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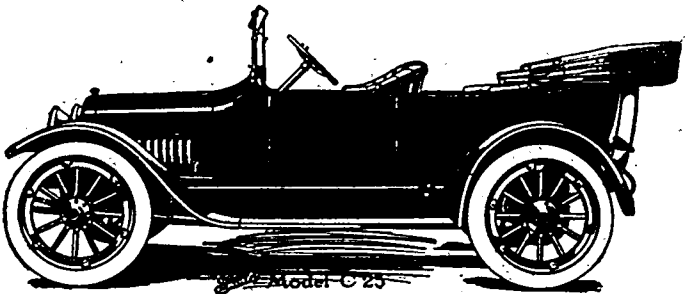


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### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

The King's Daughters are invited to hold their next meeting at the home of Miss L. W. Dyer on Thursday, September 3, at 2.30 in the afternoon.

The Ladies' Society of the Unitarian church will give a sunset party on Saturday, September 5. Music by Robbins' orchestra of Pepperell, four pieces. Dancing for children from four to 6.30. At 6.30 supper will be served in the lower town hall. Dancing in the evening from eight to 11.30. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Atherton, with their daughter, Miss Helen Bailey, are spending this week at Yarmouth, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Preston, their daughter, Miss Alice Preston, and their friend, Miss Eva Kilburn, are staying this week at cavalry headquarters, The Weirs, N. H.

Miss Mabel Wetherbee is entertaining this week at her home here

friend, Miss Bertha Presby, of New York city.

Schools are to reopen on Tuesday, September 8.

The family of Charles Fuller are at the Fuller homestead on Oak Hill for a few weeks' vacation.

Thomas Nicholson was taken to Clinton on Tuesday last and operated on for appendicitis. He is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. Bertha Willard Wright, with her daughter, Miss Margaret Wright, of Montreal, Quebec, is in town for a few days, visiting with her father, Alfred Willard, and other relatives in town.

Quincy Bull, of Worcester, is a guest this week with his sister, Mrs. Harriet Emma Whitney. Miss Myra Hosmer, of West Acton, was also a guest with Mrs. Whitney a part of this week.

Edgar Harrod, with his son, of East Lexington, visited this week with his mother here in town, Mrs. A. M. Harrod.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Brown,

formerly of this town, but now of Wellesley Hills, where Mr. Brown is superintendent of the street department, drove up in their auto last Sunday, calling on their friends about town.

Gus B. Schultz received a painful injury to his foot early this week. He was engaged in moving one of his henhouses when the blocking loosened under one corner, dropping the entire weight on his foot. The crushing blow dislocated the joints of the ball of his foot which will keep him on crutches for several weeks.

Next Tuesday night the Grange will hold their regular meeting. The subject of the meeting will be "Public Health." Miss Annie Reed will have charge of the monthly Grange paper, Music under the direction of Mr. West. The committee recently appointed by the Grange regarding holding a Harvard institute the first week in December report favorably and at this next meeting of the order the papers are to be filled up to conclude the arrangements for this institute. Professors from Amherst college will hold classes during this week, teaching various subjects of importance to farmers. There is also to be a class in domestic science for the ladies of this institute to be open to all the town and any who are interested should make plans now to attend these meetings during the week of December 1 and 5.

Miss Fannie B. Freeman, of Somerville, is here spending a few days with Miss Blanch Dutton. Miss Dutton spent a week with Miss Freeman in the early part of July at the latter's summer home in the mountains of New Hampshire.

After a four-weeks' stay at their summer home here, Mrs. F. Whitney and daughter, Mrs. Tarleton, of Westtown, returned to their home there on last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Proctor, of New York city, are guests this week with their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, at their farm home on West Bare Hill.

#### Cabaret Party.

At the cabaret party on Wednesday evening given for the benefit of the Harvard Woman's club, came an ideal evening and an ideal crowd. A number of 200 or more from this and adjoining towns to partake of a social lunch and impromptu entertainment. The hall looked so inviting with its dainty decorations of green and white, the club colors, and the music of the orchestra was so enlivening that it made just an ideal place to enjoy the graceful dancing of the Misses Gale and Langley, who so cleverly demonstrated the one-step, waltz variation and maxie, to hear the well-rendered solos of Miss Seaside, to enjoy Mrs. Putnam in her clever monologue so true to life, to take in the cracking of the piano and echoes of popular songs, but few expected that even an ideal environment would attract Theodore Roosevelt with his discovery tales and good advice to farmers, especially on strawberries and cream, or that it would induce our Scotch friends to stop with us and dance to the weird yet enchanting melody of their native instrument, the bagpipe.

Nevertheless all these did appear much to the enjoyment of all. Much thanks is due to each and every individual who helped to make this evening not only a source of enjoyment to all, but also a grand success both socially and financially.

#### Congregational Church Notes.

All the regular services on Sunday. A service for public worship will be held in the morning beginning at 10.45. At this service the pastor will preach, taking as his subject "Ninety degrees south latitude."

The bible school will hold its usual session at twelve o'clock. The lesson of the day consists of the passage of Jesus concerning duty to God and Caesar. This is a passage which contains a live message for every nation. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested friends to attend this session.

The C. E. prayer meeting will be held at 7.30 in the evening. Mrs. E. F. Houghton has this meeting in charge and is planning for something more than common interest and aside from the regular topic as announced on the cards.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their last weekly food sale of the season on the week

# Geo. H. Brown

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## Final Clean-Up Sale

Still greater price reductions in many lines of the small balances now remaining of this season's goods. We are determined to clear our counters and have made very low prices to do that very thing.

### MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS

Men's and Youth's Fancy Mixture and Worsted Suits—many from A. Shuman & Co.

- 1 Lot of 25 Suits, all odd, values up to \$10.00, marked down for this sale to ..... **\$5.00**
- 1 Lot of \$10.00 and \$12.50 Suits now marked down to ..... **\$7.47**
- 1 Lot of \$15.00 and \$18.00 Suits now marked down to ..... **\$10.47**
- 1 Lot of \$18.00 and \$20.00 Suits now marked down to ..... **\$12.47**
- 1 Lot of \$20.00 and \$22.00 Suits now marked down to ..... **\$14.47**

### OUTING TROUSERS

- Every pair now goes at a reduced price
- \$2.50 Trousers now reduced to ..... **\$1.98**
  - \$3.00 Trousers now reduced to ..... **\$2.25**
  - \$4.00 Trousers now reduced to ..... **\$3.00**
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### MEN'S WORKING TROUSERS

- \$1.50 Working Trousers now reduced to **\$1.29**
- \$2.00 Working Trousers now reduced to **\$1.69**
- \$2.50 Working Trousers now reduced to **\$1.98**
- \$3.00 Working Trousers now reduced to **\$2.47**

### MEN'S SUMMER SHIRT BARGAINS

- One lot of Fancy Summer Shirts, our regular 50c. grade, price for this sale **39¢**
- One lot of Fancy Summer Shirts, Coat Style, our regular \$1.00 grade, for this sale **79¢**
- 1 Lot of Fancy Negligee Shirts with soft cuffs, silk finish goods, a regular 75c. Shirt, Special Price for this sale ..... **50¢**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**—This Store will be closed every Thursday at 12 o'clock noon until September 10. Store open on Monday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

### UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

- 25c. Men's and Boys' Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers ..... **19¢**
- 50c. quality Men's Balbriggan Underwear, special price for this sale ..... **39¢**
- All our Porosknit Underwear is now reduced in price for this sale as follows:
- 50c. grade of Men's Shirts and Drawers **39¢**
- 25c. grade of Boys' Shirts and Drawers **19¢**
- \$1.00 grade of Men's Union Suits ..... **79¢**
- 50c. grade of Boys' Union Suits ..... **39¢**
- Men's Derby Ribbed Suits, the seconds of \$1.00 grade, the price for this sale **69¢**
- Boys' Derby Ribbed Union Suits, regular 39c. grade, sizes 28 to 32, for this sale **25¢**

### SHOE BARGAINS

All our broken and discontinued lines in Men's, Women's and Children's Oxfords are now on the Bargain List.

#### Men's Tan Oxfords

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

#### Men's Gun Metal Oxfords

- \$3.50 and \$4.00 Gun Metal Oxfords, in Blucher or Button, broken lines, price reduced to clean-up ..... **\$2.98**

#### Boys' and Little Gents' Oxfords

- \$2.00 Tan and Gun Metal Oxfords now **\$1.00**
- \$1.50 grade of Little Gents' Gun Metal and Patent Oxfords, 8½ to 13½ **98¢**

#### Women's Oxfords

- \$3.75 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make **\$2.50**
- \$3.25 Tan Oxfords, Queen Quality make **\$2.25**
- \$2.50 Tan Oxfords, Rubber Sole and Heel **\$2.00**

## Geo. H. Brown

green on this week Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

#### Deaths.

Death has again invaded the ranks of our highly respected friends of the Shaker Community. Sister Louisa Green passed from her home here to a higher reward on Sunday morning, August 23. At the early age of twenty-three years she came among the believers, joining the community at Lebanon, N. Y. Thirty years ago she moved to the South Family at Harvard, where she took an active part in the affairs of the society, succeeding by the death of Eldress Sophia Niles to the office of address in the year 1838. At the breaking up of the South home she moved to the church family, where she has always been a worker for the comfort and interests of the society.

Sister Louisa was of genial disposition, her motherly smile and quiet unassuming ways winning alike all who met her. With the younger people she was an especial favorite and she will be long remembered by those who knew her.

The deceased was 90 yrs. 8 mos. 15 days old. Burial was in the family grounds overlooking the home she loved so well on Tuesday, August 25.

Mrs. May Heccock, sister of James Murchie and Mrs. R. C. Davis, of this town, died at the hospital at Westboro after several years of declining health. She was for many years a respected resident of this town. She was sixty years of age. Burial was at her former home in Brattleboro, Vt. Death occurred on Sunday, August 23.

#### Still River.

Mrs. A. H. Keyes, F. W. Bateman, Eliza A. Bateman, Mrs. Nellie Merrifield, Eleanor Bateman and C. P. Willard attended the annual reunion of the Willard family in Winchendon last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hunter, Mrs. C. P. Willard and children attended a picnic at Bolton on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson are visiting in Dublin, N. H.

Little Rachel Haskell was taken quite ill on Tuesday night and for a time her parents were quite worried, but by prompt attention she recovered and is now quite well again.

Mrs. Esther Stone has been enter-

taining her friend, Miss Nellie Hale, of Newbury, Vt.

Mrs. McMurray, of Ohio, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Fairchild.

Miss Frazee, of West Burke, Vt., has been the guest of Miss Ethelyn Russell. On Tuesday they spent the day at Whalom lake. Friday Miss Russell returned to her school teaching in West Burke.

Mrs. J. R. Bigelow and son Lawrence spent the day in Hudson on Thursday.

The Ladies' Mission Circle met with Mrs. Abbie Dutton Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Kenney and children, of Boston, are visiting Mrs. Bridget Joyce.

C. P. Willard has a field of Japanese millet that is worth seeing. Some of the same has been cut that measured 6 feet, 9 inches tall. He also has a field of ensilage corn that is so tall that a tall man can hardly reach the ears. One stalk that was cut and placed against the Atherton house reached half way up to the second story windows.

### BOXBOROUGH.

#### News Items.

Walter Wetherbee, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wetherbee, was severely injured on Wednesday morning by falling off the horse he was riding. The horse was partly harnessed to the wagon and starting suddenly, threw off the child, dragging him some distance. In some way the shaft penetrated the boy's lung, causing a very serious wound.

The heavy thunder storm last week Thursday evening prevented a number from attending the social at the vestry, but about twenty ventured out and spent the evening with games and music.

Miss Maria Steele has recently returned from Bralntree, where she visited Miss Eva Dill.

Mrs. Porter returned last Saturday from a visit with her daughters in Waltham and Waverley. Her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Moss, came with her to spend Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marble came down from Worcester on Sunday and carried Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee back

with them to remain until the last of the week.

Andrew Walker is back from a two-weeks' visit with a sister in Spencer.

George Braman, of Lyman school, Westboro, is spending his vacation at his father's.

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Arthur Houghton, of Worcester, to Miss Irene Weygant, of Stoughton, Pa. Mr. Houghton has been a frequent visitor here from boyhood and has many friends who wish him happiness.

Miss Viets' basket class has been so successful that a second one has been formed to accommodate those living in another part of the town.

The Library association is to hold an Old Home fair and lawn party at the town hall on Saturday afternoon and evening, September 5. Special efforts are being made to make it a success. A feature of the afternoon will be prize speaking by the children. The Crescent orchestra will furnish music for the evening.

Wetherbee's orchestra played in Stow Friday evening at the reunion of the Hale high school.

Joseph Poland spent last Sunday in Nahant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knight, who went from here to Baltimore about two years ago, have returned and will locate in this vicinity.

### SHIRLEY.

#### News Items.

Edgar and Wesley Eisner left town on Friday for a vacation of two weeks with relatives in New York.

Miss Annie Corley, of Hopkinton, is visiting friends in town.

#### New Advertisements.

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WESTFORD.

Center. Miss Winnifred Burnham, of Essex, has been visiting Misses Edna and Jennie Ferguson and other Westford friends this past week.

At the next meeting of the Grange, September 3, Mrs. Rose S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, lecturer of the State Grange, will be present and will be the speaker of the evening.

The village church, West Chelmsford, held an enterprising lawn party and hurdy-gurdy musicale in Cameron park on Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Rev. David Wallace and family have returned from a pleasant and profitable vacation spent at Lunenburg, Northfield, etc., and regular services will be resumed at the Congregational church on Sunday.

The storm last week Friday afternoon was especially severe at the center. When the rain came it was more like a cloud-burst than any ordinary shower and the hard rain lasted for nearly half an hour.

The Boy Scouts have been enjoying a ten-day outing at Long-Sought-for pond in charge of William C. Roubush, scoutmaster.

The young ladies of the village held a successful dancing party at the town hall last week Friday evening.

Successful entertainment. The out-door play and lawn party under the auspices of the Tadmuck club Wednesday afternoon was most enjoyable and successful.

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held their second annual picnic at the farm of Fred L. Fletcher last Saturday afternoon.

The next meeting of Middlesex North Grange will be held at Old Fellows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Friday, September 4.

Miss Ella Wright of Cleveland, Ohio, is at the old Fletcher homestead, Lowell road, Brookside.

The Woods family living in the John H. Decatur house have moved to Tewksbury where Mr. Woods has secured employment.

S. L. Taylor and J. A. Taylor, two of the whoops of the Old Oaken Bucket farm, are planning to attend church in Littleton tomorrow.

Brookside mills, after a brief shutdown caused by an accidental impediment to the engine, is back to business at the usual speed.

