

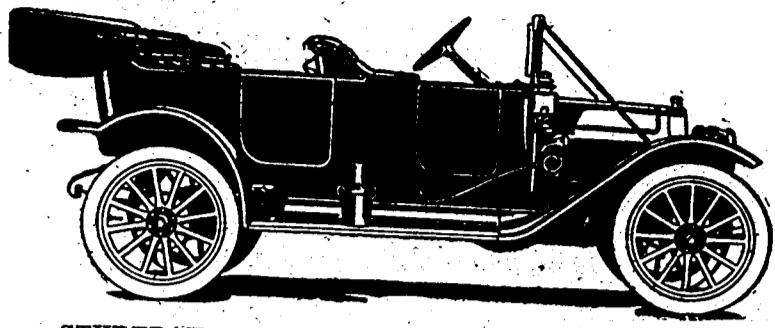
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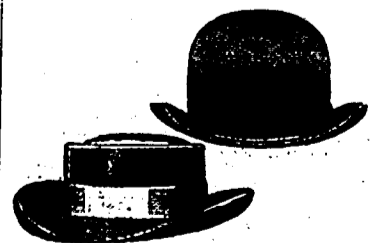
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LITTLETON.

News Items.
The webbing factory is in operation only four days in the week.

A drum corps from Everett has been engaged for Memorial day.
Mrs. Harriet Whitcomb, who is visiting her son, N. H. Whitcomb, has had an attack of erysipelas that delayed her return to Somerville early in the week. She is much better at time of writing, Thursday.

Albert Bradley and family have moved to Littleton from South Acton.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brown, of Boston, have been visiting their relatives in town recently.

The King's Daughters held their regular meeting on Tuesday. A report of the county convention at Lowell was given. The members are working at present for the floating hospital, and the ensuing year, contributions may be left with Mrs. Paul Brown, or at the Center store.

A unique missionary meeting is planned for Wednesday evening, May 15, to be held at the Baptist vestry. One person at each of six tables will in ten minutes present an attractive subject to the audience which will listen in progression from one table to another.

On Monday afternoon the Alliance met in the Unitarian vestry for the reports of officers and committees, and the annual election of officers. The Ladies' Circle and the Alliance united in one organization. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. O. J. Fairfield, pres.; Mrs. M. J. Priest, v. p.; Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, sec.; Mrs. W. C. Brown, treas.; Mrs. W. C. Brown, Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, Mrs. S. E. Abbot, Mrs. G. W. Protter, Mrs. Amelia Wakefield, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, com. Miss Abble Billings resigned as treasurer after faithfully serving in that capacity for many years.

Instituted.

The Pride of Nashoba lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, was instituted on last Saturday night in the town hall. A delegation of twenty-seven members of Victoria lodge of Lowell, arrived at the hall at 6:15 in the evening. They found awaiting them an appetizing supper prepared by the male members of the order.

Immediately after supper twenty-two members were initiated by the degree staff of Victoria lodge, under the leadership of Sister Schooley. The latter are to be congratulated for their excellent floor work and the efficient manner in which the initiation was executed.

The lodge officers were then installed by the district officers, Provincial Grand Lady, Sister Kay, of New Bedford; Provincial Deputy Grand Lady, Sister Perry, of Cambridge; Provincial corresponding secretary, Sister Scoble, of Lowell, and Provincial treasurer, Sister Cochrane, of Lowell. The following were the officers installed: Ella Barteaux, p. n. g.; Lois Gregory, n. g.; Mabel Parker, v. g.; Gertrude Whitney, per. sec.; Bessie Armstrong, treas.; Lillian Ewing, etc. sec.; Susie Smith, w.; Alberta Barteaux, con.; Edith Sauler, chap.; Katherine Fisher, r. s. n. g.; Theresa Stapleford, l. s. n. g.; Ellen McQuirre, r. s. v. g.; Emma Hutchinson, l. s. v. g.; Lillian Newell, l. g.

After installation the district officers spoke words of encouragement to the new members and also thanked the men for the fine supper. They were generous in their expressions of appreciation of the good time furnished for all in attendance.

About Town.

Mrs. Carrie Gardner and little girl was at her home here on Tuesday looking after the water connections and the setting up of a new stove.

On Sunday evening, Mrs. John Hardy will speak before the Guild on the topic, "What nature tells us."

Miss Ida Dow has now finished her training of the Unitarian choir, and it passes into the competent hands of the director and organist.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Robbins were in Melrose to spend the week-end.

Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb spent last week Friday with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Robbins, in Boston.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams, with their brothers and families, of

CONCORD JUNCTION.

Concord Junction, were at their old home on Sunday.

Sherman Davis, of Fitchburg, spent part of last week here with his uncle, W. W. Davis.

To settle the estate of the late Marianna R. Hartwell, George A. Cook, auctioneer, will sell the real estate known as the Deacon John Hartwell place, situated on King street, Littleton. The sale will be held on Monday, May 13, at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Why This Difference?

For the consideration of those who have the great faith in our institutions necessary to a belief that this is a land where all are free and equal before the law and justice is administered with impartiality, I beg to submit two cases of recent occurrence.

Early in the progress of the Lawrence strike, Joseph J. Ester and Arturo Giovannitti were arrested as accessories before the fact to the murder of Anna LaPezza and held without bail, the claim being that certain things they had said in public speeches had incited the murder, unknown to commit the murder. Whereby these men should incite anybody to murder those for whom they were fighting for better wages and conditions of life has not been explained.

Nevertheless the Essex county

jury has found a true bill with an imposing number of counts against these men and they must stand trial.

Here is a case of swift moving justice that meets the approval of certain of "our frat citizens," whose interests are touched by these incidents. These men, whether guilty or not, are paying the penalty, and it is hoped by those interested it will have the effect of suppressing those who speak up too freely in favor of the working-man and his rights.

The other case occurred in the neighboring state of New York.

Rev. John L. Belford, pastor of the Nativity church, Madison street and Classen avenue, Brooklyn, published in the Nativty Mentor for April these words: "The socialist is busy. He flaunts his red flag and openly preaches his doctrines. His great point of actual menace to our city. There seems to be no law to suppress or control him. He is more dangerous than cholera or smallpox—yes he is the mad dog of society and should be silenced if need be by a bullet."

This seemed to the socialists of New York to be inciting to murder and they promptly applied to a magistrate for a warrant or a summons for the reverend gentleman to appear and explain his words.

On the advice of the assistant district attorney they were flatly refused either. Next they applied to a justice of the supreme court for a mandamus to compel the lower court to issue the papers. The judge heard the evidence in the case and took the matter for consideration and thus at present the matter stands.

Whatever may be the outcome there was none of the swift movement noted in the Lawrence cases and though what the reverend gentleman said is much stronger and much plainer than anything Etter is claimed to have said, he is not languishing in jail awaiting trial.

There is enough of similarity in the two cases to furnish food for much thought, in our land of boasted freedom are all men equal before the law?

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown of San Francisco, who are visiting in the east for a short time, spent Friday evening with Arthur P. Brown.

The quarantine has been removed from the Goodearle cottage and they are out once more.

Dr. Harry H. Roberts, Harry R. Roberts of Back Bay and Ramus of East Boston spent the week-end at Sunshine farm. With the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Salmon they helped Mr. Libbee enjoy his birthday, which came on Sunday.

Robert Poland took part in a concert which was given in Concord by the high school in order to obtain a phonograph which is to be used for the hops.

The remains of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge, of Waverley, were brought to this town for interment in the South cemetery on Monday.

HARVARD.

News Items.
Miss Emily E. Hildreth and her sister, Miss M. M. Elwell, are at Kennebunk Beach for a few weeks.

The ball game between the Bromfield and Westford-Littleton team slated for Thursday, was not completed. Owing to the heavy showers only one inning was played with a score of 2 to 0 in favor of Westford. This Saturday the Bromfields play Lancaster high school on the Harvard grounds. Game called at three o'clock. On last Saturday, the Bromfields played Groton high at Groton and were defeated by a score of 8 to 1.

On Friday afternoon of last week the Bromfield school girls' team played a five-inning game with the grammar school girls' team. The score was about 20 to 12 in favor of Bromfield.

Alexander Boyer, who was taken to the Clinton hospital from here several weeks ago and operated on for a bad case of appendicitis, has so far recovered that he was able to start for his home in Moylan, Pa., this week.

A lot of household goods arrived on Thursday for D. C. Brewer, who will open the house on the Harlow farm at once for the summer.

Miss C. E. Sears and household opened the Pergolas on Prospect hill for the summer this week.

An exceptionally large number of fruit trees are being set out this spring in Harvard, the largest of which are D. C. Brewer, who has set out 2500 apple trees on the George Houghton place, and P. H. Babcock, who is putting out besides apples, a good bunch of peaches on the W. E. King place.

On last Saturday Miss Sarah L. Jones visited with relatives in Worcester.

Miss Helen Whitney spent the day last Saturday with friends at Clinton.

Charles Joyce, of Clinton, is doing some mason work at H. F. Whitney's summer cottage on the island at Bare hill pond.

A dance party will be given in the town hall in charge of Miss Nell Hartshorn on Friday evening, May 17. Music, Miss Ethel Reid, pianist, Miss Mildred Bremen of Lowell, violin.

Adjourned sale of a large number of antique articles and other household goods, the property of John B. Harlow, Harvard, will be sold on Monday, May 13, at 10 o'clock, in the lower town hall, Harvard. Otis H. Forbush will cry the sale.

SULL RIVER.

Mrs. Anna Flanders had a niece from Boston visiting with her over Sunday.

On last week Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Addie Turner entertained a few of her friends from Harvard and Still River.

Miss Emeline Evans, of Boston, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Sarah C. Seales.

Misses Edna Robinson and Eleanor Haskell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith at Ayer last week Wednesday and Thursday.

On Sunday there will be a baptismal service in the Baptist church at the morning service. Four young ladies will join the church at that time.

Malcomb Campbell is at home from Amherst Agricultural college, to put out a lot of fruit trees for Mrs. Seales.

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WESTFORD.

Center.
Cyrus Hosmer, of Wakefield, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Wright, during last week.

Harwood L. Wright is having his house painted in attractive colorings.

Donald M. Cameron has been making various repairs on the house owned by him next to the academy, and is now engaged in painting the buildings. This estate has been in the hands of real estate dealers for some time and varied rumors of a sale are reported at different times, but with no authentic confirmation at the present time.

Miss Beatrice and Miss Lillian Sutherland were guests last week of the Misses Woods at their home in Groton, and enjoyed with them the high school play, "The Kentucky belle."

An especially fine set of views of scenes in and about Rome is on exhibition at the library, loaned by the Library Art club and quite worthy of anyone's perusal.

Mrs. David Wallace was a visitor in Lunenburg last Saturday and Sunday, and attended church on Sunday morning where Mr. Wallace formerly preached, returning to Westford on Sunday afternoon to have charge of her young people's meeting on Sunday evening. Under Mrs. Wallace's guidance these meetings have been most successful and helpful.

Mrs. Dexter Cogshall assumed charge of the school this week that Miss Burnham recently resigned from.

The last meeting of the "Madrum" club, which will be the annual meeting, will take place on next Tuesday evening at the Congregational church at eight o'clock. This will be the last night, each member having the privilege of inviting one guest, tickets for which are being distributed this week. A reader from Lowell has been engaged and music is being arranged for. Refreshments will be served and in the hands of the very capable committee in charge promises to be one of the pleasant spring time events that it has been for a number of seasons.

A telephone has been installed this past week at the residence of Mrs. A. S. Wright, 7-11.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening. A number of hydrants in the village were tested by the men. Afterward adjournment was made to the company's headquarters on Boston road, and the annual business meeting took place with election of officers as follows: Leonard W. Wheeler, capt.; S. B. Watson, 1st lieut.; William L. Woods, 2d lieut.; Arthur G. Hildreth, sec.; Aaron Tuttle, treas.; Peter Clement, stew.; Alec Fisher, Oscar R. Spalding, J. H. Fletcher, ex. com.

The regular meeting of the grange took place at the town hall on Thursday evening of last week with good attendance. E. A. Chapman, state overseer, was present and was the speaker of the evening, giving an excellent address on "Opportunity." Besides being a genial and capable speaker, Mr. Chapman is an excellent singer, and his solos were most enjoyable. Miss Ruth Furbush supplemented the program with some skillful piano solos, and Mrs. Alvin Nelson recited "The squire's pledge" with excellent effect. The next meeting, May 16, will be the patriotic night in charge of Mrs. Josie Prescott and an excellent program is being arranged.

Mrs. Mary E. Fletcher, who is in the care of her physician and a trained nurse, is reported as a little more comfortable.

