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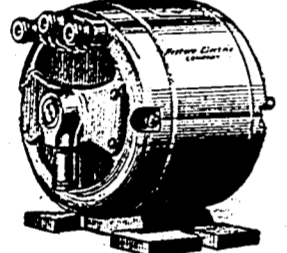
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PEPPERELL

News Items.
The picnic of the D. A. R., which was to have been held on July 16, has been postponed until July 29, and will be held at the home of Mrs. Frederick S. Bancroft.
The Center Bird club of the Junior Audubon class will hold its regular monthly meeting at Mrs. Addison Woodward's on Monday afternoon, July 12, at four o'clock. A full attendance is desired.
Owing to an error in the list of floral tributes to Thomas W. Phinney as published last week the following is a correct list of donors: C. G. Willey, Ralph Lawson, J. S. Marshall, Miss Ada Whitney, Mrs. Ellery Davis, Mrs. Frank Conant, Mrs. Newman Prescott, Mrs. F. A. Lawrence, Mrs. James Winch, Mrs. Beecher Cotton, Mrs. Thomas Gardner, Mrs. William Gardner, Mrs. John Toomey, Mrs. Stock, Mrs. Harry Clark, Mrs. Rose Lawson, Miss Lizzie Jordan.
The July committee of the L. B. S. will give an entertainment, a three-act drama, entitled "Out of town," on Thursday evening, July 22.
A reduction in the salary of the postmaster at East Pepperell from \$1800 to \$1700 has been announced Wednesday by the post office department at Washington.

Red Cross Work.
In addition to the article in last week's issue regarding Rev. R. W. Drawbridge's talk, June 30, on the Red Cross, it might be said that he announced the fact that one dollar pays for a year's membership in the American Red Cross, which fee includes the price of a pin and the subscription to an illustrated monthly magazine devoted to the work of the association throughout the world. Those desirous of joining and thus assisting in carrying on this work can send their names with the fee to Mrs. William H. Merrill, who will forward the money direct to national headquarters.
A mite box is also placed outside the D. A. R. chapter house to collect any contributions, however small. A penny will pay for a dressing for a wounded soldier. Two cents will buy enough corn to feed a starving Mexican for one day. It is but a step from Main street to the chapter house to follow the golden rule. The chapter house will be open for volunteer services in folding dressings and rolling bandages every Wednesday afternoon, from 2.30 to 5 o'clock, until further notice.
Clipping.
The following is taken from the Gardner News concerning LaTena's wild animal circus which is to be in Pepperell on July 15:
About the best circus that has

amused Gardner patrons in years. LaTena's wild animal circus played to a well filled tent on the Conant street grounds yesterday afternoon and evening and the big crowds were thoroughly satisfied that they had gotten their money's worth.
There were 24 big acts, all of which found favor. There were pony drills, performing lions, trained seals, elephants, acrobats, performing bears, bareback riders and wire walkers, and they all deserved the applause that was accorded them.
The elephants as is usually the case, were objects of interest and the tricks that they performed with Walter Allen and two assistants showed remarkable intelligence. Capt. Wesley's seals were a novelty.
Another act which furnished thrills was by Capt. Hazzan, who put five lions through numerous stunts, not without danger. The leader of the beasts had a spring that carried him to the top of the cage.

TOWNSEND

Center.
Mr. and Mrs. George Ward have welcomed into their home another little daughter named Marion Louise. Weight seven pounds.
Miss Bessie Parker, a teacher in Madison, N. H., is enjoying a vacation at her home here. Miss Hattie Smith, a teacher in Fairhaven, is spending her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Brookline street.

Death of Oldest Resident.
Monday evening at twilight Mrs. Martha Jane Baxter, our beloved and aged resident, closed the "sunset years" of her long and useful life and passed peacefully to the larger life beyond, aged 94 yrs. and 5 mos. Her birthplace was in Aberdeen, Scotland, she being a descendant of one of the old Scotch families noted for longevity. She came to New York when eighteen years of age, where she met and married Joseph Baxter in 1844. Later they lived in Brookline, N. H., coming to Townsend some years ago. Of the eleven children who blessed her home only two survive her, Samuel J. Baxter of Keene, N. H., and Mrs. Martha J. Hildreth of this town, who has faithfully and tenderly cared for her mother in her declining years.

Mrs. Baxter was of a sunny and cheerful makeup and had a joyous way of promoting happiness to those who knew her. She was the oldest member of the Congregational church in town and Home department. Many will remember her cheerful presence at the last church roll call in October. Mrs. Baxter died in her 94th year, and will be remembered in loving remembrance, her pleasant greeting and smile.
The funeral was held from her late home on Highland street, her pastor, Rev. A. L. Struthers, officiating. The bearers were Deacons A. S. Howard and George L. Whitcomb, Joseph R. Smith and Albert D. Turner. The deceased was laid to rest beside her husband in the family lot at Brookline, N. H.

West.
At the recent business meeting of the Brotherhood the following officers and committees were elected: Mervin Wares, pres.; Abbott Hodgman, vice; Fred H. Stacey, sec.; Ashbel Streeter, treas.; Rev. Joseph McKean, teacher with an assistant appointed each Sunday. Committees—Social, Henry B. Shaw, Alexander Reed, Abbott Hodgman and William W. Webster; visiting, George Adams, George A. Seaver, Justin C. Hodgman and Carl B. Willard; membership, Duncan Russ, L. Stacey, Frank Boutelle and Alden Sherwin; boys, Ian Bask, Dr. R. S. Ely, Ashbel Streeter and Rev. Joseph McKean; personal interest, Warren, Elliott, Chas. Hodgman, Fred A. Patch and Dr. Henry B. Boynton.
Miss Gladys Rawson spent the Fourth with friends in Acton, returning to her home on Tuesday.
Mrs. Hattie Blood moved on Tuesday from the tenement in the William Tenney house on Main street into the tenement in Charles Farwell's house on Bridge street, recently vacated by Henry B. Hathaway.
Mrs. Herman Lawrence has returned to her mother's in Mason, N. H., for a few days.
Miss Emily Orr has been assisting in the housework at the Spinnacook hotel this week.
Mrs. Joseph's mother, who has been visiting at her home here, has returned to Dunbarton, N. H., accompanied by her daughter from East Bridgewater, who has been spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Jewery.

Mrs. James Willard was called to Leominster on Sunday by the illness of her brother, who is now at the Clinton hospital for treatment.
Mrs. Clarence Stacey and Mrs. May Van Hook went on a visit to relatives in Staten Island, N. Y.
The regular business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held at the home of the president, Ian Bask, on Tuesday evening with ten present and a side the regular routine of business plans were made to hold a lawn party in the near future.
Rev. Joseph McKean will take for his topic Sunday morning "Another problem in holy arithmetic—division" and he will conduct the service in the evening, the topic being "Making life worth while."
Miss Ada Clarke is visiting with the Sherlock family from Connecticut, at their summer home on Ashby road.
Mrs. Keefe from Boston visited her son John at the home of Dr. R. S. Ely on Tuesday.
Mrs. Alden Sherwin and little daughter Dorothy are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Sherwin's parents at her home in Quincy.

John Keefe, who makes his home at Dr. E. S. Ely's left on Wednesday for a summer camp for boys, the Brantwood, at Greenfield, where he will remain until September.

SHIRLEY

Center.
Miss Ethel Rand, of Wollaston, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed.
Little Christine Stebbins of the village is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hachez.
The portion of the state road through North Shirley is practically completed with the exception of the surface work. It is expected that the road will be entirely finished before the end of July.

For Warm Days



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C. E. Goodspeed has installed an electric water system at his summer home on Center road and his windmill was removed this week by Thomas Evans, who will set it up at his own home.
Mrs. Cynthia Lynch is having a windmill and a hot and cold water system installed at her new bungalow on Center road.
The Shirley Electric Light Company is installing street lights at intervals between the Center and the village, and it is expected that the lights between the home of Miss Elsie Kirby and the common will be put in place soon.

It is rumored about town that Harry Stone, who closed up his home on Parker road early in the winter, and went to Boston to visit relatives, was one of the victims of the sinking of the Dominion freight liner Armenia on June 30, by a German submarine. Among the list of missing Americans appears the name of Harry Stone, who registered from New York city. It is known that Mr. Stone, before leaving Shirley, had expressed a desire to know the position of one of these freight liners, and this strengthens the belief that the missing man may be him. This report, however, has not been confirmed as yet, but an inquiry has been sent to the sister and a reply is being awaited.
Considerable excitement occurred on Wednesday evening, just after dark, when some of our young ladies and men out walking encountered an animal in the wilds of Shirley common, which upon closer inspection proved to be a stray pig. After a wild chase about the common, a dog, one of our young men, with the assistance of as many shrieking young ladies, managed to push and pull piggy into the town pound, where he was locked up for the night. The dog later proved to belong to Thomas Evans and had been off on an all-day ramble. It is rumored, several of our young men having qualified quite successfully for the position of field driver on Wednesday evening, that M. W. Carey will have competitors for his office next year.
Rev. William C. Adams, of Cambridge, preached a good sermon on "Peace" at the First Parish church on last Sunday. It is expected that Rev. William W. Locke will preach on Sunday morning, July 11, at eleven o'clock.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.
A very attractive lot of goods were sold at the Gough auction last Saturday. The family will probably remain in town during the summer, and have not decided where their future home will be. Mr. Gough's sister, Mrs. Williams, is with them and intends to go soon to California, where she has relatives.
The holiday was very quiet here as those who wanted to celebrate found ample opportunity at either Harvard or South Acton, and a few strenuous patriots, like C. T. Wetherbee and his truck load of joy riders, even took to both of the neighboring celebrations.
Mrs. C. T. Wetherbee is spending the week with an aunt in Portland, Me.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Richardson went on an auto trip to New Hampshire last Saturday, taking with them Mrs. Martha Armstrong and daughter of West Acton. Mrs. Armstrong is ninety-two and greatly enjoyed the trip. Miss Sara Richardson joined the Vets party on their trip to California.
David Hall's family have become permanently settled at the Carroll place, which Mr. Hall has bought. This is the third time he has moved, since selling his large farm a few weeks ago.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartwell had their annual family reunion on Monday, entertaining their brothers and sisters with their families; also, their friend, Miss Carlton. Mrs. Poland entertained Mr. and Mrs. Lovett from Brooklyn, relatives of Mr. Poland. Mrs. George W. Burroughs had a large family gathering with fireworks in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Moss and Zine Lovelace, of Waltham, were at Worcester, and Samuel Wetherbee's family were at Walnut farm. Mrs. Kimball and Miss Munn, of Newton, were at Crossacres. Perry Burns and Miss Caroline Burns and friend, of Waltham, were at Leon Wetherbee's. Clarence Braham's family, from Gloucester, were at Willie Braham's.
Miss Lucie Wetherbee spent the week-end in Harvard.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin O. Haker and family, of Clinton, are at the old home for the summer.
Mrs. Linwood Richardson has been quite seriously sick with erysipelas and is still under the doctor's care.
Mrs. Charles Libbie met with an accident while driving out of her yard last Saturday. The horse started and she was thrown forward, badly injuring her left arm.

The Camp-fire Girls met at the pretty new home of Miss Marion Burroughs last Saturday. Miss Burroughs is guardian while Miss Wets is away. The girls went on a hike in search of new birds and were served with refreshments on their return.

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Men's Nainsook 25¢ each
Men's Union Suits \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Boys' Union Suits 50¢ and 75¢
B. V. D. and Porosknit Union Suits \$1.00

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Boys' Skirt Suits	50¢ to \$1.50	Boys' Bathing Trunks	15¢ to 50¢
Boys' Knit Suits	\$1.00 to \$2.00	Men's Belts	25¢ and 50¢
Children's Wash Suits	50¢ to \$1.50	Children's Rompers	50¢ and 75¢
Men's Summer Ties	15¢ to 50¢	Men's Thin Coats	50¢ to \$5.00

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WESTFORD

Center.

Mrs. David Wallace was summoned to her girlhood home in West Hartford, Vt. late last week on account of her mother's serious illness, but Mrs. Stone died before her arrival. She had been an invalid for nearly three years, the result of a paralytic shock and death came as a relief from weakness and helplessness. Mr. Wallace started for West Hartford on Monday morning and assisted in conducting the funeral services which were held on Tuesday afternoon. Both returned home on Thursday.

The Henry M. Wrights of Quincy are making their customary July stay at H. L. Wright's and enjoying various trips with their auto.

A. H. Sutherland was unfortunately fractured a bone in his shoulder while putting up the bandstand at Whitney playground for the holiday. With characteristic pluck and energy Mr. Sutherland is getting about and attending to his duties at the pumping station with a little assistance.

Mrs. A. W. Hartford entertained the Bridge Whist club at her home very pleasantly Friday evening of last week. There was a full attendance of the members, six tables being used. The favors of red, white and blue were appropriate to the holiday. At the close of the game refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

After the disappointments of the day for the local celebration of the holiday the weather made it possible for many from here to enjoy the fireworks in Lowell on Monday evening. A number of automobiles and trains went into the city and were well paid with the handsome display of fireworks.

The John Perkins family have made a most decided and commendable improvement in the appearance of the house and grounds occupied by them for some time. Grading, raking, edging the walks, repairing porches, setting flowers and carpets are among these improvements.

William Sutherland is absent from town visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson shortly after the parade went back a grand rush was made for the Whitney playground in Westford, where two ball games were scheduled between the Westford A. A. and the Groton team. Although the rain was falling at 10:30 the game was started, as both clubs presented their strongest lineups and were ready for the play.

After the rain had cleared away neither side had scored the heavy downpour of rain drove everyone to cover. After a long wait, with no sign of clearing, both clubs were in the town hall and as it was still raining it was decided to call off the games for the day. The same club will meet in Westford this week Saturday afternoon and the game will certainly be a good one.

FORGE VILLAGE.

Robert McAdell, of Manchester, N. H. was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. John E. Burnett, on Wednesday and Thursday.

A number of the employees of the paper and card mills of Pepperell and Groton were in town for the day during the week-end.

A. Sears, son of Joseph Sears, is spending the week as the guest of his cousin in Lynn.

Miss Ethel Collins spent the week-end as the guest of relatives in Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hunt entertained Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and family of Worcester, over the holidays.

The Misses Lottie and Mildred Parry are spending their vacation as guests of relatives in North Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, of Bond Street, were visitors at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Henry Taylor of Worcester, over the holiday.

