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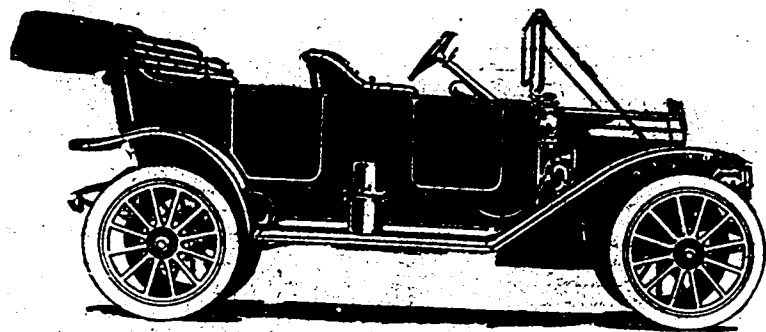
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AYER, MASS.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Mrs. E. W. Cottle is ill at her home, "The Crossways," and in the care of a trained nurse.

Mrs. Ellis, of "Sunny Terrace," Prospect Hill, received a cablegram on Thursday, July 18, announcing the safe arrival of Dr. S. A. Ellis at Mombasa, British East Africa.

Master Edgar H. Cobb is once more able to be out-of-doors, having recovered from a fall from a load of hay.

W. L. Crosby has just returned from Dublin, N. H., where he was the guest of Miss Adie Thayer.

Miss Martha Cushman is spending a week at Scituate, the guest of Miss Farmer. The Farmers were summer residents on Oak Hill for two seasons.

Miss Amy Bryant enjoyed a visit from one of her teachers of Burdette Business College, W. R. Catton, on last week Thursday.

Mr. Crosby and Mr. Moffatt, of Grosvenor farm, left on Tuesday afternoon for Maine, where they visited for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. S. A. Ellis, of Prospect Hill, is entertaining her cousin, Mrs. J. R. Newberry, of Chicago, and Mrs. Newberry's son, Walker Newberry.

Miss Richards and Robert Self motored over from Wellesley on Sunday to call on the former's sister, Mrs. D. A. Lucey.

Mrs. Eben Dale's niece, Miss Starrow, of Marblehead, is at "Westward" for a week.

Mrs. J. R. Newberry and son, who have been visiting Mrs. S. A. Ellis, were called home to Chicago very suddenly by the death of Gen. Newberry. The family is very well-known in Chicago, having given the beautiful Newberry library to the city.

Ned Sheridan, of Lowell, is visiting his cousins, the Misses Crooker, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crooker, on Oak Hill.

On Tuesday, Mrs. Ellis and Miss Ellis, of "The Elms," Mrs. Henry Gale, Mrs. Albert Biglow, Mrs. Watson and Miss Farnsworth motored to Nantasket Beach.

Miss Harriet Mason is at Duxbury for a short visit.

Herman Skillings has gone to Bethel, Me., to be with his family for a week.

On Saturday, July 27, the ladies of the Unitarian church will hold a food sale at the church lawn. Mrs. Etta M. Ripley has charge as chairman of the committee.

Miss Mildred Carman returned on Monday from Greenfield, where she has been spending a few days visiting with her mother.

Last Sunday Mrs. Royal with Ellery Royal and Miss Josephine Baker took an auto trip to Saxtonville. Mrs. Royal stopped off at Westboro visiting friends there and the young people continued, spending the day with Dr. and Mrs. Howard P. Rogers.

The class of 1913, Bromfield School, are to give a drama entitled, "College Days," at the town hall, Wednesday evening, July 31. The money to be used to defray class expenses. Mrs. E. P. Watson is coaching and attending to the details of staging.

William Fitzgerald, now of Ayer, but formerly one of the Harvard boys, visited on Monday afternoon and evening at the home of Jerry Raymond, a guest of Miss Mary Harding. Miss Harding is from Boston, but has spent several seasons here in the employ of Dr. Paul Thordike. She is spending a two weeks' vacation with the Demonds.

Mrs. Albert Blood and son of Ayer spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. Kinsman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Aldrich and son Donald of Brookline will be guests next week with Mrs. Leon Dammun and family at their summer home on Lovers' Lane.

Mrs. Alice Dammun Rhonstock of

Somerville returns to Harvard Saturday for a week's outing with her parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bond of the Perkins Institution for the blind, South Boston, visited this week at the Shakers and with their brother, A. T. West and family.

Miss Marlon Stone and William Wood of Waltham are week-end guests with Mrs. Blanche Dammun.

Miss Mary Donnelly of South Boston is taking a ten days' outing, stopping with Miss Nellie Mongovin.

The regular mid-summer sale given by the King's daughters will be held at the town hall on Thursday, August 1, at 2.30 p. m. The domestic, food, candy, fancy, neckwear and sundries tables will carry a variety of articles suited to the tastes of all. Ice cream and beverages will be for sale. Admission to hall free.

The largest crowd of the season attended the dance given by the Berkeley club on Thursday evening. Nearly one hundred couples were present from this and neighboring towns. The next party will be Thursday evening, August 1.

Rev. Geo. H. Gutterston, representing the American Missionary Association will speak of the work of the association in its various fields at the Congregational church next Sunday, July 28, morning and evening. The evening address will be illustrated by a large number of lantern slides. The address will be a magnificent work among the colored people of the south and other races elsewhere in the United States. Many of its schools are doing the same thing that Booker T. Washington is doing at Tuskegee and Mr. Gutterston tells of it in a forceful, interesting and enlightening manner. It is hoped that many will take advantage of this opportunity.

Baseball.

The Harvard baseball team played a twelve-inning game on the Bromfield grounds on Saturday, July 13, with the Littleton team, defeating them by a score of 7 to 6.

On Saturday, July 20, the Harvard team went to Ayer and put it over the Ayer team by a score of 6 to 4. The game was rather a stormy one, one of the Ayer players (they called him doctor) evidently getting the mistaken idea that the Harvard players were "boobs." His very sportsmanlike interference with the pitcher, using a baseball bat by way of emphasis, rather roused the boys. The doctor took a very graceful fall with a soothing effect.

The Harvard boys have played some great baseball and have had a streak of games this season and to their credit it is said that this was their first "scrappy" game.

Thomas pitched fine ball for Harvard and held the Ayer team runless twice when Ayer had three men on bases. Hurley played the best ball for Ayer.

Still River.

On Wednesday, Miss Edith Fairchild engaged Mr. Savage with his auto, and invited the following party: Mrs. E. P. Fairchild, Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. W. V. Viles, Esther Stone and ride. They went around Bare Hill pond, over to the Harvard Shakers through Ayer, Groton, Shirley, North Leominster and then to Harvard, where they patronized the Mary Jane tea parlors, after which they returned home and all pronounce it a pleasant outing.

Mrs. A. H. Keyes, Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Mrs. Alice Day and W. O. Willard went to Lake Winnepesaukee on the railroad excursion on Wednesday, and say that it was fine, a splendid day and a pleasant crowd.

Mrs. Fairchild's sister, Mrs. McMurray, from the west, is the guest of her sister.

Miss Susie Davis, of Harvard, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elsie D. Stone this week.

Mrs. Adolph Heber and Mrs. Ruth Anderson, of Groton, were guests of Mrs. Heber's grandmother, Mrs. Hanna Harrod, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Alice Day, of Ward Hill, is the guest of Mrs. S. B. Haynes. Miss Alice Lincoln, of Somerville, spent Sunday with Mrs. Mabel Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Morse have Mrs. Morse's niece, Mrs. Eddy, and children visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Atherton arrived at their summer home on Sunday from Holyoke for their annual vacation until September.

Plumbers have been at work the past week at the railroad station, arranging for a water supply in the station, as the old aqueduct pipe has given out and now they have dug out the spring, that is well-known to all railroad travelers. For a great many years they got off of trains and ran the spring to get a drink. The men have dug it down about five feet and have bricked it up and hope to get a large enough supply so that water can be pumped from this spring for the station supply.

Death.

The people of this village were saddened on Monday afternoon to learn that Edwin L. Vaughn had died very suddenly. Mr. Vaughn has been a resident of Still River for about nine years, coming here from Worcester, where he was connected with the fire department for about thirty-three years, the last twelve of which he acted as chief.

Mr. Vaughn was a man who commanded the respect of his men in the fire department. He was a hard and fire fighter, never telling his men to "go," but going ahead into the danger's places, he told them to "come." He was considered among the best of fire chiefs, being classed with chiefs of New York, Boston, Chicago and such cities, and was known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. When Mr. Vaughn left the Worcester fire department and came to Still River the members of the fire department made him a present of a fine horse, carrying all harness, etc.

Mr. Vaughn was about his usual farm work and on Friday afternoon of last week was stricken with a severe heart trouble, but seemed to be getting better. On Monday afternoon as he was sitting with his family, he was seen to sway back and forth, and his daughter, Mrs. Carl Haskell, sprang to him and caught him in her arms, where he died a few minutes later.

Mr. Vaughn leaves a widow, who has been quite unwell herself for the past two years, but she is bearing bravely up in this her sad trial. There are four sons—Frank, George, Ralph and Ferdinand, living in Worcester, and a son Herbert, and daughter Mary, wife of Carl Haskell, living at home.

Funeral services were held at the house on Thursday morning, Rev. L. H. Morse, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The body was taken to Worcester on the 1.12 p. m. train, where the services at the Hope cemetery chapel, read by Mr. Morse officiating there also, and Worcester lodge of Odd Fellows, Mr. Vaughn being a member of that lodge, held their committal service at the grave. Mr. Vaughn was 68 yrs. 9 mos. and 5 days old.

As a neighbor, Mr. Vaughn was quiet and unassuming, but was always ready to do a kind act, a man who was at home and mingled but little in society, but he will be greatly missed. Grave fears are felt as to the effect upon his wife, when the reaction comes, and she feels that they will not long be separated.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

A lawn party will be given on the Library hall grounds on Wednesday evening, July 31. Candy, popcorn, peanuts, ice cream, tonics and all the usual attractions will be on sale. An entertainment, followed by dancing will end the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pariseau spent last Sunday in Chelmsford.

Mrs. Hattie Cobleigh had a very serious attack of indigestion on last Sunday, and is still under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Mary Pratt, of South Acton, is visiting with her niece, Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb.

W. H. Furbush has bought a Ford automobile.

Arthur Houghton, of Worcester, Ruth Harrington and Samuel Wetherbee, of Silver Hill, were the week-end guests of C. T. Wetherbee's.

Mrs. Ear Littlefield is quarantined with a slight case of diphtheria.

Joseph Poland returned to his work in Boston on Wednesday after a two-weeks' vacation, the last part of which was spent in enjoying an attack of lumbago.

The annual picnic of the West and South Acton Universalist churches was held at Lexington park on Tuesday. Mrs. Bertha Hattuck and Marjorie attended from here.

Miss Helen Sturtevant, who has been visiting with Mrs. Harry Adams, returned to her home in Lynn on Wednesday.

In last week's issue of this paper, under the district court items, it was stated that Myron L. Littlefield, of Boxborough, appeared before the court on Thursday morning charged with assault and battery on Mrs. Lena M. Gartner, of Boxborough. The name of the man from this town who appeared before the court for that offense was Myron L. Wetherbee, instead of Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Harriman, of Clinton, spent last week Friday in town, visiting former acquaintances.

Sydney Smith, of Boston, spent the week-end with Robert Poland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins attended the salad supper given in Stow on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Nelson gave a party to the younger children at her home on Wednesday afternoon. Games were played and light refreshments were served by the hostess. The little tots enjoyed a fine time.

Mrs. Almira Willard, of Fairhaven, spent several days recently with Mrs. Willis Gooch.

Important Notice.

We have just received a notice from the office of the postmaster general at Washington, in which the new rule governing subscriptions to newspapers is given. Hereafter when a subscriber is one year in arrears or a subscription, the paper cannot be sent until the amount of the arrearage is paid, or a bona fide promise is made to pay. Those whom this concerns will please take notice.

Geo. H. Brown

RELIABLE CLOTHIER. AYER, MASS.

Our Annual Mid-Summer Clearance Sale Begins Saturday, July 27

Big price reductions are now in order on the balance of our Spring and Summer stock of Clothing, Hats and Shoes for Men and Boys.

As you know, it is the well-known policy of this store not to carry goods from one season to the next. We want no "carry-overs." We want to start each season with a fresh, new stock. This is the reason we hold our Clearance Sale just before the end of each season. Here are price reductions that we believe will clean up the balance of our stock of seasonable goods.

Please note that the savings are tangible and worth while, and also remember that our Clothing and Furnishings are of the very best in style and quality.

Here is your opportunity for substantial savings, so look over the list as we are sure that you will be interested.

MEN'S SUITS

The balance of our stock of Fancy Spring and Summer Suits for Men and Boys. The latest styles in Fancy Worsteds and Fancy Mixtures. Not many of a kind, but all sizes in something.

- \$10.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to... **\$7.47**
- \$12.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to... **\$8.47**
- \$15.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to... **\$10.47**
- \$18.00 Fancy Suits, now reduced to... **\$12.47**
- \$20.00 Fancy Suits now reduced to... **\$14.47**

OUTING TROUSERS

Every pair in stock now offered at a reduced price.

- \$2.50 Trousers now reduced to... **\$1.98**
- \$3.00 Trousers now reduced to... **\$2.25**
- \$3.50 Trousers now reduced to... **\$2.50**
- \$4.00 Trousers now reduced to... **\$3.00**

BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS

Ages 4 to 17

The balance of our stock of Spring and Summer Suits for Boys now at reduced prices.

