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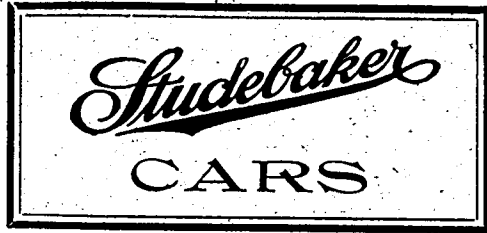
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LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mrs. C. R. White, of Shirley, who has met with enviable success in teaching dancing here and in adjacent towns, will open a dancing school for children in the town hall on Monday afternoon, October 6.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. Dickson, the latter couple from Harvard, enjoyed an automobile trip to Barre fair on Friday, September 26.

Miss Florence Hartlett is spending the week-end with friends in suburban Boston.

Henry S. King hopes to move into his house on King street this fall as soon as it is vacated and the desired repairs and improvements can be made.

Mrs. Chester M. Hartwell and her two children from Detroit, arrived at J. M. Hartwell's on Thursday noon. Her sister, Miss Natalie Sleeper, and her father, Mr. Hartwell, met them at Worcester and the party came from there in the Hartwell automobile. The family will visit among relatives in the for several weeks and Mr. Hartwell is expected here shortly before they leave for Detroit.

Severe colds are prevalent among the elderly people and little children.

Mrs. Robert Thacher and daughter, of Tennessee, have been the guest of their cousins, Dea. J. W. Thacher and Miss Thacher at the Center, and the J. P. Thacher family at the West End.

On Saturday, October 4, the high school juniors will hold a food sale in the Baptist vestry from two to four o'clock.

Miss Helena Meredith, teacher, and Miss Olive Thacher, Warren Hartwell, George Hartwell, Arthur Roberts and Leonard Roberts, pupils in the Littleton high school, go to Westford today to play tennis against representatives of Westford academy.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the Baptist church, met at Mrs. William H. Tenney's on Friday of this week for their regular study.

Miss Ella Wright, of Shirley, visited her sister, Miss Alice Wright, this week, and together they spent a day at their former home, West Acton's Benjamin Peabody, who has been ill for several weeks, seems to be growing weaker.

Miss Mamie Callahan, who has been a sufferer for a few weeks past, is improving, and is seen out-of-doors frequently.

Wednesday was free ride day for the stockholders of the Fitchburg division, Boston and Maine railroad, and everyone in Littleton who owns a share evidently made use of it.

Mrs. Horace Amsden, of Lexington, paid a brief visit to Mrs. Franklin S. Pingrey this last week.

Rev. James T. Berry, of Errol, N. H., is at home for a week's vacation.

Several members of the United Workers' society are planning to attend the meeting of the Northwest Middlesex Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions in Pepperell next Tuesday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chappelle at the Common, Wednesday, September 24.

Mrs. Packard is entertaining an uncle and an aunt from the west.

Littleton people in large numbers attended the Groton fair on Thursday.

The local vote at the primaries held on Tuesday were as follows: For governor—Benton, R., 32; Gardner, R., 5. Lieut. governor—Long, D., 9; Barry, D., 1. Treasurer—Burrill, R., 30; Kane, R., 6; Mansfield, D., 5; Coeur, D., 5. County commissioner—Patch 38. The vote is only given where there was a contest.

The Congregational club is planning for a harvest supper Wednesday evening, October 8.

Mrs. Fred C. Hartwell has spent a week with her mother, Mrs. Perry, who has been ill at her home in Hillsboro, N. H. Mrs. Hollis Robbins took charge of household affairs at her father's home during Mrs. Hartwell's absence.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning, D. Chauncey Brewer of Boston will speak on "Immigration." Mr. Brewer is a fine speaker and it is a great privilege to have him speak in town.

The second of the series of illustrated lectures on Africa will be given in the Congregational vestry Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The subject will be "In the heart of Angola."

The opening meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church will be held in the vestry next Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. At this meeting Mrs. Frances N. Hankemeyer will give an address on "Mormonism." Mrs. Hankemeyer lived for sometime among the Mormons and is well qualified to speak upon this subject. An invitation has been extended to the ladies of the other churches in town and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Miss Elizabeth McNiff visited her sister, Mrs. Andrew McNiff, and little daughter in Danvers last week.

Changes in Schedule.

A new train schedule on the Fitchburg division, Boston and Maine railroad, goes into effect on September 28, and contains the following changes that will interest Littleton people: Going west—The former 4.54 a. m. train will leave at 4.45; 7.49 a. m. train at 7.42; 12.00 noon will be omitted; a train will leave at 12.33 p. m.; the former signal train at 10.25 p. m. will leave at 10.53 (flag); former 12.58 midnight train will leave at 12.50 a. m.

Going east—The former 9.23 a. m. train will leave at 10.33; 4.49 p. m. (flag) at 4.41 (flag); 10.11 p. m. (flag) at 10.16 (flag).

Sundays—The west bound trains are unchanged. The former east bound trains at 10.33 a. m., will leave at 10.45; 4.40 p. m. at 4.17; 8.15 will be omitted.

There are some very marked changes that will make it easy for the careless person to miss a train.

Child Labor Laws.

Supt. Hill is making preparations to issue employment certificates. Parents, teachers, employers and employ-

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ees should familiarize themselves with the provisions of the new laws relating to child labor. A child is a person under twenty-one years of age. Children under twelve forbidden to engage in any street trade. Children under fourteen cannot work in certain industries and in none during school hours or before 6.30 a. m. or after six p. m. Children under fifteen shall not be employed or exhibited on stage, in circus or public place.

Children under sixteen must attend school regularly, unless they hold employment certificates and work six hours per day regularly. Between fourteen and sixteen they cannot be employed unless employer holds employment certificate for each child, except on Saturdays between seven a. m. and six p. m. Employment certificate not issued unless fourth grade work is completed. Child must have attended school at least 130 days after becoming thirteen years of age. He must have a physician's certificate of health. Children between sixteen and twenty-one must have an educational certificate.

From all children who may be lawfully employed—between fourteen and twenty-one years of age—an age certificate will be demanded. Evidence of age must be based upon the following, and in the order given: Birth certificate, baptismal record, passport, attested immigration record, register of school first attended in state, authorized physician's certificate.

The physician's certificate of health may be signed by a school physician, family physician or by a physician appointed by the school committee. It should not be obtained until after the employer's promise to employ certificate has been issued.

The employment certificate may be issued only by the superintendent of schools or by a person authorized by him in writing. He must first have the employer's promise to employ, the school record, the physician's certificate of health and the proof of age. Children born in town may get an attested copy of birth from the town clerk.

All necessary blanks have been promised within a few days, when the superintendent of schools and the persons authorized by him to act in his stead—Walter C. Wright of Graniteville and Miss Kate Hanley of Forgeville—will immediately issue new certificates to be used upon the fourteenth and twenty-one years of age. It will greatly facilitate the work if employers will see to it that their help between fourteen and twenty-one are provided with the proper evidence of age.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

The body of Mrs. Ring was brought here on Wednesday for burial in the South cemetery. Mrs. Ring was a sister of Willis Gooch and at one time lived on the Graves farm. She died at Memphis, where she has lived for several years.

Arthur Goodearl has begun a course of civil engineering with the V. M. C. A. at Huntington's campus, Boston. He graduated from Concord high last June, and has since been working at Hotel Bellevue.

Mrs. Earl Littlefield visited Mrs. Hemenway at Framingham last week and while there attended the annual fair.

Rev. Mr. Willis, of West Acton Universalist church, will preach for Rev. F. H. Viets tomorrow.

An automatic signal has been installed at the Cobleigh crossing. This is considered quite a dangerous crossing and an effort was made to have gates placed there some time ago without avail.

Arnes Nelson is substituting for Mr. Benere, our rural delivery man, who is taking a vacation.

Mrs. B. C. Steele is spending a few days with her sister in Clinton.

Mrs. S. P. Dodge has bought the Green cottage of Henry Veasey. She will not occupy it until spring.

Mrs. William Withington entertained Mrs. Mansur and a friend from Brookline the last of the week.

Our residents who live on the hill are rejoicing in the fact that their gardens are as yet untouched by the frost and Mrs. Rice has a rose bush with over fifty beautiful blossoms on it.

Following the custom of many years, all who were not too busy, went to Bolton fair on Wednesday.

Linwood Richardson is having a vacation from his work at Mead's store. He will take the time to harvest his fine crop of apples.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Barteaux attended the funeral of an aunt, Mrs. Silas Wetherbee, in Marlboro, on Wednesday. Silas Wetherbee is a brother of the late Norman Wetherbee, and the family lived in town for many years.

Winsor Goodnow, of Portland, a cousin of C. T. Wetherbee, visited Walnut farm this week.

NOTICE—Beginning October 1st, the store of Gail & Dickson & Company will close Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at six, Wednesdays at eight, and Saturdays at nine o'clock P. M., until further notice.



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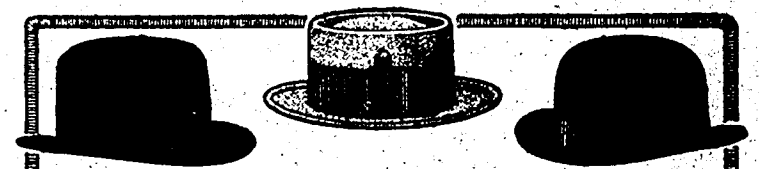
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WESTFORD.

Center.
 Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Wright are rejoicing over the advent into their home of a little son, born on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Etta G. Lewis, of Boston, was over Sunday guest at H. L. Wright's annual reunion of former associations at the Congregational church Sunday morning.

W. R. Wells, who graduated from the University of Vermont last June, left on Monday for Cambridge, where he is to enter Harvard graduate school for advanced work in philosophy.

Mrs. E. B. Guyer, of Dorchester, is visiting the J. W. Pyne household at Pine Ridge. Mr. Guyer came up for over Saturday and Sunday.

Business has been resumed at the old harness shop. Joseph Brady and Jess J. Parplha have started the triple enterprise of harness making, shoe repairing and clock repairing.

The Ladies' Missionary society met with its president, Miss Sarah W. Loker, Wednesday afternoon, and was well attended. An interesting series of meetings for the season is planned for which a printed calendar is being prepared. This was the annual meeting and the following officers were chosen: Miss Sarah W. Loker, pres.; Mrs. David Wallace, v. p.; Mrs. Emma Day, sec. and treas.

Members of the Tadmuck club will bear in mind the first meeting of the season will be held on October 7. The place of the meeting will be announced next week. The season's calendars will not be distributed until that meeting, at which Miss Loker, the president, will give her opening address and outline of the season's work, together with the members.

Recent Visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Sherwin have been recent visitors to town. Mrs. Sherwin was formerly Miss Malvina Wright, a daughter of Benjamin Wright, which older residents will remember. This was the first time Mrs. Sherwin had been in Westford for thirty-nine years and the many changes were a wonder and delight to her. We did not learn where her home had been in the interval. It may be an interesting bit of local history for those who do not remember so far back, that the Benjamin Wright home was one of the two small houses that stood on the site of what is now Miss Ella Hildreth's mansion house. One of these small houses stood end ways and the other length ways to the road. One was torn down and the other sold at auction in the early fifties. The one being sold was moved to Grantville by Cyrus Hamlin and was for many years a part of the house of the late John Daly.

Funeral.

The funeral services of Mrs. Addie S. Wright were held at her late home last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. There was a large gathering of relatives, neighbors and friends. Rev. David Wallace was the officiating clergyman, who spoke with sympathy of the transition from this life to "The Father's house," this latter being a beautiful poem embodying the thought, and closing his remarks with Tennyson's immortal "Crossing the bar." Mrs. Charles D. Colburn and Mrs. Charles H. Wright sang two beautiful selections, "Face to face" and "No sorrow there." The bearers were Charles H. Wright, Sydney B. Wright, Frank C. Wright, all cousins in the family, and Arthur E. Day. Burial was in the family lot in Fairview cemetery.