Communion services will be held in St. Andrew's mission on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Over twenty dollars above expense was cleared at the recent concert given by the Young People's Social Club at St. Andrew's mission. This sum will be used to purchase new vestments for the choir.

The Ladies' Sewing club will have no meetings during the summer. They will resume work in the fall.

Many from here were present at the all day and night celebration of the Fourth at home in the early afternoon on account of the weather.

Mrs. Chester Blodgett, together with Mrs. Charles Blodgett and daughter, Florence, returned last week from a very enjoyable visit with relatives in Worcester.

The Fourth of July parade which passed through the village on Monday deserves mention. Although the rain fell it was no drawback to the paraders. The Forge Village band and drum corps, under the leadership of John Edwards, headed the parade, and many interesting floats followed.

GRANTVILLE.

The Grantville baseball team had a game scheduled with the Ponies of Lowell on the home grounds here last Saturday, but for some reason or other the Lowell club failed to put in an appearance. It was a great disappointment to the fans but the management of the local club is held blameless as the manager of the Ponies wrote the day before that they would surely be on hand for Saturday's game.

Both masses at St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning were celebrated by Rev. J. J. McCoy, of Foxborough, who gave interesting sermons that were deeply appreciated at both masses. After the first mass a meeting of the picnic committee was held and it was decided to hold the annual picnic on Saturday, August 14. The following persons have general charge of the event, assisted by sub-committees: J. A. Healy, general manager; Hugh E. Daley, asst. A. R. Wall, secy; Edward T. Hanley, treas.

The ball game scheduled for Saturday, July 10, between the Grantville club and the Woodbine club of Lowell has been transferred to July 17, from weakness and helplessness. Mr. Wallace started for West Hartford on Monday morning and assisted in conducting the funeral services which were held on Tuesday afternoon. Both returned home on Thursday.

The usual "night before" was celebrated here by the "boys" to a certain extent, but aside from exchanging a few jokes and articles that were going around no real harm was done, although some people were vexed for the time being.

Miss Bertha Galbraith has recently returned from a delightful visit spent with relatives in Springfield.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church will hold their annual lawn party on the church lawn this week Saturday afternoon, followed by an entertainment in the church vestry in the evening. The promises to be a very brilliant affair.

THE FOURTH.

The rain on Monday certainly put a damper on the Westford celebration. The parade was unusually good, in fact the best that has ever been held in the town. James E. Healy had a very attractive float, which the members of the W. C. T. U. had a float that was equal to any seen in the city. Joe Wall, in Indian costume, headed the procession, while the other attractions from Grantville made a good appearance. The W. C. T. U. float was under the management of Mrs. Margaret Wilson and Mrs. Bessie Robinson, while the following assisted in the decorations: Mrs. Henry Barnes, Miss Bertha Wilson, George Wilson, George Weaver. The singing by the twelve girls was under the direction of Mrs. Robinson. Shortly after the parade went back a grand rush was made for the Whitney playground in Westford, where two ball games were scheduled between the Westford A. A. and the Groton team.

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COUNTY MEETING.

Mrs. J. J. Johnson, of Cambridge, entertained at her charming summer home at Eldonshell, Tahanto farm, Wednesday afternoon, June 26, the committee of the Middlesex County Equal Suffrage League, who in her always delightful manner welcomed the guests to Harvard. For many years Mrs. Johnson has been before the public in the cause of suffrage and is one of their most able speakers. In her talk she gave many interesting facts and many useful suggestions. Her very interesting address was followed by a very interesting address.

The meeting was then open to the reports of the delegates from the several towns present. Mrs. R. B. M. Perkins, of Boston, who is the League's assistant, who gave a very interesting and delightful report of her work. Mrs. Rose Clark, of Boston, manager of the work, also reported on her part of the work. Mrs. Watson, the wife of H. W. S. Watson, a large mill owner in Lowell, who is doing much for the cause among his employees, reported on the work done in Lowell. Nearly all the speakers present had attended the convention at Marion and reflected much of the spirit and high sense of duty that marked the Harvard meeting.

The Harvard meeting was voted a great success and showed that much intelligent work is being done for the cause. Miss Ida Bemis kindhearted help in the auto parade of the Fourth decorated with the suffrage colors and flag and received the second prize.

CHURCH NOTICES.

The Unitarian church will again combine its morning service with the meeting of the Sunday school next Sunday at 10, so that children and parents can come at the same time and be dismissed after an hour's service. The first part of the service will be especially for the children, with a talk by the pastor on "Light," the second in a family or "greatest gifts." After the younger children have withdrawn for instruction the pastor will speak of the "Light that comes from religion." Mrs. A. W. Weeks of West Acton, soprano soloist, will sing.

Mr. Bolwell resigned the pastorate of the Harvard Unitarian church last Sunday. He will be in the auto parade of the Fourth decorated with the suffrage colors and flag and received the second prize.

The usual service for public worship with preaching will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday morning at 10.45. The subject of the pastor's sermon will be "Beating to windward." Music by the quartet choir. They will sing "Crown him," by Exell.

AN INTERESTING AND ANIMATED DISCUSSION.

At the session of the bible school, which will be held promptly at twelve o'clock, first steps will be taken toward the annual picnic. A committee will be appointed and successions asked for.

At the C. E. prayer meeting, held at 7.30 in the church parlors, the topic for discussion will be "Making life worth while." Miss Alma T. Royal will be in charge.

LITTLETON

News Items. Miss Beulah Sanford, of Middleboro, Vt., has been the guest of Dea. and Mrs. Elizabeth Thacher, this week, and the recipient of many calls from Littleton friends. Miss Sanford was one of our most popular and successful teachers about twelve years ago. She has been teaching in the seventh grade in Springfield for the last six months and returns next year to teach the eighth grade at an increased salary. Miss Moody, a fellow-teacher and Mrs. Clifford, teachers in Brookline, where she owns a home.

The Fourth of July gave little occasion for criticism. The boys were out together the night before, ringing bells and giving frequent other reminders. The occasion admitted of some privileges not indulged in at other times, but in general they were not excessive in their demonstrations, and the children guests in Littleton on Sunday could not be attributed to patriotic motives. Few people went out of town to the Leominster anniversary celebration and other attractions. There were many patriotic addresses and the holiday. Visitors enjoyed the hospitality of the C. H. Yapps of Newbury, the Arthur Bradlees and Mrs. C. H. Yapps of Littleton, and C. L. Smiths of King street and of other homes. At the latter Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Smith, who recently returned from their wedding trip, Mr. Cobb, of the school, and two children of Ashcroft and Mr. W. Lewis of Lynn were entertained.

William L. Kimball, of Somerville, has been in town this week and plans to spend some time at his Spectacle pond camp.

Miss Marion Flagg leaves town today for Kennebunkport, Me., where she will spend several weeks.

Mrs. J. H. Kimball has been visiting her parents in Hindge two days this week.

The tax rate in Littleton this year is \$23.50, the highest ever known here. The increase is due to paying for recent extensions to the water and electric lighting systems. Two years ago the tax rate stood at \$20.60, and it was felt keenly by many of our citizens. Let us hope for a decrease next year.

Paul Fletcher is trying farming during his vacation and is helping in the garden and hay field at W. Mitchell's. Gordon Love has turned his attention to the grocery business and is making a house to house canvass. Many of the school children have found a place in the strawberry patch. Barker Bros., who are the most extensive strawberry merchants in town, have shipped many crates daily to Boston, for the benefit of customers. Others who have conducted a good business are J. H. Hardy, Jr., E. H. Priest, N. H. Whitecomb and F. S. Kimball.

The camps at Lake Warren were occupied by many parties from suburban Boston from Saturday to Tuesday. The Long pond cottages were also open.

Mrs. Hattie Whitecomb, who has spent several weeks with her son, H. Whitecomb, and family, returned to her daughter's in Norwell Sunday, going with Mr. Whitecomb by automobile.

S. C. Bates, of Newbury, has installed scales and is building a large henhouse.

Most Littleton farmers are busy harvesting hay this week. The uplands have a fair yield this season.

Miss Louise Flagg and Miss Maude Meehan are at home resting from school duties.

Miss Hattie Sanfter, teacher in New Bedford, has completed the school year and is at her home on King street.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Evans, of New York, are in town on a holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Flagg and Miss Marion Flagg this week. Mr. Evans holds a good position in one of the New York high schools.

Mrs. Bertricia Blodgett was the guest of former neighbors in Fitzwilliam N. H. last week.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams and Mabel Wheeler were recent guests at N. H. Whitecomb's.

Miss Katherine Kimball will be the subject of the Baptist C. E. society at the Summer summer conference.

Miss Tomlinson will sing at the Sunday morning service at the Congregational church.

Mr. Grosvenor of Williamstown, a recent visitor in the high school of that town, has accepted the principalship of Littleton high school.

Miss Elizabeth Page, of Lexington, who taught last year in Holden, will succeed Miss Helen Bradley as teacher of the new primary school.

G. Edwards, who has installed a telephone at home, is on the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craig Kelley and sons, of Andover, plan to return to town for the month of September and will be at the Hartwell camp near Shirley.

Reminders of the American Watch Factory will be at Littleton town hall on Saturday evening, July 24, at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Littleton Improvement society.

A people's meeting of the Baptist vestry last Sunday evening was held by Sanford B. Hubbard, pastor of Cambridge, and a veteran of the civil war.

Successful Lawn Party. The lawn party given at the town hall park under the auspices of the Congregational church last Saturday evening was a happy and successful one. Many of our people who were glad of an opportunity to attend a social gathering after many days of confinement to their homes, held back the rain just long enough for everybody to get home. The fine conveyance was greatly appreciated and helped along the good sale. At the different booths were satisfactory and receipts at the door amounted to \$17.70 in ten-cent notes.

The concert was more than it was advertised to be. The vocal solo by Miss Helen Gilman, accompanied by her mother and those by A. P. Gardner, accompanied by Mrs. Gardner, and the instrumental selections by Miss Kathleen White, furnished a splendid musical treat and the fine work of the orchestra won universal applause.

WHICH WAS VERY GRATIFYING AS REHEARSALS IN UNISON HAD BEEN IN PROGRESS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS.

The farce given by the Grange cast was exceedingly entertaining and kept the audience in good humor throughout the performance.

The receipts netted close to fifty dollars, plus a good time generally at the expense of a hard working few on a committee that knows not defeat.

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LOWELL & FITCHBURG ST. RAILWAY COMPANY

The first car leaves Ayer for Lowell at 6 a. m., then five minutes past the hour up to and including 10.05 p. m.

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SUNDAY: Leave Ayer at 7.05 a. m. Leave North Chelmsford at 8.20 a. m., then the same time as week days.

Ayer, Mass., July 1, 1915. Louis H. Cushing, Superintendent 4144

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK AT AYER IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1915.

Resources

Loans and discounts (notes held in bank) \$436,592.26

Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpaid 229,226.00

U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 20,000.00

U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits 30,000.00

Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpaid 92,043.75

Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank 7,500.00

Less amount unpaid 3,750.00

Due from Federal Reserve Bank 10,000.00

Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis \$11,250.94

Due from approved reserve agents in other cities 51,621.56

Fractional currency, nickels and cents 114.71

Notes of other national banks 355.00

Lawful money reserve in bank 22,241.35

Total coin and certificates less amount unpaid 6,999.99

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

Due from U. S. Treasury coin sent Boston for redemption 1,460.00

Total \$656,497.83

Liabilities

Capital stock paid in \$75,000.00

Surplus fund 59,999.99

Undivided profits \$19,971.11

Less current expenses and taxes 5,090.58

Due to banks and bankers 20,000.00

Individual deposits 15,000.00

Deposits subject to check 449,955.90

Certificates of deposit due in less than 90 days 2,617.23

Certified checks 534.40

Cashier's checks outstanding 775.00

Postal savings deposits 6,919.00

Total \$656,497.83

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss: I, Charles A. Norman, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHAS. A. NORMAN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of July, 1915. Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Howard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE TOWNSEND NATIONAL BANK AT TOWNSEND IN THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1915.

Resources

Loans and discounts (notes held in bank) \$213,282.89

Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpaid 25,754.00

U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 100,000.00

U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits 3,000.00

Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned and unpaid 51,257.50

Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank 7,500.00

Less amount unpaid 3,600.00

Due from approved reserve agents in other cities 11,350.28

Fractional currency, nickels and cents 1,000.00

Notes of other national banks 4,600.00

Lawful money reserve in bank 45,329.94

Other cash items, \$2,176.17

Fractional currency, nickels and cents 27.22

Notes of other national banks 2,038.00

Lawful money reserve in bank 6,393.00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury (not more than 5 percent on circulation) 4,000.00

Total \$465,083.03

Liabilities

Capital stock paid in \$100,000.00

Surplus fund 20,000.00

Undivided profits \$20,626.33

Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid 2,772.27

Due to banks and bankers 100,000.00

Individual deposits 27.00

Deposits subject to check 214,051.97

Notes and bills rediscounted 6,150.00

Total \$465,083.03

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss: I, C. E. Willard, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. C. E. WILLARD, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of July, 1915. T. James Harvey, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Henry A. Hill, William Eastman, W. F. Hockwood, Directors.

Advertisement for Dutch Boy Red Seal White Lead paint. Includes illustration of a boy painting a house and a can of paint. Text: "Deserves the Best. Your house deserves the best paint you can secure. We recommend Dutch Boy Red Seal White Lead and pure linseed oil. Such paint, mixed on the job to suit conditions, wears long, does not crack, keeps smooth. It gives better results at lower cost. For lead, oil and other painting requisites, call us today." SHATTUCK'S STORE, Groton, Mass.

Advertisement for Ayer Electric Light Company. Text: "Do You Know the Pleasure of Ironing by Electricity? Have you 'retired' from the stove-heated flat-iron, a broiling hot kitchen and complete physical exhaustion each ironing day? A Guaranteed Electric Iron at \$2.50 Means Cool Ironing Days All Summer. AYER ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, Barry Building, Ayer, Mass."

Advertisement for Bryant & Stratton Commercial School. Text: "Persons desirous of becoming competent and successful Accountants, Book-keepers, Stenographers, Secretaries, or Commercial Teachers, with assurance of employment, will find in the BRYANT & STRATTON COMMERCIAL SCHOOL BOSTON. Now located in its new school building, 334 Boylston Street, a most desirable opportunity for study and practice under the direction and supervision of a large corps of well known and experienced teachers. Courses—General commercial course, Stenographic course, Secretarial course, Civil service course, Commercial teachers course. Every possible requisite is afforded for personal safety, rapid progress, with cheerful and healthful surroundings. This school does not employ agents, solicitors, canvassers or runners. Persons who cannot call for personal interview may have printed information of terms and conditions by mail. Will open September 7th. H. E. STRATTON, Principal, 334 Boylston Street, Boston."

