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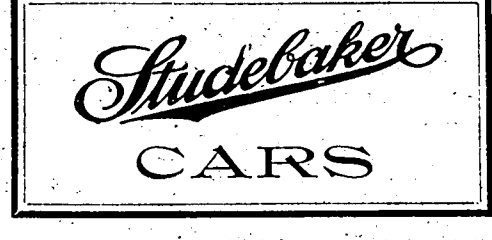
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HARVARD.

News Items.
The board of registrars will be in session at the selectmen's room on Saturday evening, August 2, 7-9 to 8:30, August 3, 7-9 to 8:30, and on August 13, three to five o'clock, for the purpose of certifying nomination papers for the state primaries.

Miss Bertha Brown, who has been visiting for the past week with Miss Annie Reed, returned on Wednesday to her home in New Hampshire.

Visiting this week with Mrs. A. J. Chester, is Miss Frances Brooks, of Worcester.

Miss Margaret Scott, of Worcester, and the Misses Roxanna and Carrie Mero, of Woodstock, Vt., are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hazard.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gale, from Pawtucket, R. I., are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Gale.

Mrs. Alice Barry, of Schenectady, N. Y., is visiting with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fairbank.

Miss Osee Webster started Thursday for a six-weeks' visit to friends and relatives in Kentville, N. S.

Cedric Webster, who is at the Clinton hospital, is very much improved and will be able to come home in a week or so.

Miss Ruth Whitney is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Whitney, for a few weeks from her work in New York city.

Miss G. M. Bryant, who has been enjoying a two-weeks' vacation with her uncle at Hallowell, Me., returned this week to her duties as secretary in F. Warren's office.

The grange meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, August 5. The subject for discussion will be "What offers the greatest opportunities for a young man—agriculture, trade or profession?" with able leaders, followed by an open discussion.

Charles Bigelow, Jr., sailed Tuesday by the way of the Hamburg-American line for England, where he will visit his father in London. He expects to return in a few weeks.

Carpenters are at work at A. W. Bryant's, Oak Hill, putting down the sills for the new house to be completed this fall.

A party of ten young men from Marlboro are camping for two weeks at the H. F. Whitney cottage on Wood Island, Bare Hill pond, under the care of R. C. Bigelow and A. C. Turner. They are regular visitors, having camped here for several summers.

The baseball game between the Harvard and Marlboro teams played on last Saturday at the Bromfield grounds, proved a very interesting

game, with plenty of free hitting and close plays, and the fans certainly got their money's worth. Harvard won by the score of 15 to 13. This Saturday the South Acton team, one of the best teams in Eastern Massachusetts of its class, will come up to Harvard and try their skill with the local team. The local management appreciate the financial support given them this last week. George F. Pollard and E. A. Reed have been very generous to the team and the collection at the games has been liberal.

Andrew Haskell arrived this week with a carload of fine cows from Vermont. They certainly are beauties.

Miss Alice Shumway is a guest of Miss Harriet Thayer at Fruit Acres for the week-end.

A social dance will be given by Miss N. P. Hartshorn in the town hall on Saturday evening, August 2. Good music.

Church Notes.
As is customary, services will be suspended at the Unitarian church during the month of August and attendant at that church are cordially invited to worship at the Congregational church. On Sunday morning, August 3, Rev. Lyman Greenman, of Yonkers, N. Y., will occupy the pulpit and preach the morning lesson.

On last Sunday evening the regular monthly meeting of the Temperance society was held at 7:30 in the evening at the Orthodox church vestry. Rev. Vaughn Dabney, an eloquent young divine from Chicago, addressed the meeting. His treatment of the temperance question was new to most of his hearers and proved to be very interesting. The mixed quartet, Madeline Parker, Viola Parker, Arthur West, A. H. Turner, gave two selections, "Crossing the bar" and "The eyes of all wait upon thee." Miss Harriet Thayer was accompanist. Rev. L. H. Morse, of the Still River Baptist church, presided at the meeting.

Still River.
A large number from Still River attended the Hiawatha entertainment on the Bromfield school grounds, Harvard, on Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday afternoon the Ladies' Mission Circle met at the vestry. Miss Mary Evans, a niece of Mrs. Scates, gave an interesting talk on her week at the missionary meetings at Northfield, and of her work in preparation for her missionary duties that she expects to take up this fall in the Philippines. She expects to be there for five years.

Dennis Neyland, of Readville, is at his old home here for his vacation.

Rev. L. H. Morse and William C. Haskell, now have telephones in their houses.

Mrs. Jennie Willard has recently entertained her cousin William C. Brown, of Somerville; her brother-in-law, Sumner Tapper, and two nephews, Lester and Clayton Brown, of Mansfield.

Kenneth Whittemore has so far recovered from the typhoid fever that he is about and in a few days will be able to do light work.

The Boston and Maine railroad have done a good piece of work at the railroad station, putting in crushed stone walks in place of plank platform, and between the tracks, a thorough job was done and should last for years.

Miss Emeline Evans is away for a week or so, visiting friends in various places.

Mrs. Abbie Dadmun and daughter Florence moved into the George H. Chase cottage at West they recently purchased, on Wednesday.

TOWNSEND.

Center.
Mrs. John Auger has gone to Northfield for two weeks to attend the meetings there.

Mrs. Ellnor Center, of Concord, N. H., was at Al Richard's this week.

Miss Nash, classmate of Miss Nellie Weston, and also a nurse, returned with Miss Weston from Pittsfield, where Miss Weston was when she received the news of her father's death.

Death.
Thursday evening the community was shocked and grieved by the death of our respected townsmen, Frank Weston, who has been in ill health for the past year, but for the past few weeks has seemed to be much better. Mr. Weston has suffered from heart trouble and for nearly a year now has been unable to work at his trade as harness maker, and his genial presence was greatly missed at the harness shop which he finally closed entirely and only a few weeks ago sold out his remaining stock. Mr. Weston had seemed so much better that his daughter, who has tenderly cared for him together with the invalid mother, decided to make a brief visit to Pittsfield and was there at the time of the nurse's death which occurred in the sitting-room soon after suddenly complaining of feeling badly while sitting on the piazza during the evening.

Mr. Weston was born in Nashua on May 7, 1841, and married Miss Ruth Jane Thompson on November 17, 1859, in Manchester, N. H., where they resided. Later they lived in Keene and New Ipswich, N. H., before coming to Townsend, where they have since lived. Mr. Weston having been in the harness business for nearly forty-four years in the same shop beneath the Park hotel.

Four children survive him besides his wife, who has been an invalid since the death of her husband, the surviving a severe fall down stairs in October, 1907. They are Mrs. Nora Lawton, of Leominster; Frank Weston, Jr., of Somerville; Mrs. Lyman B. Spaulding, of Seattle, Wash.; Miss Nellie Weston, a graduate nurse at Burbank hospital, who has remained at home to minister to her invalid mother.

Mr. Weston is a veteran of the civil war, having enlisted in the 11th Mass. regiment, which belonged to Hooker's old brigade and he served three years. He was taken prisoner at Malvern Hill and was exchanged after seven weeks of confederate prison life. He was also a member of the Lodge of Masons, Ayer; North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., and E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, the Third Army Corps union, Hooker Association of Massachusetts, G. A. R. and the Townsend Memorial association. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon at Memorial hall at 2:30 o'clock and it will be in charge of the G. A. R. There will also be prayers at the home first.

Harbor.
Miss Marion Dana visited friends in Ashby this week.

Oliver Proctor attended the Old Home Week celebration at Lunenburg on Wednesday.

Miss Alice McMillan is visiting Miss Dorothy Smith at Walnut Grove.

The union Sunday school at the Harbor has disbanded until September.

A new telephone has been installed at William Robinette's.

Harry Knight pitched for the Lunenburg team on Old Home Day, striking out twenty-one men. The score was 4 to 0.

Mrs. Lorenzo Doran entertained her two sisters and niece, of Fitchburg, the first of the week.

AYER.

News Items.
Rev. A. D. Stroud, of Ipswich, formerly pastor of the lot M. E. church, and Mrs. Stroud, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Andrew, this week.