The floral offerings were of great beauty and were as follows:

Pillow—"Wife," from husband; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Merritt; sprays, Irving M. Jones, Mrs. M. Seabro, Mr. Samuel Hosmer, Nantucket; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hosmer and Cyrus family; Waketield; pillow, Littleton grange; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wright and family; spray white pinks, Westford W. C. T. U.; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herby; wreath; bouquet of chrysanthemums, Mrs. Frances Prescott; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Wright, Miss Ida Leighton and Miss Eleanor Fletcher; wreath, Westford grange; spray, Mrs. J. D. Isles, Miss Hilda Isles and Mrs. Moran; wreath, Miss Ella Hildreth; spray, Mr. and Mrs. William; spray, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitney; Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Wheeler and Mrs. M. J. Wheeler; Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Carver, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett and George E. Gann; wreath, Union Congregational church.

Fair.

The annual agricultural fair under the auspices of the Congregational church took place last week Friday afternoon and evening. This is the twenty-fourth annual event of this kind and this year the committee had much to hinder a successful result, owing to the long drought during the summer, a hard rainstorm at the time and much sickness among their families, but the usual good spirit among the workers and a generous patronage made the affair nearly its usual success.

There was much excellent quality fruit, vegetables and flowers displayed and the apron, fancy, food, candy and fish pond tables were all prettily decorated. An appetizing supper was served from 5.30 to 7.30 and at eight o'clock Mrs. Myra Pond Hemenway, piano soloist, of Needham, and Mrs. Belle Harrington Hall, reader, of Lowell, gave a finely balanced program. Mrs. Hemenway is an accomplished pianist and Mrs. Hall can always win an audience. She gave "The Muscivore orphan," "Kelland," "Just boy," by Paul West, "Nonsense poems," Wallace Irwin; "Able seaman" and "The first lesson," by Hylthe; also, "The band that played when the ship went down." Mrs. Hemenway's selections were Second rhapsodie, Listz; "Believe me those endearing ones" and "Garry Owen," Paper; "Old Black Joe," Gimmel.

The following committees had charge:
 Fancy table—Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, Mrs. E. G. Leake, Mrs. G. W. Wells, Mrs. A. P. Warren, Mrs. William Fox, denbush, Mrs. Charles Hildreth, Mrs. G. W. Goode, Mrs. E. F. Humiston, Mrs. Eva Pyne, Mrs. Edith Hildreth, Mrs. Frances Bannister, Miss C. B. Atwood, Mrs. H. G. Osgood, Mrs. A. E. Day and Mrs. J. W. Merritt.
 Apron table—Miss Sarah W. Loker, Mrs. C. W. Hildreth, Mrs. A. B. Burnham, Mrs. Fildred, Mrs. Ralph Bridge-

ford, Mrs. J. W. Day, Mrs. William Symmes, Mrs. George Kimball, Mrs. James Pyne, Mrs. E. J. Whitney, Mrs. H. A. Ferguson, Mrs. Winthrop Wheeler, Mrs. J. W. Wright and Mrs. Nathan Prescott.
 Candy table—Miss Mary Bunce, Miss Martha Grant, Miss Mattie Crocker and Miss Florence Wilson.
 Food table—Mrs. A. W. Hartford, Mrs. John Wright and Miss Grace Lambert.
 Fish pond—Mrs. Ida Gould, Mrs. Henry Colburn and Miss Mattie Symmes.
 Supper and ice cream committee—Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mrs. J. E. Knight, Mrs. Phonsie Isles, Mrs. Frank Bannister, Mrs. C. H. Wright, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. John McMaster, Mrs. Henry Kabele, Mrs. A. Polley, Mrs. Frank Shea and Mrs. John Perkins.
 Entertainment committee—Mrs. David Wallace, Mrs. May Atwood and Mrs. John Wright.
 Display committee—Miss May Day, Miss Martha Symmes.
 Committee on arrangements—Rev. David Wallace, Miss L. B. Atwood and L. W. Wheeler.
 Decorator—Miss May Atwood.
 Auctioneer—L. W. Wheeler.
 The next result of the fair was about \$140.

Grange.

At the last meeting of the grange it was voted to accept the invitation of Chelmsford grange for neighbors' night, October 2, and as always has been since Chelmsford grange was organized, these two granges meet on the same dates, it was voted to postpone the first meeting of October one week, until October 9.

At the last meeting a complete report of the drinking fountain was given. All bills have been paid and the amount of the gift to the town is \$367. Our sister town of Acton has recently installed a drinking fountain under the auspices of the grange, of which they are justly proud, but as a matter of fact the grange contributed but seventeen dollars, the remainder of the cost being met by solicitation, a careful canvass of the townspeople being made. It may be a matter of interest to give a bit of the history of the old mill stone that makes such a fine foundation for our Westford fountain.

It was formerly one of the two mill stones for many years at Heywood & Burbeck's grist mill, now a thing of the past, at Westford depot. The stones had become worn and some twenty years ago, when the Armenian colony lived on the road to Grantville, they procured the stones for some grinding enterprise of their own. Some of the stones and they were taken away and had rested by the roadside for years, when John C. Abbot bought them of their original owner, transferred one of them to his summer home on the North Shore for some use in building and the other remained where it was.

In looking about for a foundation stone for the new fountain this shapely old mill stone seemed very desirable and when its last owner, Mr. Abbot, was approached he very quickly and courteously gave it to the town for the purpose that it is now serving.

About Town.

Charles W. Whitney, on the Lowell road, has bought all the baled lumber in the barn of the Harvard Brewery Co., Lowell, which was struck by lightning a few weeks since. Water, smoke and lightning were about equal in making the hay too dry and too wet. It has been hauled to Westford and spread in the field nearly opposite the John H. Decatur place.

At the dedication of the new Masonic temple in Worcester on Friday, September 12, the corner stone was laid by Herbert E. Fletcher, r. w. d. d. g. m. of Westford.

Miss Clara Walker Littlefield, of Fitchburg, a former pupil of Stony Brook school history, and her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Wallace, of Westford, were recent visiting company at the open fire-place hospitality of the Walker Inn.

Ralph Fletcher is at M. I. T., Boston, and Hazel Fletcher is at Dana Hall, Wellesley. Both will do much to brighten up school life.

It was a generous gathering that met in the vestry of the village church in West Chelmsford last week Thursday evening when Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher gave his stereopticon views of a recent trip to the Panama canal and other close by tropical lands.

Miss Clara Wright, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting the old ancestral home, the old Levi T. Fletcher farm homestead on the Lowell road, near Brookside. Miss Wright has modernized this old spacious farmhouse with electric lighting, telephone, faucet water, lawn, walks and shrubs. This is now her summer home and the once large farm of several hundred acres, extending as far west as the Stony Brook schoolhouse and north to Nahasset pond, is now reduced to a few summer acres.

The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church were the recent guests of the Shirley Alliance and added audience to the occasion by the following persons: Mrs. Alma Richardson, Mrs. Helen K. Frost, Mrs. Lizzie Hamlin, Mrs. H. M. Seavey, Miss Mabel Drew, Miss Alice Howard, Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett and Miss Mary Moran.

Among the unmentioned who were prize winners at the recent fair of prizes worth at Chelmsford was John Feeney, Jr., of Westford, a bushel of Gravestines, as large and as handsome as one would wish to see.

After four years of separation, Thomas Williams, of California, is visiting his brother, William P. Williams, at Quality farm on the Carlisle road, Parkerfield.


The bushes on the Lowell road beyond the summer residence of Miss Clara Wright, are in a bad state of preservation. Please Mr. Selectmen won't you give them something to stop their growing—a swing or two of mowing.


Westford grange, having accepted an invitation to visit Chelmsford grange on next week Thursday evening and furnish the entertainment of the evening, the regular meeting of Westford grange on next Thursday evening will be omitted. You will also find us at Carlisle in early November exhibiting the same goods at the same price.

Primaries.

The primaries on Tuesday evening were guarded by the appointment by Arthur Wilson, John M. Fletcher, Walter J. Merritt. The voting result run about like this: Governor—Gardner 27, Benton 75, Walsh 10. County commissioner—Patch 37, Barlow 32, Powers 9. Barnes 2, Jennings 1. Wilson 2. Auto trucks brought Forge Village, Grantville and Brookside to the town hall, where an effort of six hours was taken out of eternity's time table to cast 102 votes. "Oh there is nothing like the primaries, the dear primaries, so close to the people to keep the people at home." Repeat gentlemen as soon as you can get on horseback, you who are soon to be

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electd with authority to repeal and save a needless financial expense to the people, and also save candidates the disagreeable task of seconding their own nominations. A program of songs, recitations and readings filled a most enjoyable evening, and closed with remarks by the chief ranger, C. E. Dudevour. All of the numbers were liberally applauded and acted and several applications for membership received. After the meeting a very enjoyable smoker was held and after refreshments had been served cigars were lighted and a fine entertainment given. The hit of the evening was the French songs as sung by Anthony Martin. A program of songs, recitations and readings filled a most enjoyable evening, and closed with remarks by the chief ranger, C. E. Dudevour. All of the numbers were liberally applauded and acted and several applications for membership received. 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CHARLES F. FRAZIER, EDITH L. ORMSBEE, Executors. Brooklyn, N. Y., Sept. 10, 1913.

Sheriff's Sale

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex, ss.

Ayer, September 23d, A. D. 1913.

Taken on execution and will be sold at Public Auction at my office on East Main Street in said Ayer, on Saturday, October 25th, A. D. 1913, at eight o'clock of the clock in the forenoon.

A certain tract of land situated in Littleton, in said County of Middlesex, on the southerly side of Taylor street, in that part of Littleton known as Littleton Depot, containing about one (1) acre, with buildings thereon, bounded westerly by land late of George W. Sanderson; southerly by land late of George W. Sanderson; easterly by land of McDonald and northerly by said street.

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District Court.

Henry Flisk, Jerome C. Shattuck, Percy Benedict, all of Groton, Frank C. Blood, of Fitchburg, were arraigned on Monday morning on complaints arising from a fracas in Groton on August 20, in which the defendant, Chief of Police Riley was the participant.

The complaints against Flisk charged assault on an officer and drunkenness; those against Shattuck were for assault and battery, refusing to aid an officer and assault on an officer; those against Benedict were for assault on an officer, for disturbing the peace and refusing to aid an officer; the complaints against Blood were for assaulting an officer and for obstructing a peace officer.

The cases attracted unprecedented interest, particularly among the people of Groton and long before Judge Atwood took his seat on the bench every seat in the court room was filled. When the witness was called standing room was hard to find.

Chief Riley was the first witness for the government. He said in substance that he met the defendants on the day on which the trouble occurred at Nashua, N. H. They all came to Groton from the city in the evening. As he started up Station avenue he heard some one say: "Can you back that up?" evidently referring to statements made by witness in Nashua. Benedict asked the witness what he would take back what he said in Nashua reflecting on one of his family. Witness told Benedict that he wished no trouble and advised the latter to go home. Flisk came up and called witness a bad name, at the same time giving the chief a heavy blow. Witness placed Flisk under arrest and called upon Blood, Benedict and Shattuck to assist him in the name of the commonwealth.

Shattuck grabbed witness, saying that he (the witness) was the one that should be arrested and not Flisk. In the tussle Blood caught Chief Riley by the throat. In the meantime Flisk got away. Witness said he afterward placed Flisk under arrest and proceeded to the town hall, in the basement of which is the police station. When witness arrived at the door he had difficulty in opening it. He asked Shattuck to open the door, which the latter refused to do. Flisk and Benedict kicked Riley several times. As a result of the injuries the witness said he was obliged to go to a hospital for treatment.

The next witness was Miss Margaret Crowley. She said Chief Riley was going up the street from the railroad station toward the town hall when that he was minding his own business. She heard Benedict say "There he is." Flisk elbowed Riley, after which a general mixup followed.

John H. Sheedy, chairman of the Groton board of selectmen, said he was standing in front of the town hall evening of the trouble. About 8.15 Chief Riley came along. The first that the witness heard of the trouble was when Benedict told him that he wished to prefer charges against the chief whom he said was intoxicated and made disparaging remarks about his (Benedict's) daughter. Mr. Sheedy told Benedict that there would be a meeting of the selectmen the next evening and that he might appear before them and make the charges. Mr. Sheedy said he heard the fracas inside and went in. Riley had seized Benedict. Riley was under the influence of liquor. When Riley seized Benedict, Shattuck grabbed Riley, who had Benedict down. At witness' request Riley let Benedict rise. Witness said he felt bunch on Riley's leg where he had evidently been kicked. After the testimony of the next witness, Frank Dilbert, the government rested its case.

