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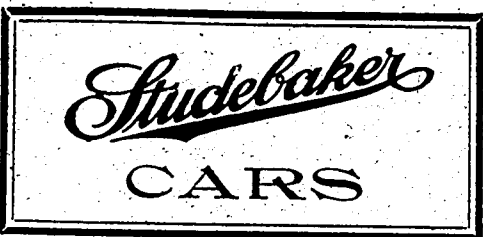
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### AYER.

#### District Court.

A case of wide interest to automobile drivers came up in court on Monday morning, the defendant being Fred A. Foss, of West Groton. There were three complaints against him, one for operating an automobile without a license in his possession, one while operating an automobile in a public way while under the influence of liquor and one for knowingly going away without stopping and making himself known after causing an injury to persons and property by operating an automobile in a public way. The alleged offenses were committed in the town of Pepperell last Saturday afternoon. The defendant pleaded guilty to the complaints.

In view of the seriousness of the case Judge Atwood continued it till Wednesday morning in order that the defendant might have time to consider a proper course of action.

On his re-appearance in court Wednesday morning Foss, through his attorney, John M. Maloney, retracted his former pleas with regard to the complaints and pleaded not guilty.

The cause of all the trouble was a collision between the defendant's automobile and a carriage driven and owned by F. A. Parker, of Pepperell, which occurred on Main street in that town near the office of the Nashua River Paper Company. Mr. Parker's story to the court was in substance that while driving from East Groton to his home in the center, in company with his wife and child, an automobile driven by the defendant, coming from the rear, struck the rear of his wagon, bending the axle and damaging the wheel. Mr. Parker was thrown out by the force of the collision and three bags of grain which were in the wagon were also thrown about the street. The automobile went on without stopping, the identity of the owner was established by the number which was obtained as the machine sped by.

The story was the same, substantially, as was told by the other witnesses for the prosecution.

In his defense Foss told the court that he went to Pepperell on the day of the accident in company with two other men. On the return journey he saw the team of Mr. Parker and as he passed the car he saw the driver on the rear seat of his automobile if the machine had cleared the team, to which they made an affirmative answer. This being the fact as he believed it to be, he accounted for his not stopping to investigate the accident because he did not know, he claimed, that an accident occurred.

The defendant further said that the steering gear was somewhat out of order and one of the forward springs were broken, which caused the automobile to settle on that side, making it difficult to keep it in the path which the driver of the car wished to go. This, he stated, was the reason that he did not look back to see if an accident had happened, as his constant attention was centered on the road ahead. This condition of his automobile was also testified to by the defendant's brother, who is an automobile mechanic.

In summarizing the evidence, Judge Atwood said that in the eyes of the law the offenses charged were very serious as if proven, they showed a disregard of the rights and safety of people using the streets. The court stated that the law passed by the legislature of this year was a drastic one and showed clearly the attitude of the law-making body in regard to such cases. The courts in the state also in dealing with these cases have viewed them in the same way.

The court finished by giving the attorney for the defense high praise for the excellent way in which he handled his side of the case, but in spite of all that was said he believed the defendant guilty on all the complaints and nothing but a jail sentence would satisfy the ends of justice. The defendant was sentenced to one month each on the charges of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, and for failing to stop and make himself known after the accident occurred. The complaint of operating his automobile without a license was placed on file.

The defendant appealed and was held for trial at the next session of the superior court in \$300 bail, which was furnished. The law in full follows:

Whoever upon any way operates an automobile or motor cycle recklessly or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, or so that the lives or safety of the public might be endangered, or upon a highway, or upon a way, or upon a motor vehicle for the purpose of making a record and thereby violates any provisions of sections 14 and 15 of this act, or who knowingly goes away without stopping and making himself known after causing injury to any person or property, or who uses a motor vehicle without authority, shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not less than two weeks and not more than two years, or both such fine and imprisonment; and if any person be convicted a second time of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, he shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than one year and not more than two years.

A conviction of a violation of this section shall be reported forthwith by a court of trial justice to the commission, which shall revoke immediately the license of the person so convicted, and it shall be the duty of the commission that the person so convicted is the owner of a motor vehicle.

or has exclusive control of any motor vehicle, the manufacturer, dealer, or the commission may revoke the certificate of registration of all motor vehicles which are exclusively owned or controlled. Whenever any person is convicted of a violation of this act, the license of the person so convicted shall be suspended forthwith, and the license of the person so convicted shall not be re-issued until such person has been convicted in the appellate court, or unless the commission, in its discretion, after due investigation, or upon a hearing, decides to re-issue it. No new license or certificate shall be issued by the commission to any person convicted of a violation of this act until after sixty days from the date of such conviction, nor thereafter except in the discretion of the commission.

Approved February 19, 1913.

Ruggiere Pasquale, of Littleton, was found not guilty of assault and battery last Saturday morning and was discharged from custody.

Albert M. Porter, of New York, was found guilty of vagrancy Wednesday morning and the complaint filed.

The domestic troubles of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farres, of Littleton, were told in court on Wednesday morning. The husband, who was the defendant in a complaint for non-support, was represented by Atty. John M. Maloney. Judge Atwood, after hearing Mrs. Farres' testimony, advised the couple to adjust their differences and continued the case for one month to give them an opportunity to do so.

Thomas Foley, whose home is in Lowell, was arraigned on a charge of vagrancy. Chief Beatty testified that the defendant was found in a railroad yard Tuesday morning acting in a strange manner and was taken into custody pending an investigation of the case. The developments showed that he was slightly demented. His brother, Patrick Foley, of Lowell, was notified and came here. According to the evidence given the defendant left Lowell many years ago and had lived in several places in the west and had served ten years in the United States cavalry in the regular army. He was confined in an insane hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, and escaped. He made his way here intending to go to Lowell when taken into custody. His brother said he would take care of him and he was allowed to go on his way.

Marcel Landry of Shirley was sentenced to the Massachusetts reformatory at Concord Thursday morning on a suspended sentence for larceny.

Lesley Houde, Rosano Martin and Hemele Ducharme, the two former seventeen years of age and the latter fifteen, were arraigned on Thursday morning, September 4, before Judge Atwood on charges of vagrancy. The particular complaints against the boys were for jumping freight trains. They were taken into custody the day before by Chief Beatty after they had jumped off a freight in the railroad yard after coming from Lowell. Mr. Beatty in the court there were many complaints in the nearby towns about tramps, but so far there was no complaint from the people of Ayer. From questions asked by the court of the boys it was learned that there was no serious misconduct of which they were guilty. Upon promising to return to their homes in Lowell their cases were dismissed.

Arthur McPhall and Joseph Shields, both of Littleton, were arraigned on Tuesday, were also with the party which were arrested. Chief Beatty called up the Watertown police on the telephone and he was informed that the boys were to appear in court in that town on Thursday morning for breaking and entering. The boys were taken to that town on an early train Thursday morning to appear in court.

Frank Hadley, of Pepperell, appeared before Associate Justice Worcester to answer to a complaint for assault and battery and drunkenness Wednesday morning, September 3. He was fined \$100 on both complaints. The former was placed on file and on the latter complaint he was fined ten dollars. Chief of Police Monteth arrested Hadley he found in the possession of the prisoner a round piece of iron about a foot or more long which was covered with both. The weapon was evidently used by somebody as a being jack as it had the appearance of being much used. The defendant stated that he did not carry it for the purpose of using it, but had found it and was carrying it back to his owner, a fellow Polish countryman.

Joe Hadley and Walter Vestacoonist, both of Pepperell, appeared the same morning, charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace. The former complaint was placed on file and on the latter they were each fined five dollars.

James Melody, of Boston, was also found guilty of the same complaint and his case was filed.

Dolphie Ebbare and Adolphus Bastien, of Shirley, were in court Tuesday morning, September 2, to answer to complaints of disturbing the peace and drunkenness. They were found guilty of both. The former complaint was placed on file, and on the latter they were placed on probation for six months. John Kaszinski, of Shirley, was found not guilty of assault and battery. Thursday morning, September 4, and was discharged. The appearance of the defendant in court was the sequel to a row with a fellow countryman in that town last week Monday evening, in which the complainant claimed to have been assaulted. The evidence disclosed the fact that there has been trouble brewing between the two parties for some time and that there has been more or less quarrelling. Both parties are Polanders and it required the services of two interpreters to exact the evidence from the witnesses who appeared on either side. Frank J. Maloney was counsel for the defense.

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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold an all-day sewing meeting at the home of C. W. Hussey on next week Thursday to which all are cordially invited.

Kent T. Royal returned to Waterville, Me., this week for two weeks' practice with the Colby college football squad, preliminary to the opening of the regular school year.

Miss Mary Davis came home on Sunday last from the Memorial hospital at Worcester, where she was recently operated on for adhesions. She is gaining rapidly and will no doubt resume her work in the hospital in a few weeks.

Miss Helen McGovern is caring for James H. Whitney who is convalescent. He is recovering rapidly from the injury which he received several days ago.

On Tuesday evening, September 16, the grange will confer the third and fourth degrees on a class of candidates. Music will be furnished by the men members of the order. The grange has received an invitation to neighbor with Starling grange this fall and furnish part of the entertainment. The question of accepting the invitation will be discussed at this meeting and a large attendance is desired. On Tuesday evening, October 7, Ayer grange has been invited to neighbor with Harvard, but from present indications it looks as though the notice was too short for Ayer to arrange for the entertainment and will have to be declined, as the meeting of Ayer grange does not come until Thursday of next week, at which meeting the invitation will be acted upon.

Miss Helen Bailey, who has been staying with her mother for the past two weeks, returned to her work in Keene, N. H., this week.

Miss Margaret Brinkman and Miss Marie Coe, of New York city, are guests this week with Mrs. E. M. Hubback at the C. B. Bigelow estate.

Rev. H. B. Mason, who has been at the Elliot hospital, Boston, for several weeks, is much improved and is expected home this week Saturday.

Schools were closed on Wednesday to allow the pupils and teachers to attend the opening day of the Worcester-East fair at Clinton. Gus B. Schultz entered some of his White Plymouth Rock pullets and won first and second prizes for the same.

Bromfield schools open the regular school year for all pupils on Wednesday, September 17.

Miss Helen Whitney is supplying in the capacity of secretary to Fiske Warren at the office building. She is working in the place of Miss George Bryant, who is taking a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Viola Parker returned to Leominster on Monday last to take up her duties as teacher in the public schools there.

There was a heavy frost on Tuesday night damaging gardens quite badly about the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Cobb opened their winter home in Dorchester this week and will make their residence there for the most part although the week-ends will, during the fall months, be spent at "Questend," their home on Oak Hill.

Miss Mabel J. Hallmund of New York city was the guest with Mrs. E. M. Hubback during last week.

Still River.

Mrs. Isabelle Leonard returned to her home in Milford, Vt., Thursday, after spending the summer with her brother, A. L. Hunter.

C. J. Merrifield is harvesting a fine crop of potatoes and expects to have nearly 2000 bushels.

The Clinton fair was attended by a large number of Still Riverites, most of them going by teams and autos.

W. W. Viles is unloading a car of feed at the station. This is the fourth carload of grain within a month that Mr. Viles has unloaded.

Rogers Morse returned to his school at New London, N. H., Monday.

Mrs. A. W. Robinson is visiting George Puffer's family at Sandy pond, Ayer.

F. W. Bateman and sister Eliza are visiting in East Jaffrey, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whitney, of Worcester, are spending the week with his mother at her Still River cottage. He goes back and forth in his auto from his work in Worcester night and morning.

### BOXBOROUGH.

#### News Items.

Postcards from Provincetown indicate that Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robbins have been enjoying their vacation there this week.

Gus Wetherbee has returned from Warner, N. H., much improved in health and is now staying with Ernest Bartheaux.

Recent guests of Mrs. B. B. Shattuck were her brother, Frank Bancroft, and her nephew, Earle Montgomery.

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tion from the passers-by is the bean field at Littlefield farm, where 4500 poles set this spring are now holding a fine crop of beans, whose dark green leaves and long red pods give no hint of the drought they have withstood. The first picking, forty-four boxes, was made on Wednesday.

Mrs. Hanscom, who has been at J. S. Braham's for some time, has returned to her home in Melrose.

Miss Susie Littlefield is once more at her home in West Acton after several weeks' sojourn at Littlefield farm.

Mildred E. Steadman Gartner received many presents from her schoolmates on September 5, the occasion being the celebration of her ninth birthday at her home. Miss Steadman will appreciate these tokens of friendship very much. Games furnished the entertainment for the young folks and refreshments were served by her mother, Mrs. M. Steadman Gartner. Mrs. F. Frohnert, of Cambridge, a friend of the family, assisted in the serving of refreshments.

Last Sunday T. Y. Nelson and family enjoyed an auto ride to Groton, where they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis is remembered by friends here as

Miss Mary Hill, one of our former school teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bartheaux spent Thursday and Friday at Chelmsford, where they attended the fair.

Miss Ella Furbush is at home for a two-weeks' vacation.

Robert Poland went to Amherst on Tuesday, where he enters the freshman class at the Agricultural college.

Miss Catherine Sherry is teaching a fifth grade at Stonington, Conn., this year.

Frank Cobleigh is the only one from Boxborough to enter the freshman class at Concord high school this year.

### SHIRLEY.

#### Center.

Mrs. Almond Wing, of Roxbury, is a guest this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Miss Vera Bradford returned on Wednesday to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford, after a short stay at Bailey's Island, Me.

Mrs. Clinton J. Lovell, of Henniker, N. H., is a guest at the home of W. E. Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves went to Boston on Friday to see Mr. Graves' mother, Mrs. Ruth Graves before she sailed for her home in Lakeville, N. S.

Wesley Comstock, at the North, lost a valuable horse last week.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus has returned to his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., after spending a short vacation at W. E. Barnard's. Mrs. Bumpus and little daughter Theodora will remain at Mr. Barnard's until the last of the month.

Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, will sing "The Hermit Thrush" at the bird pageant to be presented in Cornish this week. The words of this song were written by Arvia Mackaye, daughter of Percy Mackaye, when she was but nine years of age. Percy Mackaye has the part of poet in this pageant in which Miss Eleanor Wilson has the leading role.

News Item.

Frank Delellonic, a Polanders, proprietor of the meat and provision market on Fredonian street, lost two pigs this week from being poisoned. The two pigs weighed about 150 pounds. An investigation is to be made.



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WESTFORD.

Center.  
Samuel H. Balch, of R. F. D. route No. 2, is having the fifteen-day vacation allowed by the government. His vacation began the day after Labor day. William E. Green is attending to his route during his absence.

Miss Clara Fisher has been detained from her duties at the law library at the Lowell courthouse this week with a serious cold.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher entertained the Thimble club on Thursday of last week. It was the first gathering after the vacation season and every member of the club was present with one exception. Mrs. Fletcher presented each of her guests with a pretty picture of the historic lighthouse at the entrance of Portland harbor, this being one of the places visited on her recent trip.

Miss Lila Fisher returned to her teaching in Boston this last week.

Miss Helen Hildreth, of New York, is visiting her cousin, Miss Ella Hildreth, at her Prospect hill home, as well as other Westford relatives.

Miss Ida M. Manuel, a former teacher at Westford academy, was an over Sunday visitor in town last week, the guest of the Misses Atwood.

Mrs. Nellie Carlin and her son, Warren E. Carlin, have returned from several days of pleasant visiting with relatives in Providence.

William F. Carlin, of Marlboro, N. H., has been a recent visitor at his mother's and brother's home here.

Mrs. Ruth Miller Benault and William T. Mills were married on Wednesday of this week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. David Wallace at his home. The bride wore a pretty blue travelling suit with accessories to match. After a short wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Mills will live in the house, just being vacated by Mrs. Lumbert.

Shortly before the beginning of the school year, Miss Edna Ferguson visited Misses Carrie and Florence Read at their home in Barre. She brings back a very pleasant account of her visit with her genial hostesses who retain such keen interest in all the former Westford associations and friends. Greetings and good wishes to them through these columns which go to them each week.