- \$3.50 Suits, Knickerbocker Pants, now **\$2.50**
- \$4.00 Suits, Knickerbocker Pants, now **\$2.98**
- \$5.00 Suits, Knickerbocker Pants, now **\$3.47**
- 4.00 and \$5.00 Suits, with Straight Pants only, and sizes 12 to 16 only, now **\$1.00**

KHAKI SUITS

Ages 4 to 14

- 50c. Khaki Suits, now... **39c**
- \$1.00 Khaki Suits, now... **79c**
- \$1.50 Khaki Suits, now... **\$1.00**

CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS

Ages 4 to 10

- \$1.00 Russian Wash Suits, now reduced to **83c**
- \$1.25 Russian Wash Suits, now reduced to **\$1.00**
- \$1.50 Russian Wash Suits, now reduced to **\$1.19**

MISCELLANEOUS BARGAINS

- Men's Cotton Hose, Black or Tan, a regular 2 Pairs for 25c. grade, now for **9c**
- Men's Police Braces... **15c**
- Men's Police Braces, 50c. quality... **35c**
- Men's President Suspenders, now... **35c**
- Men's Negligee Shirts, a regular 50c. grade, price for this sale... **39c**
- Men's Wash Ties, regular 15c. grade, price for this sale... **7c, 3 for 25c**
- Men's White Handkerchiefs, price for this sale... **3c**

MEN'S WORKING PANTS

- One Lot Men's Pants, \$2.00 Value, now reduced to... **\$1.50**
- One Lot Men's Pants, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Values, now reduced to... **\$1.98**

HAMMOCKS

- \$2.00 Hammocks now reduced to... **\$1.50**
- \$3.00 Hammocks now reduced to... **\$2.00**
- \$4.00 Hammocks now reduced to... **\$3.00**

IMPORTANT NOTICE—This Store will be closed every Thursday at 12 o'clock noon, during July and August.

GEORGE H. BROWN.

STRAW HAT BARGAINS

Every Straw Hat and every Cloth Hat in store is now marked at a cut price.

- 25c. Straw Hats for Men and Boys, now **19c**
- 50c. Straw Hats for Men and Boys, now **39c**
- \$1.00 Straw Hats for Men now reduced to **75c**
- \$1.50 and \$2.00 Straw Hats for Men, now **\$1.00**
- \$2.50 Straw Hats for Men now reduced to **\$1.50**
- 25c. Cloth Hats for Men now... **19c**
- 50c. Cloth Hats for Men now... **39c**
- 25c. Cloth and Straw Hats for Children **19c**
- 50c. Cloth and Straw Hats for Children **39c**
- One Lot Hats for Men, Boys and Children... **10c**

UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

Here are some price reductions on many of our regular lines of Summer Underwear.

- All our 25c. Underwear in Balbriggan or Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers for Men and Boys, price reduced for this sale to... **19c**
- All our 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, price for this sale... **35c**
- All our Porosknit Underwear is now reduced in price for this sale only:
 - 50c. grade of Men's Shirts and Drawers **39c**
 - 25c. grade of Boys' Shirts and Drawers **19c**
 - \$1.00 Union Suits for Men... **79c**
 - 50c. Union Suits for Boys... **39c**

SHOE BARGAINS

Every pair of Tan Oxfords for Men and Boys and also for Women and Children now to go at a cut from regular price.

Also many broken and discontinued lines in Gun Metal, Vici and Patent Oxfords in every department.

MEN'S TAN OXFORDS

- \$3.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to... **\$2.25**
- \$3.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to... **\$2.50**
- \$4.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to... **\$3.00**

Also one lot of broken sizes in Gun Metal and Patent Leather Oxfords and Patent Blucher cut, regular \$3.00 to \$4.00 goods, price cut, to close to **\$1.89**

LADIES' TAN OXFORDS

- \$3.50 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make, now... **\$2.75**
- \$3.00 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make, now... **\$2.25**
- \$2.50 Tan Oxfords now... **\$2.00**
- \$2.50 and \$3.00 Black Vici and Gun Metal Oxfords, discontinued lines, now **\$2.00**

Also Cut prices on the following:

- Boys' Tan Oxfords
- Misses' Tan Oxfords
- Boys' Vici Oxfords
- Children's Tan Oxfords
- Little Men's Tan Oxfords
- Little Men's Vici Oxfords
- Misses' Black Vici Oxfords
- Ladies' Gun Metal Oxfords

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WESTFORD.

Center.
Wm. L. Woods has entered the employment of W. Ward Benjamin & Co., the well-known produce and commission firm of Boston, as a salesman.

Mrs. H. V. Hildreth accompanied Mr. Hildreth on a business trip to New York this week, thereby combining business and pleasure and enjoying a pleasant outing of several days.

Miss Hazel Hartford underwent an operation for the removal of tonsils and adenoid growth Tuesday and has made good recovery back to normal conditions again.

Mrs. George Brockway and daughter, Miss Anna White, were guests at the parsonage this last week. Mrs. Wallace's other sister, Mrs. G. H. Tarleton, and son Grafton returned the first of the week with Mr. Tarleton to their home in Bedford, Ind., after the first two mentioned had spent a number of weeks with eastern relatives.

The ladies of the Congregational church held a meeting last week Friday to make plans and appoint committees for their annual agricultural fair which will be held September 12 and 13. A somewhat earlier date than usual. A good degree of interest was manifested and the affair promises the usual success.

The Westford A. A. scored a victory from the West Chelmsford team last Saturday afternoon on Whitney park, after some of the spectacular playing, with a score of 4 to 3. The home team goes to Townsend this Saturday afternoon in which event there is a keen interest by the members of the team and their friends.

Services were held at the Congregational church last Sunday for the late time before vacation. The trustees decided to begin the pastor's vacation one week earlier than scheduled and to extend it one week longer, making four weeks in all. Services will be resumed, it is expected, August 24. Mr. Wallace has been far from well for some time and with his family has gone to the shores of Long Sought for pond in the northern boundaries of the Frank Hildreth cottage which has been freshly renovated and try the quiet, near to nature sojourn of several weeks, hoping for good results for all concerned.

H. G. Osgood will conduct the union service at the Congregational church next Sunday evening at seven o'clock, with "Common sense in religion," as the subject. Mr. Osgood always conducts a good service and a good attendance is hoped for.

The telephone subscribers are adjusting themselves nicely to the regime of a central exchange and find the service quick, prompt and obliging. A ready co-operation between subscriber and central is essential and one point for the betterment of the service that may not have been mentioned is the assembling of the rings off after each call. The chief operator in Lowell has notified all the local subscribers after finishing a call to give the little crank a turn which signifies to the central operator that the line is free.

The second meeting for July for the grange took place last Thursday evening and was in charge of worthy master, Wm. R. Taylor. After the regular routine of business the formal session was closed and a grange picnic was in order. There were games and stunts of various kinds for which prizes were offered to the winners and the regulation picnic drink of lemonade was served to all.

Tax Statistics.

Supervisor of Assessors Patten, from the State Tax Commission's office, paid one of his periodic visits to our assessors last week Thursday. Among other things he told about a new law enacted by the last legislature whereby the tax commissioner is given authority to compel tax collectors to complete their work with more celerity than many of them have shown in the past. The compulsion is the way of holding the collector or his bondsman financially responsible for uncollected taxes. The collector has to place his bills to the taxpayers of the town this week with statements of each one's indebtedness to the town.

The total tax levy this year is \$34,303.22, on real estate property \$22,302.75, on personal property \$10,704.80, on 705 polls \$1,410, moth assessment \$286.84. The assessors call the taxable real estate in town worth \$1,475,668, the personal property \$672,424, a total valuation of \$2,148,092. They have placed the rate at \$15.10 per thousand. This town's share of the state tax is \$3760, of the county tax \$2063.93, of the state highway tax \$162.50.

About Town.

Judson F. Sweetser is seriously ill at his home on Bear hill in the village of Parkerville. Hardening of the arteries has been assigned as the cause by unprofessional hearsay authority.

Andrew G. Anderson is improving the prospect for several blades of grass where there are now several blades of huckleberry by clearing and plowing the rough pasture near his residence at Brooksideville on the Lowell road. Travelers on the electric car line observe what Swedish industry has done towards changing the landscape from bushes and stone to civilized crops.

Fred I. Snow, who has been living for several years on the Overlook farm on the Toney road, near Long-Sought pond, has moved to his farm place. It is located near the Merrimack river and has summer resort resort.

Alexander Schofield, of Lowell, has moved to Brookside, being roofed at the Brookside mill as machinist. Frank Burnham, of Lynn, who formerly lived in town, has been calling on his invalid mother, Mrs. Eliza J. Whitney, at Parkerville. Both Mrs. and Mrs. Whitney still continue in a helpless condition.

George W. Bussey, who has been a long while on the sick list, has rallied sufficiently to make it look hopeful for a continuation of his many years of struggle.

Those bright spruce farm folks, the Greigs, have been raising strawberries measuring five and one-half inches the circumference distance of the berry. The distance would have been longer had the weather been thoughtful of rain.

The Unitarian church will be closed for the summer vacation until the first Sunday in September.

The first cornudrum of the season reads: "Who is having home grown sweet corn for dinner today?" Some have guessed that it is the Old Oak or Bucket farm folks. It wouldn't be surprising if that was the correct answer.

Amos Polly has just finished stacking a field of winter wheat. Let the wheat market change its market quotations.

If you missed the Middlesex-Central Pomona picnic on Thursday at Worcester, don't miss the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona picnic at Ayer town park on Saturday, July 27.

That little bill of fare which we voted ourselves at the annual town meeting has arrived. It reads \$15.10 on a thousand, ninety cents more than last year. The state made us arise and see increased riches.

Death.

John Haley, who has been ill for several weeks, died at his home on the Stony Brook road last Saturday morning at the age of seventy-eight years. A general break-down incident to old age was assigned as the cause of his death. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1834, and came to America in 1855, and settled in Chelmsford, where he was employed by David Hildreth as cooper in the vineyard business, and later by his son, the late Henry S. Perham, in all about twenty-five years. In 1874, he bought his present cosy sunny farm on Francis hill, and named it the Service farm. He has been living in Westford for thirty-eight years, a peaceful citizen and sympathetic neighbor.

That generous, hearty shake of that strong right arm was charged with something more enduring and valuable than the mere customary "How do you do" formality. It was the liberal hand clasp of love, generosity and charity for his fellow-men and always accompanied by cheerful words and encouraging smiles or hearty Irish laugh. He was tenderly attached to his home and the modern phrase and sentiment "at home" with its limitations, he affectionately lived on the broad, useful basis of always at home, and the writer does not recall when he was absent from his home over night. As neighbors we shall miss that hearty hand shake which toned up the life, that forever good natured smile and hearty laugh, the encouraging and sympathetic words, those were the outward symbols of an affectionate spirit governed by the law of "Love thy neighbor as thyself." A kindly, generous, tolerant old gentleman laid to rest.

The funeral took place from St. John's church, North Chelmsford, on Monday morning, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. The bearers were Daniel H. Sheehan, John H. Keefe, David and Dennis Sullivan. Mr. Haley leaves three children, Mrs. Dennis P. Dailey, of Chelmsford; Miss Margaret E. Haley, of Westford; and Miss Mary A. Haley, of Lowell. A son Henry, and a daughter Anna, died several years ago, and his wife eighteen years ago. Those were sad days for his tender feelings.

Accident.

The Bar Harbor express from New York, via Ayer, struck a meat and provision wagon at West Chelmsford crossing last week Thursday night. Arthur Ingham, of North Chelmsford, who was instantly killed and mutilated to the extent of every bone in his body being broken according to the opinion of medical examiner Meigs, of Lowell. The wagon was easily kindling wood, but the horse escaped unharmed. Just why young Ingham failed to notice the approaching express will never be known, but the most plausible theory advanced seems to involve a combination of circumstances. He had stopped to leave goods at the depot, which hides the view of approaching east-bound trains. The horse was in the habit of starting up when the driver approached the depot, which would deaden the sound of the gong at the crossing and the bell on the engine, which rings a continuous warning. The express was fifteen minutes late and driving at high rate of speed. Thus by this combination it is easy to see why the team was on the track and the element of carelessness not enter into it. The express ran nearly half a mile after the accident before stopping, such was the rate of speed. After reversing, it was a gruesome sight—meat, vegetables, human flesh, splintered wood and twisted iron and money strewn along the track. The scattered remains of young Ingham were gathered onto a stretcher and waited the arrival of the medical examiner. After a long delay the express left for Lowell, and on arrival at that place the engineer was so badly affected by the accident that he was unable to proceed further and a substitute was procured for the run to Bar Harbor. Young Ingham, who was only nineteen years old, was a favorite with his youthful companions in the villages of West and North Chelmsford.

Forge Village.

Rev. A. L. Andrews preached his farewell sermon at St. Andrew's mission last Sunday afternoon. The vicar, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, will officiate on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morris, of Boston, have been the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burnett.

Mrs. Ernest Mountain and little daughter Alice have returned from a pleasant visit at Ware and Bear.

Mrs. Thomas Mann and daughter Nora, of Glassport, Pa., are guests of Mrs. M. A. Lowther.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Leclere are entertaining their little granddaughter, Miss Laura, of Byron.

Mr. Bloodgood, an artist, of New York city, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Goode, at their cottage on the shore of Forge pond. The site and drum corps, formed during the winter by some of the young men of the village, held a dress parade on Tuesday evening and made a fine appearance. They are certainly to be congratulated on the progress they are making, all selections being rendered in an excellent manner.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson are entertaining Miss Abbie M. Blaisdell, of Wamequet.

Miss Theresa V. Lowther entertained the members of her Sunday school class of St. Andrew's mission in Boston and Revere on last Saturday. Those who accompanied Miss Lowther were the Misses Edith Spinner, Lotie and Mildred Parrish, Eliza and Beatrice Homer, Annie and Mary Cherry.