Blood was the first witness for the defense. He told of the argument between Chief Riley and Benedict at Nashua that evening before the party boarded the train for Groton. The witness said he and Riley were always good friends, and so far as he was concerned they were friendly still. He did not seize Riley by the neck, but was simply trying to separate the chief and Flisk in the interest of peace. He went into a place with Riley in Nashua, where the latter had a drink, he taking ginger ale. He saw no signs of liquor on Riley before he entered the place or on Flisk at any time during the trouble. Shattuck and Chief Riley both called on the witness in the name of the commonwealth to assist them. Shattuck called on the witness to assist him in making Riley, Riley made the same demand of Blood to help him arrest Shattuck. Riley had hold of Flisk and Shattuck had hold of Riley. The witness saw no blows struck.

Benedict was the next witness. He told of the argument with Riley at Nashua. When he arrived with the party at Groton he asked Riley if he would retract what he said at Nashua. He then went toward the post office which is in the town hall building to prefer charges against the chief to the selectmen. He had other talk with the chief at that time. He went to Chairman Sheedy of the board of selectmen and wished to prefer charges against Riley. The latter told him that he would assist the witness, who turned around and said in general mixup. He heard Riley place Flisk under arrest.

Constable Shattuck was the next witness. He said he had been a police officer in Groton for about fifteen years. He told of the trouble between Riley and Flisk and seized Riley, saying he (Riley) was the man to arrest. The witness, Riley and Flisk went toward the town hall. Witness said he did not know that Riley had placed under arrest. He did not see Flisk resisting arrest. The reason why he did not open the door at Riley's request was because he had no keys for that purpose. The rest of the story was about the same as told by the preceding witnesses for the defense.

Flisk next took the stand. Mr. Flisk said he was the foreman on the Lawrence Brooks estate in Groton. After leaving the cars at Groton he asked Riley what he meant by trying to drive him out of town. Riley called for assistance. He was on the train from Nashua to Groton with the party. After the talk with Riley on reaching Groton he and Blood and Riley walked up toward the town hall. After getting inside the building Riley started to thrash me. Saw no blows struck. A big crowd was around the railroad station and the town hall. The testimony of the other witnesses for the defence was merely of the corroborative nature.

At this point the government called several witnesses to testify regarding the sobriety of Chief Riley. Among them was Elizabeth Prescott Leonard, in whose house the chief has room. Mrs. Leonard said she had known the chief for two or three years and always saw him all right, including the night when the fracas took place. Miss Edith Timmins, her

daughter, who lives with Mrs. Leonard, told the same story. Other witnesses that added to the testimony for sobriety were H. N. Palmer, Fred C. Tuttle and George L. Boynton.

After the evidence had all been submitted Judge Atwood reviewed the case at length, after which he announced a finding of guilty of all the defendants on all the complaints. The following sentences were imposed: Flisk was fined twenty dollars for assault on an officer and the drunkenness complaint was placed on file. Shattuck was found guilty of assault and battery and the case filed. For refusing to aid an officer he was fined one dollar, and for assault on an officer he was fined twenty dollars. Benedict was fined twenty dollars for assaulting an officer and for obstructing a peace officer and for disturbing the peace and refusing to aid an officer he was fined one dollar on each complaint. Blood was fined twenty dollars for assaulting an officer and the complaint for obstructing a peace officer was placed on file. The defendants appealed and were each held in \$200 bail for their appearance before the superior court at Cambridge on the first Monday of October.

The government's case was ably handled by Atty. John M. Maloney, of Ayer, and Thomas F. Walsh, of Clinton and Francis Hayes, of Groton, looked after the interests of the defendants.

LITTLETON.

The high school seniors ask for the evening of November 21, when they will present a drama in the town hall. Further particulars will be given later.

The annual meeting of the Backlog club, consisting of the members of the club, will be held at the Unitarian vestry Monday evening, October 6, at eight.

Douglas Whitcomb will spend next week at the Brockton fair, where he is to be one of the judges of cattle, as usual.

The high school juniors will give a reception and dance in the town hall on Friday evening, October 10, for the benefit of the senior graduation. Thayer's orchestra will play for the dancing.

Henry Nye has gone to Peabody to make his home. His sister, Miss Augusta Nye, has let her house to Mr. and Mrs. Ashworth of the Conant street.

Miss Gladys Woodbury enters one of the conservatories of music in Boston this month to pursue the normal course that prepares for vocal teaching, and to take private lessons in singing.

Miss Cora Warren, of Boston, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home on Foster street.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, and family.

Walter H. Titcomb is painting his bulkhead in yellow with white trimmings.

Mrs. William Channing Brown has been visiting her sister in Wolfboro, N. H., this last week.

George Howard, clerk at Conant Company's store, has had a vacation which he spent with his family at Hampton Beach.

The attractive place on Tahattawan road occupied by the Liss family is to be sold at public auction on Saturday, October 11, at three o'clock.

L. Warren Bartlett, clerk in the superintendent's office, Fitchburg division, Boston and Maine railroad, has received official notice that he is to be transferred to the Fitchburg division headquarters in Greenfield in November. This will necessitate Mr. Bartlett's removal to that town very soon, as the new office building in Greenfield, now in process of construction, is promised for the above date.

Prof. Milmet Mitchell and family, of Brunswick, Me., paid a brief visit to the F. S. and G. H. Kimball families before embarking for England last Saturday. They will remain abroad until February, when Mr. Mitchell will resume his professional duties at Bowdoin college.

Miss Mildred Kimball was a week-end guest of Misses Margaret and Ruth Thacher.

Mr. Bleakney, contractor, who has just completed the state road on Lactar street, has gone to Harvard to construct a piece of state road.

The Littleton grange will observe "neighbors' night" on Wednesday, October 1st, instead of the date given in the grange calendar. Groton grange will furnish the entertainment.

Lycium Program.

The program for the lycium for the coming season is of unusual excellence, the balance in the treasury last year making it a much larger sum for this season's talent than was spent last year. It was felt, too, that the public would heartily support them in their efforts to make the lycium what it is best traditions by buying tickets.

The opening date is on October 14, when the Schubert male quartet, of Boston, one of the best in the country, will give the concert. They will be assisted by Miss Gladys Nichols and her quartet, which will be remembered, entertained us delightfully two years ago when she was just entering her profession.

On October 28, Marshall Darrach, the actor, will recite from memory Shakespeare's play, "The Merchant of Venice." Mr. Darrach has an international reputation and we are fortunate in securing him for the lycium in this popular play.

On November 11, Edgar S. Wiers, of Montclair, N. J., will give a lecture on "The Peculiarities of the Social Engagement for Mr. Wiers, his lecture here last year being so well received that there was an unusual demand to hear him again.

The same might be said of the next number, an illustrated lecture, November 25, by Prof. George H. Barton, of Boston, whose subject will be "The effects of the glacial period in New England." Many local views will be shown and an explanation given of the peculiarities of the scenery that makes this region so attractive.

The next number, on December 9, will be a concert by the Collegians' male quartet with instrumental and vocal music and action.

Underwood, of Boston, will give an illustrated lecture on a camera, hunting trip through the Maine woods.

On January 6, Herbert Alden Clark will give an entertainment. Mr. Clark is a humorist, musician and impersonator who rarely fails to please.

And last, but not least we hope, the local talent on January 20 will revive again the historical days of the Nashua plantation of praying Indians 1664, and the incorporation of Littleton in 1714 in preparation for the bi-centennial of the town the following summer.

Although there are eight numbers on the course in place of the usual six given many years, the price of the season ticket will remain the same. The tickets will go on sale in a few days and it is hoped they will be rapidly taken. They may be procured by any member of the committee for the course, or by Mr. J. Fairfield, H. L. Caulkins, F. F. Conant, C. E. Johnson, A. W. Munson, H. L. Packard, F. H. Hill, F. B. Priest, C. Dalley, Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb.

Does It Pay?

The experiences of the New Haven railroad since 1911, in the way of killing and maiming people in clearly avoidable accidents, causes many people in this section of the country who are not experts in the railroad business to wonder if it is worth the wholesale slaughter and maiming really pays the road. The liquor dealer may not be otherwise a bad man, but he often sells liquor to a customer knowing that it will shorten his life and bring death to his family, but he is not a whit worse than the manufacturer who works his help under unsanitary conditions which the outlay of a few hundred or thousand dollars would remedy. Both do as they please, and there is in it, otherwise it is good business.

Now if the railroad managers can figure out that it is cheaper to pay the damages assessed for the deaths and injuries resulting from avoidable accidents, than to invest in safety appliances for preventing such accidents, according to the rules of modern business, they are justified in letting the slaughter proceed and no reasonable person ought to object to the average American citizen's habit of assessing rather heavy damages in permanent injuries acquired in this way and it would seem to the uninitiated that the money used in settling damage suits would go a long way toward installing safety appliances to prevent such accidents.

Another cause of many an accident that the railroads are not entirely to blame for is the feverish haste of the average American citizen to get somewhere quick. Whether he is in a hurry or not the average citizen will willingly risk his neck to save half an hour between two points, and in catering to this crazy notion the railroads have speeded up the rate of safety.

Pick up any daily paper you choose and you can see the results of this same crazy haste recorded in the auto accidents of the day before. Most of the people rushing about so recklessly have not the faintest notion of the habit of assessing rather heavy damages in permanent injuries acquired in this way and it would seem to the uninitiated that the money used in settling damage suits would go a long way toward installing safety appliances to prevent such accidents.

It is apparently beginning to dawn on the officials of the New Haven that perhaps they have been over doing the matter, as their new time tables will show a slackening of speed that will give the trainmen a better chance to pull through without accident. The main working rule heretofore has been "make time." This is the only rule that a more elaborate and lengthy set of rules looking to the safety of the management was all right and only the men on the rails were reckless and anxious to be killed.

Let us hope the time for practicing more common sense and less "high finance" in the management of railroads is almost here. V. T. E.

HARVARD.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Boston American of Sunday, September 14:

Thirty miles from Boston, Fiske Warren, a Back Bay multi-millionaire, has bought a 100-acre tract, famous for his anti-imperialistic advocacy and world-noted as a sociologist, has launched a remarkable colony of single taxers that has not only upset the thousand odd citizens of the little town of Harvard, where the colony is located, but which experts declare is likely to revolutionize the entire taxation system of the Bay State.

In the four years since Mr. Warren bought the first parcel of land to the town of Harvard, the "single tax" as the single tax assessment is termed, the colony territory has grown in size from one acre to 400 acres and now embraces a generous slice of the most desirable residential locality in Harvard. There are now ten leaseholders.

Five large Harvard farms, one after another, have succumbed to the encroachments of the colony—these on beautiful shore sites around Bare hill and the large estate in the central part of the town, and other estates.

"Tahanto," the name of the Massachusetts single tax colony, has its affairs administered by a council consisting of three representatives elected at the "village meeting," in which every leaseholder or resident not less than fifteen years of age and the wives of leaseholders are voters, excepting any person legally entitled to be registered as a voter in the town of Harvard who is not so registered.

But the chief interest about Tahanto is that embodied in the great principle upon which the colony has come to the village through a deed of trust made with Professor Lewis Jerome Johnson of Harvard, the late L. Price and Mr. Warren as trustees. They held the lands and all other property that may be conveyed to them as trustees upon condition that they set apart such portions of land as the village may need for public use, and they grant leases for ninety-nine years of other portions of the land to individuals and corporations.

These leases are upon a rental equal to full annual economic rent to be determined by assessment and if desired by arbitration, and provide that all improvements shall belong to the lessee. That is, in this unique colony no person or persons owns land—he merely leases it. The land belongs not to one but to all.

If you do not pay taxes for the improvement of the land by the erection of this house. If you lay out a park on your land—no taxes on that. If you own an automobile and a \$10,000 table and any number of luxuries—no taxes on these. You pay a tax for

using the land which you have leased and that tax is sufficient—presumably to answer the economic demand.