Miss Sadie McMasters is attending the Industrial school at Lowell.

Mrs. Julia Chamberlain Read visited her aunts, Mrs. Fletcher and Miss Chamberlain, at their home in Billerica one day this week. Although both are well past eighty years old, they are real well and glad to hear from all the Westford friends.

The annual agricultural fair under the auspices of the Congregational church comes next Friday afternoon and evening. Supper will be served at 6.30, and in the evening Mrs. Belle Harrington Hall, reader, and Mrs. Myra Fond Hemenway, pianist, will give the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman H. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher, Miss Emily F. Fletcher, John M. Fletcher and Albro Fletcher, of Westford, were among those in attendance at the Fletcher reunion held in Horticultural hall, Boston, on Wednesday of this week.

Miss Lillian Sutherland, of the Lowell Normal school, has been substituting for Miss Eva Pyne at the Forge Village school this week.

About Town.

Frank C. Drew recently threshed nine bushels of winter wheat from one-eighth of an acre of land. This, at the rate of seventy-two bushels per acre, would seem to make it unnecessary to follow Horace Greeley's advice: "Go west young man, go west."

Daniel H. Sheehan has a creditor's claim of seven years standing for \$120 for "burlap for cider pressing" against a business proposition located nine miles west of Pigeon hill, where resideth the said Daniel, the hill and Daniel both being in Westford.

An invitation was received and accepted Sunday at the Unitarian church to the conference of the Young People's Guild at the Unitarian church in Littleton on Sunday evening.

Miss Lucinda Prescott has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Bertha Prescott Benjamin, of Somerville, who has a new arrival—very youthful and feminine.

Miss Luanna Deacatur, after spending many rainless weeks of summer vacation at the old farm on the Lowell road, left last week as teacher at New Rochelle, N. Y.

Walter Ryan, of the Chamberlin Corner branch of Ryans, has returned from his vacation to the beach.

The W. C. U. held the opening meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. E. J. Whitney on Main street last week Wednesday. The annual election of officers was listed as part of the program. Mrs. Janet Wright was elected president, Mrs. Adelaide Seavey, treasurer, Mrs. Daisy Colburn, sec., in place of the faithfulness of Mrs. Emma Day, who declined. The annual report of the treasurer was read, accepted and totalled up encouragingly. Light refreshments and temperance liquids were exemplified.

Miss Estelle A. Blanchard, a teacher in New York city, who has been spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Josiah Blodgett, on Milestone hill, was given a farewell reception by the above and here cousins, Mrs. Louise Blodgett and F. A. and C. R. Blodgett. This is the live hill of youth and age and know how to entertain.

Frank C. Drew and Amos Polley, the two leading prosperous farmers in the Stony Brook valley, have hustled their field corn into shocks in order to move the "previous question" on the looked for frost. Why be thus so previous when a well-known farmer on Pigeon hill has not yet commenced haying?

Daniel H. Sheehan has just finished sawing a large lot of lumber in Maynard for Dutton & Parkhurst, of Chelmsford. Now for haying.

Grange.

Littleton and Tyngsboro granges having accepted the invitation of Westford grange to come over and sit beside us, did so abundantly and delightfully last week Thursday evening. Littleton grange contributed readings for edification by Mrs. Florence Wilcox and Henry Sargent; song, solo and other piano evolutions in a rapid transit, gleeful, tuneful order by other skilled members of the grange whose names were muffled in the echo that introduced them. Rev. H. L. Packard gave a flank movement surprise with humorous readings and illustrations as the closing number of the Littleton share of the entertainment.

Tyngsboro followed with an entertaining brevity with the humorous farce, "A difference in clocks." Norman B. Sherburne and Miss Anna Parish humorously illustrated the difference. Westford grange exemplified supper with Mrs. F. W. Banister, Mrs. E. Wright and Mrs. Ella Langley as chief of supplies.

Fifty-three members of Westford grange visited Acton grange on Tuesday evening. The weather, including the moon, contributed much towards the entertainment of the evening. What was not contributed in one way was contributed in some other way by Westford grange—piano solo by Miss Ruth Smith, also another by the same author; song, Miss Lillian Sutherland, repeated because it was good; farce, "Interviewing a granger," Taylor and son. Acton grange contributed liberally of supper and various other symptoms of "Glad to see you." Box-torough grange, which was to have been on the map for entertainment, was unable to be present and perform the stunt expected and planned. Concord, Littleton, Carlisle, Chelmsford, Boxborough, Dracut and Ayer were all represented.

The next meeting of the grange will be held on next Thursday evening. Entertainment in charge of Ceres and Pomona.

Graniteville.

The Jersey baseball club of Lawrence visited here on last Saturday afternoon and defeated the Graniteville club by the score of 6 to 3. Merrill and Duhamel, the battery who performed so creditably for the Diamond Springs in their recent game, was the battery for the Jerseys, while Bridgeford and Hurley did the heavy work for Graniteville. J. B. Riney held the indicator and umpired a good game.

At a meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., held in its rooms recently, it was decided to hold a smoke talk after the next regular meeting, which will be held on September 18. A competent committee has charge of this affair and the members are promised a good time, the entertainment being one of the principal features.

Miss Rosie Dunn, of Dracut, has been a recent visitor here.

At a special meeting of members of the M. E. church held on last Sunday, and well attended, definite policies for church work during the coming months were considered. There is a growing interest in the work of this parish. On Sunday morning, at 10.45, the pastor, A. Earl Kernahan, will deliver an address on "The relation of christianity to rural progress." At seven in the evening he will preach a sermon upon the subject "The passion for souls." At eight o'clock he will address the members of the Epworth League. All the services are open to the public.

Miss Flora Hughes, of Boston, is visiting with relatives here.

A theatre party of ladies from here attended the Monday night performance in Keith's theatre in Lowell and report a very enjoyable time.

Broadway street, near the vicinity of the mill bridge, is again torn up and both teams and automobiles will be forced to go around by the way of River and Bridge streets until the repair work is finished. The part of the roadway now being repaired is on the mill side, between the bridge and the street railway tracks. This work is now being done by the Abbot Worsted Company.

Many people from this village attended the Clinton fair this week. The fair was of local interest owing to the fact that J. Austin Healy had his trotter, "Dolly C," entered in the races and Joe Wall and others from here have had attractions on the midway.

Miss Alice May Gilson, who graduated from the Westford academy in June, is attending the Lowell Commercial college.

Healy's Hustlers and Gordon's Growlers will play the first of a series of three baseball games for the village championship, commencing on Saturday afternoon, September 13. The game will be called at three o'clock.

Commendable Action.  
For some time past many irresponsible persons have been using the premises surrounding the baseball field as a public dumping ground, where all sorts of rubbish have been thrown. This action was resented by all and one well-known Graniteville man, who is a member of the Westford Board of Trade, took this matter up with the Westford selectmen and also the board of health. The town officials gave this matter their immediate attention and as soon as the opportunity afforded, the men with their teams were put on the job and the entire lot of rubbish was carted away.

The Westford board of selectmen and the members of the board of health are to be commended for the quick and decisive manner in which they handled this bothersome question, and a vote of thanks is certainly due them for their broad-minded spirit. Graniteville people appreciate their quick response for civic betterment.

In passing, a word of praise is also due this public-spirited citizen here who brought this matter before the proper authorities.

Forge Village.

Miss Nellie Foster of North Woburn, Miss Juanita Graham of Cambridge, and George Graham of St. Stephen's college, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Goucher on Labor day.

Miss Eva F. Fryne had her tonsils removed at her home on Friday afternoon of last week. Dr. O. V. Wells performed the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gurney and family, who have been spending the last two weeks in their cottage on Forge pond, returned home last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Collins spent the week-end as guests of friends in Haverhill.

Miss May Lord is home for a few days from her duties at South Framingham hospital.

James Wilson, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is still in a critical condition. The family have the sincere sympathy of the village in their time of trouble. Mrs. Collins, who has suffered a severe illness for

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several months, is not as yet entirely recovered.

Judging by some of the mushrooms which have been recently gathered, the season must be at its height. Mrs. Chester Blodgett, of Groton Ridges, has had some fine specimens this year. It is still a case, however, of knowing just where to look for them in order to be the lucky gatherer.

The members of St. Catherine's choir were entertained by the organist, Miss Mary F. Hanley, at the Hanley cottage on Forge pond last Sunday. Immediately after church services the members were taken in boats to the camp, where dinner was already prepared. The afternoon was spent in singing and a musical review was enjoyed. At five o'clock an excellent supper was served and later ice cream, cake and confectionery were enjoyed. The company left in the early evening for the home of Miss Hanley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hanley, where singing was enjoyed until a late hour.

A word might be said regarding the fruit thieves which abound in this village. It is beginning to be a case where no one's private grounds are safe from the destroying ravages of these half-grown-up pests. Where is the village constable in broad daylight, as well as after dark, fruit gardens are destroyed and limbs of trees broken down by stones and sticks. Even the grape vines are now suffering. A person's property is not safe now-a-days unless it is just a grassy lawn. It would be very much appreciated if the town of Westford would see to it that a constable's eye be on duty in order that the property of land-owners may be protected.

Miss Eliza Daly, who has been spending the past few weeks at the home of her nephew, William Daly, of Somerville, has returned home.

Victor Martin, while engaged at work in the plant of Daniel Gage Ice Co., severely injured his feet on Tuesday afternoon. Dr. O. V. Wells was called and at present it is not known whether or not it will become necessary to amputate several toes. Young Martin is at the home of his brother, Tony Martin.

Little George Blodgett, who has been very ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett, of the Ridges, is now on the road to recovery.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Marshall have returned from a very pleasant outing at Goffstown, N. H.

Everybody was delighted with the fine rains of last week which cooled the air, refreshed the thirsty earth, filled up many of the cisterns and started the flow of water in several places that had been dry for weeks.

Rev. Alfred Noon, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered the first of a series of four sermons upon the Book of Job on Sunday morning, the topic being "Job sustained." Communion service followed. Mrs. Leslie Eastman had charge of the Epworth League service at seven o'clock.

At the Congregational church, Rev. Robert A. Bryant gave an address to the children as usual, and the topic chosen was "Baptism," which was practically illustrated by the baptism of little Rachel Cass, and baby George Locke, sons of children of Mr. George Henry I. Cass. This was followed by the morning service and the sermon was upon "Christian refreshment." Communion followed. Mrs. F. H. Barter led the evening service of the C. E. society. Subject, "The faith of the ideal christian."

Prof. George R. Moody, with Misses Blanche and Lilla Lancy, left town on Wednesday last to engage in teaching in the public schools of Ridgewood, N. J. All are graduates of Mitchellburg Normal school. Their many friends wish them abundant success in their new field of labor.

Mrs. J. S. Gilchrist is enjoying a visit from her father, J. E. Moreland, of Boston. Mrs. William H. Dood is also entertaining her father, Josiah Miller, of Akron, Ohio, who expects to spend a month or more in town.

Mrs. C. B. Longley and cousin, Miss Mabel Goodman, of Pittsfield, took a trip to Boston and vicinity on Monday, spending several days visiting historical points of interest there and also included a visit to Plymouth Rock and the old burying ground.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Gardner W. Prouty has a new Ford automobile.

The Geo. M. Lovejoy family left town by automobile Tuesday for their new home in Hartford, Conn.

As John Wright was busy in his barn Monday morning one of his horses reared and came down uncomfatably near his master, cutting a gash with his hoof in Mr. Wright's

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

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by WILLIAM D. DAVIS and ARTHUR B. DAVIS who pray that letters testamentary may be issued to them, the executors therein named, without giving a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-third day of September, A. D. 1913, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen. 3152 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Rev. F. Richard, of Rogersville, N. B., and Rev. Bourgeois, of Moncton, N. B., who arrived in town the first of the week, were tendered a reception on Thursday evening of last week in St. Anthony's hall. Sylvester Thomas, president of the Assumption society, presided. A large number were present. The special feature of the evening was the sterling address given by the guests of the evening on the subject of "The ancient French Acadians." National hymns were sung in concert together and the evening proved most enjoyable. Mr. Richard and Mr. Bourgeois left town the day following to visit other French societies in Lowell and other places.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday morning. Mr. Bridgman gave a brief talk to the young people preceding the regular sermon. Both discourses were of unusual interest and merit, and all who attended no doubt felt that they had been well repaid for attending the service.

Mrs. William Adriance, of Winchester, with two young daughters, Joy and Mary Elizabeth, arrived last week Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Park, Center road, for a visit.

August Buckheim, caretaker of the Holiday house, arrived home from Germany last week Friday on the Hamburg-American liner Cleveland. Mr. Buckheim travelled extensively through Europe during his absence of three months.

The North Chelmsford baseball team were defeated in Shirley last Saturday afternoon by the Shirley A. C. by a score of 8 to 1.

Mrs. Henry W. Brockelman left town on Monday for a vacation of two weeks at Jefferson, N. H., the home of her sister, Mrs. Lennox.

Miss Ella F. Tewksbury, of Lexington, spent the latter part of last week and over Sunday as the guest of Miss Gertrude L. Conant.

Eddie L. Baker spent last week with his mother at Short Falls, N. H. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Brown, of Harvard road, last Saturday morning.

The following clergymen from out-of-town assisted Rev. J. H. Cote with forty-hours devotion: Rev. Donat Drolet, of Waltham; Rev. Joseph Robichaud, of Newton; and Rev. J. D. Binnette, of Salem.

Mrs. Frank Allard, of Leominster, visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Fred Bordenare, of Fitchburg, visited friends in town last Sunday.

Harding M. James, clerk at the store of Conant Bros., is this week enjoying his annual vacation.

William Bourgeois, of Athol, and Miss Eriquet Thomas, of Shirley, were united in marriage Sunday morning at six o'clock in St. Anthony's church, Rev. J. H. Cote officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Charlotte Gallian, and George Thomas was best man. A reception followed the ceremony at the home of the bride. After a brief honeymoon they will reside in Athol.

Lester Porter, owner of the ice business in town, has also bought out the coal business from Hazen & Nickless, taking possession on Wednesday.

The ladies of the Congregational church held a social Friday afternoon in the church vestry.

Miss Abbie Gately, of Boston, spent the first of the week in town with relatives.

Miss Arline Wilbur entered Cushing academy this week. This is Miss Wilbur's third year at Cushing.

The Shirley A. C. baseball team will play a match game with the Whalom Opera company, this Saturday afternoon on the Shirley grounds. Game called at three o'clock.

An officer from the state police was in town on Wednesday investigating the robbery at Morin's store. He says it was the work of professional yeggmen.

The frost this week has damaged hundreds of dollars' worth of garden produce in Shirley.

Thomas White, of Ansonia, Conn., has started to work in the weaving department of the C. A. Edgarton Co.

Mr. Decoteaux has sold his farm in Lunenburg to California parties and with his wife are planning to live with their daughter, Mrs. Thomas D. Morin.

Samuel Anderson, who a short time ago purchased the Henry E. Edgarton house and barn, is planning to convert the barn into a two flat house. Mr. Anderson has accepted the plans of an architect and it is expected that work will commence at once.

Miss Elaine Love left Shirley on Friday of this week for a month's visit to her old home in Lake George, N. B.

Miss Margaret Love starts next week Friday on a trip to Washington and other points of interest in the south.

Mrs. John Desmond is visiting in Worcester and Marlboro for a few days.

Miss Irene Daley, of Woonsocket, R. I., is visiting her cousin, William A. J. Daley, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gleason.

Marcel Landry, twenty years of age, broke out of the lockup sometime during Tuesday night. He was not seen until he was released. He decided to gain his freedom. He gained his liberty by heating a poker in the fire and burning out the lock in the door. He was captured, however, on Wednesday evening by Chief Burdell and returned to the lockup, and this time placed in a cell. Young Landry was arrested for petty larceny at the request of his father, who has had considerable trouble with the boy of late.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. John G. Conant next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

Fatal Accident.