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At the Rockingham fair, Salem, N. H., next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Westford will be represented by the Perley E. Wright apple and truck by all the people that can be loaded on.

Can any forestry citizen of Groton or elsewhere contribute a reason for the dying of the tops of young white pines, looking as though they had been scorched by fire?

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Sargent school, has the school building all in readiness for the opening of the fall term at will commence on Tuesday, September 8.

The open-air services at Forge pond were conducted by Rev. A. Earle Kernahan of the Methodist church, Granitville, last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lionel Goucher, with her son and daughter, are guests this week of her sister, Mrs. Clark, of Nutting Lake, North Billerica.

The sympathy of the village is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parrott in the loss by fire of their beautiful home on Beaver Brook road.

The Misses Lottie and Mildred Parrott, who have been spending the month with relatives in North Adams, are expected home this week.

A daughter was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Little of Ayer. Mrs. Little was formerly Nellie Orr, of this village.

The home team was defeated by the Westford team on last Saturday afternoon, the score being 15 to 10.

A little daughter has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flanagan.

Master William Longbottom, of Lexington, is spending this week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett.

An eight-pound son has been welcomed into the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Blodgett, of the Ridges.

The annual picnic of St. Catherine's church, West Granitville, will be held at Cameron Park on Saturday, August 29, at the Middlesex County Training School band will play during the afternoon.

John Dufort and son Francis and Miss Elizabeth Dufort of Leominster, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daly.

Misses Bertha M. and Emily Collins are at Old Orchard Beach for the week.

LUNENBURG.

The meeting of the C. E. society on Sunday evening was led by Miss Willa Harley, who gave a very interesting talk upon the subject of "Lowly service."

Madam Rumanoff that dogs have been doing considerable damage in the poultry yards about town.

Olaf I. Starkey is reshingling his barn where it was damaged by lightning on the severe thunder storm of August 8.

The Junior Epworth League and Methodist society held a picnic at Whalom Park on Thursday, about fifty people being in attendance.

It is reported that Ernest C. Proctor has sold five acres of land on many Hill avenue at A. I. Field, of Fitchburg, and ten acres of land in the same location to H. H. Peck, of Fitchburg.

For the past few days James S. Gilchrist, tree warden, with a large force of men and four horses, has been out with the town sprayer, treating the shade trees along the highway.

Rev. David Wallace and family, who have been occupying the Jones girls' cottage during their vacation, returned to their home in Westford on Wednesday morning.

The vacationists are not all home yet, some are returning nearly every day. Some of them have brought back a beautiful coat of tan and as one young man who was in the Spanon was expressed, saying "They are as brown as Spaniards and look like them."

Mrs. Fred L. Francis and daughter Dorothy visited relatives at Kennebunkport, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Barney and little son, with Mrs. Mary Nickerson and daughter, Bessie and Natalie, returned on Tuesday from a very pleasant two-weeks' vacation at Essex Beach, Essex.

Mrs. Annie Casey is visiting with friends in Leominster for a few days. Miss Bertha Galbraith, of the office staff of the C. G. Sargent Sons' Corporation, is spending her vacation in Springfield and among the Berkshires.

Henry Charlton is spending a few days with friends in Portland, Me. William Buckingham, the well-known ball player, has returned from Lewiston, Me., and will be found in the Granitville lineup when the local ball club crosses bats with the St. Johns of North Chelmsford at St. Catherine's church picnic in Forge Village.

William White, the janitor of the Sargent school, has the school building all in readiness for the opening of the fall term at will commence on Tuesday, September 8.

Mr. Kelley returns on Monday, but Mrs. Kelley will remain for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Carr, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Carr, have returned to their home in St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Maurice Carr has returned from spending his vacation with relatives at Oak Bluffs. Miss Idella Magovern has spent her vacation with her aunt in Fitchburg.

Miss Doris McCure, of Leominster, visited Mrs. Harry Faig and other acquaintances in town, coming on Sunday, and returning on Tuesday. Miss Mabel Leonard, of Townsend, is spending this week at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leonard, of C. Damon has returned from visiting friends and relatives in Montreal.

LITTLETON.

Mrs. Brigham, of Amsterdam, N. Y., was a week-end guest of Miss Gertrude Sanderson on her way to Monhegan, Me.

Clement Kimball was a Sunday guest of his uncle, A. T. Kimball. He is busy moving to his farm in Danville, Vt., of which he takes possession on Sunday, and returning on Tuesday.

Services will be resumed at the Unitarian church on the first Sunday in September. There will be no service tomorrow that those who wish may have opportunity to hear Rev. H. L. Packard, who returns to his former charge for this Sunday.

The Littleton booklet and copies of the pageant program are on sale at all the stores at ten cents a copy, and are excellent material to send to distant friends on this Littleton year.

The following new books were placed in the library last week and will prove of much interest to people who seek knowledge of nations now at war in Europe.

Lyde, Continent of Europe. Hengelmueller, Hungary's fight for national existence. Lowell, Government of England. Barnes, Home life in Turkey. AGK, Governments of Europe. Rappoport, Home life in Russia. Goe, Great Britain. Tarr, U. S. and peace.

Moving pictures of Littleton's 200th anniversary historical pageant will be shown at Littleton town hall on Thursday evening, September 3. These pictures will be in addition to our regular show.

Among the list of teachers who are detained in England by the war, of whom aid is being sought to have the government assist in their efforts to get home, is that of Miss Lucy Adams, who is at Chester, England.

The Whittier family moved, the household goods from the King street home on Monday and will live on Roland Whittier's farm recently purchased in Taunton.

Ayer to New York and return \$6.52. See P. Donlon & Co., agents, Ayer.

Delightfully Entertained. Littleton ladies were very delightfully entertained at an afternoon tea given from four to six o'clock last Saturday by Mrs. H. J. Harwood in honor of Miss Grace Knight and Mrs. Arthur Knight, who assisted the hostesses in receiving. Mrs. Joseph A. Harwood also extended hospitality to the hundred or more guests from her seat of honor on the veranda, near the receiving line.

It was with much pleasure that the ladies accepted this invitation to make the acquaintance of new residents in town and strengthen the bonds of friendship with the neighbors of many years.

REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Charles K. Twiss and Mary A. Twiss to Moses P. Palmer, dated June 14, 1913, and recorded in the Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 2798, Page 465, and for breach of conditions of said mortgage deed and for the purpose of enforcing the same will be sold at public auction on the premises on Saturday, A. D. 1914, at three o'clock P. M., and all singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, said property being described as follows:

A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in the Northernly part of said Town of Groton on the Northernly side of the road leading by the house formerly of Joseph A. Sanderson and bounded and described as follows, namely:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the granted premises at said road and near a blazed pine tree; thence North about 12 degrees East by land of Moses P. Palmer about six hundred and forty-six (646) feet to a stake bound; thence nearly due east by land of said Palmer about three hundred and fifty (350) feet to a stake bound; thence in a circular curve to the end of a stone wall on said Palmer's land; thence nearly due South by Palmer's land as the fence now stands about eleven hundred and fifty (1150) feet to the aforesaid road, and thence North about thirty-three degrees west by said road about three hundred and seventy-nine (679) feet to the bound first described.

Said property will be sold subject to two prior mortgages held by said Moses P. Palmer. Terms of the sale cash. Other terms to be announced at the time and place of sale. 3151 MOSES P. PALMER, Mortgagee. Groton, Mass., August 25, 1914.



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Saturday, August 29, 1914.

GROTON.

News Items.

Poultry raisers around here think that a R. I. Red rooster that weighed 3 1/2 pounds, feathers off, beats the record. Miss Hutchins had one last week from her pens that reached that weight.

The Neighborhood club, composed largely of Groton women, feel that their annual picnic held at Sandy pond last week was the "best ever." A full account of it was given in the Ayer column of the Landmark last week. Those who attended express themselves as greatly appreciative of the hostess's hospitality in giving the use of his camp and his helpful assistance to the picnicers. Some from Groton enjoyed a call on Mrs. Augustus Woods and Miss Fannie E. Woods, in camp at Sandy pond. The shower in camp that afternoon caught some on their homeward drive.

Miss Alice Butterfield and Miss Harriet Hodgman, of Dunstable, and the Misses Baldwin, of Cambridge, who were guests of Miss Hodgman, drove over from Dunstable last Saturday to call on the Misses Hutchins, of Pleasant street, and their guest, Miss Fanny Prescott. The three latter ladies and one of the Misses Baldwin were employed together at the University Press at proof readers, etc., a few years ago. Miss Harriet Hodgman has recently bought a place in Dunstable.

Mrs. E. J. Crowley went to Nahant Monday for a few days' rest.

Herman Huebner arrived home last Saturday night.

Miss Catherine Whalen is spending a few weeks at Nahant.

There were 100 people dined at the Groton Inn on Sunday.

The friends of Miss Emma F. Blood, Groton's public librarian, hear by telegram that she embarked on the Devonian from Liverpool last week Friday on her homeward journey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown and party returned from the vacation on the Maine coast last Saturday night. Their daughter remained at Portland for a few days' longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner R. Mason, of Chicago, Ill., arriving Monday evening, are visiting his mother and family at his old home.

Work on the continuation of the cement sidewalk on North Main street for which the town made an appropriation, is being done this week.

Miss Edna Keyes is at Calvin P. Lawrence's for the week. Mr. Lawrence remains in poor health.

Harold Page, of Boston, a friend of Howard Patterson, spent last week with him at his home on Champney street.

Miss Christine Rockwood has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Sheedy, at Falmouth.

After the dance which followed the band concert last Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wheelock started in their runabout for a drive down Main street, south of Cunningham and a young lady visitor in his family were also in the runabout. When they were near the residence of F. F. Woods they ran into a telephone pole with disastrous results. The man was badly smashed and the occupants thrown out. All were taken to the Groton hospital. Mr. Wheelock rallied from his unconscious condition and was taken home. Mr. Cunningham received a badly hurt ankle. It was put into a plaster cast which must be kept on for several weeks. The ladies in the accident were not injured. Some time last year a Mr. Waterman, of Ayer, ran into the same telephone pole.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patterson, of Champney street, entertained last Saturday and Sunday, Miss Beryl Stricker, of Lowell, a friend of their son, C. Howard Patterson.

Miss Madeline Coughlin, of Hyde Park, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henry R. Fitzgerald.

The marriage intentions of three couples were given for the first time at the catholic church last Sunday at the residence of Mrs. J. Kelley and Miss Catherine Moran, Thomas Haley and Miss Lillian Keating, Henry Erving and Miss Mary Bowen.

Thomas Smith, who got able to return to his work as machine tender at the paper mill, met with another accident week before last by hurting his arm so that he has had it under treatment by a doctor.

The U. S. S. Maine, with H. W. Mason, machinist, on board, sailed August 24 from the foreign port Ponta Delgada for Annapolis, Md. The Maine, with six other war vessels, has been ordered to Baltimore to participate in the Star Spangled Banner celebration to be held there from September 7 to 14.

James B. Harrington, of Shattuck's store, is away on his vacation.

There is to be a band concert as usual this Saturday evening with a dance following.

There is to be an exhibition of products of children's gardens at Horticultural hall, Boston, Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6, for all school gardens and all children under eighteen years of age in Massachusetts. The exhibits should be sent to Horticultural hall, Boston, Friday, September 4. For further information address Elizabeth S. Hill.

The new school building at West Groton will be dedicated on Thursday afternoon, September 3, at two o'clock with appropriate exercises. An opportunity will be offered to visitors to inspect the new building which is a modern, up-to-date building in its construction and furnishings.

A number of workmen are busy making repairs with oil and gravel on the state road.

Miss Jennie Thayer and her friend, Miss Weeks, are visiting here from Boston, guests of Miss Georgianna Boutwell.

Miss Lucy Owen, of Troy, N. Y., who has been at Old Orchard Beach, stepped over at her aunt's Mrs. Moseley Gilson, on her way back home.

G. Fay Sampson is having a few days' vacation. Charles M. Raddin is filling his place while on the American Express team.

Mrs. A. E. Hosmer, who was taken

ill at the home of her brother, the late George S. Prescott, is better.

There were twenty-three attended the W. R. C. family picnic at the Rockwood camp at Spectacle pond on Wednesday. They were given a cordial reception and had a very enjoyable time.

Attention is called to the Congregational church picnic which is to be held at Shattuck's grove, Baddock pond, on Wednesday, September 2. If rainy on that day then the next fair day. It is to be a basket picnic and is not to be a Sunday school picnic alone, but is for all attendants at the church with any of their friends or any of the townspeople who would like to take in the day's outing. There will be a ball game and some other sports. Let there be a good turn out and all help to make it a cordial gathering of friends. A charge will be waiting near the Congregational church to take down those who have no other conveyance.

Prof. O. A. Morton, a professor at Amherst Agricultural college, is coming to Groton within a week or so to inspect the children's school and home gardens. On his decision will rest the award of the state silver cup. There are some sixty pupils in the school gardens and between 150 and 200 in the home garden classes.

There is to be an exhibition of the products of children's gardens at Horticultural hall, 300 Massachusetts avenue, Boston, on Saturday and Sunday, September 5 and 6. On Saturday, from twelve noon to six in the afternoon, and on Sunday from two to six in the afternoon. All persons interested in the horticultural education of children are cordially invited to attend this exhibition. The prizes offered will interest Groton garden children: Best collection of vegetables from school garden, \$6 to \$1; best collection from home garden, \$5 to \$1; best collection of flowers from a school garden, \$6 to \$1, six prizes; best collection of flowers from a child's home garden \$5 to \$1, ten prizes. There are many other prizes offered for collections of flowers and vegetables well worth trying for. All products from Groton ought to be sent in on Friday, September 4. The committee pays expressage on packages.

Ayer to New York and return \$6.52. See P. Donlon & Co., agents, Ayer.

To the Editor:

I noticed an item in the Groton locals of certain improvements and changes made of the Hartwell place on Chicopee row, and I wondered if your correspondent had failed to see the improvements and changes made on what was called the Timothy Blood farm, now called the Breezy Hill farm. I certainly do not know of a greater change made than the above mentioned place. One would never have recognized the place as it was three or four years ago—house and barn newly painted, a large porch with neat railing and banisters to main part, and enclosed porch with screens on the ell-part of the house and a neat fence extending alongside of the road. It certainly does the present owner much credit for jinking things in order and attractive. I am informed by neighbors that the interior of the house has undergone as radical a change as the outside and I judge their house must be appreciated by friends from a distance by the number of strangers that pass their vacations with them. We welcome them to Groton and wish them much success in their new home. E. C.

West Groton.

Born on Monday a son to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilkins.

Ambrose Carson and family have moved into one of the Kane houses on Kemp street.

Edgar Wilson is to occupy the A. P. Blood house on Main street now owned by Mrs. J. T. Shepley.

