice cream failed to arrive.

A very pleasing musical program, consisting of piano selections by Mrs. Mervin Hodgman, and songs by Alden Sherwin and Mervin Hodgman were received with hearty applause, and the program closed with an amusing farce, "No cure, no pay." The parts were well taken and it was received with much appreciation by the audience.

Sudden Death.

The community was greatly shocked to learn of the sudden death of William Robbins, who dropped dead of heart disease at his home just across the Mason line, early Saturday morning. Apparently in his usual health, he went to the barn to attend to his horses and had partly completed his work when he came to the doorway and fell upon his face, dying instantly.

The funeral was held at his late residence on Monday afternoon, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, of the Baptist church, officiating. Two selections, "Near my God to thee," and "Rock of ages," were sung by Mr. and Mrs. Ringrose, and the subject of the sympathetic address by the minister was "There is but a step between me and death." There were many beautiful floral tributes, expressing the loving sympathy of sorrowing relatives and friends, and a large number of friends and neighbors from this village and Mason gathered to pay their last respects to the dead.

The pall bearers were Benjamin and

Charles Hodgman, John Clark and William Lawrence from this village, and the interment was in the family lot in the West Townsend cemetery.

The deceased leaves a wife, to whom he was only recently married, a brother, Daniel Robbins, of Mason, and a sister in England. He has been employed in this village for many years and leaves many friends here who deplore his sudden taking off in the prime of his life, and express great sympathy for the sorrowing widow so suddenly and terribly bereaved.

Birthday Celebration.

The venerable Deacon L. F. Wood celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday on Thursday, November 9, and instead of a public reception at the church as has been customary on account of the feeble health of both himself and his wife, the gifts were left at the parsonage and Miss Tower's Sunday school class of boys carried them to the home of the aged couple. The old gentleman was greatly pleased by a postal shower of fifty-three cards, and he also received about forty dollars in money, many letters of congratulations and calls from twenty-five of his friends and neighbors, making the day a very pleasant one for him.

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Cars leave North Chelmsford for Ayer—6.20 a. m. and 20 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.20 p. m. Sundays—6.20 a. m., then same as week days. Cars connect at Ayer up to 10 p. m. for Fitchburg and Leominster. Until 9 p. m. for Worcester.

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Cars leave North Chelmsford for Brookside—5.50 a. m. and 60 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.50 p. m.

Sundays—First car at 7.50 a. m., then same as week days.

Leave Brookside for North Chelmsford, Lowell and Ayer—6.05 a. m. and 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 11.05 p. m.

Sundays—First car at 8.05 a. m., then same as week days.

Leave North Chelmsford for Westford—6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 11.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Sundays—6.50, 7.50, 8.50, 10.50 a. m., 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50 p. m.

Leave Westford for Lowell—6.55, 7.40, 8.40, 11.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

Sundays—7.40, 8.40, 9.40, 10.40 a. m., 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40 p. m.

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WEEK DAY TIME.

Leave Merrimack Square, Lowell for Boston via Tewksburg and Reading to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charles-town—6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.45 p. m. Sundays—Same as week days. Return—Leave Sullivan Square—8.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 11.45 p. m.

Boston via North Billerica, Billerica Centre, Burlington, Woburn, Winchesters and Medford to Sullivan Square Terminal, Charlestown—5.25 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.25 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 12.25 p. m. until 9.25 p. m.) 12.25 p. m. to Woburn only. Sundays—6.55 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.55 p. m. to Woburn only. Return—Leave Sullivan Square Terminal—6.22 a. m. and every 30 mins. from 11.32 a. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 11.32 a. m. until 9.32 p. m.) Sundays—7.32 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 9.32 p. m.

Tyngboro via Middlesex Street—5.15, 6.00, 6.55, 7.18 a. m., and every 30 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays 5.15, 6.00, 6.30, 6.55, 7.03 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.33 p. m. Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.33 p. m. Return—Leave North Chelmsford—5.30, 5.55, 6.30, 6.57, 7.18 a. m., and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m. then 11.48 p. m. Sundays—8.03 a. m. and every 15 mins. until 11.03 p. m.

Lawrence—5.15, 6.15, 6.40 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.40 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m., then same as week days. Return—Leave Lawrence—5.20, 6.10, 6.50 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.50 p. m. Sundays—7.10 a. m., then same as week days.

Nashua—6.45 a. m. and every 60 mins. until 10.45 p. m. (Saturdays 6.45 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Sundays—7.15 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.15 p. m. Return—Leave Nashua—6.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m. (Saturdays every 30 mins. from 1.35 p. m. until 10.35 p. m.) Sundays—7.35 a. m. and every 30 mins. until 10.35 p. m.

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Week Days	Week Days	Week Days	Week Days
4.45	12.30	5.45	12.15
6.35	2.04	6.25	1.42
8.15	2.45	7.00	2.19
9.30	4.00	7.55	3.42
11.00	4.29	8.10	4.22
11.30	5.09	8.30	5.53
	5.14	9.16	6.11
	5.59	9.25	6.32
	6.19	10.35	6.42
	7.09	11.02	9.07
	7.30		
	9.15	5.46	4.11
	11.29	8.05	6.22
		9.25	5.53
8.58	12.30	10.08	6.52
9.30	1.10		7.22
11.00	2.00		
	4.30		
	7.30		
	10.05		

Ayer to Fitchburg		Fitchburg to Ayer	
Week Days	Week Days	Week Days	Week Days
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
12.47	12.54	6.20	12.15
5.57	1.30	6.35	1.17
8.08	3.43	7.30	2.28
9.14	3.18	8.05	3.10
10.25	5.05	8.46	4.27
10.31	6.10	9.03	5.20
11.55	6.25	10.12	5.38
	7.18	10.40	6.10
	7.20	10.40	7.20
	8.27		8.42
	11.02		
Sundays	3.32	5.20	3.50
11.58	5.05	7.35	4.15
	8.27	9.03	5.37
	11.18	9.44	6.20
			7.20

Ayer to Worcester		Worcester to Ayer	
Week Days	Week Days	Week Days	Week Days
a. m.	p. m.	a. m.	p. m.
1.01	4.52	6.14	8.05
1.17	5.05	6.31	8.27
1.32	5.20	6	

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GROTON

News Items.

Middlesex Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., will give a social dance in town hall, Groton, on Wednesday evening, November 29. Music will be furnished by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell.

Principal J. H. Manning of the high school was one of the spectators who witnessed the Andover-Exeter game at Exeter last Saturday where his alma mater, Andover, won over her rival.

Miss Fannie E. Woods and others from here will attend the Harvard-Dartmouth game this Saturday if weather permits.

The Harvard Varsity Soccer team of which Daniel Needham is a member scored a 3-0 victory over Phillips Andover in game played on Soldiers' field Wednesday.

The McGovern family has been placed in quarantine on account of the case of scarlet fever, so that there need be no fear of the disease spreading.

Montague Chamberlain closed his house on the Ayer road Wednesday and has gone to Boston for the winter.

Word has been received telling of the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Tuttle at San Mateo, Fla.

Mrs. W. F. Patch has returned from several weeks' visit with her son, a teacher, who spent his vacation at Amherst and also among her old friends and neighbors at Brattleboro, Vt., her former home.

Final papers have been passed in the sale of H. W. Whiting's shop on West street. Rev. C. A. Finnigan, the purchaser, will have this building, which will not be moved, made over into a barn or stable.

Rev. P. H. Cressey exchanges this Sunday with Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield of Littleton.

It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. S. Evans are going to move into the Sherwin cottage on Hollis street. Mr. Evans has been working lately for Mr. Sherwin.

