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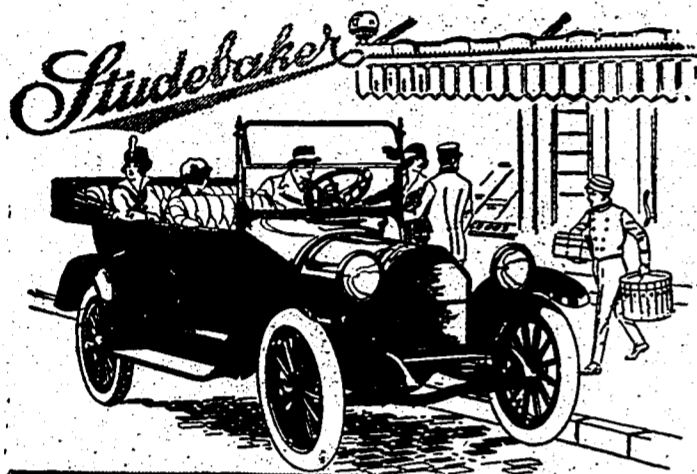
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HARVARD

News Items.

Mrs. L. W. Dyer is visiting with friends in Still River for a few days this week.

Miss S. Christine Webster, of Springfield, is home for a week's vacation from her school work.

If those parties who persist in taking down the fences at each end of the depot road, which our highway surveyor has put up to keep teams off while this road is being re-surfaced, and teaming over the same do not find the work satisfactory after completion, they ought not to find fault with the surveyor. It is quite necessary that the road shall not be teamed over while in certain stages of construction.

Walter W. Bagster is back to his home here. His wife is expected in about two weeks. They have been staying for the past few months in West Pownal, Me.

Bromfield baseball team met the Groton high school team on the local grounds Wednesday, defeating the visitors by the score of 12 to 1. The visitors all played a strong game, al-

though they did not at any time have to exert themselves to keep the lead. Kenneth Whittemore pitched a good game, striking out seventeen men. Saturday the team goes to Townsend to play the high school team there. The game with Fitchburg Normal, which was postponed on account of the weather, will be played on June 5.

Sudden Death.

The quietude of our community was shocked almost beyond belief on Wednesday when the sad news spread of the sudden death of a respected citizen, Frank A. Houghton, who died of heart disease while engaged in his work about his home on Harvard common. While Mr. Houghton has not been for the past months in his best health, he has been about every day attending to the planting of his garden for the summer use, and no such thought as of his death has been entertained.

Francis A. Houghton was born in Harvard on Oak Hill in the house now owned by the Misses Cushman, known as "Westward," and lived there until his brother-in-law, A. A. Sawyer, built the house on the common, when he went there to live with his sister. He has always been one interested in

affairs about town and served for several years as town treasurer, and until failing health made it necessary for him to give up active work. His record in this connection was an honorable one.

The deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows order and in this lodge he has been for many years the treasurer. In all his dealings with his fellow citizens he was honest and just. His parents were Charles W. Houghton and Mrs. Sally H. (Willard) Houghton. He was 70 years and 11 months old.

Funeral services will be from the home at 2.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. A mixed quartet, Miss Josephine Baker, Mrs. Lillian Cleaves, Arthur Turner and Arthur West, will sing. Rev. H. E. Mason will conduct the services. Burial will be in the Center cemetery.

Mr. Houghton leaves two sisters, Mrs. Emma Sawyer and Mrs. Augusta Hosmer.

Recital in Ayer.

Monday evening, quite a delegation went to Ayer to attend the recital given by Miss Nina Fletcher, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Kelley. Those attending were Mrs. Henry Gale, Mrs. Edwin Houghton, Miss Helen Hildreth, Miss Eva Kilbourn, Miss Harriet Farwell, Miss Annie Reed, Miss Helen Dickson and Mrs. Royal, they going in Mr. Kelley's auto truck. Edwin Savage, in his car, took Mrs. Harriet Whitney and her guests, Mrs. A. T. West, Mrs. George Morse and Miss Grace Morse, Mrs. Dudley, Miss Dudley, Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Willard and Clifford Dudley were there from Prospect Hill, besides a number from Still River. Miss Fletcher is charming in her manner, with no ornaments, but her modesty. It is she, and her violin, and they become one as her skillful hand passes over the responsive strings. When Philip Hale finds no fault with an artist as he did with Miss Fletcher last winter when she played in Boston, one may be sure that it is safer to enjoy without thought of criticism.

Still River.

There will be a supper and entertainment in the vestry on Friday evening, May 11. The first tables for supper will be ready at 6.30. After supper "The Squashville fire brigade" will give an entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Haskell are the happy parents of a baby, Miss Winthrop Cunningham Haskell—born at the Clinton hospital early on Sunday morning.

The funeral of Miss Carrie Coffey was from her father's home last Saturday afternoon. Rev. L. H. Morse, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Bellevue cemetery.

Monday evening F. W. Eaton, Miss Eliza Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes and Miss Blanche Willard attended the violin recital given by Miss Nina Fletcher at Ayer, and report an excellent entertainment, and felt well repaid for the effort made to go.

Miss Emeline Evans is ill at Mrs. Sarah Seales' and is being cared for by her mother from Boston.

Mrs. Abbie Dadmun returned home on Wednesday from Ayer, where she has been caring for a sick sister for some time.

Thursday Mrs. L. B. Morse went to Chelmsford to see Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, former residents of Still River, also, going to Lowell to visit a friend.

Miss Louise Dyer, of Harvard, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Allan Stiles is reported quite comfortable at the Bay State hospital.

Tuesday Thomas Moore and Mrs. Boardman with Mrs. Sadie Pierce and Rev. J. C. Alvord as auto guests took a trip to Clinton and called on Mrs. H. L. Packard, whom they found sitting up and apparently very cheerful. She had enjoyed receiving letters from members of the "Philetia" class and many other Littleton friends, and an abundance of flowers that she had shared with other patients. The hospital was full of patients and some were having sleighing accidents in the open. Mrs. Packard expressed keen appreciation of all the kind attentions shown her.

The children of the Center school are preparing a cantata and folk dancing to be given in the town hall Saturday, May 22, at 7.30 p. m. Proceeds will be used for music in the schools.

Rev. Robert Fulton, a former Littleton minister, resigned from the Presbyterian ministry in Indianapolis five months ago on account of impaired health. Voluntarily he entered social service work and is now engaged in the lecturing, accounting for the purpose of gaining a knowledge and experience in social service.

Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is spending the week-end with friends in Brook-

field. E. Conant were delegates in attendance at the North Middlesex Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions meeting held in Fitchburg Tuesday, May 4. The program was most enjoyed and Dr. Mary Scott's address on the medical work in Ceylon was very interesting. The crying need of more doctors and trained nurses in the field was strongly emphasized. A young lady, Miss Olive Green, who is now preparing to enter foreign missionary enterprise, was introduced for the purpose of interesting the ladies of this branch in adopting her as their missionary to be supported by C. E. societies, missionary circles, or other religious organizations willing to take shares of ten dollars each towards her support.

Miss Helen Jenkins of Thorley, Ala., will speak at the morning service in the Congregational church Sunday forenoon. She is the guest of the C. K. Houghton's.

Mrs. Maria Hendley is having her house painted.

The King's Daughters at their meeting Tuesday voted sums of money for the Sailors' Haven, Gordon Rest, the Frances Willard settlement and Ingleside Home.

Miss Evelyn Hawes, who spent several weeks in New York, has returned to Mrs. Jones.

The Congregational church will observe its seventy-fifth anniversary on Friday afternoon, May 14, and the following program is to be given: Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. J. C. Alvord; anthem, quartet, Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Conant, read by C. A. Kimball; selection, quartet, closing prayer and benediction, Rev. Ellihu Loomis.

New telephones recently installed are at Elmar A. Flagg's residence on Shattuck street 22-5; home of the superintendent of Harwood farm, 15-2, and A. S. Knight, of Bonnie Brae residence re-installed.

Mrs. E. A. Cox has been in town this week.

Mrs. William Griffiths suffered an ill turn a few days ago and has since been classed among the shut-ins. At present her condition is improving.

"Aunt Augusta," as she is familiarly called, is sick and in the care of her sister, Mrs. Henry S. Brown, and the doctor. She is suffering from a severe case of the grippe.

United Workers.

The meeting of the United Workers at Mrs. W. E. Conant's residence on Wednesday afternoon brought out some twenty interested listeners. Miss Julia S. Conant took charge of the meeting. Miss F. A. Sanderson led in the devotions. The speakers of the afternoon, Misses Verrill and Haroutunian of the Oortu mission were pleasantly introduced by Miss Conant. Miss Haroutunian, now in Perkins institute, told of her life and the work for the blind in which she is earnestly engaged. Miss Verrill gave many reminiscences of associations with Miss Corinna Shattuck in her missionary work, spoke of the country. As people, the industrial school, the religious foundation laid by Miss Shattuck and the developments that have resulted from her faithful and Mrs. Conant's labors in Turkey, several of the younger members of the society were dressed in native costumes representing the different types and classes of women in the mission.