A party of young ladies entertained their friends at camp last Sunday and in spite of the rainy weather all enjoyed a good time. Those who attended were the following young people: Miss Rachel Cherry, Katherine Brown, Ellen Byrnes, Ellen Oldham, Christine Lowther, Nora Mann, Mrs. Arthur B. Parrott, Mrs. James Byrnes, Percy Hargraves, William Deltoehn, Edward Riney.

Work has been begun on the bath houses which are to be erected on the shores of Forge pond. P. Henry Harrington has the work in charge and is rushing the work along so in a short time the village will be the proud possessor of a fine bathhouse.

Graniteville.

W. Carroll Furbush, of the U. S. S. Concord, took a run up from Newport, R. I., where his boat was stationed recently to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Furbush.

John J. Barrett, of Revere, has been a recent visitor in town.

Miss Engla Mattson, who has been at her home in West Graniteville for the past few weeks, has had for Hancock, N. H., last week Friday.

A pleasing incident in connection with the St. John's parish picnic that was held at Nabnasset grove on Saturday last, was the presentation of a purse of gold to Rev. Michael E. Doherty, the former curate of St. Catherine's church here. The purse was a voluntary offering of the parishioners of St. Catherine's church, who have a deep feeling of appreciation for what Mr. Doherty had done during his brief curacy for the parish. They bore their curate for his many fine qualities. The presentation speech was made by J. Omer LeDuc, and Mr. Doherty was deeply touched by the kindness exemplified by his former parishioners in Graniteville and Forge Village.

Mr. Taft, Miss Bowen and Mrs. Prescott, of Long Island City, N. Y., who are now visiting friends in Lowell, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Henry Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. Beebe left here last Monday for Liverpool, N. Y., where they will visit with friends for the next few weeks.

Edward Quinn, a former resident here, but now located in Boston, has been renewing old acquaintances in town this week.

Mrs. Edward DeFore, with her son Gerald, spent the week at Revere Beach.

Miss Mary Dunn, of West Chelmsford, has been a recent visitor in town.

Baseball.

The Graniteville baseball club met at the Union of North Chelmsford at Nabnasset grove last Saturday afternoon and defeated them by the decisive score of 15 to 3. The Graniteville club scored eleven runs in the first inning, three in the second and one in the fifth, taking things easy. This game was never in doubt, as Spinner had the Unions completely at his mercy, only three hits being made off his delivery, and these were few and far between. Bert Riley, of Tyngboro, made his debut in this game and put up a fast article of ball.

The White Sox met the Y. M. C. A. Indians in a Suburban league game at Washington park, Lowell, on last Saturday afternoon, and defeated the Lowell boys by the score of 26 to 6. Five pitchers were used by the Indians, but they failed to stem the tide, once the White Sox got started. The local club is the youngest team in the league and is still leading in the race for first position. McCarthy and Pracknack did the battery work and let it be said in passing that this is the fastest battery in the Suburban league. The White Sox will play the Beacons this Saturday.

SHIRLEY.

Miss Marion Graves, of Lynn, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reynolds at the State Industrial school.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Wilson, of Anniston, Ala., is visiting their son, E. J. Wilson, at his home on Lancaster road.

Harry Annis is visiting relatives in Malden for two weeks.

Anna Lougee is spending a vacation in East Boston.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Bronsden, with son Abbot, start on Monday for Poconset, their summer home, to remain during the month of August.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church will hold their annual meeting on Wednesday, July 31, at their vestry at three o'clock.

The Shirley A. A. baseball team will play the Olympics of Leominster on the Shirley grounds on Saturday afternoon, July 27. Game called at three o'clock. A lively game is anticipated.

Mrs. Herman S. Hazen and Miss Mabel Hazen spent Wednesday at Gloucester.

Mrs. Sarah Crossman is very critically ill with Bright's disease. Mrs. Bruso, the nurse, is in attendance.

Mrs. Walter Knowles, with young daughters, Ethel and Doris, are spending a vacation at Revere Beach with relatives.

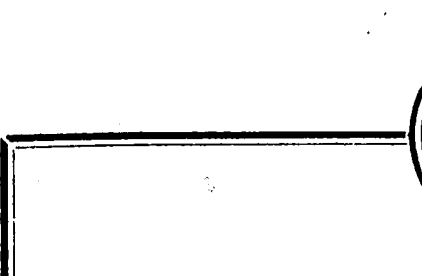
Miss Emma Knowles, in company with a party of friends, went on the Fitchburg grocers' excursion to Boston on Wednesday.

Mrs. McMichael, in company with her nurse, Mrs. E. B. Winterbottom, who has been spending the past two months at her summer cottage in South New Castle, Me., arrived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Allen, on Monday evening. Mrs. McMichael will not return to her summer cottage again this season.

George Hewes, aged twenty years, son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hewes, of Clark road, was arrested Saturday afternoon by Thomas C. Burrill, special officer, for attacking Bernadette Carter, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carter, of Fredonian street. Young Hewes was arraigned in the district court at Ayer, Monday morning, the hearing being private. John M. Maloney, of Ayer, appeared as counsel for Hewes and David I. Walsh, of Fitchburg, represented the plaintiff. A number of girls ranging in age from seven to ten years, testified against Hewes, who was bound over for the grand jury, which convenes at Lowell on September 10. Ball was fixed at \$1000, which was secured by the accused.

Union Picnic.

The Universalist and Congregational churches held their annual picnic at Whalom last Saturday, making the start at nine o'clock in the morning, and returning at six in the evening. A special car was well filled with about one hundred and about a hundred more followed later in the morning. The day being an ideal one,



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everyone attending the picnic had a most enjoyable time. The committee in charge of the day, Elmer H. Allen, superintendent, Mrs. George E. Harlow and Mrs. Harry Collier, had made special arrangements for entertaining throughout the day, boating, bathing, roller coasting and the merry-go-round and bowling being well patronized. Dinner was served at 12:30 under the trees, when everyone present gave praise to the committee in charge for the very substantial dinner served.

In the afternoon a bowling match between the two churches was played. Miss Nan Love captaining the Congregational team and Miss Ruby Felch being the captain for the Universalist. The contest was sharp from start to finish, the Congregational team winning by forty points.

The committee in charge of the picnic included Mrs. Mary M. Nickless, Mrs. Benjamin S. Binney, Mrs. George E. Harlow, Mrs. Harry Collier, Mrs. Alice L. Wright, Elmer H. Allen, Rev. A. A. Bronsden and Joseph H. McClellan. Several members of the Baptist church also enjoyed the day's outing.

Baseball.

In a fast and well-played game on last Saturday, Shirley A. A. defeated Clinton A. A. by a score of 6 to 1. The game from the first was snappy and promised to be a hard fought one. Pelotte was in the box for Shirley and performed in excellent style, allowing only one hit, passing five men and striking out six. In the fifth inning, Cooke made a slashing two-base hit, knocking in two runs and later scoring on Tudsbury's two-base hit.

A feature of the game was the double play in the sixth, Connors to Collier to Connors. In the fourth, Collier and Brasseur worked a clever double steal. The game was marred by only one thing, which was a small attendance. The management is certainly not to carry on the games unless supported by the townspeople and failure to do so will mean a discontinuation of the games.

Elword, of the visitors, got the only run, and Davidson the only hit. Moran at short did some excellent work in the field. The summary:

SHIRLEY A. A.		CLINTON A. A.	
ab	rb	ab	rb
Sibley, 2b.....	4 2 0 2 0 0 6	Elword, rf.....	3 1 0 0 0 0 0
Cooke, c.....	2 2 1 1 0 0 0	Murphy, c.....	4 0 0 8 1 0 0
Connors, 3b.....	4 0 0 1 3 1 0	Smart, 3b.....	3 0 0 1 3 1 1
Collier, 1b.....	4 0 0 1 1 1 0	McGinn, p.....	4 0 0 2 3 1 0
Tudsbury, rf.....	4 0 1 0 0 0 0	Davidson, lf.....	4 0 1 0 0 0 0
Brasseur, c.....	3 1 1 6 2 2 0	Ruby, 1b.....	4 0 0 0 1 1 1
Jackson, lf.....	4 0 0 1 7 1 1	Windle, cf.....	3 0 0 0 1 1 1
Weeks, ss.....	4 1 1 2 1 2 3	McDonald, 2b.....	3 0 0 1 0 1 1
Totals.....	32 6 7 27 13 6	Totals.....	30 1 12 10 5

Two-base hits—Cooke, Connors, Collier, Tudsbury, Jackson. Sacrifice hits—Jackson, Smart. Stolen bases—Collier, Connors. Double play—Connors to Collier to Connors. Left on bases—Shirley 7, Clinton 5. Bases on balls—By Pelotte 2, McGinn 2. Hit by pitcher—Collier. Struck out—By Pelotte 6, McGinn 5. Wild pitch—Pelotte. Time—1 hr. 40m. Umpire—Wheeler.

Death.

Mrs. Katherine Theresa O'Neil, wife of Dennis O'Neil, passed away at her home on Front street on Monday evening from the effects of Bright's disease and heart trouble. After an illness of a few months, surrounded by her family who had all been summoned to her bedside, the end was calm and peaceful.

The funeral was held on Thursday morning with service being held in St. Anthony's church, Rev. E. H. Cote officiating. The pall bearers were P. J. Flynn, of Boston; P. J. O'Neil, of Fitchburg, and J. F. O'Neil, John Flynn, William J. Flynn and Jeremiah H. Flynn, of Shirley. Burial was in the family lot at St. Mary's cemetery, Ayer.

Mrs. O'Neil was born in Bondville, near Holyoke, fifty-six years ago, and came to Shirley when quite a young girl. She was married to Dennis O'Neil in Ayer, thirty years ago. Three children—two boys and one girl—was born to them, Josephine the daughter, dying when twelve years of age.

Mrs. O'Neil was much devoted to her home and family, and was highly respected by the townspeople. She was born to them, Josephine the daughter, dying when twelve years of age. Mrs. O'Neil was much devoted to her home and family, and was highly respected by the townspeople. She was born to them, Josephine the daughter, dying when twelve years of age.

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Mr. and Mrs. Counce, of Stoneham, are guests at the home of Mrs. S. A. Burnham at Woodsville.

Dr. Fuller, of Boston, spent the week-end as a guest of his brother, Howard Fuller.

Miss Rae S. Carpenter returned last week after spending several weeks with relatives at Sandwich.

Miss Dorothy Hopkins, of Boston, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton over the week-end.

A party of sixteen women and children, from Roxbury, arrived at the Mary Anna home last week for a two-weeks' outing.

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Rev. William Ware Locke, of Boston, will preach at the First Parish church on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

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A Memorial of Love.

The following sermon, preached by Rev. John E. Whitley at the Congregational church on Sunday, July 14, was prompted by the gift of a memorial organ to that church by Augustus Lovejoy in memory of his wife:

Wherever this gospel shall be preached, that which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. Mark 11:9.

The incident from which our text is taken, occurred during the last days of our Lord's life. Jesus was at the house of Simon in Bethany, when a woman came with a costly box of ointment and anointed with the rich perfume the head of Jesus. Some standing near were indignant at the waste of the precious ointment and said: "Why could not the money spent for this ointment have been used for the poor?" To which she replied: "Let her alone, why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. The poor ye have always with you and whenever ye will ye may do them good, but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could, and then comes the word of our text: 'And then I say unto you, whosoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.'"

This beautiful story opens up the subject of memorials for our meditation in worship in any town or city, especially where a healthy public spirit is seen and felt, we are constantly reminded of some heroic and unselfish deed or monument or a granite boulder with inscriptions.

1. Memorials of physical strength. While nature is a stupendous and wonderful yet to complete nature the man's hand is needed. The cultivated garden in which there is a great variety of flowers is a more beautiful sight than the scene of wild flowers in the wilderness. Trees and fruits under cultivation and made amenable to the use of man, are not only more beautiful but are serviceable. By the understanding of nature's laws, and working in harmony with them, man completes the work. The physical strength of man is seen in the great pyramids of Egypt, the Ching wall and other massive structures which are monuments to the skill and strength and physical endurance of man. The great canals of the world, the tunnelling of the high mountains, and the wonderfully constructed bridges and the use of the mechanical man's supremacy over nature, and in a way have made nature more serviceable to the human race.

Then again, noted buildings of hotels, as well as institutions of learning bear family names. In these days of prosperity what number of libraries, missions, schools, hospitals and social settlements are named after philanthropists and princely givers. Memorials of war recall the achievements and bravery of soldiers on land or sea. Such monuments erected as they are public squares, remind the passer-by every hour of the day and night, of the devotion of the men in gray as well as of the men in blue. The harder and more solid the material, and the more granite-like the substance, the longer will the memory of by-gone days be perpetuated.

2. Memorials of the mind. The memorials that are composed of granite and marble impart the lessons of personal achievement and heroic and patriotic service, through the eye. Light is used and impressions are conveyed to the brain. The mind has its memorials. If men live in the memory of what they have done, they are accomplished by physical means, endurance and skill of hand, there are giant intellects that have left to all time wonderful memorials of the mind.

Someone has said that there is nothing great in man but mind. The classic literature of the ages and the scientific researches of the ages are the mind. Homer's Iliad and Odyssey, the epics of Virgil, the Iliad, the Divina Commedia, Milton's Paradise Lost, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Cervantes' Don Quixote, Shakespeare's plays, Bacon's essays, Longfellow's poems and Emerson's essays are evidences of mental concentration and effort. Christopher Wren's name will always be associated with the cathedral of London. Copernicus is remembered in his master thought that the sun is the center of the heavenly bodies of the solar system, and that the earth and planets revolve around the sun. Galileo's name is closely connected with the science of astronomy. He constructed the first telescope—a piece of lead pipe with a lens set at each end, and with this simple instrument discovered the mountains on our moon, and spots on the sun. When a youth of twenty-four, with his scientific eye and scientific mind, he endeavored to see the apple fall to the ground nearby, and from this simple observation, his scientific mind conceived the mighty law of gravitation. Franklin and Edison and Marconi, because of their discoveries and inventions, will long be remembered. Something thought out and well planned and executed perpetuates the memory of the deed.