Granville Fairbanks, the well-known cooper of Shirley, was almost instantly killed on Tuesday evening at six o'clock when a passing automobile frightened a horse in close proximity to his cooper shop on Leominster road and caused it to dash its owner to death. Mr. Fairbanks had just returned from the shop with a wagon which was loaded with 100 apple barrels preparatory to a trip to Lancaster on Wednesday morning. The barrels being ordered by the Thayer family of that town.

The wagon stood on the incline between the cooper shop and the road when a large touring car, bound in the direction of Leominster, came up the road and the chauffeur seeing the animal was frightened slowed his machine almost to a stop. The horse, however, reared onto his hind legs and Mr. Fairbanks, who had gone inside his shop, ran out and seized the animal by the bridle and as he did so the now thoroughly frightened horse started at full speed down the road with its owner still clinging to his bridle. He had run but a short distance when Mr. Fairbanks became exhausted and fell to the ground, the heavy wagon going over his body, inflicting wounds that proved fatal.

The accident was witnessed by Gardner Wheeler, Miss Kate McGinness, and also Arthur Merrim, of Leominster, who had been in Mr. Fairbanks' company during the afternoon, discussing repairs to the race-way. Mr. Merrim notified Dr. T. E. Lilly, who reached the scene of the accident in quick time, but nothing could be done for the unfortunate man. Mr. Fairbanks lived only about ten minutes. Miss McGinness was the first to reach his side and administered aid to him until the spark of life had got beyond recall.

Kindly hands then carried Mr. Fairbanks into the home of Mrs. McGinness. Dr. Lilly then notified Dr. C. E. Frier, of Ayer, assistant medical examiner, who arrived at the scene, and assisted by Dr. Lilly, made a thorough examination of the body and stated that death was due to accident and that Mr. Fairbanks had his ribs had been broken, and that all his ribs had been broken, and that he was informed of the sudden and unexpected death of her husband and was prostrated with grief.

Mr. Fairbanks conducted a small cooperage shop in this village and also one in Ayer, where he manufactured nail kegs, half-barrels, apple barrels and small tubs. He was well liked by all with whom he came in contact and the news of his death caused sorrow to all who knew him in this and surrounding towns. He was sixty-six years of age and was born in Lunenburg on February 4, 1847, the son of Abram H. and Harriet G. (Spang) Fairbanks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks have travelled life's roadway together for thirty-nine years this month, being married in Lunenburg by Rev. John Norcross, of the Methodist church in September, 1874. One son, Mr. Lester Pitts, of Greenfield, they have resided in Shirley, altogether, for about twenty years, nine years of this being spent in North Chelmsford. They have also resided in Somerville nine years, Provincetown four years, and Ayer one and a half years. The immediate survivors are his wife and daughter; also, one brother, Edwin L. Fairbanks, of North Chelmsford, and one grandson, Forest Granville Pitts.

The funeral was held from his late home on Friday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Granville Pierce, of North Chelmsford, officiating. The bearers, employees of the parish, were Alvah A. Walton, Nelson Bodart and George Parmenter, of Shirley, and Charles Johnson, of Lunenburg. Burial was in the family lot at Shirley Center cemetery. The floral tributes were in number.

Mrs. Fairbanks will continue for a time to carry on her husband's business, but looks forward to disposing of the same some time in the near future.

Call Extended.

A meeting of the members of the Congregational church held last week Friday evening in the church at 7:30, followed by a meeting at 8:30 of the members of the parish to take formal and definite action ratifying the action of the parish committee in extending a call to Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, of Freeport, Me., to become the pastor of the Shirley Congregational church. At both meetings it was unanimously voted to extend a call to Mr. Woodman to the Shirley pastorate.

It is expected that Mr. Woodman will occupy the pulpit on Sunday. He spent his childhood in Shirley, and he attended the Chelsea high school. Later he attended the Lay college at Revere, and also is a graduate of the A. M. Cheebrough seminary and Bowdoin college.

Mr. Woodman was ordained in the Congregational church at Monmouth, Me., in 1898, and his pastorates have been in Monmouth and Freeport, Me.; also, in Wilmington and West Dover, Vt. During Mr. Woodman's pastorate at Monmouth, the church was built over and completely renovated throughout and in recognition of his services the people made up a purse of money sufficient to give Mr. Woodman a trip through the south. He also received a second call to the pastorate of the Monmouth church, which is something very exceptional. Mr. Woodman is a member of the Cumberland North Association of Congregational Churches and Ministers, and served in the latter as scribe, and at the last meeting was elected moderator for the ensuing year. He attended Bowdoin college while pastor of the Freeport church and received his degree in 1912.

Daring Robbery.

A bold and daring robbery which no doubt was the work of an organized gang of professional yeggmen, took place in Shirley between the hours of three and four o'clock on Tuesday morning at the home of Mrs. D. Thomas D. Morin located on Front street, and jewelry to the value of fully \$1000 taken. The store was entered in a clever manner, a hole being cut about seven inches in diameter in the glass panel of the door, the glass being carefully laid aside. The key which was in the lock was then turned, the bolt on the door released and the door quietly opened. The hole in the door was made sufficiently large enough to admit with ease a man's arm.

The store adjoins a store-room used for the furniture and miscellaneous stock carried by Mr. Morin and also the kitchen, used by the family, which consists only of Mr. and Mrs. Morin. A door on the southwesterly side of the store is the only entrance to the store-room, and this was found barricaded with chairs with the object of preventing any sudden surprise or apprehension of the robbers.

A burglar alarm leading from the door by which entrance was gained to the upstairs rooms where Mr. and Mrs. Morin sleep, was continued and a strange fact in connection with the robbery is that the small watch dog was missing that night from the house, not returning home until Tuesday morning. Mr. Morin thinks that the break was made sometime between the morning and as the house and store is located near the railroad tracks it is thought quite probable that the gang of thieves worked under cover of the noise from a passing freight train.

Mr. Morin leaves two lamps burning, one in the store and one in the hall all night, as the electric lights are turned off at midnight. These lamps are distinguished in the morning by the proprietor. Mr. Morin besides conducting a store for the sale of his goods goes occasionally on daily trips with his team and he Monday

evening at about seven o'clock, when two men, who it is thought did the job, entered the store and asked to have a new crystal placed in an Ingersoll watch that one of the pair carried. They were told that the job could be taken care of, as the case was also kept and Mr. Morin suggested that they leave the watch and call again, but this they flatly refused to do and insisted that the work be done while they waited, as they claimed to have all the time at their disposal, in the meantime walking up and down the store apparently getting familiar with the layout of the premises. The repairing of the case took about half an hour. Mr. Morin charged the man of twenty cents. They said fifteen cents was sufficient for the job, but finally gave him the twenty cents and departed.

One of the men is described as being thin and tall and the other as being short and one of the twenty cents was later in the evening by Officer Thomas Stranahan, who noticed that they were following them for a time. They were also seen by others in town who noted the fact that they were strangers.

That the robbers were experts is evidenced from the fact that they only stole sterling goods, leaving plated ware and all goods not up to the mark untouched. Among the goods stolen was a sample jewel case which was the sister of one of the railroad tracks, but it was across the railroad tracks, the only things remaining being a broken chain and the tags which had been taken from it by Mr. ComEAU, one of the Samson cordage works' teamsters.

It is generally supposed that the gang used an automobile to make their entry and departure from the town in close proximity to the Morin home stated that about two o'clock in the morning they heard an auto going very slow past their homes and a noise near the old blacksmith shop come to a full stop.

Chief Burrill has sent a description of the goods and the numbers of the watches to the police of all nearby cities and towns.

Mrs. Morin have operated the store for the past three years. Mr. Morin was formerly employed as one of the expert workmen at the Waltham Watch Company. They are respected by the townspeople and have a great sympathy in this affair. Mr. Morin was formerly covered by burglar insurance as he had no safe and his goods were kept in show cases.

There is not the slightest clue as yet as to who did the robbery. Chief Burrill is taking the assistance of the police in nearby localities, are working on the case.

Baptist Church Bulletin.

The members of the Baptist church and congregation are to have the rare privilege of Sunday hearing Rev. M. C. Mason, D. D., of Assam, India, where he has been doing missionary work among the wild, head-hunting hill tribes for over thirty years. Dr. Mason will speak morning and evening in the absence of the pastor. The morning service at 10:45 Sunday school at twelve, evening service at seven. A missionary collection will be taken in the evening. You are invited to take advantage of this rare opportunity of hearing Dr. Mason and you will be heartily welcomed.

Center.

Henry N. Brown, at the North, has recently purchased an M. & M. motorcycle.

Rev. Williston M. Ford preached a fine sermon at Trinity church on last Sunday afternoon. Beginning on Sunday, September 21, the time of the service will be changed from four o'clock to 3:15. Sunday school classes will also begin again on the same day for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin, of Leominster, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey.

Henry Barton, of Andover, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in town.

The next meeting of Shirley grange, Tuesday evening, September 16, will be in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, and Pomona, Mrs. Ida Evans. Appropriate refreshments will be served. All those who intend to take the fifth degree at the meeting of the Pomona grange at Groton on September 18, should be present on Tuesday evening to receive their application blanks.

The Matrons' Aid society held a very pleasant meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Eva Holden on Center road.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Smith moved Saturday to the house at the village recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collier.

A large flag with the words "Progressive party," has been flying this week in front of the postoffice. This flag, together with the one at the village, was put up under the direction of the progressive town committee, of which Herbert Sweetser and Howard Fuller are members.

Miss Pauline Sweetser spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wheeler in Cambridge.

Miss Christine G. Longley spent Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Miss Helen Roe in Roxbury.

Miss Merle Crockett, at the North, went on Sunday to Leominster, where she is to remain for the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conant.

Mrs. A. S. Burnham closed up her summer home at Woodville on Friday and returned to her home in Revere for the winter.

The ladies of the parties of women and children at the Mary Anna home returned to Boston last week and the home has been closed for the season.

William Jubb left last Saturday for a short visit in Boston before beginning his trip to Chattanooga and California.

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden was taken from the Worcester hospital last Saturday by auto to the home of her son, Harrie P. Barnard, at the village, where she will make a short stay before returning to her home at the Center.

Ralph Evans has practically completed his work at the lumber camp at the North and now contemplates moving his equipment to a woodlot at West Townsend.

Clinton A. Harris and Thomas H. Evans went on Tuesday to Clinton, where they will stay during the three days of the Clinton fair. Mr. Harris has a large number of entries this year at Clinton.

Mrs. Woodhead and her companion are staying at the home of Mrs. Eva Holden on Center road until the completion of the repairs at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona

grange will meet on Thursday, September 18, at Groton. The speaker of the day is Frank H. Pope, of Marlborough, who will speak on "The searchlight of public inquiry." A fine program of songs, readings and addresses has been prepared by the lecturers. Mrs. Alice Cummings. An opportunity will be given to take the fifth degree at this meeting.

The Center school has recently purchased a Victrola and several records from the proceeds of the two plays given by the children last year, under the direction of the teachers.

Mrs. Grace E. Winslow has a gang of men at work digging a large well at her home. Lemanuel Woods, of Woodville, has charge of the work.

Miss Sullivan, teacher of the Center grammar school, has resigned, her resignation taking effect Friday. Her successor has not yet been announced.

Miss Alison Winslow will hold the third and last in her series of dances at the town hall on Saturday evening, September 13. E. Percival Coleman, of Fitchburg, will play. A good time is expected.

A parish meeting will be held on Friday afternoon, September 19, at three o'clock at the First Parish church to choose a parish treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Herman S. Hazen.

Alliance Meeting.

The First Parish Branch Alliance met with Mrs. J. P. Tolman on last Thursday afternoon. The ladies turned out in goodly numbers, both to do honor to their much-loved hostess as well as to hear the paper prepared by Miss Sara A. Dunn on "Music in America." Being especially well fitted to handle a subject of this character, Miss Dunn's paper was of unusual interest and covered the whole field of music in this country from the publication of the first hymn book down to the present day.

Statistics show that millions of dollars are spent in this country every year on music in its different branches, yet we are accused by Europeans as being an unmusical people, having no musical atmosphere, no background, so to speak.

While it is undoubtedly a fact that there is no such thing as truly American music at the present time, yet Miss Dunn takes a very optimistic view of the future of music in this country, when we shall have secured some of the problems that vex us and the turmoil and unrest of the present age shall have given place to more harmonious conditions.

Thinking the time is coming when we shall have an American school of music which will fittingly represent our country from the standpoint of its geographical position, its political, commercial and scientific achievements, and its ideals of citizenship.

It seems that there are but two pianists in this country today who have anything like an international reputation. One of these is our own Wesley Weyman, who is fast making a name for himself as a pianist of first rank. It is seldom a paper of such scope is given before any club, and many compliments were given Miss Dunn.

During the social hour which preceded the meeting, refreshments were served by the hostess, who was assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Mrs. Carter. The next meeting takes the form of a neighborhood meeting which will be held at the First Parish church, with a speaker from out-of-town.

Original Poem.

The following original poem was read by Mr. White during the afternoon of the reunion of the Sandy Pond School association on Saturday, August 30:

TWO PROBLEMS OF THE TIMES

The passing years fly swiftly by. While problems new and old arise. Which we, poor mortals, vainly try To solve with thoughts both weak and wise.

Shall "Uncle Sam" a license grant For sales of liquors deadly vile? Increase the misery extant? To keep his coffers full the while?

Oh no! that law must be repealed: And none shall have the right to sell That drink, which fact has oft revealed. Ruins life, and leaves the soul in hell.

Until our Congress takes this step The temperance cause will not pre-Under our rule we shall be kept: And hear poor victims' loud bewail.

Problem Two

Another problem we must note, Because it stirs the public mind: Shall women be allowed to vote?—A question serious in kind.

Shall man give up his lordship grand And yield to woman's just demand? Put the white ballot in her hand, Make her his equal in the land.

Oh, yes, I say, with all my heart: For is her right, by man denied, Through rankst stubbornness and selfish pride.

No forceful methods should be used To bring about this great reform: But common sense should be infused In plans, like sunshine after storm.

August, 1913. S. L. WHITE.

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Miss Sylvia Lawrence substituted on Monday for Miss Mary E. Parker, who was unable to begin work that day at the Butler grammar, but was at her post again on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Crowley has been under the doctor's care, suffering from an attack of neuritis.

Among the recent visitors at the Indian Hill farm, the home of Mrs. S. W. Rork, were Mrs. Bertha Palmer of Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Moses White, their son Palmer and daughter Margery of Wollaston, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons of West Roxbury and Miss Ethel Ford, of West Somerville.

Miss Mildred E. Gilson's name was not given last week in the list of teachers going from Groton to teach, as we were not able to learn of her whereabouts. Miss Gilson is and has been teaching in Providence, R. I., substituting for Miss Edna Bowles.

Dr. Samuel A. Green has gone from the Dana house, of Lawrence academy, to the Groton Inn, taking the suite of rooms vacated by the Spauldings. He is accompanied by Miss Warren, his nurse.

A much larger lot than was burned down is being built onto the Moores' Store Company's building. The barn is not to be rebuilt.

Miss Annie L. Gilson has returned from visits to relatives in Millbury and Sturbridge.

Huntley N. Spaulding and family have returned to their Beacon street home, Boston, after their usual summer stay at Groton Inn.

Fred C. Tuttle has been building a good-sized poultry house at the town farm.

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On Tuesday afternoon, from two until five o'clock, Mrs. S. W. Rork gave a porch party to the members of the neighborhood club meet her daughter, Mrs. George L. Hammons, who with her baby daughter have spent the summer at the Indian Hill farm. On Saturday, Mr. Hammons came from Chicago, and on Thursday left with his wife and little daughter for their home in LaGrange, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

The Groton high school opens its school year with seventy-four pupils. The entering class numbers twenty-three. One of the new pupils is a member of the junior class is Robert May, who comes from the Boston English high. There are other new pupils who come from families recently moved to Groton.

The former teachers and schoolmates here of Miss Edna Bowles, who was a graduate of the Groton high school, class of 1908, and a highly esteemed member of the class, were pained to hear of her death at her father's home in Ayer on Tuesday.