Misses Berna Love and song by Mr. Salmon of Boxboro, accompanied by Mrs. Salmon, reading by Mrs. Arthur Cummings of Shirley, piano solo by Miss Hazel Cummings of Fitchburg. Grange, Mr. and Mrs. T. Barrow, accompanied by Mrs. Nash, vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson of Boxboro, accompanied by Mrs. Salmon, song "The old dinner horn," by Mrs. Sidney Wright of Westford, accompanied by Mrs. Prouty, remarks by S. L. Taylor of Westford, reading by Millard Sawyer of Groton, remarks by Senator Kimball, masters of the Pepperell, Groton, Ayer and Boxboro Granges spoke. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Barrow for the bountiful repast that followed. Dancing concluded the program for the evening and everybody seemed to have a royal good time. Children's night will be observed May 19.



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WESTFORD

Center. Miss Hazel B. Hartford has been spending this week with relatives in Melrose.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott have been beautifying the grounds around their slightly summer home, opposite Prospect hill with trees, shrubs, etc.

Sunday at the Congregational church Rev. J. E. Dinmore of the First Baptist church, Lowell, occupied the pulpit in the morning and preached an earnest sermon. Miss May Atwood was at the organ and has resumed supervision of the girls' vestal choir at the evening service.

L. E. Stewart of Lowell was present and addressed the meeting, speaking on the work and aims of the Lowell C. E. union. H. G. Osgood conducted the praise service.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wright attended the funeral of a relative in Malden Saturday of last week.

Edmund Baker has been grading the grounds about the house occupied by him most attractively.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will meet next Thursday at the vestry. A full attendance is desired.

George H. Burke at the north part of the town is reported as the latest purchaser of an automobile.

Next Tuesday afternoon at the Congregational church the closing meeting of the season will be held and will be a reception to the retiring officers of the club. The Ladies' Titian orchestra will play and there will also be a soloist. Club tea will be served and the arrangements for the afternoon are in charge of the reception committee.

Forster, Mrs. V. C. B. Wetmore, Miss Ella F. Hildreth, Mrs. Julian Cameron and Mrs. William R. Carver.

A telephone has been installed at J. Henry Colburn's this week, 16-3.

Conductor Clement had a sudden and severe attack of indigestion Wednesday morning and Clarence Spalding substituted for him on the car.

The Westford Veterans, Sons and Daughters of Veterans are requested to meet at the Cavalry association building this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock to plan for the Memorial day dinner. Dinner will be served the same as last year to the Veterans and their wives and sons and daughters of veterans and their wives, members of the band, the speakers and entertainers of the day. A good response to the call for this meeting is earnestly desired.

The regular monthly meeting of Edward M. Abbot Hose Co. was held Tuesday evening. A try out at 6:30 was held, opening hydrants near the residences of Willis Hildreth, Edward Fisher and Miss Ella F. Hildreth. The engineers tried out their plan of attaching the hose wagon to the motor truck of Wm. E. Wright with good result. Later at the evening headquarters the annual business meeting and election was held and the same list of officers were re-elected.

A purse of gold has been presented to Miss Hazel B. Hartford as a token of appreciation for the efficient work she has done with the church organ at the Congregational church this year.

The C. E. society will present the play, which are preparing, "Up to Freedom" the evening of May 15.

The Board of Trade will hold a public meeting at the town hall Monday evening, May 10, to discuss the fare on the branch line from Brookline to the center. It is apparent that the seven cent fare now charged by the company does not bring in sufficient revenue to pay running expenses and necessary repairs to the road bed, etc., notwithstanding additional private subscriptions from the townspeople. As the running of the cars concerns the ladies of the town, the members of the board cordially invite them to be present on Monday evening, when all matters concerning the branch line will be brought up for consideration.

The teachers and pupils of the front school will present the operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland," next Friday evening, May 14, at the town hall. A late car has been arranged for that evening, leaving Brookline at seven o'clock and returning to Westford town hall in time to connect with the nine o'clock car at Brookline.

Mrs. Carrie Tombs, who has made such an excellent housekeeper for Mr. Seavey and children, has the honor of Mrs. Seavey, left this week for her native town in Prince Edwards Island, where she is soon to be married again.

Mrs. Porter Wright has been in town several days this week visiting former friends.

About Town. The next meeting of West Chelmsford Grange will be held on Thursday evening, May 13, at historic hall. The third and fourth degrees will be conferred and the following left-over subject will be discussed: "What more can the Grange do for the farmer, the family and the community?"

The W. C. T. U. held its monthly meeting with Mrs. Robert Walker. The usual number were present and were visitors. On Saturday, May 29, they have accepted an invitation to visit the New Bedford endowment home.

At the Unitarian church last Sunday Rev. J. R. Pennington gave an illuminating address on "The Religion of Arabia," and continued it over into the adult class in the Sunday school, and to Sunday, May 9.

For real, alive earliness, just cast your eyesight over the wall on the Lowell road at the Banister farm and know what means means means, facing such ahead of everybody lettuce and cabbages.

There will be a special meeting of the Westford Board of Trade at the town hall on Monday evening, May

10. The public are invited to this meeting, which will be a widow meeting on "ways and means" as it relates to the branch line of the Lowell and Fitchburg electric road from Westford to Brookline.

The next meeting of the Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church, Thursday, May 13, is on the calendar as neighborhood meeting.

Mrs. George Taylor Howard and George Taylor Howard are at the Howard's in South Bound Brook, N. J., and the Old Oaken Bucket farm folks are lonesome, missing some youthful climbing and tumbling aspirations.

Miss Roberts of New Brunswick, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. R. P. Decatur, and attended the Unitarian church on Sunday.

The apple blossom does not promise a large crop as last year, but prices should promise larger than last year. If so, the financial balance will encourage the setting of more trees of which there has been a large acreage this year in town. Rev. Louis N. Buckhorn being chief acreage man.

Raspberries have uncovered badly and look as though they haven't any interest in prolonging life.

Preparations are being advanced for some popcorn acreage in the Stony Brook valley. It will stand more weather variations than other corn and delights at heat.

Cameron park was the scene last Saturday of the first ball game of the season, when a large crowd gathered to witness the game between the English Lions and the French Tigers. The Lions were victorious. Philip Lord acted as umpire.

The following members of Westford Grange attended the hospitality of Littleton Grange on Wednesday evening: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, Miss Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sutherland, Henry O. McDonald, Mrs. Sutherland, Willey M. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor and others. This banquet feast of intellect and eatables was by the generosity of those noble individuals, Past Master and Mrs. Richard J. Barrow, of Littleton Grange.

Mary O'Brien is ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. O'Brien, on the Stony Brook road, O'Brien hill.

Charles W. Whitney has purchased another new horse of value and speed, which makes the fifth horse that turns the Turrows of spring and makes the farm look as though somebody was renewing the face of the earth.

Graniteville. Owing to the cool weather of last week the baseball game scheduled between the Machinists and the Ledgemen failed to materialize, but the "rubber" game will surely be played off in the near future.

The new minister, Rev. Mr. McVickers, with his wife, are now living in the M. E. church parsonage here. The various services held at the church on last Sunday were all largely attended.

William Welch has recently disposed of his poultry business here and will devote his spare time to the raising of garden truck this summer.

Miss Bessie Larkin, of North Chelmsford, has been a recent visitor here.

Miss Mary Dow and Miss Georgia Dion, of Laconia, N. H. have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Charlton.

The cold weather is retarding spring planting to a great extent here.

The members of the A. F. Choate hose company held their regular meeting in the firehouse on last Monday evening. Business of a routine order was transacted and at the close of the session the members were joyous.

Mrs. Charlotte Day has been visiting friends in Lawrence for the past few days.

Forge Village. Mr. and Mrs. George Goad of Chelsea have opened their camp Oka on the shores of the pond.

Adolphus Blowey, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blowey, who fell and broke his arm two weeks ago, is getting along as well as can be expected.

William DeRoehn has gone to Worcester, where he will assist Rev. A. E. Kernahan, formerly pastor of the church in the city, and now affiliated with Grace Methodist church, also of Worcester. Mr. DeRoehn expects to study for the ministry and his many friends here extend best wishes for a successful career.

A number of men under the direction of Alec McDonald, superintendent of streets, are engaged in cleaning up the roads.

Miss Sarah Precious, who sprained her wrist while at work in the mill of Abbot & Co., is not able to be at her work yet.

A wedding of unusual interest to the village people occurred recently in Worcester when Miss Roxie Bennett, former resident here, was united in marriage to Andrew T. Kavanagh, also of Worcester. The wedding took place at the church of Our Lady of the Rosary, where a nuptial mass was celebrated by the pastor, Miss Bennett is a niece of Alvin S. Bennett, our oldest resident and made her home here a few years ago, during which time she made many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Kavanagh will reside in Worcester, where they have furnished a beautiful home. The wishes of all friends go with them in their new life.

Miss Della Connell, who was taken ill at Westford academy last week, is reported as much better.

Mr. and Mrs. George, Centerbar have removed to Framingham, where they expect to reside in future.