A very set of song books has been purchased for use on Sunday evenings at the Congregational church, under the direction of H. G. Osgood, chorister. They promise well for the musical part of the meetings.

Miss Miranda G. Luce's many friends are sorry to learn that she is on the sick list.

A very pleasant meeting of the Thimble club was held at the home of Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth on Boston road Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Andrew S. Wright is seriously ill at her home in the care of physician and trained nurse.

Mrs. L. W. Wheeler entertained the group of out-of-town teachers at her home last week Thursday. Miss Winnifred Burnham, who has since left town to take charge of her new appointment in one of the Salem schools, was the guest of honor. Needlework, sociability and a luncheon made the time pass pleasantly. Miss Burnham was the recipient of a number of pleasant invitations to teas and dinners during the last of her stay in Westford in evidence of her well-deserved popularity.

Mrs. Wayland Balch remains very ill at her home on Boston road.

About Town.

The annual meeting of the Westford Athletic association for the election of officers and other business was held at the town hall last week Wednesday evening, when the following officers were elected: Edward Fisher, pres.; Charles M. Trull, v. p.; Oscar R. Spalding, Alfred W. Hartford, Ed. and A. Hamlin, Walter J. Merritt and Edward Hanley, board of dir. The schedule of games will commence on June 15, and extend into September. The local team will be strengthened by the addition of several strong players in town who played with the Chelmsfords last year. Frank and William Sullivan will compose the battery. James Sullivan and the Blaisdell boys will also play with the Westford team. They are all Westford boys, but played with the Chelmsford team last season.

An all-summer job has been awarded to the Fletcher-Lahay Company on Oak Hill. The contract is on the Contocook river at Masthead, N. H. The company's part of the contract will include building a pier on each side of the river, which is 224 feet wide, and a tower, which will contain 3000 yards of stone set on a concrete foundation, and a concrete pier in the middle of the river which will take 250 yards. The machinery for this work has already arrived, which includes five engines, clam diggers, holting engines and a concrete mixer. Peter, George and Eric Johnson

and Frank McGlinchy will charge the latter as engineer. The Oak Hill combination of capital and push are building results in so many different directions that they have established a national reputation.

Mrs. Hill is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, on Oak Hill. Dr. Wells is in attendance, which makes the case hopeful.

Rev. Seth Walker, the eloquent Advent preacher, is now living in Stoneham. His sister, Miss Belle Walker recently visited him at his new field of labor.

Dr. Edward C. Atwood, of Danvers, Fla., for so many years a resident of Westford, has sold his real estate and business where he has been living during the recent years.

Supt. Harold H. Fletcher, who is always up to something to give recreation to the stone cutters on Oak Hill, has made arrangements with Shugrue Bros. the lessees of Forge park, to have ball games every day at the noon hour.

Robert J. Bell, of Westford Corner, was elected a delegate to represent the Chelmsford branch of stone cutters at the international convention at Quincy. This was the first national convention in thirty-two years. Delegates were present from all parts of North and South America, Canada and British Columbia. Mr. Bell had the distinction of serving on the committee on resolutions and the revising committee. Mr. Bell learned his trade in Quincy, and his recent visit proved to be a reunion of many old associates. Mr. Bell was selected by his fellow workmen at the Oak Hill quarry for his large experience in matters pertaining to the stone cutters union.

William J. Donnelly, of Westford Corner, has been ill with pneumonia, but his advances was checked by Dr. F. E. Varney.

Mr. Pierce, the new superintendent of the Nabasset farm, is ill with pneumonia.

Thomas Flynn, whose home is on Pigeon Hill on Stony Brook road, was a recent visitor in town. He holds an important position in Tewksbury.

Wallace Watts, a former machinist at Moors' mill, has been visiting friends at Brookside. He holds a similar position at Clinton.

Morick Perkins, of Paxton, whose father was formerly superintendent of the Nabasset farm, has been visiting his former schoolmates of the Nabasset school.

J. Henry Decatur, of Springfield, has been visiting his former neighbors on the Stony Brook road.

Seth W. Banister, one of the progressive, bright students of Amherst Agricultural college spent a few days at his home, "The Banister." He is always industrious at home or at school.

Charles W. Whitney, on the Lowell road, has wired off a portion of his farm for that young, promising racing colt of the 2:30 1/2 class.

Mrs. Homer M. Seaver and Charles O. Prescott will represent the Unitarian society at the annual meeting of the American Unitarian society to be held in Boston, commencing the week of May 20.

Master Morton Seaver rendered a very fine solo at the Unitarian church last Sunday. This was his first public appearance in song, and for his youth it was a pleasing effort.

The usual Memorial day exercises will be held at the Unitarian church on Sunday, May 26. The address will be given by Rev. Lyman B. Weeks. There will be a union service of all the churches in town.

Death.

Dr. Nettie Maria Stevens, associate in experimental morphology at Bryn Mawr college, died on last Saturday at the John Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, after a short illness, the result of a fall, at the age of fifty-one years. She was one of the most eminent morphologists in this country and by her research and many scientific articles published in American and German biological journals has made her name known both here and abroad. She took her undergraduate course at Leland Stanford university. She received her B. A. in 1899, and M. A. in 1900.

Nettie Stevens, as she was ever familiarly known to Westford people, was born in Cavendish, Vt. After the death of her mother, her father, Ezzra A. Stevens, moved to Westford, his native town, where the family resided for many years, being part of the active life of the town in all helpful directions. Nettie, as she was called, received her early education in the public schools of the town, where she displayed quite early an exceptional ability in her studies.

After leaving the public schools she entered Westford academy, where she displayed the same, clear visioned aptitude, and after graduating in 1890, became assistant teacher from 1895 to 1892. She was a graduate of Westford Normal school, taking the four-years course in two years, which the principal said: "Only a genius can do."

The funeral took place from the Unitarian church on Wednesday afternoon, the church where the family were constant attendants. Rev. J. S. Moulton, a long time friend of the family, and former minister of the church, conducted the services. Aside from the usual religious message, he read with much feeling several appropriate poems. He referred to his early ministry of this church, and his home in the Stevens family where Nettie adorned herself and home with those peaceful, studious ways that made home and life dignified without being over serious. He referred to his connection with the schools of the town, where she was a scholar and teacher, and his securing for her the first appointment as high school teacher in New Hampshire. As parishioner she was loyal to the faith in contribution and attendance, and in Sunday school as scholar and teacher.

In closing he introduced Dr. Warren, of Bryn Mawr college, who gave a brief review of her connection with the college. After graduating from Leland Stanford university she came direct to Bryn Mawr college. After being there six months, she did such brilliant work that she given a fellowship to study abroad in research work. This she improved with such efficiency that after returning and resuming teaching for a time, she was given a second fellowship to study abroad in Italy and other places. This research study enabled her to be classed as one of the most efficient instructors in her profession. As a result she received several flattering invitations to address various library societies. Dr. Warren considered her a genius that Bryn Mawr would not easily replace.

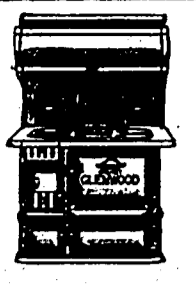
As plain Nettie Stevens, she made rapid advances in the various degrees of scholarship, until her ripened



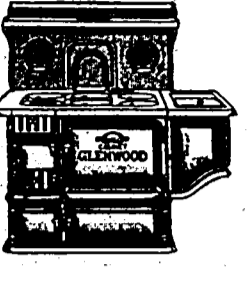
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WESTFORD.

Grantville.
The A. R. Choate hose company held their regular meeting in Healy's hall on Monday night with a full attendance. During the meeting the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: J. A. Healy, capt.; Alfred Prinn, 1st lieutenant; Edward Defoe, 2nd lieutenant; J. Austin Healy, steward; Henry J. Healy, treasurer; Alfred Prinn, clerk; Frank Healy, member of standing committee. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

The members of the M. E. church are looking forward with interest to the reception to be tendered their new pastor, Rev. Hugh Layton, that will take place in the church on this Saturday evening. One of the pleasures of the evening will be the musical program that has been arranged.

Thomas J. Healy, who had his left leg severed in a railroad accident at Ayer, and who has been confined to the Burbank hospital in Fitchburg for the past few weeks, has returned to his home in this village. He came home in an auto last Tuesday.

Both masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church on Sunday morning by Rev. M. E. Doherty. The first mass was made impressive by the large number of Sunday school children who received holy communion in a body. During this mass Mr. Doherty delivered a most instructive sermon to the children.

Baseball.
The Grantville White Sox and the Westford Red Sox, of the Suburban League, played a very interesting game of baseball on the local grounds last Saturday afternoon, that resulted in a victory for the local team by the score of 6 to 4. Both clubs made numerous errors, as would be expected with youngsters, but the game was hotly contested throughout, and although the Westford boys outbatted the White Sox, McCarthy kept the hits well scattered, and the Red Sox failed to score through slow work on the bases. The playing was done principally by the infield on both sides, as there not a fly caught in the outfield by either club, and only one assist, and that came in the final play of the game. DeRoehn, who pitched for the Red Sox, did good work for aside from the many bases on balls given he struck out eleven of the White Sox.

Hildreth led with the stick, getting three hits with a total of four, and scoring two of the four runs made by the Red Sox. Silas also batted and fielded well. For the home team the Gagnon brothers, Fred and George, were in the game every minute. Healy put a good game at first, while Buckingham's line throw to the plate really saved the game in the ninth inning. The battery work of McCarthy and Pracknack was steady throughout.

The regular Grantville team visited East Pepperell on last Saturday afternoon and defeated the strong Riterside A. C. baseball club by the interesting score of 10 to 7. Ladd, the husky heaver from Hollis, N. H., who was one of the possibilities of the Lowell New England league team early this season, was the mound for the East Pepperell club, but the Grantville club found no difficulty in solving his delivery with the result as stated above. The Spinner brothers, Jack and Dick, did the battery work for Grantville.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.
Warren Lewis, T. B. Snow and W. W. Sargent started out on Wednesday for a fishing trip at Lake Winnepesaukee. They expect to be gone three days or more.

Mission week services are being observed in the Methodist church this week, taking the place of the old-fashioned quarterly meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Smith, of Munsenville, N. H., visited this week at the homes of Samuel and James Smith.

Owing to the death of Samuel J. Emerson on Wednesday of last week, the proposed May party in the grange was postponed for one week when the original plan of "lunch for two" was carried out, the boxes being sold at auction.

Mrs. Mammie Nickerson and daughter Nathalie have returned from a visit of three weeks with Mrs. Nickerson's brother in Melrose Highlands.

The many friends and former parishioners of Rev. and Mrs. David Wallace were given a most delightful surprise upon going into the church on last Sunday morning to see Mrs. Wallace sitting in the seat she usually occupied in the church. Mr. Wallace was pastor of the Congregational church here nearly ten years ago. Misses Nellie and Fannie Jones visited Mrs. Wallace at her present home in Westford on Friday of last week and succeeded in bringing her home with them to remain until Sunday afternoon, much to the delight of her old-time friends.

The funeral of Samuel Jason Emerson, whose death was reported last week, occurred at his late residence on last Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of relatives, friends and neighbors. The service was conducted by Rev. Geo. H. Thomas, pastor of Christ church, Fitchburg, in the Episcopal form. There was a great profusion of beautiful flowers from relatives and the various organizations of which Mr. Emerson was an honored member. The bearers were Frank O. Brando, of Winchester, a brother-in-law, Warren Lewis, Charles L. Sands and Dr. Charles E. Woods, of Lunenburg. Interment was in the South cemetery.

Death.
The town of Lunenburg lost another most worthy citizen on Wednesday morning, May 8, when Clarence H. Cooke, passed away, just one week after the death of Samuel J. Emerson. Mr. Cooke had been failing in health for more than a year, caused by a cancerous growth in his face, and had submitted to a severe surgical operation at St. Elizabeth's hospital in Boston last January, performed by Dr. Maurice Richardson, in which even a part of the facial bones were removed. For a time he seemed on the road to recovery, but the insidious disease soon manifested itself again, since which time he has been slowly, but steadily failing.

Mr. Cooke is survived by his wife and one daughter, two sisters, one brother, one step-brother and many other relatives, friends and neighbors, who sincerely regret his death.

The funeral was held at his late residence on this Saturday afternoon, and interment was in the North cemetery.

To Give Lectures.
The school committee have planned a course of lectures in the practical work of agriculture for the eighth grade and high schools for the purpose of interesting the pupils in that kind of work. It will also be of very great interest and instruction to the people of the town, all of whom are most cordially invited to attend. The first one of the series was on May 7, "A lesson in grafting," by Herbert O. Mead in his orchard at his home farm. The pupils were all very much interested and J. L. Harrington has supplied them with grafting wax and placed an apple tree at their disposal, on which they may experiment and put into practical use the newly acquired knowledge.