At Tahanto there is no discrimination against sex. Women and men—everyone—attend the village meetings, a hand at the village meetings is a right what shall be what. In April, 1912, this colony land at Harvard under the single-tax stood at 166 acres with an annual rent income of \$675 from eight holders of land.

In expending the income the trustees are required to observe the following order:

First—Payment in full (or ratably if the fund is insufficient) of all taxes imposed upon the trust real estate exclusive of payments.

Second—Payment in full (or ratably if the remainder of the fund is insufficient) of all taxes upon improvements of land under lease from the trustees.

Third—Payment of annual instalments on purchase price of land acquired by the trustees, after reserving not to exceed ten percent as a contingency fund out of which among other things further land may be acquired.

Fourth—Payment in full (or ratably if the fund is insufficient) of all taxes on tangible personal property in the community, of members of the community.

Fifth—Payment in full (or ratably) of all poll taxes upon members of the community.

Sixth—Payment by a fixed rule of computation of taxes on intangible personal property and incomes of members of the community.

All economic rent for the community and all individual earnings for the earners respectively is the keynote of this novel plan.

"That is, no person is not to be taxed for his automobile or because he chooses to build himself a house," says Mr. Warren.

In Tahanto the people own the land and individuals hold titles to whatever they may lease. Here is a plan for a social system of progress, industry and mutual helpfulness. It is a democracy if you will in the true sense of the word."

The trustees have the sole power to nominate other trustees, whose nominations are approved or disapproved by the village at its meetings where all can vote and express their will.

Here are a few of the "economic rent" charges for land under the single-tax method at Tahanto:

One person holding 100 acres, pays a rental of \$210; another with 40 acres, pays \$100; a third, Mr. Warren himself, with 10 acres, a choice site and before war more, \$150; Francis Flynn, one acre, good site, \$5; Ellen Mongovin, three-quarters acre, \$20—fine site.

The following are the ten leaseholders that now compose the Tahanto colony: Ellen Mongovin, Margaret R. Cole (Abbottsville), Helen C. Wilson, secretary to Mr. Warren (Elberly), James J. Desmond (Barnard farm), Abby Desmond, Francis Flynn, Frederick St. John, F. Lowell Kennedy, Howard C. Forbes, Prof. Harvey David.

"The land belongs, not to any one or group of persons, but to all the people," explains Mr. Warren. "Neither priority of possession, conquest nor purchase can make a portion of the earth the property of any individual or of any person or government. The land belongs to us all. Now the single tax idea rests just upon that.

"If you as an individual want to hold a lot of land then you must pay us who own that land a good and sufficient rental for it—that is a fair 'economic rent.' You can't keep it as a possession. It doesn't belong to you. It is ours."

"So—we demand that you pay for the site in proportion to the relative value of the site and in proportion to the size of your holdings.

"Let us put this system in vogue and watch results. The land monopolist can no longer afford to hold great tracts of land because his rentals for that land would break him shortly."

Today the people of Harvard are in a ferment of excitement over the octopus-like growth of the "single tax" community spreading over the beautiful hill summits of Harvard and creeping in wherever land is slightly and affords attractions to tenants.

One after another Mr. Warren has bought up big farms until farmers among themselves are in a constant state of trepidation lest it come their turn to receive offers.

"Want to sell," asks Mr. Warren pleasantly.

"Wall, I ain't particular," is usually the answer.

"Want to sell?"

"Answer: 'I might.'"

Then the deal goes through and another thrill of mystified wonderment runs through the town.

Eight hundred acres taken from the very pick and cream of Harvard's best acreage has caused some excitement.

If successful it would revolutionize land tenure and taxation throughout Massachusetts, not by going to the legislature or the courts, but, by quiet legal evolution, that is, without any disturbance at all—and the good farmers and townspeople of Harvard are most perplexed.

Mr. Warren and others interested in the Tahanto project have been sent for to explain the thing anyhow, in the huge town hall.

There were several meetings, but as the village smithy, John Preston, and the village selectmen, Messrs. Cabanac, Priest and Haskell, and the village clerk, Jimmie Whiteley, are a hundred other leading influential Harvard citizens agree, "it's too all-fired deep for them."

The gradual increase in the acreage is declared to be characteristic of the plan of the projectors. Little Tahanto, by itself, is spreading over the confines of the eighty-one square miles of Harvard. Then beyond and through Worcester county and on and on until it literally swallows up communities and towns all over the state. Tahanto is to be permitted to demonstrate of itself the lesson that it teaches. Do you disbelieve in Henry George's hobby? If you do, keep on disbelieving until you are sick and then you will have to believe. That is the idea behind Tahanto.

Fiske Warren, lean of face, a little gray, sun tanned, with a huge roll-top desk before him and several sets of books and papers on call, is heart and soul in the project. Harvard professors are with him. The different leaseholders are "learning." They are learning the elements of single-taxism as they go along. That's the keynote of the whole thing.

And apart from the educational and the inspirational and the idealistic side of the movement Tahanto has been pitched in the most picturesque section of Massachusetts. From the hills where stands Eldonshiek, Mr. Warren's workshop, one can get glimpses of the White Mountain far away up in New Hampshire and across miles of purple hazed woodlands dotted with peaceful farms.

Half a mile down the road, even

farther out into the air upon the very finger of the blue stand the English manor of the Fiske Warrens.

Here and there are tennis courts, beautiful driveways, and the beginnings of much landscape beautifying. The colony territory embraces 800 acres, 400 of which are already under the single tax system. And daily it grows. Negotiations are under way at present for more farms.

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Registration of Voters

The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters.

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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Saturday, September 27, 1913.

GROTON.

News Items.

Envelopes will be distributed on Sunday at the Congregational church for the annual offering for the American Missionary association.

The Wachuset Baptist association meets at Gardner on October 7. Delegates chosen to attend from Groton are Dea. and Mrs. H. C. Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Stevens, Mrs. M. W. Parkhurst and Dea. James Rowe.

H. W. Mason, of the U. S. S. Idaho, has just passed successfully the examination for the next higher rate, and is now chief machinist's mate—a C. P. O.

Rev. Mr. Breckenridge last Sunday invited any members of his new pastorate who felt so inclined to be present at his ordination as a minister of the Baptist denomination this week Wednesday at the Calvary church, Salem.

Rally day will be observed at the Congregational Sunday school on Sunday in place of the quarterly review. R. W. Averill, of Malden, is expected to be present to address the school. It is hoped that a special effort will be made by the members to be present.

Rev. William Breckenridge has accepted a call from the Baptist church of this town and will begin his duties in his new field on Sunday, October 5. He is a married man but has no children.

P. J. Benedict has hired the Willis Perry farm in Pepperell and will move there in the course of two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cottrell began housekeeping this week in their new home at Brockton where he is night worker in a garage.

Miss Annie F. Riley, R. N., of Boston, was called to town professionally for a few days last week.

The annual Alliance food sale will be held on Wednesday afternoon, October 1, at three o'clock, in the lower town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Fuller, with Harry Patterson as chauffeur, enjoyed a trip in J. E. Adams' automobile, leaving town last Saturday. They stopped first at Danvers and then went on to Brunswick, Me., taking in the beaches along the coast, returning to Groton on Monday.

Groton School opens its football season this Saturday afternoon. The following is the Groton School schedule: September 27, Boston Latin; October 4, English High; 8, Harvard '17; 11, Powder Point; 15, Lowell Textile; 18, Milton academy; 22, Lawrence academy; 25, Middlesex; November 5, St. James. All games are to be played on Groton School grounds with the exception of the St. Marks' game which will be played at Southboro.

Born on Monday, September 22, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Bywater (the rain went on Saturday).

The exhibit made by school and home gardens of Groton at the North Middlesex fair at Chelmsford week before last was awarded the entire prize offered—twenty-five dollars.

Miss Susie H. Shattuck went to Boston last week Thursday as the guest of Mrs. A. J. Hovey. They attended the farwell Baptist missionary meeting held at Malden and visited in other places.

Daniel Needham entered the Harvard law school last week.

Dr. W. A. Goble is to be the master of the Groton Boy Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Hemenway's little son born on Sunday morning, September 14, has been named Richard Leonard Hemenway.

It seemed like a holiday on Monday so many of our citizens went to Ayer to attend the court proceedings which some jocosely name "A review of the great Rockingham battle." A full report of the case will be found on page three.

Miss Martha A. Kimball, who is affectionately called "Ma" by many of her friends, was eighty-five years old on Monday, September 22. Post-cards and birthday gifts showed that the birthday was remembered. Callers who did not get out on Monday on account of the rain went on Tuesday, some coming from Littleton to bring their congratulations and remembrances.

Miss Ethel Moors, of Charlestown, with a friend, visited her aunt, Mrs. Ella P. Woolley, spending last Saturday and Sunday.

A number of Groton women who let their old carpets go to be made into rugs at the factory in Manchester, N. H., received word a short time ago that the factory had been burned down and their material for rugs or rugs made up had been burned. They made no effort to help make good the loss to their customers, although it is reported that the factory was fully insured.

Mrs. Harriet (Champney) Parsons was found dead at about six o'clock this Friday morning on the floor of one of the rooms at her residence on Court street. She was a widow and a sister of the late Mrs. Rebecca (Champney) Livermore, recently deceased. Mrs. Parsons had been out of health for some time.

George Simmons, a former student at Lawrence academy, now of Amherst, spent Wednesday in town, accompanied by his wife and young child.

The Brown Loaf club met on Wednesday at the Brown Loaf farm of Mrs. Ellis, and was entertained very pleasantly by Mrs. Brown and her neighbor, Miss Lovering. In all there were sixteen present, one of them being Mrs. Howard, who is to be eighty-five years old on October 5. Mrs. Howard is the mother of Mrs. M. S. Sawyer. Mrs. Roberts brought her graphophone and provided some fine musical selections, and a good time socially was enjoyed with the usual refreshments at the close.

Miss Selma K. Bradley, who passed her entrance examinations to the Fitchburg Normal school without conditions, decided not to attend, but instead accepted a position as companion at Mansfield. Miss Bradley was

aid by the principal that her examinations would hold good for a year and she plans to begin her course at Fitchburg next year.

Miss Mildred E. Gilson, who substituted for Miss Edna Bowles as teacher at Providence, R. I., resigned her death and is now at home here.

Mrs. Augustus Woods was given a surprise party on Wednesday evening, September 24, that being her seventy-fifth birthday. It was a family gathering of all her children and grandchildren—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Woods and their son Harold Bigelow Woods and wife of Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woods and son, Harold Hamlett Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit L. Woods and children and Miss Fannie E. Woods. There were a number of presents given and a bottle of champagne was enjoyed in honor of this anniversary.

Charles Nutting, of Waltham, was one of the old time Groton boys who attended the Groton fair.

William F. Fitch, who has recently come from Iowa, was another old-timer who attended the fair. Mr. Fitch has closed out his affairs in the west and intends to locate here in the east.

A campaign flag of the progressive party is flying across Hollis street from Palmer's block to a tree opposite the Congregational church.

A. B. Farwell, teacher of piano and harmony, is now ready to receive pupils. See advertisement in another column. Telephone 53-4.

Primaries.

There were 175 out to the primaries on Tuesday night which is a much larger attendance than usual. The republicans were out in largest numbers, the particular local interest being in the nomination of a candidate for representative from the twelfth Middlesex district. Groton had two citizens up for the nomination, two republicans, William M. Lawrence, of Townsend, was nominated as the representative from this district; re-elected a total vote of fifteen more than F. A. Torrey, of Groton, the latter carrying his own town by a large vote.

The following is the vote of the three parties:

For governor: Gardner, R., 68; Bond, R., 52; Bird, D., 20; Walsh, D., 18. Lieut.-governor: Long, D., 12; Barry, D., 4. Senator: Republican, Butler 72; Kilpatrick 21, Best 19. Representative: Middlesex district, James Lawrence 33; Torrey 26. James Lawrence 33. Middlesex district, County commissioner: Patch, R., 27; Barlow, R., 27; Walsh, D., 10; McCloskey, D., Thompson, D., 2 each. District attorney, democrat: Corcoran 14, Scharton 2. Delegates to state convention: Myron P. Swallow, R.; Frank L. Blood, D.; James P. Palmer, R.; Frank D. Lewis, Charles Lawrence, P.

