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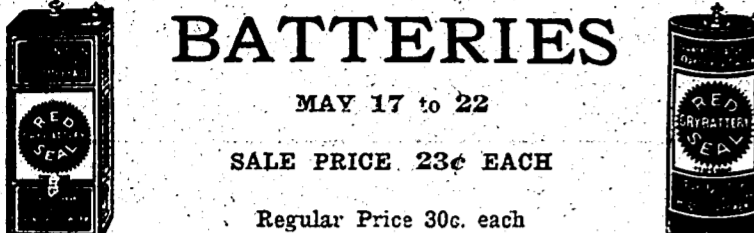
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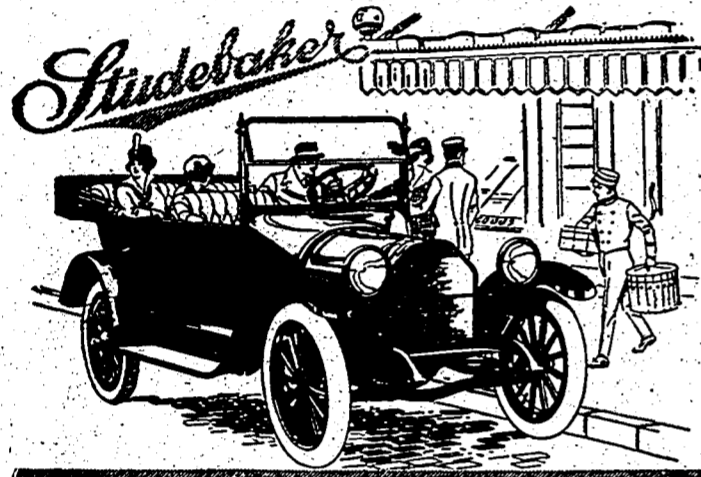
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PEPPERELL

About Town.

C. F. Bird, of South street, has been visiting his sister this week, who resides on Seminary hill, Andover.

Mrs. George E. Shattuck was in Boston on Monday on a shopping trip.

On Saturday the Pepperell ball team goes to Townsend to give their team their chance to punish them.

Mrs. Ella F. Tolles, of Groton, spent Friday of last week with her sisters, Mrs. L. G. Robbins and Mrs. Hattie Everett, on High street.

Street Commissioner Blood will nearly complete the work on the roads with the scraper, next week. Some of the streets where the work was done before the rains are nearly as bad as ever, notably Elm street, where the heavy logging truck runs through to Ayer daily. Some of the trips made by that recently have passed over Main street to River street.

Thomas Breen is in the employ of Mr. Russell of the Champion International shop at Lawrence, and recently went to his summer home among the mountains at The Weirs, N. H., for the summer.

Miss Gilhooly, of the class of 1913, Pepperell high school, has the honor of being elected captain of the Fitchburg Normal basketball team for next year. Miss Gilhooly has played on the team two years and is instructor of the eighth and ninth grades in basketball.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton on Monday entertained an auto party consisting of Joseph Russell and family, from Cambridge. Mr. Russell is a brother of the late Governor William E. Russell, whose wife is a cousin to Mr. Appleton. The party were in town for the day only.

The Oak Hill Bird club will give an entertainment Saturday evening, May 22, at Oak Hill hall. Ice cream, cake and candy will be on sale. The program, which consists of dialogues, drills, living pictures and songs, is to be given entirely by the children. The small sum charged for admission should not be prohibitive to anyone, and the funds obtained are to be used for the work of the club.

The work on the connecting link of the state road on South street to the Townsend line is likely to be completed next week. Preparations are already being made to treat the South road from Groton up to the new section with the dust-laying substance used last year. The same will undoubtedly be used also on the new section when completed, and this will make an ideal drive during the dusty summer months. The grading has been improved in several sections, the hills near Fairview farm and just beyond Walton Place and the summer residence of A. G. Conant being the most noticeable. The danger from autos of some of the sharpest curves of the road will be eliminated to a large extent by the widening and straightening of the road at these points.

Mrs. David Parker last week entertained quite a party of relatives at her home with her son, Harry, on Oak Hill. They were her brother, James Litchfield, and Miss Ella Litchfield, from Lunenburg; Mrs. Emily Paige, from Andover; and Mrs. Clara Kelly, from Fitchburg.

A fine sermon was delivered by the new pastor, Rev. W. H. Beers, at the morning service at the Methodist church on mothers' day to an unusually large audience. The music, rendered by a full chorus choir of young voices, was singularly effective, being led by the new chorister, O. M. Nash.

George V. Herrig, whose position with the American Express Company at Somerville was affected by the recent combination of the offices, has position with the company as express messenger, running between Boston and Rockport.

The annual meeting of the Oak Hill Woman's club was held with Mrs. C. C. Tucker and daughter, Mrs. Maxwell, on Wednesday afternoon, May 12, twenty-four ladies being present. The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the choice of Mrs. Paul Maxwell, pres.; Mrs. M. E. Gaskill, sec. Other committees may be appointed later as necessary. A social hour with refreshments, followed the business session. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Otis Merrill on Wednesday afternoon, May 26. Members are requested to bring their sewing and listen to a reading.

Miss Gladys Morton, teacher at the Townsend street school, spent the week-end and Sunday with her parents at Fitchburg.

The sale of the John Rourke place on Oak Hill has recently been effected by the owner, A. Shattuck. The purchaser is Rev. Edward Slomb, pastor of the Unitarian church at Worcester. He has often visited in town, being a member of the class of Rev. D. B. Child. It is understood that the house will be thoroughly renovated and many changes made, including a bath room, sleeping porch and other improvements, to make it a delightful summer home. The location is very desirable and healthy. Mr. and Mrs. Slomb and their three children will probably occupy it this summer as soon as some of the repairs are made.

Amos Mahoney and family moved this week Thursday to the lower tenement of Mr. Thurston's double house, corner Main and High streets.

William Shephardson has been running Nokes' ice wagon this week, during Mr. Nokes' absence.

A simple and impressive service was held last Sunday at 3.30 o'clock at the Oak Hill hall, in commemoration of Mothers' day. The song service, conducted by Lyman C. Blood, in which the entire congregation joined, comprised many old and familiar hymns suitable for the day, and these were sung heartily by old and young. Rev. J. B. Lewis was present and gave a short address. Mrs. C. C. Tucker was asked to give a short talk to the boys and girls, and the fine attention given her during the entire talk would prove that she was able to interest them, as well as all her hearers. Her usual anecdotes, one for the girls and one for the boys, were pointed and instructive, and well received.

The "Jolly Eight" gave one of their numbers. Mrs. Frank Bennett, a thorough musician on a Monday evening, which was also a most agreeable one. During the evening it was proved that each member knew how to live up to the motto. A fine mixed collation was thoroughly provided for the guests and added to by the hostess, completing a fine pleasant evening.

Grippe colds are still flourishing in spite of the fact that we are in the latter part of the season. Albert Spaulding is one of the latest victims, being so ill as to require a physician.

Mrs. John O'Connell, of Nashua street, went to Derry, N. H., last Saturday taking her little grandson, who has been with her for a few weeks, back to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burns.

Justice, by Justo, the well-known pacer owned by E. S. Grenache, has gone into training at Combination Park for the season.

J. M. Graham was in Boston on business on Friday of last week.

Misses Alice and Nellie Chase, daughters of Edgar Chase, are employed at the Derry, N. H., shoe factory. They were former employees at the Mould shoe shop in town.

In regard to the item of last week concerning the war record of the late High Gray, an error was made in the time of his joining the army. He did not serve in the civil war, being of course too young. It was correct, however, that he was a member of the standing army in the west under Custer at the time of the Indian rebellion.

Miss Anne Murray returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Littleton, N. H.

A very close game that called forth an unusual amount of enthusiasm took place on the Pepperell playground on Tuesday afternoon, between the Townsend and Pepperell high school teams. The Townsend team was reasonably sure of a victory up to the last inning. The score was 9 to 7 in favor of P. H. S. team.

J. J. Montieth was in Boston on Tuesday of this week.

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WESTFORD

Center. The Boy Scouts gave an entertainment at the town hall on last week Friday evening which was much enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The first play was entitled "Miss Chivoy's Book" with the following in the cast: Howard Judd, George Perkins, Fred Amesbury, Bertram Sutherland, Artemas Griffin, Alfred Sutherland, the second sketch, "The haunted house," was given by Artemas Griffin and George Perkins, with ghosts. The plays were interspersed with readings by Miss Young, and music by Miss Moreland. Homemade candy was on sale during intermission and the young people arranged the stage settings most attractively.