On Wednesday afternoon, May 8, J. Lewis Ellsworth, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, gave a lecture in the town hall upon "Insect pests on the farm," including gypsy and brown-tail moths, San Jose scale, the elm beetle, the leopard moth and other pests. He brought literature with him, which he kindly gave the pupils for further instruction and distribution; also samples of the work of these insects upon the maple, apple and pine trees. His lecture was very interesting and instructive, and nearly all the pupils were busily engaged in taking notes for future reference throughout the whole lecture.

The next in the course will be on May 15, by Prof. George H. Hastings, of Fitchburg Normal school, and his subject, "School gardening." The general public is cordially invited to attend these lectures.

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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Frederick A. Sherwin and Bessie E. A. Sherwin to Mortimer B. Williams, dated January 31, 1911, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 3580, Page 119, will be sold at public auction for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage on the premises hereinafter described on Tuesday, the twenty-first day of May, A. D. 1912, at three o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed and therein described substantially as follows:

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

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

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

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

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Boston, May 4th, 1912.

On the petition of the Municipal Light Board of the Town of Groton for the written consent of the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners to a price for electricity to be sold by said Municipal Light Board of not more than twelve cents a kilowatt hour, the same appearing to be less than cost, the Board will give a hearing to the parties interested at the Selectmen's Room in the Town Hall Building, Groton, on Monday, the thirteenth day of May current, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And the petitioner is required to give notice of said hearing by publication hereof in "Turner's Public Spirit," a newspaper published in the town of Ayer, once at least prior to said time of hearing.

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Littleton, April 25, 1912. 3133

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A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situated on King Street in said Littleton, bounded: Beginning at said street at land of Thomas Moore, formerly owned by James C. Houghton, and thence running southeasterly about 10 rods; thence northeasterly about 5 rods, both on land of said Moore; thence southeasterly as the wall now stands about 57 rods and 19 links to land of Augustus P. Hager, now or formerly; thence southerly on said Hager's land as the wall now stands 15 rods and 22 links; thence northerly 28 rods and 15 links to land of John M. Hartwell, formerly owned by P. H. Perkins; thence 34 rods to said street; thence about 10 rods on said street to said Moore's land at the point of beginning.

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of two hundred dollars will be required from purchaser at time of sale. Other terms to be announced at sale.

NELSON B. CONANT,
Administrator of Estate of Marianna R. Hartwell.
Littleton, April 25, 1912. 3133

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GROTON.

News Items.

Reports from Dr. S. A. Green on Monday were that he was not so well. On Tuesday evening, May 14, Groton grange will hold an open meeting in the town hall. The entertainment will consist of a minstrel show by about forty boys of the Shirley Industrial school. U. H. Barrows, of Ayer, one of the instructors, will be in charge. Dancing will follow the entertainment.

Charles H. Berry, Miss Helen Barrows, Mrs. George L. Boynton, Mrs. Blanche Brown, William A. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Sawyer, Mrs. George H. Woods, Miss Hattie Woods, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley attended the Pomona at Shirley last week Thursday.

Charles Green, one of the instructors at Lawrence academy, was operated on for appendicitis at Groton hospital on Monday. He is reported as doing well.

The Amory A. Lawrence home at Nahant was partially destroyed by fire on Saturday May 4, with from \$1,000 to \$2,000 damage. Workmen in the house who had been decorating and renewing had burned litter in the fire-places which is supposed to be the origin of the destructive blaze. Mr. Lawrence has not occupied the place himself for years. The latest reports in regard to Mr. Lawrence's health are that he is quite comfortable.

Walter Dodge finished wiring H. P. Talnter's house on Tuesday. Mrs. Montague Chamberlain, who was taken ill at her home on the Ayer road on last week Thursday, was operated on by Dr. Horace Packard, the leading homeopathic surgeon of Boston. It was a serious appendicitis case. Mrs. Chamberlain is doing well.

The committees in charge of the social at the Unitarian church last week Thursday evening, starting first with a blood blister which he opened. Afterward Mr. Bowles washed a carriage and his finger grew so much worse that it was feared amputation would be necessary.

Mrs. H. W. Whiting is comfortable, able to sit up and talk with the home folks, but not yet able to see callers. Miss Mary A. Dunphy, teacher at North Attleboro, returned to her school duties on Monday after a ten days' vacation at home.

E. M. Headie and family, who lived on Pleasant street, have moved from town and will live in or near Boston, where Mr. Headie is employed.

Born on Wednesday, May 1, a son Richard to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hinchman. George Carlin has been on the sick list and off duty at Shattuck's store this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Converse are visiting in East Douglas. William A. Lawrence has a new Hudson automobile.

There will be a meeting of the Improvement society at the home of Mrs. Bigelow on Monday afternoon, May 13, at 3:30 o'clock.

A hearing is to be given by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners on the petition of the municipal light board of Groton, to all those interested, at the selectmen's room, town hall on Monday morning, May 13, at eleven o'clock, to a price for electricity to be sold by the Groton light board of not more than twelve cents per kilowatt hour, the same appearing to be less than cost.

Beginning about May 19 a week's mission is to be held here at the Sacred Heart church.

The game scheduled for Groton school on home grounds for this Saturday afternoon is with Brown 1914.

George Borup, a former Groton school student, who was with Peary in his dash for the Pole and who spoke before the students at the school last year, met his death by drowning off Crescent beach, Conn., on April 28.

Timble club met for their tenth anniversary on Friday afternoon, May 10. The meeting was at the home of the late Mrs. Irena Clark on Common street, who received the members at their first meeting and who gave the club its name. Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst read her annual records, and Mrs. E. A. Barrows and Mrs. Parkhurst, each, according to the custom at these anniversaries, contributed verses appropriate to the occasion. Refreshments were enjoyed and the whole proved a pleasant social gathering of friends and neighbors.

Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., and Middlesex Robbers lodge, No. 1, had an anniversary gathering at their hall this week Friday evening, inviting their friends to be present.

The W. R. C. held a regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. After the business meeting music and readings by different members were enjoyed.

The Middlesex Worcester Pomona meets at Townsend Thursday, May 16. The ladies of the Congregational church are rehearsing for a play to be given at the time of their food sale on June 6.

Mrs. Rhoda Carlin, with her son, of Nashua, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nathaniel Anderson, Sr.

Mrs. John Lawrence is going, about the middle of this month, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Richard Fay, nee Miss Hester Lawrence, at her home in a bungalow in the mountain region of the state. Mr. Fay is following his profession of civil engineer.

The Dalrymple place, which was sold last Saturday afternoon by public auction, was bought by Samuel H. Eadlin, who intends later to occupy it with his family. The price paid was \$1500. A few pieces of old-fashioned furniture sold at the same auction brought good prices.

turned from their winter's sojourn at Pasadena, Cal., on Monday evening. Herbert W. Taylor was consecrated deacon at the communion service of the Unitarian Congregational church on last Sunday.

John Conklin, who was D. E. Murphy's helper last summer, is to work with him again this season.

Envelopes were distributed on last Sunday at the Congregational church for the annual offering for home missions.

The trustees announce a lecture on Robert Browning, to be given at the public library by Walter S. Hinchman, master of English literature at Groton School, on Tuesday evening, May 14, at eight o'clock. The public is invited. This meeting is in honor of the poet's centenary, which is being observed widely in England and America. Boston was one of the first cities in the world to honor Browning by a recognition of his poetry.

Miss Annie P. Riley, the efficient and faithful district nurse, whose work here closed on Friday, May 10, was called that same day to an urgent case in Fitchburg, where she immediately went.

J. Duncan Edmonds, of Milton, a cousin of Mrs. C. Z. Southard, is to make improvements and occupy the Mrs. Charles Williams cottage on Pleasant street. Mr. Edmonds, who has an automobile, will keep a chauffeur and other help.

Lawrence academy baseball team goes today to Worcester to play the return game with Worcester academy. Mrs. E. H. Higley, who is a patient at the Groton hospital, is doing well.

Telephones have just been installed at F. P. McKee's house, Chicopee row, call 19-5; Dr. F. E. Gilson's house, occupied by W. F. Gleason, call 19-21; E. C. Leonard's house, Court street, call 11-3.

Droves of cows have been passing daily through Groton this week, going to the New Hampshire pastures. Mrs. C. F. Worcester, from Townsend, spent Wednesday with Mrs. E. B. Gerrish.

Mrs. Reginald Foster and daughter are expected at Groton Inn next week to make a stay of several weeks. The Groton Branch Woman's Alliance held an all-day and closing meeting for the season on Thursday at the ladies' room of the First Parish Unitarian church.

At the Worcester North Association of Congregational churches held at Winchendon on Wednesday, May 8, Rev. George M. Howe gave an address. Subject, "Church life within." George A. Swallow, of Gardner, a brother of Myron P. and Marshall Swallow, of this town, spoke on "The need of the Men's Movement."

Miss Constance Wharton, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wharton, reached her eighteenth birthday on Tuesday, May 7. The happy event was quietly observed in a homelike way at the family residence here. There was a dinner, a birthday cake and many beautiful bouquets with other reminders of kind remembrance and good wishes.

Miss Bagley, of Bedford, Malcolm Fillmore, of Somerville, and Miss Phyllis Clarke, of Lynnfield, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood.

High School Play Given. The large crowd that thronged the town hall on Friday evening, May 3, to listen to "A Kentucky belle," the play given by the class of 1912, Groton high school, returned "success" as its decision upon its presentation.

At that much time and hard work had been done both by the coach and those who responded to the drill was evident and credit must be placed upon both. The parts in the play were well taken. Some leading characters were especially good, and showed histrionic ability with all did finely.

In the specialties, the larist clog dance was a surprising feat of endurance and agility never before, we believe, given here. The songs, "That haunting melody," "I want to be in Dixie," and "The beautiful lady" were all most enjoyable. The twelve chorus girls gowned in blue and singing their large wreaths was a pretty sight. Not to be overlooked was the spirited speech on woman's rights.

The cakewalk, quadrille, of course "took the cake" with the audience. They were so disguised by their wonderful costumes and coloring that they were not easily recognized, and they were very spirited and earnest in their high stepping and backward backward dances. The pianist did her part well.

In acts two and three the linemen, in their working clothes, sang "My old Kentucky home," and "Dixie," and as did the solos, "My beloved comes too high for me," brought out applause. Some of the instrumental solos and duets were of artistic ability and also the vocal solo, "Spring-time of love."

The play story that ran through the play turned out all right and both Kentucky belles were winners. After the singing "Weep no more my lady," etc., by all in the play, the curtain dropped and the high school play for 1912 was over.

Clipping. This clipping is from "Quaint old cradles and gone days," an article in the Boston Globe of May 5:

"Attention should be called to a collection of cradles at Groton. One of its native sons, Dr. Samuel A. Green, who has long sung the praises of the mother town, has explored Groton garrets and cellars, turned the moss-covered stone walls upside down and has put into print about everything regarding Groton that is worth knowing. There is one curious combination wicker carriage and cradle-carriage out of doors, and a cradle within in the Groton collection which is said to be a centenarian at least. This cradle came from the Blood family, at one time numerous in the population of Groton. There were Bloods at every crossroad from the Pepperell line to Westford, and they were a sober, industrious and prosperous people. The combination baby-carriage proves this statement; for no Groton farmer without substance in his cellar, cattle in his barns and a sizable bank account could afford the 'cupkeep' of such a striking evidence of prosperity as in this Middlesex county carriage if out-doors, and cradle if in-doors. It is certainly a rare specimen of the old pre-revolutionary art.

There is another baby rocker at Groton which was said to have been created in 1780 on Noddie Island. In fact the story about this cradle would have us believe that it was connected with East Boston's first dwelling house. At the time of the revolution the house of the Noddie family on Noddie Island and in 1775, these structures with all their respective barns and outbuildings were burned by the patriots.

By 1780, however, there is a record of the residence of one man on Noddie Island. He lived a regular life of the olden times, was the monarch of all he surveyed, and his name was Henry Howell Williams.

"If this Groton cradle had descended to the Williams family it has something of a history; for there are many descendants of the Lord of Noddie Island in and about Boston, and these worthy people should all be interested in the rather substantial looking cradle which rocked their respective ancestors. At Groton also there are many other sleep-coaxers. There have been many large families in Dr. Green's special territory, and the need of rocking cradles, rocking horses and other infantile diversions has at times been keenly felt. Two interesting specimens in the Groton museum and of which there is but little history, are the Hemenway and the Westford cradles. As both of these exhibits show excellence in design and construction it is to be regretted that their lineage has been mislaid."