Miss Marion Winslow is visiting with friends in Milford, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis B. Harlow and family, Mrs. Mary L. Harlow, Dr. and Mrs. B. H. Hopkins and three children, and Mrs. A. H. Hopkins and two maids left on last Sunday for their summer cottage at New Found Lake, Bristol, N. H. Dr. Hopkins and family will be away during the month of August and the rest of the party will return in two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Osgood left on last week Friday for a two-weeks' vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lord, in Sullivan, Me. Their three children have been there for several weeks.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Prescott Williams, of Groton, a school chair has been presented to William T. Meehan, who was injured in Cambridge several weeks ago. Mrs. Williams purchased the chair at the Motley auction in Groton last week and upon learning of Mr. Meehan's condition kindly presented it to him. It is a most useful present and is much appreciated by the recipient.

Hon. Frank A. Patch, of Littleton, announces his candidacy for Middlesex county commissioner. Nomination papers are now being circulated in his behalf throughout the county.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending July 28: N. L. Hoyt, William Aher, Mrs. Ida Corkins, Thomas Lapointe.

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Here are price reductions that we believe will clean up the balance of our stock of seasonable goods.

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- \$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
- \$22.00 Fancy Suits now reduced to... \$16.47

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- \$2.50 Trousers now reduced to... \$1.98
- \$3.00 Trousers now reduced to... \$2.47

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Ages—5 to 17
The balance of our stock of Summer Suits for Boys now at reduced prices.

- \$3.00 Suits now reduced to... \$2.25
- \$4.00 Suits now reduced to... \$2.98
- \$5.00 Suits now reduced to... \$3.47

CHILDREN'S WASH SUITS

Ages—3 to 8

- 50c. Wash Suits now reduced to... 39c
- \$1.00 Russian Suits, with patent waist, now \$1.00
- \$1.25 Russian Suits, with patent waist, now \$1.19

Khaki Suits

6 to 14

- 50c. Khaki Suits now reduced to... 39c
- \$1.00 Khaki Suits now reduced to... 79c

HAMMOCKS

- \$2.00 Hammocks marked down to... \$1.50
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- \$4.00 Hammocks marked down to... \$3.00

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- Men's Cotton Hose, Black or Tan, a regular 2 pairs for 25c. quality, now for... 9c
- Men's Police Braces... 15c
- Men's Police Braces, 50c. kind... 35c
- Men's President Suspenders... 35c
- Men's Fancy Hose, 25c. grade... 17c
- Men's White Handkerchiefs... 3c

SUMMER SHIRTS

- One lot of Fancy Summer Shirts, our regular 50c. grade, for this sale... 39c
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Every Straw Hat and every Cloth Hat in our store now offered at a cut price.

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- 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 and Boys now 19c
- 50c. Cloth Hats for Men and Boys now 39c
- 25c. Straw and Cloth Hats for Children 19c
- 50c. Straw and Cloth Hats for Children 39c
- \$1.00 Straw Hats for Children now... 75c
- \$5.00 Men's Panama Hats now... \$3.89

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

All our 25c. Underwear for Men and Boys, price cut for this sale to... 19c

Our regular 50c. Blue Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers for Men reduced for this sale to... 39c

All our Porosknit Underwear is now reduced in price for this sale as follows:

- 50c. grade of Men's Shirts and Drawers 39c
- 25c. grade of Boys' Shirts and Drawers 19c
- \$1.00 grade of Men's Union Suits... 79c
- 50c. grade of Boys' Union Suits... 39c
- Men's Nainsook Underwear reduced to... 25c
- Men's Union Suits, seconds of \$1.00 grade 69c

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

Boys' Oxfords
Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2

- \$2.00 Tan Oxfords now reduced to... \$1.00
- \$2.00 Gun Metal Oxfords reduced to... \$1.49

Sizes 8 1/2 to 13 1/2

- \$1.50 Tan Oxfords reduced to... \$1.00

Ladies' Oxfords

- \$3.75 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make \$2.75
- \$3.25 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make \$2.25
- \$2.50 Tan Oxfords now reduced to... \$2.00
- \$2.00 Gun Metal Oxfords, broken sizes and discontinued lines, now... 95c
- \$2.50 and \$3.00 Gunmetal and Patent Leather Oxfords, broken sizes and discontinued lines, now... \$1.49

Misses' Tan Oxfords

- \$1.50 and \$1.75 Tan Oxfords now reduced to... \$1.25

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SHIRLEY.
News Items.
The attendants of the Congregational church went to worship at the Baptist church last Sunday morning owing to the fact that Rev. George Merrill, D. D., of Boston, who was engaged to occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church was detained by a wreck on the railroad. A telegram which stated this fact had been received by the church committee arrangements were made to attend service at the Baptist church where a fine sermon was delivered by Rev. Archibald G. Adams. The Baptist society have extended a cordial invitation to the attendants of the Congregational church to worship with them during the time their church is closed. Mr. Adams is doing fine work and his enthusiasm should be sustained by all church people.
Joseph H. McClellan very generously presented to the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday a wall picture, the subject of which is taken from the story of the rich young man coming to Jesus and saying: "Good master what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life." Mr. McClellan, who is treasurer of the Sunday school and also a teacher, is one of the Sunday school's hardest workers and his interest in all matters that effect the good of the town have won him many loyal friends.
Arthur Annis spent the week with relatives in Malden.
Miss Gertrude McNally, in company with Miss Emma Knowles, leaves town on Monday for Granville, N. Y., the home of Miss McNally, for a visit of two weeks.
About eighty attended the Universalist church picnic at Whalom park last Saturday. All sat down together at dinner and the day was very pleasantly spent.
Mrs. Byram's condition, we are sorry to say, is much worse.
Guy Cook, Harry Collyer, Fred Sleeper and J. Albert Dearden, members of the cornet band, played with the Groton band at Groton on Tuesday evening.
The fire department was called out last Saturday to extinguish a brush fire on the land of Mrs. Kate E. Hazen near her residence. About one-half an acre was burned over and a rough field fence partly destroyed. The fire was caused by a spark from a passing locomotive.
M. J. Johnson, in company with his sister, Miss Lillian Johnson, both of Boston, spent over Sunday with Mrs. Johnson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parmenter last Saturday morning.
Gilbert M. Ballou spent over the week-end at North Adams with his son Verne.
Edmund B. Winterbottom is spending this week with relatives in Providence, R. I.
The Shirley A. C. baseball team defeated the South Acton team on the Shirley grounds last Saturday afternoon by the score of 18 to 1.
A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Eisner of the Industrial school on last Saturday.
One of Gilbert M. Ballou's horses died on Sunday morning, having got cast in his stall on Saturday night.

Center.
The grange field meetings for the coming week are as follows: Monday, August 4, Springfield, at Forest Park; Tuesday, Athol, at Brookside Park; Wednesday, Billerica, at the farm of Delacey Corkum; Thursday, Greenfield, at the farm of George Lox; Saturday, Lakeville, at Lakeside Park. It is planned to make the meeting at Acton Center on Saturday, August 2, one of the biggest of the series, and it is hoped that all who can will attend. A fine program of speakers has been arranged and a good time is assured.
Miss Pauline Sweetser and Elizabeth Sweetser are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler in Cambridge.
Mrs. Record, of Wollaston, has been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed on Center road.
Percy Mackaye, the well-known dramatist and playwright, of Cornish, N. H., spent a few days last week with his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye.
Miss Margaret Evans, Gilbert Evans and Horace Harris took a trip to Lake Winnepesaukee on the Boston and Maine excursion last week Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton sailed for Europe on Saturday on the S.S. Devonian, to be gone until the first of September. The following, together with a large picture of the party, appeared in the Sunday Post: "Many prominent Boston people sailed for Liverpool aboard the steamer Devonian of the Leyland line yesterday afternoon. Charles K. Bolton, H. F. Dabney & Co. brokers, and Mrs. Hurd; Miss H. Alma Cummings; Miss Laura F. Weeks; Miss Henrietta E. Cattanach; Miss E. Gertrude Smart; Miss Selma E. Pond and Miss Elizabeth Carpenter.
Miss Hazel Cuthbertson and Miss Eleanor Devine, who have been visiting at the home of Mrs. A. S. Burnham at Woodsville, have returned to their homes in Revere.
Miss Carrie Bradford spent a few days last week with friends in Somerville.
The Alliance meeting on last week Thursday afternoon, held at the summer home of Mrs. Henry Ware on Hazen road, was quite a social event. A large number of members and guests were present, Wells' barge bringing nine ladies from the village. Arrangements for the lawn party and fair to be held at the church in two weeks were discussed. The speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Eulalie G. Fairfield, of Littleton, who gave a paper on "The Bronte sisters." Illustrated by slides of Hawthorne and Emily. The whole was a decided literary treat. The characteristics of the sisters were clearly defined as well as the high moral character of their writings and the place they hold in English literature. A social hour was held during which refreshments were served by the hostess and her assistants. The next meeting is to be held with Mrs. J. P. Tolman in two weeks.
Rev. Howard A. Bridgman preached at Fitchburg on last Sunday.
The Girls' Sewing Guild met on last Saturday afternoon on the corner. The next meeting will be held in two weeks.
LaForrest J. Carpenter left this week for his new home in Sandwich, where he is to have charge of a large summer place belonging to T. B. Kinraide, of Boston. Mrs. Carpenter and daughters, Rae and Ethel, went last week.