Mrs. John Sullivan is reported to be much better, after her fall of a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. George Messey of Lowell, formerly of this village, celebrated their twentieth anniversary at their home on last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Messey was previous to her marriage, Miss Hannah Berry of this village, and was married to Geo. Messey in 1895, the wedding taking place here. Mr. and Mrs. Messey received many gifts, including a silver tea set, a set of china, chocolate set and fruit dishes.

Entertainment. A most enjoyable entertainment and Banquet lecture was given in Recreation hall last week Friday evening under the auspices of the Young People's Social club. The affair proved to be very successful, both from a social and a business standpoint. During the early part of the evening Rev. William M. Ford delivered a most interesting lecture on London, England, illustrating his discourse by the Edison. A most delightful musical program followed which was very much enjoyed. All of the numbers were executed in a

very able manner, especially the marching band, which will be well remembered. The program was as follows: Piano duet, Misses Lillian Baker and Mildred Parrot; mandolin duet, Mrs. J. E. Barrett and Miss Gladys Baker; song, "Across the Dee," Miss Annie Cherry; piano duet, Misses Marion Lord and Ethel Collins; song, "The hills of Ky," Miss Marion Lord; piano solo, Miss Marion Lord. The accompanists of the evening were the Misses Lillian Baker, Ethel Collins and May Cherry.

To the Editor: I have seen several articles in your paper about Eastern Washington and I take the liberty to send you a few lines upon the southwestern part. I would like to tell you of the city of Vancouver, as it is now and was seventy-five years ago; then England's greatest stronghold was at Fort Vancouver, the chief trading post of the Hudson Bay Company, in this region.

The site of Vancouver is a very commanding one, the scenery in all directions being of great beauty. The snow-capped Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Jefferson and many more picturesque peaks are among "the everlasting hills" always guarding, as it were, this grand old city.

Vancouver lies on the north bank of the Columbia river, about 110 miles from its mouth. At the present time it is a prosperous, modern city with a progressive, intelligent population of about 12,000. It is the county seat of Clark county, one of the most fertile and resourceful counties on the Pacific slope. This city is an important railroad center and has one of the greatest double-track railroad bridges in the world. And now the inter-state highway bridge is in course of construction across the mighty Columbia, uniting Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash.

Adjoining this historic city is the Vancouver barrens, formerly Fort Vancouver, one of the most beautiful and healthful military posts in America. This is quite a busy city, much of the business being done on the water front. Within the last year a public market has been started for the farmers to bring their produce, and has been so successful that instead of being brought to the city it will be twice, Tuesday and Fridays, and is meeting a long-felt want of the people.

The first saw mill on the coast was five miles east of Vancouver and the first grist mill three miles east. The first stones used for grinding the grain are now in the city park as reminders of the early times. I have two newspapers printed here, The Columbia and The Sun. The Columbia is quite an old paper and the only daily in the county. The first paper on the coast was the Oregonian, Idaho, at an Indian mission; the present came from Honolulu. The original plot of San Francisco was filed here, but later taken to Oregon City.

The American flag was threatened by two foes, the Redskins and the Redcoats. Amos M. Short came here with his family in 1845. This fearless settler and his wife were true types of the western pioneer. They were coldly received by the officials of the English fur traders, who refused to sell them land and clothes. He persisted in becoming permanent settlers of this great republic. To those who came as neutrals these "King George men" were the best of friends, but to those who came as Americans their humble log cabin. But the Hudson's Bay Company were not content with withholding supplies from this American settler; they sent out parties of their employes to pull down his fences and commit other annoyances.

Once, when Mr. Short had gone to Oregon City to purchase needed supplies, a party of the company's employes placed Mr. Short and his little children upon a bateau, with but a single oar, and then pushed her drift into the mouth of the mighty Columbia. The poor mother finally managed to save herself and children. When Mr. Short returned he was so angry that the next crowd that came for a like purpose he met upon the killing an officer and his servant. He was arrested and taken before a judge for a preliminary hearing, but was released without a trial. During the enforced absence of the boat builder the British prepared to renew their work of destruction. A small squad of men was sent out under the lead of a French-Canadian to tear down the pioneer's raft. He represented the aggressive spirit of Great Britain; moreover, he was a tory.

When Esther Short saw them coming she was indignant as the Boston schoolboys were when the Redcoats interfered with their games. She felt that she had suffered enough, and when Fiesette put his hands upon her she closed her eyes and let him do it from his place, by a quick wink of her arm she struck him with the palm of her hand a stinging blow across his cheek. Before he realized it he was lying on the ground, the conqueror's feet. He beat a hasty retreat and gave a graphic account to the governor. While he was telling his side of the gallant governor fairly laughed and laughed with a twinkle in his eye, very sagely replied: "I guess we had better give it up. We can never win against such a woman as you."

Much more can be said of Esther Short and her work in Vancouver, which is very interesting. Mr. Short was drowned in 1851 as he was crossing the bar at the mouth of the Columbia, as he was returning from San Francisco, where he had been for a stock of goods. There are many beautiful legends of historic Vancouver, especially the story of the first apple tree planted in the state, which is now standing in the barracks, carefully tended by the government.

The story of the Pioneer Witness Tree, Young Grant at Fort Vancouver and Sheridan's First Battle here on the coast, very interesting stories of themselves.

It will close this article with a few lines from the poem, "Sunny Vancouver," written by Sergt. J. Barrett, Co. B, First Infantry, just before he sailed for the Philippines:

In this town we have an up-to-date post. Our soldiers are some of the best, And the places are few that give such a view. As the peak of Mt. Hood's silvery crest. We had here a post and a rude old-time fort. Until Lewis and Clarke came to discover. The wealth that was here and sent the blundering westward on their way. To build up the town of Vancouver.

Now our autos are speedy, our street cars are fast, And run right on time without fail; But the old prize program had no steam power or mast. Coming over the Oregon trail; What a feat that today you don't beat, Though it took months to come over,

Let us give three loud cheers for those hardy pioneers Who pitched the first tents in Vancouver.

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Table with 2 columns: Resources and Liabilities. Resources include Loans and discounts, U.S. bonds, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Surplus fund, etc.

Loans and discounts (net) \$129,894.60

U.S. bonds deposited to secure circulation \$20,000.00

U.S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value) \$10,000.00

Securities other than U.S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpledged \$7,043.75

Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank \$1,500.00

Less amount unpaid \$750.00

Due from Federal Reserve bank \$750.00

Due from approved reserve agents (New York, Chicago, and St. Louis) \$10,817.93

Due from other national banks (not more than 10 percent reserve) \$770.00

Legal tender notes \$20,047.85

Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer (not more than 5 percent on circulation) \$1,000.00

Total \$641,219.50

Capital stock paid in \$75,000.00

Surplus fund \$50,000.00

Less current expenses \$1,000.00

Less interest on deposits \$2,281.17

Circulating notes \$200,000.00

Less amount on hand and in transit \$300.00

Due to banks and bankers \$15,981.78

Demand deposits \$220.00

Individual deposits subject to check \$437,329.16

Certificates of deposit due in less than 90 days \$1,942.33

Certified checks \$1,410.00

Deposits \$6,365.06

Total \$641,219.50

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, Charles A. Normand, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above account is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHAS. A. NORMAND, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May, 1915.

D. Chester Parsons, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Howard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

LOST BOOK—In accordance with Chapter 59, Section 40 of the Acts of 1905 Massachusetts Legislature and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Book No. 728 has been lost and payment will be the same stopped.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK. Sarah T. Tutin, Treas. Ayer, Mass., April 21, 1915. 3133

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of ISAAC F. WRIGHT, late of Harvard, in said County, deceased.

Whereas CATHERINE A. FAIRBANK, executrix of the will of Warren H. Fairbank, who was executor of the will of said Isaac F. Wright, has presented for allowance the first and final account of said administration upon the estate of said Isaac F. Wright.

You are hereby notified to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the twenty-fifth day of May, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

Glenwood

Advertisement for Glenwood electric grill stove. Includes text: 'The Range that Makes Cooking Easy', 'No Filigree on the Plain Cabinet', 'Sooner or Later you'll have one', and 'J. J. Barry & Co., Ayer &'. Features an illustration of a woman cooking at the stove.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of ALICE M. Mc BOYNTON, late of Peppercorn in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself the trust by giving bond, as all persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

CHARLES E. BOYNTON, Adm. Peppercorn, Mass., April 17, 1915. 3133

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY D. SHEPHERD, late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for probate, by LOUISA W. DYAR, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the eighteenth day of May, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And being a person hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three consecutive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on the day immediately preceding the day of said Court, and by delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this eighth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. 3133

HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

TOWNSEND

Center. Rev. Granville Yager, a Congregational clergyman, who had been required from active pastoral work for several years, died Wednesday morning at his home in Braintree. He was ordained to the ministry in 1876, and had held pastorates in Townsend, Cohasset, Hudson, Dighton, East Bridgewater and Rindge, N. H. Since then he had done supply work, his last activity being in Harwichport. From 1887 to 1891 Mr. Yager was a professor in Middletown college. He was in his seventy-fifth year.