Republican town committee: Sidney F. Davis, Barbee A. Miller, Frank T. Torrey, Frank M. Blood, George T. Boynton, Myron P. Swallow, George L. Warren, James W. Wilson, Albert P. Warren.

Democratic town committee: Amos L. Ames, Frank L. Blood, Joseph E. Bateman, M. Joseph Cleary, Patrick Kane, Michael P. McGowan, John H. Shedy, Frederick A. Shorwin, Charles Z. Southard, Frank P. Waters. Progressive town committee: Moses P. Palmer, Henry W. Whiting, William F. Gleason, Eugene O. Collier, Clarence A. Tuttle, Frank D. Lewis, James P. Hill, George S. Knapp, Grant W. Shattuck, Everett B. Gerrish, George G. Harrington, Charles Lawrence.

Groton Fair.

The summer weather of Thursday with just a hint of fall made an ideal day for the Groton fair and insured the large attendance which is necessary for a complete success. The fair was one of the best in exhibits ever held in Hazel Grove park. The display of fruit, particularly of apples, was superb and vegetables of every kind were shown in a most attractive exhibit. There was some fine grain and very beautiful flowers. The fancy work and household manufacture were surprisingly fine and called out many expressions of admiration. Members of the neighborhood club added much to this department by their exhibit of needlework and other household manufacture. Probably the resources of the club did not permit many deserving prizes to be awarded. The poultry exhibit was much larger and better than in some years and the litter of a dozen little puppies with their little blue ribbons was an irresistible attraction, especially to the children. The home and school gardens' products made a good show in a tent provided by the West Groton Boy Scouts. Altogether there seemed to be a worthy public spirit shown in making a success of the Groton fair, although in some classes there was a merger or no exhibit.

There were only two regrettable incidents connected with the races. While George E. Tuttle's horse was being driven around the track on the second run it suddenly dropped dead and then as J. M. Crowley was running the motorcycle races his machine slewed and ran into the dead horse, throwing the rider several feet, injuring the motorcycle. After this accident the motorcycle race was called off.

There was an interesting game of ball between a Groton and West Groton team which furnished some brilliant features. Groton won by a score of 13 to 6. A merry go-round with its music was well patronized. The band was on duty. Policemen were present to keep order, but everything was apparently as it should be in the line. A dance in the town hall finished the day's proceedings.

The following is the result of the horse races:

Table with 2 columns: Race Name and Result. Includes 2.18 CLASS, MIXED and 2.24 CLASS, MIXED.

LOCAL FREE-FOR-ALL. G. B. Max, chg (Church) 1 1 1. Sweetness, bm (Capistan) 2 2 2.

*Dropped dead in first heat. Time: 2.45, 2.43, 2.48.

Interesting Address.

The following address was delivered at the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange at Groton during the day and evening of Thursday, September 18, by Dr. F. Earland Gilson, of Groton, and is published by the request of many present at the meeting. The subject upon which the address was based is "Should the farmers adjoining the road be compelled to keep the roadside cleared of brush and other rubbish?" Dr. Gilson's remarks follow: The subject you have asked me to speak upon or about this afternoon is one that should invite the attention

of all in every town, village and neighborhood. Many people have many minds of doing things, pro and con.

This town, like many others, needs a proper leader for many and better things we need men and women of ideals who will work and cooperate for the best of each and all. There are different ways of accomplishing the desired results. If all possessed the ideals and industrial energy of the honored father, Samuel Shattuck, Sumner Graves, Ephraim Sawtelle, Charles Jacobs and Reuben Lewis and others, every town and home would be in a satisfactory ideal order and up-keep.

Or if there was a man in town like the late Thayer of Lancaster, a man with ideals and money, willing and able to say at each town meeting: "How much money is needed this year?" When the sum was stated he would say: "I will pay one-half of it. Then the town would vote for his men for office to do the town business and the result is the beautiful town of Lancaster. Another way is for the school districts to co-operate by taxing themselves a trifle and putting the best man in the district to do the work. The town or county might offer a premium for the best up-kept district. But as our late honored Boutwell once said: "As we are creatures subject to law." It seems to me as the village has many conveniences that the rural or outskirts of the town do not have, but help pay for these village conveniences and improvements, that there should be a reciprocity of good will. They should be willing to help pay the tax necessary to help pay for improvement. And a man appointed by the vote of each school district for the said school district work and a reward by the town or county for the best up-kept district. The results would create a pride and ambition to compete and excel in a valuable work.

Thirty years ago a friend of mine once came into Groton by the way of East Pepperell, not the best road to come and go on in Groton. He was a "commercial tourist" and represented two manufacturing concerns and had travelled in New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Maine a distance of over 800 miles during the summer, travelling by horse and wagon. He said to me: "This is the most beautiful natural town I have seen in all my travels." He made special arrangements to spend a few days in Groton in order to see its beauty and its up-keep. His clean residences and fields, looking so green and clear of weeds and brush on the first of October.

We must all co-operate so that we can have Groton as the best town in New England," so that they will send their friends to see it, will buy homes here and create such a demand for real estate that we will have a three story Groton or cut up the big lots into the vacant ones to accommodate the desirable needed inhabitants. There are many things that might be added, but others can add their valuable ideas.

The Representative Vote.

William H. Lawrence of Townsend is the republican nominee in the twelfth Middlesex representative district, winning out in a close four-cornered fight. He received 132 votes. Torrey of Groton 118, James Lawrence of Groton 47 and O. L. Wright of Tyngsboro 42. Lawrence is considered a strong man and likely to give Representative Fessenden of Townsend, progressive candidate, a hard battle for a chair in the state house.

This is the way the towns voted: Ashby—W. M. Lawrence 3, J. Lawrence 2, Torrey 9, Wright 3, Townsend 1. W. M. Lawrence 54, J. Lawrence 2, Torrey 1, Wright 1, Justable—W. M. Lawrence 15, J. Lawrence 1, Torrey 1, Wright 5, Tyngsboro—W. M. Lawrence 7, J. Lawrence 1, Torrey 1, Wright 29, Peabody—W. H. Lawrence 19, J. Lawrence 2, Torrey 3, Wright 1, Groton—W. M. Lawrence 3, J. Lawrence 22, Torrey 1, Wright 1, Shirley—W. M. Lawrence 1, J. Lawrence 2, Torrey 16, Wright 1.

Clipping.

The following is taken from the Boston Journal of Friday, September 26: A lamp chimney and a block of paper were among the missiles hurled at Mrs. Frances M. Forbes, of Groton, according to her testimony in the East Cambridge court yesterday. She was granted a divorce decree nisi by Judge McLaughlin. She charged her husband, Robert Forbes, a blacksmith, with cruel and abusive treatment. She claimed that he struck her, chased her out of the house, and on ten occasions refused to speak to her.

Three years ago she began divorce proceedings, she said, but dropped them then on his promise to treat her more kindly. His good behavior, she said, was short-lived, and as a result she brought suit, and was granted a divorce nisi. The suit was listed as contested, but the husband did not appear. Mrs. Forbes told the court that she owned the house in which they lived and the shop where he husband worked at his trade.

The Fair.

The annual fair of the Farmers' and Mechanics' club was held at Hazel Grove park on Thursday. The weather was perfect for the day's celebration. The usual good features were in evidence and were enjoyed by one of the largest crowds ever seen at the park. The exhibit of vegetables, fruit, fancy work and cooking was of such excellence as to draw many favorable comments from those who viewed them. The children's garden exhibit of vegetables was particularly good for children and would do credit to persons of years of experience in the raising of garden produce.

The fakers' row was as lively as ever and the usual devices were used by the operators of the stands to gather in the money. All seemed to do a good business and everybody was happy. The feature of the day was the horse race in the afternoon, which attracted the most of the crowd. The sport was marred by the death of George A. Tuttle's chestnut mare Rosetta, during the local free for all race. The animal was driven by Fred C. Tuttle, the brother of the owner. The horse finished the first lap strong and easily led the rest of the contestants. On the second lap it was noticed that the mare was losing ground rapidly as it came down the home stretch, which caused a good deal of surprise, as it looked like a sure winner. The animal brought up in the rear of the group and had passed under the wire to a point on the curve at the entrance of the park when it tottered and fell, throwing Mr. Tuttle, his driver, to the ground. Many willing hands came to the assistance of the horse, but it died in a few minutes. Mr. Tuttle was uninjured. The horse was removed to the side of the track.

Another accident that fortunately was not serious occurred during the beginning of the race. It was supposed to be the three mile motorcycle coming to the contestants were Arthur Bulkeley

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News Items.

A bullet fired from a rifle by some one last Saturday evening about 6.30, passed through a window of the living-room at the home of Stephen N. Lougee on Washington street...

Mrs. George H. Greenwood, of Dorchester, is visiting her father, Peter Tarbell.

Mrs. S. K. Barron, housekeeper for Peter Tarbell is taking a three-weeks' vacation, spent with relatives and friends in Manchester, N. H., and Boston.

Mrs. Frank Wright, of Ayer, and two children, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Watson, of Shirley, returned last Sunday.

Sidney Weaver, of Grove street, was an over Sunday visitor last Sunday in Townsend.

Postmaster Robinson and his wife returned on last Saturday from Brant Rock, where he went on his vacation of two weeks, and was at his desk on Monday morning.

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M. Steven, who recently purchased the shoe repairing shop adjoining the Chinese laundry on Main street is a first-class shoemaker and does the best of work at reasonable prices.

George E. Oakes, of Boston, a well-known musician in this vicinity, is visiting relatives in town for a week or more, coming Thursday.

Mrs. S. N. Lougee has been quite sick since Sunday and is confined to her bed. Mrs. Mary O. Blood is assisting at the home. Mrs. Lougee is some better at present.

Jerome C. Putnam died on September 24, at the home of Howard Nutting, Fletcher street, where he resided of late. He was seventy-eight years of age and his sudden death was due to heart trouble.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its annual business meeting in the Baptist vestry on Friday afternoon, October 3, at 2.30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Fred Simonds' home on Cambridge street and the tenement house owned by George G. Puffer, corner of Williams and Holmes streets, recently vacated by Burt Brown and which will be occupied by Mr. Puffer, have been wired for electricity by Robt. Murphy's Sons Co.

William C. Jackson has purchased the house of C. H. Hardy on Washington street which the former has been occupying for a few weeks. The price paid was \$3500.

George P. Corner has sold his house on High street to Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools. Mr. Corner's work as conductor on the Boston and Maine railroad is now in Lowell and it is expected that he will move there. Mr. Johnson will move into the house as soon as it is vacated.

Irwin Pillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Pillman, won the first and second prizes at the Grotton fair on Thursday for the best Bufr Leghorn poultry.

A large number of Ayer people attended the annual Grotton fair on Thursday.

There will be a public hearing in the selectmen's room on Monday evening, October 6, at 7.30, on petition of the town of Ayer (fire department) for permission to construct a line of poles and fixtures on Main, Washington, Tannery, East, Old Grotton road, Central avenue, Mechanic, Forest, Howard, Grotton, Williams and Holmes streets.

Grand Chief Companion Emma Haffner, of Lawrence of the Companions of the Forest, came here for an official visit to Ayer Circle at its last regular meeting, but found no one there.

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Guy B. Remick arrived home from the Clinton hospital last Saturday, where he had been for an operation and is getting along nicely.

Miss Helen Everett, of Wareham, visited her sister, Mrs. Harry S. Allen, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Robbins have returned from a two-months' visit to Mrs. Robbins' old home in Nova Scotia.

George H. Baker has returned to his duties at Phelps' mill after a several days' illness.

Albert B. Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Irwin, has entered Syracuse university, where he is taking a course in forestry.

Howard J. Nutting is improving after an attack of illness at his old home in Greenville, N. H.

Charles T. Mullin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Mullin, left on Monday morning for Brunswick, Me., where he entered Bowdoin college.

Charles W. Rowley, of Apollo lodge, Fitchburg, has been appointed district deputy of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F.

George C. Peterson, of Fitchburg, formerly of Ayer, was in town on Tuesday evening.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pirone, of Pearl street, on last Sunday and has been named Helen.

The Ayer Woman's club will hold their first meeting of the year on Wednesday afternoon, October 1, at the Congregational church vestry. The club programs, a fine piece of work in the printer's art, are ready for distribution.