The Book and Thimble club met last week with Mrs. Thomas Gilson. The next meeting on Friday afternoon, November 24, will be with Mrs. Wm. Souther.

A large, beautiful bunch of violets went from Groton to the White House, Washington, D. C., a few days ago.

R. E. Learned, the Boston lawyer, who was hurt here two weeks ago at the Pleasant street bridge, is counsel for Groton in the demands made by the railroad in connection with that bridge. The hearing, which was postponed on account of the accident, will be in Boston when Lawyer Learned is able to attend to it.

The youngest child in the family of Thomas McGovern has scarlet fever.

James Bywater was taken Sunday evening with a severe pain in his head, extending down into his shoulder, and also affecting his eyes. His physician was called and he is relieved, but not yet free from pain. The trouble seems to be a rheumatic one. Mr. Bywater has been serving on the grand jury, but the doctor has written that he will not be able to attend for a number of days.

The kitchen furnishings, ranges, lamps, cooking utensils, chairs, table and some other articles, including some coal and wood and tools belonging to the G. E. H. Abbot estate will be sold by public auction on the premises Friday, November 24. The sale will open at 9.30 a. m.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church sent two barrels filled with clothing, etc., to a home missionary in North Dakota last week.

Samuel H. Williams of New Haven, Conn., is here visiting relatives.

R. E. Learned, the Boston lawyer who met with the accident here two weeks ago, was so much better that he returned home last Monday.

The church supper and social at the Congregational church last week was well attended and successful. The excellent supper was under the charge of Mrs. W. H. Bruce, and the fine miscellaneous program of the entertainment was prepared by Mrs. P. J. Benedict and Mrs. Charles Harrington and was as follows:

Piano solo, Mrs. Greene, of Lawrence academy; reading, Bertha Rose, violin solo, F. W. Mansur; reading, Mrs. Henry Whiting; vocal duet, the Misses Davis; reading, Miss Bateholder; violin solo, Mr. Mansur; reading, Beatrice Murphy.

Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody assisted in the marriage ceremony at St. Peter's church, Albany, N. Y., on Saturday, November 11, of Miss Dortha Douglas, daughter of Ex-senator and Mrs. C. N. Douglas of that city, and George Cabot Ward Low of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Low prepared for college at Groton School.

Two recent telephone subscribers are Walter H. Dodge, call 62-2, and Charles H. Gerrish, call 9-3.

One of the little boys in the village, who frequently brings a smile to the faces of his older friends, thought last week that he had been abused by some of his playfellows about five or six years old—his own age. He scolded about it considerably and finally called on the chief of police and laid the grievance before him.

The Middlesex Rebekah lodge will hold a dance in the town hall next week Wednesday evening.

George W. Lewis, who recently moved from Groton to West Upton, was in town last week. He says he has a nice place, favorably situated in

West Upton, and that he has already been offered \$300 more than he gave for it.

Thomas Bywater burnt one of his fingers on a wire some days ago while working on the telephone line. During the time he was laid off work, Mr. and Mrs. Bywater visited in Boston and Marlboro. He has since returned to work.

Interesting exercises were held by the intermediate class of the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday. They were in observance of temperance Sunday, and in charge of Miss Elsie Shattuck.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence were passengers on the Arabic, sailing on November 7, for the trip abroad, returning on December 6.

J. Warren Wetherbee and family are vacating their house recently sold to Mr. Bishop, a business man employed in New York, and are moving into the Dr. Bristol house for the winter. There is a possibility, we hear, that Mr. Bishop may get New England territory and wish to move into his house here.

Samuel Ramsden on the Ayer road has sold his stock, tools, etc., and intends to move nearer Boston, wishing to be nearer his business in that vicinity. Mr. Ramsden is the proprietor of the Rathskeller and furnishes lunches to Harvard students.

The Thanksgiving union service will be held this year at the Baptist church on Sunday evening, November 26, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Rev. G. M. Howe will be the preacher.

Willard Smith stepped on a rusty nail a week ago and has a bad foot as the result. He is able to get around now on his milk route, but the trouble doesn't seem to get better as fast as he could wish.

Rev. P. H. Cressey is to be one of the speakers at the banquet of the Backlog club in Littleton next Thursday.

James R. Hawkes has taken a furnished house at Monument Beach, and with Mrs. Hawkes will occupy it for the winter.

Gen. Bancroft was up last Saturday, and while here sat for his picture at R. M. Erving's, Champney street.

Mrs. Cora Clough and nurse Mrs. Bonnev drove over to Groton last Saturday, calling on friends.

Envelopes for the annual Thanksgiving offering were distributed at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Officer Riley has had a peculiar case under investigation during the last week. A certain young lady in town complained to him that she had received several threatening letters, purporting to be signed by two of our well-known young ladies. The more the officer examined the matter the more skeptical he became until now he is said to be fully convinced that the recipient of the letters was also their author. Such cases have been known to occur in other places, but this is a new one for Groton.

Directors' Meeting.

Dr. Samuel A. Green and other directors of the Peabody Educational fund assembled for their annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on November 1. They had hoped at this meeting to complete their stewardship of forty-four years and make a final disbursement of the fund under their charge. Dr. Green, who has served longest on the board of trustees, was appointed spokesman and told of various reasons which prevented the board from closing the accounts. Dr. Green told how the directors had been forced to continue the administration of funds fourteen years beyond the original term set by the donor.

Many of the donors had hoped that this meeting would see the striking of the final balance. For one reason some were getting old—Dr. Green for instance 82, and his old friend and classmate at Harvard, whom he calls Joe Choate is 79. Ex-Gov. James D. Porter of Tennessee 84, Wm. C. Doane, bishop of Albany, 79, Richard Olney of Boston 76, and Bishop Wm. Lawrence is a comparative youngster at 61.

The original fund endowed by George Peabody was \$3,000,000. Until the next meeting in November, 1912, the sum of \$1,500,000 must remain undistributed.

Church Fair.

The Ladies' Alliance of the First Parish Unitarian church are to hold their annual church fair in the town hall on the afternoon of December 7 with the usual variety of goods on sale. For the evening a pleasant entertainment is arranged by the committee, consisting of Mrs. Fanny Sampson, chairman, Mrs. F. A. Sherwin, Mrs. George H. Woods and Mrs. Fred O. Porter. Mrs. Lew and Mr. Thomas will give selections on the banjo, mandolin and guitar, Miss Mae Church Deane from Brockton will give selections in reading and at the dance, which will follow the entertainment, music will be furnished on the piano by Mrs. Lew, on the violin by Mr. Thomas, and on the cornet by Mr. Hennessey.

The fully arranged program will be given later.

Grange Food Sale.

The food sale held in the lower town hall Tuesday afternoon, November 14, realized about twenty dollars for the grange object for which it was held. The affair was very disappointing in that the supply of food was too scanty, not nearly enough to meet the demand. Judging from the number of people present who were attracted by the announcement of the sale and had come to buy, the patronage would have been very satisfactory if the good cooks of the grange had brought in more food. It reminds one of the old-fashioned story where an unexpected guest says to the lady of the house "It's good enough what there is of it." The rest of the old story doesn't apply.

Grange.

The regular meeting of Groton grange Tuesday evening is reported as having a very enjoyable program and a good attendance. The program consisted of a reading from Browning by Miss Marlon Hart; song, "The

brook," Miss Dora Bailey; song, "Love's own sweet song," Wm. Atkinson of Pepperell; reading of selections from Mrs. E. A. Barrows' book of poems by Mrs. Ella P. Woolley and an unusual treat from George S. Knapp, who sang, "The bridge," accompanied on the piano in an equally admirable manner by his son, Lewis M. Knapp. An historical literary said was a novel dish served on the program. Sixty pieces of green paper were arranged in a glass dish and resembled closely a head of lettuce, on each leaf was pasted a question or an answer. The person pulling out a leaf of lettuce which had a question would call for its answer and so on until the lettuce was used up.