Mr. and Mrs. Abel J. Abbot are at home again after several months of enjoyable southern travel.

The Donald M. Camerons, of Lowell, who are planning to spend the summer at the Westford homestead, are adding a spacious piazza to said homestead.

Mrs. William R. Carver entertained a very pleasant bridge whist party of four tables at her home last Saturday afternoon.

Perley E. Wright is a recent purchaser of a Red automobile.

William H. H. Burbeck, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken to the Coram hospital in Lowell, recently for special care and treatment.

Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, Mrs. O. R. Spalding, Miss Julia Fletcher and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher enjoyed Havrah Hubbard's presentation of the opera "Sinfred," with his accompanist, Floyd Baker, given in colonial hall, Lowell, under the auspices of the Middlesex Woman's club on Monday afternoon.

If anybody in town has a finer appearing home garden than Emory J. Whitney we surely do not know of them. His garden is small, but quality certainly supercedes quantity and shows what skillful and intensive management will do. Prospects are good for Mr. Whitney to score first on first pickings of peas among the gardeners and his lettuce, asparagus and many other vegetables present a very attractive appearance.

Mrs. A. M. Felch arrived in town on Tuesday of this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bridgford, after having spent a very pleasant winter with another daughter, Mrs. Charles Hinton, of Philadelphia.

It was victory for the Graniteville Boy Scouts over the Westford Scouts in their game at Whitney playground last Saturday afternoon.

The ladies of the Unitarian church extended their good wishes on Wednesday to their church home and held a systematic and thorough cleaning.

The memorial services a sermon will be held at the Unitarian church on Sunday, May 22, and a practice is going on for special music by the united choirs for that day.

Mrs. Edith Bicknell Wilcox and little son are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. A. Bicknell's.

Tadmuck Club.

The closing meeting of the season for the Tadmuck club, which was a reception to the retiring officers, took place at the congregational church on Tuesday afternoon. The Ladies' Titania orchestra furnished delightful music, supplemented with groups of songs by Mrs. M. M. Leach, of Lowell. Mrs. Leach is a favorite with the Tadmuck club and her singing on Tuesday was especially enjoyable.

The officers in charge of the line were Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, pres.; Miss Clara A. Smith, v. p.; Mrs. L. W. Wheeler, rec. sec.; Mrs. William R. Taylor, cor. sec.; and Miss Edith A. Wright, treat. Mrs. Oscar E. Spalding, Mr. Edward Fisher and Mrs. Harry B. Prescott were the ushers. A dainty luncheon was served in charge of the reception committee, Miss Edith Porter, Mrs. V. C. E. Wetmore, Miss Ella Hildreth, Mrs. Julian Cameron and Mrs. William R. Carver. Mrs. Wetmore was the special hostess of the afternoon and her liberal and delightful hospitality was much appreciated by every member present.

The group of pictures of old houses, buildings and historical places in Westford, gathered by the committee appointed for that purpose last season, were arranged for inspection and received much interested attention. This collection promises to be of much value, especially in years to come, and the work of the committee deserves much gratitude. The club voted a sum of money to assist in its continuance. The club closes a most successful season and the president, Mrs. Hildreth, in a few, well chosen words at Tuesday's gathering, thanked everyone for their cordial and helpful support and sympathy.

About Town. William L. Woods has bought out the Joshua C. Decatur Company, produce and fruit dealers, of Boston. Mr. Woods was for several years a resident of Westford and manager of the well-known Kittredge farm.

Brookside mills are running again on a low ebb, slack-time basis, and besides a superintendent, fireman, watchman and engineer there are not many on the payroll list.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Thursday evening, May 20. This meeting will be in charge of O. A. Nelson, of Graniteville, who is preparing an evening of song, instrumental music and local hitting up generally. The Graniteville program is always up to the desired order of the day. Supt. Henry Smith, of Graniteville, will be one of the chief accessories in collection with what is to be had.

The Board of Trade met at the town hall on Monday evening, being well represented and ably represented as

to the suffragettes. Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, president of the Board of Trade, presided, and Charles L. Hildreth, secretary, acted as shorthand reporter of speeches. Hon. Edward Fisher opened the case and cleared up the case so effectively in his financial statement relating to the electric line from Westford to Brookside that money was raised at the terminal of the statement in sufficient amount to guarantee needed repairs on the road bed. Other speeches of a suggestive nature were made by Herbert V. Hildreth, Edward M. Abbot, William H. Taylor, Capt. Sherman H. Fletcher, Mrs. M. Seavey, Charles L. Hildreth, Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher. The sentiment of the meeting favored a ten-cent fare to Brookside, subject to the approval of the public service commission.

The Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold a meeting on Saturday afternoon, May 22, at 2:30 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Clara Bancroft Beatty, of Boston, will give an address on "Morals through reverence." Mrs. Beatty will be remembered as the daughter of the late E. Bancroft Beatty, a well-known and entertaining speaker. The subject is non-sectarian and should receive a liberal attendance.

John Burbeck, one of the substantial and successful farmers, seriously ill as the result of a cut on the leg with an axe while trimming apple tree limbs. He is confined to the house and blood poisoning is feared. He has passed his severe illness with industry and temperate habits, which favor recovery.

The old John F. Banister farm, corner of Dunstable and Tyngsboro roads, owned by Fred L. Snow, of Tyngsboro, was sold at auction on last Saturday to J. M. Book, of the Outlet Fruit Company, Lowell, for \$1250. He is the owner of the Hillside farm at the northeast corner of Long-Sought-for pond and adjoining his recent purchase.

The West Chelmsford Benevolent society gave a social in the vestry of the village church on Wednesday evening in charge of Mrs. E. Fletcher. A supper, temptingly displayed, was served, after which Mrs. Roberts, of Lowell, entertained in song, "Patsy," the Boston watchmen recitations. Both delighted the audience to call for more, and the laughable pantomime, "Wanted—a house-keeper," hit fun to the limit.

W. R. Taylor is building a new lawn tennis court at "Stony Brook." This with the one at the Old Oaken Bucket farm will perhaps conform to the administration efforts to the administration efforts to be in restraint of pleasure in hours of leisure.

Union memorial services will be held at the Unitarian church on Sunday, May 22.

Automobiles at a reckless law-breaking speed still perform daily. On Wednesday evening, while the electric car stopped at Banister's Corner, an auto speeded by on a mile-a-minute basis. Passengers dodged, but "Patsy," the Boston watchmen, do, while acting as speed referee and general police lookout, was caught by the whirlwind suction of the law-violating auto and was whirled about and over and under several times, but aside from disarranging his coat and temporary digestion, and dizziness of where and who he was, he was not bruised or broken in bone or spirit.

On last week Friday evening a fire, by legal permit, was started on the Banister pasture. Several colonies of ancient bugs were caught asleep and near the fire, and when put in such a sleep. Several acres were burned over and the fire caused alarm to those who were not aware of its human intentions.

The Pihkin family are to vacate as laborers at the Read farm. The John H. Decatur place is viewed as a possible location to move into.

The apple blossoms promises to outdo last year and for several years in some sections of the town.

Graniteville.

The machine shop team and the Ledgemen met in the third game of the baseball series here on last Saturday afternoon and the stonemen, being without the services of their coach and manager, "Jack" Rafferty, met with the defeat. The game was played to the tune of 10 to 5. The shop boys to the tune of 10 to 5. The game brought out many particular features, among them being the fine pitching of F. Gower, who fanned many of his heavy hitting opponents. The day was just right for baseball and as this was the "rubber" game, a large number were on hand to witness the sport.

Rev. Mr. McVickers, the new pastor of the M. E. church, with Mrs. McVickers were tendered a reception in the church parlors on last Saturday evening, the affair being largely attended. After the formal reception refreshments were served after which a very pleasing entertainment was given. The whole affair proved to be very enjoyable and those in attendance were greatly pleased with the efforts of the committee for arranging such an opportune time to meet their new pastor.

Albert Reeves has recently fitted up what was formerly his pool room here into a fine up-to-date ice cream parlor.

Miss Isabelle Blanche Chandler, of East Billerica, has been spending the last few days here as the guest of Mrs. Clara Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantfield, of Upton, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Furbush.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hawkes are receiving many pleasing comments on the beautiful display of tulips and hyacinths that adorn a large flower garden in their front yard. Mr. Hawkes's home and grounds now present a fine appearance and he has surely followed out to the letter the slogan of "Clean up and paint up."