LUNENBURG.
News Item.
Mrs. Richard Gilchrist passed her eighty-eighth birthday on Friday, July 25. She is still hale, hearty and full of life. She is living in the dear old home where she has passed the greater portion of her life in the house built in 1738 by Abraham Sanderson, the earliest settler on the place.
Andrew J. Callum, of the navy, came into town on Monday on a twenty-five-days' furlough, leaving his ship in New York. His many friends are glad to see Andy's pleasant face again and are very glad that he is home in time for the festivities and reunions of the Old Home Week.
Miss Idella Magovern returned last week from visiting with friends and relatives in Connecticut. On Thursday of this week she went to Fitchburg, thence to Framingham, for a visit with relatives there.
Old Home Week.
The Old Home Week association began its twelfth annual observance in Lunenburg on Sunday, July 27, under most favorable auspices. Although the weather for some time has been very hot and dry, an unusually large audience attended the union services in the Congregational church in the morning. The choir, composed of the singers from each church with Miss Fannie Graves at the organ, sang "Great is the Lord" and "The Lord is in his holy temple," followed by "Oh God beneath thy guiding hand" and "Great God of nations now to thee." The whole was a most impressive and inspiring service, led by the choir, united.
Rev. Robert A. Bryant, pastor of the church, had charge of the service and introduced the speakers and other ministers present—Rev. Alfred A. Kimball, of the Methodist church; Rev. William H. Adams, a former pastor of the Methodist church, and although now seventy-five years of age, was for several years one of the school boys of Lunenburg, his parents having moved to this town when he was quite young; Rev. William H. Dowden, now seventy-seven, was pastor of the Congregational church here from 1870 to 1875, and Rev. Alonzo Sanderson, another Lunenburg boy, now seventy-six, and owing to ill health quite feeble, but always interested in the Old Home Week exercises and always taking an active part whenever his health permitted. Rev. William Aker was also in the audience.
Dorothy was the speaker of the morning and gave a very interesting and reminiscent sermon from the text "Have I been so long time with you, and hast thou not known me, Philip?" At the close of the service a large number of the large audience stayed to shake hands and exchange greetings

with their former pastors and old acquaintances.
At three o'clock another large audience assembled on the common and listened to a varied program. Several selections were played by the Military Band. Rev. Alfred Kimball offered prayer and the president of the association introduced Rev. Howard Bridgman, of Boston, editor of the Congregationalist, who gave a most interesting address, completely captivating his audience, all of whom would have been glad to listen to him much longer had it not been for another engagement which he was to fill later. A poem on "Home day greetings," written by Miss Emily P. Hastings, a Lunenburg girl, now living in Los Angeles, Cal., and another by Rev. J. A. Mesler, pastor of the Methodist church here in 1885, were then read by Miss Ethel Emerson. These were followed by James A. Gilchrist, past president of the association, who gave the history of the independence tree, the story of its planting, etc.
Then came "Reminiscences of old school district No. 6," by James L. Harrington, giving the names of many of the former citizens and relating amusing anecdotes connected with them from his own personal recollection.
At the Methodist church in the evening another large audience listened to an able address by Rev. W. H. Adams from the text "For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand." The choir was from both churches in the morning and sang two selections, "Praise to the Father" and "The Home Light."
The pewter communion service and the long-handle contribution box, both used in the church in the "long ago" days, were on exhibition at the altar. Mr. Noon invited all present to look at them at the close of the service and a large number availed themselves of the privilege.
Wednesday, the day we celebrate, dawned clear and bright, and as early as nine o'clock people began to arrive in the square. At 9:30 three of the oldest men in town, John Smith of Flat Hill; George Albert Cook of Mulford; and Michl M. Boutwell of the Center were given seats in the village square where they could meet and greet every in-coming guest. A little later, Francis Proctor arrived, and there was a quartet of octogenarians. Olof Frer, of Groton, now nearly ninety-one, was also a prominent figure among the arrivals.
At 9:30 a special car came, bringing a full load of people and from that time on throughout the day, cars were on every half-hour. The Litter Memorial library was one of the points of interest and received many visitors.
The baseball games at ten o'clock attracted a large, interested crowd of on-lookers, spectators, as did also the games and sports on the high school grounds. A substantial lunch of crackers, cheese, hot coffee and doughnuts, in charge of Augustus Taylor, was served free to all from nine to one o'clock. The exercises in the church were very interesting and consisted of prayer by Rev. R. A. Bryant, address by the president, J. L. Harrington, who in his most happy manner, introduced the speakers as follows: "School examinations of fifty years ago," James Hildreth, the first president of the Old Home Week association twelve years ago. He was followed by E. H. Blahy, of Groton, Townsend, but formerly of Lunenburg. He spoke upon "The importance of the town spirit."
Miss Florence Hersom sang "Long, long ago." She was followed by Rev. L. P. Collier, of Littleton, pastor of the Methodist church here over thirty years ago. He was booked for a ten-minute speech, but his "Home-made yarns" held the closest attention of his large audience for thirty-five minutes. "Home-made yarns" were given by Miss Hersom, and then came Rev. E. B. Saunders, of Fitchburg, upon "A local topic of interest," which in this case meant Marshall park and the playground. A recitation by Mrs. A. Gilchrist, of Fitchburg, a few words from Rev. Alonzo Sanderson, who was too feeble to say very much, and another song "Do they miss me at home," by Miss Hersom, closed the exercises in the church and all repaired to the lawn for a social chat—the reunion of old school districts and open-air concert by the band which occupied the time until five o'clock, when the banquet was served in the town hall.
At eight o'clock another concert by the band closed the twelfth annual celebration of Old Home Day in Lunenburg.
Fire.
A most disastrous fire occurred on Tuesday evening between eight and eleven o'clock, when the comfortable and substantial buildings belonging to Frank Willard, and situated near Lunenburg depot, were burned to the ground together with their contents. The house was a large, two and a half story building, and the barn a frame building, 70 by 40 feet. Three horses, several cows, twenty tons of hay, wagons, harnesses, farming implements and machinery were completely destroyed. Part of the contents of the house were saved, but the loss is estimated at \$6000, with only a partial insurance. The neighbors of Mr. Willard, the fire departments of Lunenburg and Leominster were on the grounds and did all in their power to check the fire, but owing to lack of water they were sadly handicapped.
There are many stories, theories and surmises as to the origin of the fire, and the cause has not yet been learned.
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Funeral.
The funeral of Mrs. E. B. Winterbottom took place on last week Friday afternoon. A large number of friends were present at the home at one o'clock. Rev. Williston M. Ford officiating. A vocal solo, "Come unto me," was rendered by Edward F. Colburn. This was followed by services being held in the Congregational church at two o'clock, Rev. Williston M. Ford and Rev. Archibald G. Adams officiating. The church quartet, consisting of J. Albert Dearden, Mrs. Harry Collyer, Mrs. Nellie W. Holt, Rev. and Arthur H. Tubb, sang "Gathering home" and "Only a little while." The bearers were Walter Holt of Gilbertville, James Sutcliffe of Spring City, Pa., James Lewis of Groton, and Mrs. Bessie E. Holden and Elmer H. Allen, the two former bearers being nephews of Mrs. Winterbottom. Burial was in the family lot at the Village cemetery. Those present at the funeral from outside the town were Mrs. Albert Bowden of Lawrence, Mrs. Alice Crooks of Auburn, R. I., Mrs. Elsie Roberts of Providence, R. I., Mrs. John Neff of Ware, Mrs. Lilla English of Providence, Mrs. Bessie E. Holden of Springfield, Mass., Mrs. Harry McIntyre of Lowell, and Mrs. Arthur Cox, Mrs. John Newcomb, Mrs. James Brewer of Fitchburg. There was a beautiful display of floral tributes.
Birthday Party.
Pamela Louise Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Parer, of Lancaster, had her birthday party on last Saturday afternoon, and about a score of Pamela's young friends assembled at her home by invitation from 2:30 until five o'clock. Pamela's mother and her sister, Miss Doane, were the successful hosts. The entertaining features for the enjoyment of Pamela, and her little guests. Refreshments were bountifully supplied and the day was made one of sweet memories for Pamela and her little guests. The little hostess was the recipient of many pretty and dainty gifts. Those present were Elizabeth and Margaret Carter, Oma Wolf, Kathleen Miner, Dolly and Doris Knecht, Virginia, Virginia, Harriet Wheeler, Edith and Ada Eisner, Hazel and Edna Loomer; Ruth Lynch, Alice and Myrtle Coles, Ella Buckheim, Blanche Barnard, Ruth Hooper, Edith and Hannah Wilson, Nancy Somes and Gertrude Sampson.

