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"Tis to the Pen and Press we mortals owe, All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, July 24, 1915.

AYER

Lucius A. Wheeler paid a fine of \$100 in the Chelsea police court...

C. L. Farnsworth has just been awarded a road building contract that will cost the town of Walpole \$45,000.

Dr. William N. Cowles, a former well-known physician of Ayer, who removed a few years ago to Cata...

There will be no moving picture show this Saturday through the consideration of the management for St. Mary's parish field day.

William Brown and family moved to their summer cottage at Sandy Pond this week.

Dexter Durkee, of Cambridge, has been engaged as night man in Brown's lunch room.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goring and young son, of Nashua, N. H., are visiting Mrs. Goring's parents...

Wilfred C. Parsons, of the firm of Harlow & Parsons, is absent from his place of business through illness.

This week Saturday the Pittsburg district telephone hold day will be held at Whalom Park.

At the morning service of the Congregational church on Sunday Mr. Stearns will speak of the "business of resting."

The pastor will preach as usual at the Sunday morning service in the Baptist church at 10 o'clock.

For other Ayer news see opposite page.

Annual W. C. T. U. Picnic. The annual picnic of the Ayer W. C. T. U. was held at the park on Wednesday...

The speaker called attention to the influence which each woman who has upon some one else...

At the close eight new members signed the pledge and came up to have the white ribbon pinned upon them.

The grounds were decorated by a large flag which was brought by Mrs. Lucile Richardson...

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MID-SUMMER

CLEARANCE SALE

WILL BEGIN SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 24

We find on looking over our stock that we have much more merchandise than usual at this time of the year...

WE BELIEVE IN CLOSING OUT EACH SEASON'S MERCHANDISE IN ITS SEASON EVEN AT A SACRIFICE

Now getting values is the main business of any buyer; not to see how little you can pay; but how much you can get for what you pay.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothes

MEN'S AND BOYS' FURNISHINGS, HATS, CAPS, SHOES, ETC.

are really the lowest you'll find anywhere. You're not expected to rush in and buy anything whether it fits you or not.

Look over the following List of Bargains and Come Early while the Assortment is Good

MEN'S SUITS

The balance of our stock of Summer Suits, the new Variety Models of different styles in Fancy Mixtures and Worsteds, from Hart, Schaffner & Marx and the Thompson, Snow Company.

- One lot of Suits, fancy mixtures, regular price \$10.00 \$7.47
One lot of Suits, fancy mixtures and worsteds, regular price \$12.00, marked down to \$8.47
One lot of Suits, from the Thompson, Snow Co. in mixtures and worsteds, regular price \$15.00 \$10.47

MEN'S TROUSERS

All broken lots of our famous "Dutchess" Trousers, all sizes and patterns, to close out for the following prices:

- \$5.00 Trousers marked down to \$4.15
\$4.00 Trousers marked down to \$3.15
\$3.50 Trousers marked down to \$2.85

Outing Trousers, Flannels and Cheviots

Every Pair Now Marked Down

- \$4.00 Trousers marked down to \$3.00
\$3.50 Trousers marked down to \$2.50
\$3.00 Trousers marked down to \$2.25

BOYS' KNEE PANT SUITS

The balance of our Summer Stock of Boys' Fancy Suits to close out at the following prices:

- \$3.50 Suits with knickerbocker trousers \$2.47
\$4.00 Suits with knickerbocker trousers \$2.85
\$5.00 Suits with knickerbocker trousers \$3.47

BARGAINS IN SUMMER SHIRTS

- One lot of 50c. Summer Shirts, with or without collars 39c
One lot of \$1.00 Stag and Congress Shirts now 79c
One lot of \$1.50 "Cluett" and "Arrow" Shirts now \$1.15

NECKWEAR

- One lot of 25c. Four-in-hands for 17c
One lot of 25c. Washable Ties for 15c
50c. Four-in-hands, Cheney Silks and flowing ends, 33c

Special Sales in Discontinued Lines of Hosiery, Suspenders, Bathing Suits, Etc.