Waldo E. Green, a graduate last June from the Groton high school, has a position with the Fitchburg News at Fitchburg.

Born on Monday, September 8, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Buckingham (nee Miss Elsie Bailey).

One new master has been added to the teaching staff at Groton School. J. H. Peck, a Yale graduate in the class of '11 and former at the Westminster school in Connecticut, will teach mathematics and the sciences. Three members of the faculty who have been on their sabbaticals return this fall. They are Henry L. Richards, J. C. Gifford and S. W. Warren Sturgis. The school, which opens on September 16, will have its usual enrollment of 160.

Mrs. Lawrence, widow of Amory A. Lawrence, with a party of five, was at Groton Inn over Tuesday night.

Frederic F. Smith, principal of Groton high school, is boarding at Miss Helen M. Moore's. He has not yet brought his family to Groton.

There will be a meeting of the Groton Branch Alliance at Mrs. F. A. Sherwin's next Thursday at 2.30 p. m. This is the first meeting of the season and a large attendance is requested. The business of the afternoon will be to choose a committee for their annual food fair of next month and the calling of the roll.

The sudden change of weather for which New England is noted, came when the heat of Monday, September 8, was changed to the sultry of Tuesday. There was quite a wide spread frost here on the lower lands Tuesday night.

Mrs. A. W. Hartt of Newport, N. H., recently visited among her relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Shattuck, whose marriage took place at Roxbury last week Thursday, went to Bermuda on their wedding trip to be gone about two weeks.

There was a regular meeting of Groton grange Tuesday evening with an entertainment program of music and readings.

Miss Charlotte Gilson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Gilson, of this town, was married to W. J. Matthews, of Brookline, N. H., in that town on August 22.

Mrs. Howard Souther is making a return visit to her brothers, Herman and Jackson Potter, who visited her over the Labor Day vacation. Mrs. Lizzie Floyd is keeping house and caring for her family while Mrs. Souther is away.

Mrs. Cyrus Roberts entertained the Brown Loaf club Wednesday afternoon and was assisted by Miss Olive Lovering in her duties as hostess. There were fifteen present to enjoy the social occasion. Musical selections were rendered by the graphophone adding to the pleasure of the

afternoon. The usual refreshments were enjoyed before the company left for their different homes.

The Groton Improvement society held the first meeting of the season on Monday afternoon at which some plans for the future were talked over. It was voted to give fifteen dollars to the school committee for the further screening at the Chaplin schoolhouse. The feasibility of extending the town water to the Lawrence playground for the use and comfort of those who use the grounds was also talked over and seemed to all a desirable project. The next meeting will be with the president, Mrs. F. F. Woods, on Monday afternoon, October 13.

Miss Margaret Bruce went last Saturday for a month's visit to relatives in Lakewood, N. J.

The frost of Tuesday night did considerable damage to squash, tomato and other tender vines and also to corn in some localities.

The camp-fire girls of Groton will meet at the home of Miss Edith Timmins on this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

There will be a meeting of the officers and the chairmen of the several committees of the Groton Woman's club at the home of the president, Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell, on this Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. Work will be done on arranging a program for the coming season.

Lewis J. Knapp returned to Amherst college on Friday, September 12, entering on his sophomore year.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett C. Williams returned Tuesday from a three weeks' visit to friends in Stanstead, Quebec, and places in that vicinity. Mr. Williams was at Coaticook when Harry Thaw was there in jail. He heard the freely expressed sentiments of the public on the case, which were the same as generally expressed here. Mr. and Mrs. Williams return much benefited by their trip, where they found the country most beautiful. Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Williams' mother, returned to Groton with them.

Donald Bixby and Everett Durant were the boys who went over to the Clinton fair on Wednesday, having charge of the school garden products from Groton. These products won second prize in vegetables and second prize in flowers, four dollars each. The South Lancaster school gardens, which are under Miss Susan P. Hill of Groton, supervision, won first in vegetables and first in flowers, five dollars each. Lawrence Lewis of Groton won second prize in making out bills to his mother for vegetables at his raising furnished her for family use. Everett Durant won first prize on taking and developing pictures.

At the Lowell fair on Thursday the school gardens of Groton made an exhibit. The fair was held at Chelmsford center and thither by automobile with Harry Patterson as chauffeur, went three of the school garden children from Groton—Erving Kezar, Bernard Cronin and Elizabeth Blood, under the care of Miss Edith Timmins.

George S. Knapp received eight first and five second prizes on fruit exhibited at the Clinton fair.

Mrs. Elmer Lewis of East Boston is visiting her relative, Mrs. W. H. Fernald.

Miss Thekla Huebner returned to Fitchburg Normal school on Tuesday of this week.

George Keating and family vacated the house and farm sold to the young man, Messrs. Porter and Chaffee, about a month ago, on Wednesday and moved to Lowell.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell in the town hall on Friday, October 3, at 9.30 in the morning, the real estate of the late Mrs. Robinson, a most valuable lot of all kinds of rare things, such as antique looking-glasses, mahogany chairs, crockery, china, pewterware, etc., all made in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, a great chance for collectors, as all are in fine condition. The most valuable lot ever offered for sale in this vicinity.

Death. The Boston Globe of Monday morning gave notice of the death and quite a lengthy sketch of the life, with his picture, of Charles F. Byam. He died at Arlington at the home of his niece, Mrs. Watkins, on the afternoon of Sunday, September 7, having failed to recover from a paralytic shock which he suffered on Friday of last week. He was buried in South Chelmsford on July 2, 1884. He worked for a time in his father's watch factory, but later moved to Charlestown, where he has since resided. Beginning small, his business as a shoe maker grew until he was a leading shoe dealer of his district, a man of property and influence. Among many other important positions held was that of president of the Five Cent Savings bank for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Byam was known in Groton, where he has been a frequent visitor for several years past. He made his home when here at the Groton Inn, having his elegant touring car with him for drives about the town and vicinity. When here Mr. Byam attended the Baptist church in a different denomination he was a deacon and active in many lines of benevolences. Mrs. Byam died last April. They are survived by no near relatives.

Lawrence Academy Notes. The fall term will open Wednesday, September 17, for registration and assignment of work. There will be a few changes in the faculty: Mrs. Grace Stanwood Ayer will be mother-in-charge at Dana house, Miss Josephine Hart will have charge of the German and Lowell Textile. Hope will have charge of the English department. Both Mrs. Ayer and Miss Hart are graduates of Boston university. Mrs. Ayer taught six years in the Brockton high school. She will have classes in history at Lawrence. Mr. Hope taught at Lawrence in the year 1911-12, and last year taught at Rock Ridge.

Mr. Hardy returns and will have charge of the scientific department.

Boys are expected from many of the neighboring towns. The trains run very conveniently for the school hours, giving the boys on the line of the railroad who desire a good preparation for college or technical school an easy way to procure the same.

The first football game is scheduled for October 1, with Clinton high. The schedule includes games with Groton School, St. Marks and Lowell Textile.

During the vacation extensive repairs have been made on the Brazier house, the home of the headmaster.

Dr. Green, who has had rooms at Dana house all summer, moved on Monday to the Inn.

Principal Clough has had a great many applications for catalogs since the close of last year, the most distant one being from Kobe, Japan.

Pomona Grange Meeting. The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange meets on Thursday, September 18, with Groton grange. Meeting called at 10.30 in the morning. Dinner furnished by the entertaining grange for a small sum. The following program is arranged: Welcome, master Groton grange; response; "The dear old farm," Grange Melodians; "The farmers' adjuring the soil be compelled to keep the road side cleared of brush and other rubbish," William A. Woods; piano solo, Miss Eva Blodgett; reading, Mrs. Adelle Woods; song, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley; speaker, H. Pope, Marlboro; "The search-lights of public inquiry," selection, Moses Palmer; original poem, Mrs. E. A. Barrows; "In what way can the housewife practice economy in saving steps and hours of labor?" Mrs. Emma Collier; "By what plan can the busy housewife get more recreation?" Mrs. Mary D. Boynton; farce, by members of Groton grange; reading, Miss Eleanor A. Mason; song, Miss Dora Bailey; After dinner, about 1.30 o'clock, the meeting will be open to the public. The fifth degree in full form will be given in the evening.

West Groton. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Williams returned from their wedding trip on Monday evening and will spend a short time with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, before going to their home in Burlington, Vt. Evadne Harrington returned from her stay in Worcester on last Saturday. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Wright. Miss Addie Rudolph is soon to receive further treatment in Groton hospital. Miss Marian Donovan, of Ipswich, was in town this week making a short stay with relatives at the Tarbell home. It is understood that the house vacated by Messrs. Kierstead and Gay is to be occupied, the lower part by Mr. Boise, the upper by Mr. O'Connell. Mrs. J. L. Nutting, of Westford, has returned to West Groton and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Adams spent Saturday in Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boseleit have moved from the house they have occupied on Salisbury hill belonging to W. V. Bixby to the Moran homestead on the old Groton road. Mr. Boseleit contemplates building a small house in the near future in the vicinity of Thompson's mill. Provost Thompson does not join his classmates at Groton high school, but will enter Lawrence academy on Monday. Schools opened on last Monday with an enrollment of eighty, forty-nine of the pupils being in the lower rooms. Mrs. A. H. Thompson has been in care of her physician this week. C. F. Dudley and his little son Elton are visiting in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Dudley, with her little ones, Carolyn and Alden, are spending the time during his absence with relatives in Danvers. Friends calling upon Mrs. A. F. Bates are surprised and greatly pleased to find that she is able to greet them at the door. She is now able to sit up most of the day. Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Woolaver and children, George, Annie and John, started on Friday morning for a week in Nova Scotia. They expect to reach their destination on Saturday afternoon. E. K. Harrington and John Robinson have spent the week at York Beach. A visitor omitted from last week's list was Mrs. Eugene Sleeper, of Walspole, whose husband is employed here temporarily. Fred Foss had an automobile accident on Saturday, which resulted in considerable injury, both to the team with which he collided, and to the driver, F. A. Parker, of Pepperell. Mrs. John Draper, of Bennington, N. H., with her little daughter Ellen, was a guest last week here, with Mr. and Mrs. James Fallon. Frank Brown, who returned from Sheldon, Vt., with J. T. Shepley, has spent the week with friends in Townsend. It is reported that Dr. S. T. Bowthorpe has been on the sick list. C. L. Roy spent Thursday in Boston. Several West Groton people attended the Ayer of Miss Edna Bowles on Thursday afternoon. During her short residence here Miss Bowles made many friends who sincerely grieve that she should have been called upon so soon to break all earthly ties and yield up her bright young life. The name of Donald Bixby has been reported as one of the four boys who were allowed to exhibit the Groton School garden products in Clinton and Lowell fairs. The other names have not been learned. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mellish visited the fair on Thursday. Mrs. James Fallon finds that fourteen fowls have gradually and mysteriously disappeared from her flock of hens. The finger of suspicion would point pretty strongly to thieves. Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding attended the funeral of Granville Fairbanks in Shirley, Mr. Spaulding's cousin, on Friday afternoon. Mr. Fairbanks met with death by accident on Tuesday. Eleven West Groton men enjoyed a fishing trip down the harbor on last Saturday, returning on the theatre train. The three Sleeper brothers brought home twenty-three fish, as trophies of their skills and none came empty handed. Mr. Duquette captured the pools, both of his party and of the ship. The next regular meeting of the Improvement society will be held on Tuesday evening, September 16. The Ladies Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon, September 18, with Mrs. E. K. Harrington. Mrs. Isabel Wiggin has spent the week with Mrs. A. H. Thompson.

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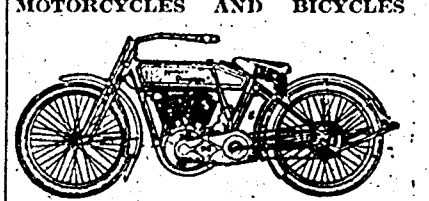
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Saturday, September 13, 1913.

AYER.

News Items. Miss Mary Ormond, of Dorchester, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hooley. Miss Ormond is a cousin of Lilla Ormond, the noted opera singer.

The registrars of voters will be in session at the selectmen's room, town hall building, on Thursday evening, September 18, from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock, for the benefit of those who desire to register before the primaries on September 23.

Wallace Carlin, of Groton, has moved into the tenement in Mrs. Harry E. Woods' house on Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Boutwell and two children have returned from Mountain View, N. Y., where they have spent ten weeks.

Miss Esther C. Holden spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Fred E. Fletcher, of Templeton Center, and Miss Mildred Richardson, of Leominster.

Mrs. E. A. Magovern has returned from the Groton hospital, where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is getting along well.

An exciting chase after a stolen horse and carriage, the property of H. E. Butterworth, of Maynard, took place last Sunday. Mr. Butterworth was picking mushrooms in Stow on the day of the robbery and was some distance from his team while engaged in that work. When he returned for his team it was missing. Word was hurriedly sent to the different police stations to look out for the thief. Mr. Butterworth traced the property as far as Ayer, where he enlisted the services of Chief Beatty. Together with the chief the trail was traced as far as Groton by way of Fitchburg, crossing and the old Groton road, where the trail was lost.

Herbert C. Thrasher, of Attleboro, and Miss Letitia Cooley, of this town, were married on Tuesday, September 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Potter, of this town, and was an assistant at the home of Mrs. Helen M. Hartwell previous to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Milan P. Cole and daughter, Miss Flora I. Cole, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kyle have returned from a vacation spent at Higgins Beach, Me.

A recent fire in Henniker, N. H., caused a total loss of the home of John Bishopric, a former well-known citizen of Ayer.

The condition of Guy E. Remick has so rapidly improved that he expects to leave the Clinton hospital the first of next week.

Two seven-passenger touring cars dashed through the business section of Main street last Saturday evening in the direction of Shirley going at a terrific speed. Chief Beatty saw them as they approached and rushed out and ordered them to stop. They paid no attention to the demand and rushed on their way. They went so fast that it was impossible to get the numbers on the machines or to get an informant who would lead to their identity. The people are becoming aroused at such flagrant violations of the law which endangers the safety of the public in spite of all the police can do to prevent them.

Many from here attended the Clinton fair this week.

Fred H. Rourke, of Lowell, democratic candidate for county commissioner, was in town last week looking over the political situation, with particular reference to his candidacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy and Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dickinson left town on Tuesday noon for Boston, where they took the boat to Norfolk, Va., and from there go by train to Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the annual meeting of the National Encampment of the G. A. R. They will be away for about three weeks.

Francis N. Whitman has sold his farm, which took on Forge Village road to Miss E. A. Gallant, of Dorchester. Miss Gallant has bought for a country home and will make some extensive repairs. In March, Fred A. Smith, local agent for F. F. Leiland, sold this farm for Mrs. Jennie Leahy to Mr. Whitman, of Chicago, which makes twice Mr. Smith has sold this farm in less than six months. Mr. Whitman is now in Woods Hole.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge will be held on Monday evening, September 15. Work—E. A. Dutler.

A regular convocation of Royal Arch chapter will be held at Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, September 16. Annual business meeting and election of officers.

Station agents on the Boston and Maine at the smaller stations have been granted an increase of pay which went into effect on September 1, of approximately seven percent. This does not apply to Ayer and the larger stations where the agencies are of considerable importance and draw yearly salaries.

The Unitarian Social Gathering met Tuesday, September 9, with the president, Mrs. G. P. Beverly. Plans were made for the meeting of the North Middlesex conference of Unitarian churches which will hold the full session here on Thursday, October 9.

The Y. P. R. U. of the Unitarian church has accepted an invitation to a neighborhood meeting with the Littleton Guild on Sunday evening, September 14. Autos to convey those who go will start from Washington street near the Unitarian church, at 5.30 Sunday evening.

The pupils of the seventh grade have had only half-time work this week with the eighth grade teacher, Miss Gray. This was caused by the enforced absence of their teacher, Miss Alma Bowles, whose sister died on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Willis and three children returned on Sunday from a week's vacation spent with his parents in Pepperell.

Mrs. W. E. Wheeler and her son, Lucius A. Wheeler, have returned from Old Orchard Beach, Me., coming by automobile.