Patrick Malley and family are moving from Groton to the unoccupied house on Main street occupied by Edmund Blood.

Miss Kate O'Mealey, of Leominster, is spending some weeks with her mother, Mrs. Martin O'Mealey. Martha O'Mealey, of Lynn, was a guest also for a week recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bixby and daughter Dorothy have returned to their home in New York.

Miss Vera Donovan, of Gardner, is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Williams.

Miss Elsie Tarbell returned to her position at Dartmouth college on Monday. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. K. A. Tarbell, who expects to remain for a week.

Miss Alice Humiston, of Jaffrey, N. H., also Frieda Humiston, of Jaffrey, were recent guests of Mrs. Martha Tarbell.

Coming on last Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Spaulding, of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending a two-weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. H. Spaulding, Mr. Spaulding's parents.

J. T. Shepley went on Tuesday to Sheldon, Vt., where he expects to remain for a number of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dudley and three children returned on Wednesday from a stay with friends.

In the game played on last Saturday the home team was defeated by the Y. M. C. A. of Fitchburg by the score of 5 to 3.

The citizens' committee of the West Groton Village Improvement society, desire, through the medium of this paper, to extend a cordial invitation to all friends of the village everywhere to attend the dedication exercises at the new school building on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. Music will be furnished by members of Groton band. There will be songs by the school children, remarks by various speakers and other exercises of interest. Following the dedication the guests will be invited to inspect the building. It is hoped that all interested friends will avail themselves of this opportunity to view our beautiful new building, to renew old acquaintances and enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

The children owing school gardens in the Sedley lot enjoyed a trip to Whalom Park on Tuesday, accompanied by their instructor, Miss Bertha Bixby. The class numbered eight or nine and it is needless to say that they enjoyed their outing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Cottrill, jr., are spending their vacation with relatives in Tiverton, R. I.

Mrs. L. A. Cook, of East Providence, R. I., and her granddaughter, Miss Helen Faraday, are the guests of Mrs. R. W. Bliss, Mrs. Cook's sister.

Clipping.

The subject of the following notice clipped from a Leominster paper of recent date was once a resident and property owner of West Groton and well remembered by many of the older generation:

"Samuel H. Corey died at the Leominster hospital at six o'clock yesterday after a week's illness there. Death was due to a general breaking down. Mr. Corey was a native of

Hudson and was eighty-four years old. He lived in Leominster a long time and the three men drawing pensions from the town for faithful and long continued service in the highway department. He had worked for the town nearly thirty years, twenty-five of which were in Leominster.

"The funeral was held at the-Hawes Memorial chapel."

TOWNSEND.

Parent-Teacher Associations.

About nineteen years ago there occurred to an enterprising little woman living in Washington, D. C., an idea which in time was to revolutionize social conditions all over the world. This little woman was Mrs. Theodore Birney.

A girl who had unusual intellectual directness combined with a deep spiritual nature. The atmosphere of her early home afforded the best opportunity for moral as well as mental development. Both her father and mother were noted for their mental and moral qualities and were highly esteemed.

Mrs. Birney, who was Alice Josephine McClellan, of Georgia, began her education at a private school in that state, later she spent a year at the Atlanta high school and then took a course at Mount Holyoke. Her first husband, Alonzo White, of North Carolina, lived but a short time. A daughter was born after his death.

Number of years later Mrs. White married Mr. Birney, of Washington, D. C., and here two daughters were born. Not long after the birth of her second daughter, Mrs. Birney conceived the idea of forming a club of mothers which might through discussions and study get a better knowledge of child life. Regarding the idea of founding this club she said:

"I had a devoted husband, a lovely home and everything that a mother could desire and yet it seemed to me that the responsibility of the little human souls depended upon me for guidance involved so much responsibility that too much could scarcely be done to equip the necessary strength and knowledge to perform my duties as a mother. I began to think of the hundreds of mothers and so best as I, who, besides being deprived of the education that would aid them in the home training of their children, were lacking in book knowledge conducive to making home healthy, cheerful and happy."

"I thought of those careless of the responsibilities devolving upon them as mothers, and I felt that it was a convincing force that a system of mutual aid should be developed among mothers. Then I would look up at the great capitol and realize that there the men were making the laws for the state and acting upon all the great important material and civil, and the thought of the great responsibilities of citizenship would occur to me. Why, if these men meet and study and discuss these questions, should not the mothers of the future citizens meet, study and discuss those principles which would enable us to be better mothers and capable of directing that citizenship in its early stages of child life and ultimately exerting the necessary influence that a betterment of all humanitarian conditions?"

The thought of an organization of mothers, became so vital to Mrs. Birney that she went to Chautauqua and presented the matter in connection with the department of kindergarten work. The suggestion was most heartily welcomed by those present and Mrs. Birney went away much encouraged.

After spending ten years in advancing the cause of the Mothers' congress, Mrs. Birney died December 20, 1907, and the responsibilities of leadership were placed upon Mrs. Frederic Schoff of Philadelphia, who is now president. Mrs. Schoff's accomplishments in the interests of child welfare have been no less than marvelous. As a mother of four boys and three girls she has had ample opportunity to study children under almost every condition and method, and an authority on child training. The fact that her children graduated with honors from various colleges and now fill positions of trust and consideration shows that she has been a successful mother.

Mrs. Schoff has taken an active interest for nearly twenty years in the study of juvenile courts and has brought about many reforms. Several books written by her on this subject are used in the United States Bureau of Education and in Harvard and Yale. She was invited to speak in Ottawa, Canada, on the juvenile court and probation system before a joint session of both houses of parliament, an honor rarely accorded to a woman, and later she helped to establish juvenile courts and probation systems in Canada and many of the states.

As national president of the Congress of Mothers and Parent Teacher

associations, Mrs. Schoff has visited every state in the union, has organized the organization of twenty-six state branches of the congress, has planned and conducted eight national conventions, and arranged and carried out three international congresses on child welfare. Besides accomplishing all this constructive work Mrs. Schoff has written many books pertaining to children and holds positions of honor in many important organizations.

In 1913 at Mrs. Schoff's request the United States Bureau of Education established a division on home education and Commissioner Claxton appointed her chief of this important branch of the bureau's activities. It plans to reach 4,000,000 homes this year. Through its endeavors parent teacher associations are being formed all over the United States. As soon as possible every state will have a president to control the work.

Massachusetts is one of the leading states in its efforts. Through the efforts of Mrs. Milton P. Higgins of Worcester associations are being organized in towns as well as in cities as fast as she and her assistants can give this work their attention.

Center.

Mrs. Jennie Stevens, of Somerville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Stearns.

Francis and Charlotte Struthers have returned from their vacation in Nelson, N. H.

John Gwinn, who has spent the summer fishing with headquarters at Gloucester, is at his home here.

A son was born on Thursday, August 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Elam Misner.

Charles W. Hildreth leaves on Saturday morning, August 29, for the G. A. R. encampment at Detroit, Mich., going by the way of Montreal and Niagara Falls.

Robert G. Fessenden has just completed his duties as a gardener beyond the flower garden at his residence. It is electric lighted and he is to have a canvas covering for the court so that it may also be used for dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley and little daughter, Lynn, have been guests at Mr. Hildreth's this week. Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Hildreth took them home in their auto, remaining for a visit.

C. W. Mead and family spent the week at Methuen with Edwin L. Haynes, former superintendent of schools at their winter home and Ruth Haynes accompanied them and are spending the week at Mr. Mead's and Dr. A. J. Atwood's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ross have returned from their vacation and are at their home on Bow street ready for the opening of the high school, of which Mr. Ross is principal.

Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sullivan and son, of Boston, are guests at Tianta Villa.

Mr. Walsh, who is employed at the leatherboard mill, has moved his family from the Center and is occupying one of the mill tenements.

Mrs. Ida Brown and her cousin, Miss Florida Farrar, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ordway at their camp Hatetoquit on Salmon Falls river, Milton, N. H.

Herbert Harvey and family, of Boston, are spending the week at Thomas Harvey's.

Charles R. Stacey has resigned his position at the leatherboard mill and with the exception of his elder son, who is employed in Wilton, N. H., has moved with his family to Gardner.

Miss Marie Brown, of Brookline, niece of Mrs. Mary Cruikshank, is a guest at Pinehurst.

Mrs. Adney Gray returned on Monday from a week's visit at Scituate Beach.

Mrs. Lydia C. (Proctor) Farley died from a shock at Winchendon on Tuesday evening of this week.

Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Henry Spaulding are spending the week at Sterling camp meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Breath and Miss Nellie Hagan are at their summer home, Brookside.

Entertained.

On Thursday evening, August 20, Miss Myra Morris entertained a merry party of friends at her home. As the guests arrived they were given paper and were told to tear out a likeness to any object. These illustrations were displayed on the portiere to be guessed. Much talent and ingenuity was shown.

A number of the guests added much to the pleasure of the evening by their piano solos. A ladies' orchestra consisting of the Misses Bernice, Doris and Fannie Fletcher furnished a rare treat with their classical and popular music. All enjoyed the real chafing-dish spread served in the cozy dining-room. The room was decorated with flowers in soft tango shades, nasturtiums predominating. The dainty nasturtium napkins and place cards showed the handiwork of a water color artist of no mean ability. The table was lighted with softly glowing candles. Miss Myrtle Gray assisted Miss Morris at the chafing-dishes.

The heavy shower did not dampen the ardor of the guests as they departed declaring the party one of the most delectable of the summer.

Among the out-of-town guests were the Misses Bernice, Doris and Fannie Fletcher of Fitchburg, Miss Dorothy Phillips of Needham, Miss Harvey of Cambridge, Miss Florence Flynn of Pepperell, John Dole of Malden.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The aluminum output was seventy-two and one-third million pounds last year in the United States. There has been a steady yearly increase since 1883, when only eighty-three pounds were produced.

San Antonio, Tex., is to try the experiment of paving streets with mesquite-wood blocks. It is stated that millions of acres of land in southern Texas and northern Mexico are covered with a thick growth of mesquite trees. The wood is of such a remarkable durability, and its abundance would make the material very cheap for paving purposes.

The industry of canning crayfish, known in the market as Cape Spiny lobsters, which began in the vicinity of Cape Town a few years since in a small way, has gradually grown in importance until the output for the season just closed aggregated nearly 50,000 cases.

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Saturday, August 29, 1914.

AYER.

News Items.

Born, August 23, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Little.

Mrs. Frank Whitcher is spending this week with her sister at Sparhawk hall, Ogunquit, Me., and with Mr. Whitcher will spend the weekend and over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Huntington at Plum Island, Newburyport.

Miss Matilda Curran, of East Main street, who was operated upon for an abscess early this week, is resting comfortably.

Mrs. Gorham Brooks, of East Main street, is improving from an attack of the grippe.

Miss Mary Hale, of Newbury, Vt., a college room-mate is visiting this week with Mrs. Harry E. Fisher.

Miss Carol Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pierce, returned on Tuesday from Sandy pond, where she has been spending a few weeks.

Frank H. Sperry is improving from blood poisoning which set in last Saturday.

Nesbit L. Woods, of Groton, is visiting his aunt, Miss Fannie Woods, at Dew Drop Inn, Sandy pond.

Mrs. Joseph Howarth, who has been on a visit to Salisbury Beach, returned last Saturday, owing to an attack of the grippe, and remains about the same.

Mr. and Miss Clara Bixby, of Los Angeles, Cal., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bixby.

Rev. and Mrs. Richmond Fisk are at Hancock, N. H., for two weeks.

Willard and Miss Edna Lawton have returned to the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lawton.

The Woman's Alliance will hold its first meeting of the season on the lawn of Mrs. Marie Clark on Tuesday, September 1, at 2.30 in the afternoon. The treasurer will be present to receive annual dues. The hostesses are Mrs. Marie Clark, Mrs. Edith H. Priest, Mrs. Ella G. Duncklee, Mrs. Harriet Lapointe and Mrs. Ellen F. Kittredge.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Miller are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. West at Mount Clemens, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. West were former residents of Ayer. Mr. West being in the employ of Huntley S. Turner as printer.

Martin H. O'Neill and John H. Hooley have returned from a vacation spent at York Beach, Me.

Levi W. Phelps has had his new dancing pavilion at Mitchellville connected by telephone during the past week.

Loring A. Carman is taking a two weeks' vacation from his duties at Brown's drug store.

Michael J. Carey attended the democratic outing at Lexington park last Saturday.

Berger W. Parmenter, formerly of Ayer and who for the past two years has been living in Farnam, is expected home in a short while. Edward and Elijah Parmenter, his brothers, visited their aunt, Mrs. Adie C. Woods, last week.

Among the recent visitors were noted: Mrs. Arthur E. Dykes and daughter Florence, who spent a few days at the home of her cousin, Mrs. P. H. Rynn; Mrs. John Deans, Jr., of Lynn at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Ross; Mrs. Amanda Emery and Mrs. C. F. Emery, at the home of Mrs. O. M. Rynn; Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy; James E. Gundon of Lynn at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. W. Wentworth; Miss Angie E. Kendall of Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. F. B. Dunbar of Marlboro at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Stuart returned Sunday from a trip to points on Cape Cod. They witnessed the Cape Cod pageant which was presented on the banks of the recently completed canal and paid visits to New Bedford, Hyannis, Woods Hole, Provincetown and other points.

Miss N. Bernice Smith is taking a vacation of three weeks from her duties as stenographer at the Chandler Machine Company.

The lunch cart formerly owned by J. W. Brown on Pleasant street, and now by Frank G. Willis, was moved by Mr. Willis on Tuesday to a vacant lot near his home. His brother, George H. Willis, lives on Park street. Mr. Brown sold his interests to Mr. Willis last January after having conducted the business for several years. The cart has been closed for the past few months.

Charles H. Hardy is building a garage in the rear of his place of business on Central avenue.

William F. Fitzgerald, John H. Walsh, James Hillery, George L. Donahue and Joseph Sullivan attended the "Eks" outing at Lake Washcum, Sterling, Wednesday, going by auto. Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood returned Wednesday evening from Old Orchard Beach, where they have spent the month of August.

The interior of the police station is receiving a coat of paint. Arthur Boisseau is doing the work.

Miss Sarah Ross, a graduate of the Fitchburg Normal school, will teach the Shirley Center primary school beginning with the fall term. She takes the place of Miss Margaret A. Walsh, of Ayer, who has been assigned to the Shirley street primary here.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church Friday afternoon, September 4, at 2.30 o'clock.

Recent visitors at O. K. Pierce's cottage at Sandy Pond are Walter S. Pierce, Valjean C. Herbert Pierce, Newton, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kelley, Dorchester; Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Boutelle, Danvers; Mrs. Mary A. Walton, Muscogee, Fla.; Mrs. Eliza B. Cloyes, Cambridge; Mrs. Geo. M. Kendall, Leominster; Misses Mary and Hester Lowe, Fitchburg; Richard Lowe, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Horton, Leominster.