At the Unitarian church on Sunday morning Dr. Flisk will give the sermon at 10.45. Sunday school will be held at noon.

Mrs. William H. Reardon, formerly of this town, left Boston on Friday morning for New York city, where

ton fair on Thursday. In her rambles about the fair grounds she came across a gentleman that was raffling off Teddy bears. Now Teddy bears, especially the ones this gentleman was raffling, always appeal to her fastidious taste.

She thought Thursday had ought to be her lucky day and proceeded to buy several tickets in the raffles, falling to land one on either occasion.

When one thinks of a bear at large they have an opinion that he is an animal to steer clear off. The gentleman raffling off these Teddies had quite a few and so at the time did not miss this one or he would have been a miser.

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away from them for the love of an honest man. The leader of the crooks forces her to take part in a daring robbery on pain of disclosing her past life to the man she loves.

In the robbery which follows the most sensational battle upon a railway express car is fought and a wild race between high powered automobiles. The end is the inevitable penalty of all crimes.

Mr. Weeks is an attorney at law in Boston and for five years was known as the orator of the Massachusetts legislature. He has received flattering press notices from the leading papers in New England.

Besides the lecture there will be some excellent comic picture plays and illustrated songs.

Middlesex County Returns. Complete returns from Middlesex county show that Edson P. Barlow of Lowell won the republican nomination for county commissioner in a field of six aspirants.

His nearest opponents were Frank P. Barnes of Newton and Frank A. Patch of Littleton. Barlow received 6549 votes, Barnes 3117 and Patch 2666.

John B. McCloskey of Cambridge won the democratic nomination over F. H. Rourke of Lowell and the progressive nominee is C. H. McIntyre of Lowell.

The eighth Middlesex senatorial district, of which Ashby, Townsend, Grotton, Shirley and Peppers are a part, nominated Charles T. Killpartrick of Lowell as the republican candidate, giving him 1660 votes to 1389 for Otis W. Butler of Lowell and 896 for Amos P. Best of Drauc.

Primaries. The smallest vote cast in years was polled at the primaries on Tuesday, September 23, only a total of 132 votes being recorded.

The polls opened at five and closed at eight o'clock in the evening. The vote for governor on the republican ticket was a tie, Benton and Gardner receiving 21 each. The only other contest of interest was that of county commissioner, for which Elmer Blodgett of Ayer defeated his opponents.

Of the votes cast, the democrats led with 73, republicans 42, progressives 16.

On the democratic ticket the contests lie between Long and Barry for lieutenant-governor, in which the former had an easy victory; for treasurer, for county commissioner, for district attorney and for the town committee, there being two lists of candidates in the field for the latter position.

The election officers were Theodore H. Clark, James H. O'Brien, Warren L. Preble, Henry G. Turner, James J. McGuane, P. H. Hooley and E. H. Hackett, and Constable James H. O'Connell.

The following is the votes, the number being given only where there was a contest:

The town committee headed by Michael E. Markham won over that led by William J. Donlon.

Republican-Governor: Benton 21, Gardner 21. County commissioner: Patch 32, Barlow 6. Town committee: Richardson 21, Gardner 21, K. Pierce, Elisha D. Stone, Howard P. Fletcher, Stanley L. Cotton, John M. Maloney, Huntey S. Turner. Delegate to state convention, John M. Maloney.

Democrat-Governor: Walsh had no opposition. Lieut.-governor: Long 40, Barry 22. Treasurer: Maloney 21, St. Coeur 12. County commissioner: Walsh 35, Rourke 20. District attorney: Cororan 48, Scharton 4. Town committee: Michael E. Markham, John M. Carrigan, Charles H. McGuane, John W. McGuane, James E. McGuane, Joseph Walsh, Thomas W. Scully. Delegate to state convention, William J. Donlon.

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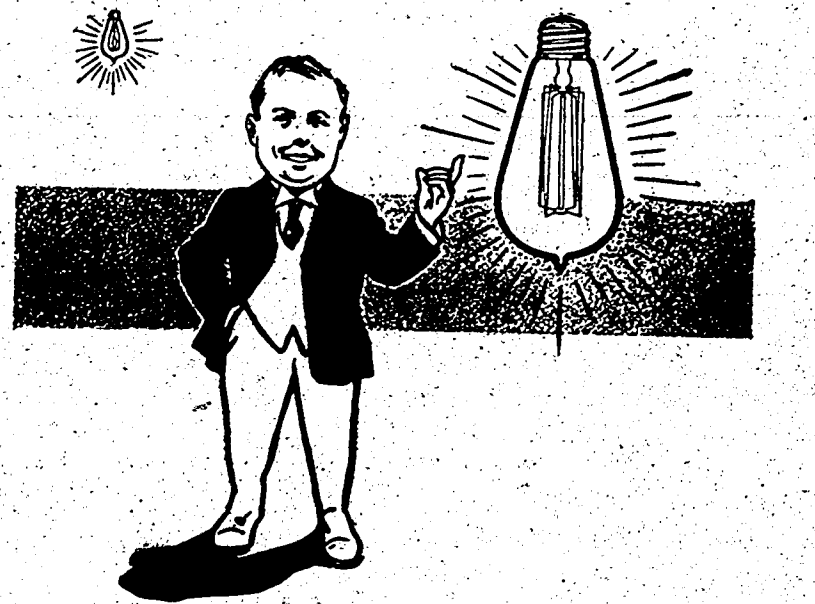
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex ss. Probate Court. To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES EDWARD WOOD late of Pepperell in said County deceased.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to GEORGIANNA J. WRIGHT of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex on the thirtieth 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this ninth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. The Universalist church reopens on Sunday, October 5 with the pastor, Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, in the pulpit. The repair work on Odd Fellows' hall was commenced the first of the week under the supervision of Jacob C. Beach, and is to be completed by November 1. A grand three-days' festival will mark the opening festival.

Mrs. William C. Story, president of the N. S. D. A. R., has appointed Mrs. Elmer H. Allen on three of the national committees—committee to petition congress to publish revised war pension records, committee on historical research and preservation of records.

The officers and teachers of the Congregational church met at the home of the Sunday school superintendent, Elmer H. Allen, Tuesday evening, to make plans for the winter's work.

Dr. William Heilly, of Lawrence, is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan.

Albert and William McGrail, of Boston, spent the first of the week at the home of their aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond, of the Shirley Inn.

Stanley F. White has returned to his school duties at Yale college.

Mrs. Frank P. Rugg started on Thursday of this week for Adams where she will spend a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Martin. Mrs. Rugg will then go to Penacook, N. H., for a stay of two weeks with friends.

Supr. George P. Campbell, of the State Industrial school, returned home on Wednesday after a three-weeks' vacation and was tendered a reception by the officers of the school and their wives.

At the meeting of the board of registrars held in engine hall last Saturday afternoon the following names were added to the voting list: William H. Swartz, George E. Smith and Fred Pendergast.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Gionet on last week Thursday.

Stanley Wells and Arthur Annis spent the week-end and over Sunday at Conomo Beach, Gloucester, with friends.

Kenneth Horton entered Holderness school at Plymouth, N. H., on Wednesday.

Rev. G. Edwin Woodman, of the Congregational church, commenced a series of sermons on the Lord's prayer last Sunday. The subject will be "The sovereign will," October 5, "Daily bread," and the final will be on October 12, "The kingdom and the glory." Stereopticon lecture on "Ministry of healing" at seven in the evening. Those who heard Mr. Woodman's sermon last Sunday were intensely interested.

Miss Virginia MacElroy was pleasantly surprised at her home last week Friday evening when over a score of her young friends assembled at her home and presented her with a very beautiful string of gold beads. Refreshments, delicious and dainty, were bountifully supplied, while games and music were heartily indulged in by all who attended. Those present were: Thomas Burrill, Walter Wheeler, Sarah Stevenson, Ruth Day, Lester Holden, Helen Demons, Grace Tewksbury, Ruth Knowles, Doris White, Gladys Annis, Mildred Day, Howard Emerson, Cora James, Gladys Phelps, Kenneth Horton, Leslie Wells, Hazel B. Blou, Vera Day, Hattie Adams, Lester James, Anna Lougee, Reed Chesborough, Leon Jones.

Richard Weeks, John Flynn, Clarence Lohnes, Thomas C. Burrill, Frank P. Rugg, Harry O. Bangs and Walter Knowles leave town on Wednesday, October 1, for a trip to Albany, N. Y., and New York city, and through the courtesy of D. C. Parsons, will visit and inspect Sing Sing prison at Ossining-on-the-Hudson. Mr. Parsons secured passes for the entire party to visit this famous criminal penitentiary.

Through the summer the Baptist society have been studying the several phases of the matchless character of Jesus Christ. They now come to the last in this series, the subject of the sermon being "The spirit of Christ." The spirit of personality of the Master has conquered the world. How we need to possess more of that resistless power as we endeavor to live as He would have us live. Obey that impulse and attend this and every service of the Baptist church. Morning service on Sunday at 10.50. Sunday school at the noon hour. Evening service at seven o'clock. Mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Quite a Lot of Damage Done. The members of the winning baseball team at the Industrial school were given an outing last week at Fort Pond, occupying the Wheeler cottage under the care of two of the school officers, and it is to be regretted they did not appreciate the kindness shown them. During the week they broke about twenty windows in the cottage that sheltered them, besides doing other damage. They also broke into the Guerre cottage and stole canned goods and a quantity of beer and champagne. They also visited the James E. Richardson cottage, but after breaking in they took nothing. At the Casavoy cottage they did a small amount of damage, and all the boats belonging to the various cottages were set adrift. It is the custom of the school to give an outing every year to the winning ball team. Each cottage has a team and much rivalry exists during the season, each team striving to have their cottage team capture the pennant.

Funeral. The funeral of George E. Harlow took place on Monday afternoon at 1.30 at his late home on Maple street. Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. Two vocal solos, "One sweetly, solemn thought" and "Sometime we'll unnumbered be" were rendered by Edward P. Colburn. The bearers were Chas. R. White, William H. Wilbur and Selectmen Edward J. Stevens and John H. Logue. There was a beautiful display of floral tributes. A large number were present at the funeral, including a goodly number from Worcester, Boylston, Ayer and Fitchburg. Burial was in the family lot at the village cemetery. Out of respect for Mr. Harlow the stores in town were closed during the hour of service.

George Edward Harlow, 65 years, 10 months, 27 days, passed away at his home on Maple street, last week Thursday evening from the effects of a complication which finally resulted in diabetes. Mr. Harlow was the son of Edward C. and Catherine E. Harlow, being born in Clinton on October 21, 1847, and on January 10,

1883, was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Buck. About the year 1900, Mr. Harlow came to Shirley and bought and operated the Shirley Cash Market for a period of eight years. Mr. Harlow has practically been engaged in the market business for half a century, being engaged in this line of work in Boston, Westbrook, Me., and Ayer before coming to Shirley. Mr. Harlow has held many public offices in town, being elected to the board of selectmen in the year 1910 and in the year 1911 was re-elected in term of three years, which expired next March. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum and an associate member of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R.

The near survivors are a wife, Mrs. Mary J. Harlow; two sons, Fred C. Harlow, of Fitchburg, and Arthur G. Harlow, of Shirley; a brother, Frank E. Harlow, of California, and two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Foster and Mrs. C. E. Dinsmore, of Clinton.

Primaries. The primaries were held in Engine hall on Tuesday evening, the polls opening at seven o'clock and closing at nine o'clock. Edward J. Stevens, chairman of the board of selectmen, was the presiding officer. Only sixty votes were cast out of a registered list of 305 qualified voters. The republicans cast 27 votes, the democrats 25, and the progressives 8. Howard M. Fuller, town clerk, read the warrant. The election officers were as follows: Guy Coolidge and Arthur G. Dunn, ballot clerks; Thomas J. Gately, ballot box; Joseph H. McClellan and Michael Gionet, gate tenders; Jeremiah H. Flynn, Harry F. Barnard, John H. Flynn and Harry H. Lynch, watchers. The following is the vote where there was a contest on:

For Governor: Gardner 10, Benton 9, Lieutenant-governor: Long 19, Barry 17, Treasurer: Burrill, J. L. 17, Kane, R. 4, Mansfield, D. 10, St. 12, 14. Senator: Butler 11, Kilpatrick 7, Best 5. County commissioner: 2. Publicans: Pichler, E. Barlow 2, Barnes 2, Jennings 2, Powers 1, Wilson 1; Democrats—McCloskey 2, Rourke 11.