3. Memorials of love. Our meditation thus far has led us to the highest and purest type of memorials, the memorials of love. Here we enter into the realm of all that is good, and true and beautiful. It is the realm of the soul. The memorials of love are as much in evidence as are the other kind. Let us recall the family at Bethany where lived the brother and two sisters. Here we find that these were ordinary and obscure lives scarcely known outside of a small circle of friends. They were persons of no great intellect and with no conspicuous ability. Limited as their influence was, there were no special attractions in their lives. Their appearances were to pass into oblivion, unheard of and unremembered. But something happened. Jesus, the lover of all souls, entered that home and change comes. The spirit of the man enters each life and a transformation takes place. The new life of humanity shows itself and a better appreciation of one another is felt, the common and trivial tasks are made so much more in the new light and life.

"The trivial round, the common task, Will furnish all we need to ask: Room to deny ourselves a road To bring us nearer to God."

Instead of murmur and fretting there is praise and severity. There is song in that home, and instead of performing the daily duties with the thought: "I have to do it, love sets the pace. Joy and delight come as each member of the family now works for the new circumstances. In her ordinary circumstances, did all that she could, and she never expected that simple act of affectionate adoration would be heralded twenty centuries afterwards. The influence of that ordinary Christian family abides. The commandments of that home used to be negative: "Thou shalt not." The first commandment, now is: "Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart and mind and strength, and thy neighbor as thyself." It is easy to do things when we love to do them. It is easy to give of our best to the master when we love.

This simple act of love is beyond criticism. It cannot be measured by any earthly standard. Let worldly men and inconsiderate people be indignant. Let Judas figure out what it costs. Such need not deter any one who has received spiritual help and strength from the gospel of Christ, to living and offer to God of the best possible. In comparison with the great gifts of religious and educational work of our day, Mary's gift is insignificant in value. But the motive that prompts the gift for spiritual value is the true one. Her heart was filled with gratitude for what the gospel of love had done for her. She received the gift of love and at the opportune time she gave the gospel of love. She received the best and gave the best in return.

She did what she could, and angels could do no more.

It is an example of pure giving. The price of the best is always high. We possess as much religion as we pay for it in spiritual coin. What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Self-denial and sacrifice are elements in pure giving. Spiritual returns and rewards are commensurate with the sure in religion as commercial returns are in business. Whatsoever a man sows shall he also reap. The higher values of life are the abiding and permanent ones. The heart follows the hand, and as the hand is attracted by the magnet, and as the sunflower turns towards the sun. When the heart eagerly yearns for the riches of the gospel of love no sacrifice is too great.

What a beautiful example we have in the Old Testament, in the case of the manly love between David and Jonathan. They made a covenant and their comradeship was sweet. We are told that Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he wore and gave it to David and his princely garment even to his sword and bow and girdle. Jonathan surrendered all because he loved David as his own soul, and David in that splendid eulogy over Jonathan, said: "Thy love to me was wonderful."

True love is no dreamy experience, but a pure craving to serve and to bring joy to the desolate and to rendering a service, giving a helping hand, comforting the sorrowing and truly making an universal appeal. True love goes about doing good among the fellows. It is such a gospel that lives to another, it is a living memorial.

Then again, this simple act of love is connected with the gospel. Wherever the gospel shall be preached, the whole world this what this woman memorial of her. This pure love shall become part of the gospel. It carries the good tidings wherever man is found. No country anywhere, but what shall hear of the good news of the man who surrendered all, out of his heart of pure love, to the service of God. The account of it is in God's heart, the story of it is in the gospel of the New Testament, and it is constantly making an universal appeal to all mankind. It was a prophetic utterance on the part of Christ, but it is fulfilled. Everywhere where the gospel has been preached brings forth a Mary of Bethany.

A wellspring of human kindness has often been discovered in the heart of a heathen country. Men and women made the message of the gospel of love and the message of love in cases consecrated themselves for Christian service to bring light and peace and joy to their people.

The story never grows old because it is the story of God's love, and forever free and boundless and infinite human. A prisoner, after his confinement, wrote on the walls of his cell these words:

"Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God would drain The ocean dry, Nor could the scroll contain the whole. Though stretched from sky to sky."

General Booth once said: "There is no religion that is righteous, but that is the one that bids us love our fellowmen. Love finds its best expression not in words, but in deeds."

The spirit of our text has been brought close home to us these days. Our church received the glad message of a gift of a new pipe organ on Easter Sunday. During these weeks that have intervened between then and now, our hearts have been glad in the anticipation of the memorial organ. The plan of many years ago at last been realized. The organ has been installed and dedicated to its use in public worship. It is a memorial of love. The motive that prompted the gift was love. Because it was so prompted the organ will connect itself with the church and true and beautiful. The church will be more to the families of the parish and community as the music of joy and peace and love is sent forth by the skilled hand and mind, the message of the gospel will find an entrance in the heart of every worshiper. This memorial will give out in soft and tender tones, appealing to all, comforting the weak, and giving inspiration to young and old alike, the truths of the gospel.

In years to come, boys and girls who busy with schoolwork, and yet in the formative period of life, are forming the habit of church-going, these will never forget the hymn going, music of the church. The young people who are actively engaged in daily pursuits, and who eagerly seek the ennobling and refining influence of Christian men and women within the church, and who desire to develop the days of youth a church conscience, these young people will be helped and encouraged to all that is best by the hymns and music of the house of God.

The hard working men and women, who by brain and hand labor lose so much of their vitality in the strain of toil and the fret of care, and who are shouldering the responsibilities of life, men and women will come to the house of God for comfort and strength and inspiration in song and prayer and meditation.

Church music will also impart its comfort and hope to the aged whom God has led through varying experience in this earthly life, and who look forward with hope to the future, radiant with heavenly blessings. Leading that he who has led, will still lead into dawn, and the morning of bright eternity, and the master of us all, welcomes to be with Him in the house of many mansions.

The church is for all and invites every soul to come and worship God in Spirit and in truth. The church, with its spires pointing heavenward and the deep-toned bell sounding on the morning and evening air, calls attention to something greater than worldly pursuits and more precious than material gain. The gospel bell every Sabbath is proclaiming in dissonant tones what doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul.

Men are invited to a rest of conscience and peace, which the world cannot give nor take away and to learn the secret of a happy and contented life. And in no small way will this gift, which is a memorial of love, help to impart the message of the gospel to every worshiper.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Rev. H. A. G. Abbe, of Brockton, preached at the Congregational church last Sunday morning. He chose for his text "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever."

The copious rain on Sunday no doubt prevented some from attending church, or at least gave them a good excuse for remaining at home, but it did a world of good, nevertheless, thoroughly watering the thirsty earth, causing vegetation to rejoice and be glad, and all gardens seemed to take a new lease of life and are growing finely. There is a good prospect of good crops if frost does not come too early.

Miss Alice R. Keese, of Lowell, is in town for her annual summer vacation, and will make her home with Misses Helen and Frances Jones as usual. Miss Keese has spent the first part of her vacation at Locke Island in Lake Winnepesaukee. She expects to return to her school in Lowell in September.

Several of our citizens took advantage of the grocers' excursion on Wednesday and visited Plymouth.

Isaac M. Woolson, of Northfield, Narrows, N. H., is at his farm in town

and with several other men are making hay while the sun shines. He had a large crop of it and his barn will be well filled.

T. B. Snow, of Lunenburg, and B. A. Kingsley, of North Leominster, are taking a few days' recreation at Lake Winnepesaukee. They went by automobile as far as Nashua, N. H., Carl Brown, their chauffeur, and conveying them in his new car. Mrs. Olive (Hodgdon) Hartwell, Mrs. Snow's daughter, of Gardner, is company for Mrs. Snow during the absence of Mr. Snow.

A little daughter came to the home of Walter L. Burnapp on last Sunday. She weighed eleven pounds.

The committee having charge of the repairs upon the Congregational parsonage have begun their work. The three chimneys were re-built last week, and on Monday morning work was begun upon the roof, which will all be newly shingled. The house will then be re-painted and hardwood floors laid inside and thoroughly renovated.

Work upon the artesian well, which workmen, under the direction of Jas. L. Starr, of Pepperell, have been driving for Emerson W. Baker, was finished on Tuesday having reached a depth of one hundred feet, through solid rock nearly all the way.

Special Town Meeting.

Much interest is felt in the special town meeting to be held in the town hall on this Saturday evening, and it is hoped there will be a large attendance of voters as the town is asked to appropriate the largest sum ever called for at a special town meeting or any other for any single object. The warrant contains the following articles:

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to authorize the road commissioners to macadamize Lake avenue, from Leominster line to Whalom road and Whalom road from Lake avenue to the driveway into the residence of W. C. Johnson, or act anything thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$9000 in addition to the \$1000 appropriated at a former meeting, for the purpose of macadamizing Lake avenue and Whalom road from the Leominster line to the driveway at the W. C. Johnson residence, or act anything thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to use the No. 2 schoolhouse in erecting a building for the fire wagon, or act anything thereon.

Old Home Week Program.
The following is the program for Old Home week:

Sunday, July 23—Union service in the Methodist church at 10:45 a. m. in charge of Rev. George R. Moody. Order of service: Organ voluntary; hymn, "Sabbath morn"; apostle's creed; prayer; hymn, "H. Adams"; hymn, "Patriotic chorus"; scripture reading; scripture lesson; offertory solo, Miss Helen Moody; sermon, Rev. Dr. Franklin Hamilton; hymn, "Faith of our fathers"; benediction.

Monday, July 24—In the evening a service will be held at the Congregational church, 7:45. Program: Organ voluntary; scripture lesson; anthem, "Holy art thou"; prayer; hymn, "Rock of ages"; Dudley Buck; address, "Education," Dr. Hamilton; hymn, "Best be the tie"; benediction.

Tuesday, July 25—Visitors will please register in the selectmen's room in the lower town hall as early as possible.

At ten o'clock a baseball game on Burnapp's field. From twelve to one o'clock, lunch in the vestry of the Congregational church.

At 1:30 o'clock, exercises in the Congregational church. Program: Prayer; address of welcome, President James A. Litchfield; song, Miss Florence Hersom; address, "Rural life," Miss H. Batchelder, of Fitchburg; short speeches by visitors.

Reunion of school districts on the church lawn at the close of the exercises. Open-air concert by the Lunenburg military band.

At one o'clock, athletics in the village square: 100 yd. dash, running high jump, running broad jump, shot put and 100 yd. walk. Prizes of \$1.50 and twenty-five cents awarded for each event.

At 2:15, a baseball game will be played on Burnapp's field, sports in charge of the Lunenburg A. A. At three o'clock, a social banquet will be served in the upper and lower town halls. Short speeches by invited guests and former residents. At eight o'clock, open-air concert by the band.

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GROTON.

News Items.

Another of the popular concerts by the Groton Cornet band will be given on this Saturday evening with the following program:

- March, "Our glorious flag" Rosenbram
Selection, "The spring-time" Rembrandt
"Rag time violin" Berlin
"Traveller waltz" Verdi

Mrs. W. A. Moore is getting better from the attack of neuralgia which has kept her for several days from her duties at the store.

Lawrence Brooks, white driving, and a team with a load of wood, which was driven by one of the workmen on his farm, collided somehow one day last week. Mr. Brooks' carriage was over-turned, but he escaped injury.

Mrs. George M. Howe left on Wednesday for Mere Point, Me., where the family have a cottage and spend their summer vacation.

Charles H. Torrey, John Condon, Thomas Gilson, Warner Southern and Charles H. G. A. R. veterans of Groton, attended the funeral of their comrade, George Hutchinson, at Littleton, on Wednesday afternoon.

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Charles Martin, of New York city, is here collecting data in reference to the Ward family of America.

Herbert C. Rockwood has just sold his farm, which is situated on the road from Groton to West Groton, to George Clark of Shelburne Falls.

private school for boys at Charleston, S. C. For three years previously he was principal of Lawrence.

Beginning on August 4, meetings will be held every Sunday afternoon during the month of August in the Chicopee Row schoolhouse.

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Mr. Hutchinson was born in Westford seventy-four years ago last October. The greater part of his life he was engaged in farming.

In 1868, he married Miss Annie Foley, of Littleton, and to them were born six children—George, of Patterson N. J.; Annabel (Mrs. Irving Smith), of Littleton; and Edwin, of Littleton, Emma and John living at home, and Augusta J., of Boston.

The deceased enjoyed life and made it pleasant for those by whom he was surrounded. He was a quiet, home-loving person, devoted especially to the comfort of his wife and children.

During the latter part of his life he reflected and talked much of war days and frequently reviewed with his old friends of '61, the stirring experiences of the battle field.

He became afflicted with the present disease, Rev. Paul M. Hillman, pastor of the M. E. church, took a kindly interest in the case and accompanied the unfortunate man to Lynn, where he has friends, the expenses of the year, being covered by local sympathizers. Barnes' actions, as indicated very plainly that he was a man of refinement.

Frank J. Daley, of Shirley, and Richard Cooper, of Pepperell, appeared in court on last Saturday morning to answer to charges of disturbing the peace.

George Hewes, of Shirley, was arraigned on a serious charge in the second session of court on Monday morning. Probable cause was found to hold for the grand jury in \$1000 bonds.