The Home Gardens—1911. Within the last ten years the children's garden interest has increased very rapidly here in Groton. The parents as well as the children showing their appreciation in many ways. No money whatever was used last year as the seeds were all given as well as the prizes awarded and the care of charge. It has been the custom to visit the Home Gardens, but owing to the continued ill health of the supervisor, reports were sent for the gardens instead. This is not an ideal way but it worked well and many had good gardens.

Many parents gave written as well as verbal reports. The Groton Home Gardens compared favorably with those in places where much money and time were expended. The seeds were given out in the various schools with written directions. Hundreds of tomato plants were raised in boxes, two hundred children being enrolled. Many were successful in raising early, late and most part to dry weather, late and early fruit.

The usual prizes were awarded at the town fair at Hazel grove park in the fall. First prize, Harry Davis; second, Pepperson; third, Ralph Sargent. Henry Bradley had a good exhibit, especially of squashes. In the corn growing contest of Massachusetts, Provost Thompson took first prize, winning one dollar, a blue ribbon, a baseball, a drawing board and a set of tools.

Harvey Lawrence received prizes for good exhibits. The following prizes have been awarded here in Groton. These were chosen not only for their good gardens horticulturally, but for the interest they have shown in their work, by sending written reports or entering the different garden contests and by their general good "garden spirit":

Class I—Richard Lawrence, Provost Thompson, 1st prize; Kirkwood Lawrence, Harry Davis, 2d; Ralph Sargent, 3d.

Class II—Ralph Lawrence, 1st prize; Harvey Lawrence, Lawrence Lewis, Henry Bradley, Lillian Clarke, 2d; Minnie Flavell, Chester Flavell, Albert Gulchard, 3d.

Class III—Alice Davis, 1st prize; Blanche Frazee, 2d; George Frazee, 3d; Dorothy Thompson, Mary Lewis, Elizabeth Lewis, 4th.

Class IV—Stuart Sheedy, Potatoes—Russell Woods and William Clarke. Corn—Nesbit Woods. Rake, hoe, trowel, weeder, photograph of winners.

West Groton. Daniel Ludden of Groton is occupying the Lindall cottage.

Robert Grimes of Townsend has moved to his new house recently vacated by Mr. Parker.

Joseph Gates was taken to Groton hospital on Saturday for surgical treatment. Mrs. Gates has moved out of town and the little cottage on the Groton road is again vacant.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCurdy and son Royden are visiting at Charles Bay's. Miss Isabel Bixby is also at home for an indefinite stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby and daughter are to remain here for the summer and Mr. Bixby is to assist in the store of Bixby-Webber company.

Mrs. Benson has moved into her cottage in North Shirley for the summer.

Thirty-five mothers and friends and a large number of children visited the mothers' day exercises prepared by the little people. Songs, recitations and various other exercises formed an interesting program which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepley visited relatives in Mattapan on Wednesday evening. The officers for an entertainment in the evening and spending the night at Groton Inn. On Saturday they attended the funeral of Seth Holden of Shirley.

Uno Anderson of Charlestown is visiting at John Johnson's of North Shirley. He is convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

C. L. Roy was invited to attend the last regular meeting of the Keystone club and at the request of the members consented to act as their leader. It would seem that Mr. Roy is in every way qualified for the position and the boys very fortunate to secure him.

Keystone Club's Object. The Keystone club is desirous that the West Groton public shall be made acquainted with its purpose in order that all may understand the object to which it is hoped they will give encouragement. The club is distinctively a boys' club and as its name indicates, stands for strength, endurance and unity. It was organized in February with five charter members, and the enrollment has since been increased to sixteen. The officers for the first six months are as follows: Richard Lawrence, pres.; Harold Wilkins, v. p.; Webster Harrington, sec.; Lee Bixby, treas. Colors of the club, red and white. Motto, "Stick to it; stick together."

We quote from the constitution: "By observing where other clubs have failed, by sticking to our purpose and by sticking together, we hope to have an influential, enduring club of boys, by boys, for boys."

The club favors all athletics, though not exclusively an athletic club.

In the general rules we note the following: "All members must be gentlemen in the club meetings, on the street, in the schoolroom, and at work or play. No member shall smoke cigarettes." In the business rules we find that "proceedings of business meetings shall be based on regular parliamentary rules," and the duties of each officer are clearly defined.

We have been thus explicit that it may be understood that the club is in earnest and is proceeding in a business-like manner. Its aims are: To benefit the village through its boys and to give themselves and others good times.

A clubhouse, "one of which the village may be proud," is the ambition of these enterprising boys for 1912. It is understood that the land has been promised. The members recognize their need of an older person for wise guidance when necessary, who still shall be young enough to understand a boy's viewpoint and a boy's needs. A W. Lamb has been invited to fill this position, but owing to pressure of other duties, he was obliged to decline, though fully in sympathy with the boys' project. There are others in view and it is hoped that one with the requisite time and inclination may be obtained, and that he and all other friends will assist the boys in all possible ways to realize their ambition.

The moral qualifications necessary for admittance to the club are considered with boy-like bravery into one all-comprising requirement: "A member must be a gentleman in every sense of the word." Truly these boys have "hit their wagon to a star, and may it lead them not only to their boys' good times, their athletic field and their clubhouse, but to the strong, pure manhood which must be theirs, if they would be 'gentlemen in every sense of the word.'"

LITTLETON. News Items. The annual meeting of the Woman's club for election of officers will be held on Monday afternoon, May 13. A piano solo will be rendered by Mrs. Marion Sweatt Christie, and a vocal solo by Miss Grace G. Davis. Current events and the reports of officers and committees will be given and acted upon.

The usual interest in setting out fruit trees and plants at this season is very favorable. Willard A. Munson is among the number of those who are planting large orchards. In three and a half days Mr. Munson, with the aid of Carlton Priest, set out eight hundred apple trees.

Miss Ella Wright, who has been caring for her sister, has returned to her home in Shirley.

Rev. Harrison L. Packard will give the address at Kingston on Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Prouty, of Somerville, were at the homes of their parents over Sunday.

Miss Ruth Thacher, of LaSelle seminary, entertained three of her school friends at her home last Sunday.

Rev. R. S. Emrich, missionary to Turkey, will address the people at the Congregational church tomorrow morning, previous to the collection for foreign missions.

Mrs. H. L. Packard was called suddenly home to Antrim, N. H., by the critical illness of her father recently.

Members of the catholic mission had a supper and dance at the town hall last week Friday night. The supper was pronounced extraordinary, and the dance was a decided social success. About seventy-five dollars was netted.

Fire alarms called out a large company of men last Saturday to one of the most extensive fires in the community in recent years. Help responded from Littleton, Acton and Westford and a large crew of men arrived on the train sent from Boston.

As the fire originated near the North Acton charge, it is supposed that it was caused by sparks from a passing engine. A few men worked hard to extinguish the flames in the early morning, but found the task beyond their number. By afternoon reinforcements were called to meet the increasing demands for help. The fire was conquered.

Mrs. J. A. Harwood spent last week with her niece, Miss Strong, in Brunswick, N. J., arriving home on Saturday evening.

The ladies' quartet will sing at an entertainment in Boxborough this evening. Mrs. J. D. Christie will play the accompaniments.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shedd attended a lecture and musical entertainment given in Huntington Chambers last week Thursday evening, by invitation of Miss Ida E. Dow, who presided at the musical program. Mr. Shedd rendered some vocal solos.

Miss Elizabeth McNeil has been spending the week at Supt. A. E. Webber's in Stoneham.

Marshall Brown and John O'Connell have recently begun sending milk to Mr. Bemis, and ship from the Fitchburg depot. The tendency in the market seems more and more to desert the milk contractors and sell to peddlers.

Miss Andrews, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades in the Union building, has recently been poisoned, and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell has substituted for her in the schoolroom.

Beulah M. Kimball was poisoned by ivy while searching for wild flowers to use in school work, and her absence from school was necessitated for the first time in two years.

Farmers are driving their cattle to pasture for the summer. One of the largest droves was sent from Littleton on Monday to the A. P. Hager pasture in Stoddard, N. H., in charge of Harry Wilson.

Miss Hayes, former pupil of Miss Louise Flagg, at Wheaton primary, was a recent guest at Varnum H. Flagg's.

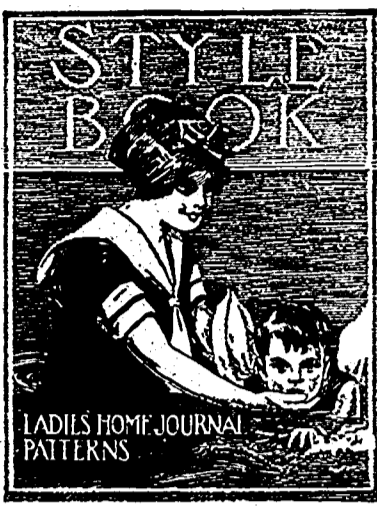
The Y. P. S. C. E. held a pleasant sociable in the Baptist vestry last Tuesday evening. The entertainment consisted of music and games. A committee consisting of Mrs. Herbert Caulkins, Mrs. Elmar Flagg, Miss Ruth Robinson and Miss Augusta Smith served cake, cocoa and homemade candy.

Allen G. Smith and daughter attended the thirtieth anniversary celebration of the organization of Isaac Davis post. They report a very pleasant evening.

Littleton high school baseball team was defeated in the game with Groton high, played at Westford. The score was 11 to 1. Littleton high was defeated in a game with Lancaster high at Lancaster on Saturday. Score 4 to 0.

A movement has been started by the women of America, to put into lasting form some testimonial of their appreciation of the men who so unhesitatingly and gallantly gave their lives that the women on board the steamship Titanic might be saved. A memorial arch at the capitol of the nation has been suggested as fitting to typify the tribute of woman to heroic manhood; and that all

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American women may personally share in this national gift, subscriptions of one dollar are being donated. The first dollar contributed was from Mrs. Taft. An appeal has been made to the women's club of Littleton, through its president, Mrs. Priest, who will present the subject in full at the annual meeting on next Monday and receive at that time whatever contributions to the cause the members or other friends may be pleased to give.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Conant have returned east and spend Sunday with the P. C. Edwards family in Springfield, arriving in Littleton on Monday after an absence of five or six weeks.

Miss Florence Bartlett went to Waltham on Thursday evening to see a dramatic entertainment in which Mrs. Eichler had a prominent part.

Malcolm Priest, who graduates from M. I. T. next month, has a position with the American Bridge Company at Elmira, N. Y., and will begin his services in June.

Members of the F. B. Priest, J. M. Hartwell and G. W. Prouty families, Mrs. Paul Brown, John Hutchings and others, numbering eighteen or twenty in all, went to Ayer on Tuesday evening to the concert given by Nina Fletcher, violinist, and Mary Fletcher, contralto soloist, and listened to a superior program by these famous artists and their excellent accompanist, Miss Corinne Harmon.

Austin Hartwell, who has recently concluded his studies at the Waltham Business college, has a position as file clerk with an insurance company in Boston.

A sum of \$17.50 was realized from the salad supper at the Congregational vestry on Wednesday evening. Some of the food was sold at auction by G. A. Cook.

Mrs. Annie C. Smith left town for Ossipee, N. H., on Thursday, to be gone about six weeks.

Miss Miriam Conant attended the annual dinner of the New England Association of Berlin Alumni at Copley Square hotel on Thursday evening.

Dr. McLaughlin, osteopath, of Newtonville, came to Littleton to treat his patients on Wednesday forenoon for the first time.

Mrs. Calvin Howard was one of the number of strangers who enjoyed the drive to Shirley and the fine program at the Pomona meeting held there last week.

M. W. Leahy took a party of twenty young people to the catholic supper and dance in West Acton on Friday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. James B. Christie and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sweatt attended the wedding and reception of Ex-Mayor Charles Nicholas' daughter, of Everett, and Harold Otis, of Malden.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Soleare, of Washington, D. C., have announced the engagement of their daughter Catherine to Harold C. Libby, of Littleton. The wedding will take place in June.

tet will sing. The observance of Memorial day in the schools will be on May 29, at twelve o'clock, when special exercises will be held.

The funeral services of the late Charles P. Hartwell were held at his home on Hartwell avenue last week Friday afternoon and were attended by many relatives, townspeople and other friends. Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield and Rev. William Channing Brown were the officiating clergymen, the former reading the scriptures, one of Bryant's poems, and offering prayer; the latter delivering an eloquent eulogy in which he paid the deceased a loving and worthy tribute. Mrs. Mattie K. Priest sang with much feeling "The homeland" and "I'm waiting." Floral tributes were many and choice. The burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery.

M. E. Somes has been moving his household effects into one of Thacher & Ireland's storehouses at the depot, preparatory to leaving for Chauncey, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gardner have been in town this week getting their summer home in readiness for occupancy in the near future.