Baptist Church Bulletin.
The highest and noblest enterprise on earth is the cause of the Kingdom of God, redeeming mankind individually and driving out the devil, the world, and the flesh, and the best endeavor of all men. A man may rightly estimate himself by examining his attitude toward such a cause, as to whether he is actively hostile, indifferent or warmly loyal to it. On Sunday morning at the Baptist church a study will be made of the Master's attitude toward this cause, what place did He give it in His life? Come and see if Christ's loyalty does not challenge you to your individual duty and privilege in relation to this noblest enterprise. The morning service is at 10:50, followed by Sunday school, and the evening service at seven. A cordial invitation is extended to all churches to worship with us during the summer. "We will seek to do you good."
LUNENBURG.
News Item.
Mrs. Richard Gilchrist passed her eighty-eighth birthday on Friday, July 25. She is still hale, hearty and full of life. She is living in the dear old home where she has passed the greater portion of her life in the house built in 1738 by Abraham Sanderson, the earliest settler on the place.
Andrew J. Callum, of the navy, came into town on Monday on a twenty-five-days' furlough, leaving his ship in New York. His many friends are glad to see Andy's pleasant face again and are very glad that he is home in time for the festivities and reunions of the Old Home Week.
Miss Idella Magovern returned last week from visiting with friends and relatives in Connecticut. On Thursday of this week she went to Fitchburg, thence to Framingham, for a visit with relatives there.

Old Home Week.
The Old Home Week association began its twelfth annual observance in Lunenburg on Sunday, July 27, under most favorable auspices. Although the weather for some time has been very hot and dry, an unusually large audience attended the union services in the Congregational church in the morning. The choir, composed of the singers from each church with Miss Fannie Graves at the organ, sang "Great is the Lord" and "The Lord is in his holy temple," followed by "Oh God beneath thy guiding hand" and "Great God of nations now to thee." The whole was a most impressive and inspiring service, led by the choir, united.
Rev. Robert A. Bryant, pastor of the church, had charge of the service and introduced the speakers and other ministers present—Rev. Alfred A. Kimball, of the Methodist church; Rev. William H. Adams, a former pastor of the Methodist church, and although now seventy-five years of age, was for several years one of the school boys of Lunenburg, his parents having moved to this town when he was quite young; Rev. William H. Dowden, now seventy-seven, was pastor of the Congregational church here from 1870 to 1875, and Rev. Alonzo Sanderson, another Lunenburg boy, now seventy-six, and owing to ill health quite feeble, but always interested in the Old Home Week exercises and always taking an active part whenever his health permitted. Rev. William Aker was also in the audience.
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News Items.

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Thomas Bywater is to be employed at the telephone office on Station avenue.

The many Groton friends of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Hawkes are sorry to hear that he is very sick with heart disease at the Massachusetts hospital.

By a new telephone law, all of the girl operators under twenty-one years of age, are to be laid off at night service after ten o'clock.

At a business meeting of the Congregational church on Wednesday evening, Herbert Taylor was elected superintendent of the Sunday school in place of Sidney F. Davis.

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Mr. and Mrs. Crowley went last Saturday to Kingston, Mr. Crowley returning home on Monday, while Mrs. Crowley remained for a longer visit.

Mrs. L. F. Floyd has returned home after a two-weeks' stay as nurse in Peppercell.

Mr. and Mrs. George I. Crocker and daughter Dorothy have gone from Mrs. L. F. Floyd's place at Baddock to Lawrence, where they will make a two-weeks' visit among their friends. Mrs. Crocker was Miss Ella Stone, of Lawrence, a graduate of the Lawrence high school, and a well-known singer and pianist of that city.

While stopping here this summer Mr. Crocker enjoyed himself fishing in Lake Baddock, while Mrs. Crocker enjoyed making butter from Jerome C. Shattuck's fine Guernsey cow, and Dorothy had a fine time running around the farm picking berries or playing with the chickens.

Hon. Frank A. Patch, of Littleton, announced his candidacy for Middlesex county commissioner. Nomination papers are now being circulated in his behalf throughout the county.

Death. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ames Blood passed away at her home on Hollis street on Tuesday, July 29, having been ill for a number of months with a trouble affecting the liver.

She was born at Groton on November 16, 1834, the daughter of Simeon and Sibbell (Blood) Ames, both parents descending from some of the oldest Groton families. She was married to the late John F. Blood, recently deceased, but for the past thirty or more years they had lived separate and she had resumed and was called by her maiden name.

Miss Ames was well-known among her friends as a woman of kindly feelings, tender-hearted, impulsive and generous. During the past months of her illness she has been personally cared for by her cousin, Miss Ellen Potter, of Palm Beach, Fla., who came north to be with her.

The funeral was held from her late home on Thursday-afternoon, Rev. G. M. Howe officiating with the usual services. There was an attendance of relatives, neighbors and other friends with many floral tributes. The interment was in Groton cemetery.

Miss Ames is survived by one sister, Mrs. Fannie Ames Prescott, of Danvers, and one brother, Amos Ames, of Seattle, Wash.; also, a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Special Town Meeting.

There was a lively special town meeting on Monday evening with an attendance of near 150. A spirited word fight took place over the location of the new schoolhouse to be built in West Groton. The question of taking land owned by Harry Kemp, by the process of law called "eminent domain," for the schoolhouse site, was voted on—eighty-two for so taking the land and thirty-eight against it.

Mr. Kemp asked \$1500 for the land and didn't care to sell it for the schoolhouse location, even at that price, which is considered far above its real value. It is a point not verified, that the owner of the land will institute legal proceedings to prevent the land being taken, if possible.

To the Editor:

The history of the land for the school building in West Groton, as given by the chairman of the committee at the town meeting, was a surprise to many of the old residents of that part of the town, as it is a very well-known fact that this land since the time of the possession of H. E. Kemp in 1894, has been much improved. He has ploughed and planted it many times and it has been under cultivation for more than fifteen years.

Mr. Kemp, in his quiet way, has done much to improve conditions in West Groton. Besides building houses he has set out more trees in West Groton than any one who is living today. Much has been said in praise of the land and the high location, the beautiful view of the mountains, the natural drainage, and also being near the center of the population.

Why then should it not be considered as valuable as other land in that vicinity? A Taxpayer.

To the Editor:

Praise—unqualified and unstinted praise—should be given the fire department for the work they did the night the fire at Moore's store. When the alarm was given the flames could be seen, but in a few moments after the arrival of the department it seemed to the onlookers as if the danger point was passed.

We all have reason to be thankful for the water service in this village. An unlimited supply of water with so great a pressure that the value of water in putting out a blaze is increased a large percent. Then, too, the hydrant service is such that several streams can be directed to a burning building at the same time.

I would like to make two suggestions arising from conditions that were met that night:

The alarm was not given promptly by the telephone operator—many minutes were lost—and minutes lost at the beginning of a fire often mean that a fire early subdued at the outset becomes a conflagration, as we learned at the time of the great Boston fire when the engines were tardy because horses had not been procured to take the places of horses too sick to work. Some four or five telephone calls were sent in before the alarm was given. Some excuse, perhaps, should be made from the fact that the operator was awakened from sleep and one's faculties are not so alert when just awakened. But there was also delay in giving the alarm at the previous fire when an alarm was sent in from the house of Frank L. Blood.