WOLF

Mrs. Herman Lawrence has been called to her home in Mason, N. H., by the illness of her father, William Adams. Arthur and George Joslin, of Grand, and Howard Kayser, from Boston, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselynville, Saturday, making the trip by auto.

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LITTLETON

News-Items. The Arthur S. Knight family of Brookline has moved back to "Bonnie Brook" for the summer.

WINTER IN THE LAP OF SPRING

When the swarming blue birds appear in the early spring; When the fields and woods are bare and drear; Sweet the bluebirds sing; Then we know that welcome spring is nigh.

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Saturday, May 8, 1915.

GROTON

News Items. Mrs. James H. Hawkes has taken two rooms at the Baptist parsonage and expects to occupy there by next week.

The improvement section of the Woman's club meets with Mrs. W. H. Bruce on Monday afternoon, May 10, at 3.30.

The Alphafraternity placard is out at E. Frazer's residence on Elm street.

Miss Jennie Hemenway returned home from the hospital last Saturday and is gradually getting back her strength from the effects of the grippe.

The annual gathering of neighborhood Alliance met with the Groton branch last week Thursday. Miss Bancroft, president of the National Alliance, read a paper on Alliance work in which she made an address.

James A. Bowers was very ill last week, suffering from a sharp attack of his heart trouble, but is more comfortable this week.

Mrs. John Dinsmore was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore live at Henry Irving's, where Mr. Dinsmore is employed by George L. Nelson.

Robins Sampson, writing from Evanston, Wyoming, tells of their having two or three showers there one day last week, followed by a fall of snow.

F. M. Erving, of Champney street, is better.

Miss Nellie M. Hill returned on last Saturday from a three-months' stay in California, and is at Groton Inn.

Mrs. George Chase is not so well as usual, and is under the doctor's care.

Last week Friday afternoon lightning struck the house of Mrs. E. T. Cardiff on Champney street. As there was no thunder storm in progress, no rain falling, the bolt and crash came with a sudden shock to all living nearby.

The Odd Fellows' Building association, through several committees, has arranged the following program for entertainments to be held in the town hall: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 18 and 19, the play, "Emeralda," with a fine cast of characters will be given by local talent.

Thursday evening, May 20, a social dance, music by Groton orchestra. Friday afternoon, May 21, at four o'clock, moving pictures especially suitable for children, but enjoyable for anybody. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 22 and 23, a food sale by Mid-dexes Rebekahs. Saturday evening, an old-fashioned dance with singing, sawing and other contests, grab bags, etc.—all the old kinds of attractions at such levees.

Mrs. John Fitzgerald met with a fall while at her home last Saturday evening and broke her leg in two places. She is at the Groton hospital.

Mrs. W. A. Moore returned on Monday evening from Acworth, N. H., where she went last week on account of the death and funeral of her brother, Erving Davis, wife, Mrs. Moore had gone to Acworth a fortnight before to the funeral of a cousin and had just returned when she was again called to Acworth to attend people who would easily recall Erving Davis, who made quite a long stay here in town a number of years ago, and when here helped out on the express route of W. A. Moore.

Charles Greene, who has worked as stationary engineer in mills in Groton and West Groton, is to move this Saturday with his family to Walpole.

Miss Marquerite Leonard, teacher in Chicopee, has spent a part of this week's vacation with her friend, Miss Mildred Brown, at Simmons college.

The May party last Saturday afternoon, given by the Woman's club, was given an attendance estimated at 300. The larger part of this was of children, who had doubtless expected to enjoy an hour or so with Robert McLaughlan and the Pixies, but illness prevented his coming. Charles Nelson, formerly of Keith's theatre, Boston, was the substitute and entertained with sleight-of-hand performances. After this came the dancing, followed by refreshments of cake and cake. Miss Brida Holmes and Miss Genevieve Hodgman gave piano selections and Miss Alice Dodge was pianist for the day.

The meeting held in the lower town hall last week Friday afternoon, under the household economics section of the Woman's club was attended by forty-five. Miss Hopkins, speaking on meat substitutes, gave some practical ideas that doubtless have or will be tried in different homes and found useful.

Miss Gladys Mason is home from her school in Springfield for a week's vacation. She has accepted her re-appointment for another year.

The Board of Trade holds its next meeting on Wednesday evening, May 12. There will be some good speaking. All interested are invited to attend.

The Boston Globe of Tuesday, May 4, gives a picture and sketch of Associate Justice John Haskell Butler of the Somerville police court, who is to marry his stenographer, Miss Alice W. Ellis. Mr. Butler, who is a widower, lives at East Somerville and gives his age as seventy-three and that of his bride-to-be is fifty-eight. Judge Butler is fitted for Yale at Lawrence academy, under Principal Charles Hammond. At the time of his residence in Groton, Judge Butler's father was superintendent of the Hollingsworth paper mill.

Winthrop Packard, secretary-treasurer of the Massachusetts Audubon society, will deliver a lecture on "Bird music" at the regular monthly meeting of the Groton Bird club on Monday, May 17, at eight p. m. in the lower town hall. A delegation from

the Pepperell Woman's club is expected and it is hoped that members of the local club will bring their friends and that junior members will turn out in good numbers.

The next meeting of the Groton Historical society will be held on or near June 17.

The census enumerator, Wallace A. Brown, has closed or will soon finish his Groton census taking and we will have the facts as to the town's inhabitants up to date.

The annual meeting of the Alliance will take place on Thursday, May 13, in the church parlor at 2.30 in the afternoon. The annual reports of officers and committees will be given and plans for the next year decided upon. This is the time for suggestions and it is hoped that every member will make an effort to be present.

Mr. Peters of Boston, the new owner of the former James Packard place, was in Groton at his recently purchased place last Tuesday.

The Book and Thimble club meets next week with Mrs. Ogilvie. It is the club's thirteenth annual reunion.

The W. R. C. met in regular session Wednesday afternoon.

The Reading club meets next week with Mrs. C. A. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clough and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sargent, going down and back in their auto, attended the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fosldek at Arlington. Mrs. Fosldek, a sister of Mr. Clough, wore the same white silk and lace dress and the same white slippers worn by her at the wedding of Mr. Fosldek fifty-one years ago.

Lawrence academy defeated Dartmouth freshmen Wednesday, 10 to 1. Palmer pitched a perfect ball, holding his opponents to two hits. The batting order was: Palmer, Murray and Murray of Lawrence academy was the feature.

Harvard freshmen won from Groton School Wednesday, 9 to 5, in a game. Harvard got two runs in the third inning on a pass, two hits and two errors. A single by Wiswall and homer by Percy in the third inning Harvard took more, and in the fifth a single, a steal, a pass and Er-wright's two-bagger brought the Harvard total to six. Groton fell on Loring in the eighth for four hits, netting four runs, forcing him to retire in favor of Harrison.

Wednesday afternoon Groton High played Bromfield school at Harvard. Score 12 to 1 in favor of Bromfield. This Saturday afternoon Groton High plays Lunenburg here on the Lawrence playground.

James Lawrence of Walnut street, Milton, son of Mrs. and the late James Lawrence of Groton, is the new owner of the large estate on Brush Hill. Milton recently sold by Mrs. W. H. Dewart, wife of Rev. W. H. Dewart, rector of the Old North church, to J. Sumner Draper and Mark Temple Downing. The property consists of about ten acres of land, a large mansion house, stable and garage, and is located on Brush Hill road, at the corner of Metropolitan avenue, opposite the Blue Hills. The estate is assessed at \$4400. Mr. Lawrence paid cash and will occupy the place.

W. H. Fernald is putting up a new house in a bungalow style on the old foundations of the house that was burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Raddin are at their summer home, "Fernwood," at Baddacook. Mrs. Raddin went down to open up the house last Saturday, leaving an locking up at about six o'clock in the afternoon. When Mr. and Mrs. Raddin went to occupy it the following Sunday afternoon they found the doors opened and a piece of some person or person having been in there, although as yet they do not think that anything was stolen as they have missed nothing. Mrs. Raddin thinks they might have been in the house when she locked up last Saturday afternoon, however that may be or whoever the intruders were Mrs. Raddin says she will gladly give them what they left there if they will call for it.

Mrs. Louis Clark has not been in her usual good health and has been under the doctor's care.

Mrs. E. M. Needham went home from Groton Inn last week Friday.

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Eversole are entertaining their mother and grandmother in Seattle.

Views of Belgium, issued by the Library Art club, will be on exhibition at the Groton public library from May 8 to 24.

Club Meeting. Mrs. Theophilus Smith entertained the Neighborhood club Wednesday afternoon, and as each member brought a specially invited guest, there was the goodly number of forty-eight. Mrs. Smith's menu was a treat to say, has rarely seen a happier gathering. From all reports it would seem that old Father Time turned back when that afternoon and that he never brought a rare or cast a shadow. Very blithely "The Farmers' orchestra" commenced to play up and O. such music! "Carrots, potatoes, turnips, radishes, cauliflower, onions, rhubarb, flowers and the like were made to produce sounds that only those skilled in such instruments know how to render. Accompanied these were Mrs. Bailey at the piano.