In last Sunday's Boston American there appeared an article regarding the oldest conductors in point of service in New England. Among the number was H. W. Titus of the Milford branch, who runs between Ayer and that town daily. Mr. Titus entered the railroad service in 1861 and in 1864 was promoted to the position of conductor, which he has continually held since.

has been for several weeks recovering from a surgical operation. She is getting along well.

Chelsea B. Mowrey, while getting off of a late train from Boston last week Friday night, struck the upright water standpipe at the railroad station. His head was badly cut but the injuries were not serious. The train started before Mr. Mowrey got clear of it, and it being very dark he failed to notice the pipe until he struck it.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church will hold a baked-bean supper on Wednesday evening from six to 7.30 in the vestry of the church.

Miss Bertha Cole is visiting relatives in Somerville.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Pillman are taking a vacation of ten days at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Charles E. Sprague, who has been stopping at James J. O'Brien's several weeks, returned to his home in Rochester, N. Y., Thursday.

The Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company has given notice through its superintendent, Louis H. Cushing, of the discontinuance of certain late cars, except on Saturdays and on special requirements. The change will go into effect on Sunday, September 14. On an after that day, the last car from Ayer to North Chelmsford and Lowell will leave Ayer at 9.05 p. m. Last car, North Chelmsford and Brookside 9.50 p. m. Last car, North Chelmsford to Ayer and Fitchburg 10.20 p. m.

The schools opened this week with the following attendance: High school 95, eight grade 43, seventh 37, sixth 51, fifth 42, fourth 39, special 29, third 44, Washington street primary 42, West Main 32 and Shirley street primary 22.

The Congregational ladies served an oyster supper Wednesday night. About seventy people enjoyed it. The committee in charge was Mrs. F. C. Johnson, Mrs. A. M. Winslow, Mrs. George Aspell, Mrs. Joseph Hart, Mrs. Harry Stone and Mrs. McMillan. These were assisted in serving by Misses Esther Holden, Hortense Sawyer, Gertrude Stone, Doris Corner and Mabel Sargent. After the supper there was an entertainment of music and games.

William Travets Jerome, the noted ex-district attorney of New York, who is now representing the state of New York in the Thaw case, was in town on Thursday evening.

James J. Foley, a former resident of Ayer, died in Leominster on Wednesday of a illness of several months of Bright's disease. Mr. Foley was a native of Ireland, but had lived in this country nearly all his life, the most of the time being spent in Leominster and Ayer, from where he moved to Leominster twenty years ago. Mr. Foley was a comb maker by trade and worked in several shops in Leominster. He leaves a widow, a mother, Mrs. Terrence Foley; two brothers, Michael, Foley of Leominster, and also leaves a sister, Mrs. James Tansley, of Leominster. Mr. Foley was thirty-eight years of age at the time of his death. His father, Terrence Foley, died years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Richardson and family have vacated their summer cottage at Sandy pond and have gone to Mansfield, where they are at present living.

Harold Blood, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Blood, is still in a serious condition from blood poisoning at the Lowell General hospital.

Daniel W. Mason received a letter from his brother, C. Leroy Mason, on Thursday night in which the writer states that the only injury that he received in the recent accident was a bruise on his shoulder. Mr. Mason, whose home is in Portland, Oregon, was reported to be seriously injured, according to a telegram received last week.

Granville Fairbanks, the well-known cooper of Shirley, and widely known in Ayer, where he has conducted the cooper shop for many years, was killed in Shirley near his place of business on Tuesday evening. His horse attached to a load of barrels became frightened at a passing automobile. He fell over the side of the wagon and was killed.

On Thursday an unknown man piloted his tollsome way up West street in a runabout automobile which finally came to a stop near C. E. Perlin's store. The driver at once fell out of the car and took the combined efforts of Chief Beatty and some bystanders to awake the victim of Morpheus' influence. After the chief had thoroughly awakened the stranger, through the use of the automobile horn and other means, the latter said he was out all night and could not keep awake. The stranger's breath, however, gave rise to the suspicion that he had been drinking something stronger than water. The automobile also had a fire extinguisher which was rather suggestive. He wore a state fire warden badge.

At the Unitarian church Sunday, service at 10.45 with sermon by Dr. Fisk. Sunday school at twelve noon.

Miss Charlotte Sanderson, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Geo. A. Sanderson, leaves next Wednesday to enter the Walnut Hill school at Newberg. Bennett Sanderson, her brother, will resume his studies at Yale university on September 25.

Mrs. Josie Morgan of East Main street was taken last Sunday forenoon in an auto to Waltham to be treated for a serious trouble in her right limb between the knee and ankle. She has been a sufferer for four or five years at periods, but never so bad as it is at present. It was her intention to go to the Waltham hospital, but on her arrival in that city she concluded to go to her sister, Mrs. Warwick, where she is under the care of one of Waltham's most noted physicians and a nurse. It will be several weeks before she will be able to move about.

The patrons of that popular restaurant on "Richants" row under the management of Gould & Langwin, are more and more pleased to think there is such a place in Ayer where they can be so well entertained and at such reasonable prices.

The motion pictures Saturday evening "Sage hall" are to be equal to any before given and the proprietors anticipate a full house. The motion pictures given in this hall are very instructive and give pleasure and satisfaction to the large hall full twice a week. An excellent singer is expected.

Margaret E. Sullivan, daughter of Mrs. Dennis Sullivan, is in her second year as teacher of the seventh grade in the Allen school, East Bridgewater, where there are nine schools in the building. Miss Sullivan returned to her school last Monday. The school committee, parents and scholars hold Miss Sullivan in the highest esteem as a scholarly teacher.

A valuable addition to the business interests of the town is the fruit store on Main street of George S. Poullus & Co. It is a sight to see such a fine display of peaches, plums, grapes and other luscious fruits at this store. The proprietors, ever since they opened, have catered to the wants of their host of patrons.

Miss Elizabeth S. Sullivan, daughter of Mrs. S. B. Sullivan, an exhibition street, has resigned her position as teacher of the Center grammar school in Shirley, taking effect yesterday. Miss Sullivan is a graduate of the high school '08, and of the Fitchburg Normal school '10. Miss Sullivan has fully decided which of two positions offered her to teach to accept.

Dr. H. B. Priest, assistant medical examiner, was called to Shirley Tuesday evening to view the body of Grandson Fairbanks, who was killed in a runaway accident.

A large number of people from here attended the Clinton fair this week.

Mrs. Henry J. Zoller has returned from the Clinton hospital, where she was for several weeks.

With this issue we commence the forty-sixth year of the publication of this paper.

An Interesting Photograph.

A fine photograph of the city of Chattanooga, Tenn., is on exhibition at the store of P. Donlon & Co. It was taken on July 4, 1864, a year after the city was taken by the federal troops under command of General Rosecrans, the fiftieth anniversary of which was on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Donlon served in the military division of the railroad service, whose duty it was to see that the railroads were in proper condition to handle the supplies for General Sherman's army. This was a dangerous work, as the confederates were constantly tearing up the track and endeavoring by all means to stop the shipment of supplies to the northern troops. In addition to the danger of derailment the men were often exposed to a severe fire from the confederates.

The division of which Mr. Donlon was a member were almost entirely of experienced railroad men from this vicinity and Lowell. Among the well-known men who enlisted in this branch of the service from Groton, of which the present town of Ayer was then a part, were Jesse Angell, now living in Hudson, Henry Sanborn, John Swinerton, John H. John, J. Lynch and George D. Critchett. The photograph is especially interesting this year as the National Encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Chattanooga next week.

Recent Visitors in Town.

Recent visitors included Miss Evelyn Lee, of Lowell, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Miller; Mrs. Herbert Hall and son Russell, of Somerville, at the home of Mr. J. M. Fletcher; Mr. and Mrs. Eward Noble of Waltham; Mr. and Mrs. John Nellie, of West Somerville, at the home of John W. Clark; Dr. Ezra F. Fish, of the Boston City hospital, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lester; Lester W. Crawford, of Henniker, N. H., at the home of his father, George M. Crawford; Mrs. Frank Schuman and little son at the home of Mrs. Schuman's mother, Mrs. J. E. Hart; Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Fester, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brooks, Miss Beatrice Wilson and Miss M. Ella Millmore at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy; Mr. and Mrs. Arden Chase, and two sons, of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. J. M. Philadelphia at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Chandler; Mrs. Charlotte H. Knox, of Shirley, at the home of Miss Robert M. Green; Miss Laura Osborn, of Gardner, Me., at the home of Mr. Emma J. Osborn, of Taylor, of Williamsport, Pa., at the home of her niece, Mrs. Clarence H. Kinney; E. Hartwell Bigelow, of Bangor, Me., at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bigelow; James E. Guindon, of Lynn, at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Wentworth; Mrs. E. F. Robbins, of Fitchburg; Miss Myra A. Kennison, of Newburyport.

Dancing Masters' Convention.

At the convention of the dancing masters and mistresses held at Bridgeport, Conn., September 3, there were present a very large number from all over the United States and some from Canada. The former townsman, Benjamin O. Lovett, president of the International association, which includes this country and Canada, and from what the Bridgeport Telegram says in its long article, was a grand success. The large gathering was called to order by President Lovett and in speaking of the new dances he said:

"The craze for these popular dances has never been so great as now. Especially is this the case among middle-aged people and that is the peculiar feature of it. The reason is that they are much earlier to learn. The result is that many people middle aged, and even old, who formerly never danced, are now learning to dance. I want to admit a two-step or waltz, want to learn to dance these modern dances. I have people come to me who never knew a particle about the waltz and express a desire to learn the modern dances."

"This is the most successful gathering we have ever had."

A Very Old Tree.

The large elm tree to the south of the home of a homestead on East Main street has been cut down, as it was dead, evidently from the ravages in part of the elm tree beetle. It was the oldest tree in town and must have been from 250 to 300 years old. It measured five feet in diameter about six feet from the cut down, as it was ground it was about twelve feet through. There is left about ten or twelve feet of the trunk, as it was too much of an undertaking to cut it out. To be sure it will be planted some running vines. When all cut of firewood there will be from five to six cords.

The large elm tree in front of the Nutting homestead, a hundred years and over since it was planted, is in a bad condition from the ravages of the elm tree beetle in part, and a number of the limbs have had to be taken down, some of them at least two feet through.

Special Notice to Grangers.

A special meeting of Ayer grange is to be held on Tuesday evening, September 16, at the regular hour in Hardy's hall. The meeting will be held to take action on eliminating the regular meeting of September 16, any other regular business that may come before the meeting. The fifth degree is to be worked in Groton on the regular meeting night of September 18, and in order to allow some of the members to attend and take this degree it is hoped to thus eliminate this obstacle. A full attendance is requested.

Methodist Notes.

A large class of boys and girls will be taken into the Methodist church in preparatory membership Sunday morning. Parents ought to take advantage of this opportunity to have their children in this class, whose religious education for three months, under the pastor, will prove of great value to them as church members now, as well as later in life.

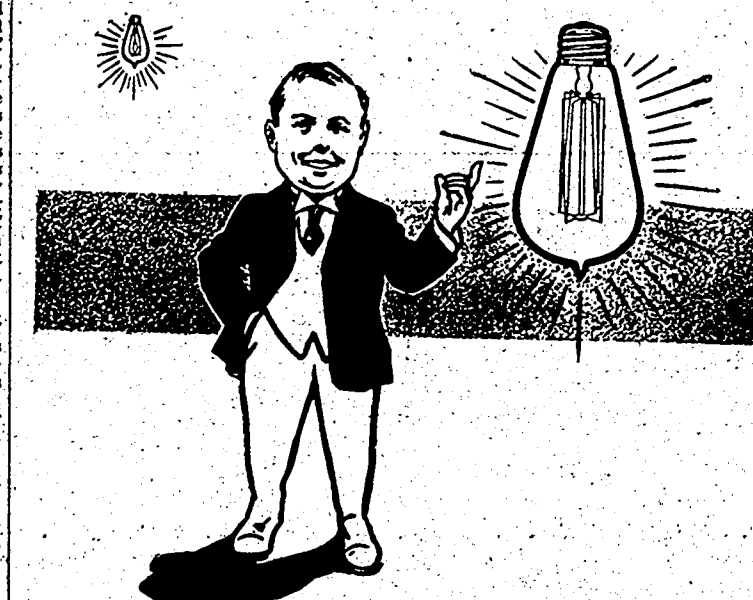
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On Friday evening, September 19, at seven o'clock, Dr. George B. Dean, district, will preside at an open quarterly conference. This is to be the social supper for September. Rev. Walter Healy of the First Methodist church, Fitchburg, will speak.

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For Joseph DesCoteaux of Flat Hill, Lunenburg, his one hundred acre farm with stock, tools and crops to A. L. Crague of Gainsville, Fla.

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Death.

Miss Edna Forest Bowles died at the home of her parents Tuesday morning, September 9, of spinal meningitis, after an illness of five weeks. She was born in Waltham, the oldest of the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Bowles on March 24, 1890, and was 23 yrs. 5 mos. and 15 days old. Her parents resided in Wollaston and Groton previous to coming to Ayer a year and a half ago and Miss Edna graduated from Groton high school in 1908. She taught in New Hampshire and in Providence, R. I., at which latter place she was taken ill on July 23, the day before the close of the school. She secured Miss Gilson of Groton to take her place in school for one month of the fall term, hoping by that time to be able to resume her school duties.

She was very fond of little children and always very happy with a crowd of them around her. She was a member of the C. E. society of the Congregational church and had been a member of the grange but had withdrawn, being of a retiring disposition. She is survived by her father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Alma Bowles, teacher of the seventh grade in Ayer, and Miss Dorothy Bowles, now in the Fitchburg normal school, one brother, Howard J. Bowles, who has been secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Fitchburg for two years and is just entering a training class in Springfield to fit more thoroughly for that kind of work.

The funeral of Miss Edna was held from the home of her parents at two p. m. on Thursday. Rev. J. E. Trowbridge of West Groton conducted the service. The bearers were Warren Nixon and Paul Carrigan of Ayer and Harold and William Morrison of Wareham. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery, Ayer.

At the funeral there was singing by the male quartet, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Edward Bliss and Ellis B. and Holden Harlow. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

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

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TOWNSEND.

Center.

Will Lang of Boston was in town a few days this week. Mr. and Mrs. John Sears of Rockport are at Wilbur Bruce's.

Baseball.

There was no baseball game in town last Saturday as the team went to Derry, N. H., and won from that strong aggregation with a score of 6 to 5. It was a game to be proud of and Knight held that bunch of heavy hitters, one of whom has a record of thirty-three home runs this year, to four hits, up to the seventh inning when he hit head, the Derry's getting in two home runs. However, Keefe, our reliable shortstop, came to the rescue hitting a beauty home run with two men on bases and the game runs won them the game. A large crowd of fans went over to see the game. Eight automobiles were chartered besides those who drove to Pepperell and went on the train.

It was a fast field, it being a skinned diamond and the Derry bunch are among the heaviest hitters they have been up against this season. Among them were three brothers of Lefty Tyler of the Boston Nationals and Kennedy, formerly of Holy Cross and Columbus, who has been signed up by the Cleveland Americans. The boys were also up against several close decisions, getting the bad luck side in each case and felt all the more pleased that they should win out with these odds against them.

TOWNSEND A. A.

Table with columns: ab, r, bb, tb, po, a, e. Rows include Green, Swicker, Eastman, Keefe, Parker, Lancy, W. Swicker, Knight, and Totals.

DERRY A. A.

Table with columns: ab, r, bb, tb, po, a, e. Rows include Picard, Folsom, Sing, F. Tyler, Kennedy, K. Tyler, Ricard, Bartlett, W. Tyler, and Totals.

Two-base hit—Green. Home runs—Keefe, Lancy to Parker 2. Bases on balls—By Tyler 2. Struck out—By Knight 7. Tyler, W. Stolen bases—F. Tyler, E. Swicker. Sacrifice hits—E. Swicker, Keefe. Sacrifice fly—V. Swicker. Umpire—E. C. Sing. Time—1 hr. 50m.