C. W. Maxwell, who has occupied the G. C. Hartwell tenement house on New Estate road, and worked for Elmar Flagg through the winter, has moved his goods to his former home in New Ipswich, N. H.

Miss Ella Wright returned the first of the week to her home in Shirley, after a stay of several weeks with her sister, Miss Alice, who is improving in health continually.

Angus McDonald, of Westford, is now shipping milk from the Fitchburg depot. It is expected that the product of several dairies will be sent from the same station soon.

Miss Bessie Wesley was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Hayes, in Marlboro, last week.

After several attempts, the Improvement society succeeded in holding a meeting in the selectmen's room last Saturday evening. Nearly a dozen members were present and manifested their usual interest and enthusiasm in the work of the organization. Hon. Frank A. Patch was chosen president; E. A. Cox, v. p.; Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, sec.; W. E. Conant, treas. The same officers that served last year. It was voted to give an entertainment this summer for the benefit of the cause represented by the society, and for the purpose a committee was chosen.

Mrs. Amelia Wakefield has been visiting in Lexington this week. During her stay, she attended the Unitarian convention in that town. Hon. Frank A. Patch and Rev. Oliver Fairfield were among the delegates present at the same meeting.

The people of the Congregational society were very unfortunate in the evening chosen for their salad supper and entertainment as the weather proved very stormy on Wednesday. However, nearly fifty were present to partake of the good supper provided and the pleasing entertainment that followed. Misses Sanderson and Smiley furnished a piano duet, Mrs. Layton and Miss Harriet a vocal duet and George A. Cook and Miss Prescott vocal solos. Rev. H. L. Packard read two selections. Both supper and entertainment committee deserve much praise for their efforts and the results, for each feature of the evening was thoughtfully planned and well executed, and all who braved the storm felt amply repaid.

SHIRLEY.

The ends, soloists and character artists gave a good account of themselves in the play, which was directed by J. Goldberg, impersonated his part with dignity and a good, clear, smooth voice. This, coupled with ability to commit to memory the many varied lines, added the finishing touches to this part.

Mrs. George P. Campbell, wife of the superintendent of the school, very ably served as accompanist of the evening. In fact everything was arranged in a thoroughly systematic manner, so that the score of pleasing numbers scheduled on the program were regulated and presented in such a manner that left no room for criticism. The ushers were D. Chester Parsons, J. Edward Pomret, John M. Leopold, Harry Collyer and Harry O. Bangs.

Dancing followed the play, music being furnished by Charles H. Wegre, Jr., drum, and Miss Mabel Miner, piano. The committee in charge of the evening's entertainment consisted of John M. Stevenson, John H. Logue and Harry O. Bangs.

The gross receipts of the show was \$110.50. J. C. Ayer lodge cleared a net profit of \$62.25.

News Items.

Miss Mamie Doolan, for many years a resident of Shirley, was notified on Sunday morning of the death of her father, Richard Doolan, of Ashburnham, who was found dead in bed. Mr. Doolan had not been well for weeks, but was better and had made plans to return to work on last Monday. Mr. Doolan was the oldest of nine children, and was born on January 15, 1847. He married Margaret Hayes, who died in December, 1888. Since that time Miss Annie, his daughter, has been housekeeper for her father. Mr. Doolan was one of the highly esteemed citizens of Ashburnham, having served the town faithfully as constable and truant officer. He was employed in one of the chair factories at South Ashburnham. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

Twenty-five members from the C. E. society of Ayer attended the C. E. meeting at the Shirley Congregational church on last Sunday evening. A most enjoyable service was conducted by two members from Ayer and two from Shirley. Members of the Society have accepted an invitation to attend the C. E. meeting at the Ayer Congregational church on Sunday evening, May 19.

Fred Markham, of the Shirley Cash Market, is taking treatment at Cohan's hospital, Leominster.

Miss Rena Churchill spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee, of Fall River, with son Douglas, and daughter Dorothy, arrived the first of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Logue for a brief visit.

The President Suspendor baseball team defeated the Samson cordage works team last Saturday afternoon on the ball field by a score of 7 to 3. The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold a supper and sale on Wednesday evening, May 15, in the vestry of the church. Supper will be served at seven o'clock.

Mrs. E. C. Pevear, of Lynn, with daughter Ruth, arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, the first of the week for a brief visit.

At the morning service at the Congregational church on last Sunday, Miss Hazel Rivers and Miss Bessie Eisner were received into the church. Communion was observed and they were given the right hand of fellowship.

A recount of the votes cast for the delegates at large was held at town hall, Shirley Center, last Saturday afternoon, under the supervision of the board of registrars and town clerk. The recount was held in the interest of the delegates. D. Chester Parsons was present as the representative of Taft's interests. The important fact, which the recount showed was that ten citizens voted for the entire nine Taft delegates, which resulted in their ballots being thrown out. The following is the corrected vote: Baxter (Roosevelt), 57; Crane (Taft), 32.

Miss Gertrude Provost, a student at the Shirley high school, has accepted the position of day operator at the new central office, and Leonard Hooper, a pupil of the Fitchburg high school, will be the night operator. The day operator will be on duty from seven in the morning until six o'clock in the evening, and the night operator's hours of duty will be from six in the evening to seven o'clock in the morning. The new Shirley office will be opened for the present. In the meantime Miss Provost will attend the Ayer office a few hours each day for instruction.

Dan Tatreault, the barber, has gone to live with his daughter in Leominster to recuperate his health. His barber shop will be reopened by a Fitchburg party in the near future.

James E. Richardson spent last Sunday with his brother William in Putnam, Conn., returning to Shirley on Monday morning.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening.

John H. Snell, formerly of Shirley, died at Leadville, Col., on Sunday, May 5. Mr. Snell resided in Shirley previous to 1878, when he went to Leadville to engage in mining and other enterprises. He was seventy-two years of age, and is survived by three sisters and one brother.

Archibald G. Adams, of Newton Theological seminary, will occupy the pulpit of Baptist church on Sunday, May 11, at 10.45, and will preach again in the evening at seven o'clock.

Miss Mary Desmond entertained a few friends at her home on Tuesday evening. The feature of entertainment was what the hostess served delicious refreshments, and the evening was most enjoyably spent.

Accident.

Adolph Ebare, about thirty years of age, met with a painful and serious accident in the factory of the C. E. Edgarton Company just before the noon hour on Tuesday, receiving a compound fracture of the skull, and is now on the dangerous list at the Clinton hospital. It appears that Mr. Ebare was working in close proximity to the freight elevator, boring an opening in the floor to admit a steam pipe when the elevator ascended, catching Ebare off his guard, and the arm of lever which works the automatic doors wedged his head against the wall. The iron arm caught him directly across the right ear. The space between the wall and the lever, when it is parallel, is about four inches, and it was in this space that Ebare's head was caught.

The unfortunate fellow staggered out with blood streaming from his wound, and in a dazed condition ran to the machine room, where the supplies are kept to be used in the event of accident or sickness. With his hands soon made him as comfortable as possible, in the meantime a hurry call being sent for Dr. Lilly, who responded promptly, and after a quick examination realized the serious nature of the man's injuries, and closed the wound temporarily with dressings to stop the flow of blood, while arrangements were made for his removal to the Clinton hospital, where he was taken in Mr. Evans' auto in company with Dr. Lilly and Mr. Dearborn.

The surgeons at the hospital were ready to attend to him when he arrived, and upon examination was found that he had a compound fracture of the skull. A very remarkable feature in connection with the accident is the fact that Mr. Ebare never lost consciousness.

Mr. Ebare is married, and his wife works at the Samson cordage works. They have an adopted girl and reside on Freedom street, next to the store of Joseph Cassavoy.

The latest reports from the bedside of Mr. Ebare at the hospital are favorable, the physicians asserting that he has an excellent chance for his ultimate recovery.

Annual Meeting.

The annual business meeting of the fire department was held in the engine hall on Monday evening. The men connected with the department received their salaries and the following officers were re-elected for another year: Charles Stebbins, capt.; Joseph Murphy, 1st asst. capt.; William Lougee, 2nd asst. capt.; Harry Collyer, clerk and treasurer; Bernard Bodah, steward; Guy Cook and Alec Bodah, nozzles; Joseph Gately and Thomas Gately, hydrant men. The other men who are members of the department are George Wilson, William C. Wolff, Fred Sawyer and Oscar Sibley. The call men are Harry O. Bangs and Ralph Wheeler.

Beginning with the third Monday in May the fire apparatus will be taken out the first and third Monday of each month until the first of September.

It was voted to rent the engine hall to the Shirley Cornet band for rehearsals every Tuesday evening, at a nominal sum, or enough to just cover the expenses of lighting, heating and janitor service.

Birthday Party.

The pretty little home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Petersen was all aglow with merriment on last Saturday evening, when about a dozen near friends assembled at their home. The occasion was the thirty-sixth birthday of Mrs. Petersen, and the celebration of this anniversary event was distinctly from a social standpoint. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were assisted in receiving and entertaining by their young daughter, Miss Gladys Games, music and dancing were among the features enjoyed, and a fine collation with a large variety of appetizing viands were most heartily enjoyed.

The genial hostess was the recipient of sincere congratulations and best wishes besides many tokens of kindly regards. The festivities came to a close shortly before the midnight hour, in its wake, fond memories of the hours so happily spent.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Weare, Jr., with young son Earle, William J. Crommett, Earl Merriman, Miss May Wadsworth, Misses Mabel and Evelyn Miner, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nordgard, of Leominster, the latter being a sister of the hostess.

Found Unconscious.

William Henry Brooks, age seventy years, was found lying unconscious on the floor of his room early last Saturday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gleason, where he has boarded since his four years' residence in Shirley. Dr. Lilly was summoned and pronounced it a case of cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Fred A. Young, his daughter, of Fitchburg, in company with her husband, who is the cashier of the Fitchburg National bank, were notified and upon his arrival arrangements were made for his removal to the Burbank hospital, where he was taken in the afternoon in Fred Weeks' auto, and died there on Wednesday morning.

Mr. Brooks was born at Marlborough, N. H., on August 24, 1841, the son of Ebenezer A. and Henrietta (Bruce) Brooks. He removed to Fitchburg in 1867, and was employed continuously by the Fitchburg Steam Engine Company for over thirty years.

Mr. Brooks has another son in Fitchburg, who is an engineer on the Boston and Maine railroad, and resides at 49 Myrtle avenue. Mr. Brooks has been employed as machinist at the Samson cordage works during his residence in Shirley.

The funeral will be held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Young, 25 Allston place, Fitchburg, on Saturday, May 11, the service being conducted by Rev. E. B. Saunders. The body will be taken to Nashua, N. H., for burial.

A Splendid Success.

The minstrel show at Odd Fellows' hall last week Friday evening, given by the boys of the state industrial school, under the direction of U. H. Barrows, of Ayer, musical director of the school, was a splendid success, fully 350 being present. The show was held under the auspices of J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., and enclosed after concert was the order of the evening, and from the rise of the curtain until the last number was given, every one in the audience was kept in a decidedly happy mood.

The opening chorus, with about fifty voices, was a fine introduction to the affair of the evening, and revealed at once the artistic ability of their director, Mr. Barrows, as the appointments were unique and the costumes, which were all appropriate, were designed and made by the boys in the tailoring department of the school.

TOWNSEND.

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The annual meeting of the T. A. A. was held in A. N. Fessenden's billiard room last Saturday night, and the following officers were chosen: William W. Copeland, pres.; A. N. Fessenden, v. p.; T. E. Flarity, sec.; R. G. Fessenden, treas. and man.; F. B. Higgins, A. N. Fessenden, J. J. Morse, A. D. Bagley and W. D. Farrar, board of directors. The association voted to paint the grand stand and to finish up a dressing-room underneath it. The season promises to be a good one by the interest already shown, and will open up about June 8.

The Country club met last week Friday with Mrs. Albert Gowen at Old City. Mrs. F. A. Greenleaf read an interesting paper upon "May Day." Dainty refreshments were served during the afternoon and a social time passed before the guests took their departure.

Mrs. Evelyn Warren and the senior class of the high school returned from their Washington trip last week Friday and reported a most profitable and delightful trip.

Two of the most enjoyable numbers of the musical program given at the Robb's recent celebration were unintentionally omitted in last week's account of the proceedings. One was a song by Miss Mildred Morgan, and an encore, which brought down the house, and the other, two piano solos by Miss Blanche Lancy, which were greatly enjoyed.

On Monday evening, May 13, will be visitors' night at the grange. The Peppereil grange is to give the entertainment.