Following this musical performance a play, "Hiring a servant," was timely acted by Mrs. Marion Sargent, Mrs. Anna Gray, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. May, Miss Parish, Miss Stieckney and Mrs. William Gray. Then came another musical treat, "The Sleigh-bell orchestra," with Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Anna Gray at the piano, playing the sleigh-bell symphony while others with castanets, triangle, bells, cornet, drum, whip, "sweet potato," joined very harmoniously with the inclining strains. The musical scores were very conveniently fastened on the backs of hair of each performer in front of the other. The hostess and assistants, who had served refreshments of ice cream, cake, tea and crackers, then came the club song and then the good byes.

West Groton. The paper mill has been in operation for the past two weeks and will probably continue for two weeks and possibly longer. At least, it is so reported and it surely is to be hoped that the report is true.

Work on the leatherboard mill has not been started. Waiting for the lumber, southern pine from Mississippi, causing the delay, it is understood.

Coming on Thursday Mrs. Rebecca Webber of Ayer visited at the home of her son, G. S. Webber.

Michael Moran, of Leominster, visited his parents and other friends here on Tuesday.

The West Groton branch library will be open to the public on Saturday, May 8, at four p. m.

Mothers' day will be observed by an appropriate service at the chapel on Sunday morning.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. L. A. Harrington.

One day last week Mrs. Myra Church of this village enjoyed dandelion greens for dinner that were picked the previous afternoon by friends in Maine and sent by parcel post. From Maine fields to a West Groton dinner table less than twenty-four hours is surely rapid delivery.

Mrs. Walter Flarid is owner of a freak hen, which has obtained unusual results in the laying line. Her latest production is a Siamese twin affair, two perfectly formed eggs, minus the outer shell, and joined by a thick membrane about one-half inch in length. The division of the contents is still more remarkable, the yolk filling one egg and the white the other, the two completely separated by the connecting arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMahon have moved from the Kemp house at Vose to Edmund Blood's houses on Main street.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson has been quite ill during the last two weeks, but was able to take dinner with the family on Wednesday and continues to gain.

Little Irene Malley has been quite seriously ill, the physician fearing the development of pneumonia. The little one was spared that suffering, however, and is now much better.

The North Shirley, neighborhood, which is so suitably named in many ways with our village, is the richer by two fine boys recently arrived, one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson, the only son in a family of several children, and the other, who is named by Mr. and Mrs. Cutler, who live just beyond the bridge.

Eveline Harrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Harrington, after several days' illness, was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday afternoon at the Groton hospital by Drs. Hopkins and Kilbourn, assisted by Dr. Jones. The treatment was entirely successful and the patient is making good recovery.

Miss Evelyn Lindall of Roskilde is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Blood. Her father, H. E. Lindall, was an over-Sunday guest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shaw returned this week from their winter sojourn in Florida. They report a pleasant winter with good health and spirits, but they are glad to return to their pleasant home and to see many friends are also glad to give them welcome. We understand that during Mr. Shapley's absence his barn was entered and a bicycle and other property stolen.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items. George Richardson succeeds Arthur Nelson as substitute mail carrier. W. J. Benere's R. F. D. route, and in getting some practice in his new duties this week.

Fourteen from the Grange went to Littleton Grange on Wednesday evening and enjoyed the local hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Barrow. Mr. and Mrs. Salmon and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson contributed to the entertainment. This annual occasion is one of great enjoyment and too much praise cannot be given the host and hostess for their efforts to royally entertain their friends.

Miss Evelyn Chester was given a surprise party Tuesday. The occasion being her fifteenth birthday. About fifty young people were present. Alice Cobleish presented the birthday cake and she also received many presents of money and various articles. Newell Chester, our local violinist, was on hand to furnish music for dancing. Ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. Nettie Wilder, of Clinton, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Albert Walker, for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wetherbee, with their little son Paul, of Hastings, spent Sunday at C. T. Wetherbee's. It was the first visit that the young couple made to their home of his grandparents and he received a most enthusiastic welcome.

The Neighborhood club was very pleasant, entertained at the home of Mrs. Albert Hartwell last week Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Albert Littlefield and her mother, Mrs. Hemenway, have gone to Mrs. Hemenway's home in Framingham. Mrs. Littlefield will stay a week and her mother will remain there for some time.

George Goodard, a Concord high school pupil, took part in the play, "Iolanthe," given in Concord on last Friday and Saturday evenings.

Last Monday afternoon the West Groton Woman's club gave a reception to Miss Laura Brown. Miss Brown has been the president of the club since its formation about twenty years ago, and has been a most earnest and devoted worker. She resigned at the beginning of the club year. A very delightful program was furnished and Miss Brown was presented with eighty-five dollars in gold and silver. This was entirely unexpected by Miss Brown, who was deeply moved by this token of appreciation of her untiring efforts and long term of service to the club. Refreshments were served.

The Cross Roads farm has been sold again and the new owners have taken possession.

We are glad to hear that our former townman, George Wait, is in much better health than he was and the tree grafters, Gibson & Nixon, have just finished a hundred-dollar job of grafting for him on his big farm in Warren.

Mrs. Viets visited in Fitchburg this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mead visited their son Eben in Lunenburg early in the week and also called on Mr. Mead's mother in Ayer, who they found quite ill. Mrs. Frank Dodge is stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Mead for the present.

EASILY SOLVED

"Now, boys," said the schoolmaster, "suppose in a family there are five children, and the mother has only four potatoes to divide among them. She wants to give each child an equal share. What is she to do?" Silence reigned in the room. Everybody was calculating diligently. Finally one little boy put up his hand. "Well, Jonny, what would you do?" asked the teacher. "Mash the potatoes," said.

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A WIG IN WARTIME By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

In the spring of 1914 I joined the European invasion of American tourists and made Germany my stamping ground. Before leaving home I sent to Washington for a passport, for, though at the time there was not much prospect of using one, I preferred to be provided. The document described me as Edward Boyer, aged thirty-one, five feet, eight inches high, eyes, hair and complexion dark.

In Berlin I contracted typhoid fever, and when I recovered my hair fell out, leaving my skull as polished as a piece of ivory.

On the 28th of July the bomb of the European war exploded and I was admonished that if I wanted to get out of the war zone and back home I must bestir myself. I had not yet recovered my strength, but I was due in America on the 18th of August and resolved to start at once.

The first thing needed was a wig. I sallied forth to get one, having just an hour before the train on which I was to leave would start. This gave me about twenty minutes to procure a hair bed covering. I found a place where such things were sold, but unfortunately the only wig they had that would fit my head was of an auburn hue. There was no other place to procure one within a dozen blocks. I looked at my watch and saw that I had just ten minutes to get the train. I paid for the auburn wig, clapped it on my head and started for the station.

I was on the last passenger train to leave Berlin. The war was brand new to me, but not to the Germans, who were prepared for it. Two things especially I had not considered, for I had not heard of them—the Germans' spy system and their methods of detecting their enemy's spies.

I was brought to my senses by seeing a German officer come through the train examining passports. I had mine in a hand bag, got it out and had it ready when the man reached me. He read the description, looked at me, and, noting my red wig, his expression changed at once to one of fierceness. He said something to us in German that I did not understand, and, calling some soldiers, turned me over to them for safe keeping, then went his way through the train.

An American gentleman who understood German announced to me the unpleasant information that I had been arrested as a French spy. He had heard the officer say that the passport I traveled on belonged to one having a French name and that it described a black headed man, while I was a red headed man. Never had there been a more barefaced attempt to carry information out of Germany for the use of an enemy.

Here was a pretty pass. In my hurry to get away I had forgotten my passport, or, rather, I had thus far not been required to show it, and it had not occurred to me that the document would be now required.

When we reached a city—I didn't know what city—I was taken from the train and conducted to the headquarters of an officer who, I judged by the respect paid him, was of high rank. He received me with a lowering brow, read the description in my passport and, looking at my wig, said what by his expression I judged to mean, "Take him out and shoot him."

The soldiers advanced to take me. In a fit of desperation I seized my red wig and, throwing it on the floor, trampled on it and cried out, "I am not a red headed man; I am an American citizen."

There must have been something ridiculous in the act, for the officer burst into a laugh. Then an interpreter was called, who translated my story. As soon as it was understood that I was an American and the passport belonged to me I was set at liberty, with an apology. Realizing that my train had gone on, I asked for a permit to travel on a troop train, and one was given me.

I could not endure to travel without my wig, so I retained it. During my journey through Belgium I fell in with a Frenchman with a red head. As soon as we passed into France he gave me his passport, which to no longer needed. Having had so much trouble with my own passport, I decided that possibly I might have use for the other, so I accepted it.

While working my way south toward Paris I was set upon by a party of French spy hunters. Thinking to get rid of them without their noticing the difference in my hair from that laid down in my passport, I used the one given me. Unfortunately a keen eyed fellow noticed how the hair of my wig fell on my neck and, grasping the wig, held it up amid shouts from the others, crying:

"A spy! A spy!"