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. H. N. Fletcher on last week Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia B. Wall, Mrs. Lena Ledwith of this village, and Miss Moison Lord of Circle Village, attended the grand circle of the Forest of America that was held in the Hotel Brunswick, Boston, this week. Mrs. Ledwith and Mrs. Lord were as delegates from the Cameron Circle here while Mrs. W. attended as a member of the executive committee in her official capacity as chairman of the board of trustees.

Nearly all of the work in one of Germany's greatest breweries is done by electricity.

A very noted diamond is the one of sapphirine the known as the Hope diamond, which is valued at \$100,000. It is thought to have been cut from a blue stone which was once owned by Louis XIV, and which disappeared during the French revolution.

LITTLETON

News Items. The G. M. Lovejoys, of Hartford, Conn., were recent guests of Mrs. F. S. Whitcomb.

Dr. George Hall, of Oberlin, Ohio, a former pastor of the Congregational church in Littleton, was in town on Monday from a pleasant visit with his wife and daughter. He could not be present on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church. He completed his pastorate here thirty-six years ago, when he resigned to accept a call to the church at N. H., where he preached until six years ago, when he went to the middle west.

Mrs. W. H. Brown returned on Monday from a pleasant visit with her son Ernest and family in Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Howard entertained at their guests last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Clement Waltham, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hale of Somerville. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Williams of Marlboro, Mrs. Silas Hale of Hudson, John Adams and Miss Flora Hale of Boston.

Some of the peach orchards have been very handsome this week. F. B. Priest's orchard in Newtown has been one of the most attractive in town. Although this is not the apple year here, the orchards that look very promising. Apples shipped this last week are bringing flattering returns.

The weekly prayer meeting at the Congregational church was omitted this week on account of the anniversary.

We are happy to report the continued improvement in Mrs. G. W. Cahney's condition. Dr. J. W. Thatcher also continues to gain. He is dressed and about the house.

Mrs. Alfred Bailey was called to Somerville on account of her sister's illness, caused by pneumonia.

Miss Anna Woodbine, teacher of the fifth and sixth grades, went home sick last week and Miss Tobin is substituting for her.

Osman Ewings, Littleton's oldest citizen, has been very ill and much of the time delirious. His condition is somewhat better at last reports.

Arthur Fairbanks, of the Boston Art Museum, and Miss Fairbanks, spent last Saturday with his sister, Mrs. Alvord.

Supt. Hill received word that his father is very sick with the grippe at his home in Portland, Me. Mrs. Hill immediately left for Portland, where she is caring for her father-in-law.

E. H. Woodbury, Charles Watts, C. A. Kimball, John Hutchinson and Harry and Raymond Smith attended the Masonic meeting on Saturday last Monday evening when the Smith brothers took the third degree.

The public is reminded of the Center school entertainment to be given in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 22, at 7:30 o'clock. The cantata and folk dancing are leading attractions of the program. The proceeds will be used for music in the schools.

Mrs. Helen Rich, of Bucksport, Me., has spent the last ten days with Mrs. A. W. Knowlton.

Miss Helen Bradlee entertained as her Saturday and Sunday guest, Miss Florence Hartop, of Newton.

C. V. Flagg's automobile collided with the car of Mrs. H. N. Fletcher on Saturday night and both cars were badly damaged at a curve in the Groton road. The occupants escaped practically unharmed.

Mrs. W. E. Corant and daughter Margaret spent last Saturday with the Ralph Conant family in Watertown.

Miss Gertrude Johnson is living at her home on King street, and goes daily to her work in Boston.

Miss Cora Warren, of Boston, entertained at her home on Foster street last Saturday and Sunday a fellow teacher, Miss Gould.

David Wilcox is digging a trench for water pipes and will supply his Hutchinson buildings with town water.

John Wright, who has been on the sick list, is reported better.

Miss Weeks will hold a dancing party in the town hall on Saturday evening, May 15, dancing until 11:30 with good music. Refreshments on sale.

Union Meeting.

A union meeting was held in the Congregational church on last Sunday evening for the purpose of making a protest against the war which indirectly causes the death of more than a thousand lives by drowning when the Lusitania was torpedoed.

The three protesting ministers spoke with much feeling on the subject. Rev. O. J. Fairfield, of Groton, in a stirring and eloquent address, which has been conducted, Rev. H. L. Caulkins followed, insisting that war should not make men nobler as some philosophers maintain. He protested against it as legalized murder. Rev. J. C. Alvord declared the sinking of the Lusitania to be a murder and an outrage. He would urge that the United States, the greatest neutral nation, use its influence to insist on legal provisions that shall make a repetition of the Lusitania disaster impossible, and assure Americans of protection and safety. Had Great Britain been a neutral nation Germany would never have dared fire a torpedo at a ship carrying British subjects. The three ministers had each a share in the devotional part of the service. There was a large delegation from the three societies present.

Receives Big Increase in Salary. From a recent issue of the Boston Transcript, we learn that the salaries of eleven probation officers of Boston municipal court, Roxbury district court and the East Boston district court have been advanced \$2500 a year by approval of Mayor Curley, a result of a long agitation. Albert J. Sargent, chief probation officer of the largest municipal court, receives the largest increase, from \$3000 to \$3500. His assistants have a considerable increase also. Mr. Sargent was born in Littleton about forty years ago. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sargent. His education was received in the South district school and the Littleton high. Shortly after completing his school training he entered upon his career in Boston. He has conducted himself in office that he has received frequent promotions and enjoys the distinction of the front ranks in his profession. This he has won through his own merit. Many of his former schoolmates and other friends have watched his progress with keenest interest, and Littleton is proud to send forth a son who has proved himself so worthy of the honor and esteem he enjoys.

Colorado Justice. A few days since John R. Lawson, president of the Colorado Iron and Steel Company, was found guilty of murder

in the first degree and promptly sentenced to imprisonment for life. The victim, one of the strike-breakers in the famous strike at Ludlow, was shot in a battle with the strikers and it was not claimed that Lawson was present when the fight took place, but simply that he was president of the union which was even conducting the strike.

A day or two after Lawson was found guilty the men who took part in the infamous Ludlow massacre, in which something like a score of people, mostly women and children, were killed, and some of whom admitted their guilt were exonerated. In some cases it was clearly proven that certain men actually did the killing, of which they were accused, and yet they go free.

The question naturally arises: If the president of a labor union can be convicted of murder in the first degree for a crime committed miles away and without his knowledge simply because he is in charge of a strike, why should not the president and directors of a company be likewise held responsible for the murders committed by thugs and gamblers engaged by them to break a strike and directly under their control?

It would seem that the time must come when this question will have to be answered. And yet in our Fourth of July orations, we still proclaim this to be the "land of the free," where "all men are created equal, rich and poor alike" (?) V. T. E.

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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, FAIRBANK, executor 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 his administration upon the estate of said Isaac F. Wright.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester in said County, on the twenty-first 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 executor is ordered to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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

3235 HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of JOHN B. JEWETT, late of Peppercorn, in said County, deceased, DAVID W. WATSON, who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the third day of June, 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 said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Peppercorn Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.

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

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Saturday, May 15, 1915.

AYER

News Items.

Joseph Griffin, formerly of Ayer, has a good position as driver of a team for the Sunshine Electric Company in Boston.

Lester B. Vall, local manager for the England Telephone and Telegraph Co., attended the conference of managers at Fitchburg Wednesday.

Huntley S. Turner has purchased a Studebaker Six, seven-passenger car of Robt. Murphy's Sons Co., and was out last Sunday with it for his first lesson.

The Unitarian Girls' club will hold their second annual May sale of aprons, candy, fancy work, etc., on Friday afternoon, May 21, at three o'clock in the Unitarian vestry. A supper, served by the men of the church, under the management of Dr. Priest, will follow. In the evening the Unitarian girls will present "The Elopement of Ellen," with the following in the cast: Doris Fletcher, Lucy Smith, Marion Young, Emma Klancy, Alice and Evelyn Sanger, and Arthur Lillian Baker.

Arthur B. Davis, of Washington street, has purchased a Studebaker Four.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Tweedie entertained a party of Harbinger lodge, K. T., and Harbinger club, and their sisters, at their home on Fletcher street on Thursday evening last week. Whist was the feature of the evening, the male winners being Dan Old Woods first and Robert King the booby prize; for the ladies, Mrs. Alice Fleet won first honors and Miss Viola Lawratt second. Light refreshments were served, followed by a social time.