The telephone office is under the management of a private corporation, but it seems all important that some arrangement should be made that no delay should be allowed between the time the fire at the office was sounding the alarm. Then, too, the electric light service did not do its part for the safety of the village in case of fire.

In moving the hose the wrench which opens the hydrant was lost, which caused a short delay. It was found by a lantern. Years ago we had no other way of lighting quickly except by lanterns. It is much slower work to harness horses by lantern light than by electricity.

When there is an alarm of fire given at night the electric lights within the limits of the village should be turned on at once, that the horses can be harnessed quickly, that the road-

way can be seen so that the fire apparatus can be moved quickly without danger of accident either to the apparatus or the individual.

I am not an expert on electricity and I cannot depend upon the electrician who lives at a distance to turn on the current. It must, however, be possible for some plan to be adopted by which the electricity could be utilized at once. The chief cost would be in installing the device—the cost of the electricity for an hour or so several times a year would be very little.

The individual loss, whether a house is burned on a farm or in a village is the same, but the community loss is much greater if a fire is in the village and the danger of spreading fire to other buildings makes it important to take all possible precautions.

Pictorially to yourself the loss of sixteen buildings in this village, a loss which happened in West Acton only a short time since—fifty years would not restore the beauty of the village. Should we not therefore spend money freely that may reduce to a minimum the possibility of a general conflagration in this village. G. A. Boutwell.

West Groton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams enjoyed a number of delightful auto rides last week, returning to spend each night at home. During the week they visited in Gardner and made trips to Wachusett, Whalom and Northampton. They were accompanied by Mrs. Adams' brother, Otis Clark, who spent the week-end.

E. K. Harrington was quite ill on Wednesday being confined to the bed. He was reported as somewhat better on Thursday.

Repairs are being made at the Hollingsworth & Vose mill, giving employment to a number of carpenters.

Charles Balcom is excavating for the cellar of his new house which is to be built near the small house he occupies at present, but much nearer the street.

Mrs. A. L. Harrington is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. William Williamson, and grandson, Albert Trefethen, of Walpole.

Miss Hazel Hancock, of Chelsea, is a guest of her cousin, Mrs. G. S. Webber.

An auto accident occurred on Monday near Mr. Clark's residence, known as the Rockwood place. A commercial traveller passing through the town noticed a pheasant in the field adjoining the road and pointed to his companions in the car. The auto, neglected for the moment, left the road and turned turtle in a convenient ditch. The windshield saved the passengers from being crushed and seriously injured. A broken collar bone was sustained by the driver of the car. The party was taken to Fitchburg by L. G. Strand, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marlboro, of Saxton's River, Vt., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Strand, leaving on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Bixby and daughter Ruth returned recently from a stay with relatives in Wellesley.

Mrs. Isabel Wiggins returned on Wednesday to her home in Merrimack after a week's visit with Mrs. A. H. Thompson.

A. W. Lamb was in town on Monday, having travelled from New York, where he is present at the special town meeting.

Eugene Sleeper, of Walpole, is in town, for a time employed at the paper mill.

Mrs. Cobb is making an extended visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. H. Hunkins.

A special town meeting was called on Monday evening, made necessary by the fact that the owner of the chosen site for the new school building charged \$1000 more for the land than the committee felt authorized to give. The excitement over the matter ran high. The question was decided as to whether the town would vote to take this piece of land. Voters against the measure were conveyed to the polls in a four-horse barge and carriages and automobiles were well filled. Speakers for the measure were Mr. Southard and W. Lamb, read papers descriptive of the site and in favor of its use. Speakers for the opposition were F. L. Blood and P. W. Kane. The result of the ballot was 83 to 38 in favor of taking the land.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wheeler, of Westmoreland, N. H., parents of Mrs. C. L. Roy, arrived here by auto on Sunday, remaining as guests of their daughter until Tuesday. They were accompanied by their brother, Mrs. Wheeler, and a daughter, Mrs. Burns.

It is hoped that the West Groton boys and girls are trying for the money donated for the destruction of the gypsy moth.

The pastor of the Union church, Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, is taking his annual vacation, and the church will be closed during August. There will be no Sunday school sessions or C. E. meetings during the month.

Those who attended the Pomona field day at Whalom on Tuesday from this village were Mrs. Charles Bixby and daughter Ruth, Mrs. Isabel Wiggins and Dorothy Thompson.

Wreck. A freight wreck at the West Groton station was the cause of unusual excitement on last Saturday afternoon. The freight train arrived at usual time, and after completing the shifting at West Groton, went on to Vose, leaving several cars at the station to be annexed later. On leaving Vose the train backed to the West Groton station, and coming too rapidly, great force was given to the engine.

One car was derailed and another was thrown from the trucks which remained on the track. Both engineer and fireman leaped from the cab, the former spraining his ankle. The cars were badly damaged. A wrecking train was summoned and the crew succeeded in clearing the track at about nine o'clock. A train from Ayer met the 5.30 down train here and conveyed the passengers to Ayer, returning at 6.30 with the up-bound passengers, for whom the down train had waited. Quite a large crowd gathered to view the wreck and watch the work of the wrecking crew. Mr. Crowe, of Shirley, who happened on the scene with the light car, was engaged to handle the express, which was largely of a perishable nature.

Our station agent, C. L. Roy, says he has experienced a number of "close calls," but never so narrow an escape as that on Saturday afternoon. He was assisting the trainmen in unloading heavy pieces of piping and was stationed between the cars in a stooping posture, holding one end of the piping, while the men lowered the car. Two pieces had been unrolled and they were about to return for the third when the cars collided. Had the collision been just

a moment either earlier or later Mr. Roy and probably the trainmen must have been fatally injured. That his movements were timed exactly right for escape was a fortunate circumstance both for Mr. Roy and the community.

Evicted. Mrs. John Downs, sister of Mrs. Doherty, and sister-in-law of Frank Downs, both residents of this place, arrived here from Ireland some weeks ago, accompanied by a son and two daughters. The family moved into the Downs place on Mill street lately vacated by Mr. Hickory, who occupies the house on Townsend road built some years ago by Mr. Andrews.

Trouble arose between the two Downs families, the details of which are not known to the writer, and as a result Mrs. Downs was ordered to vacate the tenement in forty-eight hours. Refusing to do this she was evicted on Wednesday morning, Chief Riley being called upon to perform as he expressed an unenviable duty. Mrs. Downs had solicited work for herself and daughters among the people here and had been assured of generous patronage. W. V. Bixby has stored the goods until a tenement can be obtained.

SHIRLEY. News Items. Mrs. Walter W. Manning and three children, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., have arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant, for a vacation.

Mrs. Shelzer and her daughter, Miss Bertha Shelzer, of Manchester, N. H., were visiting Mrs. A. Buckhead at the Holiday house, Lancaster road. Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Binney are planning to spend next week at Marblehead.

Dr. and Mrs. Lilly, with two sons, Edward and Richard, left on Tuesday for Hampton Beach, N. H., and will return home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoquard, who were recently married, were surprised last Saturday evening when a number of their friends from the Baptist church called at their home and presented them with a set of linen. The evening was most enjoyably spent.

Center. A number of grangers from Shirley attended the State grange field meeting at Whalom Park on Tuesday and Wednesday, a very enjoyable time. Forty-three grangers were represented at the meeting. Those who attended from Shirley were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cummings, A. A. Adams, Mr. Dunn, Mrs. G. E. Crawford, Helen Bradford, Lester A. Hoquard, William Jubb, William Thompson, May Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves and family and Daniel Bartlett.

Benjamin Ralph, of Buffalo, is spending a few days at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Bridgman, visiting his daughter, Miss Florence Ralph.

The next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, August 5, will be neighbors' night, and Lunenburg grange will neighbor with Shirley grange. The entertainment, which is under the direction of Robert J. Evans and Harry N. Brown, will consist of minstrel numbers and music. The refreshments are in the charge of Mrs. Albert Woods, Mrs. George Buxton and Mrs. H. G. Graves.

Miss Florence Adams, who has been spending several weeks in Maine, returned Tuesday to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived at W. E. Barnard's on Wednesday for a short vacation with Mrs. Bumpus and daughter Theodora.

Rev. Williston Ford will supply the pulpit at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. This will be Mr. Ford's last Sunday until the end of his vacation. During the next month Rev. A. L. Bumpus, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Rev. Robert Bryant, of New York, are expected to be among those who will supply.