Advertisement for Bliss Farm Agency. Text: "FOR FARMS, COUNTRY ESTATES AND VILLAGE PROPERTY in Ayer, Groton, Pepperell, Townsend, Harvard, Littleton, Shirley, Lunenburg, Westford, Dunstable and Boxboro, see R. P. Harriman, BLISS FARM AGENCY, Park Street, Ayer, Mass."

Advertisement for a good assortment of fruit jars. Text: "A GOOD ASSORTMENT OF FRUIT JARS. Mason and Lightning Patent Jars are now in stock; also JELLY TUMBLERS and JELLY MOLDS—PRICES LOW. CROQUET SETS. Four and eight-ball sets, painted and varnished. 89c to \$1.75. PICTURE FRAMING. A large line of samples to select from. HENRY W. ROBBINS, Dealer in Fruit Trees, Grape Vines, Strawberry Plants, Shrubbery, Evergreens, Etc. Tel. 78-4 AYER, MASS."

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Services Well Attended. There was a good attendance at the morning service at the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. Wallace preached a strong and helpful sermon on "True values," and at the close of the service a monthly communion service was observed. It was pleasant to meet and greet several old and new friends.

About Town. William C. Edwards, Jr. of Westford Corner and Mrs. Margaret Brown Quist were married on Wednesday evening of last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Edwards, by Rev. Franklin H. Reeves, of North Chelmsford. They will reside in Westford.

News Items. A. N. Calkins has resigned the position of scoutmaster of the local Boy Scouts and Ellery Royal will serve in his place for the present. A meeting of the patrol was held this week Thursday evening in Hapgood Memorial.

The Harvard Temperance society has received a gift from an interested friend in town, a large display board for posters which will be placed on the sign post opposite Gave Brothers' store. A succession of live common sense alcohol posters will be shown on it.

At the special meeting of the Harvard Woman's club on the last Wednesday in June, and called by request of the building fund committee, it was voted by a large majority, after

an interesting and animated discussion, to urge this committee to proceed in their own good judgment toward the starting of a clubhouse building fund.

Miss Clara E. Sears left Friday for Nahant, where she will spend the months of July and August at her summer residence there.

Charles E. Ferrin, plumbing and heating contractor, of Ayer, is installing the hot water heating system, plumbing and water system at the old Sprague place on the Ayer road for C. C. Doe, of Lexington. The work of renovating and making improvements on the residence is expected to be completed by July 25.

In spite of the very undesirable weather on Monday the usual large number of people of this and surrounding towns gathered at Bromfield grounds on that day to celebrate the Fourth. The sports at nine o'clock were won by the following: Boys under 17 years—100-yd. dash, George Mead 1st, Julius Gebo 2d; 220-yd. dash, Homer Richards 1st, George Mead 2d; boys over 17 years—dash, Harold Whittemore 1st, Ellery Royal 2d; 440-yd. dash, Ellery Royal 1st, H. Whittemore 2d; open all, potato race, Paul McNiff 1st, H. McNiff 2d; obstacle race, Paul McNiff 1st, Orville Prince 2d; 50-yd. dash for girls, Doris Davis 1st, Rachel Ryan 2d; polo race for girls, Holena Campbell 1st, Jessie Cameron 2d.

Following the sports the parade of horses and autos was shown and judged on Harvard common, and results were as follows: Saddle class, Dorothy Peters 1st, Hope Crocker 2d, Allston Keyes 3d; saddle horses, H. H. Putnam 1st, Margaret Dolan 2d, Harry W. Crocker 3d; harness over 40 years old, H. H. Putnam 2d, Frank J. Ford 2d yrs., 2d, Mrs. H. Emma Whitney 32 yrs., 2d; double driver, Benjamin Keyes; pony driver, Michael McMahon 1st, H. McNiff 2d; Keyes; driving horses, H. W. Crocker 1st, Henry Harrod 2d, C. E. Schnare 3d; single work horses, Chester Willard 1st, C. D. Keyes 2d, Edw. Coke 3d; double work teams, Chester Willard 1st, Fred T. Whitney, C. Wrangham, Fred Jovee 2d, Harold Tooker, Herman Skillings, John Madigan, Michael McMahon 3d; 4-horse team, Frank O. Ryan.

TOWNSEND

Center. Mrs. A. J. Atwood is entertaining her young niece, Miss Elizabeth French, and Miss Gladys Starkey of Ashby this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Hildreth, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shirley and little daughter Catherine of Swampscott motored to Manchester this week and enjoyed four days' outing with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Miller of Somerville are enjoying a vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller.

The Townsend A. team was defeated by the Shirley A. A. at Shirley 3 to 2 last Saturday afternoon. The first defeat of the season for the Townsend A. A.

On account of the rain the morning of the Fourth the ball game with the Pepperell A. A. was called off, this being the attraction of the day's sports and the public was much disappointed.

The public library and reading room will be open again Saturday afternoon and evening, July 10, when the new books recently purchased will be distributed to the public.

Independence day was celebrated in a quiet way in this village Monday, July 5. The "night before" at midnight the boys made merry by the blowing of horns and the building of bonfires.

Baseball. The Townsend Red Sox defeated the Lunenburg A. A. on the Townsend grounds last Friday by a score of 10 to 0, in a very interesting game. The score:

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Townsend Red Sox vs Lunenburg A. A.

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West. Mrs. S. W. Upton, of Josselynville, has returned from a few days' visit with relatives in Torrington, N. H.

Mr. George A. Seaver accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Ralph H. Willard, upon her return to Dorchester on Tuesday morning by auto for a week's visit.

Mr. Frank Wheeler, of Fitchburg, is at her old home at the Wheeler farm on the Ashby road with her daughter, Mrs. John Powers.

Albert Waite is assisting as clerk at L. H. Sherwin's store during the summer vacation.

Clarence Webster returned last week from a very pleasant vacation trip to New York.

James L. Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent the week-end at his summer cottage here and his daughter Margaret, who has been visiting friends in New York since her graduation, has arrived for the summer.

Miss Rena Clapp, who has been for the past year or more with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Waite and family, at their cottage on the road to the Center, has returned to her home in Cliftondale for the present.

Mr. Small, from Boston, who is employed at the Boylston Express Wagons, is boarding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Stiekney.

Mrs. Austin, of Elm street, is on the sick list and under the doctor's care this week.

Justin C. Hodgman received the news early last week of the death of his sister, Mrs. Lydia Anne Willis, who passed away at her home in Des Moines, Iowa, Sunday, June 26.

Mrs. Willis was a native of this village where her early days were passed. She was born in the old Hodgman homestead, now occupied by Justin Hodgman and family, about seventy years ago, her parents being Benjamin and Elizabeth Hodgman, well-known residents of this village and quite a number of the old residents here recall her death with regret and regret to learn of her death.

Beside her brother, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Willis of Huntington, L. I.

Mrs. Lawton of the Center attended services at the Baptist church of which she is a member, spending the day with friends on Sunday.

The Fourth was passed most quietly in this village with no accidents reported. The night before the usual pranks which have been vogue for several years, such as changing signs and window blinds, building bonfires in the street, etc., were in evidence as usual though there was much less noise than in former years, as owing to the severe illness of Charles H. Morgan and Mrs. Cutting, both of whom are residents here, they were not permitted to ring either church bell.

Special police, Henry B. Hathaway, Alden A. Sherwin and Charles Hodgman, guarded the property of the townspeople and Harry W. Sartelette had charge of the Baptist church that they might not break in. At night a serenade was given by an impromptu band, which paraded the streets about nine o'clock while fireworks were exhibited at various homes along the street. C. S. Homer of New York provided as usual the Fourth of July gifts for the children of the village, each receiving a supply of torpedoes and fireworks from L. P. Sherwin's stock of goods.

W. A. Boutwell and family spent the week-end with Mrs. Boutwell's people in Barre, taking the trip by auto and returning Monday afternoon.

Maurice Keasler and daughter from Boston visited his daughter Rose at the home of Miss N. Elinor Tower last week.

There was a large attendance at the Baptist church last Sunday morning when the pastor preached a patriotic sermon on "The duties of a citizen." The church was prettily decorated with flags and flowers and the choir sang appropriate selections for the day.

Miss Gladys Rawson presided at the organ in the absence of Miss Emma Adams.

Last Sunday afternoon the peace of the village was disturbed by two intoxicated men who created quite a disturbance upon the street and attempted to break in the doors of the hotel during the late afternoon. They were taken in charge by Special Police Hathaway and Sherwin and headed over the line toward their homes in Boston, N. H.

During the heavy thunder shower of the early hours of last Saturday morning the elm tree in front of the home of Albert Waite was struck by lightning and several of the clapping branches were blown down. This is the second time within a year that the place has been struck, as last August, during a heavy shower one afternoon, lightning struck and did much damage to the house.

Holiday Visitors. The visitors in town over the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Branton, of Providence, R. I., and son Randall with George Adams; Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood and children, from Manchester, N. H., with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferreri; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Willard, of Dorchester, with their little daughter Martha, and George Willard, from Brookline, with Mrs. Maria Bell, from the Center, at C. L. Webster's; S. Leroy Shapleigh, from Somerville, with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Foster; Harry Streeter and Mrs. Louis Streeter and son Norman, from Waltham, at Mrs. Mary Streeter's in Josselynville; Miss Mabel Thompson, from Boston, with her mother, Mrs. Frank Ferreri; Ernest Kaddy and family and Roy Kaddy, from Boston, with relatives in Josselynville; George Ellis, of Boston, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna Ellis; Mr. and Mrs. Wyman and child, from Worcester, with Mrs. D. O. Evans, of Josselynville; Herman Clarke, from Worcester, with his mother, Mrs. W. T. Cooke; Everett Pierpont, from Worcester, from Brookline, with his family at their summer cottage on Elm street; Mrs. Roy Wright and children, at the Center, and Mrs. Agnes Wilson, from Waltham, with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Wilson; John Day, from Marlboro, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Smith.

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Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by George A. Drew, of Greenwich, in the State of Connecticut, by Willard A. Munson, of Walpole, in the County of Norfolk, and said Commonwealth, and by Harold L. Frost, of Arlington, in said County of Middlesex, to register and confirm their title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land, with the buildings thereon, situate about one mile south of the center of said Littleton, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the land hereinafter described at a corner of a wall at the road leading from the center of said Littleton to Exoboro and at land formerly of D. A. Kimball, thence running Northwesterly by a stone wall and ditch by said Kimball land to a corner at lands of said Kimball, land now or formerly of J. A. Priest and land now or late of Henry T. Taylor; thence Northwesterly on said Priest's land twenty-six (26) rods to land now or formerly of Hannah S. Smith; thence Northwesterly on said Smith's land to land now or late of Luther S. Warren near the spring, thence Southwesterly on land of said Warren and land now or late of Sophia K. Harwood to a corner of a wall at said Harwood's land; thence Southerly on said land as the wall stands to the town road; thence Southwesterly on said road to the bounds first mentioned. Containing ninety (90) acres more or less.

Petitioners claim as appurtenant to the above described land the right of passing over the lands now or late of D. A. Kimball, to and from the meadow; and also the rights under a certain boundary line agreement dated December 1, 1892, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 2251, Page 229.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition, and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

You are hereby cited to appear at the Land Court to be held at Boston, in the County of Suffolk, on the twenty-sixth day of July A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. And unless you appear at said Court at the time and place aforesaid your default will be recorded, and the said petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

Witness, Charles Thornton Davis, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of June in the year nineteen hundred and fifteen.

Attest with Seal of said Court. (Seal) CLARENCE C. SMITH, Recorder.

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Saturday, July 10, 1915.

GROTON

News Items. Howard L. Gilson received his appointment Wednesday noon from Washington, D. C., giving him the position of H. F. D. carrier on route one.

The school and home garden work is progressing well. The prevalence of mumps among the children interfered with the work at first, but they seem to be catching up after the delay.

Miss Bradley, who was appointed assistant supervisor, resigned as she could not be here during the summer. Mrs. George H. Blood has been appointed to the position and will be a very capable person for the place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard gave a large and well appointed lawn party Tuesday evening. The Boy Scouts and Camp-fire Girls were among those invited.

The grounds were brightly decorated and presented a brilliant scene with electric lights, Chinese lanterns, etc. The Lunenburg band discoursed mystic and fireworks which were enjoyed by the crowd.

Mr. Durall of Melrose with his son, a young business man of New York, were over Sunday and Monday visitors of Frank D. Lewis and family.

Acquiescing to the petition of the families in Chicopee row, the school in that neighborhood will not be a matter of concern to the committee had decided.

After the close of the Middlesex Rehekah meeting in the new hall on Tuesday evening, where they had a good entertainment, followed by refreshments, they attended the lawn party at Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard's.

Mrs. Ethel Perrie of New Haven, Conn., with her children and a teacher, a friend who comes with them, are occupying the beautiful near Mr. Gay's Brown Loaf Hill farm. Mr. Perrie is coming to join his family later.

Mrs. Willard Smith and Miss Belle Lancy were pleasantly entertained one day last week by Mr. and Mrs. Amie Greiger at their pretty home, Villa Lorraine, on the hill, Peperell, which they have furnished for first class summer boarders.

A very interesting and amusing scene was enacted on the high school grounds Wednesday evening, when the department was out for the regular monthly practice. Soon after the two pieces of hose were attached to the hydrant the pressure proved too great for the men to control the nozzles and as a result the entire company got thoroughly drenched.

It was funny enough at least to on-lookers, to see the men scramble to get beyond the reach of the water. Only one man, Charles Wright, succeeded in maintaining his hold upon the writhing hose until the hydrant was closed.

Miss Gladys Mason, going on Tuesday, visited in Fitchburg this week. The W. R. C. met in regular session on Wednesday afternoon, but will not meet again until the third Wednesday in August.

Rev. M. C. Paton, of Braintree, spent Wednesday in town, the guest of Rev. G. M. Howe. It is currently reported and seems to be true that Elizabeth Smith, superintendent of schools the past year, has resigned and that his resignation has been accepted.