Rev. J. S. Strong, pastor of the Congregational church, will move his family from Amherst to the Burns house on Washington street, recently vacated by L. K. Barker. The family consists of a boy and girl in addition to the latter part of next month.

Joseph P. Mariner, of Cambridge, will commence his duties as "keeper" for Charles E. Perrin on Monday morning.

Rev. J. J. Walsh, of Pepperell, will give the third of a series of lectures to the members of Division A. O. H. and A. O. H. on Sunday evening, May 16, at 7.30. Mr. Walsh's subject will be "Irish schools—past and present."

At the M. E. church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the pastor, Rev. J. E. Bentley, subject will be "The secret of strength." In the evening at seven o'clock the subject will be "The source of man's power." At the evening service on the subject, "Windows for the soul." The topic for the C. E. meeting will be "Why I believe in Christian Endeavor."

Miss Kate E. Lynch was called on Monday to Bath, Me., on account of the sudden death of her brother, Henry Lynch, from heart trouble. When his sister, who resides with him, went to his room the night before he died. He was a frequent visitor here. His funeral was largely attended. The profusion of beautiful flowers sent in from his many friends was a mark of esteem in which he was held by the citizens of Bath.

At the regular meeting of Corps No. 49 on Tuesday evening, May 18, plans for Memorial day will be discussed. After the meeting there will be a social hour with something of interest for all. The Veterans are always welcome at the corps meetings.

The W. C. T. U. spent a very enjoyable afternoon last week Friday at the vestry of the Baptist church when the Unitarian entertained the Westford W. C. T. U. One new candidate was admitted to the church. The business meeting a short entertainment was given as follows: Solo, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, with Miss Clara Thomas at the piano; reading, "Widow Bennett's poetry," Miss Thomas; encore, "The secret," both receiving much applause; singing and remarks by Mrs. Janet Wright, president of the Unitarian followed. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Josie Hatch, Mrs. Pollard and others and a social hour was enjoyed.

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch Chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, May 18. Work—Royal Arch degree.

Dean William Wallace Penn of Harvard will be present and will deliver the sermon on the Unitarian church Sunday. Dean Penn is well worth hearing and it is hoped that a large audience may be in attendance.

Miss Bessie Chauvin of Park street had her tonsils removed by Dr. Hopkins at his office last Wednesday.

Poulus Bros., the proprietors of the moving picture business, will put on the greatest series of war pictures this Saturday afternoon. The entertainment in no other way save by actual experience can a true idea of the great European conflict be obtained. The series consist of 400 actual scenes taken on the battlefields in France. In addition there will be given "The attorney for the defence," a great picture in three parts, and "The gallantry of Jimmie Rogers," and "Put me off at Wayville," the two last named being farce-comedies.

John H. Hooley and John H. Burns attended the state convention of the Knights of Columbus in Boston this week as delegates from Ayer county.

The cellar for A. M. Winslow's new house on Washington street is being built this week.

M. O'Keefe, the well-known grocer, whose headquarters are in Boston, was in town recently on a second attempt to locate one of his large chain of stores here. He has been negotiating with L. W. Phelps for a location where Mr. Phelps' barn is on West Main street. Mr. O'Keefe says he is determined to locate a store here if possible.

Moy Yun, formerly of Ayer, was in town this week Thursday and Friday. He has been located in East Boston where he conducts a laundry business, but has sold out and will soon open a laundry in Roxbury. He was the first Chinaman to locate in Ayer, where for years he conducted a laundry in the Public Square building.

A. J. Lessard, of Fitchburg, a freight brakeman, received a bad scalp wound last Sunday afternoon while at work near the railroad station. He was standing on the gangway of the locomotive of his train, looking backward, when his head struck a car which was part of a string hauled by a shifting engine, coming in the opposite direction.

At a meeting of the school committee of the district comprising Ayer, Shirley, West Boylston and Boylston, held in the Board of Trade rooms on April 30, Frank C. Johnson, the present superintendent of schools, was unanimously re-elected for three years, beginning July 1.

Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., and Vesta Rebekah lodge gave a joint social in their quarters in Page block on Thursday evening, which was a very enjoyable one. David H. Young, the noble grand of Robert Burns lodge, welcomed the gathering in behalf of the organizations. The evening was followed by an address by Stephen A. Lougee. The Girls' Mandolin orchestra, consisting of Misses Jane Briggs, Helen Kinney, first mandolin; Misses Emma Klancy and Ayer and Agnes Lynch of Shirley, second mandolin; and Mrs. Fred Simonds, guitar, gave selections. Piano solos were given by Miss Flora Cole and Raymond Miller, and readings by Miss Esther McDonald, Miss Hazel Miller and Miss Marion Young. Following the program light refreshments were served in the hall, after which some of the girls journeyed to Page Hall for a dance, while the remainder enjoyed themselves in playing games. Perry's orchestra furnished music.

There will be a May party with music and dancing at the home of St. Mary's church in the town hall on Monday evening, May 24. Children's May pole dance at eight o'clock. Music by Mudgett's orchestra.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, May 17, at seven o'clock. Work—Master Mason degree. Lunch.

Edmund K. Turner, a prominent civil engineer, died at Corey Hill hospital, Brookline, last week Thursday, of pneumonia, after a short illness. He was born in Marblehead in 1848, was educated in the public schools, and was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with honors. He was with the Fitchburg railroad for several years, and afterwards as a consulting engineer was connected with several important enterprises. He made frequent trips to Europe in the study of his profession and was recognized as a high authority in railroad engineering. Mr. Turner leaves a sister, Miss Sarah A. Turner, of Marblehead.

A regular communication of St. Paul lodge of Masons will be held on Monday afternoon, May 17, at one o'clock, at which time dinner will be served. Work—Eighth degree.

Chief Benay, assisted by Officers James I. Mills, Lyman J. Taylor and James H. O'Connell, all of Ayer, and Officers Thomas C. Burrill of Shirley and Fred Reed of Littleton, raided the New Union Hotel on last week Friday night. Although they made a thorough search of these places no liquors were found. The honorees graduation have been given to the following members of the senior class of the high school: Reginald MacDonnell, Ralph Brown, Paul Carrigan, Gertrude McCarthy, Dorothy Robbins.

The Chandler Machine Company is going to build a new fireproof building 100x60 feet to replace the one destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. The new building will be erected on the original site. The company has temporary quarters in the Sigbee building on Central avenue. P. Romano & Co., of Fitchburg, will erect the new building.

These officers have been elected by the Page block company: George L. Donahue, capt.; Francis B. Sullivan, 1st lieut.; James Hillier, 2d lieut.; William J. Gannon, clerk and treasurer; William F. Walsh, steward. Hartwell hose company have chosen their officers for the coming year: Herbert H. Proctor, capt.; Howard P. Fletcher, 1st lieut.; Henry C. Turner, 2d lieut.; Chester P. Perrin, clerk and steward; E. O. Proctor, treasurer.

There will be holy communion service at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning at 10.30. No evening services.

A special moving picture film of the Studebaker motor cars, showing the manufacture of these cars from the raw material to the finished product, will be shown in addition to the regular show in Page hall on Wednesday evening, May 19. These pictures are very interesting and instructive and are well worth seeing. They are being shown at the town hall during Ayer during the coming week.

There will be a May party with entertainment in Hardy's hall on Thursday, May 27, under the auspices of the Women's Guild. The entertainment will consist of a cantata, entitled "A garden of flowers," given by the members of the choir, and a May-pole dance by girls and boys of the Sunday school. Dancing will follow the entertainment.

At the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10.45 the pastor will take as the theme of his sermon "The strongest element in Christianity." Sunday school at twelve. Service of song at seven in the evening with sermon on the subject "A call for volunteers."

Fifty members of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons attended the general assembly of Charles F. Johnson in Littleton on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Johnson was prominent in the order and for years a member of the above lodge.

Chief Benay, accompanied by Officers Stephen Gardner of Shirley, Thomas C. Burrill and Arthur Bassett of Shirley, and J. H. O'Connell, William F. Fitzgerald and James T. Mills of Ayer, raided the New Union House and the Globe hotel for intoxicating liquors on Thursday. A pint of whiskey was found at the last-named place. William Taylor, the clerk, was taken into custody, but afterward was bailed. This was the second time within a week that these places were raided.