Miss Harriet Bridgman, who has been very ill with tonsillitis, and under the care of a trained nurse, is rapidly improving.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman was among the speakers at the Old Home week services at Lunenburg on last Sunday afternoon.

A number from the Center and North attended Old Home Day at Lunenburg on Wednesday. They were Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams, Miss Mary Adams, Geo. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George Buxton and family, Mrs. N. R. Graves and family, Miss Merle Crockett, Amos Farrar, Miss Alice Gould.

A civil service examination will be held at Fitchburg on Saturday, August 23, for those who wish to qualify for the position of R. F. L. carrier on the routes in Shirley. The examination is competitive.

An attempt was made shortly after midnight on Sunday to enter the home of Mrs. Von Hesse on Parker road. The housekeeper, who sleeps upstairs, was awakened by hearing a ladder raised to the window. Seeing some one about to mount the ladder she awakened Henry Baumann, the hired man, who dressed and went out to look. The ladder, which earlier in the evening had been near the barn, was leaning against the side of the house, but no trace of the guilty party was found. Officer Burdill viewed the premises and is working on the case. Mrs. Von Hesse seems to be particularly unfortunate in regard to breaks, as last summer her home was broken into and a quantity of food taken. It is also said that an attempt was made several weeks ago to enter her home by way of the cellar, but was unsuccessful.

Hon. Frank A. Patch, of Littleton, announces his candidacy for Middlesex county commissioner. Nomination papers are now being circulated in his behalf throughout the county.

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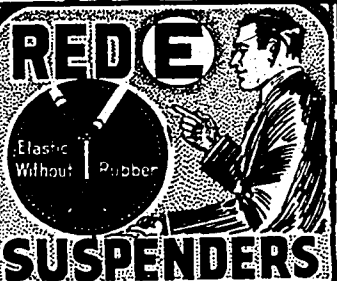
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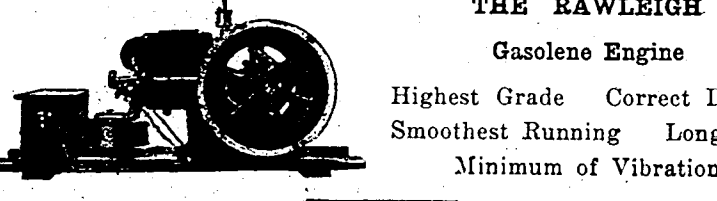
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TOWNSEND.

Center. Mrs. Arthur Sloan received a serious fall last week while coming down stairs and badly broke one of the knee caps. She was taken to the Burbridge hospital, where she is resting comfortably. Mrs. Albert Howard and Albert, Jr., have been enjoying a visit at Boone Lake and Hudson. Chester Garden, of White River Junction, was a visitor in town last week at his uncle's John J. Piper. George Dix, of Leominster, was in town last week and met many former acquaintances here. Mrs. Laura Richards is home from St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, and a nurse is with her for the present. It is hoped that after this second operation for abscesses in the head she may now soon recover. One of Mr. R. Moody's sons is keeping store for H. J. Miller during the latter's vacation. Frank Temple, of the U. S. S. Florida, is at home on a shore leave. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shaul and little son, of Syracuse, N. Y., are at Frank Warren's. Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hildreth have been enjoying a visit to Chelmsford and also a trip along the North Shore. Mr. and Mrs. George E. Gates and Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity and several others from town enjoyed Old Home Day exercises at Lunenburg on Wednesday. Mr. Flarity was one of the speakers there. Misses Ethel and Gertrude Rockwood and party returned on last week Friday night after an enjoyable auto trip to Centre Harbor, N. H., and back down to Manchester-by-the-Sea.

West. William Lawrence has sold his business at the white store, where he has been proprietor for several years, to Mr. Boutelle, of Dunstable, who will take immediate possession, and will move his family into the Lawrence tenement on Elm street recently vacated by Mrs. Mary Foster for the present.

John McDonald, employed at the granite quarry, met with quite a serious accident last week Friday afternoon, being crushed beneath a block of granite, sustaining bad injuries to both limbs between the knees and thighs, and also injuring his head in falling. Dr. Boynton was summoned and took the injured man to his home at the Laws house in the north part of the town, where he is doing as well as can be expected.

John McDaniel Reed has recovered from his illness and with his wife returned to their home in Woburn on Saturday. Rev. S. D. Ringrose walked from the camp at Ward pond, where he is in charge of the ten members of the Knights of the White Shield who are spending a fortnight there, and occupied his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning and evening, conducted his Brotherhood meeting and took charge of the missionary service of the Y. P. S. C. E., returning to camp for this week. The boys were in camp at the Baptist church on Sunday morning and evening, conducted his Brotherhood meeting and took charge of the missionary service of the Y. P. S. C. E., returning to camp for this week. The boys were in camp at the Baptist church on Sunday morning and evening, conducted his Brotherhood meeting and took charge of the missionary service of the Y. P. S. C. E., returning to camp for this week.

Mrs. Hattie Blood has returned from a several-weeks' visit to Boston and opened her tenement on Main street. John Eldredge and Homer Flynn, who have been with the White Shield boys in camp, returned on last week Thursday.

Miss Ora Craig has returned from her visit to Canada, where she has been spending several weeks studying the French language.

Carl B. Willard enjoyed an auto trip with a party of friends to Milton on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, from Wakefield, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

Miss Alice Seaver has been enjoying a few days' vacation at the home of her sister in Dorchester and visiting relatives in Malden.

James Aker has moved his family from Mason, N. H., into the farmhouse in the north part of the town owned by Alexander Reed.

Miss Lena Thompson officiated at the reading-room last Saturday in the absence of Miss Seaver. A little son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Lucier, of Josselynville, on Thursday, July 24, and has been named Roland Herbert.

Mrs. Willett and family have moved from the Boardman house on Elm street, owned by Thomas Welch, to the Wilder cottage in Josselynville, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch and family are moving to the tenement vacated by the Willetts.

Mrs. Harry Marr, of Fitchburg, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood. Mrs. Belle Blood, who has been visiting relatives in Mason, N. H., has returned to the home of Mrs. Mary Robbins.

Baseball. The T. R. & T.'s of Billerica were the attraction at the baseball park here last Saturday and played the best game, up to the last half, of any team which has been here this season. They were a snappy aggregation and played the game for all it was worth and backed up in fine order their trappy little southpaw until disheartened by a close decision which meant a run to them when the score stood 3 to 1. They all went to pieces and their pitcher was knocked out of the box and an uneven score resulted, 10 to 1. The Westfords are scheduled for this Saturday and say "they are coming up to make it two straight." The score of Saturday's game:

Table with columns for player names and statistics (runs, hits, errors, etc.) for Townsend and T. R. & T. teams.

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Home run—Morse. Two-base hits—Green, Eastman. Hits off Condon, 10 in 7 1/2 innings. Bases on balls—By Knight 1. Struck out—By Knight 4, by Condon 1. Stolen bases—Morse 2, by Knight 1. Error—Parker, Farrar, McNulty. Hit by pitched ball—Morse. Umpire—H. L. Whitcomb. Time—1 hr. 25m.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Herbert McNary, of West Townsend, visited Hollis last week to see his niece, Althea May Nute. Miss Lucinda F. Read, who has been a patient in the Emergency hospital, Nashua, the past few weeks, returned to her home last week Friday. The Misses Lulla and Ardele Southwick, of Dorchester, Mass., came to Mrs. Jason Read's last Saturday for a two-weeks' visit with her. Milton Wright went to the hospital in Roxbury, Mass., last week for treatment for the third time. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Goodwin and young son have come to Hollis to the maternal home for a two-weeks' visit. The Congregational Sunday school held its annual picnic at Silver Lake on Wednesday. The Sunday school made an appropriation for the Constantinople relief fund last Sunday. Dea. Frank Proctor, of the Walnut Avenue Emmanuel church, Roxbury, Mass., occupied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon, presenting the appointing plan as presented by the missionary societies. Thirty from Hollis attended the entertainment in Brookline last week given by Prof. Yarrick. They report an enjoyable time. Miss Hazel Reed is spending her vacation in Orono, Me., with her brother, Lowell Reed, who is an instructor in the Maine State college. Several of our citizens joined their families at Hampton Beach last Sunday for the day. They were George Ladd, George Hardy, Fred Muzzey and Will Deane. Mrs. Sally Sanders joined the company for the rest of their stay there.