John H. Pender, Frank Donahue and Martin Donahue have returned from a vacation at York Beach. They report a fine time.

Wellman J. Delano of Ludlow, Vt., a former warden of the town farm, was down for a few days this week. While here he attended to some repairs on his house near the town farm.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Casey and family of Lawrence are at the Donlon cottage, Sandy Pond, for two weeks. Miss Florence I. Cole has been spending two weeks at Vineyard Haven.

Archibald McDonald is laid up with an injury to his right hand, the result of an accident at North Shirley, where he is employed on the state road in running a large stone crusher. Mr. McDonald while working about the machine got his hand caught in the crusher, but fortunately escaped with comparatively slight injuries.

Miss Helen Griffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Griffin, who has been teaching in Harrisville, R. I., has secured a position in Belmont and will begin her duties there at the beginning of the fall term Tuesday, September 8.

John McManama of Waltham road master on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad, has originated what is known as the friction rail. The rail as its name suggests is constructed with the idea in view of eliminating friction as much as possible in the movement of trains. Such friction usually comes on what is known as the inside of a curve where the flanges of the wheels are forced so hard against the rail as to impede the progress of the train in spite of the fact that a great deal more energy is used. In addition the friction increases the wear of the wheels and the rails. To do away with these conditions the new device will be used. The inside of the sharp curve between Phelps' mill and Worcester, Nashua and Portland division will be soon relaid with the new rails which are now there for that purpose.

At the Baptist church next Sunday the pastor will preach at 10.45, Sunday school at twelve. Union service at seven p. m. and Rev. Mr. Cox of Boston will preach.

There will be a meeting in the vestry of the Unitarian church Monday evening, August 31, at eight o'clock. All persons, old or young, whether members of the parish or not, who are at all interested in the future of the Unitarian church are urged to be present.

September 6 has been selected as the date of the wedding of Miss Violet Otis Thayer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Greenough Thayer of Southboro, and John Stanley Parker of Chardon, N. H., at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lawton.

The wedding will take place at Southboro, Mrs. Ogden S. N. Lougee and Geo. W. Stuart enjoyed the auto ride given by Wm. A. Wright on Wednesday last to Harvard and Prospect Hill. The views were fine from the hills.

Herbert H. Proctor has returned from a visit to his brother, Carl S. Proctor, in Buffalo, N. Y., and will resume his duties at Brown's clothing store on Monday morning. While away he visited Niagara Falls and other points of interest in that section.

Mrs. Max Bresnick and daughter Sylvia of Boston and Harry Ginsberg of the same city returned last Monday after a visit to their father, Max Ginsberg. The younger Mr. Ginsberg is attending Boston university for his fourth and final year in the medical school at the beginning of the fall term. During the vacation period he has been assisting at the Brookline hospitals and others in Boston. Mr. Ginsberg holds high honors in his studies and indications point to a most successful career in his chosen profession. He is a member of the American Red Cross society and is likely to be called at any time for service in the European war zone.

David H. Walsh and Joseph J. Foley of Division 7, A. O. H., attended the state convention of the order in Worcester Tuesday and Wednesday of this week as delegates from the division. Misses Hattie C. Cullinan and Mary Skerritt of L. A. 24 also attended as delegates from the local ladies' auxiliary.

The lawn party held on the Methodist church grounds Thursday evening was a very pleasant and successful occasion. The scene was lighted with Chinese lanterns and the church lights. The candy table was in charge of Mrs. Potter, Miss Lahey and Mrs. Lamoreaux; ice cream and cake were sold by Mrs. J. W. Wentworth, Miss A. M. Durgin and Mrs. Knox. The entertainment was some fine orchestra music by the boys from the Shirley Industrial school, directed by C. H. Barrows. The boy pianist has been suddenly ill in the afternoon and his place was acceptably filled by Mrs. Bessie Collyer of Shirley. One number was the Greek national song sung in Greek by one of the performers. The music was greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

The Unitarian Girls' club held a special meeting at Sandy Pond with the Misses Helen and Emma Kinney Wednesday evening. They accepted an invitation from Levi W. Phelps to attend the dance hall which has been building at Mitchellville. After the business meeting refreshments were served during a social hour.

Bliss J. Goss of the Harvard Shakers and his niece, Miss Nellie G. Gardner of Shirley left last Sunday for Presque Isle, Me., where they are visiting relatives. Mrs. A. E. Manzer of Shirley, formerly of Ayer, went with them and will visit Hartland, N. B., before she returns.

Henry Bercowich of Boston, a Boston socialist, who was expected to speak here last Saturday evening, failed to put in an appearance.

Clinton Lodge, N. E. O. P., are expected to visit Easter lodge of this town this Friday evening, coming by auto. All members are requested to be present as a good time is expected.

Principal A. J. Clough of Lawrence academy, Groton, and family have returned home after several weeks' stay at the Bruce cottage, Sandy Pond. A party of young men from Rutland are camping at Shady cottage.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., went to Harvard Thursday evening to witness the work of a third degree. There were about thirty from Ayer who went in John Wright's barge and William A. Wright's auto, from Groton and forty from West Acton. There were two candidates from this town and one from Groton. Supper was served after the work. A torch-light parade took place before the meeting and about a hundred participated in marching about the Center.

On last week Friday afternoon, at about 4.45, while waiting for the Ayer car at the corner of Middlesex and Central streets, Lowell, Evelyn, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Yates, was run down by an auto-driven by Miss Mary Devine of Lowell, and bruised about the head. She is getting along nicely.

Married in Ayer, August 26, by Rev. J. W. Thomas, Victor Dupras and Ann Gagnon, both of Westford.

On account of the great demand for tickets the presentation of the pageant given at Littleton in the recent celebration, which will be shown here this Saturday in moving pictures, Poullus brothers wish to announce that two exhibitions will be given, afternoon and evening. The afternoon show will begin at 3.15 and the evening show at 8.15. This feature is in addition to the regular show and will be given at each exhibition.

J. L. McMillan has returned to his home in Toledo, Ohio.

Governor David J. Walsh was in town last Sunday.

Michael Kane, of Boston, a former resident, gave us a call this Friday afternoon.

Guy Woods, of Chicago, Ill., and his brother, Ranger Woods, of Plymouth, were in town on Tuesday calling on friends. Mr. Woods is now taking up his residence in Chicago, where he is in the lively stable business in Fitchburg for years. He made the trip east all the way by automobile. Both he and his brother are well-known former residents of Ayer.

Frank F. Waters, of Groton, has entered a civil suit for \$20,000 against Albert E. Simmon, of Boston, for damages to his automobile and for injuries to himself and his daughter, Edith Waters, in an automobile accident on the Concord road, East Acton, on the evening of Thursday, August 6. At the time mentioned Mr. Waters, Charles Shattuck, his chauffeur, and Miss Waters were all riding in Mr. Waters' automobile which was coming in the opposite direction, badly damaging both cars and injuring Mr. Waters quite badly. Mr. Waters, who is a well-known lawyer, entered suit against the defendant, he being unable to make any settlement with the company who insured his automobile.

Rev. C. C. Wischmeier, pastor of the St. Church, who was here for several weeks, will reach here in time to conduct the services on Sunday, September 6.

Herbert J. Webb returned on Wednesday from a trip to Augusta, Me., where he visited his brother-in-law, while away he visited a brother in Whitfield, Me. Mr. Webb made the trip by automobile with George Foss, of New Rochester, N. Y., who has been spending his vacation in Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Barry and son and Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Murphy attended the cabaret show in Harvard on Wednesday evening.

Chief Beatty is on the watch for a horse and four sets of harness which were tracked down by Sheriff Keegan last night. The thieves were thought to be coming this way.

The Ayer Gun club defeated the Clinton Gun club in a fifty-bird match contest in the latter place last Saturday. The total score being Ayer 199 birds to Clinton's 195. The members of the teams and their scores were: Ayer—Kidder 46, Reynolds 41, Rynn 41, Carlson 38, Draper 33; Clinton—Boland 45, Rice 43, Rousseau 38, McWhirter 35.

The Ayer team, made the remarkable score of 46 birds broken out of a possible 50, having the highest score of the match. He really had a perfect shot having hit every bird, but as only those broken and credited with but 46. Rynn and Reynolds were tied for second honors with 41 each.

Roger Lawrence is confined to his home by illness.

Frank E. Harlow has returned to his home in Bangor, Me., after a vacation spent in Bangor, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lovejoy and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lovejoy are attending the New Hampshire Veterans' association meeting at The Augustus Lovejoy's automobile.

The Ayer Gun club is planning to present the drama "Neighbor Jackwood" in the near future.

Ayer to New York and return \$6.52. See P. Donlon & Co., agents, Ayer.

Severe Storm.

The most severe thunder and lightning storm has been experienced in this vicinity for many years occurred last week Friday afternoon. The lightning struck in several places and a number of people suffered slight but not serious injuries. George A. McGuane and David Hubbard, who were working on the dancing pavilion which is being built at Mitchellville by L. W. Phelps, received severe shocks, which for a time rendered them unable to continue work. These two men and others were engaged in putting the roof on the building when a terrific crash came followed by very sharp lightning striking all through an opening in the roof to the inside, but received but slight injuries aside from the shock. The rest of the men quickly dispersed and got under cover until the storm ceased.

Thomas Maynard, a telephone employee, connected with the local exchange, who with some fellow workmen were engaged in putting in a new telephone connection from the street to the house, received quite a shock. It is said that some of the workmen dodged when a vivid flash of lightning broke over the hill, which added a touch of humor to the otherwise serious situation.

The lightning entered the house on Fletcher street occupied by Alfred Maynard, breaking a large mirror and tearing out the window near the upper hallway and otherwise damaging the interior. Mrs. Maynard, Walter C. Fletcher, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard, with her infant daughter, had a narrow escape from being injured. The other occupants escaped harm.

Two trolley poles on the Fitchburg and Lowell street railway line were knocked down, an electric car was disabled and several fuses were burned out, causing a considerable monetary loss, but no accidents. Superintendent Cushman managed to keep the regular running schedule during the day and evening. Damage to the plant at Lowell, which furnishes part of the power for the line, caused a light delay in the running schedule Saturday morning on the early trips between Ayer and North Chelmsford. The Fitchburg and Leominster line was slightly affected by the storm, but no damage was done to the line.

Several other minor disturbances were reported in other parts of the town. The darkness accompanying the storm made it necessary for the business places and occupants of dwelling houses to use artificial lights.

The electric light system was slightly affected and was out of commission for about half an hour.

Reunion.

The seventh annual reunion of the Sandy Pond School association will be held at the old schoolhouse Saturday, September 5, afternoon and evening. The program for the day will be as follows: 9.30 a. m. to 1.30 p. m. open shortly after two o'clock for the transaction of business, reading

of reports and election of officers for the coming year, followed by a short entertainment. The committee on program has secured the services of Miss Bessie G. Whitney, reader, and Kenneth Barton Field, soloist, both of Amesbury, who will give other pleasing numbers on the program. Dr. Samuel A. Green, ex-mayor of Boston, and honorary member of the association, is expected to be present. At the close of the entertainment luncheon will be served and a social hour passed. All members of the association are expected to be present and all interested are cordially invited to attend. There will be a social dance in the evening commencing at eight o'clock.

District Court.

The case of Henry L. Fiske of Groton for assault and battery on Joseph C. Blakely came up on continuance for trial on Tuesday. The defendant was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$25.00 by Associate Justice C. F. Worcester, who presided. Fiske, through his counsel, Francis G. Hayes of Groton, appealed and was ordered to pay a fine of \$200 for his appearance before the superior court at Cambridge in September. The required bail was furnished. John M. Maloney represented the government. Mr. Fiske alleged that the defendant attacked him while the form was lying in bed and severely injured him on the hip and that he otherwise bruised him. The other witnesses who testified for the government were Chief of Police Dowling and Dr. G. W. Jones of Groton. The defendant made no defense.

Louis Palmer, John C. Hannon, William Waugh and Anthony Martin were found guilty of vagrancy and the complaints were filed.

Charles M. Goss of Fitchburg pleaded guilty of illegal sale of liquor at Pepperell and in court Monday was fined \$50. Sentence was suspended.

Associate Justice John M. Maloney has filed his decision on the inquest recently held on the death of Frank Kavachuk of Westford. The decision in substance says that Kavachuk came to his death by being struck by a railroad train while walking on a railroad track and none other than the dead man was responsible for the fatal accident.

Jacob Staimonic, of Grantville, was found guilty of using loud speech Friday morning. The case was placed on file upon the payment of expenses amounting to \$8.24.

Clipping.

The following clipping is taken from the Littleton, N. H. Courier: James Chase of Ayer, Mass., was before Judge Ben S. Webb in the Lisbon district court Saturday morning with the embezzlement of \$450.00, which belonged to his wife, Mrs. Lucy Chase.

The court testimony, under which the defendant was bound over to the grand jury, was substantially as follows: Mr. Chase became acquainted with his wife, who is the widow of the late Proctor Harris, a Civil war veteran, several months ago and they were married July 17, 1913. Previous to the marriage the couple decided to purchase a house and Mrs. Harris sent Chase a check for \$450 to apply on the transaction. He came to Lisbon on the evening of the wedding and resided in that town until one week ago, when the husband left unexpectedly.

Considerable anxiety was felt by Mrs. Chase, who is an elderly lady, since of her husband's absence she finally learned that he was in Derry. A warrant was then secured for his arrest and Officer Corey went to Derry and brought Chase back. He was found guilty to the charge of embezzlement, but engaged no counsel. G. W. Pike represented the prosecution and Judge Webb found probable cause and bound the respondent over to the next session of the grand jury.

Chase, who is over seventy years old, is alleged to have disposed of a part of the funds entrusted to him, although it is said he claims to have expended the missing money for the payment of rent on a house and for other articles for which the money was intended.

The ball was fixed at \$500 and as he was unable to pay the defendant was committed to jail to await a hearing. The case appears to be especially sad as both the interested parties are of advanced age.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The backlog harbor excursion to Nahant next week Wednesday will include the following: The club members who wish to join in this excursion are welcome. The party will leave town on the eight o'clock express and a fifty-trip ticket will be used to save the fare. The boat from Boston will meet the convenience of the excursionists.

Miss Emma E. Tenney is expected home from Plainfield next Monday. She speaks in emphatic language of the delightful outing she and Miss Shaw had during the club's excursion to Nahant and the pleasant automobile trips to centers of interest.

At the Congregational church Sunday there will be special music. Laurentia Webber, of Stoneham, is spending the week with Marcia Wilcox.