Harlow & Parsons intend in the near future to enlarge their market which will, when the addition is made, occupy the whole ground floor. Eugene Rousseau, who has conducted a barber shop in the lower part of the building, has bought out the shop of Ephraim Gilman in the block of Geo. B. Turner & Son, and will take possession the first of next week. Mr. Gilman is as yet undecided what he will do, but will probably locate in Nashua, N. H.

A junk dealer from Gardner has bought out all the iron in the ruins of the Chandler Machine shop which the fire burned several weeks ago. The place is now being cleaned up.

Joseph Langvein, of Woonsocket, R. I., has rented the Taylor house and intends to open for business June 1. The place will be thoroughly renovated before opening.

The fire department was called out Wednesday afternoon in response to an alarm from box 24, for a fire at the Wood house on Fourth street. The fire was put out with a damage of about \$250. The fire is thought to

have been caused by sparks from the chimney.

William J. Mullin is now engaged in the jobbing business and is ready to receive orders which will receive prompt and careful attention.

Mrs. George, judge of West Groton has been a patient at the hospital during the past week. On leaving the hospital he will spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Mary Beverly of Ayer.

Mr. Emma True of Ayer is the new proprietress of the new Union house, succeeding Fred Luscomb, who left town a few days ago.

Special Town Meeting. A special town meeting has been called for Tuesday evening, May 18, at 7.30 o'clock, to act upon the following articles after choosing a moderator:

Article 2. To vote to extend the water main to Mitchellville, so-called, appropriate money therefor, and authorize the town treasurer to borrow the whole or any part of the sum appropriated and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor, or take any action thereon.

Article 3. To raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 to be expended in repairing the barn at the town farm, or take any action thereon.

District Court. Harold H. Lowe, of Clinton, pleaded guilty to a violation of the automobile law in Groton on May 12, and was fined \$100, with costs, for driving a motor car with the law was merely technical the case was filed.

Carl Lydia, of Westford, for committing a nuisance, was fined ten dollars on Monday morning.

Frederic Chapman of Shirley, was arraigned Monday morning on complaints of drunkenness and assault and battery on his wife. The evidence showed that the assault was very slight, but sufficient to justify the finding of guilty. He was placed on probation for three months. The complaint for drunkenness was filed in Champlain. In his own behalf, stated to the court that in addition to supporting his wife and two children he provided for his wife's father and mother who were members of the household. The judge, however, although being well cared for by him, made such strict rules of conduct for him to follow that at times he became very angry. One of the rules was that he should be in the house every evening at 7.30. He thought such a regulation was very unreasonable for a man who worked every day and while some social pleasures outside the home.

G. Harold Durant, of West Groton, was found guilty of assault and battery and was sentenced Monday morning to the house of correction for three months. The judge, however, unusually severe sentence was imposed because of one of the most brutal and unprovoked assaults that has ever come to the attention of the court. The victim of the assault was Louis H. Hickory, of West Groton, seventy-seven years of age. The old gentleman presented a pathetic appearance, who had been severely injured by the assaults of Durant, who is an active young man of twenty-two years. The uncontradicted testimony showed that the assault was made on the night of May 12, at the home of Durant, who was engaged with a few neighbors in endeavoring to remove a large stump from his land, when Durant, who was drunk, came out any reason or warning, knocked the aged man down and then kicked him in the head several times. Durant, in answer to the usual question of the court as to whether he wished to ask any questions of the witnesses or to make any statement in his own behalf, declined to do so. The court, after imposing sentence, told the defendant what it thought of such conduct and stated that were it not for the fact that Durant had a family to support, he would give a more severe sentence.

W. Raymond Welch, of Fitchburg, was found guilty of assault and battery on Joseph Noonan, of the same city, in Ayer, on Tuesday evening, and in court on Tuesday morning was ordered to pay a fine of fifteen dollars for the use of the town of Ayer. Both men were employed in the building of the new house at the home of the contractor which is being constructed under the general direction of Contractor Romano, of Fitchburg. It appears that Welch, who is in charge of the masonry of the building, had more or less trouble with Noonan, who is colored, and who has charge of mixing the mortar for the masons. The climax came on Monday, when Welch struck Noonan on the head and body with a shovel, leaving marks on his head and arm which were the only exposed places struck. Noonan selected a lawyer and retained Dr. O. Proctor, who acted as his attorney in defense, but the two men were separated before any further damage was done. Welch stated to the court that he struck Noonan because of the provocation was so great that he could not refrain from so doing.

Frank Watson of Westford was found not-guilty of two complaints of assault and battery Thursday and was discharged.

John Lambert of the same town, charged with two like offenses, was also discharged.

Peter Elastic was found guilty of assault and battery on Frank Watson and was fined \$15. For assault and battery on John Matuk, Peter Elastic was found not-guilty and discharged. These cases were the aftermath of a Polish row in Forge Village in which several are alleged to have taken part.

One of the party called "Joe" failed to appear at the trial. The worst of the fight, having received several cuts on the head, alleged to have been made by a knife. The top of his head was covered with lumps. Dr. Sherman of Westford who attended him, said that barring complications there was no danger from the wounds. John M. Maloney appeared as counsel for Elastic and J. H. O'Connell, attorney Goldman of Lowell for the others.

George Jordan, jr., of Pepperell was taken to court this week Friday morning as a result of his failure to pay a fine in 1913. At that time he was found guilty of a violation of the liquor law and was ordered to pay a fine of \$50, which sentence was suspended. Some time after he left town and recently returned to Pepperell, where he was arrested by Chief of Police Andrew. In explanation of his failure to pay the fine Jordan told the court that he was without work and left Pepperell for several weeks. He said that he was unable to do much work because of ill health. The court suspended sentence.

Baseball.

Ayer high school was decisively defeated by Bromfield school of Harvard at the town park on Wednesday afternoon, the official score reading 11 to 1, when the game ended. As

the score shows, the high school team was decisively outclassed by their opponents. The game started off as though it might be interesting. In the third inning the visitors put up four runs on hits together with errors of the high school team. Two more were added in the fourth inning and five in the seventh. Ayer high's solitary run was made by Peter in the seventh when, when with two out, he scored on a passed ball. In spite of their efforts and the encouragement given the team by the royal rooters the boys were unable to get another run. The battery work of Whittemore, brothers for Bromfield school was nearly perfect and the batting of the team was greatly superior to that of the local team. The visiting pitcher made a record of eighteen strikeouts. Ayer high shifted their players during the game in the hope of getting better results, but failed to catch the desired end. Their batteries were Downing, McGuane, Fowler, Drew and Preble. Ayer high is scheduled to play Groton high in Groton this Saturday afternoon.

Resolutions. The following resolutions were adopted by the Ayer Junction Aerie No. 1610, F. O. E., of Ayer, at a meeting held Thursday evening, May 13, in memory of Brother Thomas Meehan, who died April 28, 1915. Resolved, that the Supreme Ruler of the Universe hath summoned through death a Brother Eagle from the labors of the Aerie here to the joys of the law in Groton, and that we, his brethren, his laborers in helping his brethren to relieve the cries of the distressed, and to minister at the bedside of the sick, as a recompense for his service he has received the reward "well done," from the Great Father. And whereas, the all-wise and merciful Father hath called our beloved and respected Brother home, we, his brethren, do hereby resolve, that we will strive to be true and faithful Brothers of our Order; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Ayer Junction Aerie No. 1610, F. O. E., of Ayer, do hereby testify of our loss to the family of the deceased Brother our sincere condolence in this deep affliction, and that we will strictly observe the resolutions be sent to the family.

Martin Scullane, Joseph Foley, L. D. Sullivan, Committee.

Board of Health Meeting.

At a meeting of the board of health, held at the rooms of the Board of Health on May 12, the following business was transacted: E. E. Sawyer was appointed milk inspector in compliance with chapter 744 of the acts of 1914, revised laws. Voted, that the danger of whooping cough be brought to the attention of the citizens through the local press. The mortality of this disease is as great as any of the common diseases, and although it is preventable by physicians, parents or guardians having knowledge of it. After this disease occurs will be posted and cases quarantined.

Bertrand H. Hopkins, Edward E. Sawyer, Daniel J. Mason, Board of Health.

TOWNSEND

Center. The return game of the Peppereil high school team with the Townsend team was played on Saturday afternoon, May 15. A full attendance is desired.

Dr. Wells, of Boston, the well-known ophthalmologist, noted for his record in traveling the streams of New England, was a guest at the Park hotel over Sunday.

Carlton P. Mudgett is expecting the arrival of a new four-passenger Ford auto.