Mrs. J. B. Hawkes spent the holiday with friends in Worcester and returns the last of this week. Mrs. Mabel Moulton and Mrs. Estelle Collier go to Maine this Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Collier are going to York and Mrs. Moulton to Pine Point.

George E. Meyer left on Wednesday by auto, going to Vermont for a few days' stay. He was accompanied by members of the E. C. Leonard family of Court street.

Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren, of Manchester, N. H., returned over Monday afternoon by a call on her father, Capt. Palmer and family, having her daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, for a visit with their grandfather and uncle's family. Mrs. Warren is to go soon with her husband, Lawyer George H. Warren, to the exposition in California.

The music at the Congregational church last Sunday morning was very helpful in spirit. The solos by Miss Helen Hill and her brother Wyman were finely rendered.

The C. E. service last Sunday evening was led by Lewis M. Knapp, who discussed the topic, "National Ideals, and how home missions will promote them," in a broad and comprehensive manner.

Rev. James C. Alvord, of Littleton, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor.

Mrs. Emma Leal Atwood and Lawrence Hill Leal, accompanied by the guests of Rev. G. M. Howe over Sunday and the holiday.

William Gay, of Boston, spent Sunday and Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gay.

There was nothing in Groton of a very unusual nature to mark July 4 as a holiday season. Flags were flying freely from buildings and on the numerous automobiles passing through or about the town. There were some who went away to visit and there were some home-comings. Early Monday morning some noisy demonstration of the tin pan and tin horn kind and the ringing of bells showed that Young America was up and out.

The ball games and some other gatherings were cancelled on account of the rain. It was a holiday of rest to those who didn't seek the pleasures of attending the celebration in other towns.

R. F. Poland, of Fitchburg, who was an over Sunday and Monday visitor of Mrs. Mason and family, returned home Tuesday, and from there went to St. Louis, Mo. He plans to make a trip to the exposition in California before his return east in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chapman and family, of Winchester, were holiday visitors with his sister, Mrs. A. B. Farwell, and family.

Rev. William Breckenridge preached at the Baptist church last Sunday to a good sized congregation. This closed his services as pastor of the church.

Miss Jones, nurse at the Groton hospital, went on her vacation Tuesday.

Mrs. Milo Harrington and little son and Mrs. Fred H. Torrey and son, each going for a visit to her old home at the south.

The tax rate this year is \$13.00 on a \$1000.

There is to be a band concert this week Saturday evening.

Miss Lillian Tuttle has gone to the Institute of Music Pedagogy at Northampton, where she takes up the normal course at the summer school, beginning July 5.

The Middlesex Rehekah lodge met on Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows' hall on Station avenue, thus having the distinction of holding the first meeting in the new hall, although the furnishings of the hall were not in.

Miss Carrie Stevens, well-known to many, where she has been a frequent visitor in past years, is soon to go for a two-months' stay in California, to visit relatives and will also take in the great exposition.

Miss Marion Breckenridge, of Chicopee row, left last week Friday morning for her old home in Vermontville, N. Y., where she visits relatives for some time. The same morning Miss Lena Breckenridge, left for Lake Sunapee, N. H., to spend the summer.

George Oliver Whiting, of Lexington, died at Nahant on June 28, as a result of a paralytic shock received on the previous Friday. He was at the head of the firm of Whiting Brothers, who carried on an extensive milk business in Boston. He was a native of Wilton, N. H., and his age was seventy-four years. He attended school at Lawrence academy in the year 1857, and has left a name honored by all his friends.

Resolution Adopted. The question of equal suffrage was brought before the Federation of Women's clubs by the following resolution: "Whereas, the question of political equality of men and women is today a matter of world-wide importance, and the civilized world, therefore, be it

Resolved, that we record our belief in the principles of political equality for all races and colors."

The resolution was debated at length, three minutes being given to each speaker. The discussion was carried on in a dignified manner by a number of speakers. The presiding officer, Mrs. Perkins, was impartial in the exercise of her authority, but was understood to be in favor of the resolution. At each speaker was applauded, but at the close of a speech for equal suffrage which was especially and enthusiastically applauded the president said if applause would have to be shortened, after which there was no applause until the vote was declared. The vote stood 203 to 99 in favor of the resolution, more than a two-thirds majority.

The vote showed this, if nothing more, that of 292 women thought by their respective clubs to be worthy of a vote in the election of delegates to the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's clubs, 203 of the number stood up to be counted for the resolution and 89 stood up to be counted against the resolution.

To the Editor: I have seen in your paper a report of the address of Mrs. George, an anti-suffragist. As I live where the women can and are glad to vote, I would like to ask if Mrs. George has ever lived in any state where the women have not the right to speak, or enough to go to the polls and put her vote in the ballot box? If she has not I beg to inform her that she would be better posted on the subject if she would take care of the children. It is suggestive of a time when some were seeking a good thing, "And Satan came also. If there is one woman who thinks she would like to have a voice in the disposing of her tax money, I fail to see why some other women should try to prevent her from doing so. It is a matter of rights, and the women who are organized today than the men, and polled a more intelligent vote" in an election three years ago when the women were not allowed to vote. I am sure that Mrs. George is "barking up the wrong tree." J. S. S., California.

West Groton. Quite a number of people were in town for over Sunday and the holiday as guests of friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and nephew and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Aden Puffer and sons of Bellows Falls, Vt., and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Harrington, wife with Mrs. Augusta Harrington, Harry B. Gilchrist of Lakeport, N. H., and Mrs. Alice Lane of Fitchburg, were with Mrs. M. E. Williams, Misses E. and Olive Tarbell of Hanover, N. H., and Miss Helen Mumiston of East Jaffrey with their grandmother, Mrs. Tarbell; Miss Nellie Hill of Boston at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Hill, and Miss Kate O'Mealy of Leominster spent the Fourth with relatives; Frank Trefethen visited with his sister.

Many spent the week-end out-of-town, among the number R. H. Burgess, who went to Lowell to see the great parade and visit his daughter, and Mrs. A. W. Adams, with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dudley in Danvers, and F. Edwin Harrington and son Homer with Webster Harrington in Ayer.

George Bixby entertained his grandchildren and some of their little friends on Monday evening with a display of fireworks.

Misses Bertha Bixby and Angelina Farnsworth left last week Friday for a month's vacation in Amherst, N. H.

Miss Evelyn Fernald and her nephews, Edward Weber, started for California on Wednesday. They are to be away six weeks, stopping at Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, San Diego and Los Angeles. They will spend three weeks with her brothers in San Francisco visiting the exposition.

A fine game of ball was played at the home grounds on Monday afternoon between Townsend 2d and the West Groton nine. The home team won by the score of 3 to 2. A large number of people witnessed the game.

W. E. Tarbell, of Milton, N. H., visited his mother and sisters on last week Thursday, leaving on Friday for Buffalo, N. Y.

May Hood, of Lowell, has come to assist her on July 8. R. H. Burgess, who has been ill.

Mrs. Edward Mellich and daughter Ruth are visiting in Shirley with relatives.

Frank Humiston arrived on horseback from Boston last Saturday, spending the night with his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Tarbell, continuing his journey to East Jaffrey on Sunday.

Mrs. Oliver Hallett, who has been so seriously ill at the Groton hospital, is gaining slowly.

The branch library, recently opened here, is much appreciated by the village. The reading-room is well patronized and last week 123 books were given out.

The preparatory work for the building of the new leatherboard mill has begun.

Mrs. J. P. Trowbridge, who has been suffering from muscular rheumatism, is somewhat better.

Eugene Steeper and wife visited his mother over the Fourth at her home in North Shirley.

In spite of the backward season Provost Thompson has sweet corn 5 feet 10 inches high and from 10 to 15 ears set on a single stalk. It is in blossom and the alfalfa nearing two feet in height is also in blossom.

Guy Hillson and Edgar Stanley, the boyhood friends of Gilbert Wheaton, who wheeled the arm just above the river, were compelled to take a couple of shower baths before reaching their destination. The return trip was made over very muddy roads.

Mrs. Evelyn Fernald and Edward Welber have started on their journey to the western coast.

John Cutler and family, who have been living in Mrs. Larson's house on the embankment, have moved to the Moran farm.

Fred Benson spent the week-end and Monday with his family in North Shirley.

Miss Bright has returned from her visit with her sister, Mrs. Leach, of Boston, N. H. The trip was made by auto.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson was able to enjoy an auto ride on Wednesday.

The semi-annual installation of officers of the Suanacook lodge, I. O. O. F., M. U. L., took place at their regular meeting on Friday. A list of the officers installed is not at hand. Refreshments were served as is usual at such times.

THE ENGLISH SPARROW. I wish that all lovers of birds, whether as a hobby or as a business, might read the article in the June 15th number of "American Forestry." The writer, W. McAtee, of the Biological Survey at Washington, D. C., is singularly impressive in his presentation of facts bearing on their effectiveness as destroyers of insects injurious to vegetation. It is rarely that one's hopes and thoughts based upon amateur observations receive so substantial and convincing endorsement, and what reader does not warm toward an author who is able to crystallize his theories into beliefs. Some of Mr. McAtee's statements border on the marvelous, as, for instance, where he says that one sparrow often consumes 5000 ants at a single meal. He does not state how many meals per diem his birdship indulges in ordinarily, but it is safe to assume that he eats no quieter and he is apparently blessed with keen appetite and excellent digestion, judged by our standards. Perhaps the most pleasing note of all, however, is the broad spirit of tolerance and strong support of the much-herated English sparrow.

As a dweller in Brookline this small corner is a welcome partner in helping to check the material conditions of many a leaf-eating worm or moth, and he braves the rigors of winter without a shudder. If I but throw him each week two or three handfuls of cracked corn to cheer the bird's outlook, he gets on well with the blue jay, and together they make a pretty combination on the bare ground of snow. He is a good breakfast table. Whatever may be his drawbacks, his qualities of real value, measured in usefulness, far outweigh all supposed objections if he is treated kindly and kindly and offered lodging and fair encouragement. We are apt to condemn a bird like the crow for pulling up sprouting corn, without stopping to find out what a vast benefit he and other birds bestow on us through their enormous capacity for devouring insects that otherwise might make at a profit of the sweetest of vegetation. You can protect your seed if you are a good farmer without killing a sparrow friend who asks only a living wage from day to day, as nature intended.

Live and let live is a sound principle, whether we seek its application peacefully here at home or hope for it soon over the devastated fields of central Europe. One good friend is a safer bulwark than a dozen subdued enemies, and with a dozen friends like George's faith of the fagot, we may pass by serenely all hostile comment or demonstration.

Long life to the English sparrow!—James H. Bowditch in the Boston Transcript.

LITTLETON

News Items. Mrs. Crane, who has been staying at Joseph Stinson's on Foster street, has gone to the seashore for the summer.

Quiltherkikin camp at Lake Warren is occupied by a company of Malden school teachers.

Miss Laurice Flagg left home on Tuesday for Providence, R. I., where she will spend the two remaining summer months.

Mrs. Sarah Beddoes, of Charlestown, is at Miss Marshall's for the summer.

Miss Mary Marshall has gone to Sharon to visit her relatives for a week.

Mrs. Amelia Wakefield went yesterday to Ogunquit, York Beach, Me., for the rest of July.

Mrs. J. M. Hartwell will attend the "Shuals" conference at the Isle of Shoals, which begins next week. The Thomas Elliot of Lowell and Littleton churches will also be present at the meetings and probably others from the Littleton church.

Mrs. O. J. Fairfield returned on Thursday for a visit over Sunday in Hartford, Conn., and in Ware on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Priscilla Hill has gone to South Portland, Me., to spend her vacation with Supt. P. H. Hill and family.

The Grange will hold a lawn party July 21, when the Maynard orchestra will provide the music. Dancing, ice cream, candy and games will be some of the attractions.

Forty persons occupied the R. T. Barrow and Geo. C. Durkee camps at Lake Nagog over the Fourth.

The George Newcomb family toured in their new car through the Berkshires Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Greetings have been received from Mrs. Annie C. Smith, who is taking her annual outing for the month of July at Lake Ossipee, N. H.

A report was made by the Washington gun and wild ducks and deer plentiful.

Beulah Kimball has been confined to the house with a severe cold and cough, but has improved sufficiently to be dressed.

Konrad Jones, whose sickness necessitated a doctor's care and good nursing, is able to join the rest of the family about the house.

The quarterly house meeting of the Unitarian Society postponed from last Sunday on account of the Fourth, will be held in the vestry Sunday at four o'clock. At that time a preliminary report will be given by the committee considering plans to do away with the double organization of church and parish.

Miss Annie C. Bragdon, her parents and her little granddaughter, Mrs. Reverend Jones, will spend the summer home on Warren street for the vacation season.

A. W. Drew's camps at Lake Warren are all occupied and other parties waiting for them as soon as they are vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Flagg and son of Allston have been visiting the E. H. Flagg recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole of Dorchester and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of the same town, and Mrs. C. A. Hartwell of Hartwell avenue.

Mrs. Charles P. Hartwell and three grandchildren, Robert, Margaret and Alonzo Hartwell, have spent the week in camp at Spectacle pond.

New Boston, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunt the first of July.

Mrs. Sharpe, who is with her daughter, Mrs. James Ewing, opened the cellar door by mistake and fell down stairs Monday. She sustained a fracture of the arm just above the wrist, besides several bruises. She is doing well.

Charles V. Flagg fell from a load of hay this week and broke his arm. As the fracture was not very bad, Mr. Flagg will soon be about his usual work.

The Carroll family, of Malden, have come to their summer home at Priest's crossing for two months.

Miss Flood, teacher of Holyoke, is the speaker at the North Shore, of Oak Hill avenue.

The Catholic mission will hold a lawn party and dance at town hall park on Saturday, July 10, for the benefit of the new church, which is very soon to be erected. This being the smallest diocese, a large attendance is earnestly solicited. Ice cream, tonics and candy will be for sale, and there will also be a food sale and a dairy lunch will be served on the grounds. Band concert from three to six o'clock. Dancing from 8 to 11:30 in the hall. Popular admission. The aid of the church is invited. The party will be held in the town hall.

A picnic party consisting of the D. G. Houghton, J. M. Hartwell, F. E. Priest, Austin Lodge, Douglas Whitecomb and the W. W. Amos families, Heywood Kibbitt and Karlton Priest enjoyed a pleasant party Monday at the home of the guests were entertained by the most part in the house, as there was but little time when it was pleasant in the adjoining grove.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dodge and daughter, of Gloucester City, N. J., arrived at D. G. Houghton's last week. They are visiting her grand parents while her parents are spending a week or two in a cottage near Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H.