Mrs. Theodore Fletcher enjoyed a postcard shower and other pleasant attentions on Thursday, her birthday, and Mrs. J. A. Harwood was pleased with similar attentions on Friday, her birthday. Our oldest townsman, Orman Swings, will reach his ninety-seventh birthday next week.

Mrs. Walter H. Titcomb and daughter Ruth are spending the week in Ora Titcomb's cottage at Forge pond, and Mrs. George A. Cook is assuming household responsibilities at the Titcomb home.

The Littleton Historical society on Labor day, September 7, will make a trip to Groton by automobiles and visit points of interest there. All persons interested, whether members of the society or not, are invited to come. The start will be at two o'clock in the afternoon from the Reuben Hoar library. All who would like to go and who have no automobile conveyance, are asked to give early notice to F. H. Ayer, who will spare seats will also confer a favor by notifying Mr. Priest.

In order to meet the demand of the many people who desire to witness the recent pageant, Poullus brothers have arranged for an afternoon and evening exhibition. This will be an extra feature. The afternoon show will start at 3.15.

Miss Bessie Strong of New Brunswick, N. J., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Harwood.

Mrs. Arthur Blanchard of West Acton has been visiting her sisters, Misses Sanderson, at the old home-

Orlando Bowman of Foster street and Mrs. Bowman were the happy hosts of a tea given in honor of his seventy-seventh birthday Thursday evening. The invited guests included their daughter, Mrs. E. P. Wilcox, Mr. and Miss Wilcox and Misses Marie Wilcox, Mr. Bowman, graciously acknowledged the expressions of friendship from the neighbors who learned of the anniversary and dropped in informally and left agreeable tokens.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Kimball enjoyed a pleasant trip by boat to Bangor, Me., last Saturday, returning the following day.

Geo. H. Moore and family, after a pleasant visit with his father, James H. Moore, and other relatives in the East, have today for their Chicago home, going by automobile. Miss Vera Smith accompanies them for a visit in the middle west before returning to school duties.

E. P. Wilcox gave his family and the neighbors a straw ride last Wednesday after which the party enjoyed luncheon, bathing and a general good time at our popular picnic grounds in Long Pond grove. Several other parties were at Long Pond and the outings taken there are very frequent, so that it would seem to be a worthy object for some of our good organizations to construct a few bath houses for the convenience of the many bathers and swimmers who enjoy the warm water and sandy shores of this favorable resort.

The trustees of the Kimball Unitarian academy, Meriden, N. H., have elected Miss Ellen A. Kimball as preceptress of the department for girls and young women. Miss Kimball is well-known in town and is the founder and for many years the head of the well-known Kimball school for young women in Worcester.

Busy Littleton women will be cheered by the announcement of another social today for their benefit at this afternoon, August 29, at the usual time.

Rep. C. A. Kimball addressed the Pomona Grange meeting in Lincoln last Saturday, afterwards attending the meeting of Essex County Republicans at State Inn at Lynnfield.

Miss Dorothy Bladgett has been spending a week with her grandmother and aunts in Fitzwilliam, N. H.

Prof. and Mrs. L. L. Conant, of Worcester, are guests of his sister, Mrs. Amelia Wakefield, at Miss Marshall's.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant and daughter Caroline were among the guests who helped Mr. and Mrs. Hutch celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in Concord last Tuesday evening.

There will be a C. E. rally at the Congregational church next Wednesday evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. An entertainment and a social will constitute the chief features of the evening. All C. E. societies in town and in neighboring towns are invited.

Death.

The remains of Mrs. Mary Knowlton Harris, wife of Milan A. Harris, were brought Thursday noon from her home in North Leominster, where the W. R. C., of which she was a member, had held the funeral service in the forenoon. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery, where prayers were offered by Rev. O. J. Fairfield.

Mrs. Mary Knowlton Harris, who was a Littleton friend, was the youngest of four children born to Francis P. and Mary Dix Hartwell Knowlton. She first beheld the light of day in Hopkinton, N. H., in 1845. Her parents moved with her parents, George, her only brother, and Sarah and Nellie, her sisters, to Littleton and lived here for many years. She was married to North Leominster, her home ever since.

She is survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. Nellie F. Johnson, of Littleton.

Mrs. Harris had been out of health for a long time and it was known by her friends that she was suffering from Bright's disease. Her death was therefore not unexpected, but she was a surprise to those who had not learned of her falling health.

Mrs. Harris was a descendant of good Puritan ancestors and through her veins coursed noble blood. Her sympathy with organizations and people who were engaged in bettering and creating a pure atmosphere was well known to all her friends. During her long life in Littleton she affiliated herself with those societies and organizations that were engaged in moral advancement. She was a charter member of the King's Daughters and had no small share in moulding its character. Her attendance at the Unitarian church and her constant support of its organization, her interest in the library, the school, the library, and above all, the people of her home town and whatever was for their good made her removal from a matter of regret.

It has always given her genuine pleasure to join with her former townsmen in the annual Unitarian picnic at Whalom, and her anticipation of the event long in advance of the day well illustrated her loving fondness for her home town and the friends of her youth.

But she carried with her to her Leominster home the same kindly spirit of friendship for neighbors and all whom she could help. Her thoughtful devotion to household duties was but one of the traits that won for her the universal esteem of all who knew Mrs. Harris.

Bro. Taylor and Evolution.

We are forced to agree Brother Taylor that there are two classes of idiots—those that can't understand and those who won't. When a speaker uses a general like "labor" and explains in good, understandable English what he means by it I fall to see why any member of his audience should assume to know better what the speaker means than he does himself. Bro. Taylor's political friends clearly know what they mean when they go on the stump to plead for the labor vote and we cheerfully accept their interpretation of the term as they use it, but decline to mix it up with the terms as used by political economists. Prof. Perry, in his work on political economy, defines labor as "any effort, mental or physical that demands for itself something in return, which would seem to be plain enough."

The conclusion of Bro. Taylor and his political cronies that the reference to "labor creating all wealth" means hand labor only proves beyond reasonable doubt that the usual further explanation of the term is not yet superfluous. As the political economists understand the term Bro. Taylor admits there is no chance for argument. As Bro. Taylor interprets it we may as well call it settled.

We agree most heartily with Bro. Taylor that it is discouraging to see working men keep on using such terms as "labor" in public meetings, hoping they will vote for measures in the interest of labor. They

love us so just before election and are so frank in letting us know about it, it is very touching, but it does seem as though we have been fooled about times enough to learn something.

Bro. Taylor has a wonderful faculty of weaving about an idea a maze of words so complex as to confine a careless reader, but when he writes "Head labor does not organize" he stated simply what he claimed to be a fact, if we know anything about the English language, and no amount of squirming about difference in tactics from trade unions will get by the fact that "head labor" does organize. Objects or methods were not under discussion.

We observe when Bro. Taylor gets balled up about anything and cannot figure it out to his own satisfaction he lays the burden on the "universal and intangible law of evolution," which is a handy way out, but have a care Brother, the socialists put a good deal of responsibility on that same law and the first thing you know you will land in the socialist camp if you don't "watch out."

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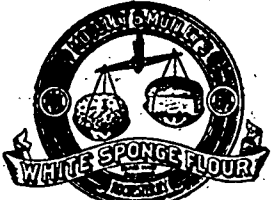
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To Josephine E. Farmer of Waltham in said County, administratrix of the estate of LYDIA ANN GOULD, late of Pepperell in said County, deceased; Charles W. Atwood of Newton in said County; Lydia M. Moulton and Anna Bacon all of Bedford in said County; James Carter of Concord in said County; William Carter of Chelsea, ss. and John Carter of Medway in our County of Norfolk; Whereas, ELIZA HOLYOKE of Marlborough in said County; and EMALINE A. NICHOLS of Claremont in the State of New Hampshire have presented to said Court for allowance and praying that said Josephine E. Farmer be by process of said Court restrained from further acting as administratrix as aforesaid and that the decree of this Court appointing her as such administratrix be revoked.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have against the same.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you who may be found within the Commonwealth within ten days, at least, before said Court, and by publishing the same once a week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Herald, 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 twentieth day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3149 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

SHIRLEY.

News Items. Mrs. Hattie W. Evans, of this town, and her sister, Miss Sarah M. Edgerton, and C. F. Edgerton, of Concord, have given the Universalist church the sum of \$5000, the income of said amount to be used in supporting the church.

George H. Greenleaf, of Ayer, has purchased the smaller house of the two on Harvard road owned by John H. Will, which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Saboll. Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf bought for a residence.

Wilbur Nelson, twenty-two years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nelson, was operated upon at the Boothby hospital, Boston, on Monday. The operating physicians were Drs. Nichols, Thompson and Loder, and was for a decompressed tumor at the base of the brain, which was simply relieved, as is usual in such cases.

Mrs. John Kolowrath, of Taunton, a resident of this town, who has been visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Grey, of Taunton, spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Badstubner.

Mrs. George Ryan and little son, of Harvard, were recent visitors to the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. H. Bliss.

The Shirley baseball team defeated the Littleton team on the Shirley grounds last Saturday afternoon by a score of 22 to 2.

Chester W. Phelps, who is at the Clinton hospital, recovering from the effects of a serious operation, is improving nicely from day to day.

On the petition of the Shirley Electric Light Company, a hearing will be held in Engine hall this week Saturday evening to take action relative to the location of poles on Shaker, Parker and Great roads; also, on Haskell street.

Henry W. Brockelman has almost fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mrs. Elizabeth Willard, the mother of Mayor Edward E. Willard of Chelsea, has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Charles H. Bliss.

Mrs. Joseph Walsh, of Ayer, with son Carroll, are spending this week at the home of her parents; Mr. and Mrs. Badstubner.

Mrs. Charles Miner, with daughter Kathleen, is spending this week at Keene, N. H., with her daughter, Miss Mabel Miner.

Miss May Reardon, of Norwood, is visiting her cousin, Miss Anna Lougee.

Mrs. George Herson and two children, Clara and Frances, are visiting in Provincetown.

Mrs. Jeremiah O'Neil left Wednesday to spend the rest of the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Flynn at Revere Beach.

Mrs. Charles W. Marshall has been presented with a sixty-five-foot flag pole. The pole is made of Scotch larch. Mr. Longley, of Ayer, erected the pole on Wednesday.

The Matrons' Aid met Tuesday with Mrs. N. R. Graves. A dainty lunch was served and the meeting much enjoyed.

Russell Miner, who is now working in Everett, spent the week-end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miner.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt, with young son, motored from Gilchristville last Sunday to visit their uncle, Edwin E. Winterbottom.

Thomas E. Whitaker is negotiating for the purchase of the Jacob C. Beach house.

Mr. Bohanon fell down stairs and broke his shoulder while visiting his daughter in Nashua the first of the week.

Ayer to New York and return \$6.52. See P. Dunlop & Co., agents, Ayer.

Center. Mr. and Mrs. Beatey, who have been spending two weeks at W. E. Barnard's, returned last Saturday to their home in Cambridge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams are entertaining their niece, Irene Moulton, of Townsend, for a few days.

Mrs. Gelsner and two sons, of Dorchester, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Farmer at Woodsville.

Everett Buxton has returned to his home in Woodsville after spending a week with his grandfather, Myron Harvey, in Lunenburg.

Mrs. Percy W. Kenway, of Newton, was a guest at the home of Miss Helen M. Winslow last week.

Mary Grout is spending a few days with friends in Dorchester.

Miss Alison B. Winslow spent several days this week at the home of Mrs. Percy N. Kenway in Newton.

In place of the meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening, September 1, a public entertainment will be given, which will consist of two farces and musical selections. Following the entertainment a social dance will be held. The proceeds of the entertainment are to go toward a fund for the purchase of a new piano for the town hall.

Robert H. J. Holden is spending the latter part of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dustin at Reading.

Rev. H. A. Bridgman arrived home last week from Europe on the steamer "France," after being delayed for several weeks on account of the war. Mr. Bridgman went to Europe as a member of a peace commission which was to meet in Switzerland, but on account of the war had to change his plans and return home.

The First Parish Branch Alliance held a very successful lawn party and sale of music Thursday of two farces on the First Parish lawn despite the unfavorable weather. The tables were in the charge of the following: Ice cream, Mrs. Thomas Hazen, Mrs. Mary Nickless; aprons and fancy articles, Miss Agnes Holden, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. E. J. Miller, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Eldon Price, Mrs. Cora Hills; candy, Mrs. Luther E. Holden. The entertainment which consisted of vocal selections by Miss Alison B. Winslow, accompanied by Miss Harriet Winslow, was held at the home of Mrs. Anna Dakin on account of an accident to the piano in the church. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation by Mrs. H. A. Bridgman in behalf of the Alliance, of a remembrance in the form of a dime shower to Miss Winslow, who is to be married September 8.

A party of about twenty-five, consisting of members of the Pevear family and friends, in four automobiles, were visiting the home of Mrs. H. F. Grout, returned last Saturday to her home in New York.

Miss Sara M. Webb, who has been studying music with Wesley Wyman, and who has been staying at the home of Mrs. H. F. Grout, returned last Saturday to her home in New York.

Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Bumpus and little daughter, Theodora, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Miss Pauline Sweetser, of Chelsea, arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sweetser, on Wednesday. Miss Sweetser is suffering from illness and is confined to her home under the care of a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moulton in Malden.

Harry N. Brown took a trip to the White Mountains last week.

Rev. E. B. Saunders will preach at the First Parish church on Sunday morning at 11.15. His sermon last Sunday was on "bread of life" was practical and ably delivered.

Mrs. Robert English and son Richard, of Revere, have been visiting at the home of Mrs. A. S. Burnham, of Woodsville.

The Camp-fire Girls, who have completed their new costumes, held a ceremonial meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Ware on Hazen road.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed and family expect to close their summer home on Center road soon and return to their home in Wollaston.

Forrest B. Wing, of Roxbury, was a visitor last Saturday at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adams.

Miss Ruby T. Crockett, of Ayer, spent a few days this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. L. Crockett, at the North.

E. J. Mills received second money in a race last week in New York with his horse Hutechster.

Miss Marion L. Holden leaves this week for Greenwich, where she begins teaching school on Monday.

New Advertisements.

PUBLIC NOTICE. On and after this date I shall claim no wages for my son Arthur Laws, nor pay any bills of his contraction. B. H. LAWS. Townsend, August 21, 1914. 3150

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of BEATRICE ESTES late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to ELLEN S. ESTES, of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on her bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of September, A. D. 1914, 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 Herald, 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 twenty-first day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3151 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Registrar.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY J. SEARLES late of Townsend in said County, deceased.

MAULED BY A LION.

An Unexpected Attack and a Perilous and Exciting Mixup.