Wednesday word was received by friends in Ayer, that the death of Mrs. W. F. March, a former resident who passed away at her late home in Philadelphia on Tuesday. Funeral was held Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the church in that town.

The message Thursday morning announcing the death of Mrs. Dora Piper, mother of Fred Piper, was received with sincere sorrow by her relatives and many friends in town. Her death occurred Wednesday evening at eleven o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Garden, of West Lebanon, N. H.

Mrs. Piper was in her seventy-fifth year and had been frail in health for some time, but was only confined to her bed about a week with neuralgia of the heart. She bore her sickness with characteristic patience, gentleness and loving consideration for those who attended her. She was born in Fitchburg on February 27, 1840, the daughter of Nathaniel S. and Dorcas Boutelle, her parents being well-known early residents of Fitchburg. She was married to Joseph L. Piper on April 15, 1858, and lived in Ashby until about 1895. The couple came to Townsend to live. Eight children were born to them, five of whom are living, three having died when quite young.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Piper has made her home during the summer months with her son, John J. Piper, and spent the winters with her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Garden. Mrs. Piper enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends here and elsewhere, and greatly enjoyed herself to all who knew her. Her delightful personality and cheery temperament made her a favorite. Everyone who really knew her prized her friendship and felt that the world was much better for her having lived in it.

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss her daughter, Mrs. Edible Garden, of West Lebanon, N. H.; her son, Frederick J. and John J. of this town; George M. of Leominster, Richard of Spencer, and seven grandchildren. The funeral will be held here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Piper on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment at the Center cemetery beside her husband.

Harbor. Miss Emily Lawrence was a guest the earlier part of the week of her niece in Gardner. Mrs. Reed, of Mason, spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Strout.

Mrs. R. B. Adams is spending the week with friends in Marlboro.

Mr. Hager begins work at Vose on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blake spent Monday and Tuesday in Boston.

Mrs. Ida Brown, and family, have engaged a house, the old Cunningham

place, in Lunenburg. They will take possession next week.

Mr. Mudgett has transferred the windmill from the Old Homestead, where it has stood for so many years, to his own place on the state road, thereby making a water supply available.

With the fulfillment of their engagement at the Bowdoin Square theatre this week, Mr. and Mrs. Crouch close their season and on Monday will return to the Harbor for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are spending the week at their bungalow, but on Monday go to Portland, where they will close their theatrical season.

Mrs. Hazley, wife of Senator E. C. K. Bagley, is guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Bagley.

The friends of Miss Lillian Warner will be sorry to learn that she is critically ill from an operation for appendicitis in the Memorial hospital in Worcester.

Mrs. E. C. Cummings is visiting friends in Hudson, N. H., and Worcester this week.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce, who has had double pneumonia, and whose life they had despaired of, is recovering. The parents express great gratitude to Dr. Lovejoy, their family physician, for his almost miraculous skill in saving their little boy.

Mrs. Herbert Harvey and children, of Boston, and Mrs. May Harvey Thomas and daughter, of Fitchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

While our driving last Tuesday Mrs. Minnie Knight barely escaped a serious accident from an automobile. The car was going in the same direction as the team and in attempting to pass struck the horse and threw Mrs. Knight forward, but not from the team. Although the buggy was damaged and Mrs. Knight shaken and somewhat bruised, she is recovering. The family physician was called and, in last reports she has largely recovered.

Mrs. J. H. Bennett and Mrs. A. D. Bagley spent Tuesday in visiting old friends in East Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Hager have named their new six-year-old son in commemoration of Nissequassick hill, the old Indian name for the elevation upon a part of which their farm lies. It is customary to be encouraged, the perpetuating of these historic names, many of them, as in this instance, anticipating the time of Columbus.

Notwithstanding the showery weather about forty attended the May party on last week Friday evening, given by the Social club at the parish building. The entertainment was purely social and included amusements that contributed to the full enjoyment of all and made the occasion a successful one.

Mrs. Foss, whose home is at Sachem Villa, with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noyes, had a misfortune, owing to dizziness, to fall down stairs, and although not shaken and badly bruised, no bones were broken. One knee was rather severely injured, necessitating the use of a cast. However, the afflicted member is getting better and Mrs. Foss hopes in a short time to regain her usual good health.

Death. On Thursday forenoon William M. Wharrif died at the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, of tuberculosis of the kidney. Three years ago last February Mr. Wharrif underwent a critical operation at St. Elizabeth hospital, Boston, involving the removal of one of his kidneys in an advanced stage of tuberculosis. Owing to his strictly temperate habits he survived the operation, but has at no time been entirely well since. Two or three weeks ago he began to cough and his health time has failed rapidly. Last Monday, although so weak he could not speak above a whisper, he was taken at his own request to the hospital, where he passed away.

William Wharrif was born in Maine thirty-two years ago next September. In 1899 he came to Townsend, which was his home until his death. Although since his operation Mr. Wharrif has realized that he would never be well and that probably he could not live many years, he has borne his ill health with splendid fortitude and patience. He never complained and to the oft-repeated query from his friends regarding his health he ever had the same response, "I am getting better." The funeral will be held in the parish building at the Harbor this week Saturday afternoon at 1.30. The services will be conducted by Rev. A. B. Dole, pastor of the church. He is survived by a mother and two brothers.

PEPPERELL

Congregational Church Notes. At the Congregational church, Rev. Robert M. French, of Hollis, will preach in exchange with the pastor on Sunday morning. In the evening, at 7.15, the pastor will give a stereopticon lecture, "In the heart of the Cumberland," illustrated with over fifty beautifully colored slides.

The pastor and William W. Dole will represent the church at the state conference to be held in Pittsfield, May 15-20.

D. A. R. Meeting. Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., held its annual meeting in the chapter house on Monday afternoon, May 10, with about twenty-five members present, the regent, Mrs. Harriette A. S. Phelps, presiding. The reports of the officers and of the chairman of the various committees showed good work done and quite a sum in the treasury with which to begin the new year.

An invitation was read from the Thomas A. Parker post, G. A. R., to join it in its memorial services on Sunday, May 23, and the exercises on Memorial day. This was accepted as in former years and the regent appointed Mrs. Appleton a special committee to attend to all arrangements necessary.

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TOWNSEND

Centers. Mothers' day services at both churches were appropriately observed and well attended.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Charlton will occupy the pulpit. It is expected that the pastor's wife, Mrs. Charlton, will be present to meet the people.

The Country club met at the home of Mrs. Irving George on the 10th of Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance and enjoyable program.

The subject of the afternoon was "Noted trees." Mrs. Mabelle Brackett gave a paper on the Burgoyne elm, Mrs. Greenleaf on the Cotton Matthews weeping willow, the Carey tree by Mrs. Lila Hayward, old liberty tree by Miss Julia Hurling.

At the last meeting of the Phoebe Weston Farmer tent, D. V. Comrade Charles W. Hildreth kindly presented the daughters with a silk flag to be used by the patriotic instructor.

Mrs. T. M. Drake, of Albion, Me., is spending a few days with her son, O. L. Drake and family.

The seniors, juniors and sophomores of the high school, are enjoying their Principal C. J. Ross, Miss Donnell and Miss Twombly, held a very delightful party in Oddfellows' hall, Friday evening.

The members of the graduating class were pleasantly entertained on Tuesday evening at the home of Lester Swicker, the class president.

Friends in town of Rev. and Mrs. Waldo Burgess will be sorry to learn that while on their way to Los Angeles, Cal., last week, the Burgesss were taken very ill with fever and taken to a hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"Rural customs of Finland," Hilda E. Johnson; "Municipal ownership," Ian M. Rusk; "The progress of education for women," Alma M. Johnson; "Resources of Russia," Lester C. Swicker; "Scientific management and labor efficiency," Leland H. Woods.

Interest increasing. It was very gratifying to note the increased interest in school work that was manifested by the attendance of parents and friends at the school exhibition and parent-teachers' meeting held at the Center school building on last week Friday afternoon.

The gathering for the parent-teachers' meeting was held in the high school room at three o'clock. Mrs. Edith Barber Wright, of Worcester, a former resident of this town, and one who has acted as assistant to Mrs. Higgins, president of the Parent-teachers' association, gave a talk of unusual interest and value.

The Townsend Grange entertained Lunenburg Grange on Monday evening in Memorial hall. Large numbers were present for the evening.

Like a bolt from a clear sky came the news of town clerk C. F. Johnson's death from pneumonia and heart disease at his home on King street on Tuesday morning, May 11.