Mrs. Earl Spear has been taking an outing at her home people at their summer cottage near the North Shore. During her absence Mr. Spear's parents from Bellows Falls have been conducting household affairs at Earl Spear's on Mill road.

Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson and son Frederick spent the first of the week with relatives in Winthrop.

At the meeting on Tuesday evening, July 6, Deputy Mary Claffen, of Leominster lodge, installed the officers of the new lodge at Littleton, as follows: Theresa Stapfford, p. m. e.; Edith Sauler, m. m.; Nina Dennison, v. g.; Mary Thompson, s.; Mabelle Downie, t. r. G. W. Kendall, e. s.; Lois Gregory, r. of c.; Lillian Ewing, con. As the other officers were not lost the deputy officer will be here at the next meeting to install the rest. A list of the members of the lodge is being compiled and the program of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Chase have been spending a week in South Chatham.

Miss Cora Griffiths is at home for a vacation.

Transportation of school children for the coming year will be entrusted to Alfred Babo, Newtown children; A. H. Grayson, West End children; George W. Smith, South End children; Elizabeth Oddy, North children; William H. Davis, Nashoban children.

TOEING THE MARK. The little South American Republic was having another revolution. But the people didn't worry; they were used to it. In fact, a ball was being held to celebrate it in the capital.

The president was just tangling with a dusky belle when the alarm came: "The enemy." The president did a bolt, and the enemy followed. Over the garden wall, across two squares, past churches, shops, the mad chase went. The president, already breathless with dancing, had to give in at last. "Spare me—spare me!" he gasped, holding up his hands. The rebel chief held a revolver to his head. "Now," he said sternly, "just tell me who taught you that new step!"

New York city has 37,000 people employed in the making of waists.

Supposed Danger to the Eye. Many people believe that certain modern illuminants are dangerous to the eyes on account of their ultra violet or actinic radiations. Dr. Louis Bell and Dr. F. H. Verhoeff have made an extensive investigation of the effects of radiation on the various parts of the eye, from the corneal epithelium back to the retina. In an article in Science the investigators report that no artificial source of light produces enough ultra violet radiation to be of the slightest danger to the eye. Such pathologic or injurious action as they have been able to detect experimentally from ultra violet rays is confined to a strictly limited region of the spectrum, and perfectly definite laws govern its quantity and effect. Actual experiments on the human eye show conclusively that no concentration of radiation on the retina from any artificial illuminant is great enough to produce injury under any practical conditions. Protective glasses are useful only, they conclude, in cutting off dazzling light.

Marriage in Japan. A Japanese husband is allowed only one wife, but to marry is sometimes a much more serious matter than with us. Either the husband must be formally adopted into the family of the wife or the wife into the family of the husband, the couple being absorbed into one family and subject to its discipline. As a rule, this custom weighs more heavily on the bride than on the husband, for she must not only obey her husband, but every member of his family of an older generation than himself; hence a young woman often longs for old age, so that she may wield authority over the younger generations. In bringing about a marriage in Japan an intermediary is appointed, whose duty it is to introduce the parties and to look to every arrangement of the wedding. He remains through life the guide, philosopher and friend of the married couple, who refer all matters, all misunderstandings, to his counsel. — Pearson's.

Napoleon a Good Reader. Napoleon not only read a great deal, but read with profit. His memory was extraordinary. Take, for instance, his knowledge of Roman civil law, long passages of which he once recited off by heart to the astonishment of the state council engaged with him in the production of the Code Napoleon. To one of the councilors he explained how he gained his legal learning. "When a young lieutenant he found in the cupboard of a prison room in which he was confined a ponderous tome of Roman law, "You can easily imagine," he said, "what a valuable prize that book was. When, at the end of ten days, I recovered my freedom I was saturated with Justinian and the Roman legal decisions." Napoleon added that the old book was covered with marginal notes—so much so that he could not have been idle if his imprisonment had "lasted a century."

The Country Newspaper. I am ashamed to say that I had entertained a good humored tolerance, mingled with contempt, for country newspapers. They seemed to me the apotheosis of the little, the palladium of the uninteresting. It did not occur to me that anything possessed of such tenacity of life as the country newspaper must have a real meaning and perform a genuine function in our civilization. In this roaring age of efficiency we do not long support any institution that does not set its claws deep into our common life—and hang on.—David Grayson in American Magazine.

Acute Pleasure. Wife (returning from matinee)—Oh, it was too lovely! She had on a pale nile green silk, with bands of passementerie down the front and the grandest diamonds you ever saw, and when she died, in the last act, she rolled over four times, and every woman in the house was crying. I never enjoyed a play so much in my life.—Puck.

Her Nice Little Plan. He—I don't believe your father will give his consent. I haven't got much you know. She—That doesn't matter. The first month we can live on love, the second I'll begin to borrow things from mamma and about the third papa will get tired of it and come to the rescue.—London Telegraph.

Nice Neighbors. "Tough neighborhood I live in. People steal everything I leave in my shed." "Why don't you put a padlock on the door?" "I put on a fine one, and somebody got it the first night."—Kansas City Journal.

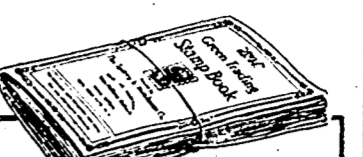
The Remedy. Aviator—I don't know the air currents up there. Friend—Then why not take a minister up with you? Aviator—A minister? Friend—Yes. Isn't he a sky pilot?—Baltimore American.

Badly Aimed. "Blinks always hits the nail on the head." "Yes, but usually he drives it into the wrong place."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Recognized. She—The waiter is hanging around as though he expected something. He—Oh, yes; he's a tipical waiter.—Providence Journal.

The crosses which we make for ourselves by overanxiety about the future are certainly not heaven sent.

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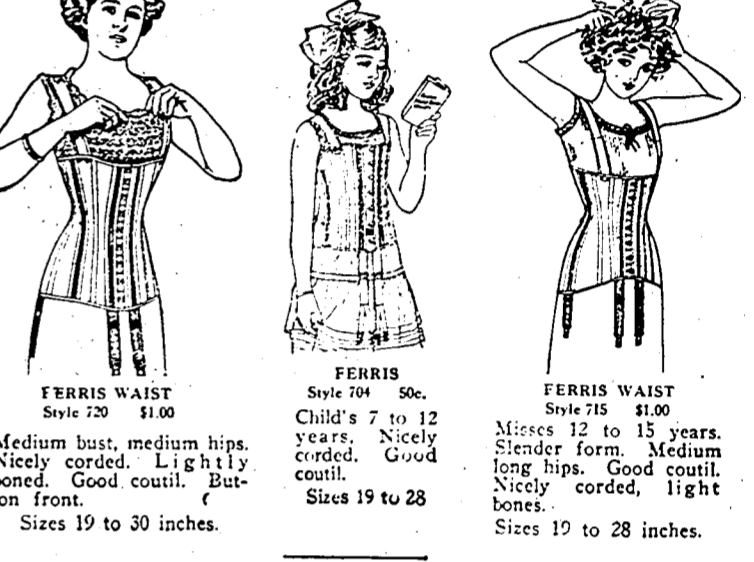
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HARVARD

News Items. The annual meeting of the Ladies' Picnic club will be held in the Harvard committee room at three o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, July 14.

The next meeting of the Harvard Equal Society will be held in the Harvard Memorial rooms on Wednesday, July 14, at 2.30 promptly. Members are urged to bring as many signed cards as possible, signed by both men and women.

At the meeting of the Harvard Historical Society on Tuesday evening, J. C. Clark of Lancaster gave a unique paper upon the subject of "A corner in trade, an episode in the history of the West Indian company."

Mr. Clark, having spent some time at the islands, could speak with authority upon many subjects of interest regarding the country, its people and history. We feel indebted to Mr. Clark for his kindness and all were glad of an opportunity to renew his acquaintance and to meet his mother, Mrs. A. M. Clark. A fine picture of the late Major Gardner was presented to the society by his daughter, Mrs. C. S. Lamb of Waltham.

Mrs. David Shattuck is spending a few days in Newton.

Mrs. Frank Blair with her three children from Hudson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Ripley.

J. C. Brewer has finished cutting asparagus. It has been of fine quality and a large quantity.

Members of the Catholic society here will give a benefit whist party and dance at the town hall on Monday evening, July 12.

The holidays brought home to Harvard many members of the families here. With Mr. and Mrs. Preston there was Frank R. Preston with Mrs. Preston and son from Somerville. Mrs. H. Emma Whitney entertained her brother, Quincy Hill, and daughter, Ruth Hill, from Worcester. Mr. and Mrs. George Moore entertained Alfred Jewett, formerly one of our town boys. Miss Vera Ward spent the days, Monday and Tuesday, with Miss Dorothy West. Miss Lucy Wetherbe of Roxbury was the guest this week with Miss Jessie Cameron. Ed. Harrod of Lexington spent the day with his mother, Mrs. Maria Harrod. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pollard of New York city were guests with the Misses Pollard at the Pollard home-stead.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wetherbee of Columbus, Ohio, arrived here Thursday for a ten days' visit to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wetherbee and Mr. and Mrs. William Brewster.

Mrs. Lucy A. West with Masters Kenneth and Winslow West are spending this week-end and over Sunday with Mrs. C. F. Bond at City Point, South Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pollard of Ayer were holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pollard at the home-stead.

George K. Clarke of Cambridge is staying this week at the Kerley house. Mrs. William Stone with her two daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Howe and Mr. and Mrs. William Woods, all of Waltham, arrived this week for a month's stay at Sheep Island.

Still River.

On last week Friday night, during the thunder storm, the house of Mrs. Hanna Harrod was struck by lightning. Fortunately, no very serious damage was done. The house, however, shingles being torn off and a little damage done in the kitchen. The

top of a spruce tree near to the building was torn off and the top of the house was badly damaged, and the gate thrown out into the middle of the street. Fortunately, no one in the house was injured.

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Saturday, July 10, 1915.

AYER

News Items.

A regular communication of Caleb Parker Lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, July 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

The subject for the morning sermon at the Congregational church on Sunday will be "Does modern science discredit intuition?" The subject for the evening sermon will be "Self-mastery." C. E. meeting at 6:15. Topic, "Making life worth while."

Mrs. George L. Osgood and children go this Saturday to Sullivan, Me., for a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lord.

Service at St. Andrew's church will be at eleven o'clock on Sunday morning. The choir is asked to come without fail at 10:15.

Rev. W. M. Ford is spending July at D. L. Lindenburg's at Shirley.

Miss Flora B. Cole presented some of her pupils in a recital held at her home on Friday afternoon of last week. They were assisted by Misses Elsie and Barbara Dickerman. The pupils played from memory and with a great deal of expression. Miss Cole's teacher, Miss A. Winifred Mayhew, of Worcester, presented and gave songs and a pleasing talk to the children and guests. At the close of the recital ice cream and fancy cookies were served by Mrs. Cole, assisted by Miss Marion E. Farnsworth and Mrs. I. G. Dwinell. Piano solos were given by Richard Boisseau, Stanley Livingston, Gertrude Washburn, the Misses Alice and Margaret Hensley and were given by the Misses Barbara and Elsie Dickerman. Miss Cole presented her Worcester pupils in a recital on June 29, held in the school study.

T. W. Titus, of Sandy pond road, has bought a thoroughbred registered stock hog from a noted Berkshire hog farm in Connecticut.

Misses Alma and Dorothy Bowles, who are teaching in Springfield, are at home for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason and daughter Marjorie are visiting his former home in Mont Vernon, N. H.

Herbert J. Webb moved on Tuesday to the Moore place, so-called, near the Rural Home, which he purchased some time ago.

Willard A. Hart, who is teaching in Englewood, N. J., is at home for the summer vacation.

Eugene Flagg is spending the summer with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. O'Brien, in Hollis, N. H.

"412," a great melodrama in three acts, featuring the famous screen star, Anita Stewart, is to be the headliner at the moving picture show this Saturday. "A tragedy of the rails," a two-act picture, will be another feature. In addition there will be presented a good drama, "A box of chocolates," and a farce-comedy, entitled "A father's folly." There will be other good pictures.

F. H. Chandler was taken Monday to a farm near Waterville, Me., where it is thought he will be benefited by the change.

Theodore W. Barry, Howard B. White and George L. Osgood left on Tuesday night for a two-weeks fishing trip in the Maine woods, going to Norcross, Me., by train.

Miss Charles L. Farnsworth and Miss Marion Farnsworth of Washington street, left Tuesday morning for Drake's Island, Wells, Me., where they have a cottage for the summer. Mr. Farnsworth will be with them while his business permits.

James Gifford, a former principal of the Ayer high school in 1877 and 1878, was in town last Saturday, calling on his former pupils. Mr. Gifford lived in Newton and has been superintendent of schools for a number of years.

While Stephen Ryan was starting the engine of the automobile he was in charge of on Monday night in front of Blackett & Markham's store in the Barry block, the machine suddenly backed into the large corner plate glass windows at the entrance of the store. Both windows were badly damaged.

Joseph Worthington, of East Orange, N. J., is a guest of Wendell Nutting at Sandy pond.

A fire started in one of the rubbish boxes in the subway on Tuesday afternoon, which was extinguished by someone throwing a lighted match of cigar into the box, which was filled with paper. The fire was put out by James J. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boutwell and two children, Rex and Emma, left last week Friday for Mountain View, Franklin County, N. Y., where they will stay several weeks.

E. T. Larabee and two daughters, Margaret and Annie, made a recent trip to historic Plymouth, going by boat from Boston.

H. B. Richardson, a member of George S. Boutwell post of Ayer, died in Worcester on Tuesday. The funeral took place in that city Thursday, the post being represented by Stephen N. Lougee and Henry C. Sherwin.

Judge Warren H. Atwood went to Concord this week Friday morning to preside at the trial of Frank Sarnborn, known as "the sage of Concord." The last time the judge was called to hear the case the distinguished defendant failed to appear.

Craig R. Johnson, a holler maker, employed at the engine house in the south railroad yard, met with a bad accident on Monday afternoon. At the time of the accident he was at work in a water tank when he lost his balance and fell into a pit. His right shoulder was badly injured and his head cut. In addition to receiving a severe shaking up, he was taken to the Burbank hospital at Fitchburg, the train leaving here at 5:12 p. m., where he is now undergoing treatment. The injuries are not at all dangerous and his condition here will be about in two weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Wyman of Washington street has so far recovered as to be able to sit up each day.