Wedding.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sturgis, Groton School, Tuesday afternoon, November 14, at 12.30 o'clock, when Miss Rosalie Lohmeyer became the bride of their cousin, Prof. John S. Humphreys of Cambridge. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody and the bride was given in marriage by Mr. Sturgis, who is a master at the school. Among those who witnessed the ceremony were two brothers of the groom and a sister of the bride. The house was very prettily decorated for the occasion by H. Huebner, the local florist, who also furnished the exquisitely beautiful bridal bouquet, composed chiefly of rare lavender orchids with additions of maiden-hair fern and fragrant white bowdrias.

Prof. and Mrs. Humphreys will reside in Cambridge.

West Groton.

Mrs. F. E. Harrington is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. Mary Hammond, of Somerville.

Mrs. Elliott of Danvers has been a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Dudley.

Miss Lottie Craft is employed in the home of G. H. Bixby.

E. R. Newell, the civil engineer in charge of laying the pipes for the water supply, who was treated for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last week, is doing well, according to reports that have reached us. The work of excavation is progressing in charge of another engineer. The men are now (Wednesday) working in front of the store of Bixby-Webber Company, having completed the trenches on Mill street.

A pair of large oxen passing through the village recently were an unusual sight and proved especially interesting to the children.

Mrs. E. P. Shores, with her daughter Winifred, and her mother, Mrs. Powers, is spending some days this week with friends in Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Kierstead were called to Lowell on Wednesday by a message which acquainted them with the critical condition of Mrs. Kierstead's brother. No details were given and nothing further is known at this time.

On Friday evening, November 24, a supper will be served at the usual time and place by Mrs. C. L. Roy and a corps of able assistants. A continuation of the sale will follow. Short entertainments under the direction of the permanent literary committee will be presented each evening free of charge.

Miss Susie Hill will give vocal solos and Raymond Sleeper a xylophone solo. Other numbers will consist of solo, quartet and chorus singing, piano solos, etc. Christmas shopping, a good supper, free entertainment, all supplied by the ladies on Thursday afternoon and Thursday and Friday evenings of next week. Don't forget to come.

L. A. S. Sale.

The ladies of the L. A. society most cordially invite the public to be present at their sale in Squannacook hall on Thursday afternoon and evening, November 23. Mrs. W. E. Williams, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Harrington and Mrs. MacCherie, will sell aprons of various styles, materials and prices. Mrs. E. K. Harrington will preside at the fancy table, with a trio of assistants, Mrs. A. W. Adams, Mrs. E. P. Shores, Mrs. John Young.

The children will be particularly interested in the doll table of which Mrs. Charles Dixby is chairman, with Mrs. J. T. Trowbridge and Mrs. H. D. Bowles, assistants.

Those who desire to satisfy the cravings of a sweet tooth will have ample opportunity at the table of Mrs. C. L. Roy, who with Miss K. A. Tarnell and Mrs. W. F. Lane, will dispense various confections.

A fifth table in charge of Mrs. C. T. Spaulding, assisted by Mrs. A. W. Lamb and Mrs. L. G. Strand, will be filled with mysteries which can be unveiled only by the magic nickels and dimes.

TOWNSEND.

Townsend Harbor.

Mrs. Mary Taylor has returned from Fitchburg, where she has been visiting friends for several weeks.

As a result of Mr. Dana's work, there is a decided improvement in the appearance of the old Mansion house.

Myron Peffers, during the present week, has shipped a carload of stove wood from his summer home near this village to his residence in Stoneham.

Frank Gilchrist has recently moved from the house opposite the leather-board mill, to the apartment over the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray left on Thursday to spend the week-end with friends in Waltham.

Since last February, Will Smart has drawn about a million feet of lumber sawed last year by Dubreau's mill, from the stacking yards to the railroad.

On Thursday evening, Willard E. Gray and Nillo G. Proctor attended the military whist at Ayer, given by the Eastern Star.

Mrs. S. T. Locke has left Pinehurst for St. Louis, where she will spend the winter with her son, Harold Locke. En route, Mrs. Locke will visit friends in New York and Chicago.

The As You Like It club held its last meeting with Mrs. Adney Gray. The name of Mrs. Cummings was voted upon and enrolled upon the mem-

bership list. The literary exercises consisted of selections from favorite authors. After partaking of a bountiful lunch the meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. George Jones.

WESTFORD.

Graniteville.

Rev. Fr. Schofield, pastor of St. Catherine's church, celebrated both masses in the church on Sunday morning, during which he told that it was his pleasure and honor to be present among those who wished Cardinal O'Connell bon voyage from the deck of the steamer Canonic that sailed from Boston on last Saturday bound for Naples.

Miss Inez McLenna, who sprained her ankle a few days ago, is now rapidly improving.

F. J. LeDuc, better known to his friends as "Chick," is now at the Lowell general hospital where he recently underwent an operation.

The gospel team from Boston university have recently brought to a close a very successful series of meetings that were held in the M. E. church here on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

The many friends of Miss Margaret Driscoll, who left here Sunday for Lynn, where she will reside with her parents in the future, wish her every success in her new home.

Miss Mary C. Healy has recently left here to accept a position as waitress in Brookline.

Miss Mary Rafferty is now located at the Ocean house, New Smyrna, Fla., doing table work for the winter months.

The regular meeting of the A. R. Choate hose company was held in Healy's hall on Monday evening after the routine business had been transacted, a social hour was enjoyed.

The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held in their rooms Thursday evening. Quite a number of applications were read.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Dr. S. A. Ellis and family will close their beautiful summer home on Prospect hill this week and go for the winter to their winter residence at Brookline.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardner Haggood and daughter, Edith Haggood, have completed arrangements for their trip to California. They intend to start on December 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Savage of Leominster were down in their auto last Sunday and spent the day with their father, William H. Savage, and family.

At the annual basketball game for the school championship at Bromfield, held on Thursday of this week, the junior team defeated the seniors. There has been considerable rivalry between these two classes, and the defeat of the seniors is a source of much elation by the winning team.

Mrs. J. E. Crossley, who has been for the past two months a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Crossley, returned to her home at Orange, N. J., on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Cottle have closed their summer home "The Crossways" for this season, and are now at Dorchester, their winter residence.

Ellery Royal, Herbert Dickson and Edwin Sawyer have received tickets of the Harvard-Dartmouth football game and will attend the game on Soldiers' field today.

Last Sunday, at the Unitarian church, Mrs. Louise Atwood of Fitchburg, and Mr. West sang a duet during the regular morning service. This Sunday the young ladies from Ayer are expected to furnish music.

Painters are at work in Old Mill district putting on a finishing coat of paint on the buildings of Samuel Blanchard and George A. Folsom.

Mrs. Doris Wilder of Marlboro was in town this week. She took charge of the telephone exchange on Thursday—the Misses Jennie and Annie Kerley being in Boston for the day.

Still River.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will have a supper and entertainment at the vestry Friday evening, November 24. The first tables will be ready at 6.30 and later comers will be served at second table. For entertainment they have secured S. Thompson Blood of Concord Junction. Mr. Blood is an impersonator of marked ability and he will entertain for an hour and it will surely be a treat to listen to him. There will be a small admission fee at the door in addition to the charge for supper. The ladies' treasury is rather depleted from paying for some of the improvements that have been made on the church and they are anxious to get ahead once more, to be in readiness for future contingencies.

Mrs. Haynes is expected home from the Worcester Memorial hospital on Sunday.