The Baptist pulpit was occupied on last Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Bertrand Tucker, of Salem, who also addressed the Sunday school and the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, which was conducted by Henry H. Hays, of this town.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle met for their last meeting of the season at the home of Mrs. Charles S. Stacey, Friday afternoon.

A party of sixteen horses and about a dozen men from the Alex Contracting Company, of Boston, are stationed at the barn on Elm street belonging to Mrs. Mary Robbins. They are engaged in teaming the material used in work on the state road between here and Ashby, from the railroad station here to the scene of operation.

Mr. Bixby and family have moved from their tenement in the Loversing house to their new home in Jocelynville.

son, after a visit with relatives in Temple, N. H. Miss Alice Seaver visited friends in Fitchburg and vicinity on Wednesday.

William Muir, who has been working for Frank Hamilton on his farm on Stevens' hill, has returned to Webster.

Mrs. George Hochbeck and children, from New York, have joined Mr. Roebuck at the cottage on lower Main street. Little Margaret, their oldest child, has just returned from the hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

The friends of Mrs. R. S. Cook, who has been confined to her home by illness most of the winter, are glad to see that she is able to be about again.

Mrs. Herman Lawrence has returned to her home after spending the past week at her home in Mason, N. H., where her father has been very ill.

Mrs. Cora Marr, of Arlington, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Hapgood, for a few days.

Charles Ross, left town last week Friday for Florida. Thomas Hapgood, of Georgetown, has been spending the week with his cousin, Mrs. Charles A. Kimball.

Principal Commins was at his home in West Boylston over Saturday and Sunday. There has been much sickness in his family, but he found conditions greatly improved.

Rev. J. C. Alford was one of the Williams college class of 1885 living about Boston who attended a banquet given by A. Dudley Dowdy's college room-mate, at the Exchange club last Saturday. Harry A. Garfield, president of Williams and also a member of the '85 class, was present.

flattering vote with little effort outside his own town. The Grange naturally appealed to him and a few weeks ago he and Mrs. Johnson and their son took upon themselves the obligation of that order.

Mr. Johnson was a follower of the Christian Science faith and had adopted it as a reader of the society. Adopting the principals of that belief he accepted the misfortunes of life without complaint and contribution to the welfare and happiness of his home and the community that he honored as he had opportunity.

His demise means a distinct loss to the town of which he was a conscientious and loyal citizen, and his name will be indelibly written in the memory of his neighbors, his townsmen and the large circle of friends who appreciated his worth and enjoy the fruit of his labors.

Who favor equal suffrage often ask who those who do not favor it refrain from joining the Anti-Suffrage league, refrain from appearing in public or upholding those who do so, and do not "practicing" what they preach.

When all women are given the vote it is inevitable that some time they will hold public office. The average woman is not as well constituted for the strenuous life of public office as is the average man, and in her own way she is her superior, and this as it should be.

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At the church society he showed so marked an adaptability that one promotion followed another in rapid succession until he was given the superintendent's position, which he held for about twenty years.

Some forms of rheumatism. Rheumatism is a disease characterized by pains in the joints and in the muscles. It is a common ailment, and is caused by a germ which is carried by the blood.

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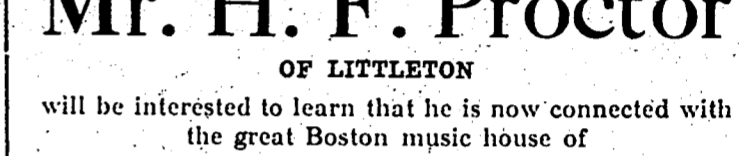
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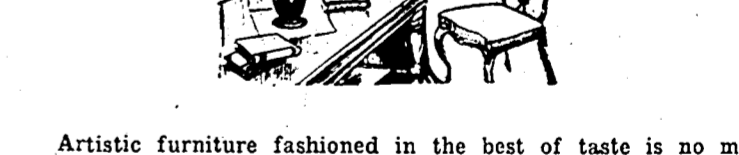
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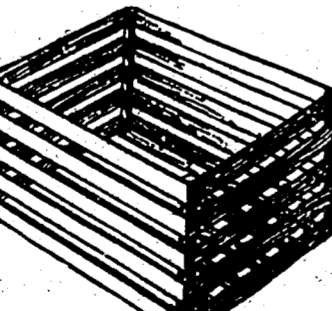
Good business sense and hard work are as much needed in farming as ever, perhaps more. But the farmer's work is for himself and family. It has the charm of hope in it and the blessing of liberty about it; it is not mere drudgery for another, with the prospect of the worker becoming a living machine that may be cast aside in later years and replaced by a newer and more efficient one. Thousands of men in other trades, professions and occupations envy the farmer because of the stability and prosperity of his business. It is time for the farmer himself to appreciate and respect more highly this business. It is time to conduct it and talk about it so that it will appeal to his children; no sense in driving them away from it by neglecting opportunities to make it easier or more profitable and no more sense in talking them out of it. Inventors and manufacturers have put before us many things that make farm work easier and more effective, farm homes more attractive and comfortable, farm life the best life of all. Let us not fail to consider these things.—National Stockman and Farmer.

THE FATAL BLISTER CANKER.

Causes Great Destruction of Apple Trees in Kansas and Adjoining States. More than a million apple trees have been killed in Kansas and the adjoining states of Missouri, Oklahoma and Nebraska by a disease known as the blister canker. This disease, says D. E. Lewis, assistant in horticulture in the Kansas State Agricultural college, was introduced from the east fifteen years ago. The normal resistance of apple trees has been greatly reduced by drought the past four years, making ideal conditions for the work of the fungus. The blister canker is a wound parasite, and experiments have shown that it is unable to enter the healthy bark of the apple tree. Entrance is gained through broken bark and wounds in which the heartwood is laid bare. The disease is carried by wind or rain. The first appearance is in the darkening of the bark near the wound. This dark area increases in size and remains moist the first year, but the second year it becomes dry and cracked. The disease cannot be successfully controlled by spraying because the spores are developed in slightly raised areas one-fourth of an inch in size, which appear below the outer bark, but over the surface of the canker. Ben Davis and Gano trees are very susceptible to this disease and die in two years. The Missouri Pippin, Jonathan, Grimes Golden and York Imperial are much more resistant. If the infection is noticed before it has gone to the heartwood it can be cut out and the wound kept painted with waterproof paint until the wound waters over. If it is in the heartwood it is best to cut down the tree and burn it. If the fungus attacks a branch it may be cut off and burned. Exceeding care should be exercised in the pruning. The pruning should be done early in the fore part of the growing season, giving the tree a chance to heal. General sanitary measures, such as removing and burning all the brush and dead trees, opening the trees so as to light all parts of the bearing surface, careful spraying to prevent other diseases and insects from harming the trees and cultivation where possible, will be of great value as general preventives.

A Light Folding Crate.

Light wooden crates of the folding type are being widely used by growers of onions, potatoes, corn for the city markets and other vegetables and truck of this sort. They fold up when not in use and take up but little space when they are not filled. They are rather strongly made and will stand a



great deal of such hard usage as comes from express and truck handling. They can be used over and over again and are meeting with much favor among the growers who make many shipments weekly. The expense of furnishing packers and crates is met in this way by the grower who is willing to make a considerable first of the season outlay for packing crates. These crates are easily stowed away during the winter season.

Re-enforcing Concrete Sills. The farm papers are calling attention to the necessity of exercising special pains in re-enforcing concrete sills. This admonition is urged upon builders because of silos cracking as a result of lack of re-enforcement. It is well to state that not only should the concrete be well enforced, but good cement and proper mixture should be used and the wall made sufficiently thick.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. The Woman's club met on last week Wednesday at the ladies' parlors. The entertainment was as follows: Piano solo, Adelle Eastman; roll call and current events; paper, "Rural arts and arrangement of public buildings," Louise Stratton; paper, "Beauty spots in Hollis—can they be improved, and how," Mrs. Robert French; interesting discussion of Mrs. French's paper. The club will meet again on Wednesday, May 19.

Fred Lohnes narrowly escaped serious injury on Monday. His motorcycle skidded and he was thrown to the ground, but received only a few bruises. The machine was quite badly damaged.

Mrs. Josephine Maxwell spent the week-end with Miss Carrie Ober, of Nashua.

Ed. Morrill, of Hudson, spent Sunday with his brother, George Morrill. Mr. Parkhurst, father of Nelson Parkhurst, who has bought the Grant place, has arrived in town and will live with his son.