Miss Anna Leahy of the Shabokin district, Harvard, has safely arrived at Falmouth, England, after an eleven days' journey. She will take up her duties as nurse in the war hospital at Woolworth. Miss Leahy left New York city with a party of seventy-five nurses on June 22 for service in the European war zone.

Mrs. Frank S. Bulkeley returned last Saturday from the Hart private hospital, Roxbury.

The fire department responded to an alarm from box 16 last Sunday evening for a slight fire in Benjamin street on East Main street. An electric light chandelier fell from its fastenings to the floor.

H. M. Foster & Son of Leominster have opened undertaking rooms at the house of Patrick Lynn of East Main street where they will have a full line of undertaking supplies. They have been in business for twenty-seven years and are prepared to meet all requirements by night or day. Telephone 1614.

An auction sale of household goods and antiques to close up the estate of the late Mrs. Harvey Woods, will be held on Saturday afternoon, July 17, at one o'clock, on Elm street, Ayer, A. A. Pillsbury, auctioneer.

Mrs. Mary J. Whitaker died at her home on Monday of septic poisoning as a result of the illness of several weeks. Mrs. Whitaker was born in Tewksbury on May 11, 1851, and was next to the youngest of a family of eleven children. On January 3, 1872, she married Edward J. Whitaker, who died on December 20, 1911.

The deceased leaves a sister in Portland, Me.; three daughters, Mrs. F. A. Smith and Miss Maud Whitaker, of Ayer, and Mrs. Laura Allen, of South Dennis; a brother, F. G. Morey, of Billerica, and two grandchildren, Nellie Whitaker Allen and Allison Dorothy Allen. Mrs. Whitaker was a charter member of the W. R. C. and a member of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church. A funeral was held from the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. John C. Whitley, of Cambridge, a former pastor, having charge of the service, being assisted by Rev. J. S. O'Brien, of Ayer. Devotions were sung by the church male quartet. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The bearers, all members of the church, were G. A. R. R. were James J. O'Brien, James Lovejoy, Francis Lovejoy, E. D. Martell, O. P. Robinson and Daniel H. Dickinson. The interment took place in Woodlawn cemetery.

District Court.

Jerry A. Brown, of Greenville, N. H., was found guilty Thursday morning of operating without a license a moving picture machine at Townsend on July 3. He was ordered to pay the cost of the prosecution amounting to \$148. He pleaded not guilty.

Frank J. Maloney, of Pleasant Street, and Ambrose W. Iselle, of Arlington, an officer attached to the office of the state police at Boston, conducted the prosecution. The government's testimony in substance was that on the night of July 3, there was a moving picture exhibition in Memorial hall, Townsend, at which Maloney was operating a machine which he had no license. Alexander Reed, a selectman, of Townsend, figured prominently in the case as a witness for the government. Mr. Reed said that the machine was being operated by him under his name for the defendant, who had no permit to do so.

On the night of July 3, Memorial hall was well filled with people who came to see the show. The operator of the machine, Harry E. Woods, of Ayer, notified Mr. Brown that he was unable to get to Townsend in time for the beginning of the show. Woods would come as soon as he could. Rather than keep the audience waiting, Mr. Brown, the defendant, started to operate the machine himself. His operator would be on hand within a few minutes. Mr. Woods, however, failed to appear until the show was over, being delayed by fire trouble on the street.

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President of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway company, and Ex-senator Herbert E. Fletcher, of Westford. The commission reserved its decision.

Plan to Raise Foxes.

The Pillman silver black fox fur farm, in which J. Howard Pillman, of Ayer, is one of the interested parties, will be opened in the near future. The purpose of the company interested in this venture is to raise the above type of foxes. Five acres of land have been bought near the Harvard Shaker settlement, the acreage of which is now fenced in. In this acre there will be five pens and five pairs of pure silver black foxes. The pens will be enclosed in wire, while a stronger wire fence will enclose the plot of ground where the animals are confined. The foxes to be placed there come from one of the finest ranches in Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Mr. Pillman and Mr. Billevean, the latter of Fitchburg, will visit Prince Edward Island soon to look over the fox ranches there. The keeper of the new ranch at Harvard will be a local man who will also visit the above place in order to become familiar with the new duties. It is expected that the first pair of foxes will be placed in the Harvard ranch in ten days and it is hoped that by October 15 the ranch will be in full swing. An invitation to the public will be extended soon to visit the new ranch, which the president and treasurer visited on Wednesday, and with which they were much pleased.

Fourth of July Celebration.

The annual town celebration of the Fourth of July place on Monday evening, July 5, was a very creditable one. Though the weather conditions during the morning hours were very unfavorable the program was carried out exactly as scheduled by Edward S. Barry, in charge. The main event of the day and one in which the greatest interest centered was the morning parade which started at 8 o'clock. Large crowds ever seen here, many people coming from out-of-town to witness this feature. There were many good exhibits, including handsome floats representing events of timely interest, and others of the grotesque type that added humor to the occasion. Besides the above features there was the automobile parade, a contest of a good sized number of decorated floats which added to the appearance and size of the morning feature. The parade left the town hall, its starting point, at 8:30 o'clock.

The procession passed over the same route as in former years, from the town hall to Washington street, to Howard street, to Pleasant Street, Main as far as Union, thence to Shirley to Mechanic, West Main and East Main streets to pumping station, then counter-clockwise to East Main to School street, and to the town hall. The parade was dismissed and prizes awarded.

The next in order of events was a baseball game between Grotton High school and Ayer high, in which Ayer was victorious by a score of 19 to 6. Although a drenching rain fell the game was played to the end without interruption. The weather, however, cleared early afternoon when the field sports were called and by the time that the afternoon ball game, between the old rivals Shirley and Ayer, A. A. Magovern and Charles Gagnon, was under way the sun was shining in an ideal afternoon. The game attracted and held the attention of a great crowd from Ayer and the surrounding towns. Ayer won in a hard fought game by the score of 19 to 2. During the day the refreshment stands did a good business.

The celebration closed with an excellent display of fireworks at the park, beginning at eight o'clock. The Ayer band furnished music during the day and evening.

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As usual there were several local "hits" in the parade part of the parade. One of which was an antique feature in which a horse was pushing a carriage, with E. A. Magovern on front steering the outfit, and Paul McGuane. The feature was the work of the two men.

The Shirley A. A. and Ayer A. A. baseball game in the afternoon was a very interesting contest and full of spectacular plays. It is said that Shirley, who had hired outside players, was so confident of winning that they staked quite a sum of money on their team. The Ayer team's playing was very brilliant and the surprise was due to the fact that the members had not played together before this season. Their excellent all-around playing shows what can be done with a little practice. The players, too, are all residents of Ayer and none were hired for the occasion. It was distinctly an amateur home town game.

The three engineers, Henry E. Parrish, William Pelletier and Charles E. Perrin, rode in the parade in a car. E. O. Proctor's automobiles, Mr. Proctor acting as motorman.

The fire department, in uniform, with their engines decorated, made an excellent impression along the line of the parade.

The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., had a place of honor in the automobile section. The car was decorated with American flags.

Not one accident happened as a result of the celebration, which speaks well for its sane character. Division No. 7, H. had a very attractive float in the parade, entitled "Erin's call to Columbia," which received much favorable attention.

The telephone float which was first prize deserved that honor. This feature represented a great deal of time and labor which were spent in its preparation. The colors of the Bell telephone system, blue and white, were prominently displayed. A large bell, trimmed with the colors, occupied a prominent place on this feature. The float was entitled "The triumph of science," in honor of the extension of the telephone to San Francisco which became a fact a few months ago, thereby making it possible for oral communication across the continent from Boston to San Francisco.

The entire telephone equipment was represented, including poles, wires, and the different styles of instruments used in the reception and transmission of telephone communications. Miss Emma Kinney operated the switchboard. Miss Hazel Ayer calling San Francisco and Miss Margaret McCarthy, the supervisor at the local office, the operator receiving the message at the California city.

Other employees of the Ayer office occupied places in the float were Miss Isora M. Keller, chief operator, Alice Callahan and Mrs. John H. Loran. The float attracted much favorable attention along the route of the parade.

The float was drawn by two fine horses, which were finely decorated. The property of the Standard Oil Company, which was kindly contributed for the occasion by the local man, Arthur H. Brown, of Ayer, was the company, kindly gave his services as driver.

The afternoon baseball game between Ayer A. A. and Shirley A. A. was an interesting contest seen here in a long while. In the previous games with the local team the scores have been very close and a good deal of rivalry was the outcome. The Shirley team received a rude shock on Monday when they found it impossible to stay the progress of our best aggregation. The game in its first half was a close contest, Shirley leading by a little doubt of the home team winning. Shirley made a brave attempt to overcome the lead then Shirley's team failed to get two runs in their opportunity. On the Shirley pitcher, was batted out of the box and Pelotte took his place. Connors, however, did excellent work under the circumstances.

Martin Donahue pitched a great game for Ayer and Joseph Hurley played his usual good game behind the plate. The Ayer team, led by Donahue and two by Frank Donahue, Ayer made ten hits and Shirley secured five.

The Ayer team went to bat first and scored one run in the first inning. In the second inning the Ayer half was blanked, and neither team scored until the fourth inning, when Ayer made two runs. Shirley failed to score until the ninth inning, when they added one more to their score. After the fourth inning the home team developed a streak of bad luck, which, together with costly errors by their opponents, added eight more runs, four each in the sixth and seventh innings.

Gun Club.

The Ayer Gun club held an open shoot Monday on its grounds. The rainy weather kept many from being present, but in spite of that fact there was an interesting contest for which prizes were awarded. The winners of the prizes were William H. Reynolds 1st, a thermos bottle; Everett Sabine 2d, tobacco pouch; Elbridge M. Kidder 3d, leather covered flask; Fred Burrill 4th, check case; J. Howard Pillsbury 5th, a billfold pocket knife; Bill W. Carley 6th, hunting knife. Kidder and Sabine were tied for second place. Everett Sabine had the largest consecutive number of broken birds to his credit in the match. It was decided that he should have the second prize, the third going to Kidder.

At the Ayer gun club a cup in the 75-bird handicap match was awarded to the member making the most number of birds in match shoots, who holds it some other member makes a higher score, when it is surrendered to him.

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We wish to express our appreciation and hearty thanks to our friends and neighbors, the members of Post 45, of the Fitchburg and Leominster street railway company, for their loving sympathy and kindness during our recent affliction; also, for many beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. Fred A. Smith, Miss Maud L. Whitaker, Ayer, Mass., July 9, 1915.

It is desired to have the crossing at grade established so that street cars may run through from Fitchburg to Ayer and thence to Lowell. Charles F. Baker of Fitchburg represented the petitioners and described the geography of the case in a few words.

Mr. Baker then went on further with his account of the situation, telling of the know-nothing crossing and presenting maps to the commission to show the relations of tracks and the movements of trains. He told of the number of freight and passenger trains daily, on July 2, between Fitchburg and Lowell, and that there were six freight trains each way, besides two others earlier in the day.

Mr. Rich said that the road could give the entire movement of trains for the whole month of June. Mr. Baker said that the road was very little rapid movement of trains and the place is not dangerous. He had a petition signed by sixty voters of Ayer in favor of the proposed grade crossing.

Mr. Baker called as a witness former Representative John M. Maloney of Ayer, who said that the railroad's plan of having an overhead bridge would spoil the looks of the town. If there is to be physical connection of the two street railway systems which are now on both sides of the tracks, it cannot be better made than by a grade crossing. Either an overhead crossing or an under pass would be very bad and there is no reason in public policy why a grade crossing cannot be established.

John H. Turner, who owns property right by the crossing, said that no accident has occurred at the crossing for fifty-two years and there would be no danger to the public if a grade crossing were permitted. An underpass would not be desirable.

Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford said that there is a bad ledge near the surface which made the plan of an underpass too expensive. There is no danger from a grade crossing and he felt sure that it would not be antagonistic to the state's policy if a grade crossing were permitted.

Charles Ware, selectman of Shirley and superintendent of the Samson Cordage works, supported the petition and told of the benefit in way of reaching Fitchburg and Lowell. It would be of far benefit to the public if the grade crossing could be established.

E. A. Richardson told of the residential character of the town and said that the proposed change of fare would tend to increase the patronage of the street cars. Most of the people of Ayer want the proposed physical connection between the two railways.

C. H. Hardy, a business man and contractor of Ayer, told of the disadvantages of the present system of crossing the steam tracks, and said that the proposed grade crossing would not be as likely to cause accidents as the present system.

Commissioner John F. Many asked Mr. Baker to submit a collection of figures, say for a week both ways, as a basis of facts.

Edgar J. Rich, counsel for the Boston and Maine division of the Worcester and Nashua division of the Boston and Maine, in service recently three years, who produced figures to show that in thirty days from June 4 to July 3, inclusive, there were 725 train movements at the crossing, besides 129 switching movements, 855 movements for the 234 passenger trains, 271 freight, 20 light engines, besides the 129 switching engines. A crossing tender is on duty seven days a week, from morning to 8:30 in the evening. It would be unsafe for the public to have a crossing there for electric cars. His opinion continues in a vein to show that grade crossing would be very bad for the public.

Chairman Macleod told the petitioners that in twelve years of service of Charles E. Baker as their executive secretary, he could remember only one instance where a grade crossing had been approved by the board and the conditions were added that the crossing should be constructed so that, practically, there has been no granting of such a petition since 1902.

Mr. Baker asked Mr. Thomas if he could call on the board and these conditions were between mid-train movements were between mid-train and five o'clock in the morning. Mr. Rich answered that question and said the company would furnish the figures.

Chairman Macleod again emphasized the fact that the policy of the board had been against recognizing any grade crossing. Mr. Rich said that it was not likely that anything would be done to abolish the crossing in the future. An underpass much is the best thing. One of the Ayer petitioners thought that the railroad should bear part of the expense.

Chairman Macleod inquired about the cost of the bridge and said that nothing is still in issue. The chairman said that a year ago the board had ordered all the ball signals to be taken out of the board and the ball signals in the Boston and Maine on account of its financial condition, but the ball signals must come out soon and the road ought to expect any favor from the commission as long as it disobeys the order of the board.

Mr. Rich admitted that the road was not justified in not carrying out the order of the board and he would see that it was complied with.