Delegates to state convention: Frank H. Wheeler, R.; Leon Mudgett, D.; Edward M. Davis, Howard Fuller and Herbert B. Switzer, R. Republican town committee: Frank H. Wheeler, Frederick W. Holden, James F. Brown, Ezekiel J. Wilson and Henry W. Brockman, D. Democratic town committee: John H. Logue, Edmund F. O'Neill, Sylvian Thomas, Charles R. White and Joseph Murphy.

Progressive town committee: H. B. Sweetser, E. M. Davis, Howard Fuller. For republicans: Pichler, E. Barlow 2, Frank A. Torrey 18, James Lawrence 6, William H. Lawrence 4, Otis L. Wright 1.

Farewell Sermons. At both masses last Sunday at St. Anthony's church, Rev. J. Cote preached farewell sermons, taking for his text, "Thou shalt be called upon to depart at the time you think the least." Mr. Cote, during his sermons, showed great emotion and told of the grief he has experienced in being called upon to leave a parish that had so many fond memories. He told his parishioners that the first intimation he had of his transfer was when he received orders last week Thursday from Cardinal William O'Connell to prepare himself to leave Shirley on Monday, September 22, and take up the duties as parish priest at Amesbury. He said this was a sudden sorrow which had been thrust upon him as he loved his Shirley parishioners more than he could express in language. Mr. Cote closed his sermon by wishing his Shirley parishioners prosperity in this world and an eternity of glory in the other, but as he would not say good-bye, but au revoir.

At vesper, which took place at four o'clock, he gave out the financial account of the parish up to date. In the evening at seven o'clock, mostly all of the parishioners, comprising men, women and children, gathered in the basement in the church to tender him a farewell and wish him God speed in his new parish at Amesbury. As Mr. Cote came into the hall, John J. Chaisson stepped forward and read him a address, being the sentiments of his parishioners. At this moment Miss Annie Thomas, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Thomas, presented him with a purse of money containing seventy-five dollars, the gift of his parishioners. John J. Chaisson then told of the love and esteem with which Mr. Cote was held and of the sacrifice they had made to build and sustain the church. Mr. Chaisson, after citing the sorrow of all the parishioners were called upon to hear the benediction and prayer.

Mr. Cote responded by saying he was sorry that he could not speak the English language to be able to thank the English speaking parishioners for their loyalty in supporting the interest of the church. John H. Logue, selectman, was present and spoke of the good work Mr. Cote had accomplished among his parishioners, and others who spoke along the same line of thought were Sylvester Thomas, Thomas D. Morin, Michael Gionet and John J. Chaisson. The latter told of the liberality of the Irish parishioners while soliciting the purse of money for Mr. Cote. Hand shakes and good wishes were then in order, after which the meeting disbanded.

Mr. Cote arrived in Shirley on January 23, 1905, at the age of thirty-five years, leaving a flourishing parish, St. John, of Lynn. For a time services were held in Odd Fellows' hall, and St. Anthony's church, the present edifice, was founded in October, 1905. The following year, January 23, 1906, the sacrifice of the mass was celebrated in the new church building. Two years later the parochial school was opened, and at the present time has an enrollment of one hundred pupils and six teachers of the order of the Sister St. Christian of France.

The parochial residence has been recently renovated throughout with furnace and other modern improvements installed. The church parochial residence and convent has cost up to date the sum of \$39,000, and the actual debt on the same is \$10,000.

Rev. J. H. Cote left town on Monday for his new parish in Amesbury. Rev. Rosario Richard, of Salem, will succeed him. The parish at Amesbury is decidedly larger, having 350 families connected with it, while the Shirley parish has only one hundred families.

Center. Rev. Wm. Ware Locke will preach next Sunday at the First Parish church Sunday, September 28, at 11.15 a. m.

Mrs. E. J. Adams left for Vermont this week to visit at the home of her brother, Calvin Rich, in Mendon. She will also visit relatives in Pittsfield.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman have closed up their summer home on Center road and returned to Brookline for the winter.

Miss Vera Bradford left on Tuesday for Boston to begin her second year at the Emerson school of oratory.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware and family closed up their summer home on Hazen road last week Friday and returned to their home in Brookline for the winter.

Mrs. Albert Bennett and children of Leominster were guests last week of Mrs. Bennett's mother, Mrs. Henry Farrar, at the North.

The Girls' Sewing guild of Trinity chapel, which has not been meeting for several months, will hold a meeting on Saturday, October 4. It is hoped that this meeting will be well attended, so that a good start may be made upon the winter's work.

At the parish meeting at the First Parish church last week Friday Thos. L. Hazen was elected parish treasurer to fill the unexpired term of the late Herman S. Hazen.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldman and family expect to move to Syracuse, N. Y., in a few days. In order to be nearer to Mr. Weldman's business.

Ten from Shirley attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange meeting at Groton last week Thursday. They were Mrs. George Buxton, George Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hamie, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cummings, Mrs. N. R. Graves, Mrs. Eva Holden, John H. Farrar and Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson. Mrs. Thompson and John H. Farrar took the fifth degree in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton expect to close up their summer home on Center road in a few days and return to their home in Brookline.

Miss May Frary of Swampscott is spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frary, at Woodsville.

Miss Kyle, the English maid at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow, has returned home from the Kilbourne hospital at Groton, where she recently underwent an operation.

Miss Margaret Evans returned home last week after a visit of several weeks with relatives in Irwin, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. McDermott of Fitchburg have closed up their summer home at the North for the season.

Benton Mackaye is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Steele Mackaye, on Parker road.

Mrs. Steele Mackaye and Miss Hazel Mackaye returned on Saturday to their cottage on Center road after a short stay in Cornish, where they witnessed the bird masque, "Sanctuary."

Mrs. Hattie P. Holden, who has been convalescing at the home of her son, Hattie P. Barnard, at the village, expects to return to her home on Horsepond road on Saturday.

Robert J. Evans left this week for Brunswick, Me., to begin his third year at Bowdoin college.

Horace Harris returned home last week after a short visit in Irwin, Pa. The next meeting of Shirley grange will be held on Tuesday, October 7. At this meeting the program will be furnished by the members from the village and Ayer.

Mrs. A. L. Bumpus and little daughter Theodora left on Thursday for their home in Brookline after having spent the summer at W. E. Barnard's.

The next meeting of the First Parish Branch Alliance will be held on Thursday, October 2, at the home of Mrs. E. J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sweetser and daughters, Pauline and Priscilla, went to Reading last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Sweetser's father.

Robert H. J. Holden left last Saturday for Cambridge, where he registered on Monday with the junior class at Harvard university.

BROOKLINE, N. H. News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Dunbar, of Sandown, came to Brookline on last Monday for a visit of a few days.

Rev. Warren L. Noyes will close a four and a half years' pastorate at the Congregational church on Sunday. He will preach at the union service in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

Miss Olive Shuman has resumed her teaching at Derry.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorham Storer, of Derry, have been guests of Mr. Storer's sister, Mrs. Clara Fessenden, and also called upon the friends of years ago. They left for their home on Monday.

Miss Marion Holcombe has returned from an enjoyable vacation at Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Mary E. Smith is moving into the house with Mrs. Augusta Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nye were at Sandown and vicinity visiting relatives last week.

P. J. O'Connell was in Boston last week, driving up a pair of work horses for the ice company to be used this fall.

The lot has been decided upon and excavations begun on last Monday for the new boarding house to be built near the lake by the Fresh Pond Ice Company. The building is to be 60x90 feet, two stories, with basement, which is to have a cement floor and brick ovens. The house will be heated by steam and electricity will furnish the lights. It is expected that the house will be ready for occupancy the coming winter.

Harry Campbell was a recent guest in Boston. Tuesday of this week was a fine day after the long rain and many took advantage of it to attend the Hollis fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Heren have gone to Raymond, when Mr. O'Heren is employed for the present by Rufus Wells.

The Oregon Indian Medicine Company were at Tarbell's hall every evening last week entertaining and selling their medicine. A contest was started in which the most popular lady, by getting the most votes, would draw a prize of a silver sugar bowl and spoons. Several ladies were in the contest. Toward the last it got very exciting and on Saturday the "doctor" declared the vote to a large audience. The doctor has gone but the sugar bowl is in the possession of Mrs. Eva Elliott, as the lady receiving the largest number of votes. Mrs. Ellen Swett has been passing a few weeks at Pigeon Cove, Newton, Dedham and Nashua.

A large load of household goods came by auto to the C. S. Dunbar house recently sold. It is expected many improvements will be made to the buildings in the spring.

Mrs. Minnie (Taylor) Fisher is ill at a hospital in Worcester, submitting to an operation on September 20. The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Helen Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Lura Sawin was a guest of the afternoon.

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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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Center. Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Eldridge and two little children, of Plymouth, are visiting at H. J. Miller's. Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Miller, of Somerville, have been enjoying a vacation at George G. Clarke's. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Varum, Miss Joan Wilson and friend were guests at Elmer Wallace's on Sunday, coming from Lawrence.

Lester Bailey, of Sharon, was the guest of Harry Winchester last week. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Flarity are enjoying their vacation at Swampscott, leaving on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Piper enjoyed the week-end at the camp of Judge and Mrs. C. F. Worcester at Harvard.

A social event occurred at the home of Mrs. George H. Brackett on Friday, September 19, in honor of Mrs. Frank A. Hardy, of Lawrence, formerly of West Townsend. Owing to the unpleasant weather several were not able to be present. Musical selections were sung by Mrs. Frank A. Greenleaf, Mrs. Brackett and Mrs. Hardy. A bountiful collation was served. Mrs. Church, of Dorchester, and Mrs. Hayward, of West Townsend, were special guests. Mrs. Hardy is passing a few weeks with Mrs. Irving A. Keener.

Miss Marion Seaton and William Livingston, of Lowell, passed Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Irving A. Seaton. Their trip was made in Mr. Livingston's automobile.

Morton A. Campbell, of this town, was fined \$100 in the Clinton district court on Wednesday on a charge of knowingly going away after striking little Catherine A. Donovan with his automobile in Clinton, September 12, without making himself known to the proper officials as provided by the statutes. He paid the fine. The highway commission has revoked his license. The accident occurred during the fair and Mr. Campbell was carrying passengers to and from the fair.

Primaries. There was 139 votes cast at the primaries here on Tuesday and most of the interest of the day centered in the 12th representative district nomination contest, there being four candidates for the place. Townsend's vote was as follows: William Lawrence 84, James Lawrence 2, Torrey Wright 1. Total vote for entire district: Lawrence 132, James Lawrence 47, Torrey Wright 41. The vote is given in detail only where there was a contest:

For governor: Benton, R., 23; Gardner, R., 33; Walsh, D., 18; P. 21. Lieutenant-governor: Goetting, R., 63; Barry, D., 1; Long, D., 9. Treasurer: Euriel, R., 48; Kane, R., 8; Mansfield, D., 11; St. Coeur, R., 1; Keith, P., 21. Senator: Best, R., 17; Butler, R., 30; Kilpatrick, R., 10; Draper, D., 1; Livingston, P., 21. Representative to general court: William M. Lawrence, R., 81; James Lawrence, R., 2; Torrey Wright, R., 1; Kemp, D., 14; Fessenden, P., 2. County commissioner: Barlow, R., 24; Patch, R., 22; Barnes, R., 4; Jennings, R., 3; H. Robinson, R., 1; McCoske, R., 2; Bourke, Thompson and Walsh, D., 2 each; McIntire, P., 21. There was no contest for other offices.

Delegates to state convention: George A. Wilder, R., 2; John E. O'Brien, D., 15; E. G. Fessenden, John J. Piper, S. W. Keefe, P. 2. Republican town committee: George A. Wilder, Frank J. Knight, Henry A. Hill, William M. Lawrence, Carl B. Willard, Albert J. Atwood, Frank B. Higgins. Democratic town committee: Herman Sutney, Henry Boynton, Alexander Reed, John E. O'Brien, John M. Coffey, Robert E. Smith, George H. Tenney. Progressive town committee: Roy P. Brown, L. U. Clement, F. E. Conant, A. N. Fessenden, R. G. Fessenden, J. A. Dixon, S. W. Keefe, G. A. Proctor, W. H. Robinson, G. L. Whitcomb, John J. Piper, E. J. Piper, T. E. Flarity, C. A. Packard, F. N. Boutelle.