Charles A. Barrett was fined fifty dollars on a continued case of violation of liquor law on Monday morning. The fine was paid.

Orrin J. Williams of Pepperell pleaded guilty to fast and reckless driving of a horse in that town last Monday, and in court on Wednesday morning was fined ten dollars.

Jeremiah Sullivan of Pepperell pleaded not guilty to a charge of assaulting a woman on Wednesday morning. He was found guilty and the case was placed on file upon the payment of expenses of the case amounting to \$3.75.

In last week's issue under the court record, it was stated that Myron L. Littlefield, of Buxborough, was before the court for assault and battery. The name should be Myron L. Wetherbee.

Following is a list of taxpayers paying fifty dollars or over:

- Samuel J. Andrew, \$60.44
Warren H. Atwood, trustee, 62.20
Warren H. Atwood, 83.44
Warren H. Atwood and John W. Maloney, trustees, 62.29
Ayer Ice Company, 141.40
Susan M. Barker, 58.17
George W. Barrett, 60.79
Ulysses H. Barrows, 52.12
Eugene Barry, 111.19
Frank S. Barry & Son, 62.01
J. Barry & Co., 60.86
Frank S. Bennett, adm., 129.09
Frank S. Bennett, 84.65
John E. Bunker, 67.85
George H. Brown, 366.71
William Brown, 176.82
John R. Brown, 176.82
Joseph E. Bulkeley, 65.28
Syrina B. Bulkeley, 65.33
George J. Burns, 143.92
Elizabeth B. Burns, 119.01
Thomas Burns, 52.67
Alice F. Butterfield, 80.95
John C. Carney, ex., 51.01
Kate C. Carney, 51.01
Central Real Estate Association, 225.99
Chandler, 89.50
Daniel L. Chandler, 82.65
A. W. and Marie Clark, trustees, 52.36
Narcisse Corneille, 55.98
Althea C. Corner, 62.01
Sarah M. Davis, 80.65
Daniel Dickinson, 124.91
Patrick Donohue, 60.78
P. Donlon & Co., 65.78
Albert B. Downing, 98.66
William H. Dudley, 127.70
Zudora S. Draper, ex., 112.07
Mary J. Farr, 119.82
George E. Felch, 147.42
Arthur Ferner, trustee, 61.74
Daniel W. Fletcher, 472.50
Fletcher Brothers, 118.26
Charles F. Fletcher, 77.26
Sarah M. Fletcher heirs, 54.59
Charles B. Gilson, 72.28
Lena Graydon, 40.46

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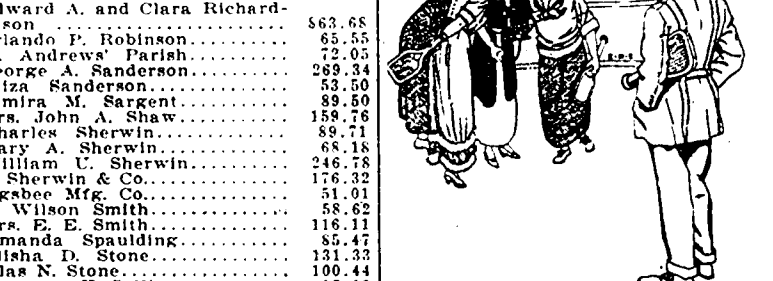
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Saturday, July 27, 1912.

AYER.

News Items.

Leroy Smith, of this town, has been secured as the vocal soloist for the sunset religious meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Whalom boathouse on Sunday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock.

An important meeting of the official board of the Methodist church will be held in the vestry of the church at 8.30 o'clock this Friday evening.

One of the Italian section men, of which James Smith, of Littleton, is foreman, had his right leg quite badly injured while at work here last Saturday by a railroad falling upon it.

Nomination papers have been filed with Guy E. Remick, town clerk, for Chester B. Williams, of Wayland, for county commissioner, and for Joseph O. Hayden, of Somerville, for county treasurer.

Quite a number of people from here enjoyed the excursion to Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H., last Wednesday.

Joseph Dot, late of Alland Brothers' shop in Boston, is the new barber at the shop of Joseph C. Anno.

Charles W. Mason, Mrs. D. W. Mason and her mother, Mrs. Mary L. Conner, left on Wednesday for Mr. Mason's summer home in Centre Harbor, N. H.

Mrs. Charles Nourse, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frederick Russo, left on Tuesday for her home in Waltham. She and Mr. Nourse visited in Winchendon before coming here, he having left for his home in Waltham before her.

Howard B. Richardson, of Washington, D. C., is visiting relatives in town this week.

Mrs. Hattie Gardner, of Acton, visited her sister, Mrs. Ella F. Hovey, on Monday this week.

P. D. Sampson, a former well-known business man, was in town on Friday of this week and called on old friends. Mr. Sampson was engaged in the clothing business for himself, and later was associated with George H. Brown, under the name of Sampson & Brown. His home is in Natick.

Mrs. Arthur Thurston, of Fall River, former of Ayer, and son George, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown at their cottage at Sandy pond. Mrs. Thurston is better known here as Miss Ruth Allen, daughter of Rev. George H. Allen, at one time a pastor of the local Baptist church.

Mrs. Charles Harris and daughter Dorothy are spending a vacation at Old Orchard Beach, Me.

Mrs. Elsie and Esther Smith, of Nashua street, are visiting relatives in Lynn.

James I. Mills returned last week Friday from a visit to his old home in Moncton, N. B.

Mrs. Lewis G. Robbins is visiting her parents at Andover.

John H. McGuane was thrown from a bicycle as a result of collision with another bicycle on Groton road on Monday night, and received a broken collar bone.

Miss Florence J. Richardson spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Alden Hefer, of Hyde Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Whitcomb returned on Monday from a vacation at York Beach, Me.

Harbinger lodge, K. of P., will observe ladies' night on next Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Bartlett and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton J. Bartlett and their families left on Wednesday for Rindge, N. H., where they will camp out.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davis, of Cleveland, Ohio, returned home on Wednesday after visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles E. Stone.

Lyman J. Taylor and family went on the excursion to Lake Winnepesaukee on Wednesday.

Mrs. James Atwood, of De Moines, Ia., is at the home of Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood for an extended visit.

Rev. and Mrs. William G. Thayer and children, of Southboro, are at Dark Harbor, Me., for the summer vacation.

Miss Lottie V. Stuart, of Boston, spent her vacation in Maine, taking a trip through Sebago and Long lakes, spending two weeks in Harrison among the hills, and on Songo river. Miss Stuart returned by way of Portland and Ayer, and was the guest of her father, G. W. Stuart, on Sunday.

Miss Stuart has a fine position as stenographer and typewriter in Boston.

The sermon on "The second fiddle," which unavoidable circumstances made it impossible for the pastor to preach at the Methodist church last Sunday morning, will be given this Sunday at 10.45. The subject of the prayer meeting at 7.30 on Friday evening will be Watt's hymn, "When I survey the wondrous cross."

John L. Kennison, John H. Hooley, Herbert G. Whitney and Leroy C. Smith took the civil service examination at Fitchburg last Saturday for the position of male clerk in the Ayer postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown and Mrs. Charles Barlow left Tuesday for Cookshire, P. Q., to attend the funeral of Alden Learned, an old friend. Mr. Learned conducted a hotel for many years. They expect to reach home Friday or Saturday of this week.

Harbinger lodge, K. of P., conferred the rank of Esquire on two candidates at the regular meeting on Monday evening.

Mr. Hutchinson was a veteran of the civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Cole and daughter, Flora Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyle and Miss Helen Hardy took a trip to Provincetown on Monday.

The George J. Burns hook and ladder company were out for practice on Thursday evening.

Howard D. Bowles is having the cellar put in for his new house on Nashua street. D. C. Smith is doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Burgess spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parkhurst at West Groton.

In the article in last week's paper regarding the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the battle of Gettysburg, the fact was unintentionally omitted that H. H. Phillips, of this town, who fought in the battle was first lieutenant in the Third Vermont infantry, having risen from private.

Herbert O. Craig moved into the tenement in D. W. Fletcher's house on West street recently vacated by Martin W. Sargent and family last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Libby, of Portland, Me., visited friends in town this week. Mrs. Libby was formerly Miss Edith Perry, of this town.

The Ayer Branch Woman's Alliance will have their annual outing at Whalom on Wednesday, July 31. The members will leave here on the ten o'clock electric car in the morning. Directly after lunch, at two o'clock, a business meeting will be held.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley brought Edward E. Warren to the Worcester infirmary on Wednesday for observation by the doctors connected with the institution.

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Lawrence and child left on last Sunday for Higgins Beach, North Portland, Me., where they will remain for two weeks.

Miss Laura Osborne, who is employed as forelady at the Sigbee Co., returns on Saturday from a three-weeks' vacation spent with her mother in Camden, Me.

Mrs. George L. Osgood returned on Monday night from Sullivan, Me., where she has been visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Osgood intend to return back to the first of their extended visit, going in their automobile.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending July 22: Timothy E. Flarity, R. Masley & Sons, Lawrence, Morgan.

Baseball. For the second time in nine years the Harvard baseball team defeated the Ayer A. A. at the town park last Saturday afternoon by a score of 6 to 4. Ayer outbatted the opposing team and its pitcher had the most strikeouts, but the errors of the local team were more costly than those of their opponents, which accounts for the loss of the game by the home team.

Harvard started off with two runs in the first inning. Two more were added in the sixth, and the same number in the eighth, for a total of six. Ayer was blanked in the first two innings, scored one in the third, two in the eighth and one in the ninth for a total of four. At different times during the game the local team had a chance of making the necessary number of runs to win but through unfortunate circumstances the needed tallies were not forth-coming.

Both teams batted well and the Ayer were kept busy getting after the Harvard team. The Harvard team was caught at first base by the noted hidden ball trick which was successfully used for the third time this season, the other two times being in the morning game on the Fourth of July between the business men's team and the professional men's team.

A good-sized crowd came over from Harvard to see their team win the game. In justice to the local team it may be said that the game was arranged on such short notice that the manager was unable to get the regular players together and was obliged to use substitutes in place of the men who failed to appear.

Annual Outing. The members of the George J. Burns hook and ladder company enjoyed a fishing trip down Boston harbor last week Friday. The total catch of the party was eighty-three fish. George W. Pillsbury won the pool for catching the largest fish, which was a rock cod weighing fifteen pounds. Harry Lufkin took the pool for the largest number caught, his tally being twenty-one blue backs. Eryon had the most sign of sea sickness developed. Those comprising the party were Stanley Cotton, capt.; Joseph Kyle, 1st lieut.; Alfred Olick, 2d lieut.; Howard M. Beverly, clerk; G. O. Pillsbury, A. Paul Pillsbury, E. B. Lewis, R. E. Munroe, H. Parkin, Hartwell Kidder, steward, Robert H. Irwin, H. W. Winslow, Avery Smith. The party departed for the journey on Friday with thirteen members.

Facts That Are So. In the fifth edition of the Boston American of Monday evening there appeared a story of the fire with bold headlines which created a good deal of interest among the people generally. In this account the paper stated that forty men and women escaped by jumping from windows of the third story wooden lodging house on Main street, and that one of the lodgers, a blind man, was taken unconscious from a second story window; that Henry Giles (meaning Henry Gilson), was at the Ayer hospital seriously injured as a result of a leap from the third story window, and that there were forty lodgers in the building at the time, nearly all of whom escaped by jumping. The story also stated that Warren was revived at the hospital after being overcome by the smoke; that the fire started in two other three-story structures; that the damage was \$6000, and that Louis Savall had come from Ayer Junction on a visit to Ayer.

Deceased. Last Sunday evening at her home on Columbia street and after a final illness of two months, occurred the death of the age of seventy-five years of Mrs. Henrietta S. Roe. The deceased was a native of North Leominster, where she was born October 3, 1836. On October 6, 1853, she married James M. Roe of Worcester, who served during the Civil war in the 1st regt. M. V. M., dying in Ayer July 29, 1877.

Mrs. Roe leaves one daughter, Miss Nettie B. Roe of this town and one son, Mrs. Mary L. Walker of St. Paul, Minn., who was in Massachusetts and able to be present at the funeral service.

By her long residence in Ayer, Mrs. Roe had won many friends. For twenty years she was a member of the Woman's Relief corps, attending its meetings until detained by failing health and for several years serving

as chaplain of the corps. She was also a charter member of the Ayer Woman's club and a member of the Unitarian parish.

Funeral services were held at her late residence on Monday afternoon, the service being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Dr. Richmond Fisk, who also performed the committal service in Woodlawn cemetery. The bearers were Geo. G. Puffer, D. H. Dickinson, E. D. Martell and Francis Lovejoy, all members of Post 48, G. A. R.

Funeral. The funeral of Lewis G. Saboll, who was fatally burned in the fire in Harlow & Parsons block on Sunday night, was held on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Services were held at St. Mary's church, conducted by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. The bearers were Calixte Girard, of Ayer, Amos Martin, Peter Boucher, Frank Boucher, Alexander Glonet, all of Shirley, and Louis Boucher, of Leominster. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mr. Saboll was a native of St. Catharines, Canada, where he was born on November 14, 1861, and had lived here since a boy. He leaves a widow, a brother, Albert Saboll, of Shirley; a sister, Mrs. Emma Girard, of Ayer, and a daughter, Mrs. Lewis Giddings, of Leominster.

Mr. Saboll was well-known in this and surrounding towns, and his tragic death was a great shock to his relatives and friends.

To the Editor: Our chief of police is to be commended for his action in regard to automobiles traveling without lights at night. In your last issue, but why does he advertise that he is going to do to autos and not make his statement regarding teams, as they are far more numerous and the law applies to them as well as autos? Treat us all alike chief. Auto.