Miss Cole of Ayer is at the Haynes home to help out during Mrs. Haynes convalescence.

Fred Bateman has been in Springfield, Vt., this week on civil engineering work.

Mr. and Mrs. John Farnsworth of Lancaster were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Alfred McClintock Wednesday.

Miss Mary Cummings is visiting her sister's family in New York.

Word was received the first of the week of the death of his Arlington home to help out during Mrs. Haynes convalescence.

Mr. Seaver was a very pleasant man and made many friends here. Last winter he underwent a very severe surgical operation and although he partially recovered yet he was closely confined to his cottage the past summer and toward the last grew much weaker so that his friends were not surprised to hear of his death.

Work is now being hurried on Wendell Willard's new house. The frame is nearly up and it will soon be covered in.

A. A. Hutcherson and C. L. Russell have just built garages for their automobiles.

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SHIRLEY.

Center.

John W. Farrar, proprietor of the general grocery store and chairman of the board of selectmen, together with Mrs. Minnie Hodgman, who has kept house for him since the death of his wife a year ago, started Tuesday morning for a carriage drive to Vermont to the home of Mrs. Hodgman's sister. If all reports are true this trip to Vermont is intended for wedding trip. Mr. Farrar and Mrs. Hodgman left Tuesday morning for Ayer, going from there to White River Junction, Vt., where it is reported they were married. They expect to return home the latter part of this week.

Miss Myrna Carter is tending in the store during Mr. Farrar's absence.

Rev. William Lindsay of Boston preached a strong sermon on "Faith," at the First Parish church last Sunday. Mr. Lindsay will supply the pulpit on Sunday, November 19.

Miss Viola Parker of Harvard was a recent guest of Ruth M. Graves.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday afternoon, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Henry F. Groat.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton of Brookline recently spent a couple of days at their summer home on Center road.

Mrs. Thomas Moore of Littleton was a recent visitor with her sister, Mrs. George Holden.

Mrs. Johnson of Waltham was a guest at Harry Stone's this week.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman has returned from a visit in Wilton, N. H.

Miss Helen M. Winslow and adopted daughter, Alison, started on Monday for a two-weeks' stay in New York city.

J. Walker Ward is at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, in a serious condition. He underwent an operation on his nose there recently. After he returned home the stitches burst and he nearly bled to death, so that he had to be taken back to the hospital. Henry W. Eisner of the village is substituting on the mail route during Mr. Ward's absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson expect to move next week from the house at North Shirley owned by John W. Farrar, to the home of Mr. Moore on Flat hill, Lunenburg.

The following changes have been made recently in the telephone numbers in this vicinity: Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, 9-3 to 36-3; John W. Farrar, store, 9-4 to 36-4; John W. Farrar, house, 9-14 to 36-14; S. LeRoy Longley, 9-5 to 36-12; Miss Helen M. Winslow, 9-22 to 36-2.

Mrs. Frank Wood and son Phillip expect to leave Denver for a short visit in this vicinity, November 21.

Friends of Wesley Weyman, the pianist, will be glad to hear of his safe arrival at London.

Elsie M. Holden left last week to take care of her aunt, Miss Elsie Bohanon, of Nashua, who is very ill with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Lottie Bohanon, a student at Boston university, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley.

Mrs. Blake of Worcester, and Miss Annie Costern of Lynn, have been guests of Miss Elsie Kirby.

Merle Crockett of North Shirley has obtained a position with Mr. Taylor, who recently moved from Flat hill to Lunenburg Center.

Charles Bisbee, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Johnson, at the North, started on Monday for California.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus of Ayer addressed a large congregation on Sunday at a revival chapel on the subject of "Mercy and truth." A special vocal solo was rendered by Miss Allison B. Winslow. During the service, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Boutillier was christened Victor Rudolph Boutillier.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, Mrs. Alice Cummings and N. Otis Colburn attended the meeting of the Middlesex Worcester Pomona grange at Groton on Wednesday of last week.

At the next meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening November 21, a Thanksgiving program will be given during the lecturer's hour. A roll call will also take place.

A movement is on foot to establish a basket-ball team in the center. Miss Elsie Kirby has kindly consented to allow a portion of her barn to be used as a practice room.

The Matron's aid will hold their annual fair and dance in the town hall on Friday, November 24. The fair will take place in the afternoon and will consist of the usual program, fancy work, candy, fruit, vegetables, food, ice cream and cake and mystery tables. It is expected that a reader will furnish the entertainment in the evening, after which dancing will take place. Music for dancing by the local orchestra.

Deaths.

Mrs. Catherine Carter Chandler passed away Friday morning of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman S. Hazen at the age of seventy-seven years, lacking two days. She was born in Lowell in 1834, her father being Daniel Phelps of Lancaster. She was married to Francis H. Chandler of Shirley, who died about two years ago. She came here to live with Mr. and Mrs. Hazen immediately after her husband's death. The cause of her death was valvular heart disease from which she had been ill for about six weeks. Dr. Lilly was the attending physician.

The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Moses of Nashua officiating and the body was taken to the Center cemetery for burial. She is survived by a brother and several nephews and nieces. The pall bearers were Elmer A. Hubbard, William E. Barnard, Howard A. Fuller and Sydney A. Carter.

On last Friday morning, November 10, the spirit of John H. P. Brown passed to its maker. Mr. Brown was born at Marblehead on December 11, 1833, and was 78 yrs. and 11 mos. of age. He was united in marriage to Miss Hattie A. Humnhey, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Edward Humphrey of Marblehead on April 15, 1855. Later they moved to Lunenburg, where they

resided until 1906, when they moved to North Shirley to make their home with their son, Harry N. Brown.

Mr. Brown was a man of sterling character and his sunny disposition made him many friends wherever he went. He was a kind husband and father and was very much interested in the young people for whom he always had a pleasant smile and kind word. Although afflicted with partial blindness for twenty years he always looked on the bright side of all things and his presence will be greatly missed by all.

The funeral services were held at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth, last Sunday afternoon, Rev. A. T. Kempton, pastor of the Congregational church of Lunenburg, officiating. Interment was in the South cemetery at Lunenburg. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters—Mrs. Emma O. Graves of Fitchburg and Mrs. Georgia H. Farnsworth of Shirley, and one son—Harry N. Brown of Shirley, to mourn his loss.

There were some very beautiful tributes consisting of:

Wreath, with words "Father," Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Graves; anchor, Miss Bessie V. Farnsworth and Harry N. Brown; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett and family; bunch of white plinks, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stevens; chrysanthemums and lilies, Woman's Alliance.

Grange Notes.

At the last meeting of Shirley grange, the third and fourth degrees were worked on a class of five by the ladies' degree team, made up as follows:

Mrs. Alice Cummings, m.; Mrs. Homer Holden, o.; Mrs. Annie B. Ward, l.; Elizabeth Evans, chap.; Mrs. Edward Farnsworth, sec.; Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, tr.; Mrs. Luther Holden, stew.; Elsie M. Holden, asst. stew.; Mrs. John W. Evans, s.; Mrs. Eldon Price, Pomona; Etta M. Holden, Ceres; Mrs. Norman L. Graves, Flora; Ruth M. Graves, L. A. S.