Clarence Sherwin, who has been having trouble with his side, was taken to a Boston specialist on Wednesday to determine the nature of his trouble. He has returned feeling much better, but will be unable to go back to work for some time.

Townsend won out in the high school game on last Saturday with the Peppereil boys by a score of 6 to 2. The game was played on the home ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Center, of Concord, N. H., were guests at Al Richards' and A. S. Howard's this week.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

Current Events.
 Samuel Sweet visited the eye and ear infirmary at Boston last week, the attendant's finding that an operation was necessary.

Onslow Daniels is reported as falling at the home of his son, Herbert Daniels, at Somerville, Mass.

The Misses Catherine and Elizabeth Dugan, of Watertown, Mass., and Daniel Pendergast, of Gloversville, N. Y., were guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. French.

Mrs. Andrews, a former housekeeper for John Porter, has been a guest at his home.

The many friends of Frank Gilman were glad to welcome him home on last Sunday from Gardner, where he was employed. Miss Mildred Gilman was also at the Gilman home, from Florida, where she has spent the winter.

Miss Elizabeth Kennedy was the guest of Miss Blanche Fessenden this week.

Rev. Norton S. Beard preached an interesting sermon on Sunday, May 5, at the Methodist church, where it is expected that he will remain as pastor for the present.

Another remarkable family of Brookline is that of the late Aaron Fessenden and wife. Their children, who are living and well are: Mrs. Anthon Campbell 78 years, David Fessenden, Brookline, 77; Mrs. Mary Barber, Townsend, 75; James Fessenden, Newton, Mass., 73; Mrs. Augusta Gould, 70; Mrs. Nancy J. Daniels, 67; Mrs. Annie Bryant, Manchester; 68. The combined ages of this family are 497 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Dunbar, of Sandown, were here last week packing their household goods and shipping them to Sandown. Their many friends in Brookline were in hopes they would again locate here and open their pretty home.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nye extend their sympathy to them in the loss of their little Lenora from peritonitis, at Walla Walla, Wash.

Announcement cards of the birth of Harold Arthur Brown, born on April 29, weight ten pounds, have been received by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Brown.

Edward Hays and family have been here at their summer cottage, arranging for the summer months.

A little daughter came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Dodge on April 29, making a family circle of eight children.

Fred Farnsworth, Herbert Corey and Edward Hadley are enjoying new autos.

Mrs. S. M. Bowen quietly passed the eighty-fourth anniversary of her birth at the home of her niece, Mrs. S. E. French, on May 2. Postcards and gifts made the day a pleasant one. Mrs. Bowen is well and never happier than when she has a quilt or comforter nearly completed.

The grange held their regular meeting on Wednesday evening and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

Frank Taylor and family left town on Saturday, May 4, for Dover, Mass., where Mr. Taylor and son Robert will be employed for the summer.

Lecture.
 On Friday evening, May 3, an interesting lecture was given at Tabbell's hall by C. H. Duncan, of Jaffrey, secretary and treasurer of the Direct Legislation league of New Hampshire. The subject was "Initiative referendum and recall." A good audience was present, and Mr. Duncan proved to be an excellent speaker, making his ideas plain and easily understood. A pleasing program was rendered during the evening, which consisted of the following:

Selection, L. Powers, violin and Mr. Proctor, of Townsend Harbor, piano; recitation, Miss Madeline Connel; farce "The crystal gazer," Mrs. Florence Connel and Mrs. Clara Russell; piano solo, Miss Webber; piano and mandolin solos, Miss Barrows; song, Miss Bernice Connel; selection, L. Powers and Mr. Proctor; farce, "The widow's mistake," Mrs. H. F. Pierce, Fred Hall and Miss Blanche Hall; accordion solos, Arthur Goss.

The floor was then cleared and promenade and a social hour was enjoyed. Arthur Goss was chairman of the evening.

Clipping.
 We copy the following from the Somerville Journal, of Friday, April 26:
 "Harry Orrin Ray, born in Somerville thirty-seven years ago, only son of Orrin and Mary Isabelle Ray, died on April 18, at the Boothby hospital, Boston, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Ray was educated in the Somerville schools, and was engaged in the teaming business as manager for his father. He was taken suddenly ill, and sent for his mother, who accompanied him to the Boothby hospital, and he never rallied from the operation. The funeral was held on April 19, at two o'clock from his father's home, 39 Cutter street. Rev. C. R. Elliott, of the Bulfinch Place church, Boston, officiated, and the choir of the church sang. The burial was at Glenwood cemetery, Malden, and the pall bearers were his associates in business. There were many beautiful flowers from friends and organizations of which he was a member, among them being John Abbott lodge, Royal Arch chapter, Orient Council, DeMolay, Commandery of Boston, and the Shriners."

Pleasantly Entertained.
 On Wednesday, May 1, the Loyal Workers were invited to the pleasant home of Mrs. Eliza Betterly, where they received a cordial welcome and were gracefully entertained by the hostess. The meeting was opened by Miss Josephine Seaver, and the records of the last meeting were read. Mrs. Minnie Corey was reported as having failed in health since going to Fitchburg and arrangements had been made for her to go to a private sanatorium at Lunenburg, Mass. The members were invited to remember her with postcards. Mrs. George Cady, Mrs. Emma Dunbar, of Sandown, former president of the Loyal Workers, and Mrs. Johnson, of Lynn, were guests for the afternoon. Miss Johnson kindly entertained with vocal and piano selections. The genial hostess served dainty refreshments of cake, jelly and filled waters. There were fifteen present, and the work was upon aprons. A good number of sales were reported by the secretary. The afternoon was much enjoyed by all present.

News Items.
 Mrs. Jennie Boutelle spent Monday in Milford, N. H.
 Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lawrence are in Boston for a few weeks.
 Miss Elizabeth Kennedy, from East Pepperell, spent Sunday with Miss Blanche Fessenden.

Frank Bailey is working in Manchester, N. H., at present.
 Mrs. Emma Valedge, from Brockton, Mass., is in town for a few days.
 Miss Ethel Taylor, Mrs. Lizzie Maynard and Mrs. Etta Rockwood visited in Lunenburg recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmarsh, of Nashua, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Judge Parker.
 Miss Gertrude Abbott, from Canada, spent Sunday at the home of Miss Josie Seaver.

Frank Gilman, of Gardner, Mass., spent Sunday at his home.
 Henry Hall and family, of Leominster, were guests of his mother, Mrs. William Hall, on Sunday.

Miss Carrie Gudderson and Mr. Duchy, of Leominster, were the guests of Mrs. Clinton Gilson on Sunday.
 Miss Rene Parker and Mr. Carter, of Pepperell, were guests at the Inn-croft over Sunday.

SHIRLEY.
 News Items.
 Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, with Mrs. Ellen C. Lynch, of the Center. The regular routine of business was transacted. The committee on the entertainment to be given in Odd Fellows' hall under the auspices of Old Shirley chapter on May 23, reported progress. Each society in the town has been kindly requested to furnish two numbers to make up the program for this entertainment. There was no entertainment at this meeting, but a social hour was enjoyed by all after the meeting.

The oldest son of Joseph Glonet, about six years of age, died during Wednesday night of pneumonia.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold a supper, sale and entertainment in the church vestry on Wednesday evening, May 15. A fine salad supper, with the usual delicacies, will be served at seven o'clock. Entertainment at eight o'clock. The sale will consist of an apron, candy, flower and mystery tables, with an assortment of miscellaneous articles.

The King's Daughters met on Wednesday evening with Mrs. A. A. Bronson at the parsonage.

D. C. Drew, county secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Boston, will present the work of the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday morning, May 12, at the Congregational church. At three o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Drew will address a meeting for boys on the subject, "strong man." All boys are cordially invited to hear Mr. Drew.

Tendered a Reception.
 The social event of the week in Shirley took place on Wednesday evening at the Universalist church when the new members recently received into the church were tendered a reception. The vestry was literally transformed into a parlor, and all the appointments were arranged to represent the home. The decorations were pretty and appropriate, potted plants predominating.

The entertainment, from eight to nine was pleasing and consisted of the following: Piano solo, Mrs. M. Page, of Mitchellville; vocal solos, Frank E. Harlow; reading of poems, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker.

The special and pleasing feature was the address by the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, and in his closing remarks presented the subject, "member with a certificate of membership." Ice cream and cake with choice candy and a variety of dainties were bountifully supplied and the evening passed into history as one long to be remembered.

The decorating committee consisted of Mrs. Thomas L. Hazen and Mrs. James L. Holland. The entertainment committee consisted of Mrs. L. Knox, Mrs. E. E. Edgerton, Refreshment, Mrs. G. M. Ballou and Mrs. George E. Harlow. The waters were Miss Josephine Wheeler, Miss Ethel Chesbrough, Miss Rena Churchill and Mrs. Mamie Gately.

Center.
 The First Parish Branch Alliance will hold its regular meeting Thursday afternoon, May 16, at the home of Mrs. LaForrest J. Carpenter.

Edna Harris, Effie Harris and Franklin Horton of Leominster were guests of Hazel Harris last week, during their vacation.

The telephones of F. A. Wyman 9-21 and of Harry 16-1 have been added to the list recently.

Ruth M. Graves and Marion L. Holden returned to their studies at Fitchburg state normal school Monday, after a week's vacation at their homes.

Mrs. Charles K. Bolton of Brookline spent several days last week at her home on Center road.

Charles Adams of Boston was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, over the week-end.

Thomas H. Evans and Hazel Cummings returned on Monday to Fitchburg high school after enjoying a vacation of one week at their homes.

Howard A. Hatch, at the North, shot two deer last week, which were donated to his garden.

Miss Alison B. Winslow entertained a party of friends from Boston and Cambridge over the week-end. Among the number was Sherwood Ricker, a member of the staff of the Boston Journal.

The funeral of Seth Ramsdell Holden was held on Saturday afternoon at his late home, Rev. Allen A. Bronson, of the Congregational church, conducted the services. The body was taken to the family lot in the Center cemetery for burial, the bearers being Herbert E. Holden and Elbridge Holden of Leominster, Homer P. Holden of Shirley, and Edward J. Holden of Ayer beside his widow. Mr. Holden is survived by two sons—Herbert E. of Leominster and Edward J. of Ayer. Relatives and friends were present from Ayer, Leominster and Worcester.

Miss Elsie Bohanon of Nashua was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer P. Holden last week.
 Miss Elsie Kirby, Miss Chilton Winslow and Miss Whitford attended the May festival at Mechanics' hall, Boston, Saturday.

Sidney Harris and Eugeno Murphy of Leominster spent Sunday at the home of Clinton Harris.
 Mrs. A. S. Burnham and family of Revere spent the week-end at their summer home at Woodsville.

Mrs. William Boutillier, who received a bad fall last week, has not wholly recovered, but is able to be about.
 Miss Ora E. Holden spent Sunday in Nashua at the home of her aunt, Miss Elsie Bohanon.

Francisca Short was a visitor at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman, last week.
 Harry Hodgman at the East has gone to Littleton to the home of his sister for a short stay.

Gideon C. West at Woodsville is again confined to his home under the care of a physician.
 Robert H. J. Holden of Harvard university spent Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Hattie P. Holden on Horsepond road.

It is reported that an eagle has been seen at Woodsville in the vicinity of the river.
 Howard Fuller, who recently lost his barn by lightning, intends to rebuild again immediately.

Frank R. Hardon of Revere spent Sunday with the Burnhams at Woodsville.
 Grange.

Shirley grange held one of the best and most interesting meetings of the year Tuesday evening. The lecturer's hour was devoted to a competitive program between the brothers and sisters. Although the sisters were victorious, the men presented a first-class entertainment, consisting of violin selections with encore by Harry Brown, reading by Ardie A. Adams, song by Mrs. Jubb. A song by the young men of the grange made a decided hit and was greatly enjoyed. A vocal selection by Thos. H. Evans, Walter Woods and Amos Farrar, accompanied by John H. Farrar, was excellently rendered. The closing number of the men's program was an interesting original story entitled, "Wachusett in mid-winter," by Harry N. Brown.

The ladies' program consisted of reading by Mrs. Hattie Mudgett and a piano selection by Mrs. Mudgett. The program closed with a pleasing little farce entitled, "Ma Sweet's family." The cast was as follows: Mother Sweet, Margaret Evans; her children, Mrs. Mabel Graves, Mrs. Bessie Buxton, Mrs. Homer P. Holden, Mrs. Luther Holden, Miss Etta M. Holden, Ruth M. Graves and Ora E. Holden.

The whole affair was a complete success, both sides deserving much credit for their excellent program.
 Harry N. Brown was installed as steward, Mrs. George Wetzell as Pomona and M. W. Carey as a member of the executive committee for the remainder of the year by Arthur Rockwood, of Lunenburg grange.