West.

The work of the Ladies' Study club for the coming season has been arranged and programs issued. The meetings have been changed from Thursday to Monday evenings and the subject of "Japan" will be taken up the first part of the season, and "Literature" the latter part. The season opens on October 6.

Benjamin Lawrence, who has been employed for the summer at Lake Sunapee, N. H., has returned to his home here.

At the church last Saturday afternoon the following were appointed delegates to the convention at Gardner on October 7: Rev. S. D. Ringrose, Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle and Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

The Ladies' Liberal Aid society held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Otis Walter, of Bayberry hill, on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance. The L. B. E. S. gave a baked-bean and salad supper in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening which was largely attended. The tables were bountifully supplied with good things and Mrs. A. H. Wilson, Miss Agnes Thompson and Gladys Rawson acted as waitresses.

Mrs. Charles Sanders, from California, formerly Miss Nanna Sullivan, of this village, is visiting old friends in town this week.

Mrs. William A. Robbins, of Joeslynville, has been visiting relatives in Greenville, N. H.

Mrs. John Sherlock, from Long Island, is entertaining a party of friends at the Sherlock farm on the Ashby road.

Miss Ethel Brown, from Boston, is acting as housekeeper at the home of Amos Jodery.

Willis Nelson, of Waltham, a former resident here, enjoyed a motorcycle trip to town and called upon old friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Hoyer is enjoying a visit to relatives in Ayer and vicinity.

The Knights of the White Shield met on Tuesday evening for the first meeting of the season at the Baptist church and held a business meeting; where plans for organizing a football team were discussed, the king, James Rusk, presiding.

Mrs. Hattie Blood has returned from a few days' visit to her daughter at Nantasket.

Mrs. Herman Wood has been spending a few weeks with relatives in Avon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Leroy Shapleigh and their daughter, who have been spending a vacation with relatives here, have returned to their home in Somerville.

Mrs. Kirby, who has been at the camp at Winton pond, is boarding for the present with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reed.

Miss Beatrice King, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith, has returned to her home in Cambridge.

Two or three automobile parties from here attended the baseball game at Derry, N. H., between the Derry team and the Townsend team, and report a very interesting game.

Charles R. Morgan has been on the sick list but is now reported as improving.

Mrs. Frank Hardy, who has been stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hodgman.

Mrs. Frank Sanders and daughter, from Ayer, have been recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Elbridge Sanders.

Everett Pierce, of Brookline, was in town Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce closed the House cottage on Elm street on their return to Brookline. Mrs. House having left Saturday afternoon for Lowell, where she will spend the winter with her daughter.

Morton Campbell, of Townsend hill, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Reed.

Mrs. Charles B. Slickney has returned from a several-weeks' visit to relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Florence Powers, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Powers, left on Sunday to her home in New Ipswich, N. H.

Miss Ruth Hayden commenced her duties as teacher in Greenville, N. H., Monday morning; Miss Ora B. Craig left Sunday for Claremont, N. H., where she will continue her teaching; her work on her post-graduate course at the Fitchburg Normal school; Miss Grace L. Seaver, who has been spending the summer in Harvard, has returned to her school in Arlington.

Mrs. Fred G. Smith has been on the sick list the past week, suffering from a very severe cold. Mrs. Irona B. Richards, who is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, has also been quite ill, but is much improved.

Charles Wyman is preparing to build a house at the John Davis place on the homestead which was destroyed by fire a year ago.

James Thompson, of Cambridge, has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

Miss Brown, from Boston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan last Saturday.

Death.

The sad news was received here last week Thursday of the death of Miss Elmer F. Wilson, a former resident of this village, who passed away after nearly a year of suffering at the home of her sister, Mrs. Florence A. Wilson, of Milford, N. H. Burial took place in the family lot in the Leominster cemetery and the funeral service was held at the Hawes Memorial chapel in Leominster. Miss Wilson was for many years a resident of this village, living for some years with Mr. and Mrs. Abel G. Stearns, and later at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. S. French, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Seaver and others, and after her removal to North Leominster, where she kept the home for her mother and brother, and often visited her friends here. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Chas. Allison, of Milford, N. H., and a brother, Arthur Wilson, of North Leominster.

Wedding.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Assessville, on Wednesday afternoon when their son, Edward Frederick Patch, was united in marriage with Miss Katherine Gertrude Banks of Boston, the ceremony being performed by Rev. S. D. Ringrose of the Baptist church. The young couple were attended by Miss Agnes Thompson of this village and George McElligott of Boston and the adding march was played by Miss Alice Seaver. Besides the bridal party only the pastor's wife and father and mother of the groom and M. J. Banks of Boston, the uncle of the bride, were present.

The room was prettily decorated in green and gold, laurel, goldenrod and golden glow, filling all available space and forming a solid background for the bridal party.

At the close of the ceremony a daintily arranged lunch was served in the dining room, being attended by the entire party to the station, where they were all showered with rice and confetti as they started on their journey and followed by the best wishes of their many friends in their new life. They will reside in a pleasant tenement in the Back Bay district, Boston, where Mr. Patch is employed as chauffeur for Archibald McClellan, editor of the Christian Science Monitor. Many useful and beautiful gifts from friends and relatives.

Y. P. S. C. E. Meeting.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening with an attendance of twenty. After the routine business the nominating committee, through the chairman, Rev. S. D. Ringrose, brought in the following list of officers and committees for the ensuing six months: H. B. Hathaway, pres.; Ian Rusk, v. p.; Miss Agnes Thompson, sec.; W. P. Elliott, treas.; Mrs. F. A. Patch, Miss Lena Thompson, Miss Stella Tucker, Miss Sadie Bell, Richard Rusk, prayer meeting com.; Mrs. Warren Elliott, Miss Margaret Bell, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Miss Ruth Bennett, James Rusk, look out com.; Mr. F. G. Smith, Mrs. R. S. Ely, Gladys Rawson, Kenneth Reed, social com.; Rev. S. D. Ringrose, Chas. Hodgman, Foster Hamilton, missionary com. It was voted that a flower committee of three be appointed by the chair before the first of October and a sum of money was also voted to assist in paying up a debt of the church.

LITTLETON.

Strayed Away.

Miss Josephine Foley was one of the vocal soloists at the neighborhood grange held in Westford last week Thursday. Many Littleton grangers attended the meeting in spite of very inclement weather. The evening will not soon be forgotten by some of our people, particularly Mrs. John H. and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball, who were unable at the close of the meeting to find the former's horse in the shed where she had been tied. Fortunately, their good neighbor, James Neagle, had not started home when he learned of "Juno's" departure and he kindly made room for the two women in his buggy and drove along at good speed, hoping to get some clue as to the whereabouts of the lost horse. Just as they reached the Cutter farm he saw a carriage but a short distance ahead, and making use of his electric lantern, discovered the missing horse, jogging along with the rope hanging. Mr. Neagle had no difficulty in capturing Juno, and upon investigation found everything in perfect condition.

News Items.

The Young People's Guild at the Unitarian church tomorrow evening will be a neighborhood meeting with an address by the new president of the Y. P. R. U., Hon. Sanford Bates, of Dorchesters. The unions from neighboring towns have been invited, and with good roads, a bright moon and a hearty welcome awaiting them, it is hoped a good number will come from out-of-town. A hearty invitation is extended to our own townspeople. The hour is 8.30.

The Sunday of September 21, is to be observed as church home day, when every resident in Littleton is requested to attend the morning service at his church. Such a church rally day was observed last year with good results and with all co-operating should be made even more profitable this year. If you can attend church but one Sunday this month make that the date.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon subject tomorrow will be "The strength from the hills."

Daniel Fletcher, sr., has been spending part of the week at his farm in Newtown.

Miss Edna Parker, of Springfield, and Roy Parcell, of Malden, were week-end visitors at J. H. D. Whitcomb's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Brown, of Boston, were recent guests of their son, F. L. Brown, of King street, and their sister, Miss L. J. Brown, of Hartwell avenue.

Miss Maud Mitchell has returned to her school in Chelsea.

Miss Helen Carroll, of Swampscott, has been an auto guest of her Mt. Ida seminary room-mate, Miss Marion Whitcomb, throughout the week. Many auto trips to places of historic and scenic interest have constituted a full program of out-door amusement.

Mrs. John H. Kimball is spending the week with relatives in Bar Harbor and Steuben, Me.

Charles S. Robbins is building in Melrose, not in Malden, as stated in a recent issue of this paper.

The orchards in some parts of the town are looking very attractive. Among the large harvesters of apples are J. H. Hardy, W. A. Munson, E. H. Priest, Thomas McNiff, W. L. Rickard, C. V. Flagg, F. S. Kimball, N. A. Kayser, H. Kimball, Harry Knights, J. H. D. Whitcomb and F. O. Stiles. Many of the apples are sent by freight, although the auto truck is doing an increasing business. The latter device has almost wholly replaced former methods of transportation in the neighboring town of West Acton.

Mrs. Arthur Peck, who has spent the greater part of the summer with her home people, returned on Monday to Watertown. Her husband, George Arthur Peck, has completed his lecture courses in the west and is expected home this week.

Miss Grace Conant left town on Monday for Decatur, Ill., where she will enter upon professional duties this month.

It is very gratifying to the friends of Orville Ewings that he is able to acknowledge his long remembrance on postcards written very legibly without the aid of glasses in his ninety-seventh year.

Guy Green and Miss Rachael Ireland, of Pepperell, spent Sunday with their home people.

Dea. John W. Thacher made the pleasant announcement at the Congregational church last Sunday of his thirty years' service in the capacity of deacon in Shirley and Littleton churches, acknowledged the benefits he has derived from and expressed his willingness to continue in office. His fellow worshippers and happy to hear his testimony and to their congratulations are glad to add a hearty "amen" to his request.

A citizens' meeting was held in the town hall last Saturday evening to get at the sentiment of the people in regard to continuing the completion of corner of King and Lactari streets to the railroad crossing. Subscription papers were posted in the churches on Sunday and the number of subscribers has been sufficiently large to warrant the completion of the macadam road, which will be undertaken at once under the direction of F. C. Hartwell, highway surveyor.

As Miss Gilmore was driving with a Maynard gentleman from the Gilmore headquarters at the driving park to her home in West Acton Sunday, the horse, a spirited animal, was terribly frightened by an automobile near W. H. Titcomb's residence and backed and leaped frantically, throwing out the driver, after which Miss Gilmore took the reins and showed good courage and horsemanship until the fiery steed cleared himself from the buggy and dashed off at terrific speed towards the Common, where he was caught and cared for. The buggy was considerably damaged, but the occupants came out very well, the only injury sustained being a few bruises.

Miss Louisa Flagg has gone to Summit, N. J., to teach school this year.

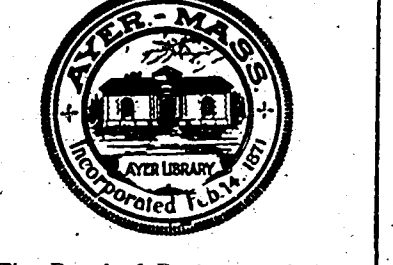
Miss Olive Flagg went Tuesday to Northfield to enter the seminary.

Miss Ellen A. Kimball has accepted a position at Smith college as matron of a college house during the year's absence of the regular matron.

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Thursday, September 18, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, October 11, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Saturday, October 25, 12 m. to 10 p. m.

Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, October 25, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1913. Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.

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BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Clark Barnaby recently visited her sister at Nashua. Since her return home she has been on the sick list.

Little Miss Isabelle and Bessie Wheeler have returned from a visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Burns, at Milford, Mr. Burns bringing them home last week.

Mr. Stanley, at South Brookline, is making improvements at his home. He will add a new shed and two verandas. The foundations are all laid for the same.

Miss Marion Stiles entertained the pupils of the primary department of the Sunday school on September 2, with a party and reception which the little ones thoroughly enjoyed.

Harland and Miss Elizabeth Whitcomb are attending school at Pepperell and Arthur Green at Milford.

Miss Grace Whitcomb returned to Lebanon after enjoying the summer vacation with her mother and family.

Mr. Nesbit and family left town this week for New York city, where they will for Liverpool on their journey to their many friends wish them health and success in their future work in the far off country.

Mrs. Gilson and son James recently entertained Mrs. Ada Parkhurst, of Reed's Ferry; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown, of Townsend; Mrs. Jennie Weston, Herbert Daniels, of Boston; Charles Shattuck, of Maynard, and Mrs. Nettie Hulse, of Wastwood, Mass.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet was called to Milford last week by the accident which occurred to her brother, George Needham, and wife, by being thrown from their carriage.

Two beautiful bronze tablets, appropriately lettered to the memory of the late Mrs. Thomas Dodge and Samuel Sweet, have been placed at the entrance of the new hall.

A. E. Rotch, editor of the Milford Call, was an Old Home Day guest in Brookline.

Words of praise have been said of the music which entertained here on Old Home Day. An open-air concert by the Townsend Brass band in the morning and at five in the afternoon, with many fine selections through the day was much enjoyed. The director of the new hall is said to be one of the best for dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gerish, Mrs. Estella Hughes and others, conveyed by Harry Powers, Herbert Corey and Fred Emsworth in automobiles, attended the opening of the "White Way" at Nashua last week.

Harry Reed, of Worcester, was a recent guest at the Seaver Home. While here he presided very acceptably at the church organ on Sunday.

Prof. Josef Yarrack was away several days last week and entertained at Providence, R. I., and at Bridgeport and New Haven, Conn. On his return trip he passed over the same road only a few hours later where the terrible accident occurred on the New England, and at Wallingford he witnessed them taking on the dead and injured persons from the dead and laying them, side by side in a field nearby. He said none can imagine anything about it by reading the papers.

The Loyal Workers, after a long vacation met with Mrs. George Nye on Wednesday.

Mrs. Augusta Gould and sister, Mrs. Authena Campbell, spent the day on Wednesday with relatives at Townsend.

William Shattuck and family have moved from Reed's Ferry to the farm recently owned by John Martin. Mr. Shattuck is employed at the icehouse.

Addison Gilson has moved to the house owned by Albert Pierce on the hill.

Clarence Russell and Willis Ball are shipping their early apples.

Mrs. Lucilla Peabody passed away Tuesday evening, September 9, at her home, "The Elmwood."

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. M. Pierce returned home Thursday afternoon after stopping in Lockport several weeks. They went up there for a few weeks, then intending going to Canada, but Mr. Ladd was stricken with paralysis, which made them stay there to help them.

Harry Bell returned home on Friday night after remaining one week with the cattle at the Worcester fair. Mr. Bell will not take the cattle back at any more as his health will not permit.

Miss Clara Smith has returned home after seeing Mrs. Hills off for Alaska. Mr. and Mrs. Hills have gone to Alaska to remain for two or three years, where Mr. Hills is employed.

The Nashua River Union have all given up except Hollis and West Townsend, consequently they think best to meet and give up the union. They have been invited to come to Hollis and give up the organization.

Ralph Lovejoy goes to Sanborn academy this fall. He enters the school at Kitteridge.

All the schools in town commenced on Monday. There is a new teacher in the high and grammar school this term.

Robbie Ladd has returned to Lynn after spending two weeks at the camp.

Frank Lovejoy and Bert Farley will finish out this year's term of the Sunday school. Mr. Lovejoy as superintendent, and Mr. Farley as secretary.

Miss Ethel Goodwin returned home with Mrs. Goodwin to remain a week in Chelsea, Mass.

Miss Newton came to Hollis Sunday night and came to Mrs. Goodwin's to board for awhile.

Dannie Goodwin returned to the second year to Durham for the year's term of school. Sidney Wentworth accompanies him.

Charles Spaulding left on Wednesday for Lyndonville, Vt., to attend school this year.

Miss Stella Woodin was united in marriage to Harold Hardy on Wednesday afternoon. They will reside in the father's tenement. It has been remodelled into two tenements and they will live there.

Current Events. George H. B. Turner and family, of Ayer, were in town on Sunday in their Studebaker car.