Current Events. Miss Lucinda Reed returned home from Memorial hospital, Nashua, last week. Miss Bertha Hayden brought her home in Miss Hayden's automobile, Miss Reed standing the journey very well. Mrs. Charles Frank and two children, Elizabeth and Charles, who spent a week at Worcester Place, returned to their home in Brookline, Mass., on Monday. Mrs. Henry Worcester and daughter Bertha, of Malden, Mass., came to Hollis on Monday to visit with Miss S. Alice and Miss Elizabeth Worcester at Worcester Place. They made the trip in an auto. Arthur and Perley Lund, of Hudson, are spending a few weeks at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lund. Asa B. Eaton's little grandson from Manchester, has been visiting at the Eaton home the past week. C. Fred Mead lost a valuable horse recently. Mr. Mead is now the owner of a five-passenger Ford car and he is conveying people to meet the trains and also carrying parties out of town.

BOXBOROUGH.

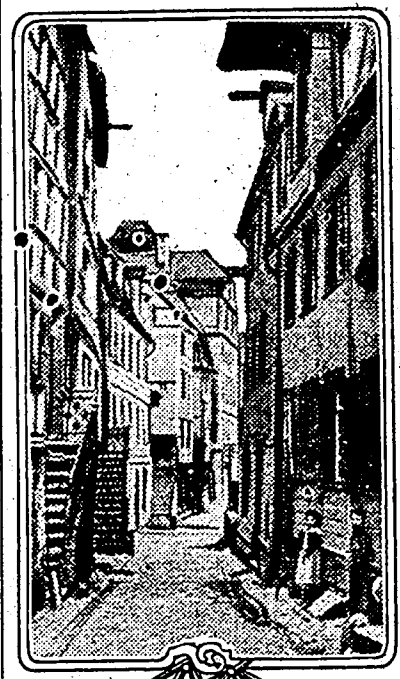
News Items. Married at West Acton, by Rev. S. J. Willis, last week Thursday evening, Leo C. Cunningham and Catherine M. Griffin, both of this town. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherry, left for Athol. Clarence Braman has hired the McGrath farm in the eastern part of the town and intends to move his family there in September. The Kathans have bought a farm in Hudson. We regret that they are going to leave town, for during the short time they have lived here, they have been active at our social gatherings and made warm friends. Miss Nellie Deane, having spent a short time at home, has now gone to Maine, where she has special classes in music. In Rockland, she is to give a series of lectures on music and musical composers, illustrated, by recitals from their works. Mrs. Deane's brother, who has lived in New York the last fifty years, is spending the summer at the Deane farm. Mrs. J. H. Orendorff, of Concord, our former neighbor, was here on Tuesday calling on old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Orendorff are now in Gettysburg, where Mr. Orendorff's old home is. At the time of the great battle the doors and boards were taken from his father's barn to make stretchers for the wounded. A stranded automobile near No. 3 schoolhouse was the mutus witness of the unfortunate end of a joy ride last Sunday taken by six Waltham men. Fortunately the chauffeur had friends here who carried the party to the station. Rev. William Batt, of Concord Junction, preached at the Congregational church last Sunday in the absence of Mr. Viets, who was down on the Cape. Arthur Stuart, of Toledo, Ohio, was in town last Saturday, calling on some of his old Lawrence academy schoolmates, and particularly to see Mrs. Anna Page at the time of the big fire in Ayer years ago. Mrs. Page had the Stuart family with her for two months and is most gratefully remembered by them for her hospitality. Mrs. Mabel Hager and two children spent several days with Mrs. Henry Lawrence at Silver Hill this week. Mr. Hager, from Clinton, went down for the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodge, of Waverley, were guests of Mrs. Dodge at Bide-a-Wee on Sunday. Eugene Ryder, of Dorchester, visited at the Cunninghams this week. On Monday, Mrs. S. B. Hager and four little daughters are going to Nova Scotia. Carrie Bradford, of Shirley, a relative of Mrs. Hager, will be one of the party. Joseph Connell, of Attleboro, visited his sister, Mrs. Charles Myers, this week and took home his little daughter who has been with Mrs. Myers for several weeks. Joseph Poland has gone on a three-weeks' trip to Minnesota and the Great Lakes, very pleasantly combining business with pleasure. Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, 3d, spent the week-end with friends in Malden, who came for them and brought them home by auto. Mrs. Bertha Shattuck is entertaining her nephew and family from Providence.

Roger Moore, who has been with his sister, Mrs. Arthur Nelson, for a month, has returned to Greenwood. Alma Bowles, of Ayer, was the guest of Mrs. Earl Littlefield the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. David Dickson and Mrs. Dickson's mother, of Lowell, are visiting Mrs. E. S. Storer. A social party to be given by the Library association will be held on August 13.

HOLD BRIDE CHOOSING DAY

Moving-Picture Machine to Reveal Mystery of "Chinadee" in Brittany.

Saint Jean du Doligt, Brittany.—More than usual interest has attended the annual "Chinadee" or "Bride-choosing Day," which is one of the festivals of this old-fashioned town of Brittany. A moving-picture apparatus has been present and has taken many pictures. The custom dates back to the middle ages, when, it is said, the laws of the church were so strict that no marriage between relatives to within the eleventh degree was permitted. The result was that young men could not



A Peep at the Medieval Town of St. Jean du Doligt, Brittany.

find brides even in neighboring villages, and rather long journeys had to be made to find eligible girls elsewhere. It was then that the church, after an understanding with the feudal lord of the place, who had a right to a fee for each marriage, arranged a common bridal day every year after Eastern, and the custom has been maintained to the present. The day is observed as one of great religious solemnity. There is no music or band, no dance of any kind—as, in fact, dancing has always been forbidden at St. Jean du Doligt because of the story of St. John the Baptist having been ordered to be beheaded by Herod after a dance. From one to two hundred girls attend mass in the morning, and at 3 in the afternoon they again attend vespers in the old Gothic church. They are dressed in Brotagne fashion, of all colors, and wear long embroidered shawls reaching to their feet, and carry a mass book and an umbrella. The young men stroll about some distance away on the walks, and seem to be rather indifferent. From time to time one of them leaves his friends and goes to the girl whom he has chosen. He salutes her ceremoniously, and speaks to her. Then the umbrella plays an important role. If it is handed over to the young man, his proposal is accepted, and it is rare that it is not. The girl usually hesitates for a few minutes for the sake of decorum. The young man walks away to give the girl a last chance to reflect, and still retains his air of indifference. Finally, after a few minutes of waiting, which seem to be only a traditional delay, the girls leaves the ranks and follows the young man, who then invites her to a small collation. Little by little the inns become crowded with young couples, who are thus partaking of a sort of frugal bridal repast. When night comes the couples return to the house of the chosen bride, and a real bridal supper is then given by the parents. The girls who have not been chosen do not seem to be disappointed. They remain about the church till dusk, and sometimes till it is perfectly dark. If their parents are kind to them nothing is said, but it often happens that the unfortunate girls who failed to be chosen are roundly scolded when they return home without an intended husband.

FREED CONVICT IS HIRED

Seattle Man Released Recently Goes Back to Old Position on Salary.

Seattle, Wash.—George Edward Adams, who was released after serving more than five years in the federal penitentiary at McNeil Island for the theft of many thousand dollars' worth of gold dust from the Seattle assay office, has returned to take up the position of bookkeeper which he occupied during his incarceration, not, however, as a prisoner, but as a civilian, at a salary of \$1,200 a year. Friends of Adams worked for his release and succeeded in getting the parole, which cut off ten years, which good behavior and model conduct reduced to six years and eight months. Adams made application for a temporary position, but according to the appointment it may be permanent and Warden Halligan will endeavor to keep him there, as his work has been more than satisfactory.

Death Followed Turkey Trot

Atlantic City.—While teaching her husband the intricacies of the "turkey trot," Mrs. Agnes E. Day, a vivacious matron of twenty-one, sank with a groan to a couch and died a few hours later. The exertion had ruptured a blood vessel.

Advertisement for BRYANT & STRATTON COMMERCIAL SCHOOL BOSTON. Includes logos for the school and text describing courses and location.

Advertisement for THE NEW ENGLAND LINES. Features the slogan 'The Proof OF Efficiency' and lists services for Boston, New York, and Maine.

Advertisement for TRIMMED HATS AT Half Price. Includes an illustration of a woman's hat and text for GEO. L. DAVIS, AYER, MASS.