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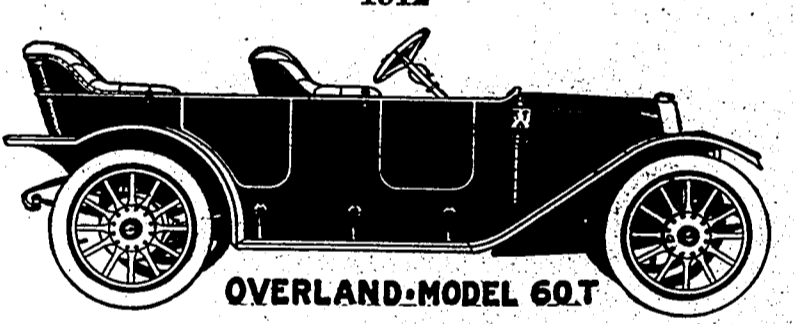
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News Items.

The annual thank offering meeting of the Woman's Missionary society will be held at the home of Mrs. Waldo Spaulding on Wednesday afternoon, May 15, at three o'clock. Mrs. Stephen Vaisnes, an educated Greek, is expected to be present and tell of her work as missionary among the Greeks in eastern Massachusetts. It is hoped that a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity to listen to this interesting woman.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Darling spent Monday with friends in Fitchburg. Harold Farley and Malcolm Twichell have purchased new motor cycles.

A serious accident was happily averted on last Saturday night when the carriage of Wellington Gillespie was at Hollingsworth station, waiting for friends to arrive on the train. The reins broke leaving the horse uncontrolled, and he cleared for home and overturned the carriage. A bad scare and a damaged carriage was the result.

Herbert Wain and Forest Andrews formed a co-partnership this week under the firm name of Way & Andrews. They are to do carriage painting and inside decorating and their place of business is to be over Flynn's blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Rockwood and Mrs. Maynard, of Brookline, N. H., were in town on a visit recently.

A new way of using a large water tank, some thirty feet high, on Keyes hill, is to turn it into a summer house and it will be a most sightly place. Mr. Plummer, of East Pepperell, has the contract of arranging it in this manner.

Prescott grange is to neighbor with Townsend grange on Monday night, May 13, and it is whispered that Prescott grange will carry a good program.

The cold winter seems to have destroyed the brown-tail moth to a large degree, but the tent caterpillar is very evident everywhere.

Melvin Howe is being employed at Dr. Heald's.

Mrs. Georgie Kimball returned from Boston on last week Thursday morning, after a short visit with her son.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending May 8: E. S. Grover, Harry T. Hoyt, Mrs. Eliza B. Heald, Mrs. P. M. M. Richards, Fred Sheppard, Jerry Tessu.

Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., in response to a request from Miss M. L. P. Shattuck, secretary of the Pepperell Town Conference, has elected for one year the following delegates: Mrs. Nellie M. R. Gutterson, Mrs. Henry Tarbell, Mrs. Harriet Phelps.

The following committee has been chosen to confer with the selectmen to prevent the desecration of the Prudence Wright stone near the covered bridge: Mrs. Eliza B. Heald, Mrs. Nellie M. Appleton, Mrs. Lura B. Weston.

The household goods of Harry F. Wentworth were shipped on Wednesday to Three Rivers, where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Bullock were in town on Monday.

We are all glad to have our streets lighted again after being in darkness for some time, which was the longest time since our lights were installed.

Mrs. M. M. Richards was a week-end visitor in New Boston, N. H., returning on Tuesday.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, May 16, at 2:30 o'clock. In the evening, at eight o'clock, an entertainment will be given in the vestry by the young people and children, consisting of drills, illustrated songs and recitations. A chafing-dish lunch will be served after the entertainment, consisting of Welsh rabbit and other delicacies. It is hoped this entertainment will be well patronized.

Mrs. Annetta Drew, of Alfred, Me., announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Jane Ayer, to Frank Russell Bennett, of Pepperell.

Annie Sullivan, daughter of Jerry and Annie (Mehan) Sullivan, aged twelve years, departed away on May 4.

Mrs. Annie Wiley is spending this week in Boston.

Dr. Tucker, of Peabody, was a visitor on Wednesday with his mother, Mrs. Sarah Tucker.

On Thursday evening there was a patriotic entertainment at the Unitarian church in which about thirty children took part. The usual supper had preceded the entertainment, and the usual social dance closed the evening. There was a fine attendance of young people.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Nash are to return to occupy their house on River street as soon as the present tenants can find a suitable place.

Mrs. Fayette Bicknell, who some twelve years ago lived in the house owned by Miss Whitney, came to visit her many friends here last week Friday, from her home at Poland Springs, Me. Mrs. Bicknell lived here about ten years, and upon her husband's death returned to her parents' town. Her mother passed away in September.

Mrs. John R. Shattuck, of Concord, came to visit friends on May 8, and goes this Saturday to see her sister in Nashua, N. H., who is ill, returning to Pepperell on Monday. She has been invited to remain over and take in the Pomona at Townsend on Thursday, May 16.

Mrs. Jewett Bronston drove to Ashby on Thursday and encountered one of the worst rain storms for months.

It is heard that Miss Anna Blood, of New York, daughter of L. P. Blood, and Mrs. Thompson Blood, of Concord, are to take a trip to Fortress Monroe, Va., leaving New York on May 2.

Eight children under the charge of Miss Agnes Crotty, principal of the Groton Street school are rehearsing for a play to be given shortly, and the proceeds are to go towards the light and care of the East Pepperell reading-room.

Mrs. William Mault and Miss Ruth Rogers have been appointed by the First Parish church to act as delegates to the Unitarian anniversary meetings in Boston on May 20.

The North Middlesex Conference holds its eighty-second meeting with the First Parish church on June 13.

The assessors will be at their office at the town house for the week commencing May 13, for the purpose of conferring with property owners as to valuation. Recent changes in real estate should be reported, and all persons entitled to abatements should file affidavits with the board in order

that the same may be allowed. Real estate should be assessed to the record owners, and any errors in the past reported will be considered as a favor by the assessors.

Funeral.

The funeral of George L. Saunders was held at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, May 3, from his home on Tucker street. A large number of relatives and friends attended, and Rev. P. F. Stratton officiated. Mrs. Lovejoy and Mrs. Copp sweetly sang "Abide with me," and "Lead kindly light." John Phinney, Charles Goodwin, Arthur Lavallee and Arnold Hanna were the bearers. Interment was at Woodlawn. Following is a list of the flowers: Pillow with "Son" inscribed, from the family; cut flowers, Russell Davy; sprays of pinks, Mrs. Addie Bean and Miss Edna Bean; Mrs. Byron Hall, of Concord, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna, of Dunstable, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Frank Haley, of Nashua, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pillsbury, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Harmon; bouquet, Miss Gertrude Pillsbury.

Unitarian.

Services at First Parish church, Unitarian, on Sunday, May 6, were the third of a series on "The making of a Christian," by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Child. Through the day the Lord hath spared us," soprano solo, Miss Mildred Morgan; organ voluntaries before and after service. Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Evening meeting of the Babidge Guild at seven o'clock. Topic, "Robert Browning as a man and as a poet." Leader, Russell Davy.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Social Circle, branch of Woman's Alliance, will be held at Central hall on Thursday May 16, at 2:30 o'clock.

Current Events.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet in their rooms on Wednesday afternoon, May 15, at three o'clock.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. P. R. Stratton, will preach on the subject, "The dwelling place of God," and in the evening at seven o'clock, the subject will be "Know thyself." The Epworth league prayer meeting will be held at six o'clock and the subject will be "The supremacy of Christ."

Miss Bessie Farley is at home from her work in the millinery store at Fitchburg, probably for the summer.

Mrs. Susie Dort has been ill and obliged to give up teaching for a few days. It is now understood that the physician pronounces it German measles.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey has been quite ill for more than a week past with bronchial trouble as the result of a cold.

E. S. Durant has three new horses that are the looking animals for the result of his business trip to Groton, Vt., recently, but he reports prices there about as high as here.

Miss Edna Kittredge is having trouble with her eyes, necessitating a rest from work. Mrs. Alice Bartlett is taking her place in Mr. Rowell's gin office.

Dr. Brigham went to the Nashua hospital for treatment for kidney trouble on Tuesday by the advice of his physician; also, Dr. Smith, of Nashua, who was called to the case.

Mrs. Idella Ward is making some alterations and repairs on her house on High street.

Wesley Gillespie, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, came from Lynn on Friday of last week to his parents' home on the South road. Returning on Sunday they left their little girl of one and one-half years with her grandmother, as Mrs. Gillespie is to go to the Forest Hills sanatorium in Boston for treatment. This little granddaughter is the seventh child now under the care of Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, some of them infants.

W. H. Annis has sold his cottage house on Pleasant street, now occupied by Mrs. H. C. Winslow, to Mrs. Abbie Woodward, who will immediately take possession. Mrs. Winslow will store her goods for awhile if she does not succeed in finding a satisfactory rent.

The remains of Charles E. Pierce were brought here from Worcester on Tuesday night, the cause of death, nephritis. He was the second son of Calvin and Jane (Elliot) Pierce, and was born in this town nearly eighty-one years ago. Services were held at the home of his brother, Walter Pierce, on Thursday afternoon, Rev. R. W. Drawbridge officiating. Burial was in the family lot in Walton cemetery.

Many housekeepers are taking advantage of the fact that we are now supplied with electric current by day and are fitting up with electric irons and other heat saving appliances.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Current Events.

Albert Watmore has moved his household goods to the Richards cottage.

Fred G. Muzzey has entered the employ of M. L. Richards.

Miss Annie B. Newton spent the week-end in South Ashburnham, Mass.

Frank Stafford, of Vermont, who has been employed as teamster for Worcester Bros. for several weeks, has recently moved his family to the Bee Hive.

Mrs. Ella M. Farley was in West Townsend last Saturday to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss Mabel Patch.

Edgar Patch, of Malden, Mass., was in town this week.

The many friends of Mrs. John Nute regret to hear of her illness.

A. F. Hildreth was in Franconstown the first of the week, and returned with his wife and little son, who have been visiting Mrs. Hildreth's parents in that town.

The landlord has greatly improved the grounds at the Cranford Inn by the planting of several flower beds, shrubs and a hedge along the sidewalk and drive.

Edward Stratton was a visitor in Boston on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hayes, of Arlington, Mass., spent the week-end at the Grand View farm.

Mrs. Edith McIntire is stopping with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Richards.

Mrs. Charlotte Raymond and Miss Eleanor Wheeler, of Arlington, are stopping at Grand View farm for a few days.

Mrs. Theresa Hardy Sawyer and little son John, and Mrs. W. A. Hardy, of Arlington, Mass., and Miss Edith W. Mason, of East Pepperell, have been recent guests at the Tenney homestead.

Miss Agnes Tenney returned on last Saturday from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Kate Tenney Hardy, of Arlington, Mass.

On Tuesday of this week, William E. Lund, the popular clerk at Richards' general store, had the misfortune to upset the table with a white turpentine oil can, which fell on the nose of Edward Mac. The horse was thrown, but being of a quiet nature laid very quietly until unhitched and assisted to his feet. Mr. Lund received a few slight bruises on the hand and arm, a few groceries were spilled, but otherwise there was no damage done.

The blowing out of a cylinder head and cracking of the cylinder of the engine at Worcester's mill will necessitate a shut-down of from two to three weeks while repairs are being made. This will afford the help a good opportunity to do their spring garden work.

Mrs. Annie (Tenney) Munzell and daughter, of Springfield, Mass., are visiting at the Tenney homestead.

The many friends of Henry Russell are glad to hear that he is able to ride again, being confined to his room all winter.

We regret to learn of an accident on last Friday to Mrs. Frank Ball, of Nashua, in which her shoulder bone was broken.

Miss Ruth A. Welch and friend, of Nashua, spent the week-end with James A. Welch.

Mrs. Charles Stark and daughter returned on Sunday to their home in Winter Hill.

The first hail storm of the season occurred on Thursday afternoon.

Grange.

About fifty members were present at the meeting of the Hollis Grange on Tuesday evening, May 7. The literary program included a recitation by Louis Brown, reading by Mrs. Clara M. Smith and an interesting paper upon "The enemies of the forest," by Miss Charlotte Leslie. Francis Sweetser was appointed press reporter and read a paper on the same subject at 8:30 o'clock on Tuesday evening, May 21, when Henry W. Morrison, state superintendent of education, will address the meeting.