Mr. Baker put in figures to show that last October there were 433 passenger trains both ways in electric in one day. Hearing closed.

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SHIRLEY

At the Congregational church last Sunday morning the ordinance of baptism was conferred upon Pansy, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hirschfeld, and also Caroline Louise, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Farmer.

A reduction in the salary of the Shirley postmaster from \$1900 to \$1800 was announced Wednesday by the post office department at Washington.

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Economy Hints

A penny saved is a penny earned.—Benjamin Franklin.

THE most primitive way of making paper blankets was to tack together several layers of newspapers between brown paper, says the Loudon Queen. These sheets, made exactly the size of the bed, were sometimes enclosed between a double layer of calico patchwork, slightly tacked here and there and bound with colored braid. They were considered warm, but not healthy, from keeping in all perspiration. No one then thought of perforating with a stiletto the homemade bedsprings. To obviate this defect another method, more complicated, but more porous, was introduced. It consisted of cutting up brown paper into strips about three-quarters of an inch wide, to be plaited into Eaton or other straw devices and then sewed together after the style of straw hats and bonnets. As a help to this work a stationer sold pieces of paper ready cut out by machine. For the same purpose newspapers were also employed, being cut up and plaited into three folds.

To make paper pillows it is important to avoid as much as possible any disagreeable rustling noise and produce the desired softness and elasticity; hence some attention has to be paid to the selection of the paper used. Newspaper scraps are entirely discarded for the purpose by a few workers, who also insist on having the bits of note paper torn and cut into tiny morsels, the size of threepenny bits, while others give preference to strips half an inch wide, curled as ostrich feathers by drawing a penknife sharply down them. One pound of these strips is sufficient for an ordinary sized pillow, which should not be too full, to secure softness. The case can be made of an old chair back or any material ready at hand. Newspapers are too soft for the roll process, which consists of cutting old letters and any elastic paper into strips rolled at first in halves lengthwise as tightly as possible and then turned over and, beginning again at the opposite side, to roll up till the rolls meet to produce a sort of spring. Sometimes also the scraps of paper are intermingled with soft bits of materials thus: Tear in wee pieces scraps of tissue or whitey brown paper, mix with silk or cotton merrings and odds and ends of Berlin wool.

SEWING ROOM HINT.

How to Use Tissue Paper in Making Up Thin Material.

Don't throw away the tissue paper that has come in the parcel box from the shops. It is an excellent aid to the home dressmaker. Indeed, the idea is so good that, once converted to the use of tissue paper, you will never depart from the easy, practical way. When you cut out the chiffon blouse you will encounter no difficulty if you first place the paper flat down and baste the sheer material on it before cutting the pattern. In this way a smooth edge will result and a finished effect will reward you for the small amount of time spent. Sew up all the seams, and when the stitches are complete tear away the paper. The transparent sleeve now so much in vogue should be made over tissue paper. Baste the chiffon, net or lace on the paper, place over the pattern and sew up along the seams. Remove the paper after all sewing has been done. Any fabric that is difficult to cut can be placed over tissue paper pinned along the line and cut without any difficulty. Have you ever thought of making a dress trimming of paper before cutting expensive garniture or lace? Paper can be pinned around in place, turned, folded and adjusted. The general effect will be seen, and changes can be made before it is too late. This method is followed in all dressmaking establishments with great success. There is no reason why it should not be introduced into the little home sewing room. Install a paper department. It will help.

When it is necessary to boil a cracked egg add a little vinegar to the water. This will prevent the white from boiling out. If you have difficulty in cleaning the candle grease from metal candlesticks try setting the candlesticks in a hot oven for a few minutes. This will melt the grease. If you wet a spoon before using it to serve jelly you will find the jelly will not stick to it, and the serving is more easily accomplished. To clean fly specks from varnished wood wipe with a soft cloth dipped in equal parts of skim-milk and water. To pick up little pieces of broken glass wet a woolsen cloth, lay it on the floor where the fragments are and pat it. The little particles will adhere to the damp cloth. The skin of new potatoes is more easily removed by rubbing with a stiff little brush than by scraping with a knife. If curtain rods or poles are rubbed with hard soap before being put up the curtains will slip on them easily.

SHE COURTED CRITICISM.

And the Queen Got Rather More Than She Anticipated.

In her youth Queen Elizabeth of Roumania spent much time on the training of her voice, and, encouraged by father-in-law, came to believe herself to be a singer of unusual talent. At length, says Ethelbert of Unterhaltungs und des Wissens, she decided to have her voice tried by some great teacher. So she went one day, dressed very simply and without the usual retinue of servants, to see Professor Dumanols of Bukharest and urged him to give his frank opinion on the quality of her voice and her future prospects. He tested her voice with great care, first with the simple scales, then with a song and lastly with an operatic aria.

When the trial was over the professor said, "I cannot say that you have a wonderful voice. You sing fairly well and with not a little feeling. I might undertake to train you to sing in operetta, but to speak quite frankly you haven't the looks for it."

Up to this time the teacher had not known that the rank of the aspirant was any higher than that of scores of other young ladies equally ambitious, who constantly came to him. But his surprise was great when the lady handed him the visiting card of the queen, and he found that he had before him no less a personage than royalty itself. The queen thanked him heartily for the frank way in which he had judged her musical ability and went home with her ambition in that direction decidedly diminished.

MINORITY PRESIDENTS.

Elections That Were Not In Accord With the Popular Vote.

One on God's side is a majority, said Wendell Phillips. Luckily for American presidents majorities are not required, else a good many of them never would have reached the White House.

Pennsylvania's only president, James Buchanan, had nearly 40,000 fewer votes than his competitors. Old Rough and Ready Taylor landed the job with only 47 per cent of all the ballots cast.

Lincold was a decisive minority president, and he went to the White House with only forty out of every hundred votes that were polled. Woodrow Wilson got into office by an almost equally slim majority, having a trifle more than 40 per cent of all ballots.

Neither time he was chosen president did Grover Cleveland have half the votes of the United States with him. Strangely enough, the other time he was nominated and when he was beaten by Harrison, Cleveland, although the loser, had the greater number of votes by nearly 100,000.

Hence Cleveland ran twice on a minority, but lost once with a plurality. "Hiden had not only more votes than Hayes, but more than all his competitors combined, yet he wasn't president. Garfield, like Hayes, was a minority winner.

There seems to be as great lack in a minority as in the divine right of majorities.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Turn About. Mr. Kipling, while on a visit to Mr. Hardy, went to see a house which the author of "Life's Little Ironies" (thought would suit him. When Mr. Kipling moved out of earshot, Mr. Hardy observed to the occupant: "I may mention to you that this gentleman is no other than Mr. Rudyard Kipling."

"Is that so?" she replied. "I never heard the name before."

Presently Mr. Kipling, in turn, found himself alone with the lady and remarked: "Possibly you may not be aware that the gentleman who brought me here today is Mr. Hardy, the eminent author."

"Oh, indeed," was her reply. "I don't know his name."—London Express.

The First Things. Not capital or labor or land or goods, but human relations lie at the root of all social reforms. All questions between employers and employees are to be solved in that way. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, what is right and just and loving and fair between man and man. The discovery of that is the only solution of all these stormy questions.—F. D. Maurice in Ohio State Journal.

Clever. "Buggins is a clever story teller." "Why, he has been telling the same story for years!" "Yes. But he keeps you listening. Every now and then he manages to think up another beginning and make you believe it's going to be a new one."—Washington Star.

Pretty Quick. Officer—You say the chauffeur sounded his horn just as the machine struck the man? Witness—Yes, sir. Officer—Was the victim killed instantly? Witness—So instantly, sir, that he must have heard the echo of that horn in the next world.

The Feminine Gender. Teacher—What is a fort? Pupil—A place for soldiers to live in. Teacher—Correct. And what is a fortress? Pupil—A place for soldiers' wives to live in.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Unstable. Ho—You look to me older than you said you were. She—You can't expect me to remember age. Why, it's altering all the time.—Flagging Blatter.

To say of a man, "He means well," is worth nothing unless he does well.—Plautus.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Judge Fred Hubbard, of Greenwich, Conn., is spending a week or so at Grand View farm.

Mrs. Thomas MacKenzie and two daughters returned home last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bullock and son are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Powers.

Frank Jones and family are here for a short time at Andrew Spaulding's.

Miss Lillian Lovejoy is visiting with friends in Malden, Mass.

Miss Lillian Keyes is visiting in Townsend.

Miss Bertha Colburn is at home for the summer.

Miss Ida Clement spent the Fourth with her parents.

Luther Tarbell spent the week-end with Charles E. Haffy.

George Hale is improving and expects to come home from the hospital Saturday.

Miss Sarah Wilson is at home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. Charles Marsh spent about ten days with her parents recently.

Miss Bertha Clinton gave an informal party on Monday night. A good number were present. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Tuesday night the Grange held its regular meeting. There were very few present and the following short program was given: Piano solo, Elwyn Wheeler; reading, Miss Hazel Marshall; essay, "A safe and sane Fourth," Abbie C. Wetmore; reading, Mrs. Eliza Patch; vocal solo, Miss Hazel Marshall.

A few friends were invited to an informal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Bell. A good time was enjoyed by all. Light refreshments were served.

On Tuesday afternoon the Bluebirds, with Mrs. Mildred French and Miss Lorraine Bell, went to Silver Lake.

Mr. James C. Richmond is at Grand View farm.

William Woodin spent the week-end with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harrison spent the holiday with Francis K. Sweetser.

Miss Mabel Lund, of Dunstable, is spending the summer with Mrs. Fred Muzzey.

Frederick Carpenter, of Medford, Mass., is visiting Fred Muzzey.

Orville Blood, a former resident in town, died at Tegosity, Mich., aged 82, on Saturday, June 19, 1915. He was born in Dunstable, June 16, 1833. He married Miss Sarah Quade. He was active in town affairs and was once mayor of Hollis Grange.

Lewis Woods fell from an embankment. He was badly shaken and was badly shaken up.

Mrs. George Betterley is visiting her son, Percy Betterley, in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond of Groton with baby daughter were in town visiting friends and relatives for the week-end and holiday.

Samuel Fuller has gone to Ayer, Mass., to visit his grandson, Rastus Lewis, for a week or two.

Mrs. Oscar Elliott has returned from a two weeks' visit spent in Fitchburg and vicinity.

Miss Mary Pease was home from Nashua for the week-end and holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall with baby son came from Fitchburg last Saturday to spend a few days visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Hall and Mrs. Della Whitcomb.

Christian Bedders was a visitor in Boston for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and daughter of Manchester, Mrs. Badger of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. W. Paton and Bert Haynes of Dedham, Mass., motored to town last Saturday and were the guests of Mrs. Ellen Sweet for the day.

Who shall say the night before the Fourth was not a quiet one? It happened to fall on a Saturday and young America did not wish to break the calm and peace of the Sabbath, so they merely waited and then there was something doing every minute from 12:01 a. m. Monday, till daylight threatened to expose the celebrators. Judging by the noise and sounds that rent the air from midnight to daylight, and then to witness the results of the mischievous pranks of the boys, well, one would know they had had a good time and fittingly observed the good old Fourth. But the boys of the town are as a class pretty good ones and there was no destruction of property nor personal injuries as a result of their celebrations. Only pranks such as they and their fathers before them felt were necessary for the success of a glorious Fourth.

On Tuesday June 23, death claimed one of the most beloved and highly respected daughters of the town in the person of Mrs. Mary Jane Bosworth. For years she had also had the honor of being the oldest woman in town, being in her ninety-third year at time of her death. She was born in Brookline June 9, 1823, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Shattuck. For the last year and a half or two she had made her home with Mrs. Carrie Whitcomb on Good street, where she passed away.

Aunt Mary Bosworth was affectionately called and known by many, far and near, leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss. Always of a cheerful disposition, she had kind and every welcome for all. She was always a friend to the needy, the sick, and a good and kind counsellor to any one in need. From her who had had a wide range of personal and worldly experience. She had suffered more or less through the winter with a severe cold but did not take to her bed till about two weeks before she passed away.

Her funeral was held at the home of her niece, Mrs. Belle Hall, on Friday afternoon, June 25, at 10 o'clock. It was the officiating clergyman, a male quartet, composed of Wallace Jenness, Charles Stukney, Delbert Foster and George Cady, rendered the following songs: "Nearer my God to thee," "Looking this way," and "Good night." The floral offerings were many and beautiful, notably testifying to the love and esteem in which she was held.

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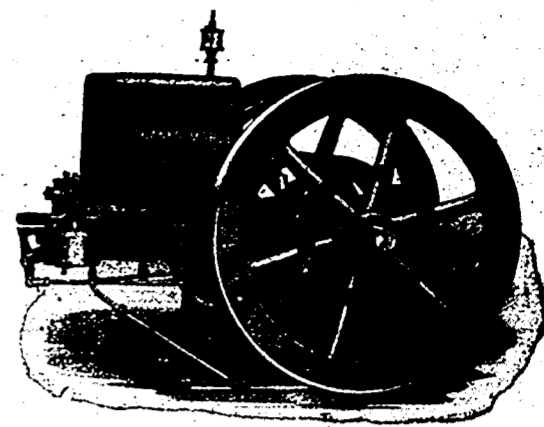
Those from here who attended the Redoubt Ice. Hollis last Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pease, Mr. Jameson, Mrs. Ellen Sweet and Rev. Mr. Dockrill. Mr. Dockrill acted as chairman for the evening.

Carl Clifford has returned home from Brockton, where he was employed for the winter.

Quite a number motored from here to Townsend last week Monday to attend a class being initiated in the lessons of the third and fourth degrees of the Grange.

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Saturday, July 10, 1915. PEPPERELL

About Town Mrs. C. M. Gage started Tuesday for a three-week stay at her old home in Springfield, Ohio.

Miss Mary Pierson, of Reading, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, at the Congregational parsonage.

E. W. Foster, of Worcester, was a week-end guest at the home of Mrs. H. E. Foster, Townsend street.

Dr. E. L. Hill, of Mills, with Mrs. Hill and the three children, are at their summer home in the western part of the town. The children are all afflicted with the summer cough.

Mrs. Hill will remain at the bungalow with them for the present, the doctor making occasional trips back to Mills in his auto. He has a fine orchard and has already an apple orchard of about 300 trees which are growing finely. He proposes to set out more next year on the rest of the farm, which was formerly the Frank Wright place.