Fire. A fire that for a time threatened to destroy several business blocks on Main street and caused the loss of one life, broke out in the rear of the second story of Harlow & Parsons' block shortly after eleven o'clock last Sunday night.

When the firemen arrived in response to the alarm from box 13, the flames had become so threatening that it was impossible to save the building. The fire was spreading rapidly, but the well-directed work of the firemen, with the splendid water pressure and the assistance of a powerful chemical engine soon brought the fire under control, although a body of a man, afterwards identified as Lewis G. Saboll, in the rear upper rooms. Medical Examiner Frank S. Bulkeley, who happened to be at the fire, was notified of the fire and viewed the body, after which it was removed to the undertaking rooms of W. Wright & Son. The remains were in such a condition that it required considerable time before they were identified. The body was examined afterward pronounced the death due to accidental asphyxiation.

An unusual feature of the battle to subdue the fire was the assistance given the firemen by an auto chemical engine which happened to be in town when the fire broke out. The chemical was in charge of E. Hardy Mitchell, of Boston, and three assistants. The machine had been charged on July 4, and this was the first time it was used. The machine was being taken from Boston to Montpelier, Vt., where it was to be demonstrated. The party reached here with the machine, which they put up at Proctor's garage for the night, about eleven o'clock. Upon hearing the fire alarm they started out in their machine. Connection was made with the hose and the value of the power machine was soon apparent. The assistance and good will of the men in charge of the machine were much appreciated and they were given praise from all. The machine was furnished by the Webb Auto Truck Co., Boston.

In spite of all efforts that could be made to find out the origin of the fire, it still remains a mystery so far as the investigators are concerned. The fire started in the rear of the second story at about 11.15 o'clock. Chief Beatty passed the building on his beat at 11.08, and at that time following the usual suspicious characters who were about town and overlook them in the railroad yard near the over-head bridge. After getting their stories they were allowed to depart. The chief then turned and started to come back, when he discovered the fire in the block.

Before he reached the scene of the fire someone rang in the alarm. When the chief arrived he attempted to get into the second story by way of the front stairs in order to see that all the occupants were out of danger. When he reached the top of the stairs the inside of the building was afire and there was a flash of flame such as that which follows an explosion, which drove him part way down the stairs. Another simultaneous flash followed when the attempt was made to play the hose from that point.

After the fire the chief made an investigation as to what took place in the building before the time of the fire. As near as can be learned, Edward E. Warren, Charles A. Barrett and Lewis G. Saboll, who lost his life in the fire, went fishing during the afternoon and returned to Warren's room in the rear of the second story at 6.30 o'clock that evening. They remained from that time until the fire broke out.

Everyone was thought to be out of the building when the fire was discovered and it was a matter of surprise when it was found that a life was lost. Warren said that the first he knew of the fire was when he smelled smoke and heard the crackling of the flames. He rushed out and threw a pall of water on the fire at the same time warning Saboll of the danger. Warren, who is blind, was then led out of the building, his warning and had also made his escape.

Henry Gilson, another lodger in the building, had a narrow escape from serious injury. He had retired early in the evening and was awakened by the noise of the fire. He was driven back by the flames and was in the corridor. Seeing that the corridor afforded no means of exit to either the front or back stairs, he attempted to jump to a window across the street and in attempting to do so fell between the two blocks, a distance of about eighteen feet, landing on his back on the ground. Strange to say he was not seriously injured, his back being still sore, but he expects to be all right again in a short time.

Mr. Gilson, in his hurried exit, left his watch, money, shoes and part of his clothing in the building. The three first articles were found after

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wards, but the clothing was destroyed. He was cared for at the police station until he could find other quarters. A charred ten-dollar bill belonging to Edward E. Warren was also found in a tin box after the fire. A dead kitten was also found among the ruins. The fire engineers detailed six men, two from each company, to watch the fire all night after the flames were put under control. The men in charge of the chemical engine praised highly the work of the firemen for their quick and efficient work in stopping the spread of the fire and said that their work could not be surpassed. Another thing that greatly surprised the strangers was the tremendous water pressure that played upon the building. The story that the fire started in Edward E. Warren's room was emphatically denied by Mr. Warren. He said there was no matches, fire or light in the room or anything that would cause a fire. He says he never used a light at night as a blind man has no use for anything of that kind. The fire, though an unfortunate one, might have been much worse under different conditions than those that prevailed. The heavy rain of the day had wet down the buildings which prevented the fire catching on the roofs, and the fire was discovered while many were awake and ready to render assistance. The lower part of the building is occupied by Harlow & Parsons' market and Eugene Rousseau's barber shop. There was no damage by fire or water to these places as the tin roof on the original building was left on when the second story was added. The upper story was occupied by four roomers: Eugene Rousseau, Henry Gilson, Harry L. Gerrish and Edward E. Warren. Mr. Gerrish was away at the time, and returned on Tuesday. The first three rooms mentioned were quite badly charred and the furnishings badly damaged, while Warren's room and the contents were destroyed. The fire did some damage to the photographic studio of Jack Dempsey in Carley's block directly across the stairway from the burned building, which made it necessary for him to suspend business for a few days. The flames also caught on the top of the brick block of George E. Turner & Son, dry goods merchants, and caused considerable damage to the roof. The furniture of Charles Harris, on the top floor of the block was damaged and the furnishings destroyed. The damage to Turner's block and stock by fire and water is estimated at about \$2000. Harlow & Parsons' \$1200 and Carley's block next to the building where the fire originated \$150. The furnishings and other personal property in the rooms of Eugene Rousseau and Harry Gerrish were covered by insurance. The goods of Edward E. Warren and Henry Gilson were not insured. Mr. Gilson's policy expiring a short time ago. The goods of Charles Harris, who lived in Turner's block, were also uninsured. The insurance men were in town on Wednesday adjusting the damages.

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TOWNSEND.

Center.
On Tuesday evening several of C. W. Hildreth's relatives, friends and G. A. R. comrades called in and gave him a surprise party, the occasion being his sixty-ninth birthday. Refreshments were served and a social evening was enjoyed.

Miss Gertrude Rockwood is entertaining little Miss Josephina Tropica and her sister Louise from the North Bennett street day nursery, Boston. The oldest one, Josephina, is in the kindergarten school, where Miss Rockwood is taking a course of study.

Mrs. Frank Neylon and little daughter Alice, of East Boston, are at Miss Wood's this week.

Calcium chloride has at last been applied to the Main street road and affords a great relief to the nearby residents by keeping down the dust made by the passing automobiles.

A party of young people from here went to Ashby on Thursday evening and enjoyed a whist party at the pleasant home of Miss Alice M. Greene, who was assisted in entertaining by Ethel and Clara Sheldon. The party was held on the broad screened piazza. Refreshments were served and singing enjoyed during the evening, and all reported a pleasant time.

Mrs. Grace Pierce, of West Medford, and Mrs. Abbie Santuck, of Pepperell, were at William Pash's last week.

Mrs. Al Richards and her sister, Mrs. Mary Hinds, of Webster, are visiting another sister, Mrs. C. T. Lilenwood, at Barre, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Larrabee and children, of Montserrat, Beverly, are spending their vacation at Woodbine place.

Edward Kiley, who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Near, returned to Rochester on last week Friday.

Don't forget the grange picnic this week Saturday at the town park, Ayer. Quite a few have already planned to go, to enjoy the sports and the speaking.

News has been received from Miss Edwards, assistant teacher of our high school, that she has accepted a position in the Lebanon, N. H., high school at an advanced salary. Though everyone is glad of her good luck, they regret that she is not to be here again at the opening of the schools.

Baseball.
Townsend added another victory on Saturday by beating T. R. and T.'s of Billerica by the large margin of 13 to 2. The boys had another day of heavy hitting and are certainly doing some hitting this season. The T. R. and T.'s came up much stronger than last season and brought with them Williams, the M. A. C. pitcher, who is considered pretty good. The game started in to be a close contest, only goose eggs being registered for the first three innings, but in the fourth Manning's bat flew and the most hitters, though Eastman and Greene were also proficient with the willow and the visitors also found out that on stealing second Eastman and Lancy were sure death for them. Knight pitched a dandy game and allowed only two bases on balls and struck out seven. Williams allowed one base on balls and struck out ten. There were eighteen hits taken from Williams and only ten from Knight. The Westfords, our old time rivals, are to appear here for the first time this season Saturday and are intending to bring up, as usual, a good team to defeat the home boys.

West.
A pleasing little party was given to Miss Friscilla Welch, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch, at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, on last week Friday afternoon. Only the relatives were in attendance and the little girl poured tea for four generations—Mrs. Owen Lawrence, Herman W. Lawrence, Mrs. Louis Welch and herself, from the toy teaset used by her grandmother when she was a little girl.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met with Miss M. Elinor Tower on Wednesday afternoon in attendance, the guests of the afternoon being Mrs. Ellen Pratt and Mrs. George A. Seaver. The following program was presented: Reading, "The story of Lolita," Miss Tower; Kindergarten work in Mexico, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose; an account of the first men's banquet in the City of Mexico, Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence, and a little history of a Mexican missionary, Miss Alice Seaver.

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

Charles Stickney has gone to his camp at Ward pond, Ashburnham, for the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. Robert Thompson is visiting relatives in Somerville during the absence of her husband, who is under treatment at the Nashua hospital.

Mrs. Daniel Coffey and family are to move to Fitchburg the last of the week to join her husband, who is employed in that city.

James L. Flynn has been for a few days at his summer cottage here, and upon his return to Brooklyn, N. Y., on Monday, he was accompanied by Miss Bella Wallace, who returned to her home after a few weeks' visit with her friends here.

Mrs. S. W. Tyler and Elliot Tyler, from Dorchester, have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. James Willard. Mr. and Mrs. Willard have been in Ashburnham for a few days and the family attended the funeral of Charles Billings, of that town, who was Mrs. Willard's brother.

The Y. P. S. C. E. held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday evening with eighteen out. The service was conducted by Walter E. Bennett, and the topic was "Christianity and common sense."

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will hold his usual services at the Baptist church on Sunday. On Monday he will leave with a party of the Knights of the White Shield for camp at Ward pond, Ashburnham, for a few days.

Miss Inez McElligott, from Somerville, is a guest of Miss Nancy Reed.

Nelson Bruce, from Boston, is spending a vacation with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bruce.

A pleasing little birthday party was given by Mr. and Mrs. John Clark for their daughter Janet's birthday on Wednesday. Ten of her little friends

were present and had a most enjoyable afternoon. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy were served. The little girl received many gifts from her friends and a merry time was enjoyed riding in the hay wagon, playing games and marching. The party was conveyed to and from their home by Mr. Clark.

C. S. Homer is having extensive repairs made at his garage at the Rockwood cottage during his absence in Maine.

Preparations are being completed for the public meeting of the West Townsend Brotherhood the first week in August.

Miss Hester Russell, who has been visiting her aunt, Miss M. Elinor Tower, for a few days, has returned to her home at the Center.

William M. Lawrence has enjoyed a recent trolley trip to Hampton beach and vicinity.

Miss Mildred L. Seaver has been spending a few days with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. Tower, who is boarding at A. J. Manchester's in Josselynville, has been at his home in Somerville, for a few days.

The Bruce place on Elm street has been purchased at a private sale by William M. Lawrence, who will move into the tenement vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, who will return to Boston.

Mrs. L. C. House of Dorchester is at her summer cottage for the remainder of the summer. She enjoyed a brief visit from a daughter, Mrs. Bachelor of Boston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman started Saturday morning on a few weeks' automobile trip through Vermont, where they will visit friends and relatives in various towns in that vicinity.

Mrs. Katherine Veno, wife of Nathan Veno, passed away Friday forenoon of last week after a year's suffering from heart disease. She leaves a husband and four children—Thomas, Annie and Gladys Veno, and Mrs. Ambrose Carson, and a brother, Thos. Grimes, at the Center. The burial took place in Pepperell Monday morning. Mrs. Veno was a faithful and devoted wife and mother and in spite of her ill health, which was accompanied with christian fortitude and patience, she kept her care and devotion to her family to the last and the sorrowing children and husband have the deepest sympathy of all in their bereavement. She was forty-four years of age and had been a resident of this village for the past thirteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden A. Sherwin have returned from a six weeks' visit to Mrs. Sherwin's home in Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grimes of West Groton have been at Mrs. Eldredge's for a few days, and upon their return were accompanied by little Gladys Veno, who will spend a few weeks with them.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Homer left for their summer residence at Prout's Neck, Me., the first of the week, where they will remain until September. Their chauffeur, George Roebuck, and family left with the auto Sunday.

William Bell from Beverly has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bell.

Earl Craig of Providence, R. I., was at the home of his father, Edward A. Craig, over Sunday.

Mrs. L. O. Barker was agreeably surprised by a visit from her brother from Denver, Col., last week.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ormsby of Josselynville, born last week, has been named Martha Elizabeth.

Miss Doris Marr, who has been for a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Cora Marr at Elbridge Hapgood's, returned Monday to her home in Waltham.

Robert Tumber is confined to his home on the Fitchburg road by an attack of mumps.

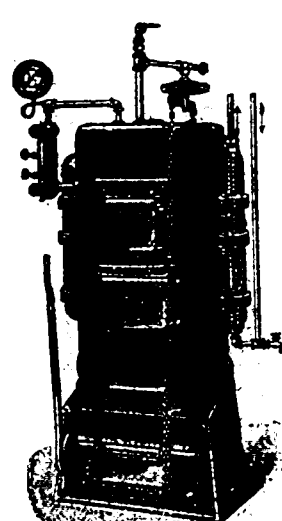
Quite a party of the members of the Unitarian society and friends went to Ashby Sunday to witness the unveiling of the Shaw memorial.