The subject for discussion was: Resolved, That the membership of the New Hampshire house of representatives should be reduced." In the absence of the members assigned to speak upon the subject, Francis K. Sweetser spoke in the affirmative, giving a short historical sketch of the composition of the house as provided by the convention of 1784, and the various amendments passed by the successive constitutional conventions since that time. Albert Wetmore also spoke in the affirmative, and Robert Leslie and Fred W. Dudley in the negative. The usual open discussion followed.

News Items.

Rev. C. H. Davis, of Portland, Me., came into town on Monday, in order to attend the funeral of one of his friends in the parish. It seemed good to see him in our midst again, even though for a short time.

Mrs. Whitaker, of Mason, Miss Hartshorn, of Marlboro, Mass., Mrs. James Begg, of Leominster, Mass., and Charles Goodwin and sister, Miss Leslie, of Groton, were the guests several days the first of the week of Mrs. Goodwin.

The young people held their annual May day dance on Thursday evening of last week at the town hall. There was quite a large party in attendance. They report the usual good time.

Mrs. E. K. Jewett has been suffering for several weeks with neuralgia in its worst form, at times being greatly distressed.

Rev. T. C. H. Bonton, of Hudson, again occupied the pulpit last Sunday, forenoon and evening.

Wedding.

Tuesday afternoon, May 7, witnessed a pretty home wedding at the home of Mrs. Emma Goodwin, when Miss Mary Louise Blood, of Ayer, was united in marriage to Otis Dana Goodwin, of Lynn, Mass., in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends. The ceremony took place in a pretty parlor decorated with potted plants, and the double ring service was used.

The groom was attended by Dr. George W. Blood, of Fall River, Mass., brother of the bride, and the best man attended by Mr. Ruth Goodwin, a sister of the groom.

The bride was handsomely gowned in white messaline, trimmed with spotted net, and her veil was caught with bride's roses. She carried a large bouquet of white bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore white chiffon over pink, and carried pink roses.

The groom was dressed in the conventional black. Rev. C. H. Davis, of Portland, Me., performed the ceremony, and a reception followed, when congratulations were offered and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin grew up in Hollis, graduated from our schools, both being members of class 1903. Hollis high school will be a prominent place in the hearts of the people here who follow them to their new home with heartfelt wishes for future happiness and prosperity. They left in an auto amid a shower of confetti at 4:30 o'clock. After a brief wedding journey they will go to their new home at 10 North Franklin street, Lynn, Mass., where Mr. Goodwin is employed in the office of the General Electric Company.

Their friends showed their love and kind wishes in the beautiful gifts which they bestowed on them: A beautiful chime clock, from Dr. Blood, beautiful pictures, silver of all varieties, teaspoons, tablespoons, cream spoons, sugar bowl and creamer, lettuce fork, handles, tin-bon dishes, casseroles, several envelopes containing sums of money, a large couch given by several neighbors, bed quilts, bed spread, a set of valuable books and many other articles.

TOWNSEND.

West.

George Kaddy and friend from Boston, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Mrs. Frank Hardy has been entertaining Mrs. M. L. Carleton from No. Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hobart of Berlin have purchased the old Putney farm on the northern outskirts of the village.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will meet in the vestry at 7:30 Tuesday evening and the service will be conducted by Miss Alice Seaver.

A May social will be held at the Baptist vestry next Thursday evening under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. and each lady will put up a lunch

for two in a fancy May basket. One of the features of the evening will be the auction sale of these lunches to the gentlemen present who will take lunch with the lady, whose name is in the basket purchased by them. Games and a social evening will be enjoyed by all.

Mrs. S. D. Ringrose and son Roger are visiting Mrs. Ringrose's parents in Marlboro.

Miss Alice Seaver returned Wednesday from a few days' visit to friends in Waltham and vicinity.

Mrs. Lois Vose, who has been spending a few weeks with her brother, Clarence Stickney, has returned to Ashburnham.

Mrs. Simon Francis and Miss Abbie Green have moved from their home in Josselynville to the John Hildreth house at the Center.

Ralph H. Willard from Boston spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Willard.

Grace Thompson from Simmons college and Agnes Thompson, who is employed at Montpelier, Vt., were at their home over Sunday.

Edward Patch of Boston spent Sunday with his parents at his home in Josselynville.

Mrs. Lottie Allen of Peterboro, N. H., is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stickney this week.

Mrs. Maurice A. Levy from Newton enjoyed a brief visit to the home of Miss M. Ellnor Tower a few days ago.

Albert Adams and party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Brayton and son have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Adams, taking the trip from Providence, R. I., in their auto.

Notice has been received here of the marriage of a former resident of this village, Mrs. Franklin Adams of Milford to John Thomas of Milford. The marriage took place in Portland, Me., March 14, and Mr. and Mrs. Adams are now residing at Walden, where they have a pretty home.

Edward Walker, who has been spending the past few months with his wife in Waltham, has returned to his home on the Fitchburg road.

Another runaway accident in which Weston's milk wagon figured prominently took place on Main street on Tuesday morning. The horse, which was standing in front of the residence, suddenly started and ran smashing the buggy on the stone post in front of Lawrence's store, where he was stopped by the bystanders. The lower Main street was damaged to some extent though not entirely wrecked. The milk wagon is still in the repair shop as a result of last week's runaway.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Davis have closed their home at the present and are at their camp at Stoddard, N. H.

Mr. Norton from Somerville has returned to town to complete work on the state road to Ashby and is at his former boarding place at Mrs. A. J. Manchester's in Josselynville.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stickney celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home Wednesday, May 8, entertaining in the afternoon many of their friends and relatives from out of town and in the evening their friends and neighbors in the village, who came to pay their respects and offer congratulations. The rooms were prettily decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, they having received as greetings of the day beautiful carnations from the Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Levy of Newton, sweet peas from Mrs. Lois Vose of Ashburnham, marguerites from Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Homer of New York, tulips from Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Powers of Framingham and a potted plant from Mrs. Josephine Boynton, Miss Boynton and Mrs. Mabelle Wilson. Many other beautiful gifts were received, gold pieces, cut glass and silver, greeting cards and many letters of congratulations from friends and relatives which are highly prized and cherished by Mr. and Mrs. Stickney.

Ice cream and cake, wedding cake and punch were served during the afternoon and evening and Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Stickney assisted in receiving.

Those present in the afternoon beside Mr. and Mrs. Stickney and son Frank and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stickney and son Ralph were Gladys Rawson, Mrs. Lois Vose from Ashburnham, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney and Mrs. Mabelle Wilson of this village, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stickney from the Center, Mrs. Georgie Stickney from Milford, N. H., Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Loveland from Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. James Vose from Ashburnham, Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Levy from Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Roger P. Stone, win and little son Roger and Mrs. Lottie Allen of Peterboro, N. H., while in the evening about twenty-five were entertained.

Funeral.

The funeral services of Miss Mabel Patch, aged twenty-nine years, who died of typhoid fever at her home Wednesday, May 1, were held at the Baptist church Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. S. D. Ringrose officiating. The burial was in the West cemetery and the bearers were Alden Sherwin, Benj. Lawrence, Benj. and Charles Hodgman. Those attending from out of town were Mrs. R. S. Patch and Mrs. Elia Parley of Nashua, N. H., Mrs. Ella Parley from Hollis, N. H., Edward Patch and Grace Thompson from Boston and Agnes Thompson from Montpelier, Vt.

The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful, surrounding the white casket with a wealth of bloom. The Y. P. S. C. E. of which she was a member, attended in a body and the West Townsend Brotherhood sent representatives to express their sympathy to the sorrowing father, who with an uncle, Fred A. Patch, and an aunt, Mrs. Clarence Stickney, and a cousin, Edward Patch of Boston, constitute the only surviving relatives.

Wedding.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Begg on Monday evening, when their daughter Margaretta was united in marriage to Thomas Woodman by Rev. S. D. Ringrose of the Baptist church. The ring service was used and Miss Lillian Blanch of Greenville, N. H., was bridesmaid and James N. Bell, brother of the bride, best man. The bride's costume was cream satin, trimmed with lace and she carried white carnations. The young couple left Monday evening for a brief wedding trip and on their return will give a reception to their friends Saturday evening. They received many costly and beautiful presents, many of which, including a purse of money, were from the friends of the bride at her former home in New York.

The happy couple will commence housekeeping in the tenement of Chas. Hodgman's house on Main

street, recently vacated by Mrs. Mary Foster.

Banquet.

One of the most enjoyable banquets yet given was the fifth of the West Townsend Brotherhood given in the Baptist vestry on Thursday evening, May 2, when the fifty men present partook of a bountiful supper of cold meat, hot mashed potato, spinach, hot rolls, coffee pies and fancy puddings.

Rev. James E. Norcross, pastor of Gov. Foss church, was the speaker of the evening, and the invited guests present were H. W. Hayward, from Temple, N. H.; H. F. Litch, from Jamestown, N. Y.; Rev. Alfred Struthers, pastor of the Congregational church; Rev. Sylvester Robertson, pastor of the Methodist church, and Alfred N. Fessenden, Fred J. Piper and Richard Hargreaves, from the Center.

Much amusement was occasioned at the close of the banquet, when at a "straw ballot" for the president of the United States, the assembly declared themselves for Roosevelt, he receiving twenty of the forty-four votes cast, and Taft received thirteen.

The program was presented by the president, Dr. H. B. Boynton, who after a very pleasing solo, "When you and I were young, Maggie," by Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin, introduced the speaker, who will long be remembered as one of the most brilliant and witty, as well as most helpful yet heard.

Mr. Norcross dealt with the many problems faced by the men of today fixing his most important points with some anecdote or quotation which brought an outburst of applause, and the introduction of an original poem appealed to his audience very effectively. He was obliged to hurry away in order to catch a night train for Providence, R. I., having taken the time from his numerous engagements to address the assembly, and his kindness was appreciated with a hearty vote of thanks.

Another selection was rendered by Mrs. Hodgman, and the officers called upon were A. N. Fessenden, F. J. Piper and Richard Hargreaves, officers of the Brotherhood at the Center, who gave words of appreciation and cheer. H. F. Litch spoke of the work of the Men and Women's Movement in his city of Jamestown, N. Y., and Mr. Hayward, from Temple, N. H., who was much pleased with his first meeting of the kind, while Arthur Smith, a recent arrival from Waltham, expressed his pleasure in meeting an acquaintance in Mr. Norcross, and his pride in being connected with the great work going on.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose gave a short address and illustrated his remarks with several humorous anecdotes, leaving everyone in good humor, and the affair ended with the singing of "America."

Center.

An adjourned meeting of the school superintendency district, composed of the towns of Lunenburg, Ashby and Townsend, was held in Memorial hall on Thursday afternoon, when the present superintendent, E. L. Haynes, was re-elected as superintendent of the district.

Mrs. I. J. Gaylor, of Riverside, Cal., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Fessenden.

Charles Stickney and Elmer Wallace, together with W. A. Kemp and Silas Nokes, of Pepperell, are enjoying a fishing trip up to Lake Winnepesaukee this week.

George M. Bates, district manager of the Westinghouse Electric Co., formerly as civil engineer upon the Panama canal, will lecture upon that subject at the M. E. church on next Tuesday evening. Mr. Bates took his own pictures and will have stereoscopic slides, so that the lecture promises to be an interesting and practical one. There will also be a supper at the vestry from six to 7:30 o'clock.

The Pomona grange meeting will be held here next Thursday, and an interesting program is scheduled. Among the speakers are Rufus W. Strimmon of the State Board of Education, and E. L. Haynes, superintendent of schools of this town.

The North Middlesex branch of the Woman's board of missions held their semi-annual meeting at the Congregational church Wednesday with the following program: Devotional exercises; secretary's report; reports from auxiliaries; address, Miss Mary Preston; social time; dinner in charge of ladies of the church. Afternoon: prayer and praise service; solo; "Dream of paradise," Myrtle Gray; discussion, "Interests of young people's work"; collection; "This eye is on the sparrow," Stella Farrar; address, Mrs. W. O. Ballantine from Pittsburg and India; questions; closing exercises.

New Advertisements

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PETITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND 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 12, dated April 23, 1912, proposed pole locations 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 signal wires owned by the town, and used for municipal purposes.

The following are the streets and highways above referred to:

From the end of the present pole line on Old Groton Road to Flanagan Road, thirteen poles.

Flanagan Road from the Old Groton Road to the works of Daudelin and Cotton, four poles.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts.

By FRANCIS A. HOUSTON, General Manager. M. S. B.

Dated this 23d day of April, 1912.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ayer, April 29, 1912.

Ordered, that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the thirtieth day of May, 1912, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., at the Selectmen's Room in Town Hall in said Ayer at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, newspapers published in said Ayer, at least seven days prior thereto; and that the clerk of the board mail written notice 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 petition and order thereon. Attest: JOHN M. MALONEY, Clerk, Selectmen of Ayer.

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