Again I was taken before an officer—this time a Frenchman, who, on receiving the report of my captors, ordered me out to instant execution. I stood before him with folded arms and uncovered dome and cried in a stentorian voice:

"Je suis Americain!"

I suppose it was the absurdity of this time as well as before that saved me. The officer laughed, consented to listen to me, and, since I spoke French tolerably, I told my story, producing my own passport.

And so my life for the second time was saved by mock heroics, and I reached Paris without further trouble.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. The monthly church supper and social will be held on Monday, May 10. The men have entire charge. Marcelus J. Powers, Willis C. Hardy and William B. Simonds being the committee.

Tuesday evening the Grange held its regular meeting. The deputy was present and inspected the second degree and also gave some good advice. The literary program was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Lillian Lovejoy; roll call, many members responding to "Why I believe in the Grange"; essay, "Saving strength on the farm," Charles A. Colburn, and current events, Francis K. Sweetser. The next meeting, May 18, will be children's night. All the children in town under fourteen years of age are cordially invited to attend.

The Nature club, accompanied by Mr. French, walked to Hayden's mills and back recently. Miss Clara Smith, Mrs. George W. Hardy, Mrs. William Sanders, Mrs. Charles A. Colburn and Mrs. French made up the club.

Miss Sarah Wilson has returned to her duties as teacher in Adams, Mass. Henry Wilson was a visitor in Boston on Wednesday.

Ten Hollis Grangers attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Brookline on May 5—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith and daughter Doris, Mrs. Geo. W. Sanders, Mrs. William Sanders, Miss Edith Stieckney, Mathew Jameson, Mrs. Eugene Wheeler and Miss Hazel Marshall. Mrs. Clarence Russell, of Brookline, gave a description of their trip to the Panama exposition, which was very interesting.

Worcester Brothers have twenty acres of oats sowed.

Mrs. Denault celebrated her sixty-seventh birthday on Wednesday. A number of the children spent the day with her.

John L. Woods celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday last Saturday. Several of his children were at home.

On Wednesday evening, May 12, Norris Woodbury will give a report of the C. E. convention held recently in Manchester.

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News Items. Charles W. E. Force has moved into the tenement formerly occupied by Charles W. Trechein, who has moved to Lowell.

James W. Oikle moved last week Friday to Hollis, N. H., where he has a position as a cooper.

Ayer high school was defeated by the Groton School second team last Saturday afternoon at Groton by the score of 5 to 4. Frothingham brought in the winning run in the ninth inning by making a home run.

E. W. Carley has had a new and attractive sign placed in front of his place of business.

The members of George J. Burns book and ladder company gave a farewell party to their retiring captain, Fred Kusio, last Saturday night.

A first-class supper with all the fixings was served, after which followed a genuine social time. Robert Irwin was the toastmaster.

Reverend Mr. Thayer, headmaster, expressing the regret that they felt because of Mr. Russo leaving town and wishing him the best of luck in his new field of labor.

In the debate between the Wesleyan Freshmen vs. Brown Freshmen on April 28, on the question: Resolved, "That the United States should enter into an agreement with Argentina, Brazil and Chile for joint intervention in Mexico to restore order and establish a stable government."

The Wesleyan team was the winner. Fred E. Barrows, of this town, was captain of the Wesleyan team.

There will be two services at St. Andrew's church, Sunday morning, commencing at 7.30 in the morning, and evening prayer at 7.30, with an address by the vicar. Choir meets at 6.45 in the evening.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, May 10, at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Master Mason degree.

At their meeting on Monday evening the election reversed their former action in granting drugists' licenses and voted against granting them. That means that there will be no liquor sold this year by the drugists except on doctor's prescriptions.

The board also refused to grant pony express licenses to Kidder's of the National Express Companies. The following appointments were made: Frank J. Maloney, registrar of voters; Douglas C. Smith, forest fire warden; Lucius C. Wheeler, sealer of weights and measures.

At the Woman's club on Wednesday the voting was done according to the Australian system. It worked very well and many of the members learned something new.

An entertainment will be given in the Baptist church on Friday evening, May 14, at eight o'clock, given by the Young People's Union. A most attractive program has been arranged.

The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., Capt. George V. Barrett Camp, S. of V., and the W. R. C. will attend memorial services in St. Mary's church on Sunday morning, May 23, as Memorial Day falls on Sunday this year.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hines, of Groton street, last Sunday.

The telephone poles and the poles of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company have been removed from in front of the Barry building on Maple street, making a better appearance to the building and the street at that point.

The police are having target practice this week with their new automatic revolvers. The latest production in firearms. The new weapons are very effective and may be used to good advantage in dealing with dangerous criminals.

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The Ayer high-school baseball team journeyed to Lunenburg on Tuesday afternoon and overwholly defeated the high school nine there by the score of 26 to 3.

E. A. Magovern has moved from the Shaw block on Park street to the Capt. Palmer house on Pearl street.

At the M. E. church vestry on Wednesday evening, May 12, a baked-bean and salad supper will be served.

Mothers' day will be observed at the Baptist church on Sunday. The pastor will preach at 10.45 in the morning. Sunday school will be held at twelve; service of song at seven in the evening, followed by an appropriate sermon.

Rev. J. E. Bentley, pastor of the Methodist church, will take for his subject at the morning worship on Sunday at eleven o'clock, "Elijah and the Phoenician woman, or the power of kindness." At the evening service at seven o'clock, his subject will be "Judah Iscariot." Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock in the morning. Prayer meeting on Friday evening at seven o'clock.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Mr. Strong will speak on the subject "The key-word of the bible." The subject for the evening service will be "Moral lessons from the life of birds."

Miss Madeline Davis Porter, daughter of Fred P. Porter, of Leominster, became the bride of Alfred Lee Porter, of Fitchburg, April 29. Miss Porter will be remembered in Ayer as being in the employ of Miss Ethel K. Bruce, milliner, a year or two ago.

St. Mark's school, Southboro, Rev. W. C. Thayer, headmaster, will observe the fiftieth anniversary set for May 28, 29, and 30. Mrs. Thayer will give a tea on the afternoon of the opening day for the graduates.

Thayer was the first pastor of St. Andrew's church, which was erected under his supervision.

The case of Romulus Charcia, the seventeen-year-old Italian boy, who recently killed Mrs. Mrs. John Baker, of Fitchburg, at North Shirley, has been continued with the understanding that the boy's uncle has him placed in the home for the feeble-minded at Waverley, as he is plainly of unsound mind. It is said that the boy has been placed in the home.

Justice Atwood has found for Ductro Onozkiuk, of Shirley, the defendant in the civil case heard last week in which Mikilla Pickowicz, of Boston, was the plaintiff, for \$113.92.

Dr. Cyril Blaney, of Westford, was arrested on Thursday on two complaints, one charging him with failure to sound his horn or other device when approaching an intersection, and the other for failure to have his automobile license in an easily accessible position. He pleaded guilty to the first complaint. He gave as a reason for not sounding his horn that he was confused by the movements of an automobile just in front of his machine, and was obliged to give so much attention to his car that for the time he forgot to sound his horn. He was fined ten dollars. On the second complaint he was found not guilty and discharged.

The violation of the law occurred in Groton last Sunday at the corner of School and Elm streets. Chief Dowling was the complainant in the case.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting in the parlor of the church Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

A May sale, under the auspices of the Unitarian Girls' club, will be held in the Unitarian vestry on Friday afternoon, May 21, at three o'clock. The sale will be followed by a supper, and an entertainment.

The usual good moving picture show will be given this Saturday evening. The feature will be "O where is my wandering boy tonight" in two parts, with other of much interest. Next Wednesday evening, besides the great feature picture, "The exploits of Elaine," there will be given a special attraction, the champion of the world's greatest comedian. Those who have seen this last picture in other places speak very highly of it and say it is the best ever.

W. A. Sanderson, a well-known contractor of Providence, R. I., will begin work on Monday morning with a force of carpenters in the repairs of the Chandler Piano Company building, which was damaged by fire on the morning of March 25. Mr. Sanderson's advertisement for carpenters appears in another column of this paper. He has moved in town this week Friday morning.

Mothers' day will be observed at the morning service of the Unitarian church. Come and wear a white carnation or other flower in honor of your mother.

Mrs. J. M. Harrington, of Jackson street, has been quite ill for the past two weeks, and under the care of a nurse, with a severe attack of the grippe, at one time threatened with death. She is slowly improving.

The Ayer high school baseball team will play Lawrence academy 2d, of Groton at the town park on Saturday afternoon.

J. Otis Donovan, a former resident for years Prospect street, and an employee of the Ames Plow Co., where they were located here, has recently been pensioned by that company at the rate of \$500 per year, \$66.67 the first of each month, for the remainder of his life. Mr. Donovan was well-known here and he, with his family, are residents of Framingham, where the Ames Plow Company are now located.

Interested Address. A very clear and able presentation of the subject of anti-suffrage was given before the members of the Board of Trade and invited guests at its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening. The rooms were filled to overflowing, several ladies being present. The speaker was Mrs. A. J. George, of Brookline, who handled the subject in such a manner as to hold the very closest attention of all present. At the close of her remarks she was warmly applauded.