The fourth degree was worked by the regular officers. Visitors were present from Lunenburg, Groton, Harvard, Westford, Ayer, Ashby, Littleton and Freedom, Me. After the degree work a harvest supper was served in the lower hall by an able corps of waiters, under the management of a committee of three. After supper all returned to the upper hall for the lecturer's hour. The program consisted of the "Grange Journal," read by Ruth M. Graves, and an original poem by Mrs. Alice Cummings. This was followed by remarks by Mr. West, Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Willard of Harvard; Arthur W. Rockwood and Edgar E. Rines of Lunenburg; Millard F. Sawyer of Groton; Mr. Smith of Westford and Mr. Lamoreaux of Ayer.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The last meeting of the grange was poultry night, and interesting and instructive talks on the subject were given by Mrs. Ada Durkee, Mrs. C. B. Robbins, Mrs. J. R. Cobleigh, Rev. F. H. Viets and Charles Richardson. Miss Mabel Lawrence assisted in the entertainment by a vocal solo, and Miss Ethel Mead a piano solo. Following this was a peanut hunt. Eight more applications for membership were received.

Miss Ethel Mead went to Townsend last Saturday night with her brother Eben, and remained over Sunday.

Miss Izette Farnsworth was a weekend guest of Mrs. Henry Lawrence at Silver hill.

A large delegation of Boxborough people enjoyed the play "Thompson's hired man," given at West Acton on Wednesday evening, November 8, in which S. D. Salmon, 3d, of this town, appeared in the title role. The proceeds of the entertainment were going towards the purchase of a new piano for the Baptist vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thompson and son of Weston were Sunday guests of Harold Priest.

Mary Hager returned last Monday from a week's visit with her cousin, Miss Savage, of Harvard.

Oliver P. Shattuck has passed the examination for a cadet on the Massachusetts training ship RANGER, and will report for duty on December 4.

Augustine Wetherbee has gone on a business trip to Warwick, the inn at that town in which he was interested, has been recently sold.

Frank Grant of Framingham, Geo. Bramer of Westboro, Charles Wilson of Charlestown were the recent guests of Mrs. James Braman, coming to enjoy a hunting trip.

Mrs. Frank Davidson of Lincoln has returned to Boxborough for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. Withington. Mrs. Davidson is in very poor health and has come here in order to be treated by Dr. Royal of Harvard.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

Miss Mabel Parker has been engaged to teach music in the school. This instruction, with the drill given by her and Miss Kendall to the children's club, will do much to develop a taste in the art.

Miss Frances Brow attended the Kimball-Dodge wedding in Pennerell last week Wednesday.

Mr. Austin is having an orchard of five hundred trees laid out on his estate. Mr. Tarbell of Lowell directs the work.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Blood are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son born on November 13.

Miss L. R. Eaton recently returned from a visit at Hampton Falls.

At the annual meeting of the Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Mrs. E. K. Jewett was elected secretary and treasurer in place of Mrs. E. S. Russell, who declined serving another year. Mrs. C. H. Davis was re-elected president.

George Van Dyke and his sister, Miss Emma, left Hollis on November 8, for California, to spend the winter. Miss Van Dyke is not in her usual health, and it is expected the California climate will prove beneficial.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Greenleaf left Hollis on November 10, for a winter

in Florida. They will go first to Orlando, but are not fully decided on spending the winter there. They spent last winter in Fernandina, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woods have also left town for Florida. They are thinking of settling there permanently.

Reunion.

The Association of Co. H, 7th New Hampshire regiment, held a reunion in the town hall on Thursday, November 9, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their going out to the civil war. There were visiting veterans as guests of the surviving members of Co. H. A few of the members of the company are living in the south and west, who were not present. The veterans and their guests met in the upper town hall in the forenoon for a social time. The hall was decorated with the Stars and Stripes, a stack of muskets, a blue army overcoat, pictures in frames of officers of the company—Capt. Nathan Ames, Lieut. John H. Worcester, Lieut. Chas. Farley, Corporal Henry Day, and a fine picture of J. Newton Hayden, who was a member of the company, and who died two years ago, and others.

At twelve o'clock the company and their guests repaired to the lower hall, where a bountiful dinner was served under the direction of Miss Hattie B. Hayden and helpers. Beside the appetizing dinner, the tables were beautifully decorated with flowers, presented by the East Hollis greenhouses. There were twenty veterans present; not all members of Co. H.

After dinner all returned to the upper hall, for the anniversary exercises, which were as follows:

Words of welcome, by the president of the association, Francis Lovejoy, now of Ayer, Mass.; singing, Miss Hattie B. Hayden, solo; "Eagle Column" and "Marching through Georgia," and "Tramp, tramp, tramp," boys are marching," Mrs. Ladd played reading, a paper recall of the company. The history and the experiences of Company H were given by Daniel W. Hayden, from the time of enlistment to the time of their arrival at Folly Island, given by Francis Lovejoy; the story was then taken up by Daniel W. Hayden, who the company arrived at Folly Island they had lost by death and discharge thirty men. The work there was most arduous. He told of the attack on Morris Island, attack on Fort Wagner, with the retreat. At this point Merrill of Pennerell took up the story until the evacuation of the fort. Then Comrade Hayden resumed, telling of the building of the swamp battery. They attacked Fort Mifflin, North Carolina, when George A. Burge of Nashua, took the story. The Comrade Charles A. Hale told of the hospital service Comrade George Bartemus told an experience at St. Augustine. At this point George Ladd sang the "Battle Mother." Then Comrade Merrill told of the capture of Fort Fisher, which was a stronghold of the Confederates for food and ammunition. Comrade George A. Burge read a letter from Comrade Charles Burge of Kansas. Comrade Hayden told of the time the officers of the seventh regiment. The reunion came to a close by the singing of "America."

Woman's Club.

Hollis Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with Miss Arvilla Hardy. The roll-call was answered by those present with current events. This was followed by a paper by Mrs. C. H. Davis on "Changes that made a new Japan." Her paper covered a period of twenty years, between the time of Perry's expedition to Japan, and the Korean question.

This was followed by a paper given by Miss Mabel Hinckley, on "The Korean question and its effects." After a short intermission for sociability, a paper on forestry by Miss Bertha Hayden was given. This paper belonged to last year's program, but Miss Hayden was unable to be present at the time it was to be given.

SAVED MANY FROM DEATH.

W. L. Mook, of Mook, Ark., believes he has saved many lives in his 25 years of experience in the drug business. "What I always like to do," he writes, "is to recommend Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs, Croup, Whooping Coughs, Hoarseness, Obsolete Coughs, Grippe, Croup, Asthma or other bronchial affection. For I feel sure that a number of my neighbors are alive and well today because they took my advice to use it. I honestly believe it's the best throat and lung medicine that's ever put in a bottle for the right. Get a trial bottle free, or regular 50c, or \$1.00 bottle. Guaranteed by William Broom, Ayer."

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends and neighbors for their kindness during our father's illness, and also for the beautiful flowers at the funeral.

Mrs. George H. Farnsworth, Mrs. Emma O. Graves, Harry N. Brown.

Shirley, November 11, 1911.

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

Whereas certain instruments purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by LUCY A. SARGENT who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the sixth day of December 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 on one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

310 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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THE AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

Respectfully petitions the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, and the necessary supporting and strengthening fixtures and wires, in the following named streets and highways of said Town, viz:

Central Avenue, 9 poles. Shirley Street, 3 poles.

Said locations to be in accordance with plans, dated November 4, 1911, filed herewith.

L. WHITCOMB, Superintendent.

TOWN OF AYER

In Board of Selectmen
Nov. 7, 1911.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is ordered:

That a public hearing be held in the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer, on Friday, November 24, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., at which time and place all persons interested may attend and will be heard and that the petitioner give notice thereof by publishing an attested copy of said petition and this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least three days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the Board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing, at least seven days prior thereto, to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Elisha D. Stone, Frank S. Pierce, John M. Maloney, Selectmen of Ayer.

A copy of petitions and order thereon. Attest:
JOHN M. MALONEY, Clerk of the Selectmen of Ayer.