Advertisement for ETHEL K. BRUCE, Milliner. Includes an illustration of a woman's hat and text for Phelps' Block, AYER, MASS.

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Chinese Servant Gives Notice When Employer's Daughter Gets Old Enough to Practice.

The fascination of an untrammelled life in New York had lured other Chinese servants away from western families who had migrated with their retinue to New York.

At last he gave notice and refused to tell why. Finally the manager of an employment agency offered a solution of John's defection.

"It is because your little girl has got big enough to practice on the piano," he said. "John can't stand that."

"A Chinaman hates a piano. It takes a good deal to upset Chinese nerves, but a piano is capable of completing the job most effectually. Heretofore there has been but little piano playing in your house; now that there is a prospect of several hours of practice every day John clears out."

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Apparatus Devised by a Frenchman Removes Danger of Contagion and Doesn't Damage Paper.

The danger from contagion from books that have been in the hands of persons suffering from various diseases has led to the invention of various methods of disinfection.

His process embraces two parts. In the first place, the books are placed in a "beater" where a strong current of air opens every leaf and an aspirator sucks out the dust and deposits it in aseptic water.

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TIME TABLE. Cars leave Ayer for North Chelmsford and Lowell—6.05 a. m. and hourly at 5 minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m.

The intruder. A certain boat coming up the Mississippi one day during the flood lost her way and bumped up against a frame house.

Hints to Lovelorn Gents. If she makes a practice of eating onions for supper every time you call, it is a sign that she is indifferent toward your suit.

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PEPPERELL.

Current Events. Mrs. Timothy O'Brien, of Groton street, was taken violently ill on Saturday of last week. On Sunday the attending physician pronounced the symptoms of appendicitis, and as she had previously suffered minor attacks of the same nature, the case was considered more serious. On Monday she consented to an operation, which was evidently necessary, and was taken to St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua. Present reports of her condition indicate a speedy recovery.

We note in the Boston papers that the telephone company has issued an order to go into effect on August 1, instructing operators at the central offices to use the formula "Number, please." In answering a call. According to several reports from subscribers in town they would be willing to overlook any lack of politeness if they could secure more prompt service and enough perseverance in obtaining the party called for.

Considerable interest is being manifested concerning the interpretation by those in authority of the vote which was taken in town meeting "to oil Main street." The work, when completed, included several streets which could not possibly be termed "Main street" in fact, not really a thoroughfare, as it comes to an end just beyond the residences. There are many streets in town having a much larger percentage of travel, being the streets for through travel to Nashua, Lowell and Groton. The business people on the lower part of Railroad square are agitating the question of petitioning the town fathers for the dust nuisance to be abated in their vicinity, and there is quite a little dissatisfaction in various parts of the town.

The excessive drought seems broken. A good, old-time thunder shower on Monday and another on Wednesday noon were gratefully received by townspeople and their gardens.

Mrs. Ingalls Kittredge and Miss Edna visited at Leominster and Whalom Lake on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Lizzie McNayr, the popular clerk at Saunders' department store, expects to leave next Monday for a month's vacation at her old home near Middleton, Nova Scotia.

Miss Elsie Northrup will go to Manchester, N. H., on Friday for a short stay with relatives in that city.

Mrs. A. H. Harris, with her two sons, Leroy and Edward, and little daughter Nellie, is enjoying a two-weeks' vacation at her old home in Merrimack, N. H.

Mrs. W. D. Ryder, a former resident of this town, came from Providence, R. I., on last Saturday. She has been the guest of Mrs. George Jenks and many other old neighbors at East Village.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lakin returned home last week from South Portland, Me., where they have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Dunton.

Rev. Samuel Hayward is attending the Advent camp meeting at Springfield. Mrs. Hayward is visiting relatives at Medford during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frossard took a trip along the shores of Cape Cod, as far as Provincetown last week, going by auto.

J. Willoughby and family attended the forty-second reunion of the Willoughby family which was held as usual at Silver Lake, Hollis, N. H.

Mrs. Arthur Willoughby, with her children, Gordon and Thelma, returned to her home at Manchester, N. H., on Monday, after a visit of three weeks with relatives in town.

Miss Beatrice Flynn, the nurse, has been ill for a few days with symptoms of appendicitis, and went to Waltham hospital on Wednesday morning, expecting to be obliged to undergo an operation. Miss Margaret Parks will take her work during her absence, as she is in training to become a nurse with one more year before she graduates.

Walter Chapman, a former Pepperell boy, has been visiting in town at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman, Brookline street.

Miss Alva Clifford, with a friend from Nashua, was a week-end guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Freeman Simmons.

Mrs. Abbie Shattuck has been a visitor in town this week.

The railroad bridge over Brookline street is being rebuilt, and a temporary thoroughfare has been made over the track just above the bridge. In moving a heavy derrick up the track, preparatory to this work, it struck an underpinning of the Main street bridge, weakening the walk and causing it to be pulled off from all traffic to prevent any casualties.

News Items. Irving Church will be missed by the customers at Mansfield's, as he has severed his connection with the store.

A very pleasant dancing party was given by the young people of O. O. F. hall last week Friday evening. Music was furnished by Mildred Lunt, piano and Edgar Frost, drums.

Mrs. Charles Boynton has been spending the last week with relatives in Winchester.

BUNNY BEAT THE MOTOR CAR

Rabbit Ran So Fast the Chauffeur Had to Speed to Keep Him in Sight.

The scene was on the road to Point Place. Illuminations were furnished by the moon and stars. Besides the rabbit and the auto there were one man and two girls, also a chauffeur.

The big automobile was speeding along the highway, sending its white light ahead, when suddenly right across the path of the rays from the head lamps shot a young rabbit.

The chauffeur slackened speed, hating to hurt the little creature, and then the rabbit hopped back into the center of the road again, gave one look into the blinding glare of the lamps and started the race.

Straight down the center of the smooth, white highway he shot on ahead of the car, and the chauffeur speeded up a bit just to see how fast the race was going to be, but he could not catch the rabbit, not by ten feet.

That little critter's feet went so fast there did not seem to be any there, and just a speck where the long ears bobbed with the motion of his little body and a brown blur of hair.

And still he ran, on and on, keeping his distance ahead of the big machine as if the light had hypnotized him and he could not stop, while behind in the car big, lazy pursuers laughed and watched and begged the chauffeur not to run him down. There was no such chance.

The rabbit was too quick. When he was tired of the sport he hopped to one side of the road as the car went by, tipped up his tiny head and winked out of one pink eye as he looked at the speeder and its occupants with a quizzical curve of his little mouth.—Toledo Blade.

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CARIBOU IS FASTEST RUNNER

Maine Woodsman Tells of Seeing Greyhound Left Behind by Herd of Four.

In Maine it is contended that the caribou can outrun any other animal. According to the testimony of one woodsman, caribou left behind a greyhound that had been matched against them.

A guide succeeded in starting the dog after some caribou—a herd of four standing like statues on the ice of one of the big ponds in the region along the west branch of the Penobscot.

Now, the caribou trots, instead of running, like most other wild animals in the present case there had been a plentiful fall of snow, a rain which had formed a thick crust, and then another fall of snow, all of which constituted the very finest surface whereon to hold a race of this description.

When the greyhound was loosed its owner confidently expected that it would outrun the caribou.

When the caribou woke up and hit their pace it was a sight to see them. They did not appear to be proceeding with much speed, but as the hound drew up on them they increased their pace. The hound was doing his very best, but made no headway against the caribou at all. The dog stuck to it with courage, but before it was half way across the pond the caribou had reached the other side and disappeared in the woods.

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Barney Weller Was Fond of Jokes, But Rooster Under His Bed Was Too Much.

Barney Weller was about the funniest fellow you ever saw. He was always making people laugh by playing jokes on somebody, and he put up a game on a victim every day in the week.

He was in Chicago at a big hotel on one occasion when the butt of one of his jokes sought revenge by securing a live rooster and tying it under Barney's bed at night.

At three o'clock in the morning the rooster turned up for his first vocal selection and let out a long, shrill crow. The second performance of this kind was too much for the humorist. He dressed himself hastily and rushed down to the night clerk.

"Give me my bill!" he said fiercely. "I'm going to get out of this place!"

"But please tell me what the trouble is," suggested the night clerk.

"That don't matter," said Weller angrily. "I'm going to get out of here and get out quick!"

"At least," begged the clerk, "let us know what is the matter with the hotel before you go."

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