Captain C. H. Stigand was once mauled by a lion, and he recounts the adventure in his "Hunting the Elephant in Africa." The captain had shot a lioness, and while watching the body from a tree he saw two lions approach. They stood over the lioness and roared alternately for half an hour. He succeeded in shooting them both, but on approaching the body of his second victim he found that it was not quite so dead as it had seemed.

"I approached the edge, and immediately the inert mass assumed life and, with a roar, sprang on me with one bound. The orderly, who was a few yards behind me, immediately retired precipitately. As the lion sprang I fired into his chest, and he landed on me, his right paw over my left shoulder, and he seized my left arm in his teeth. As my left arm was advanced in the firing position, it was the first thing he met.

"The weight of his spring knocked me down, and I next found myself lying on my back, my left arm being worried and my rifle still in my left hand underneath my body. I scrambled around with my left arm still in his mouth until I was kneeling along side of him and started pommeling him with my right fist on the back of the neck. He gave me a final shake and then quickly turned round and disappeared in the grass a little nearer to the station than I was."

The author adds that he was drenched with blood, and upon examination he found eight big holes in his arm and three claw marks on his back, a damage that partially disabled him for two years. He remarks modestly that since that adventure he has bagged seven more lions.

THE OLD TIME "YE"

It Was Simply an Abbreviation and Was Always Pronounced "The."

How does it happen that in copying and reading ancient manuscripts we call the character our ancestors meant for "the" by the ridiculous "ye?"

They said "the" just as we do, and the only apparent reason for mistaking the character is that two centuries ago the letter "h" was usually written with a tail below the line and with a raised top, which made it look like our "y."

Then the word was so frequently used that it was contracted, just as the word "and" was then treated and continues to be treated to this day by many of us.

When I was a boy, more than eighty years ago, the alphabets in our school books always ended with the "shor" and. We called it "ampersand" and considered it a neat snapper when we rattled off the alphabet. Sometimes when sufficiently cultured we gave it the full title "and-per-se-and."

Now, it is likely that our "e" will become obsolete, just as "ye" has become. Then our descendants of the next century or two will be puzzled perhaps, but I do not think they will be so foolish as to say "ampersand" when reading our manuscripts and coming to the little quirk we meant for "and." Do let us drop saying "ye."

—Dial.

Not an Octet.

Cyril Maude, the English comedian, was talking about class distinctions. "They are less marked with you than with us," he said. "Here you all talk alike—the shopgirl's accent differs in no wise from that of a Stuyvesant or a Roosevelt. But with us the lower classes talk a disgraceful jargon."

"The 'h' especially. The lower classes can never master that 'h' in my youth I once heard a stage manager rehearsing 'Faust.' He had sprung from the people, poor chap, and he conducted the rehearsal like this: 'Old your 'ands on your 'ips, 'old up your 'eads and look 'aughty. You're not on 'Amptstead 'Eath, now—you're in 'Adees. Now, 'asteen off 'urriedly, with a look of 'ate.'

"'But, sir,' said I, 'there's only six of us.'—Washington Star.

The Practical Side of Music.

He was a lover of music who had just been to hear Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" and he was expatiating upon its beauties to an unresponsive friend whom he observed to yawn. The music lover was hurt. "Look here, John," he protested, "don't you think that music is of some practical benefit in life?"

"Oh, yes," said the unresponsive one. "Why, judging from the portraits I have seen of eminent musicians, especially pianists. I should say that music is great to keep the hair from falling out."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Not Guilty.

Lawyer—You understand what you are to do in court now, don't you? Client—Yes, I guess so. Lawyer—When the court asks you whether you are guilty of manslaughter or not you say "guilty." Client—But I can't do that, my conscience wouldn't allow it. Lawyer—Why? Client—Because it wasn't a man I killed. It was a woman.—New York Globe.

Very Thrilling.

She—The life of a secret service man must be very thrilling. He—Yes, that's what I thought when I read of one of the president's guards falling asleep standing up.—Buffalo Express.

Impatient.

"Do you tell your husband everything?" "Why, I can't. He won't listen to me over two or three hours on a stretch."—Washington Herald.

Aim only at that which is within reach and trust the big things to time and the spirit.—Towne.

A Persistent Poisoner By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

The use of the poisoned needle is not new. In the early part of the seventeenth century a man named Tebaldo in Venice invented an instrument in the form of a key from which he shot a tiny needle into the flesh of one he wished to kill.

In Rome during the period when the use of poisons was an art in Italy there occurred a similar case to that of this Venetian. One Lorenzo Luchese went from Florence to Rome, taking with him a more minute knowledge of poisons and poison methods than existed anywhere except in the city on the Arno. There was something uncanny about him that soon turned the Romans against him. A certain young lady, Bianca Ranzine, attracted the attention of the stranger, and he was observed to cast longing eyes upon her. But she was betrothed to a noble Venetian, Riccardo Mantel, and it was assumed that Luchese's love was hopeless. But one day Signorina Ranzine's lover after having mingled with a crowd, witnessing a race on the Corso was seized with a sharp pain and died within a few hours. It was supposed he died of heart disease.

Not long after this Luchese proposed to Signorina Ranzine for the hand of his daughter. The application was declined on the ground that the lady's heart was buried with the lover she had lost and she would never marry. Luchese said that he would not give up hope and took every means to ingratiate himself with Signorina Ranzine. But she took a dislike to him and would have nothing to do with him.

After awhile the young lady met a man named Francesco Demetrio, a handsome man, and in other ways a charming man, who fell desperately in love with her and won her from her intended celibacy. They became engaged, and Bianca's friends rejoiced that the heart of one so young would not after all be buried. Demetrio had heard something from Florence about Luchese that put him on his guard against the man.

Every one knew that Luchese had cast longing eyes on Bianca Ranzine before the death of her betrothed and that he had proposed for her hand soon after his death. Moreover, poisoning being much in vogue at that time, there were those who believed that Riccardo Mantel had not died of heart disease, but had been secretly poisoned. Demetrio after hearing the reports from Florence about Luchese strongly suspected not only that Mantel had been poisoned, but that Luchese had been the poisoner.

However, he kept his own counsel, and at the same time a strict watch on Luchese. If Demetrio was in any room where Luchese was present he would immediately leave. On several occasions he noticed that the Florentine tried to get near him, but he had always prevented his doing so by moving away. One day Demetrio was talking with a friend on a street on a fete day when a procession of the church was passing and suddenly felt a sharp pain in his arm. Turning, he saw Luchese pushing his way from him among the crowd.

"Seize that man!" Demetrio said to his friend. "He has punctured my arm and doubtless poisoned me."

The friend gave chase and caught Luchese. As soon as he laid hands on him he felt a sharp pain in his hand. There happened to be a doctor in the crowd, who, learning what had occurred, asked Demetrio to show him where he had been pricked. So small was the wound that it could scarcely be discovered, but the doctor whipped out a lancet and cut away a piece of the flesh. Demetrio's friend, having turned Luchese over to an officer, came reeling back, and the doctor, learning that he, too, had been pricked, treated his hand as he had treated Demetrio's arm.

The doctor took both pieces of flesh to his house, and on putting them into bits found in each a small needle not half an inch long. Whether there had been poison in either of them he could not tell, but the evidence was strong enough against Luchese to insure his conviction. He was searched as soon as arrested, but nothing incriminating was found on him. His house was searched, and in it were found a variety of poisons and a little box containing needles similar to those that had been put into Demetrio and his friend. The instrument with which he had shot the needle into the flesh was picked up on the street near where the attack had been made. It was simply a small brass tube with a spring in it, which could be loosened by a pressure of the thumb.

Luchese was tried and executed. Demetrio suffered but little from the effects of the puncture, but his friend was ill a long while.

The fact that Mantel had doubtless been poisoned by himself was kept from her. Indeed, she was not informed that Luchese had tried to poison her second lover. After Luchese's execution she and Demetrio were married, and great interest was manifested in the wedding, for every one except the bride knew that one lover had been murdered and the second had nearly met the same fate.

But it was not to be expected that what was common property could be kept from her always. She learned in time and in consequence always dreaded that her husband might fall at the hands of some secret enemy.

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ACUTE APPENDICITIS.

It is Dangerous Only When There is Delay in Operating. "Acute appendicitis calls for immediate surgery," says Dr. Wesley Grove Vincent, instructor in surgery at the New York Postgraduate Medical School and Hospital. Dr. Vincent insisted that there was no medical treatment for acute appendicitis and that the mortality following operation was always due to delay, the surgeon being called in when too late.

"The percentage of mortality in operations for acute appendicitis undertaken in the early stages of the inflammation is shown by hospital statistics to be very low. It is practically nil. The mortality in medically treated cases, that are allowed to go on to gangrene and rupture with general peritonitis is practically 100 per cent, while late surgery in such cases saves comparatively few."

Appendicitis is common among children between five and fifteen years of age. There is no particular food that can be singled out as especially liable to cause it unless possibly fruits having small pits or seeds. Delay is more dangerous in children than in adults. The symptoms described by Dr. J. B. Murphy come in definite order at approximately regular intervals. They are: First, pain in the abdomen, sudden and severe; second, nausea and vomiting within a few hours, most commonly within three or four hours after the onset of pain; third, general abdominal sensitiveness, most marked on the right side or, more particularly, over the appendix; fourth, rise of temperature two to twenty-four hours after onset of pain.—New York World.

KNOW THE WORD "KIRK."

But Went Astray When He Followed It Into the Turkish.

To hold down successfully the job of governor of a state or vice president of the United States one does not have to be up on oriental languages. So the Honorable Thomas R. Marshall never hesitates to tell this on himself: It was at a reception in Indianapolis which took place when the Bulgarian army was driving the Turks out of Thrace. The battle of Kirk Kelliseh had just been fought.

"Odd name that—Kirk Kelliseh," said the then governor of Indiana. "It means 'Forty Churches,' or, rather, mosques. Now, isn't it queer that the word 'kirk,' which, as we all know, stands for 'church' in the Scotch vernacular, and which appears in German and other languages of northern Europe, should have precisely the same meaning in Turkish? It makes us wonder whether all tongues may not have had a common source, and if that is so it would probably be found that that source was in the east."

There was murmured applause from every one except an unobtrusive little professor, who had been hovering near the group.

"Pardon me, governor," he piped up, "but your conclusions, while interesting, might be called—er, a little misleading. It is perfectly true that Kirk Kelliseh is the Turkish for 'Forty Churches,' but it is the word 'kelliseh' that means a place of worship, while 'kirk' means 'forty.'"

And the professor was right.—New York Sun.

A South Pole Hero.

Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian who put the south pole on the map, was born in Sarpsburg, Norway, July 16, 1872. His youth was spent in Christiania and on board sealers and whalers commanded by his father, Captain Jens Amundsen. He was twenty-five when he entered on his first south polar trip as the first officer of the Belgica expedition. This journey lasted two years and filled the young sailor with aspirations for further explorations in the frozen regions. His parents wanted him to become a physician, and he spent a year in a medical college. Later he went to Germany to study sciences that would aid him as an explorer. His first notable feat was to take a ship through the northwest passage, and on this trip he twice wintered in the ice.—New York World.

Not Catching.

Jane's sister was coming home from normal school. "Why is she coming home?" asked the neighbor. "Is she sick?" "Yes, she is very, very sick," said Jane.

"What ails her?" asked the neighbor. "Well, I don't know exactly. Mamma had a letter from the principal, and he said it was lack of mental ability. I don't know whether it is catching or not."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mystified.

Little Elizabeth was telling her first dream to her grandma and her auntie. Her mother, who was listening, asked her a question about it, whereupon Elizabeth looked up wonderingly and said: "Why, you were there, mamma. Don't you 'member'?"—Lippincott's.

Lifelike.

Admirer—Where did you get that heartrending description of a sick child? Great Author—It's the way my boy says he feels when he wants to get out of going to school.—Life.

Only a Comparison.

Smith—Does your wife think you're the best man who ever lived? Jones—Of course not! I'm her second husband.—Judge.

The greatest fool is the one who fools himself.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town. Miss Hattie Blood, from Chicago, made a short visit to the Old Home Week and stopped over night at Mrs. Sarah Sullivan's.

Clyde Eaton returned to his home in Manchester last Saturday after spending a few weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa E. Eaton.

Mrs. Sarah Gilman and other friends from Nashua were in town on Old Home Day.

The sum of \$146 was cleared at the sale and entertainment given on Monday evening of Old Home Week by the ladies of the R. and C. society. This was added to the funds for the church improvement fund.

A beautiful painting of the Madonna was done by Fannie Emerson, formerly of Hollis, and given to the ladies of the R. and C. society for their sale which they held on Monday evening, August 17.

Miss L. E. Worcester purchased the painting and has presented it to the ladies' parlor.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert French entertained some relatives for a few days last week from Middletown, Conn. They made the trip in their auto.

Mrs. L. J. Clarke, who recently purchased the Stickney place, has accepted the position as teacher in the grammar school here.

Miss Harriet Babson, of Gloucester, Mass., who with her parents and brother have boarded two weeks at Mrs. Maxwells, has been taking lessons in horse-back riding of Miss Castle, who has charge of Camp Delta at Silver Lake.

Work is progressing on the foundation for the new building which is to be erected on the site of Cranford Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Goodwin and son, Miss Mary Childs, Miss Ethel Goodwin and Mr. and Mrs. George Hillis and family attended Old Home Day in Mason on Thursday of last week, returning home on Friday.

During the severe electrical storm of last week Friday afternoon the barn at William H. Lund's was struck by lightning. Fortunately no damage was done, just a few shingles being ripped off.

Miss Grace E. Marshall, who has been nursing in Nashua for several months past, has returned to her home in town.

Members of the different Hills families in town attended the annual Fletcher picnic held on last week Monday at Pepperell Spring Grove. They report a large gathering and a most enjoyable time.

William H. Jordan, of Gloucester, Mass., has been spending a week in town with friends and relatives and boarded with Mrs. Mabel Guehing while here.

Miss Jessie McClure, of Nashua, spent just the past week at Miss Abby Read's.

Miss Elizabeth Dudley, of Reed's Ferry, visited in town recently with some of her young friends.

Miss Carrie Denault spent a week in Nashua recently visiting relatives.

Miss Nellie Britton was given a household shower by her friends last week in honor of her approaching marriage to Carl Shephardson. She received many useful and pretty presents. The shower took place at Mrs. Flora Hardy's.

Willis Hayden and Miss Grace Tripp returned to Dover last Saturday in Mr. Hayden's auto.

Mrs. Winifred H. Woods and two children returned to Clinton, Mass., last Saturday after a seven-weeks' visit at the Winnisimmet with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Norris.

Clarence Norris, of Chelsea, Mass., came to town last Saturday in his auto and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Norris.

Waldo A. Flagg and family; also, Miss Jennie Morrison and Daniel Goodwin drove to Mason in Mr. Flagg's auto last Saturday for Old Home Day there and returned home on Friday.