Mrs. Herman Wood and daughter Elia visited their home in Mason, N. H., the first of the week and enjoyed picking blueberries, which are very plentiful in the vicinity of their home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sherman H. Jewett,
Littleton, Mass., July 24, 1912.

Shirley, Mass., July 9, 1912.
To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex.
Gentlemen:
The town of Shirley, by its Selectmen acting in accordance with a vote of said town, passed July 2nd, 1912, respectfully represents that common convenience and necessity requires the alteration or specific repairs of an existing highway, from the town of Shirley to the town of Ayer in that part thereof which crosses the Nashua River, over a bridge known as the Mitchellville bridge.
Wherefore it prays that your honorable board will view the premises, hear the parties at the time of the view, and adjudicate upon the common convenience and necessity of altering, or specifically repairing said highway.

TOWN OF SHIRLEY.
By Edward J. Stevens,
John H. Logue,
George E. Harlow,
Selectmen of Shirley.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.
At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the thirteenth day of July A. D. 1912.
On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Commissioners' Court Room, Court House, East Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday, the third day of September, 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the town of Shirley with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper printed in said County, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Shirley fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his doings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.
RALPH N. SMITH, Ass't Clerk.
Copy of petition and order thereon. Attest.
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A true copy of petition and order thereon. Attest.
ALBERT A. FILLEBROWN,
Deputy Sheriff.

To the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex.
The town of Ayer, by its Selectmen acting in accordance with a vote of said town passed July 1, 1912, respectfully represents that common convenience and necessity requires the alteration or specific repairs of an existing highway from the town of Ayer to the town of Shirley in that part thereof which crosses the Nashua River over a bridge known as the Mitchellville bridge.
Wherefore it prays that your honorable board will view the premises, hear the parties at the time of the view, and adjudicate upon the common convenience and necessity of altering, or specifically repairing said highway.

TOWN OF AYER.
By Elisha D. Stone,
Frank S. Pierce,
John M. Maloney,
Selectmen of Ayer.
July 5, 1912.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.
At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Tuesday of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twelve, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge on the thirteenth day of July A. D. 1912.
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HOLLIS, N. H.

Current Events.

Edison Hurd drove a party of eight to Townsend on Friday of last week to enjoy one of the Townsend band concerts. The party consisted of Mrs. Sarah Gilman, Mrs. Norman Bennett, Mrs. Gilbert McNayr, Mrs. Edith Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lund, and Mr. and Mrs. William MacMaster and daughter Marie.

Mrs. W. Bishop, who boarded in town during the winter and spring months at Charles Smith's and at Mrs. Sarah Gilman's, has returned to her old home at Newport.

Arthur Lund, of Baboos Lake, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gates have returned to their home in town, and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McEnnis are stopping at the home of Lewis Woods.

Fred Campbell, the well-known Sunday paper man, is going to Townsend to work for the Peppercorn firm. Mr. Campbell recently lost his wife, who had been a great sufferer for some time. Mr. Campbell will still continue to deliver the Sunday papers as usual.

Mrs. Stimpson has been on a two-weeks' visit in Waltham and Needham, Mass., visiting a son in Waltham and two sons and a daughter in Needham.

Mrs. John L. Woods visited her sister, Mrs. Emily H. Rideout, at Brookline on last week Friday to help celebrate her seventy-sixth birthday. Mrs. Rideout was the recipient of quite a number of presents and also was remembered by her friends with a large, which was very gratefully received, came from Hollis from a lady that used to be one of Mrs. Rideout's scholars.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Welchier, who reside on the Worcester mill road, are accommodating sixteen summer boarders at present. A great many folks, it seems, like to spend their vacations in Hollis.

Clarence Norris and friend, Walter Baker, of Boston, returned to their work last Saturday after a week's vacation at Winnisimmet. Mr. Norris is employed as clerk in the Norfolk and Western railroad office in Boston, and Mr. Baker as clerk for Brown & Durell.

Mrs. Lester Hayden has gone to Vermont to visit her parents.

George A. Ladd, the village blacksmith, has been suffering from blood poisoning in his finger and Dr. Wallace of Nashua, is caring for him.

John Holt is visiting his sister, Mrs. Fred Snow.

James Hunt and assistant, of Pepperell, were in town at work for a few days this week.

The selectmen have finished their revaluation work. The value of the town has been increased over \$300,000. The tax rate for this year will be \$1.25, instead of \$1.75, which has been the rate for a number of years. George A. Ladd, tax collector, is at work now distributing tax bills.

Franklin Worcester is at the White Mountains appraising timber land which the government proposes to purchase for a park.

Miss Minnie Sanford, of Norwood, Mass., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. William H. Lund.

Mrs. Walter Lund visited in Nashua this week.

Ruby Stimson, of Milford, has returned home after a two-weeks' visit with Miss Bertha Hayden.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprague and their niece, from Lynn, Mass., are guests at Daniel Hayden's.

George H. Dickerman has sixteen fresh air boys boarding at his home. There are ten summer boarders at Eugene Shattuck's, and as many more is expected soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hicks and two sons are boarding at Mrs. Mabel Guething's.

One of the new improvements being made in town is a new iron pump being put in to take the place of the old wooden pump at the town well. This pump is to be set in a dry well forty feet west of the old one. This will make it more sanitary by preventing the waste water from going into the supply well. Senator Hayden has the work in his charge.

Rodney Hardy, of Arlington, Mass., was in town on Wednesday.

Repairs are being made on Charles Woodin's barn and the work is being done by Joseph Mayou and Arthur Strong.

Leslie B. Locke and family returned this week after several days of camping at Rocky pond. It is expected that Francis Lovejoy's family will remain there until the first of the week.

Charles Colburn has been visiting his father, Franklin P. Colburn.

Mrs. Edith Bishop, who has been visiting at Walter A. Lund's, returned to her home in Nashua this week.

There was a meeting of the committee on by-laws for the Sons of Veterans held on Wednesday evening at Engine hall. The next meeting of the Sons of Veterans will be held on next Tuesday evening.

Worcester Bros. mill started up on Thursday morning for about a week's run to finish sawing lumber that they were unable to saw last spring because of an accident to the engine, which has been thoroughly repaired recently.

It is proposed to use the money derived by state aid for the highways on the Nashua road by building a new road from a point beginning at the Nashua end of the state road through Spruce swamp and running on a nearly straight line through the fields to a point near the big elms by the Charles Parker place. This, we believe, is a grand idea, as it will do away with a bad hill and three bad curves.

Miss Lena Ladd has resigned her position at A. F. Hildreth's office where she has been employed for some time, and has entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company as clerk in their office at Nashua.

The members of the D. A. R. are to have an outing at Uncanoonuc Mountain. Their plans are now to have it on August 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clapp and two daughters are spending the summer at Mr. J. Powers'.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Scott and little son, of Somerville, are at Mrs. M. J. Powers' for a few weeks.

News Items.

Four young ladies gave a leap year dance last week Thursday in the town hall, which was well attended. Mrs. Ladd and Walter Lund furnished the music. The promoters of the dance were Miss Daisy Woods, Miss Florence Muzrey, Miss Genevieve Parker, Mr. Hunter, of Boston, is at Jason Reed's this week.

Diphtheria has made its appearance in town. The victim is Miss Abbie Hutchinson, who is employed at the Cranford Inn. Not feeling well, she went to her aunt's, Mrs. Wells, on last week Friday to recuperate. Her physician was summoned and pronounced it a case of diphtheria.

Rev. Leon H. Austin, of Roslindale, Mass., is spending a week in Hollis. He assisted Mr. Crathern in the opening services on last Sunday forenoon.

Mrs. Ida Peckham, of Boston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jewett.

Mrs. Louise H. J. Hardy returned on Monday afternoon to her home after a two-weeks' visit in Bridgton, Me.

Mr. Dudley and family have removed from Hollis to their new home, Reed's Ferry. Mr. Dudley is the new principal of McGaw's institute of that place.

At the meeting of the Evangelical society of the Hollis Congregational church it was voted unanimously to extend a call to Rev. L. V. Farnsworth to become pastor of the church.

Miss Lena E. Ladd commenced her duties in the Western Union telegraph office, Nashua, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brooks, of Concord, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. W. Pierce, at South Hollis.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

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Arthur Drew is entertaining his brother from Maine.

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One of the fine large horses used on the state road died from the effects of blood poison followed by lock-jaw. The animal was not shod with a piece of rock or metal that went into the flesh, producing the poison.

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Rev. Mr. Speed, of Clinton, will occupy the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday.

The season of apple marketing has begun. Several bushels of the early varieties have been sent into Boston this week.

A fruit growers' association was organized in town this spring for the benefit of the local raisers. On last week Wednesday evening the society met with Everett Kimball.

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PEPPERELL.

Items of News.
The young men gave a very successful dance in Tarbell's Opera house on Wednesday evening. Several were present from Ayer.

Miss Bertha Johnson spent Sunday with her parents on Main street.

Misses Helen and Gertrude Arendt, of Cambridge, spent the week with Mrs. Myra G. Attridge. Miss Helen was formerly stenographer for the Nashua River Paper Corp.

Glenn Upson is home on his vacation from Leominster.

John A. Frossard left on Saturday for an extended business trip out west. Mrs. Frossard has gone to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Leonard Nodding, at Silver Lake, Wilmington, during Mr. Frossard's absence.

The class of 1912 gave a social dance in Central hall on Monday evening. Although there was not as many present as usual, all report a very pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Toole, of Sterling, are visiting in Pepperell. They are about to put in a three position board in the telephone office and are to make the "cut over" on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Attridge, of Brookline street, have gone to York Beach for a week.

Orrin Williams, Jr., was arrested on Monday by Chief Monthie for fast and reckless driving of his horse. Williams was taken into court and fined ten dollars. We hope this will be a lesson to some more of our reckless drivers.

Jeremiah Sullivan was taken by Chief Monthie for abusing his wife. Sullivan was placed on probation and severely reprimanded by the court and had to pay the court charges amounting to \$3.75.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Howard are moving into the house on Tucker avenue recently vacated by Mr. Kilmberg.

Death.
Mrs. Timothy Haugh, of Crescent street, died at her home on Monday evening of old age. The deceased was born in Ireland eighty-five years ago, and always lived there until about two years ago, when she came to this country with her husband. The funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. The bearers were Charles Goodwin, Timothy O'Brien, Fred Mackay and John O'Neil.

Besides a husband, the deceased leaves three daughters and five sons. Interment was at Hudson, N. H.

Following is a list of the flowers: Pillow of roses, from husband and sons; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McGuire, of Lowell; standing cross of roses and pinks, Mr. and Mrs. John K. O'Neil and family; spray of white asters, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodwin; spray of purple and white asters, Mrs. E. A. Haywood; spray of white pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kennedy and Fred Mackay.

News Items.
Orrin Williams, of this town, pleaded guilty to an infraction of the Pepperell town by-laws by driving his horse over ten miles an hour, and was fined ten dollars in the district court at Ayer on Wednesday. Why should a limit be put on horses while automobiles continue to race through our streets at an unlimited speed?

Mrs. David Miller, of Nashua, was brought to this town last week to be cared for by her granddaughter, Miss Ellen Miller, of Parker street. Mrs. Miller was taken suddenly ill just before leaving Nashua.

Miss G. S. Shattuck, of High street, left Tuesday for a short vacation in Boston.

A committee of the Ladies' Social Circle of the Unitarian church are making arrangements for a children's party to be held on August 1, at the church. There will be a lawn party, music and games in the afternoon, with dancing in the evening in Central hall.

Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Shattuck, of Park street, are spending a short vacation in Maine.

Mrs. Alfred Lawrence, of Main street, who is ninety-two years old, went alone to spend a few days with friends in Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Qua, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright are spending a few weeks at Lake Winnepesaukee.

Addison Woodward, of Park street, has purchased a new Hudson auto.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Rowell, of Cross street, are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Davis, and son, of Webster.

Arrangements have been made to have the trolley, which leaves Ayer at nine o'clock for Fitchburg, wait until the arrival of the train which leaves Pepperell at 8.51 on next Wednesday to accommodate those wishing to attend the W. R. C. picnic at Whalom.

Mrs. Pierce, of Elm street, and Miss Clara Shattuck are visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jewett, of Pleasant street, spent last Sunday with friends in Groton.

Miss Lydia Sullivan was the guest of friends in Fitchburg this week.

Mrs. Sarah Melendy, of Sheffield street, who has been sick for many weeks, is about the house and able to be out-of-doors a little.

It is reported that Miss Margaret Fox, of Dedham, has been chosen to fill the vacancy caused through the resignation of Miss Maude McManis, assistant teacher in the high school.

Mrs. E. F. Harmon and a party of friends spent the day on Tuesday at Canobie lake. They were joined there by Mrs. Harmon's brother, who returned with them in the evening.

William Taylor is confined to his home on Heald street, having been hit by the extreme heat in the hay field.

Joseph Wiley spent Tuesday with friends in Nashua.

Rosecoe Woodward is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Woodward, on Park street.

E. H. Baker, of Keyes hill, has resigned his position as head of the excise commission of Boston.

It is reported that the Farmers' and Mechanics' club, of Groton, are to hold their annual fair at Hazel grove park on September 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodwin spent Tuesday in Nashua.

Mr. Baker, of Oak hill, and Mrs. Lucius Wilson received their third lot of fresh air children on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett returned this week from a visit with her mother, Mrs. Arthur Blood, of Gardner.

Mrs. E. S. Durant and children returned on Tuesday from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Stickney, of Milford, N. H.

A lawn party and dance will be given by the Entre Nous club in the town hall at Dunstable on Thursday evening, August 1. Kolobins' orchestra will furnish music.