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PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS

TO ATTACH ITS WIRES AND FIXTURES TO THE EXISTING POLES OF AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that Ayer Electric Light Company has heretofore received locations for and has erected a line of poles along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named, and that it is desirable that the wires and fixtures of said The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts be attached to said poles.

Therefore your petitioner prays that without notice or hearing it may be granted permission to attach its wires and fixtures to said existing poles of said Electric Light Company shown upon the plans hereto attached marked dated Sept. 19-11, and said Ayer Electric Light Company, owner of said poles, hereby assents to and joins in the petition aforesaid.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Pine Street between East Main and Fletcher Street, three poles.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON, C. L. S. General Manager.

Ayer Electric Light Company
By C. B. SPRING.

Dated this nineteenth day of September, 1911. October 2nd, 1911.

PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF MASSACHUSETTS FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts that it desires to construct a line of poles, wires and fixtures including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it may be granted a location for and

permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining or protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked 4, dated Sept. 25, '11, proposed locations and relocations of the N. E. T. & T. Co.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on said poles for the telephone, fire and police signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal purposes.

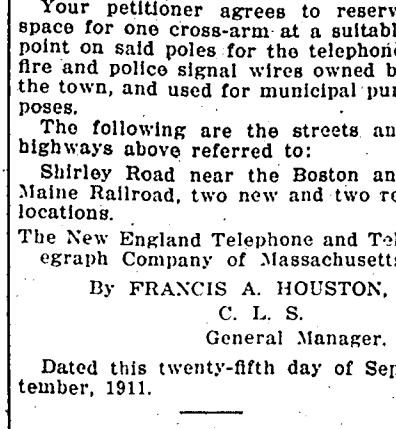
The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Shirley Road near the Boston and Maine Railroad, two new and two relocations.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON, C. L. S. General Manager.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of September, 1911.



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Nov. 7, 1911.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of MELVIN W. LONGLEY late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas HERMAN S. HAZEN the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

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

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

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

315 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Worcester, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of LYDIA P. WING late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by FLORA L. COCHRAN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, or 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 Worcester, in said County of Worcester, on the twenty-first day of November A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

318 JOHN W. MAWBET, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY HUBBARD late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY E. MULLIN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined the trust.

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 November A. D. 1911, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

318 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

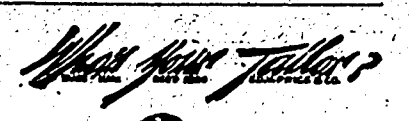
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of ROSANNA D. STEVENS late of Groton in said County, deceased.

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

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twentieth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-sixth day of October in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

318 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY HUBBARD late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by MARY E. MULLIN who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, or some other suitable person, the executor named in said will having declined the trust.

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- The Brookline Beacon.

Items of local interest are solicited, and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith, and will always be considered strictly confidential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence, and do not wait unnecessarily.

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Saturday, November 18, 1911.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bartlett (Alice Blood) were given a shower by the members of the Epworth league of the Methodist church. It was a complete surprise. There were a large number present. The evening was spent in games and sociability. Light refreshments were served.

Marion Bartlett had an operation performed at the Massachusetts General hospital on Monday. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Frank Woodward, a civil engineer, employed by a Boston firm, spent the week-end and a part of Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Abbie Woodward.

Mrs. Nellie Glover, who has been housekeeping for Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Parker, is soon to return to her former home in Leominster.

Mr. Supernault, who has been living at the North Village, has, with his wife and family, moved into the Varnum house, so-called, on Hollis street.

Mrs. Joseph Davis of Ayer recently visited her mother here.

Sunday evening, at seven o'clock, in the Methodist church, the pastor will preach the second in a series of sermons on "Peter, the great apostle." Subject, "The great declaration."

The cottage prayer meeting on next Thursday evening will be held at the home of Charles I. Marshall on Pleasant street.

Sunday morning at 10.45, the pastor of the M. E. church in Townsend will preach in the M. E. church in this town in exchange with the pastor.

Miss Ada Whitney spent the week-end and over Sunday with her cousin in Leominster.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Parker of Fitchburg came on Saturday to visit Mr. Parker's parents in this town. Mr. Parker returned to Fitchburg on Monday. Mrs. Parker remaining until Tuesday.

Mrs. Ann Davis is visiting in Lawrence at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank R. Morrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Allingham are moving from Brookline street into Frank Behrens' cottage on Cottage street.

Mrs. Ellery Davis returned recently from a visit to her sister in Concord, N. H.

Mrs. Sarah M. Dow, formerly of this town, and her daughters are important witnesses in the trial at Springfield of Bertram G. Spencer for the murder of Miss Martha E. Blackstone, who was their guest. It will be remembered that Miss Harriet Dow was also shot by Spencer at the same time, and it was months before she recovered from her injuries. Mrs. Dow and her daughters have many friends in this town who sympathize with them in their trouble.

Wills Gillespie of the South road is at Dr. Kilbourn's hospital in Groton. He had a tumor removed from his ankle on Tuesday. This is the fourth operation he has had for the same trouble; the one previous to the last, was about a year ago. Mr. Gillespie has been a great sufferer, and his friends hope he will not have a return of his trouble.

There are quite a few cases of measles in town.

Miss Susie Andrews has been kept at home for a few days on account of sickness.

Miss Lydia Ann Goodnough is quite sick with an attack of the shingles.

Leon Woodward has obtained employment in a store in Wilmington, Del., and is boarding with his sister, Mrs. Thomas Parker.

Mrs. Frank Farley has been a re-

cent visitor in Leominster and Fitchburg.

Mrs. Ella Staples is not well and is confined to the house.

Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson and infant son have been visiting in Nashua.

The date of the annual mid-winter sale of the L. A. S. of the M. E. church has been changed from December 6 and 7, to Tuesday and Wednesday, December 12 and 13, on account of December 6 and 7, having been previously chosen for the annual Christmas sale of the L. S. C. of the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Nathaniel Shattuck entertained the Art club at her home on Park street on Monday afternoon of this week. Papers were read by Mrs. Elizabeth Heald and Miss Ruth Rogers.

Lyman Canney has been confined to the bed four weeks with inflammatory rheumatism in his feet. He is a little better this week.

Mrs. Emma Hill of West Groton visited her daughter, Mrs. Neil McWilliams, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dodge (Elsie Kimball) have returned from their wedding trip and are occupying their home on Chippewa row in Groton.

Frank Belyea of West Groton, formerly of this town, while playing football one day last week, was injured in such a way that he became unconscious for a short time, but soon recovered and seems not to have been seriously hurt.

Mrs. Lydia Mahar of Sheffield Mills, N. S., is visiting Mrs. Isaac Margeason, of Nashua road.

Louis Hinterner, employed in the office of the Larkin Shoe Company, has finished work here and on Tuesday returned to Buffalo.

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball spent a few days in Hollis recently, calling on old friends and neighbors.

Mrs. William Foster and her granddaughter from Maine are guests of M. C. Gilchrist.

E. E. Tarbell is at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua, where he was operated on for a nasal trouble last Monday. Dr. Kittredge performed the operation. Mr. Tarbell is doing as well as could be expected.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Charles Chapman on Brookline street, Wednesday, November 22. Subject, "Miscellaneous."

Wedding.

Miss Mary West, daughter of Mrs. Mary West, and Thomas Lynch were united in marriage on Wednesday, November 15, at St. Joseph's church by Rev. T. I. Cushman. The bride's gown was white silk and she wore a white veil. The attendants were Miss Alice West, sister of the bride, and Dehlan Lynch, brother of the groom.