On Monday Mrs. Abbie Gale received a telegram announcing the death of her brother in Decatur, Ala. He died of cancer at the age of fifty-seven years. He is survived by a daughter, a son and a daughter; also, a sister, Mrs. Gale, of this town. He is the last of the brothers, William and Fred Pierce having died the past year.

On last week Friday the Ladies Reading and Charitable society met with Mrs. George Woodin, about forty being present. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harrison, of Stoneham, Mass., spent Sunday in town. They were former residents here.

An auto party from Boston, consisting of three cars, were on the way to Concord recently, the driver of one of the cars skidded and went over the embankment against a tree and the barbed-wire fence. Mr. Patterson, the driver, cut his face a little on the wire and the other occupants were badly shaken up. The tree had to be cut down before the car could be towed into Mr. Spaulding's yard. The car was left here, the five who were in it having found room in the other two, and they resumed their journey. It is to be hoped without any more accidents.

The D. A. R. met last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. William Dean. A paper, written by Miss Minnie Colburn, was read by Mrs. W. J. Powers, of the Washington convention. Mrs. George W. Hardy read a paper on old pictures written by Miss Bertha Colburn, and Miss Emma Van Dyke gave a very interesting talk on the Florida state convention.

Mrs. Denault celebrated her sixty-seventh birthday last week Wednesday. All of her children, who could, spent the day with her.

James W. Clark and family, of Ayer, are moving into the new place recently vacated by William MacMaster.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hardy celebrated their wedding anniversary on Monday and the entertainment consisted of a roll call, nearly every member responding to "Why I believe in the Grange"; piano solo, Miss Lillian Lovejoy; paper, "Saving strength on the farm," C. A. Colburn; current events, Francis K. Sweetser. The next meeting, May 14, is children's night, all children under fourteen years of age being invited to attend.

Harry Powers is at home from Tufts college for a short visit.

Mr. Pease, of Boston, spent last week with Mrs. Mary A. Wyman at the home of George A. Keyes.

William Woodin spent the week-end at home.

Miss Washburn is visiting Mrs. Samuel Bascom.

Ten Hollis Grangers attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Brookline last Wednesday. A very interesting program was presented. Among other things Mrs. Clara Russell told about their trip to the Panama exposition.

Edward Cave is improving. He has been seen out riding twice this week.

On Monday evening the monthly church supper, social and entertainment was given. The men had charge and did all the work. A large crowd attended. After supper they sold a lot of food. The entertainment was as follows: Piano solo, Edwin Wheeler; vocal solo, Miss Hazel Marshall; piano solo, Miss Bernice Holmes; reading, W. L. Marshall; vocal solo, Doris Lovejoy.

The Cooking club met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles E. Hardy. The lesson was on bread making.

Last Saturday the Bluebirds met with Mrs. Robert French and went on an observation trip up the lane and planned about having gardens.

The W. K. C. met on Tuesday afternoon to make arrangements for Memorial day.

Richard Hardy has been in town for a few days.

The Hillsborough County Sunday School association convention was held in the Pilgrim church, Nashua, May 6. Six attended from Hollis: Mrs. C. E. Hardy, delegate; Mrs. Warren, Mrs. M. J. Powers, Mrs. Harold E. Hardy, C. F. Burge and Miss Hazel Marshall.

Wallace J. Woodin, general secretary of the Connecticut Sunday School association, gave the address of the morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Lockhart, of Manchester, gave the afternoon address.

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George Morrill was quite badly bitten this week by a dog. Another man had not been near to help him he might have been much more seriously hurt. He will not be able to walk for some time, but is improving as fast as can be expected.

Wednesday evening Norris E. Woodbury gave a very interesting and helpful report of the Hillsborough county Y. P. S. C. E. convention held in Manchester at the People's Baptist church on Fast day. Rev. Mr. Gross of the Pilgrim church, Nashua, gave an address on "What Christian En-

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. Mrs. Mary Cox is entertaining her son, Alfred Cox, of New York city.

Mrs. Josephine Hull, of Nashua, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Oullette.

On last week Wednesday morning a serious fire occurred on Millford street when the place known as the old Jewett Wright place was completely destroyed. It was owned by Arthur Jackson; he and his family occupying the lower half, while he rented the upper part to another family. Everything, including furniture, clothing and a sum of money. As there was no insurance the loss meant much to them and Mrs. Wright has been expressed for both families.

Mrs. Mary Sargent, who has been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Addison Gilson, has returned to her home in Lowell.

A large number of Grangers journeyed to town on last week Wednesday to attend the meeting of Hillsborough County Pomona Grange. In spite of a few clouds in the early part of the morning the day was to be a fair one, making the meeting a most successful one.

Last week Capt. John Andrews entertained his little granddaughter, Margaret, and her mother, Mrs. M. J. Meriden, Conn., and Albert Snow, of Somerville, Mass.

Mrs. Ellen Bishop, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Dodge, has gone to Sullivan, Me.

Mrs. Bertha Seelye, of Boston, was the guest last week of her brother, Freeman Wright.

Mrs. Harry Powers, on last week Monday, returned to her home in Lowell. She is the daughter of Mr. C. W. Wilby, of Newell, and Mrs. Frank Hearn, of this town.

Walter Corey and George Nye spent last week Wednesday in Manchester. Alton Jensen, Elmer Hildout, Miss Josephine Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles, as delegates, attended the forty-ninth annual convention of the Hillsborough County Sunday School association, held at the Pilgrim church in Nashua on last week Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Walter Corey is entertaining her sister, Miss Edith Lawrence, of Seale, Wash.

Miss Edith Dow, of North Pepperell, was the guest of Miss Margaret Betterley at her home last week-end.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Matti Siironen on May 4.

On last Monday, while engaged in work about the premises of D. Pease and fall in such a way that he received an ugly gash in his neck from a nail which was driving in his hand. He was hastily driven to the hospital, where six stitches had to be taken to close up the wound. He had a narrow escape from severing the jugular vein.

Mrs. Harry Marshall went to Nashua on last week Friday to visit her son, George Marshall.

Junior Corey was the guest over the last week-end of his grandmother, Mrs. Julia Lawrence, of Prims.

Miss Julia Rockwood was a visitor in Lowell on last week Friday.

Mrs. Ellen Sweet took a trip to Nashua and Manchester on last week Friday.

LUNENBURG

News Items. The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Congregational church held its annual meeting and election of officers on Monday evening. The entertainment consisted of a roll call, nearly every member responding to "Why I believe in the Grange"; piano solo, Miss Lillian Lovejoy; paper, "Saving strength on the farm," C. A. Colburn; current events, Francis K. Sweetser. The next meeting, May 14, is children's night, all children under fourteen years of age being invited to attend.

Harry Powers is at home from Tufts college for a short visit.

Mr. Pease, of Boston, spent last week with Mrs. Mary A. Wyman at the home of George A. Keyes.

William Woodin spent the week-end at home.

Miss Washburn is visiting Mrs. Samuel Bascom.

Ten Hollis Grangers attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Brookline last Wednesday. A very interesting program was presented. Among other things Mrs. Clara Russell told about their trip to the Panama exposition.

Edward Cave is improving. He has been seen out riding twice this week.

On Monday evening the monthly church supper, social and entertainment was given. The men had charge and did all the work. A large crowd attended. After supper they sold a lot of food. The entertainment was as follows: Piano solo, Edwin Wheeler; vocal solo, Miss Hazel Marshall; piano solo, Miss Bernice Holmes; reading, W. L. Marshall; vocal solo, Doris Lovejoy.

The Cooking club met on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Charles E. Hardy. The lesson was on bread making.

Last Saturday the Bluebirds met with Mrs. Robert French and went on an observation trip up the lane and planned about having gardens.

The W. K. C. met on Tuesday afternoon to make arrangements for Memorial day.

Richard Hardy has been in town for a few days.

ENTERTAINMENT.

The High School Improvement League gave a fine program in their hall on last week Friday afternoon. Miss Mildred Barter gave a reading, "A woman's world," followed by the sources of the Philippines. The program was a black-face minstrel show by thirteen girls, Rosamond Grant being the interlocutor. They were represented or impersonated some of the famous people of the town, many of them former graduates of the high school. The local hits and jokes were new, sharp and some of them quite amusing. The program was well received by the audience, and the attention of the people until time for closing.

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

313 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of EUDORA S. DRAPER late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond as the law directs.

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HARRY R. DRAPER, Adm. Ayer, Mass., April 29, 1915. 3134

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