Miss Marion Ames is spending part of her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ames, of Shirley street. Miss Ames arrived in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. George Stewart, of Oak hill, is entertaining her little niece from Springfield.

Gerry Nutting is assisting as janitor at the Lawrence library during the absence of N. S. Shattuck, who is away on a vacation.

The D. A. R. picnic and July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 30, at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald on the lawn near the house. The July meeting will be held in the afternoon, the members having the privilege of inviting guests for the day, and also to provide silver and drinking cups for themselves and guests. A picnic dinner will be served at one o'clock.

Miss Lydia Sullivan is visiting with friends in Fitchburg.

William Piper has moved into the Parker block in the East Village.

The Newell boys arrived in town recently from Geneva, N. Y.

Wedding.

The Methodist church on Wednesday, shortly after the noon hour, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Miss Laura Roby, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Herrig, was married to Turner Carlyle Kelly, son of Mrs. Harry Kelly, and grandson of the late D. D. Kelly, an East Boston shipbuilder. Miss Rachel Herrig, little sister of the bride, and Master Harry Dunton carried white ribbons that formed an aisle for the bridal party, which was led by the ushers—George Hall, of Rockport; Arthur Goodale, of Dorchester; Dr. Henry Boynton, Townsend, and Joseph Wiley, Pepperell.

Following came the bridesmaids, Miss Ethel Wotton, of Lowell, in white marquisette with blue sash and cap with forget-me-nots, and Miss Myrtle Gray, of Townsend, in white marquisette with pink sash and cap with wreath of pink roses, and each carried pink sweet peas tied with white tulle. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Florence Zimmer, of Buffalo, N. Y., a Quincey Mansion schoolmate of the bride, wearing a gown of white chiffon over pink messaline and trimmed with flowered tissue and white silk fringe; a white lace hat, with blue messaline and pink roses, and carrying a bouquet of white sweet peas tied with pink tulle.

Last came the bride with her father, lovely in her cream duchess satin gown with represso lace and long square train, her tulle veil reaching to the end of the train, and was made with Jullish cap and fastened with lilies-of-the-valley. She carried a shower bouquet of the same. Her only jewel was the gift of the groom, a handsome pendant of pearls and diamonds set in platinum.

They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Robert Currier, of Wellesley, attired in white serge suits. The couple were married by Rev. James Mudge, D. D., of Malden, who also married the bride's parents. A program of music was played and sung by Miss Anna Thayer, organist, of Pepperell, and Mrs. Nelson, soprano, of Nashua, and Leslie Gleason, violinist, of West Somerville.

The church was prettily decorated by friends and the Prudence Wright Chapter, D. A. R., of which the bride is a member. Following the ceremony was a reception on the spacious lawn at Woodside, the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce, where Mr. and Mrs. Kelly received congratulations from more than one hundred guests, who viewed their many handsome gifts, Page of Lowell, catering.

The bride, an accomplished musician and pupil of Charles Martin Laeffler, is well-known in musical circles of this vicinity for her playing and teaching. The groom is an employee of Faine Webber Co., Boston.

The bride's gift to her maids were strings of pearls, and to her maid of honor a pendant of pearls. The groom's gifts to his attendants were gold stickpins.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Kelly left for a three-weeks' trip to Lake George and the White Mountains. After October 1, they will be at home at 45 Chetwynd road, Tufts college.

Plan for New Building.
The First National bank of Pepperell is to erect a building of brick and cement in Railroad square on the vacant lot between the Aldine block and the store of A. F. Parker, after having been for several years in E. E. Tarbell's block, Main street, moving there from Denham's block on the same street. The advisability of securing new quarters for the bank has been discussed for some time.

A committee consisting of Arthur P. Wright, Irving J. Rowell, Charles H. Miller and Thomas E. Graham has been chosen as a building committee and have taken the first steps toward the beginning of the building, which is to contain a modern burglar and fire proof vault, the bank officials having decided that it was for the interest of the institution that the building be started as soon as possible. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy at the end of the year, and present plans have it that it is to be used solely by the bank.

Current Events.
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp left on Monday with a party of friends for Lake Winnepesaukee.

Charles Howard and family, and a relative of Mrs. Howard's, will occupy the double tenement house on Tucker avenue formerly owned by W. B. Brown.

Luther Tarbell, a six-year-old son of Henry Tarbell, cashier at the bank, was taken ill on Sunday night with

stomach trouble. On Tuesday afternoon the symptoms became so alarming that Dr. Kilbourn was called, and on Wednesday he was taken to the Groton hospital. Reports of his condition since then have not been very encouraging, but his former good health is very much in his favor.

Mrs. A. D. Reed and son Max, of Nashua, were visitors over Sunday with Mrs. C. A. Pillsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goff, of Concord, were visitors in town on Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis, with their infant son, returned from their summer vacation near the White Mountains on Saturday last, and were visitors at the home of I. J. Rowell this week before returning to their home at Webster.

Rev. R. H. Toole, of Ashland, will occupy the Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning at 10.45 o'clock. There will be no service at seven o'clock. Sunday school as usual.

SHIRLEY.

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Mrs. James McMillan, with young son, are spending this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah O'Neil.

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Miss Lena Gately is visiting friends in Boston.

Miss Madeline Logie is spending a vacation with her cousin, Mrs. Frank Lee, of Fall River.

John M. Leopold enters the Massachusetts General hospital at Boston, the latter part of next week to be operated upon for varicose veins. Mr. Leopold will be confined in the hospital for about two weeks.

The State Industrial school for boys is to erect a new barn, 120x42, west of the present large barn. Excavating for the foundation has been begun, and the structure will be built of cement and brick. The work is to be done under the direction of E. T. Clark, head farmer, and by employees and boys of the school. The barn is to be modern, equal to any building in the state used for cattle. There will be room for sixty-four head of cattle and sanitary stalls are to be installed. The barn used at present was built by the Shakers, and on the slate roof of the barn can be seen the figures 1867, the year the building was constructed. On the completion of the new building the present barn is to be used for a feeding floor and storage.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Wilbur, with daughter Arline, spent this week in Wakefield, Vt., making the trip in their auto.

Center.
Miss Florence Barbour, of Wollaston, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed over Sunday.

Miss Patrice Hannigan and Miss Matthews, of Cambridge, were guests of Miss Alison B. Winslow on Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Smalley, of Revere, is spending the week with Miss Dora Burnham at Woodville.

Mr. Swartz and family, of Holyoke, moved last week into the John Farnsworth place at Woodville, which he recently purchased.

Mrs. Charles Pinkham, of Wollaston, is spending a few days this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodspeed.

Homer P. Holden is confined to his home with an attack of blood poisoning, and is under the care of a physician.

Harry N. Brown and Elmer E. Wilkins spent Wednesday on an outing at Lake Winnepesaukee and Boston Woods.

Charlie C. Longley, of Millbury, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longley this week.

William Mackaye, who has been spending several weeks with his grandmother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye, left on Wednesday for a walking trip from Boston to Portland, Me. He expects to walk twenty-five miles each day and will reach Portland on Sunday or Monday.

Mrs. M. E. Scott, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Merrick W. Carey, has returned to her home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mackaye, with Mrs. Mackaye's mother, are guests of Mrs. Steele Mackaye this week.

Waldo Farnsworth, George Farmer, George Farnsworth and Edward Farnsworth spent Wednesday on a trip to Lake Winnepesaukee.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held their regular meeting on the common on Friday afternoon of last week.

A party of young people from the Center held a very enjoyable outing at Mr. Wachusett on Wednesday. The party consisted of Pauline Sweetser, Priscilla Sweetser, Blanche Wells, Dora Burnham, Ruth Smalley, Pearl Larrabee, Charlotte Taylor, Stanley Wells, Stanley White, Rev. A. L. Bumpus, Hamilton L. Wood, Robert H. J. Holden, Philip E. Wood.

Mr. Bradford, of West Acton, has purchased the Henry L. Farnsworth place and will soon take possession.

Miss Nellie Wilkins, of Arlington, has been a guest at the home of her brother, William Wilkins, at Woodville, for a few days.

Annie Bartlett, who has been a guest at the home of C. E. Goodspeed, has returned to her home in Wollaston.

Philip E. Wood, who has been spending several weeks at Hampton Beach, arrived on Monday at C. R. White's cottage at Fort pond for the week.

Robert J. Evans, who has been visiting at the summer home of C. C. Lane in Maine, returned home last week with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Steele Mackaye is having extensive repairs made to her cottage, under the direction of John Stickney.

Hamilton L. Wood and Philip E. Wood expect to leave Fort pond, where they have been staying at the White cottage, Saturday. They will meet their mother, Mrs. Frank Wood, in Boston, and will leave on Monday for their home in San Francisco.

The many friends of Miss Ora E. Holden will be pleased to hear that she is able to be out after her recent operation for appendicitis.

The Shirley grange ball team will meet the Groton grange ball team on Saturday morning at the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange field day at Ayer. The Shirley team is confident of victory and a good game is expected. A large attendance from Shirley is expected at the field day.

The many friends of Miss Helen M. Winslow will be sorry to hear that her house in the Center is for sale, and that she expects to return to Cambridge to live.

Mrs. Mackay and daughter, Miss Constance Mackay, who have been spending several weeks at W. E. Barnard's, left on Tuesday.

Miss Sara A. Dunn, who is spending the summer at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wyman, is suffering from the effects of a nervous breakdown, and is under the care of Dr. Buikley, of Ayer, assisted by a trained nurse. We are sorry to announce, that on an account of her ill health, Miss Dunn will be unable to hold her annual benefit concert this year, or to assist in any public work, as a complete rest is necessary for her to recover sufficiently to resume her winter's work.

LITTLETON.

News Items.
The fete day executive committee and chairman of various committees will meet in selectmen's room Monday evening, July 29, to complete all arrangements for August 3.

Mrs. Charles F. Johnson spent the day Thursday in Winthrop with Grandma Smith, who is in excellent health at the age of ninety-two years.

Four members of the boys' class in South Chelmsford Sunday school came on their bicycles by invitation to Littleton last Tuesday and joined the boys' class of this Baptist Sunday school in general good time. They played games on the church lawn, had a game of baseball on the Common, sat down to a fine dinner in the vestry prepared by Mrs. E. A. Flagg and in the afternoon went swimming in Long pond. Rev. H. L. Caultkins was one with the boys and helped make the day pleasant. Next Tuesday the Littleton boys are invited to South Chelmsford for a similar outing.

The Acton and Littleton baseball teams played an exciting game in Acton last Saturday. There was hard hitting by Piper, Lawrence, Cahill and Foley for the Actons, while L. Prouty, Whitcomb and Haley did the hitting for Littleton. Acton won by a score of 20 to 19.

About Town.
Mrs. Lucy M. Harwood is entertaining in her home, Miss Strong, from New Brunswick, N. J.

Mrs. Myra Willard, of Fairhaven,

has been visiting her aunts, Mrs. Hendley and Mrs. Hosmer.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Somes return this week from Canaan, N. Y.

Charles O. Proctor and daughter, Miss Martha Proctor, of Kansas City, Mo., with Mrs. W. L. Bartlett, of Fitchburg, visited their cousins, George F. Proctor and William S. Proctor, last week. This week Mrs. D. G. March, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. Jennie L. Hobbs and children, of Harvard, visited their cousin, William S. Proctor.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.
Miss Myrtle Gray is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Worcester at their camp in Harvard.

Ralph Gilson of Milford, N. H., visited at E. O. Cummings' on Friday of last week.

Mrs. C. Smith is still confined to her bed, a victim of rheumatism.

The pastures of Seven Pines are yielding a fine crop of blueberries, which are being marketed at fifteen cents per box.

Mrs. Tatcher of Randolph and Mrs. James Dooley of Dorchester were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kervin this week. Mrs. Kervin, who has been ill since the first of the month, is still unable to leave her room.

Last spring Mr. Smith hatched in his incubators 150 chickens. He is now adding to his colony of henhouses a building 72 ft. by 12 ft. that will accommodate 300 fowls.

One day last week while walking in his orchard, R. B. Adams found one of the trees intermingled with the newly ripened fruit, two sprays of apple blossoms.

Mrs. Hodson and son Richard are visiting relatives in Weymouth. On Wednesday Mrs. Anson Spaulding returned from Ayer where she has been attending her sister, Miss Susie Phelps, recently ill.

Mrs. Charles Warner, is a guest of her daughter in Beverly.

On Wednesday Wallace Connors returned from a two weeks' vacation at Walliston, Me.

Miss Olive Fortier of Leominster is a guest of Mrs. Louis Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Charles Hinton, who have been visiting Mrs. Hodson, returned on Wednesday, to their home in Cohasset, N. Y., taking with them Mrs. Hodson's oldest son.

Mrs. Tilton of Roxbury is the latest addition to the list of summer guests at the Old Homestead.

Joel Cooke, who is at his brother-in-law's, Henry Adams, in Lunenburg, is gradually improving although he is still confined to the bed.

Misses Jennie and Annie Andrews from Omaha, Neb., are spending the remainder of their summer vacation with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Andrews.

On Wednesday Mrs. Josselyn, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Keefe and Annie Keefe attended the wedding of Carlyle Kelly and Miss Laura Herrig at the Methodist church in Pepperell. Miss Myrtle Gray of this village was bridesmaid.

News Advertisements.

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We offer for sale the residence of Lowrey A. Wright, situate corner of Fletcher and Maple Streets, Ayer. The house is two stories high, contains ten rooms, nice stable, 20x24, high studded. The house is heated with a Kelsey Hot Air System, all in fine condition. Extra large lot, 90x132, in a high, dry and sunny location. Excellent neighborhood and one of the most desirable sections of Ayer.

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