Mrs. George, after being introduced by President Thomas F. Mullin, said that she represented the anti-suffrage movement in Massachusetts. The members of this organization had as yet no flag, but if any were adopted she would recommend for a motto to be placed upon it the words "Safety first."

The speaker referred to the argument used by the opponents of equal suffrage that it must be a good thing as its spread throughout the west has been very rapid, particularly that section of the west along the Mississippi river; and furthermore that where it has been tried it has produced good results.

In referring to this she said that when she first saw a map of the suffragists showing the states where equal suffrage had been granted she was somewhat impressed. But when she investigated the matter she found that while the equal suffrage states are all west of the Mississippi river, and cover a very large territory. The population in these states is surprisingly small. Mrs. George said that while the question from the standpoint of population and not from the territory covered by equal suffrage.

For instance, the vast tract of Oregon, which comprises the vast tract of territory, has not as much population as Middlesex county, Massachusetts. The state of Nevada, another suffrage state, has a population of but 4,000, or about three-fourths of the population in the city of Lowell. The other suffrage states are also small in population. In these places equal suffrage is mainly a rural question. In the city of Chicago, Ill., which has full municipal suffrage, Mrs. George said the campaigns for votes there are of a nature that would do credit to any Massachusetts man would care to have them repeated in this state.

Mrs. George could see no reason for votes for women unless such a government would look at conditions better. There surely could be no good reason for the extra expense of holding elections which this movement creates. This might be considered a small matter, but when it is considered that in the city of Chicago, at the last election, nearly \$140,000 extra was spent on account of the women's suffrage movement, and there was nothing whatever gained as the result of that election, would be precisely the same if no woman had voted. The female vote added so much more to the total vote and that was all.

Referring to the four states that will vote on the question of equal suffrage in this fall—Oregon, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, Mrs. George said they were among the important states of the union and the largest in population, nearly one-fourth of the entire population of the United States live. By the vote of such states should the movement in favor of equal suffrage be judged, and not by the sparsely settled sections of the country.

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order to make these latter changes it became necessary to eliminate the poles and wires from the Peabody Company shop on Groton street at a point near the railroad track and the service wires of the Son's grain store and to remove several poles on West street. Several underground conduits have also been placed in the city where such a course was feasible.

The company is constantly endeavoring to make such changes as will improve the service. The work for the mutual benefit of the company and the public. The changes above-mentioned have required several months of time. The work was in charge of Henry E. Farnum, wire chief.

A. W. C. The Woman's club held its annual business meeting in the Congregational vestry on Wednesday afternoon, May 5, at three o'clock. Mrs. W. C. Stone, in charge of the meeting, reported two selections being given by the Mandolin club. The appreciation of the music was shown by a ringing vote of thanks. Reports were read by the following officers and committees: Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, rec. sec.; Miss Mollie Weston, sec. read by Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield; Mrs. Sarah D. Barry, treas.; Mrs. Carrie L. Lynds, aud.; Mrs. Maud E. Sullivan, cust.; Mrs. Almira M. Sargent; Mrs. Blanche Whitney, hon. sec.; Mrs. Nellie L. Brown, visit. com.; reports of the federation chairmen—Mrs. Margaret Cushing, civics; Mrs. Nina M. H. Bevilacqua, conservation; Mrs. Susan M. Barker, education; Mrs. Clara F. Hill, literature and library extension; Mrs. Almira M. Sargent, household economics; Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, music.

The president thanked the club for their support and all who had helped to make the year a success.

The following officers were elected: Miss S. A. Blood, pres.; Mrs. Harriet M. H. Bixby, Mrs. Florence W. Gleason, v. p.; Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, rec. sec.; Mrs. Mollie Weston, sec.; Mrs. Sarah D. Barry, treas.; Mrs. Carrie L. Lynds, aud.; Mrs. Maud E. Sullivan, cust.; Mrs. Almira M. Sargent; Mrs. Blanche Whitney, hon. sec.; Mrs. Nellie L. Brown, visit. com.

The art class will meet with Mrs. Susan M. Barker on Friday evening, May 14, at 7.30 o'clock. The topics for the next meeting will be: Joseph Barker on Tuesday evening, May 11, at three o'clock. The literature section will meet with Mrs. Ida Perkins on Thursday afternoon, May 13, at three o'clock.

The annual meeting of the State Federation will be held at Marlboro on June 24 and 25. The delegates are Miss Blood and Mrs. Kinney.

The shade tree conference will be held in Worcester city hall, May 8 to 15. Delegate, Mrs. Nina Beverly.

and in court Monday morning he was ordered to mount to \$7.62. John Bobbin, of the same town, was found guilty of the same offense and fined ten dollars. These two men got into trouble at a Polish wedding feast in Shirley and it was necessary to call in Chief Burrill to settle the matter.

John J. LaPoer, of Townsend, a young man well-known to the court, made another appearance on Tuesday morning charged with assault and battery. He was found guilty and ordered to contribute five dollars to be used for the benefit of the town of Townsend.

Recital. Greater Ayer enjoyed a genuine musical treat on Monday evening; practically all the seats in the town hall were taken by a most appreciative audience of enthusiastic devotees to high-class music. Miss George Fletcher, who has long been known, was greeted with the heartiest applause as she appeared before the friends of early childhood. In this, her native town, her approach such as a native of the modest grace that characterized her teens, and her face lighted with the smile of camaraderie as she recognized many familiar countenances and enjoyed a sympathetic response.

Mrs. Helen Pratt Kelley, of Boston, the talented lyric soprano soloist, also rendered very lovely vocal solos, and with John Craig Kelley, one of the state's most skillful and efficient accompanists, enjoyed frequent bursts of applause. Mrs. Kelley, who was a native of Ayer, has a most wonderful adaptability and a charm all her own, but at no time did she win the sympathy of her listeners more completely than in the beautiful encore, "At the close of a perfect day." Both soloists were strongly supported by Mr. Kelley's exquisite accompaniment.

The musical world has long recognized the remarkable gift of which Miss Fletcher is the happy and modest possessor, and has accorded to her a place among its consummate artists. She handles her violin as though it were a part of her own body, and her personality, and so completely has she brought it into subjection to the music of her soul that it seems almost endowed with human passion, communication, and expression the thought and feelings of the composer imagined in the mind of the artist who is his faithful and accomplished interpreter and exponent.

Miss Fletcher showed excellent judgment in the selections rendered, giving a splendid variety, and receiving generously to repeated encores.

The breathless silence with which the large audience listened to the entire program, and the hearty and long-continued applause with which it received each number were evidence sufficient that a sympathetic chord had been touched, and when the final result of the three states was given, the heart was too full for utterance.

Extensive Changes. The telephone company has just completed extensive changes in the pole and wire about town that will greatly aid in bettering the service. New poles have been placed on Williams and High streets and a cable placed on Pleasant street which takes the place of separate wires and which gives better service. New poles have been placed on the main street and the requirements of the new service. The business on the East Main street trunk line has increased so fast that the poles on the three streets which have been doubled in number from 20-pair to 60-pair cables. A direct connection has been made with the Nashua trunk line by the three streets which will give more satisfactory results and a new underground connection has been made with the central office.

order to make these latter changes it became necessary to eliminate the poles and wires from the Peabody Company shop on Groton street at a point near the railroad track and the service wires of the Son's grain store and to remove several poles on West street. Several underground conduits have also been placed in the city where such a course was feasible.

The company is constantly endeavoring to make such changes as will improve the service. The work for the mutual benefit of the company and the public. The changes above-mentioned have required several months of time. The work was in charge of Henry E. Farnum, wire chief.

A. W. C. The Woman's club held its annual business meeting in the Congregational vestry on Wednesday afternoon, May 5, at three o'clock. Mrs. W. C. Stone, in charge of the meeting, reported two selections being given by the Mandolin club. The appreciation of the music was shown by a ringing vote of thanks. Reports were read by the following officers and committees: Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, rec. sec.; Miss Mollie Weston, sec. read by Mrs. Alice F. Butterfield; Mrs. Sarah D. Barry, treas.; Mrs. Carrie L. Lynds, aud.; Mrs. Maud E. Sullivan, cust.; Mrs. Almira M. Sargent; Mrs. Blanche Whitney, hon. sec.; Mrs. Nellie L. Brown, visit. com.; reports of the federation chairmen—Mrs. Margaret Cushing, civics; Mrs. Nina M. H. Bevilacqua, conservation; Mrs. Susan M. Barker, education; Mrs. Clara F. Hill, literature and library extension; Mrs. Almira M. Sargent, household economics; Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, music.

The president thanked the club for their support and all who had helped to make the year a success.

The following officers were elected: Miss S. A. Blood, pres.; Mrs. Harriet M. H. Bixby, Mrs. Florence W. Gleason, v. p.; Mrs. Edith D. Johnson, rec. sec.; Mrs. Mollie Weston, sec.; Mrs. Sarah D. Barry, treas.; Mrs. Carrie L. Lynds, aud.; Mrs. Maud E. Sullivan, cust.; Mrs. Almira M. Sargent; Mrs. Blanche Whitney, hon. sec.; Mrs. Nellie L. Brown, visit. com.