Miss Mary Childs, of Mason, who has been visiting at her sister's, Mrs. Emma Goodwin, returned to her home in Mason last week.

Miss Ruth Goodwin and Carroll Reed returned to Mason last week for Old Home Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Irving, who have been stopping at Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Strong's, expect to remain there for some time.

Miss Fannie Emerson, of Lynn, Mass., was in town for Old Home Day and spent a few days afterwards with her cousin, Mrs. Lizzie Russell.

William H. Lund and family were in Dunstable on Sunday.

Charles Stack was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardy recently.

Mrs. Rebecca Richardson, who has been gradually failing of late, still continues to be very weak.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wetmore have recently been visited by two sisters, Mrs. George W. Colburn, of East Hollis, who has been at the Ocean House, Hampton Beach, for several weeks, has returned home for a time, but expects to return to the beach again before the season closes.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hale have been having their annual outing at The Weirs the past week.

Mrs. George W. Manning and daughter have been recent guests at Francis Lovejoy's.

R. E. Tenney and family are having a visit from his brother, William Tenney, of Illinois. Mr. Tenney has not been in town for over thirty years and notices many changes in people and places in this length of time.

Mrs. Grace Britton Hodgkins and little child have returned to their home after making a visit with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Britton.

William W. Pierce, who has been quite poorly, is much better and able to ride out the past week.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. A. W. Britton, her youngest daughter, Nellie was united in marriage to Carl Shephardson, a former high school teacher here. Her sister, Miss A. L. Britton, and Chester A. Andrews were bridesmaid and best man. The wedding march was played by Elwin S. Wheeler and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert M. French. The home was very prettily decorated with goldenrod and cut flowers. The presents were many and beautiful, consisting of cut glass, silver, china, linen and money. After lunch the happy couple left in an automobile amid a shower of confetti. Their place of residence had not been fully decided upon.

During the severe electrical shower last week Lawrence R. Small's residence was struck. It fortunately did little damage, but Mr. Small, who was sitting in the room at the time, was thrown to the floor and stunned quite badly. Fred G. Muzzey's house was also struck, but not in a dangerous

done. During the shower forty-four telephones were put entirely out of order and all but three were fixed before evening.

At the next regular meeting of Hollis Grange, which comes on next Tuesday evening, the public are cordially invited to attend as it will be a public meeting. S. Percy Hooker, of Concord, state superintendent of highways, will be present and address the audience on "The country highways and state roads." A musical and literary program will also be in order.

Guests at Charles W. Smith's last week were Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Andrews, of West Somerville, Mass.

William H. Jordan returned to Gloucester, Mass., Tuesday. His return home was sooner than he anticipated on account of ill health.

News Items.

C. J. Bell entertained a large party of the Fryshire club at his home last week Friday to attend a meeting of the club, and incidentally to partake of one of his good dinners. Owing to the severe storm a large number were detained at home, but those who did go were well entertained.

Mr. Weigles, from Durham college, visited Daniel Goodwin on Saturday and Sunday. He played the violin for the choir Sunday forenoon.

Miss Hattie Kendall spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Jewett, the past week.

James Jewett came to town Monday to spend a week with his relatives.

Mrs. Goodwin returned Tuesday evening from Bear Camp, Crafton, North Newry, Me., after a four-weeks' absence. She has had a delightful time, visiting the White Mountains while away and other places of interest.

Miss Bella Hamlet is visiting at J. A. Lawler's this week, calling on other old Hollis friends.

Ayer to New York and return \$6.52. See P. Donlon & Co., agents, Ayer.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Quigly, Leo Quigly and Carl Johnson, all of Waverton, have been guests this week of Miss Catherine Dugan.

Mrs. Charles Russell entertained a sister and a niece last week.

Francis Lawrence has sold his summer home here on High street.

Capt. A. H. Taylor has returned from a short visit in Boston.

Walter Rockwood and family and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wallace, of Townsend, enjoyed the day recently at Rocky pond.

Edward E. Gerrish is still very low at last reports.

Mrs. Nellie O'Connell is away for a few days of much needed rest.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodlin, of Milford, who attended the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Fuller last week, were unintentionally omitted from the list.

Joseph Reagan has been more comfortable of late.

Summer vacationists have been at the homes of George Nye, Charles Gilson, William Hall, Stephen Barnaby, Mrs. Marlon Hobart, Charles Wilkins, Mrs. Nellie O'Connell, Peter Rockwood, and others.

Stephen Barnaby has fourteen fresh-air children this week, and Mrs. Charles Gilson has fifteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec McLean and son, of Mason, were recent guests at the home of Harry Campbell.

Miss Helen Dobson, of Townsend, with guests from Brookline, were in town last week as guests at the home of Harry Campbell.

Miss Marion Stiles has returned from Plymouth to spend the remainder of her vacation here with her mother.

Roy Rockwood, a popular conductor on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, with his mother, Mrs. Arthur Rockwood, of Cumberland, Md.; also, Mr. and Mrs. George Lund of Nashua, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLean on last Sunday.

Brookes Carter and sister, Bertha Carter of Oak Bluffs, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Etta Rockwood, at South Brookline.

The seventeenth annual fair of the Ladies' Aid society was held at the academy hall on Tuesday evening. Winifred Hamilton Bent entertained with readings. Mr. and Mrs. S. Powers furnished music, piano and violin. Ice cream, cake, candy, food and fancy articles were on sale.

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Saturday, August 29, 1914.

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About Town.

John Woodward, of Mechanicville, N. Y., has been the guest of his cousin, Charles Foss, on High street. James Attridge and family and Mr. and Mrs. George Tarbell have been occupying a cottage at Sandy pond, and Mr. Attridge attends to his business in town, going back and forth in his runabout, usually accompanied by Mr. Tarbell.

Mrs. Charles Goff has been visiting her brother at Gardiner, Me. in company with her sister from Hillsboro. Mrs. Agnes (Hobbs) Dickerson, of Nashua, was a week-end guest with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Hamilton, at the Homestead.

The Mould Shoe Company's shop has been shut down for a week or so. Some of the girl operatives have been found work at the card shops in town.

Misses Lena and Susie Thompson left town on Friday for a short vacation among friends and relatives in Fitchburg, Quincy and Haverhill. They expect to be away two weeks.

An active chimney fire at the Homestead on Sunday morning was quietly managed by a still alarm by telephone and quick control by Driver Lakin from the engine house. No damage was done to the rooms about the chimney, and the chemicals were much nearer than a flood of water from a hydrant.

Little Esther Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, was taken to the Emergency hospital in Nashua on last Saturday for the removal of adenoids. She is now improving.

Frederic Wilson, who has been spending the summer vacation with his parents at Willsboro, Pa., to resume his vocation as teacher.

Rev. T. I. Coghlan and Miss Coghlan, his sister, arrived home last week, landing at Boston. They sailed from Italy three weeks before they intended on account of the war on the continent.

Francis Lawrence came from Manchester, N. H., on Saturday, being entertained at the Homestead. The object of his coming was the disposal of his summer home at Brookline, N. H. He was the guest of R. H. Blood before leaving town.

The speedy young sorrel colt recently purchased by William Mault, established a new record on the track last week, although no time was given. In company with his brother-in-law, Mr. Mault went to Island Pond for a few hours' fishing. They secured the animal properly, as they thought, but on their return found it gone. It was traced along the country roads until it reached the railroad, and Mr. Mault learned it had tried to conclude with a freight train which came by behind, but finally left the track for the more regular line of travel. It was finally located in Dunstable, not much the worse for its adventures. The owner does not care to repeat the program, either for himself or the horse, however.

Sydney W. Chinn and family left town on Wednesday morning for their new home in Brighton. Their goods went by two auto trucks which came from the city, arriving here at six o'clock on Wednesday morning. Mr. Mault accompanied the party and later goes to her school duties in Merrimack, N. H.

Dorothy Drown, who resides with her uncle, Fred Drown, on Franklin street, is much improved in health since a recent operation for the removal of adenoids and tonsils. The operation was performed by Dr. Kittredge at the Emergency hospital, Nashua.

Arthur Bartlett is taking a week's rest from his duties at A. F. Parker's hardware store. He will visit his parents and sister at Springfield during part of the week.

Oscar Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Anderson, of Oak Hill, left town on Wednesday for Lafayette, Ind., where he has a fine position as teacher in the State Agricultural university.

Hale Jordan is taking a two-weeks' vacation from his duties in the fishing, rod and tackle, and Peppercell card shop. He has been in Boston part of the time and will spend the remainder of the vacation camping with a party of friends at Silver Lake, Hollis, N. H.

Mrs. Charles Pillsbury went to Durham, N. H., Friday to secure rooms for her son, Albert, who is to enter the Agricultural college there in September.

C. D. Hutchinson has been falling rapidly for the past two weeks and at this time of writing was very low.

Miss Canfield, the district nurse, has been enjoying a two-weeks' vacation, but is expected back for duty next week.

Mrs. H. G. Jordan was a week-end guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. Willett, at Lynn, returning on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred A. Parker has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Grace M. Hobson, and her children at the Peppercell card shop on Oak Hill. They returned to their home at Brockton on Thursday.

Lyman Robbins and wife returned home from their vacation trip on Thursday.

Carl Lawrence, son of American Lawrence, recently returned here from Leominster and will take the position on Mrs. M. H. Johnson's place left vacant by S. W. Chinn.

Mrs. Henry Shattuck returned on Monday from a visit of two weeks with her son at Alton Bay, N. H.

Communications received from Miss Annah Blood from London confirms the cablegram that she and her friends are in Liverpool on the American liner St. Paul on August 22. She also states that they have suffered no inconvenience in England

from the war. They were able to get American Express orders cashed and have not been obliged to call upon the "committee of safety" which has been established for tourists.

Mrs. Daniel Hardy entertained last week Miss Margaret Fisher, of New York, Mr. Thant, of Ambridge. This week her guests include Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, of Boston.

Mrs. John Marshall has recently returned to her home on Franklin street, having been nursing at the home of William Drumm on Shattuck street, where the birth of a son is announced.

Mrs. Sarah E. Patch celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday on last Sunday, attending morning service at her home church, the Methodist, and in the afternoon she received a number of relatives and friends at her home on Nashua street. She was the recipient of many postcards and other gifts.

Fales and Elliot Newhall, of Springfield, sons of the late Rev. William Newhall, are the guests of Rev. and Mrs. George Newhall, Townsend road.

Ada Spaulding was a guest last week at the home of her brother at Worcester, and with friends in Marlboro.

Miss Ann Murray went to South Boston on Monday to attend the funeral of a friend, Mrs. O'Hara. She will be remembered by many in town as she has spent several summers here with her daughter, Miss Kitty, at the homes of Miss Murray and Mrs. George Mahoney.

Harry B. Foster went to Greenfield and North Adams on business Wednesday.

Mrs. S. E. W. Marshall is entertaining her mother, Mrs. E. M. Conery, of Concord Junction, and her sister, Mrs. L. Dakin, and son Norman, of Medford.

Mrs. Sarah Titus and daughter, Miss Emily Titus, are visitors with Mrs. Alfred Boynton on Elm street. Mrs. Fay Wilson and two children, Evelyn and Ashley, are visiting at Woodstock, Vt.

Miss Ida E. Dow, of Boston, the well-known musician and instructor, visited in town on Monday at the home of Mrs. H. G. Jordan.

Mrs. Edward A. Johnson entertained Mrs. Herbert Kendall, of Nashua, and her son, Dean Kendall, from Bellows Falls, Vt., on Wednesday.

Betty Hutchinson left on Wednesday for a visit with relatives at North Adams, N. Y. She was feeling an eight-year-old importance concerning the journey, although rather in charge of a friend to North Adams.

J. M. Graham was in Boston on business on Wednesday of this week. Harris Tarbell and wife were recent guests at the home of Henry Lakin, from Boston.

The news of the birth of a little daughter into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gutterston, at Waltham, August 17, was recently received in town by relatives.

Madeline Murray visited her old friend, Mrs. Thomas Byrnes, at Derry, N. H., last week.

Guy Willoughby is visiting in town with his wife at the home of his father, J. Willoughby. He is taking an enforced vacation, both because of his late injury to his fingers and the shutting down of the Amoskeag mills. The inconvenience of his maimed fingers, however, is somewhat alleviated by the benefit he is receiving from the insurance company.

Miss Effie Merrill, of Boston, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Lucius Wilson, of Townsend street.

Miss Caroline Harrison, who has been spending the summer in Still River, has returned to the home of her grandfather, Deacon N. P. Smith.

William W. Dole attended the meetings at the Methodist camp ground at Sterling on Tuesday.

Miss Nettie Kimball recently visited friends in Dunstable for a few days.

Mrs. Campbell and son Everett, of Worcester, visited at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Spaulding, Groton road, last week.

Mrs. Wayland Angier, a former well-known resident of this town, who now resides at Oakham, has been visiting Mrs. W. W. Lunt. On Wednesday she went from here to visit friends in Brookline, N. H.

Origen Kimball, son of W. W. Kimball, Groton road, is visiting in Nashua this week.

Llewellyn Darby, of Hudson, a distant relative of Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker, visited her last week. Although but twenty-one years of age he has made it possible to enter Amherst Agricultural college with funds ahead for the year there, which he secured virtually unaided.

Wesley Gillespie came from Erie, Pa., for his vacation with his mother and sister on South street. He was joined here by his wife and little daughter, who have been visiting in Maine. They expect to return to their home at Erie the last of next week.

Joseph Mahoney visited at the home of his brother, Amos Mahoney, last week, returning to Middleboro Sunday.

Miss Marion Harrison, formerly of Pepperell, but now of Virginia, is visiting relatives and friends in town.

The regular monthly social of the Forward club will be held in the Congregational vestry on Friday evening, September 4. A special program has been arranged by the committee with the idea of having an especially fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman and children, who have been spending the summer with Mrs. Chapman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Dixon, on Townsend street, left for Long Beach, Mississippi, where Mr. Chapman is engaged in farming.

E. S. Grenache and Amos Mahoney have been at the Greenfield races this week with some of their fast horses. It is reported that one of these won first money. Mrs. Grenache and Mrs. Mahoney went to Greenfield on Wednesday in Bennett's auto for the day.

E. S. Durant took a load of people, neighbors and friends, to visit his family at Whalom on Wednesday. This is the second party whom he has invited and carried during the summer. About twenty went this time.

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Death of Former Resident. N. Augustus Lawrence, a former resident of East Pepperell, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Beach, in Fitchburg on Sunday, August 23. Mr. Lawrence suffered a paralytic shock in January from which he never recovered.