William Saunders and Frank Libby are engaged in carpentering in Dunstable.

Mr. Shephardson, the high school teacher, is boarding at Miss Abby Read's. The assistant in the high

school and the grammar school teacher are at George Woodin's, and Miss Newton is at Mrs. Emma Goodwin's.

Winnie Parker, of Nova Scotia, is making her home with her aunt, Mrs. Norman Bennett, and is attending school here.

Miss S. Alice Worcester was a visitor in Cambridge, Mass., Thursday.

Mr. Sarah Gilman, of Nashua, is in town visiting old friends, and expects to return to her work in Dunlap's seed store soon.

A valuable cow owned by Warren Colburn, was badly hooked on Wednesday. Dr. Davis was called to attend it.

Miss Dora Lovejoy returned to her teaching in Pittsburg the past week.

George Crusoe, of Pittsburg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Crusoe.

Helen Powers returned on Sunday to resume her teaching at East Hartford, Conn.

William H. Lund has been right in the peach business of late. On Wednesday he took truck went to Manchester loaded with peaches, besides several teams that carried them away.

Eunice Walsh has been assisting at Mrs. Fred Muzey's the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Arlin, of Townsend, were at William T. MacMasters' on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ellen Lovejoy is in Cambridge, Mass., for a short stay.

Mrs. Lillian Canavan Hosford and little son left for New York Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bullock, of Conn., spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Powers.

Mrs. Helen Leighton and daughter ended their visit at C. J. Bell's on Sunday.

Mrs. Eva Whittemore and children visited her father, John H. Rideout, and her sister, Mrs. Moses Denault, the past week.

Mrs. Emma Goodwin and Mrs. George Hills and children, who spent a few days in Mason last week, returned home on Saturday.

The pair of horses owned by Dr. G. S. Hazard which have been in Mason at the C. E. Cramer's for the summer, were brought home on Saturday.

Mrs. Milton Coburn and two children, of East Hollis, are visiting relatives in Nashua, N. H.

Little Murray Wheeler, eldest son of Mrs. Etta Wheeler, is getting along nicely with his broken arm. His arm has been troubling him for some time and a short time ago he was taken to Dr. Read in Nashua. He found the arm had been broken and was not knitting well, and found it necessary to do so.

A meeting of the W. R. C. was held on Tuesday evening. About the usual number were present and the general order of business transacted.

LITTLETON.

Printed by Request. The following sermon given Sunday, August 24, by Rev. O. J. Fairfield, is printed by the publisher of this paper through receiving many requests for the same to appear in these columns.

The subject of the sermon was "The Littleton spirit for the schools of Littleton."

We ask today "Is it well with the child?" with a new solicitude for the welfare of the race, for only those whose brains and nerve cells are young and plastic can take up new duties and plastic can take up new duties and plastic can take up new duties.

Dr. Osler, the famous physician, impressed this truth in a striking way several years ago by his joke that a person after he gets to be sixty-five might be chloroformed, as his life work is ended—his will never after that age begin anything really new.

But in spite of this Oxford called him at this age to perhaps the highest position in that great university, where now he sits and ten he is still doing notable work and ten he would say for which he had laid the foundation long before he was sixty-five.

The young biologist expressed the truth that the hope of the race is in the young by saying that no one ever got an absolutely new idea into his head after he was forty, and Oliver Wendell Holmes said that if you would train any individual you want to begin with his grandfather.

Some like Holmes himself may not happen to find the work in life they were meant to be until after they have passed even the "five barred gate." Holmes called his fiftieth year, and may continue to be fruitful service long after reaching four score; but the preparation for that work was made when the mind was young and plastic.

So we ask today: "Is it well with the child?" We have laws regulating child labor. Our government has new bureaus, the children's bureau, with a woman at the head of it, to children. The cry of the children is for a chance to grow up, to become the men and women they might be, the men and women God meant them to be when he endowed them with certain powers to be used and certain capabilities to be fulfilled.

We endow colleges and universities and tax ourselves to support the public school, to make it efficient and to keep it free to all. The school tax is frequently the heaviest tax we pay, and while we complain about taxes and always have complained and always will complain until we reach a higher stage of civilization or work out a more just system of imposing taxation, this burden of the tax for the support of our schools is never complained of.

These things show that in matters of education we are trying to get out into this twentieth century where people live. No longer back in the past with its narrow outlook and low ideals, but out into the light of today where new truth breaks for man and where new light shines. New ideals claim men, new conception of duty hold the attention, and a different or better training is required. The world begins to move, the twentieth century has dawned!

The average boy of today gets three times as much education as did his grandfather sixty years ago, and the average girl many times as much as her grandmother. And we rightly expect them to make their generation of men and women correspondingly better and higher. They may not excel their grandparents in character, but in the amount of happiness they may get out of life, but they should excel them in efficiency and ability.

Until about forty years ago, through all the centuries of civilization, from the time the pyramids were new, before Greece was a thousand years before Abraham, the first years of life were from that early time down almost to our own day, there was only one form of education anywhere to be had. Wherever or whenever it was, the "three R's," as we called it in English, were taught—reading, writ-

ing and arithmetic. And at college or university was the same—Greek and Latin, mathematics and the humanities.

Now education takes on many forms to suit the new needs. In those old days only one kind of a boy or man could be educated. Not every one could learn the languages or mathematics or logic, and those who could not remained ignorant.

Now education is of all kinds, suited to every need, for every temperament and to train for every vocation, and no one need remain ignorant and untrained. More and more it is felt to be a disgrace to remain so. We are trying to bring our education out into the light of this twentieth century where people live. We are no longer satisfied with the kind of education they got fifty years ago or five hundred years ago, or five thousand years ago.

During all those centuries while the form of education remained stationary and many of man's intellectual activities almost dormant, there was progress, after the fashion of evolution, but along a great advance, we seek to bring education up to the front or to have it lead, as well it might.

If we say the progress of man has been like the building of some great temple of humanity, to use a figure of speech worked out by Charles F. Dole, we would have to say that we have been building the outward framework of our civilization faster than we have constructed the inner and vital reality to match and sustain it. We have constructed a magnificent scaffolding for the temple of humanity, there was never such cost of material. There were never such forces set free. But what of the tollers and builders of the great temple? A multitude of them are ill fed, ill housed, on the streets, exposed to perils. All too many of them are untrained and without self-guidance and inward joy. Where are the happy workers, with their hearts worthy of their task? They are here, you can listen at times and hear the song; it is a sad song and all will learn it at last, but the singers are few; the taskmaster still sets the pace of the work; the cry of the oppressed is yet to be heard. The ignorant and untrained are still with us and delay the progress of the building, but the world is never so rich as now; it had never before so many voices of those who believe in the "eternal goodness." But it never felt before such mighty stirrings, such deep needs, such strivings, such sympathy, such a demand for enlightenment for all and gratitude. No! there was never such a call for a veritable religion, simple, interesting, practical, ethical, reasonable, democratic and here in our town we mean to do our part.

This week we reopen our schools and we mean to have them the best that we can make them. The outlook is distinctly encouraging. But there is still a long way for all of us to do if we would have the best we desire. There must be loyalty and devotion, and a willingness to work to make the school stand high. The best teachers in the state will fail if they do not have loyalty on the part of the pupils and loyalty on the part of the parents and citizens upholding them in every effort. We want to feel that we are going to have a good school year and to do our best to make it so. A spirit of criticism is easily fastened upon a community, and once started is hard to get rid of, so if conditions have been unsatisfactory we want to take great pains to be on our guard against falling into this habit of destructive criticism and fault finding. And we must not forget that we do not know. Visit the school and know whereof you speak, and make your word helpful.

And we want to feel that the teacher is the one in authority as the school and, as Paul advises, have due respect unto the higher power. The American mother sends her boy to school and when he gets home the first day she asks, "Well, Johnny, how did you like your teacher?" The German mother in a like situation asks, "Well, Hans, how did the teacher like you?" It is a different viewpoint and it is no wonder that the nation that has not made the most rapid advancement today is a nation in Europe, if not around the world.

For the boys and girls, school comes just after the splendid vacation, when it is hard to be shut in the school room and to keep the mind on the lesson at all times. Boys and girls, think of the school as the training that is going to fit you to become that man or that woman that you would like to be; and remember that you will do things now in the way you will do things when you are grown and all the rest of your life, and if you don't want to be the kind of a man or woman that you are boy or girl, form new habits now while you can. We will all help you. The teacher is your best friend at school and father and mother and those who love you the best friends at home.

And in school stick to the lesson and get it, then go to something else and get that. If you really mean to get it, it won't take long and you'll still have lots of time to play. So work while you work and play while you play, and which ever you are doing keep good natured and sweet.

Here, as in every community, we want to have our schools stand high and we are willing, all of us, to work for it. We can have it so. We have something here in Littleton that they don't have in every town. It will help us out with our schools, if we use it here. We call it "the Littleton spirit," for want of a better name. It is a way we have of coming together and getting some things done. We do it in every community, and it worked all right when we use it for our mid-summer fetes and they are successful. The professors from Amherst "Aggie" coming here to advise our farmers have noticed it and commented upon it. Though we have different ways of doing things, we get along so well together as though there was a joy in living together. We have used this Littleton spirit, a bit here and a bit there, in running the church and has made them better than many other churches, and used more will make them still better to the glory of God and the betterment of Littleton.

There are a good many places still in Littleton where we haven't allowed the Littleton spirit to work, or where we are just starting to use it. But we mean to use it everywhere, and when we get around with it, it is going to make Littleton the best town in the commonwealth which to live in is now made attractive because as it is now made attractive because of that spirit and what it may do for this place.

Use it this year do your best to use this Littleton spirit of loyalty and co-operation with our schools, for our schools stand high, for our town, for our boys and girls, for the upbuilding here of the temple of God, which is also the temple of God's children.

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PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

Several gardens were injured by the frost during Tuesday night. The thermometer is reported in some localities to be as low as thirty degrees on Wednesday morning.

C. M. Gage, Jr., is acting as night superintendent at the Champion International card shop.

Eleanor, the four-year-old daughter of William Drumm, of Prospect street, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital at Nashua on Monday for an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. E. E. Kelley, of Chelsea, accompanied by her two sons and two daughters, came by auto on Saturday to visit her uncle, Raymond Burns, of Pleasant street, returning on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, former residents, visited in town last week from Natick. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Colburn accompanied them.

Stephen Davis, of Milford, visited his mother last week at her home on Nashua street.

Miss Eva Bolles returns to her duties in a dress-making establishment at Concord, N. H., this week, after spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Bolles.

D. L. Whitmarsh, the new principal at the high school, is living in the Warren S. Woods' house on Main street.

The Nashua River paper mill is shut down, although a few operatives were at work in the finishing room one day this week.

Mrs. George Herrig and little daughter, Rachel, are visiting at Woodside with Mr. and Mrs. George Pierce.

Mrs. P. R. Stratton has been entertaining her cousin, Mrs. Ernest Maskell, of Sherbrooke, Canada, since Thursday.

John Frossard returned last week from a business trip to Kalamazoo, Mich.

Timothy Lorden has moved into the tenement recently vacated by E. M. Dunton.

E. B. Burns, of Somerville, was a recent visitor at the home of his brother, Raymond Burns, of Pleasant street.

The Methodist church is much improved by the repairs that have lately been made. The building has been painted a soft Italian gray with white trimmings, and the roof on the west side has been shingled.

C. M. Bolles and his assistant have the painting contract.

L. R. Harris, sub-master at the high school, has moved into the house on Pleasant street formerly occupied by E. K. Humphrey.

Miss Elsie Northrup recently went to visit her maternal relatives in Maine for an indefinite period.

Earl Dunton and family recently moved from the tenement on Railroad street, to the tenement in H. C. Thurston's high school at Whitman, vacated by W. B. Brown and daughter.

Miss Ada Whitney has returned home after quite a lengthy stay in Maine and a subsequent visit with her cousin at Nashua.

The ladies of the Methodist society will open a rummage sale at A. A. Tarbell's vacant store, next the laundry, on Wednesday afternoon, September 17, at 2:30 o'clock, and continue that evening.

Announcements for further dates will be made at that time. Contributions of any sort are solicited.

Change of Teachers. The public schools re-opened last week on Tuesday after Labor day with the following change of teachers: D. L. Whitmarsh, formerly principal of the high school at Whitman, takes the position of principal of our high school, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Bryant. L. R. Harris, formerly principal of the high school at Bolton, will act as sub-master.

Miss Agnes P. Hayward, of Watertown, will act as assistant in place of Mrs. Bryant. At the Main street building, Miss Viola Russell, of Sanford, Me., will take Miss Porter's place, and there is also an addition of an assistant here, Miss Elizabeth Roach, of North Adams.

At Groton street school, Miss Claire F. Hickey fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Bennett. Miss Hickey comes from Groveton, N. H. At Oak Hill school the new teacher is Miss Mildred Shaw, of Sanford, Me. There is a slight increase in membership in some of the grades, owing to the new state law. This was not as large, however, as was expected, as in some instances the graduation of some of the minors under sixteen years of age was changed to conform with the clause: "certain hazardous occupations are prohibited to minors under sixteen."

Some took advantage, also, of the clause concerning the issuing of certificates by the superintendent of schools: "no child between fourteen and sixteen shall be employed in any factory or mercantile establishment unless a parent or employer procures and keeps on file the employment certificate issued to each child, and keeps the list of names and ages of children employed, posted near the principal entrance to the building. Minors' employment certificates are to be issued by the superintendent of schools."

Motorcycle Accident. Lester Stevens, son of H. I. Stevens, of Park street, was quite seriously injured Sunday while riding his motorcycle, by coming in collision with an automobile. The accident happened at the corner of Brookline and Prescott streets, where there is

an abrupt curve, made more dangerous by the high bank and shrubs which obstruct the view. Neither driver realized the approach of the other until too late to do more than shut off the power of the machines. The automobile came from Orange street and the driver, therefore, wholly unacquainted with the roads. He was coming up the hill on Prescott street at fairly good speed, but unfortunately had taken the wrong side of the road to avoid a rut.

The machine came together at such an angle that Mr. Stevens and the front of his motorcycle became wedged between the mud guard and engine of the auto. His head was badly cut and his teeth were broken and the lower part of his face injured. He also received numerous bruises about the body.

The owner of the car took the injured man to Dr. Lovejoy's office and did what was possible to alleviate his unfortunate condition. At present writing he is considered to be improving, although he is liable to be confined to his home for some time, and the extent of the injury to his jaw cannot be estimated until the swelling can be reduced.

In the short time he has lived in town he has made many friends, particularly through his connection and interest in the grange in which order he will be much missed.

Acute Appendicitis. Anna, the little eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Messer, of Cross street, was operated upon for appendicitis on Monday.

She was as well as usual and attended school last week, and on Saturday spent the most of the afternoon at the playground, enjoying, with the other children, the new amusement recently installed, swinging by ropes held in the hands, which revolve from the tall pole.

On Sunday she became ill, and by afternoon her parents became alarmed and called in a physician. The symptoms of appendicitis continued to increase and she was taken to Nashua to St. Joseph's hospital early Monday morning by Dr. Lovejoy, in his auto. An operation was performed about noon and the child is reported as fairly comfortable and likely to have a speedy recovery. Her mother stayed with her until Tuesday evening.

News Items. The L. S. C. Alliance Branch of the First Parish will hold an all day meeting for work and business at Pinecroft with Mrs. E. J. Heald. A large attendance is desired. Box lunch at 10:30 in the morning.

The Book and Thimble club enters upon the seventeenth year of its existence this fall. A very pleasant meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Pond on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Caroline A. Heald of Malden, Mrs. Miss Knowlton of Rochester, N. Y., were among the guests. Selections were read from the "Pickwick papers," after which a delicious tea was served.

During the first week in September Mrs. Helen Wetherbee and daughter, Annie, of Hollis, N. H., were guests at Pinecroft. Mrs. Heald, of Malden, after visiting Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Heald, will spend the remainder of the present week at the same place with Mrs. E. J. Heald.