A largely attended reception to the newly-wedded couple was held at the home of the bride's mother. After the reception they left town on the four o'clock train for a short wedding journey. They were the recipients of a large number of presents, useful as well as valuable.

Mrs. Lynch has been employed in the finishing room of the Nashua River Paper Corporation for a number of years, and her associates in that room presented her with a number of pieces of silver.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynch will occupy the house owned by Wells Woodward on Groton street, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker.

Items of News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Foster of Rowley were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Saunders.

Mrs. F. D. Farley has returned from a visit with friends in Ayer, Shirley and Fitchburg.

Richard Tumpney has moved into the house on Groton street, lately vacated by T. M. Parker, who has moved his family to Somersworth, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darling started last Monday for Orlando, Fla., where they expect to spend the winter.

Mr. Balch, a clerk at the Nashua River Paper Corporation, will occupy the Darling cottage during their stay in Florida.

Mr. Harris of Petersham is a guest of H. N. Tower.

The Woman's club will hold their regular meeting at Central hall on Tuesday afternoon, November 21, and will be in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Taft. A club tea will be served. A full attendance is desired.

The concert to be given under the auspices of the Woman's club by the Weber male quartet, with Grace Sanborn Cole as reader, takes place on Monday evening, November 20, in Prescott hall. It will be an entertainment of merit.

Many are looking forward with anticipation for the wedding of one of our well-known young ladies, which is understood to be the day before Thanksgiving. Harry F. Powers of

Brookline, N. H., and Miss Gertrude Willey of this town are the happy couple.

John Kerrin is spending a vacation in Canaan, N. H., on a hunting trip.

On Friday, November 24, there will be something doing at Prescott grange as the men have their competitive evening, and the ladies have a hoop drill.

Mrs. Bowman of Park street, who has had an attack of tonsillitis, is able to be out again.

Mr. Hall, master of Nashua grange, and his sister, were in town last week Friday, calling on friends.

Frank Bolles has taken charge of the town scales in place of Mrs. L. E. Starr, who resigned.

Mr. Balch moved last Monday into the Emery Darling house on Foster street.

Miss Anna Mae Shaw came home last Monday from Worcester, where she was operated upon at a hospital in that city for a severe case of appendicitis, and has recovered from the operation very nicely.

The ladies of the Congregational church had a harvest supper on Thursday evening, and the savory meats, the delicious pies and cake were greatly relished by the many who partook of the supper, and quite a sum was realized.

The Ladies' Social circle of the Unitarian church will hold their annual Christmas sale of fancy and useful articles in Central hall on Wednesday afternoon, December 6, and will have a supper and entertainment on Thursday evening, December 7.

A food sale will take place on Thursday, November 23, at the reading-room in the evening, consisting of bread, cookies, cakes, home-made candy and preserves, under the care of Miss Gertrude Nokes. The proceeds for the sale is for the benefit of the reading-room. All are cordially invited to attend.

The photographs now on exhibition at the Ayer public library will be at the East Pepperell reading-room on November 30, for a limited stay. They are loaned by the Woman's Educational Union of Boston, and be sure and go and see them.

Letters remaining at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending November 13: Mrs. E. Burgess, J. E. Blosser, P. H. Bryant, William Gilbert, Patrick Horan, Timothy Horan.

Annual Meeting.

The East Pepperell Reading association held its annual meeting at its rooms on Tuesday evening. The treasurer, Rev. Dudley R. Child, made the report that the room started on October 3, 1910, and in the year took in \$105.85, and paid out \$101.62, and the only out-standing bill was of four dollars for care and kerosene; \$21.50 was expended in getting the room in readiness, \$10.00 spent for new books. Fuel and care are the largest bills.

The reading-room started without funds or material and the first help was the gift of books from the Groton School, and generous gifts from the people of the town of magazines that kept the reading table filled with good and interesting reading. There is a need of chairs now.

The gift of thirty-six bound volumes was from Mrs. Charles Boynton, and the Handy Encyclopedia, three volumes, from the Woman's Educational Union brought the number of bound volumes to about five hundred. As Miss Crotty, principal of the Groton street school, has not had time to catalogue them all since her return from her vacation. The reading-room also own a piano, the use of which has been allowed to a few children that were taking lessons. There are several years of magazines that the association would like to have bound because of the valuable contents.

The same committee will solicit membership as last year and it is hoped that the same interest that helped start it will be continued to permanently maintain it.

Grange.

Prescott grange held their regular meeting on Friday, November 10, but did not witness the program by the men members, as it had to be postponed to November 24, owing to sickness of some of the participants. The milk test with a Babcock testing machine by Earl Farnsworth was successful and interesting, and although this was to be a part of the men's entertainment, it was necessary to give it at this time, for the machine had to be sent back. The rest of the program was as follows: Duot, Mr. and Miss Andrews; readings, "The man who snores," Mrs. Millie Richards; "Teddy O'Rourke," Miss B. M. Farnsworth; "The new cooking," Mrs. Minnie D. Green; "The orchard," William Jewett.

THE TOWN HOUSE, AYER, MASS.

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The meeting then voted that the committee to wait upon Dr. J. C. Ayer consist of three and elected the following: Mr. J. C. Ayer, Benjamin F. Felch, Gibson Smith.

Adjourned town meeting, October 9, 1871, the committee previously appointed made report that they had seen Dr. Ayer and would submit the following from him:

Lowell, Mass., Oct. 5, 1871.

Of committee of Conference, etc.

Dear Sir: In answer to your enquiry whether my proposition to the people of Ayer can be changed from the form in which it was presented, I beg to say: I feel constrained by a promise publicly stated in an assembly of your citizens, at the inauguration of the Town to make my donation for the benefit of education therein.

How best to do this and nearest to meet the wishes of the people, I have for several months endeavored to learn from such of your citizens as I could meet and such other counsel as could be obtained. The result in accordance with my best judgment in accordance of making the proposal is before you.

If it can be improved or made more acceptable to your fellow citizens, I shall be glad to assist in such a change.

Indeed suggestions have already been made, which seem to me judicious; and I shall be happy to meet any party representing the people of the town for the better perfection of my proposition and its better adaptation to what is desired; my sole wish being the gratification and benefit of the people who have honored me. I shall be thankful for any assistance to that end.

Very respectfully and truly yours,

JAMES C. AYER.

Voted: To accept the report of the committee.

The following resolution was then offered:

Whereas Dr. J. C. Ayer of Lowell has proposed to make a donation to this town in honor of the name of the town; and whereas: He has signified his desire to make said donation in such manner as will most please and benefit the town; and they are hereby authorized by said town to that end; therefore:

Resolved: That a committee of three be chosen by the town to confer with the said Donor as to the best mode of conferring said gift; and that said Committee be and they are hereby instructed that it is the wish of the town, that either a public building for town purposes be erected in honor of our esteemed Donor, or that the said sum proposed be appropriated toward the cancellation of our town debt.

The resolution was adopted and John Spaulding, Harvey A. Woods and E. D. Bancroft were chosen a committee to wait upon Mr. Ayer and act in agreement with the resolution.

Voted: That Dr. J. C. Ayer be invited to attend our next meeting and that the visiting-committee invite him.

The town debt above referred to consisted mainly of the approximate sum due the old town of Groton at the time of separation and finally adjusted by joint committees of the two towns by agreement signed on February 28, 1872, and this amounted to \$15,100, as therein stated. The acts of the joint committees were approved in town meeting held on May 6, 1872.

At the meeting on October 17, 1871, the record says:

The Doctor was here introduced and spoke at some length, expressing his desire, to do for the town in the matter of the proposed donation, that which would most please and benefit her citizens; and that the money should go for educational purposes, but was ready to place the money in the hands of the town and let her citizens do what they thought best with it.