There was hardly a baker's dozen at the town meeting in the afternoon. At 7 o'clock the meeting was called to order and the most important articles were passed over to the spring meeting. On Article 5, estimates were given of about \$1200 as cost of slating Memorial hall against \$800 for slating. It was voted to pass over the article until there could be a fuller expression of the board at spring meeting. Voted \$185 to be used for purchase of fire extinguishers and needed apparatus before November 1. It was taken from current revenue one-half to be reimbursed from the state. Voted \$71.00 for rubber hats and coats for hosenmen in the fire department.

West. Everett W. Seaver, a former resident who has been spending the summer with his relatives here and at the Center, has resumed his former position in Boston this fall. John Manchester, of Boston, spent the week-end with his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Manchester, of Josselynville. Alfred Wyman, of Worcester, has been a recent guest of Mrs. D. O. Evans, of Josselynville. Mr. Wyman is an athlete of some note, having recently graduated from the Springfield college with an excellent reputation from the training school as a track athlete and high jumper. He commences his work this fall as physical director at a training school connected with the Carnegie steel works in Pittsburg, Pa.

Clarence Rawson, of Fitchburg, visited his mother, Mrs. H. K. Stickney, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Webster, visited relatives on Stevens hill for the week-end.

Albert Adams and friend, from Providence, R. I., are enjoying a visit to Mr. Adams' old home and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Daniel Robbins, of Ayer, visited at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Robbins, the latter part of last week.

Miss Alice Welch, of Everett, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Welch, at Charles Morgan's over Sunday.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt is visiting at the home of her son, Edward Pratt, of Leominster.

Levi Lawrence, of Dunstable, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Fannie Lawrence.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence has been on the sick list at her home for a few days.

Mrs. Mervin Hodgman has returned from a business trip to New York and Boston.

The public auction sale of the household goods of Mrs. Kate Hall at the Webster place on last Saturday afternoon was largely attended in spite of the storm. Mrs. Hall left for her home in Fitchburg on Monday.

Miss Ella Flanders, from Claremont, N. H., has been for a few days with Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, who is seriously ill, but who at last reports is much improved.

Mrs. Anna Ellis, whose home is on the Mason road, is mourning the loss of her valuable dog, a pure bred Scotch collie, which was run over by an auto and driven by Mrs. Packard, of the Center. Mrs. Ellis and family were away from home for the afternoon and upon their return found the dog's body upon the veranda.

Alvah F. Stickney observed his eighty-first birthday on Wednesday, a number of his friends sending cards and congratulations, and his son Herman and family dined with him at noon in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Irona B. Richards, who has been with Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith, was removed on Wednesday to the care of Mr. and Mrs. Allen on the Mason road.

The Knights of the White Shield are planning for a farewell supper to be given to Rev. S. D. Ringrose on Monday evening at the vestry.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman and another Rawson, of Fitchburg, are enjoying an auto trip to relatives in Lewiston, Me.

Robert Shepard, from New London, N. H., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Patch.

Mrs. Willetts and family have moved from the Wilder house in Josselynville to the Weston farm in Mason, N. H.

Miss Lottie Hobart, who has been spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Robbins, has returned to Boston.

Mrs. S. W. Tyler and son Elliot, from Dorchester, is with her mother, Mrs. James A. Willard.

Mrs. James Aker visited relatives in Tewksbury the past week.

The Knights of the White Shield held their annual business meeting at the vestry on Thursday evening. It was a good attendance and the following officers were elected: Richard Rusk, k. s.; James Rusk, k. s.; Ralph Waitt, k. s.; Adron Winslip, k. s.; Edward Lester, k. s.; John Eldredge, k. s.; Clayton and Leslie Tumber, king's body guards.

Rev. S. D. Ringrose will occupy his pulpit for the last time on Sunday, as he leaves for his Fitchburg pastorate on October 1. In the morning he will preach his farewell sermon, and in the evening his topic will be: "What shall it profit a man to lose his own soul?" There will be a public baptism at the close of the evening service.

On Saturday evening at the vestry a farewell reception will be given to Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Ringrose. Everyone is invited to be present.

George A. Adams attended the annual reunion of his regiment at Lowell last week Thursday. Miss Gertrude Smith, of Boston, is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle for an indefinite visit.

HOLLIS, N. H.

Current Events. Wesley W. Ladd visited a ball game in Lowell on last week Thursday. The game was between the Lowell and New England League team and the Hartfords of the Eastern League. He reported a fine game.

Miss S. Alice Worcester left Worcester place on Thursday, going to Gloucester, Mass., to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. William H. Jordan, and expects to reach Cambridge about October 1, where she will spend the winter. Miss Worcester is still busily engaged in revising the Worcester family genealogy. She has given it her time and attention during the past year and has hopes of finishing it in the course of this year.

The teachers of the different schools were given a reception in Grange hall last week Friday evening through the courtesy of the school board. All of the parents in town were cordially invited, and on account of it being a very dark and threatening evening there were not as many present as would have been otherwise. Those who were present, however, met the teachers and spent a pleasant evening in games, etc. The senior class also helped to entertain the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Quincy were in town for a few days and their friends called to serenade them while in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hardy returned from their wedding trip last week Wednesday evening and although they arrived home very quietly, some of their friends were waiting for them and serenaded them soon after. They received their many friends very cheerfully and had a fine treat for them.

Both Harold Guething and Charlie Spaulding are attending an agricultural school in Vermont. They both were interested in regard to the work there and seem to enjoy it very much. Their first vacation comes at Christmas time.

William Gates and wife attended a funeral in Ashby, Mass., on Friday. Mr. Mead conveyed them in his Ford car.

William E. Lund went to Boston last Saturday on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Eaton and son Clyde, of Manchester, were week-end visitors at Asa B. Eaton's.

Miss Ethel Goodwin returned on Saturday after a two-weeks' visit with her brother Otis and family.

Flora Ord spent the week-end with her relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams and friends from Townsend Harbor, were here at Worcester place on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Myrtle (Lawrence) Marshall, of Nashua, N. H., has been spending a few days with her father, Dudley P. Lawrence.

Mrs. Hattie Wright, of Nashua, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Leroy Peacock.

Mrs. John Arlin and two daughters, Katherine and Ruth, of Townsend, were guests at William T. MacMasters' on Tuesday.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Charpentier on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burpee were among the Nashua visitors on Tuesday at the fair.

Gilman P. Huff, who has been on the sick list, was able to ride up town on Tuesday.

Francis A. Lovejoy has had quite a severe time with one of his feet, caused by a rusty nail. It is much better at present.

Frank MacMaster, of Nashua, was in town on Tuesday with two new Ford cars, a runabout and a touring car. He was demonstrating them.

Mrs. William Canavan was in town to attend the fair and she was accompanied by her brother, Edwin Ober, of Cambridge, Mass. Carl and Harvey Guething have returned to their school duties at M. I. T., Boston.

Herbert McNayr, of West Townsend, was in town the last of the week. Hollis Fair. Tuesday proved to be a very pleasant day for Hollis fair. After four days of rain everybody was glad to see the sun shine and it meant a good deal to those who had made every effort to have the fair a success. The exhibitions started coming to the hall the afternoon and evening before and continued during the next forenoon. The Nashua Military band, under the leadership of Ralph Holt, arrived early in the day and marched to M. J. Powers, where the ploughing was done. There were not as many teams here as hoped for and those who took part were Lester and Walter Hayden and Frank Scott. These consisted of a three-horse team, a two-horse team and a pair of oxen.

The baby show held in Grange hall in the forenoon was a great success, receiving a good deal of patronage. It was under the direction of Mrs. Effie Flanders. There were nine babies present, all under two years of age. Those who visited the hall were allowed to cast three votes for the handsomest, fattest and best behaved baby. Donald Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Richards, received the most number of votes for the handsomest baby. Harold Denault, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Denault, received the most number for the fattest baby. Ruth Alice Hills, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hills, received the most number for the best behaved baby. These three babies were presented with silver cups and the other babies each received silver spoons.

Dinner was served in the banquet hall and church vestry at noon. It was in charge of Charlotte and Robert Lester. On account of there being such a large crowd and so many more than were anticipated, the committee were not able to accommodate them all.

The upper hall, where the exhibitions were crowded with people in the afternoon and great praise was heard from all quarters for the fine displays of fruits, vegetables, cooking, canned goods, fancy work and art. The Hollis ladies received flattering compliments, especially in their fancy work, from many of the out-of-towners. In fact, everything in the hall was worthy of compliments.

Mr. Shepardson, principal of the high school, had charge of the sports which were held near the common about two o'clock. The military band played at different intervals and marched down to Eaton's field at three o'clock where a rousing baseball game was held between Hollis and Peppereil. It was witnessed by a large delegation and was a very exciting game. Wesley W. Ladd pitched a fine game for Hollis, and was caught by Bob Lewis, of Nashua. The Peppereil team won after ten innings with the score 1 to 0. The band gave a concert from four o'clock to five and the common and the ball in the evening ended the program.

There were a good many people present from out-of-town. Some of the guests from Nashua were Ex-Mayor Albert D. Daniel, Daniel F. Runnells, Mrs. Amos J. Blood, Isaac Pierce and wife. A good many were present from Peppereil, Brookline and nearby towns.

News Items. Edward Mace has recently sold his place. It is expected that he will reside in his town in Massachusetts where his daughter resides. He sold to an Armenian.

Miss Estella Spaulding, a niece of S. M. Spaulding, is on from Michigan, visiting her friends here.

About twenty-five of the friends of Miss Evelyn Brown gave her a surprise party on Friday night, the occasion being her birthday anniversary.

Judge Fred Hubbard, of Greenwich, Conn., visited with the Hardy brothers, were in town this week.

The Nashua River C. E. Union holds its convention with the Hollis society on Saturday.

Lowell Head left Hollis on Friday for New York, where he and his family will spend a few days. He will then go on to Philadelphia, where he will attend a school, perfecting himself in his studies. His mother remains open to him in the State college in Maine if he wishes it.

The young people were invited to a party with the Worcester girls on Saturday. There were three from South Hollis in attendance. Games and a general good time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Hobbs, of Portland, Me., is visiting at Mrs. Jason Reed's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hardy returned home on Wednesday from their trip to the White Mountains and are now at their Hardy homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Quincy returned from their wedding trip last week Tuesday and were reminded of their friends by a rousing serenade on Monday evening. They left on Monday via Boston, Niagara Falls and Buffalo for their new home in Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Quincy will engage in the insurance business.

Mrs. Francis K. Sweetser was at her home in Hollis, returning to her school in Auburn, Me., on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wood will have been married fifty years on October 8, and the day will be duly celebrated.

Mrs. E. S. Russell will leave home for Lynn, Mass., to visit with friends. Henry Sanderson, her cousin, will care for her house while she is away.

The September meeting of the Anna Keels Powers chapter, D. A. R. was held at the home of Mrs. Samuel Worcester with a number of guests present from Prudence Wright chapter, of Peppereil and some from Hollis. Miss Minnie Colburn, the regent, presided, and a fine program was given. Refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon was passed.

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"A certain parcel of real estate in said Littleton bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a corner of land of Lizzie L. Cox, now or formerly, and land now or formerly of Abbie A. Tuttle on the easterly side of the road leading from Littleton Center to West Acton; thence southerly along the wall now stands along said road one hundred and ninety (190) feet to other land now or formerly of said Lizzie L. Cox; thence easterly along said last named land one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet; thence northerly along said still other land of said Lizzie L. Cox one hundred and seventy (170) feet to a wall at land of said Abbie A. Tuttle; thence westerly along said wall one hundred and fifty (150) feet to the point of beginning.

"Being all and the same premises to be conveyed by Lizzie L. Cox by her deed dated September 15, 1910, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Book 3552, Page 72."

Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and assessments, if any there be.

Three hundred dollars (\$300.00) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale.

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