The Fitchburg Choral society are to give the "Messiah" at the Whalom Park theatre on Sunday, July 11. The music rendered by this society is highly appreciated by those in town who are good authority on the subject, who have heard them in the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conant spent the holidays at Mrs. Conant's home in New Hampshire, motoring there and back.

Dr. Noyes and family, of Newton, came last week to occupy the house of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Harris on Pleasant street. They have a beautiful summer vacation the same as last year. Sub-master and Mrs. Harris left last week by auto for Portland, Me.

Patrick Drinan was at home with his family on Sunday and the holidays from Walpole, where he reports steady work for the past four months at the Hollingsworth & Vose paper mills.

Mrs. Susie Dort will spend a part of the summer school vacation with her sister, Mrs. Charles Balmforth, in Boston, and the remainder with friends on Cape Cod.

John Frossard went by auto Monday to Silver Lake, Wilmington, in the company of his wife and two grandchildren, who have been visiting here. They spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Nodding, who have a summer home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kittredge, of Cambridge, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls Kittredge in town over Sunday and the Fourth.

Miss Ethel Belyea came from Shirley on Sunday for a visit with her friends in town, returning on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Willoughby, accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Robbins, with Ralph Willoughby as chauffeur, motored to Leominster the Fourth to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Willoughby and family.

Leo Thayer went to Bethelme, N. H., this week, where he has a summer engagement in an orchestra.

Mrs. Emma Murphy, who spent part of the winter with her daughter in Laurel, returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Messer, in town.

Ralph Lawson, who has been spending his two weeks' vacation at his old home in the phone exchange with his brother at Hartford, Conn., last week.

The meetings of the Junior League at the Methodist vestry have been somewhat interrupted by the weather and other causes, so this coming Sunday afternoon the children are asked to bring some new members. This will not only help their side in the membership drive which they pledged themselves to do. The date will be extended through July, and all the children in this vicinity are cordially invited to come. All mothers interested are asked to cooperate with the leader, Mrs. Heers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hill and children, of Maynard, were holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Robbins on Pleasant street. They returned home on Tuesday, leaving their little eight-year-old daughter Ada with her aunt, Mrs. Robbins, for a longer visit.

Leslie F. Darling, formerly of this town, now of London, Conn., visited friends in Lancaster and Pepperell on Monday.

Lyman Crockett, of North Chelmsford, was a week-end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newson Prescott, Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Dowling and Miss Theresa and Nellie Fitzpatrick, of Worcester, spent the double holiday in town with relatives.

Mrs. Edward Gagnon and children, from Nashua, have been spending the week in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Grenier.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Winn and two children, from Waltham, came on last Saturday for a short visit with their mother, Mrs. M. Winn, at the home of Mr. Winn returned to his duties on Tuesday. Mrs. Winn and the children remained during part of the week.

Robert Gardner was taken violently ill while at his work, carpentering for Mr. Miller, on last Saturday afternoon. Returning to his home he was attended by Dr. Lovejoy through the night. As the pain, which was intestinal, did not yield to treatment by Dr. Lovejoy, he was taken to St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday morning, where he was taken some months ago for appendicitis. After the acute attack had passed on Monday he was advised to submit to another operation. This he was unwilling to do, fearing the excitement for his wife with his two-week-old infant, and returned home on the 4:30 train Monday afternoon, although Dr. Smith at Nashua warned him of the liability of a recurrence of the trouble.

The Pennequin Camp-fire Circle held their first council fire on Monday evening at the Methodist parsonage with Mrs. William Beers, their guardian, in charge. The meeting was held at the parsonage, which was decorated with the national colors, both the bible and the flag, recently presented the circle, being used in the initiation. Following the council fire and initiation there was a social hour, the work and the circle as regards the work and the initiation being thoroughly explained by the guardian, Mrs. Beers, who by an understanding of this law is very competent to assist the others. Many of the members of the circle who were able to do so attended the meeting arranged by Mrs. Merrill for the work of the Red Cross association at the E. A. H. chapter house on Wednesday afternoon.

Clarence Morse, of Portland, Me., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Forrest Winch, on Townsend street.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Boynton, of Haverhill, were holiday guests at the home of Charles E. Boynton, Head street.

Clarence Hildreth, of Arlington, and family moved into their new purchase, the Kendall house, on Townsend street on Wednesday of last week.

F. J. Morse and family, of Appleton, spent this week at the Jewett place on Main street, purchased by Mr. Morse some time ago. He carries the farm, coming occasionally to attend to the harvesting of fruit, but will probably not take up his residence here until his sons finish at the Arlington schools. At present the farm is being managed by the houses along the coast from Cape Ann to Eastport, Me., and his duties necessitate long absences from home.

Mrs. E. J. Darling has been entertaining a friend, Mrs. Laura Flint, of Westport, for the past two weeks. On Sunday Mrs. Flint's daughter, Mrs. Steven Darling, came by auto with her husband to carry her back home.

Miss Gladys Williams was at home over the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. B. Williams, where she has a position as stenographer in the office of the gas and electric company of that city.

Margaret Park spent the holiday at the home of Miss Anna Jewett, Townsend street. She is now engaged with the Nurses' Settlement at Cambridge, where she went after finishing her training at the Waltham hospital.

Miss Elsie Merrill, of Boston, was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Wilson over the holiday.

Mrs. Catherine Pierce has been spending the week with her kinswoman, Miss Clara M. Shattuck, this being her first outing since her illness in February.

Mr. John Martin and little daughter Esther went to Ayer on Monday morning to view the parade, going from there to Leominster, where they were in time to take in the second parade. This was the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the city, as well as in honor of the day. The procession was over two miles in length and contained many fine companies and bands.

Miss Mildred Sartelle was given a surprise party at Oak Hill hall on Friday evening of last week in anticipation of her leaving town soon to spend the summer with her relatives. The weather of the evening was too unpleasant to allow a large party to gather, but it was a very jolly affair for those who participated in the games and dancing. Mr. Dugan kindly took up a large load of her friends and former schoolmates from the Center. The refreshments were served by the caterer, Mr. Dugan, who attended, being of an assorted nature.

Miss Alice Marshall went to Lowell on Monday with friends to view the parade and fireworks, returning on Tuesday.

Gerry Nutting and Walter Reed came from Fitchburg to spend the double holiday at their respective homes.

Harry Dunton was able to come back home from the Nashua hospital on Sunday, his health improved by the treatment received.

Several from town went to Lowell by auto on Monday to view the parade. Fred Bennett had a party of eight, among whom were Mrs. E. A. Williams, Miss Gladys, and their friends from Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bennett went in the smaller car, leaving their daughters and guests were there also. The parade was well worth the trip, being five miles in length, and containing several companies of the state militia, as well as from the navy, also a float containing a Chinese society from Boston with a Chinese dicitary in the midst. There was also a float of suffragettes, with their banners and signs, and others representing the traders of the city.

Miss Claire Hickey has been the guest of Mrs. Linville Shattuck the past week. She was a former teacher in the primary department of the school here. She is now on her way to Kennebunk Beach, Me., for the summer.

Glen Upson, from Worcester, and Norman, from Middlebury, were at the home in town over Sunday and the holiday.

Spurgeon Marshall and his little son spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Marshall, and sisters in town before leaving for Burlington, Vt., for their future home.

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Joseph Donnelly entertained as a guest over the holiday his half-sister, Miss S. B. McKinnon, whom he had not seen for twenty-five years. He asserts very emphatically that the reunion gave them both so much pleasure he never intends to lose sight of her again, and she is to return here in August for her summer vacation. She is a native of Massachusetts, a graduate of Carney, she was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Annie McKinnon of Northville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Martin and child of Worcester visited here from Saturday until Tuesday. Mrs. Martin was accompanied by her cousin, Hazel Soule, on her return for an extended visit.

Mrs. George Shaw was called to the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Haley, who was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia at the home of her son, Mrs. Haley's sister, Mrs. Haley will be remembered as formerly residing here in town, during the year her husband conducted a fish market here, they are visiting at their farm at Woodwich, Me., some time ago.

Everett Baker of Boston spent the holiday with his mother, Mrs. R. H. Baker, and sisters, on Shipley hill.

Russell Walker, a nephew of the late Julia Litchfield, came from Peabody with his nephew by auto to spend Sunday and the holiday at the old Litchfield homestead with Miss Rose Allen. They motored to Pittsfield to attend church on Sunday in company with Miss Allen.

Frank Kennedy returned to his summer home on Hollis street Thursday after a ten days' absence in New York. Miss Jennie Hagstrom, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Kennedy, returns to her home in New York, Saturday, and Mrs. Susie McCarthy and son Willie, also from New York, are on their way on Saturday for a two weeks' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Atridge went to Hampton beach for an outing over Sunday and Monday.

Misses Marion and Harriet Clapp spent the holiday with their mother, Mrs. Sadie Clapp, on Elm street, returning to their work in the Newton hospital on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis entertained John Callahan of Marlboro over the holiday.

Mr. J. E. Andrews visited her daughter, Mrs. Earl Farnsworth, of Ayer on Monday.

Mrs. Charles Goff returned Wednesday from a visit of a few days at Hillsboro, N. H., with her sister, Mrs. Chadwick.

Daniel Hardy of Boston spent the holiday at his home in town, entertaining a friend, also, Mrs. Frows of Everett.

Misses Susie and Lena Thompson and Mrs. John Coffey, of Hillsboro, N. H., were in town with their friends at Hudson, N. H.

Rev. D. R. Child and family, who were intending to start by auto for their old home at Charlestown, N. H., Thursday, were obliged to postpone their trip, as it had been postponed on account of the rain. They are to remain during July.

Miss Ida Shattuck entertained her brother, E. H. Shattuck, of Concord, over the double holiday. Miss Natalie Chapman was also present, having been invited from the Concord High school. She was also a guest, and will remain here for a part of the summer vacation.

Mrs. R. B. Baker returned home Monday, from a visit with her sister at Brookline, N. H.

Mrs. S. E. P. Tucker entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Howe and son, from Marlboro, over the week-end and holiday.

The Ladies' Social circle of the First Parish (Unitarian) church, held their annual affair on Thursday, August 5.

Miss Bertha Pierce, who is visiting in town from Anoka, Minn., with her sister, Mrs. M. H. Lane, and Mr. Lane, were guests on Friday of last week at Blakesmere with Mrs. Appleton.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Greenhalke and family, of Pawtucket, R. I., came last week to spend the holiday at the Page farm, and remained during this week.

Plans are being perfected for the annual Sunday school picnic by the committee of the Congregational society. It is to be held at Silver Lake, Hills, next Wednesday, and all interested are invited to attend.

Fifteen of the Pepperell troop of Boy Scouts started on Wednesday morning on the proposed hike to West Somerville, going from Ayer, and last week on account of the weather. Mr. Lewis and Arthur Tower went with them as leaders. They were to visit the Boy Scout camp on Lake Umbagog, but were obliged to return to town before leaving for Burlington, Vt., for their future home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilson and family drove to Dover to spend the holiday with Mr. Wilson's sister, returning on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris entertained their uncle, Charles Harris, of Lowell, over the Fourth.

Mrs. Wheeler, of Boston, recently visited her nephew, Joseph Dussault, at his home in Boston. Mr. Dussault is also a visitor here for a month, coming from her school in Nashua, N. H.

Deacon Ansel Shattuck, of Groton, with his wife and daughter, were the guests of their cousin, Mrs. Sarah Patch, on Monday. Miss Eleanor Lawrence was also a visitor during the day.

Mrs. C. I. Marzoni entertained her brother from Beverly and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of Boston, on Monday, all coming by auto. Mrs. Marzoni returned with them for the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Powell, of West Somerville, were holiday guests at the home of James O'Neal, Groton street. Mrs. Powell will be recalled as Miss Mabel O'Neal, formerly of the town of Ayer.

Mrs. Thomas Byrnes and little son are spending a few days at her old home in town, coming from Derby, N. H., on Friday of last week. Little Leslie met with an accident within a few hours after his arrival, and he fell, the end of the stick entering one of the membranes of his throat, requiring the attention of a physician.

Mrs. E. M. Conroy, of Concord Junction, is at her old home on Elm street, where her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Marshall, resides, for a few weeks.

Mrs. E. J. Allen, of Medford, was also at her old home, on Elm street, with her sister, Mrs. Marshall, and her two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spaulding and two children were at his old home over Sunday and the holiday. Mr. Spaulding returned to his work in Worcester on Monday night, leaving his family for a longer stay.

Mrs. H. E. Sargent and son Irvin, of Somerville, were holiday guests at the home of Mrs. Sargent, 100 Nashua street. Mrs. Sargent has been making a longer visit with her sister, Mrs. McDonald, during this week.

Mrs. R. E. Evans and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Steeves, all of Lynn, were at the home of Mrs. Sargent on Saturday until Tuesday.

Mrs. Henry Letender spent the week-end and holiday in Leominster with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Nye.

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Wedding. A pretty home wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gehlbach, 91 Ottawa street, Roxbury, Saturday evening, July 3, at 7:30 P. M. The bride was Miss Mary S. Marshall, of this town, and the groom, Mr. Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Marshall of this town. The bride and maid of honor entered the parlor from the hall, they were met by the groom and groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles H. Page, pastor of the Dudley street church, in the presence of the bride's relatives. The double ring service was used, the bride wearing a crown and arch of white tulle, and the bride's hair was styled in waves and braided.

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Cowardly Destruction. One of the most contemptible deeds to be classed under "Fourth of July fun," was perpetrated in the garden of Mrs. Shattuck on Monday morning. He had a sleeping tent fitted up at one side of his back grounds. It contained a mattress made by himself, and was supplied with fine white blankets and linen, the other furnishings being also of fine quality. Everything about the tent had been purchased through his industry, and was particularly neat and attractive.

He has always been courteous and kind to all, and generous with flowers and the products of his garden. This year has been particularly hard on account of the storms which damaged several of his young vegetables, but he has only worked the harder to succeed. He went with his brother Otto to visit their mother and sisters in Vinchendon over Sunday, though he leaves his garden so long.

These young miscreants, who must have known of his absence, entered his enclosure, removed his tent, putting it outside in a tree, trampled his plants, and in the dirt from the shower which came up that morning ruined what they did not. Fourth of July pranks are usually overlooked as being of the nature of mischievous and should be punished accordingly. This party was seen as they entered the garden, and they have probably been used on High and Hill streets by payment of the residents there. On Main street, where it was first applied, it did not seem to be improved by the excessive rains.

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