Adjourned town meeting, October 24, 1871, communication from Dr. J. C. Ayer read to the meeting as follows:

Lowell, Mass., 21st Oct. 1871.

E. Dana Bancroft, Esq., Medford, etc., Ayer, Mass.

My dear Sir: On reflection it seems to me desirable in view of the fact that your citizens differ somewhat as to the best of the donation, I desire to make, for all my conditions and suggestions which might embarrass them should be withdrawn leaving it entirely to their discretion, to submit my readiness to pay over the amount, of the selection of Ayer or any person at their own call for the benefit of the Town, its schools, or whatever its people shall direct.

Trusting that this may relieve the anxiety of those who are to be found more acceptable, I remain Sir,

Yours and truly,

JAMES C. AYER.

Voted to receive the Donation proposed to be made by Dr. J. C. Ayer.

At meeting, November 7, 1871:

Article 2. Voted to elect three trustees, to take charge of and invest the money of the Ayer Donation to the best of their ability for the purpose of erecting a town house, that shall be used for the erection of a public building, or for the purchase of land for the benefit of the town.

These trustees received the amount of \$10,500 from Dr. Ayer, and in their capacity as trustees, loaned it to the town of Ayer for general purposes.

Mr. Rolfe is the only surviving member of these trustees.

In the spring of 1872, the subject of a townhouse was taken up again.

In April, 1872, some hopes were entertained of securing a county building for a district courthouse, or of erecting a townhouse which might contain also the county district court.

At the April town meeting: Voted, to build a townhouse on the Fuller lot between the houses of J. M. Chick and L. J. Spaulding.

May 7, 1872: Voted, to rescind the above vote.

May 7, 1872: Voted, to build the townhouse somewhere between Washington and Columbia streets, if agreeable to Dr. Ayer.

The desirability of this location seemed also to meet with the approval of Dr. Ayer, as was shown by his letter read in town meeting on June 5, 1872. The great fire had swept Main street just three weeks before and all the lots between Park street and Columbia street were free from buildings, hence the allusion to the "better choice of land" in the letter.

Lowell, June 14th, 1872.

Henry A. Woods, Ayer, Mass.

Dear Sir: Since we met, I have considered further the matter of a townhouse for Ayer, and after consultation with the architects, and others, to examine the locality, have felt like proposing as follows:

He advises that one of the lots between Washington and Columbia streets be selected fronting on Main street of dimensions about one hundred more feet front by 150 or more feet deep.

If the town can obtain such a lot and build a foundation thereupon in accordance with the suggestion of the architects, I have employed for that purpose, Messrs. Weston and Rand, about one hundred and fifty feet deep, up one story, I would place thereupon and finish a townhouse to contain a hall, ante-room, and appliances, finish and complete the same.

The foundation to be built up one story by the town in accordance with the style and plan of the architect and to their acceptance as shall be the entire building.

I should wish to employ the amount already given to the town of Ayer and pay the balance myself.

I forward these suggestions now because it seems to me that you can have a better choice of land, than might be open to you at some later day.

I am, however, in no haste and only forward this suggestion, supposing that your people may be. If they are desirous of my immediate attention I shall give it to the best of my ability.

Yours very respectfully,

JAMES C. AYER.

At this meeting it was voted to purchase a lot of land for a new townhouse and put in a foundation in accordance with the plans of Dr. J. C. Ayer's architects, as set forth in his (Dr. J. C. Ayer's) letter read in this meeting.

At this meeting Henry A. Woods, G. C. Brock and Charles Brown were elected a committee to purchase a lot and build on the Church and Nahum Sawyer lots which were secured for \$2500 and \$4000, respectively, as shown in the February, 1873, report.

Voted, that the amount of the Ayer Fund be appropriated in building a townhouse as indicated in Dr. J. C. Ayer's letter.

Voted, that the Trustees of the Ayer Fund hold it at the order of Dr. J. C. Ayer, to be used in building a townhouse.



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The J. E. Fletcher lot was also secured at corner of Newton and Columbia streets, for which was paid \$1048.73.

The Sawyer lot extended through from Main street to Newton street, and a small lot on Newton street between that and the Fletcher lot on the corner, was purchased of Mrs. C. H. Bliss, for which six hundred dollars was paid, making a total for land of \$8148.73, to which the value of the engine house lot owned by the town may be added.

These five lots were secured as the location of the new town building and formed a rectangular piece extending from Main street through to Newton street.

At a town meeting held on June 15, 1872, a letter from Dr. Ayer was presented and read as follows:

Lowell, Mass., June 11, 1872.

Henry A. Woods, Charles Brown, G. C. Brock, Committee, Ayer, Mass.

Gentlemen: My architects advise me that we can more conveniently accomplish our wishes in building a townhouse for your people if we have the construction of the building done by the house. Therefore permit me to substitute for my proposition addressed to Mr. Woods, the following:

If it is your pleasure to provide the land shown to Mr. Weston, grade and prepare it to his acceptance and build a foundation thereon up to the brick, conformably to his requirements; I will build the walls thereupon one story high to contain library, post-office, and other rooms, not ordinarily pertaining to a townhouse, as has been suggested.

I will build above and upon that the townhouse; you to put up and furnish the lower story as you desire in conformity with the general style and finish of the building and with the requirements of the architects.

The amount already given being returned to me, I shall build upon the first story above mentioned a townhouse for the town of Ayer, according to plans and specifications, which architects shall prepare.

In restating my suggestion more clearly, you provide and prepare the land and foundation up to the level of the first story including fence, stone walks, etc., according to the requirements of architects. I build the walls of the first story and upon a building the whole to be done in conformity with the requirements of the architects.

If this falls to be clear to you in any particular, I will at once respond to your request for further explanation.

Yours very truly,

JAMES C. AYER.

Voted, that we accept and adopt the proposition made by Dr. J. C. Ayer in his letter read to this meeting, this evening.

Voted, we do not rescind the vote of last meeting, whereby we voted to purchase the Church and Nahum Sawyer lands and build a townhouse, and that we substitute Dr. J. C. Ayer's letter of this meeting for his letter of that meeting.

Voted, to leave this whole matter of buying land for a townhouse and building the same to the committee.

At meeting on May 3, 1873, it was voted to instruct the treasurer to borrow \$20,000 to pay the bills on townhouse and Dr. James C. Ayer.

This had particular reference to the town's part in the return through the building and to the return through the trustees to Dr. Ayer of the Ayer Fund originally \$10,500. This was done shortly afterwards, May 8, 1873, as shown by the date of the receipt given by Dr. Ayer.

The building of the townhouse went on through the years 1872-3-4-5, and on November 2, 1875, the members of the board of selection for the active years of building, R. T. Bartlett, O. K. Pierce, A. W. Felch, joined with one of the original members of the building committee, Charles Brown, in making a report, in which the expense to that date on the part of the town was set down at \$24,979.19, including cost of lots, the stone fence, and that part of the building developing upon the town to construct.

The contract price for the granite fence included in the above was \$2000. Oliver K. Pierce is the only one living of the selection during the construction of the townhouse.

The April meeting in 1876, was held in Page hall, and on November 7, 1876, the fall election was held in the new townhouse. During the year of the great fire, one meeting, July 10, was held at the then vacant brick chair shop, later known as the Union Furniture Company shop.

For some years rooms in the Columbia street side was used for the public library, until 1894, when the new and substantial library building on East Main street was provided by the generosity of the son of Dr. Ayer, Frederick Fanning Ayer.

In the townhouse for several years has been located the postoffice which was moved to another location along the street on October 23. Many will recall that here they first exercised their franchise as citizens of the commonwealth and the nation.

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