There will be an outdoor meeting near the covered bridge at 2:30 o'clock next Sunday. Elder G. W. Jackson of Vermont will be the chief speaker. Subject, "The second coming of Christ; how, why, when."

Mrs. Arthur P. Wright has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Nellie D. Whitton, of New York city, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Attridge left town Saturday for New York, where they will make their home for the future.

Mrs. L. E. Farr and two children have returned to their home in Plover, N. H., after a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. H. E. Frost on Sheffield street.

Miss Bertha Johnson, of Fitchburg, spent the week-end at her home on Main street.

Lillian Frost was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Mention, of Fitchburg, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelcher and daughter, of Winchester, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boynton, of Heald street.

The many friends of Eneas C. Morgan were surprised to hear of his marriage on Wednesday to Delphina Goodwin, of Townsend.

All persons are invited to attend the second service of the church federation, when the Unitarian and Congregational societies will join in worship with the Methodist society on Sunday evening next at seven o'clock. The ministers of the three churches will take part in the service. The purpose of these gatherings is to promote christian fellowship and show a vital connection between religion and the every-day life of home and community. Four meetings are to be held during the year in rotation among the churches.

At the Unitarian church next Sunday, morning service at 10:45. Sunday school at noon. Rev. D. H. Child will preach on "The races of men." The choir will meet for practice on Saturday evening, September 7, 7:45.

Letters remaining uncollected for at the East Pepperell postoffice for the week ending September 8: Miss Maria Boone, Mrs. Frank Dewey, Emmie C. Turner, Miss Alice Trow, A. F. Turner.

New Developments. The latest developments in the famous Pepperell bank robbery of December 2, 1908, came to light within the past few days. According to the state police the leader of the gang was electrocuted in New York for murdering another member, two others are serving long prison terms, one in Vermont and the other in North Carolina and another member of the gang is dead.

It is also said that the gang, contrary to general belief, did not use an automobile in escaping after the robbery, but went for the woods near the town and remained there two days till the excitement had somewhat subsided. They then quietly made their escape.

The police say that this is the method used by this class of criminals, because it is a well known fact that the nearer a person remains to the place where he has committed the crime, provided of course, he is concealed, the less likelihood there is of his being captured. This is accounted for by the fact which has been proven by experience, that people, as a rule, are looking for the criminals at a distance from the scene of the crime, and not near where it was committed. The clearing up of this famous case will be watched with interest by the people of Pepperell.

An automatic acetylene foghorn is being worked out by Gustav Dalen, the Swedish inventor of the automatically-lighted Buick's beacon.

Economy Hints. A penny saved is a penny earned. Benjamin Franklin.

The Housewife's Pocketbook. In a magazine article J. J. Hill, the railroad magnate, gives his ideas on how the housewife should spend money.

"There is nothing," he says, "more important in this nation or the life of any other nation than the pocketbook of the wife. I emphatically state that I do not mean the pocketbook of the husband."

"I will suppose she knows how to expend the money that is placed in her charge. She may have earned it through the truck garden at the rear of the house. The husband may give it to her every Saturday night. The children may through their efforts bring in part of it."

"But the greatest question is not where that money came from so long as it was honestly received, but does she know what to do with it? How far can she make it go, not merely in paying household expenses, but in placing part of it so that it will begin to earn interest and duplicate itself?"

"Contrary to general opinion, the securing of money is not a very difficult task if one is willing to work. The real importance of finances for a man or woman, for a boy or a girl, is what is done with the money after it is earned."

"It makes no difference whether one is purchasing miles of steel rails or underclothing for the children or a bunch of onions. Buy the best, pay the price, keep on working and realize finally that the control of living is within your hands."

How to Use Discarded Paper. The oiled paper that comes over but can be used for papering cake tins, while that which comes from the inside of cracker boxes is good for a dozen different things—for instance, cheese may be kept moist by wrapping in this paper, also sandwiches.

If the cake is getting brown too quickly covering with waxed paper will check it.

Sheets of wrapping paper will save labor very often. One can use it to prepare chickens on for the oven, roll crackers, pare apples or slice bread, when the paper can be rolled up and dropped into the garbage pail.

Newspapers laid upon the floor before an open grate when taking out the ashes will save the carpet considerably, and one lighted when shaking down a grate will carry the dust up the chimney.

These little conveniences do not cost a cent, but once they are put in their value is sure to be appreciated.

How to Sharpen a Lawn Mower. A great many women mow their own lawns, and when the mower is sharp it is a delight, but if the mower is dull it becomes a laborious task. Here is a way to sharpen a dull mower: Get some real fine emery powder and mix it up with a thick oil, such as linseed oil, lard oil or crude oil. The latter is the cheapest and best for this purpose. Apply the mixture to the edge of the knives with a paint brush and turn the mower just as you would while cutting grass. In a very few minutes you will have a cutting edge that will last a long time.

Now try this and you can make lots of pin money sharpening mowers for your friends and neighbors.

HOW TO BE COMFORTABLE DURING WARM WEATHER. Savon feuilles and papers poudres are never really appreciated until warm weather comes upon us. Then the small books of powder paper, which comes in several tints, and the books of soaped paper, the leaves of which turn into a free lather as soon as they are wet, seem like gifts from the fairies. A woman who travels with a book of powder papers, a book of soap leaves and a few lengths of the absorbent paper toweling, which can be bought by the roll, neatly stored in her hand bag, can be comfortably clean wherever she is with little effort.

How to Cure Baldness. If you are growing bald and want to encourage your hair to remain with you learn to play the violin, cello or double bass, or even the piano will do. M. de Parville, a French scientist, has been collecting statistics of musicians, and he finds that playing stringed instruments has a tonic effect on the hair. This may explain why violinists and pianists so often have long manes.

The vibration of the strings seems to be just the sort of massage that the hair thrives on. On the other hand, woe to you locks if you play a wind instrument. The vibration for such instruments seems to be too much for the poor hairs, and they give up and let go. So accepted is this effect now that the French doctors call it "brass hand baldness."

For the Children. Grace Scott Key, Descendant of a Famous Author.



Photo by American Press Association.

Everybody in this country knows and sings that soul inspiring song, "The Star Spangled Banner." This ever popular national lyric was suggested and partly written while the author, Francis Scott Key, was detained aboard the British fleet during the bombardment of Fort M'Henry, near Baltimore, of which he was an anxious and interested witness. The girl pictured above is Miss Grace Scott Key, and she is a great-granddaughter of the author. Her photo was caught by the camera man at Mount Vernon, near the tomb of Washington. Grace believes in votes for women, and she was carrying a suffragette banner at the time.

The Tallest Giant. Frederick the Great's Scotch giant measured eight feet three inches in height, four inches less than Patrick Cotter, an Irishman, who died at Clifton, Bristol, in 1802.

The Irish giant, O'Brien (Charles Byrne), whose skeleton is preserved in the museum of the Royal College of Surgeons in England, was eight feet four inches in height.

Chang, or Changwoofoo, the Chinese giant, whom Professor Lankester saw several times in London in 1880, was eight feet two inches high and a perfectly well proportioned man.

All these, however, were exceeded by Winkelmaier, an Austrian, who was exhibited in London in 1887 and was eight feet nine inches in height.

He, again, was exceeded by Machnow, a Russian, born at Charkow. He stood nine feet three inches. Machnow is the tallest giant of whom there is any trustworthy record.

The Magic Breath. It is not well to play another person's game if there is anything at stake upon the result. An example is afforded in the game called "The Magic Breath." Ask some person who considers himself smart to hold his hand out. On the extended hand you put three bits of paper. Then you tell him that you will use your magic in such a way that you will blow away in one puff any one or any two of the papers.

He will think this is impossible, but of course it is easy or you wouldn't undertake to do it. All that is necessary is to know how. Suppose your victim says you are to blow away the two outside papers and leave the middle one remaining. In that case you place a finger on the middle one, give a puff of breath, and, of course, the other two papers will be blown away, just as you said.

This and That. "This and that" is lots of fun to play. The trick in this game that must be understood by the two of the company who are to take the leading part in it is nothing more than that the word "that" must precede the article that has been chosen for guessing. For instance, one of the two players acquainted with the game goes off of the porch while an article is chosen by one of the company as the object to be guessed. The absent one is then recalled, when the second player acquainted with the game remarks that something on the porch has been touched and requests him to name the article.

"Do you think it was the music book?" "No." "Was it this armoire?" "No." "Was it this table?" "No." "Was it this chair?" "No." "Was it that basket?" "Yes." The performance may be repeated until the secret has been discovered.

Hidden Fruits. I wrote to Philip, "Lumber is high; sell." The leopard ate all the meat. The cuff I gave to the laundry was torn. When you nap please cover yourself. The pipe Arthur gave me fell and broke. Answers.—Plum, date, fig, apple, pear.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERMONS BY REV. SAMUEL W. PORTER, D.D.

YOUR LITTLE GILDED CALF. Text, "Thou shalt not make any graven image or any likeness."—Ex. xx, 4.

There is an old story of how once nearly a million slaves escaped from their masters and journeyed to find a new country. It tells how their leader—as all leaders must—went up to the heights to find God and laws for them. The laws which he brought back have been the base of all civilization in the world from that time to this day. But these people tired soon of him and his laws, and they took out their enmities and melted them and made a little gold calf. Any American reading this story today would set them down as dull asses—folks who deserved to be slaves and to have a metal calf for a god. Carlyle, looking from his window, said that the British nation was composed of so many millions—mostly fools. The proportion in our country would of course be different! And yet we have little metal calves which we worship every day. Not many of us but have erected some fool little image before which we bow our knee, wave our incense, burn our candles and whoop our hosannas. The worship of things did not belong alone to the childhood of the world. The old idolatry conceived of gods in trees and stones, streams and hills. It was crude, but it was spiritual. Now we cut down the trees and blast the stones and level the mountains. We know they are not gods, but we worship the power they give us. Instead of their being real powers in our lives they are only poor little gilded calves of our own making.

The Second Commandment. The second commandment is by no means a repetition of the first. It becomes possible when we believe in one God and worship only one. The first forbids us worship any god but Jehovah. The second takes it for granted there is no God but him and forbids the creation of anything to resemble him or to be used as an object of worship. The first condemns the worship of false gods, the second the making of any image or symbol of the true God for any purpose of worship. This is the danger of anything used to remind us of the Deity. Our reverence for a church building may supplement our worship of God. The Bible as a book may become more adored than the living word itself. Archbishop Ryan warned his people in a little book that lies before me of the danger of worshipping the mother rather than the Son of God, lest the crucifix should take the place of the crucified. He quotes a standard work, which I in justice am glad to quote, "Cursed is he who commits idolatry, who prays to images or relics or worships them for God."

The Brazen Serpent. Heshkiah saw the same danger. Mental concepts of God are difficult of formation. To assist themselves men have in all ages been prone to form material images. The more ignorant and undeveloped the mind the greater the necessity of seeing something to worship. Always in the beginning it is done with honest purpose. The old brazen serpent made by Moses had a strange fortune endured all the vicissitudes of the nation—the turbulent times of the Judges, the glories of David and Solomon, the disruption of the kingdom and the defections of the later kings. With every age it gained in sanctity. Finally men looked on it as having strange powers lurking within it—may, as a kind of god. It was an awful degradation. The thing that had once brought life to the dying, was now bringing death to the living. What had once pointed men to God was now reducing God to a piece of old brass. The remedy? He called it "Nebushtan," then destroyed it by fire. And Jehovah, writing in the sacred word, says, "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." Possibly it is just as well that there are no pictures of Christ or descriptions that are authentic save that "his image was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men." He left no keepsakes to his disciples. Even his clothing was seized by the Roman soldiers who crucified him. Not a solitary thing was left to be handed down to his followers—and no doubt fortunately for us.

A Shelf of Idols. Queer that religious people should be in more danger than others not so inclined. Only incessant care saves us who deal constantly in sacred things. We are apt to make gilded little calves to please the crowd, all the while knowing the peril. Take our present day passion for elaborate ritual, imposing church buildings, gaudy church millinery, conservatory choirs, etc.; also another danger, one belonging to my denomination, the making of the sermon the principal thing, to the exclusion of worship, as this sentence I overheard will indicate: "I am going to invite you some other time. Our preacher wasn't in his usual form this morning." I know a church in which music is all in all. Preaching, prayers, ordinances, sacraments, worship, all are subordinate. That chorister is admittedly dissolute. Profanity has more than once come from the hired song birds toward the audience. But the crowd pours in. That church "has the best music in town." And what is the difference between worshipping God under the symbol of a material image and worshipping him under the symbol of an intellectual conception?

TOWNSEND.

Center. A. N. Feasenden, wife and guest from California are touring the White Mountains this week.

A large attendance at the grange on Monday evening and a pleasing attendance of those who were not members showed that the speaker of the evening, Frank H. Pope, of Leominster, was more than appreciated. He gave a fine talk, speaking on general subjects and how to take the right viewpoint on these subjects. The program, nearly as printed last week, was much enjoyed.

The death of Andrew Heselton at Nashua on Wednesday removes from our midst the last charter member of the Peppercorn Grange. Mr. Heselton recently underwent an operation for gangrene and did not survive long after. He was also a veteran of the war. Frank Heselton, his brother, resides in town.

Wedding.

A very pleasant and pretty home wedding occurred on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sunday Goodwin, when their only daughter, Delphine, was united in marriage to Eneas Christopher Morgan, son of Lawrence and the late Amelia Morgan, of Townsend Harbor, Pepperell road. The parlor was beautifully decorated with laurel roping artistically draped along the walls of the room and a solid background of laurel was also used for the back of the canopy underneath which the bride and groom stood. Asters also added to the decorations and a large white marriage bell added the finishing touch to the canopy. The best man was Perley A. Sexsmith, and the bridesmaid was Miss Mabel L. Fletcher, both of Lynn. The wedding march was played by Miss Mildred Morgan, a sister of the bridegroom, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. William Hodge, of Newton Highlands, a former pastor here, assisted by Rev. Samuel Hodgkiss, of Fitchburg, an uncle of the bridegroom, the double ring service being used.

After the wedding there was a short reception and refreshments were then served, consisting of fruit punch, ice cream and cake. The dining-room was decked with golden-rod, yellow and white streamers hung from the ceiling and were fastened prettily to the table. Here the bride cut the bridal cake and all made merry in a social time. There was also a fine wedding cake.

The young couple later started for a wedding trip to Center Argyle, N. S., and will on their return reside at 21 Holman avenue, Leominster, where they have their house all in readiness for their return.

The bride's dress was of white crepe de chine cut en train, beautifully trimmed with point de esprit lace and pearls. Her veil was caught up with clasps and she carried bride roses. The bridesmaid was becomingly dressed in light blue crepe de chine trimmed with white lace and she carried pale pink bridal roses.

There were many beautiful presents artistically arranged in robes by themselves. Many of these were very valuable and consisted of silver, electric lamps, percolators, linens, cut glass, money, pictures and many beautiful things.

The bride is a graduate of our high school here and a member of the M. E. church in whose social life she has always been an active member, and formerly assisted in the choir until she went to Lynn, where she was employed for three years, and has since then been with the Chamberlin, Huntress & Company, of Fitchburg, where she was well liked and made many friends.

Mr. Morgan is also one of our popular young people of Townsend who has left the old town to start out for himself and best wishes of many friends go with them for a long and happy life.

Many guests were present from Leominster, Fitchburg, Lynn, Hudson, Pepperell and town. Mr. and Mrs. Turner and daughter have been at Fitchburg and Whalom for some time and have just returned to their home here once more, where it is hoped that their daughter should be married from, and all are glad to welcome them back to town again.

Items of Interest. Now that it has become generally known how to breed foxes in captivity, fox farms are springing up in Canada in all directions, and henceforth it would seem that the production of costly fur is only a problem for the animal husbandman. One farm on the banks of the St. Lawrence contained eighteen animals, for which the owner demanded \$75,000. A St. Louis inventor has patented an incandescent lamp stand that can be attached to the edge of a desk or table, hung on a wall or piece of furniture or rested upon any flat surface.

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