The art class will meet with Mrs. Susan M. Barker on Friday evening, May 14, at 7.30 o'clock. The topics for the next meeting will be: Joseph Barker on Tuesday evening, May 11, at three o'clock. The literature section will meet with Mrs. Ida Perkins on Thursday afternoon, May 13, at three o'clock.

The annual meeting of the State Federation will be held at Marlboro on June 24 and 25. The delegates are Miss Blood and Mrs. Kinney.

The shade tree conference will be held in Worcester city hall, May 8 to 15. Delegate, Mrs. Nina Beverly.

Death. Mrs. Hannah C. (Wilson) Chapin died at her home on Park street Monday after five weeks' illness. The cause of death was infirmities due to old age, with a fractured hip as a contributing cause.

Mrs. Chapin was born in Ashburnham on December 24, 1829. She came here to live over forty years ago and has since made this town her home. She was the widow of Ezra C. Chapin, who was a member of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons. He was also a member of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F.

For many years she was a nurse, but for the past few years she has been unable to be out much. She leaves no near relatives.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon from the Congregational church, Rev. J. S. Strong performing the services. A trio, consisting of Dr. E. H. Hopkins and Misses Mildred Sanders and Helen Hardy, sang. The bearers were Edward A. Richardson, Robert Irwin, Fred W. Hosmer and E. W. Carley. The interment took place in Woodlawn cemetery.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were adopted at a meeting of Division No. 7, A. O. H., held on Tuesday evening, May 4:

Whereas, the Great and Supreme Ruler of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us our beloved brother, Thomas F. Meehan, and whereas the long and intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in the society, made it eminently fitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore, be it

Resolved—that the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the conduct of his office, and the confidence which will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved—that the sudden removal of such a life from among our midst, leaves a vacancy which we deeply regret, and which will be realized by all the members and friends of this society and will prove a serious loss to the community and the world.

Resolved—that with deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that death will be a relief to them, and that they will be comforted by the assurance that the soul of our brother, Thomas F. Meehan, is at rest.

Resolved—that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this society, a copy printed in Turner's Public Spirit, and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

James Hurley, Thomas McCarthy, Thomas J. Ryan, Committee.

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Resolved, That in the untimely end of Brother Hillery, Division No. 7, A. O. H., loses one of its oldest members, a devoted friend and companion and one who every way was deserving of our regard and esteem.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the sorrowing family of our brother, who by his death loses a dutiful husband and father, and commends them to the care of the Most High, the comforter of the afflicted, and be it further

Resolved, That, as a final tribute of respect to his memory, a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy printed in Turner's Public Spirit, and a copy sent to the bereaved family of our deceased brother.

William J. Mullin, Thomas McGuane, M. J. Carey, Committee.

To the Editor: In a former letter allusion was made to some of the peculiar crimes inflicted upon the community by the impetuous and unemployed element of society that infests the large cities of this state during the closed season.

One of the most cunningly devised schemes to get money from a bank developed in Spokane during the winter just passed. A depositor, just before the lunch time of the teller, drew his check for the balance of his account, and received the money. The teller made a desk memorandum of the transaction, intending to carry the transaction to the ledger on his return. In the lunch absence the depositor referred to re-entered the bank and wrote a like check for the same amount which he presented to the substituting teller, who found on turning to the ledger that the depositor in the ledger that the balance due the depositor coincided with the amount of the check and paid the check. The depositor thus getting double the amount of his balance. The surprise and chagrin of the first teller on his return can readily be imagined.

All the methods for "making a raise" in an incident that is unique in the annals of criminology, occurred a few nights since in the yard of the Northern Pacific Railway in the suburbs of the city where eight carloads of horses were on the siding for transportation to Chicago. Some miscreants during the night crooped the tails of the entire shipment. Reckoning the value of horse hair of that description at eight cents a pound the gainful motive is apparent.

What to do with the penniless unemployed tamed the ingenuity of the city which cured an empty building in the business section capable of holding several hundred sleepers. On the sawdust covered floors they were prostrated in such numbers that when one wished to turn over the others had to follow suit, all flopping simultaneously. From this feature of the report the place was generally called the "City of the Floppers."

For six successive nights they were afforded lodgings of this kind "without money and without price." During that time they were supposed to be able to "make a dime at least," this amount being paid to the herder of the flock; gave the unfortunate a free bed for another run of six days. With the advent of spring I presume this hostelry was closed.

Last week's record of three street car hold-ups on three successive nights indicates that the lawless element is not all departed. These hold-ups were near the end of the car lines in those parts of the city that are sparsely populated. The victims were the conductors and fifteen dollars was the largest amount secured in any one of the hold-ups.

Reference might be made to a recent case in the city where a mother poisoned her four children and her-

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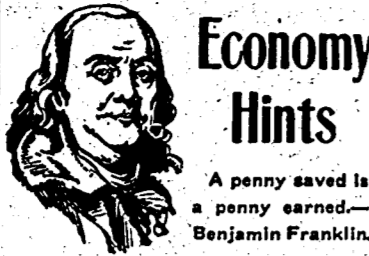
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TABLESPOONFUL of turpentine boiled with white clothes will greatly aid in the whitening process. A teaspoonful of borax put in the last water in which clothes are rinsed will also whiten them surprisingly.

When colored muslin has become faded and it is desired to bleach it white, chloride of lime put in the boiling water in the proportion of one table-spoonful of lime to one quart of water will effect the result.

Badly stained handkerchiefs can be made as white as new if placed in a vessel and covered with ammonia and peroxide of hydrogen mixed with twice the bulk of water.

To shrink cotton material place it neatly folded in a tub of water and allow it to remain until thoroughly damp. Then hang it straight on the line by placing the central fold on the line.

White goods may first be put in cold water, brought to a boil, then hung on the line. Let gingham and other colored materials soak in lukewarm water to which a little salt has been added until all the folds are thoroughly wet through, then take out, unfold without wringing and dry quickly.

Colored gingham and other cottons should be soaked in cold salt water before washing and then washed in dissolved soap and warm water. If soap is rubbed on the color is likely to fade. Wash quickly and rinse in cold water.

Pinks are liable to fade an ugly yellow; blues and greens fade a clear white. Yellow washes nicely, browns look very clear, and mixed white and blue looks fresh and bright, even when slightly faded.

Cooked starch is much improved by the addition of sperm or salt, or both, or a little dissolved gum arabic. To make a stiffening for black wash materials, boil two quarts of wheat bran in six quarts of water for half an hour.

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Maybe we would all be healthier if we were as strong for the eight-hour night as we are for the eight-hour day.

HOLLIS, N. H.

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James Slattery and Samuel Thayer were in town last Sunday. Mrs. Newt, who kept house for Lawrence Small, is at Mr. Leslie's.

Mr. Hayes, who has bought the Charles E. Eastman place, is now boarding at Mrs. N. Maria Sheppard's.

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LUNENBURG

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The Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met at the home of Mrs. George E. Jones on last week Wednesday afternoon.

George Adams, of Leominster, called on old acquaintances in town last Tuesday.

Mr. Horace Parker and Mrs. Robert Bryant attended the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of North Middlesex county at Fitchburg on Tuesday and were very much interested in the fine speech made there. Miss Nellie Jewett was also there in the afternoon and quite a number of the young people from the Y. E. society attended the evening service.

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"When we consider the years of training necessary before a girl can get a position as teacher even in a primary school, the responsibility of the position and the nerve-racking problems that she has to solve, a statement like the above from such a source is a pure indication of desperation."

Any reader has an argument to submit in favor of the anti side of the question we hope he or she will set forth that we may get both sides before the voters before election.

QUICK TO LEARN. Prim old lady buying a parrot and assured by the shopkeeper that the bird was a good talker, the old lady remarked: "I hope it doesn't swear!" "No, mum," replied the shopkeeper, "but it'll soon learn!"

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To all persons interested in the estate of SARA E. WHITCOMB late of Lunenburg, deceased, deceased.

Whereas, CHARLES S. DODGE executor of the will of ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB, deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of said estate, and the same is correct.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-fourth day of May A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

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

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of QUINCY ADAMS, late of Townsend, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for Probate, by CHARLES A. BIRTT, who prays that administration of the will be granted to him without requiring sureties on his bond, or to some other suitable person, the executor named in said will, having declined to accept the trust.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FREDERICK N. WILLIAMS of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of May A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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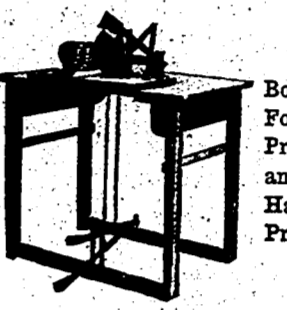
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ELLEN FRANKLIN WILLIAMS late of Pepperell 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 CHARLES J. MCINTIRE, Esquire, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice of the foregoing by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least, before said Court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventh day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to HARRY R. DRAPER, Adm. Ayer, Mass., April 29, 1915. 2134