The deceased was born in Pepperell on February 8, 1830, the son of Nathan and Betsey (Shattuck) Lawrence, at the old Joel Shattuck place on the Nashua road, in the house now owned by Albert Lewis. Most of his life he spent in Fitchburg, during the period of his three marriages. He survived by four children—Charles Lawrence, of New Haven, Conn.; Albert Lawrence, of Chicago, Ill.; Orra Swazey, of New Haven, Conn.; and Mrs. William Beach, of Fitchburg; also, eight grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Mary Morrison, of Thompsonville, Conn.

The remains were brought to this town and services were held at the Congregational church at the residence on Tuesday afternoon in the absence of the pastor of the church Rev. P. R. Stratton officiated. Mrs. Julian Shattuck rendered the solo "There'll be no tears in Paradise," very effectively. Interment was in Walton cemetery.

Picnic Dinner. An old-day meeting with a picnic dinner in the pine grove held by the members of the East Village Social club of such a nature as Wednesday would cause many to wish they belonged to the club. A description of a most delicious chowder, concocted by the hostess, Mrs. Allan Parker, aided by her sister, Mrs. Fred Hartwell, will make the memory still stronger. Add to the menu some fine salads provided by Mrs. A. F. Parker and all the many dainties brought in the baskets of the members and the dinner would tempt even the most fastidious. It was enjoyed by the twenty-five members who were present and one guest, Mrs. Fred Nokes of New York city, who came with Mrs. S. M. Nokes. The afternoon was passed in the usual social way.

Dr. E. S. Durant, while proving a great help as an entertainer by putting forth marvelous powers as a fortune teller, wholly unsuspected by the guests hitherto.

Death. Anna E. (Gileon) Shattuck, wife of Otto K. Shattuck of this town, died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Elvira J. Gileon on Shirley street on Sunday, August 23, after a lingering illness. The deceased was born September 28, 1831, in Nashua, N. H., the daughter of the late Stephen Gileon. Her parents removed to Groton and most of her life was passed there up to the time of her marriage. She was married to Otto Shattuck September 27, 1852, and lived in Groton, where she endeavored herself to all who knew her. She was of a quiet, loving disposition and her patience and loving thought for others will always remain in the memory of relatives.

These brief three years of wedded life were made bright and happy in spite of her failing health by the constant devotion of a loving husband and relatives. Her simple, unobtrusive faith in God, her sweetened and cheered her through hours of pain and weakness and the angel of death found her ready and even glad to go to yonder where there will be no more sorrow.

Beside her husband she leaves a mother, Mrs. Josephine Gileon of Groton; a sister, Mrs. Laura Carlin of Groton; a brother, George Gileon of Groton; also, two half sisters, Mrs. A. J. Paul of Manchester, N. H., and Mrs. Paul Norman of Poultney, Conn.

Funeral services were held at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Gileon, on Tuesday, at two o'clock p. m., Rev. P. R. Stratton officiating. Mrs. Elvira H. Shattuck sang, "There will be no tears in Paradise," which had been a great favorite with the deceased. Interment was in Woodland cemetery, E. H. Blood officiating; the bearers being George Gileon, Allan Gileon and Chalmers Sherwood Shattuck. A profusion of beautiful flowers attested the love of her many relatives and friends.

Family Reunion. On Saturday, August 22, the descendants of Ebenezer Boynton to the number of thirty-four gathered at the old homestead on Oak Hill, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis A. Merrill. It was the first gathering of the kind ever held by the Boynton family. Out of a possible eighty, some twenty were present, some not having met for many years, were almost strangers to each other. The family of Isaac Boynton 2d was represented by Mrs. Elizabeth Boynton Smith and her husband, Mr. E. H. Boynton, son of Miss Maria Boynton and Luther Boynton, Joshua Boynton by John L. Boynton and family, Mrs. Charlotte Boynton Pierce and husband, Hannah Boynton Haynes by Mrs. Etta Boynton, Mrs. E. H. Boynton, Miss Helen Haynes of Lebanon, N. H., Harriett Boynton Shattuck by Mrs. Hattie Shattuck Mills of Lowell, Royal Boynton by his widow, Mrs. Josephine Taft Boynton of Townsend and the late Mrs. Dr. E. H. Boynton, Mrs. Mabel Boynton Wilson and husband, Miss Bertha Boynton, David Boynton by Mrs. Ella Boynton Carter, Mrs. Anna Boynton Merrill, Adelbert Boynton, Elmer Boynton of Watertown and their families.

Those unable to be present were Orlando J. Boynton of Reinbeck, Iowa, son of Levi Boynton, Mrs. Sybil Boynton Parsons of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Dr. Henry Boynton of Woodstock, Vt., and Mrs. Mary Huntington Abbott of Halifax, Mass., daughter of Sybil Boynton Huntington.

After greetings and welcomes had been exchanged, a delicious picnic dinner was served on the piazza by the younger members of the gathering. Then the company joined in a march to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," through the lower rooms encircling the large, old-fashioned chimney with its big, open fireplaces, concluded by a jolly sing in the square, west room. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in a tramp over the old farm, through the woods to the brook where all had played in their younger days.

The day was perfect and after a buffet supper the company separated in the late afternoon, all expressing the wish that there be another "Just like this."

Of European invention is a new life-boat for ocean-going vessels that will right itself if capsized and carry 100 persons, and which is equipped with a gasoline motor and wireless apparatus.

Knocking on the Door. To me all knocking at a closed door is fraught with the tragic, an imperative summons to open to the unknown, to suspend for the time the present action or conversation to make way for that which may not be denied. I have observed, with myself particularly, when in a room alone that a sudden knocking at the door, coming without previous warning as to who might wish admittance, suspends as if in mid-air the thought or act upon which I am engaged. A feeling of vague apprehension possesses me, a momentary wonderment at the sudden and unexpected interruption of thought. And I have observed, too, when in a room with others, that at a knocking at the door all will turn toward it, suspending action, leaving the speech uncompleted, with a strained expression in their eyes, as if fearing something disastrous, while the shadow of silence will fall upon us until the door is opened and the cause of the unknown summons discovered. Though the shadow of silence in such an instance is of such short duration and may fall so lightly upon some that it may be unperceived, to me it is none the less real.—Atlantic.

The Trick of Ski Jumping. The art of ski jumping is not so easy as it looks before trying, nor so hard to learn as it might appear after the first attempt. At the start, or takeoff, come down as though you were coasting on the ski, then at the moment of the takeoff bend the body well forward from the hips and throw as much of the weight as possible into the knees. As you leave the edge of the jump straighten quickly at the hips and secure as much as possible the effect of jumping straight out into the air. While in the air hold the arms as still as possible in the position that best preserves the balance, keep the ski points slightly down, as near as possible parallel with the slope of the hill. The body should be perpendicular to the slope and the skis kept well together. On landing advance one ski as far as possible without upsetting, bending the knee of the leg that is advanced. Keep the skis together and parallel. The rest is practice and more practice.—Outing.

Noncommittal. A certain chap named James was never known to take a decided stand on any question. With a view to trapping him into committing himself two friends went into James' office one day and started to talk about a buffalo eating grapes.

"Some people may think that a buffalo doesn't eat grapes," remarked one of the friends, "but when I was in the west a few years ago I saw one of them climb twenty feet into a tree to pluck off a bunch of the luscious fruit."

"A buffalo climb a tree!" incredulously exclaimed the other, "Who ever heard of such a thing? Say, Jim," he continued, turning to the non-committal one, "what do you think of a preposterous statement like this?"

"Why, I hardly know," was the calm rejoinder of James, "but there's no telling what a buffalo might do when he wants grapes."—Exchange.

He Was a Bit Fussy. The following letter was recently addressed to the general manager of an English railway:

"Please send me one tourist ticket for Penzance return (six months) for train leaving Paddington next Tuesday at 10.30 a. m. (arriving Penzance 6.30 p. m.). Please reserve corner seat facing engine as near center of train as possible—in lavatory carriage (no children), quiet company. Also luncheon (chicken) basket with glass hot milk and water (mixed) at 12 o'clock. Also tea basket China weak tea at 3 o'clock. Also 1 shilling for guard to rush the train, especially around curves and at inclines, and watch the signals well and machinery well oiled and not overheated."—London Express.

Seeing It Himself. An actor who recently was taken while on the stage by a cinematograph was greatly pleased with the result. Talking about it to a prominent dramatic critic, he said:

"It was the most extraordinary experience I ever went through—actually to see myself acting."

"Now," replied the critic, "you will understand what we have to put up with."—New York Globe.

A Balanced Rock. Near the summit of Mount Shattuck, in the village of Russell, Mass., is a granite balance rock which probably weighs about 100 tons. It touches its rest for about twelve inches and balances on a very small point, but it has resisted several determined attempts to dislodge it with a jackscrew.—Boston Globe.

Their Pride. "I am a self made man," said Mr. Umrox.

"And I suppose your wife and daughter are very proud of you?"

"Yes. Just about as proud as they would be of a homestead dress."—Washington Star.

Classifying Papa. "So," said Rob, "your engagement to Maud is broken off, is it? Why, I thought she just doted on you!"

"So she did," answered Tom, "but her father proved to be an antidote."

Not That Kind. "I understand that your wealthy uncle has entirely given up hope."

"Don't you believe it. That man has never given up anything."—Houston Post.

Steadiness is a point of prudence as well as courage.—L'Esrange.

Reduction in Price of Electricity

The SHIRLEY ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY announces that it has been able to negotiate a very favorable contract with the Connecticut River Transmission Company for a supply of electricity for lighting, power, heating and cooking for its customers in Shirley and neighboring towns, and that arrangements are now well under way by which the Shirley Company will supply low priced electricity to several towns and large power consumers in this vicinity. As soon as the necessary connections can be made the following rates will be put into effect:

Commercial Lighting table with rates for First 100 K. W. H. per month (10c. net), Next 100 K. W. H. per month (8c. net), Next 100 K. W. H. per month (9c. net), All over 300 K. W. H. per month (7c. net), Minimum charge, 75c. per month

Miscellaneous Energy (Off Peak) Including Heating and Cooking table with rates for First 50 K. W. H. or less per month (2 1/2c. net), Next 50 K. W. H. per month (2c. net), All over 100 K. W. H. per month (15 mills), Minimum charge, \$1.00 per month

POWER table with Class A (21 to 50 H. P. Installation) rates for First 100 K. W. H. per month of demand (2 1/2c. net), Next 50 K. W. H. per month of demand (2c. net), Next 35 K. W. H. per month of demand (15 mills), All over 185 K. W. H. per month of demand (12 mills); Class B (5 to 20 H. P. Installation) rates for First 100 K. W. H. per month of demand (3c. net), Next 50 K. W. H. per month of demand (2 1/2c. net), Next 35 K. W. H. per month of demand (2c. net), All over 185 K. W. H. per month of demand (15 mills); Class C (1 to less than 5 H. P. Installation) rates for First 50 K. W. H. per month (5c. net), Next 50 K. W. H. per month (4c. net), All over 100 K. W. H. per month (3c. net)

PEPPERELL.

Farewell Reception.

A pleasant informal reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Chinn and family on Monday evening at the Oak Hill hall. The affair was planned by their neighbors and friends when it became known that Mr. Chinn had decided to leave town. All who had worked with Mr. Chinn and his family in the many social events of the past year, endeavored to make this one of the pleasantest and one they might remember. There was a large gathering, about one hundred coming to join in wishing them Godspeed and many happy years in their new home.

The hall was especially decorated by a committee who produced a fine effect with banks of evergreen brightened by a profusion of goldenrod and golden glow with Japanese lanterns hung about the walls.

After the reception a pleasant social hour followed with a pleasing program of music and recitations as follows: Violin solo, Howard Shattuck, with Leslie Parker, accompanist; reading, Miss Florence Flynn; piano solo, Doris McCord; recitation, Dorothy Dunbar; piano solo, Mary McCord; recitation, Kenneth Dunbar; solo, Dora Wright; reading, L. C. Blood; piano solos by Marion and Urquhart Chinn.

A most important part of the evening's program, and one in which most of those present were interested, was the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Chinn of a fine silver service. The presentation was made by M. E. Gaskill, as a member of the committee. A few well chosen words to which Mr. Chinn feelingly responded, following this the whole company sang "Auld Lang Syne," which awakened memories for many in the company.

Music for dancing was furnished by Miss Helen Robbins, pianist, and Miss Daisy Wilson, of Nashua, violinist, and was much enjoyed by the young people until a late hour.

The evening was a fine success and reflects much credit on the committee of arrangements as well as the kindly friends on Oak Hill.

Heaviest Storm for Years. The terrific thunder shower on last week Friday afternoon left a trail of consequences behind it. It was, with one exception, the most frightful shower that has been known in this vicinity for years. The atmosphere was murky and so dark that lights were needed at two o'clock, and was heavily charged with electricity. It was a matter of congratulation, although causing surprise, that no more damage was seen after the thunderbolts had seemingly been flung in our midst. No buildings were struck, only trees in various parts of the town having been split open.

The rain which fell in torrents, caused even more trouble. In many parts of the town there were washouts so deep as to make the thoroughfares dangerous. Street Commissioners Johnson had a crew of men and teams on the job early Saturday morning and some are yet working to repair the damages.

The effect of the flood on Main street was particularly deplorable. The mile of macadam road in which the citizens at first took so much pride, has not compared favorably for some time past with roads of the same build in the adjacent towns of Groton and Townsend. Now that the top layer of sand or loam has been washed off, leaving a mass of cobles, it has become a thoroughfare to be avoided if possible.

The telephone and electric light systems did not suffer from the storm as much as was expected. Electrician Johnson supplied a few street lights during the next day, the commercial line not being affected.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town. Miss Alberta F. Spalding spent last week in Nashua with her cousins, Murry and Hiland Wheeler. Murry came back with her for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Hattie Howe was badly injured on Sunday by being thrown from a carriage. Her little grandson was also hurt.

Hon. Frederick Hubbard, of Greenwich, Conn., is passing his usual vacation in town.

Club Meeting. The New Hampshire Ayrshire Breeders' club held its mid-summer meeting last week Friday at Charles J. Bell's farm. There were about fifty present, including some of the leading milk producers and cattlemen in New England. One of the most interesting speakers at the meeting was C. M. Winslow, of Brandon, Vt., secretary of the National Organization of Ayrshire Breeders. Cattlemen were present from Plymouth, Worcester, Concord, Ashland, Hooksett, Dover, Lyndeborough, Greenfield, Littleton, Haverhill, Pepperell, Hudson and Amherst.

Mr. Bell's fine stock of about eighty head were inspected and the entire farm was on exhibition during the day. The severe shower in the afternoon was a little drawback, but otherwise it was most successful and pleasant gathering. Most of the guests came in automobiles and some by train. A most bountiful dinner served by the host was one of the features of the occasion.

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