BARGAINS IN STRAW HATS

All Straw Hats, Men's, Boys' and Children's, to close out at the following prices:

- 25c. value for Men and Boys, marked down to 19c
50c. value for Men and Boys, marked down to 39c
\$1.00 value for Men, marked down to 75c
\$1.50 and \$2.00 value for Men, marked down to \$1.00
\$2.50 value for Men, marked down to \$1.50

BOYS' BLOUSES

- One lot of Boys' 50c. Blouses, with or without collar 39c
One lot of Boys' 25c. Blouses, with or without collar 19c

UNDERWEAR BARGAINS

- One lot of Men's and Boys' Balbriggan Underwear, 25c. value, marked down to 19c
One lot of Men's Balbriggan Underwear, 50c. value, marked down to 39c
One lot of Men's Porosknit Underwear, 50c. value 35c
Boys' Union Suits, 50c. quality, marked down to 39c

SHOE BARGAINS

All Tan and Black Oxfords for Men, Ladies and Children at bargain prices. Also, odd lots of Gun Metal and Patent Leather Shoes and Oxfords for Men and Ladies.

Men's Oxfords

- One lot of Men's Gun Metal Oxfords, \$3.50 value \$2.50
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Men's Patent Shoes and Oxfords \$2.50
Men's Gun Metal Oxfords, Crossett and Walkover—
\$4.50 quality marked down to \$3.75
\$4.00 quality marked down to \$3.25
\$3.50 quality marked down to \$2.95

Ladies' Oxfords

- One lot of Ladies' Tan Oxfords—
\$3.50 value marked down to \$2.75
\$3.00 value marked down to \$2.25
\$2.50 value marked down to \$2.00
One lot of 30 pairs of Ladies' Walkover Oxfords, Tan and Gun Metal, \$3.50 value, to close out for \$1.85
One lot of 30 pairs of Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords, Black and Tan, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 values \$1.00
\$3.00 Ladies' Pedspeed Oxfords, Juniper Sols, now \$2.25
\$3.50 Ladies' Tan Rubber Sole Oxfords now \$2.50
\$2.50 Misses' Pedspeed Oxfords, Juniper Sols, now \$2.00
\$2.50 Misses' Tan Oxfords, Rubber Sols, now \$2.00

Fletcher Bros. AYER, MASS.

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INCORPORATED 1849 The New England Trust Company BOSTON, MASS. Capital \$1,000,000 Surplus and Profits over \$3,000,000

Dainty Lingerie is the delight of every woman, and it is not difficult for any woman to possess necessary garments that are attractive. Ready-made UNDERWEAR that is as pretty as hand-made, can be purchased here at reasonable prices.

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DRUG STORE AYER

SHIRLEY

News Items

Herbert E. Lawrence started to work again last week. Mr. Lawrence was injured by a fall on the ice last February and has been confined to his home since that time. Trueman Nickerson, employed as carpenter at the H. C. Plumber, attempted to throw on an electric switch last week Friday morning after the starting hour of work at the factory. The electric wire in his hand at the time caused a short circuit and burnt him severely on the right hand, arm, chest and head. He was rushed to the office of Dr. E. Lilly and his wounds dressed. He was later taken to his home on Center road and on the following day, Saturday, he was taken to the Clinton hospital. Nickerson is about thirty years of age, which fact makes his condition decidedly serious. At last reports from the hospital the doctors stated that Mr. Nickerson was holding his own.

The Shirley A. A. baseball team has disbanded. Most of the best players on the team have been engaged by other teams outside the town to play for the remainder of the season. Mrs. John Donovan, of Chapel street, is confined to her home with illness. Mrs. McElroy is confined to her home with a serious sickness. The usual services will be held at the Universalist church tomorrow morning at the starting hour of work at the factory. The church will be closed during the month of August owing to the fact that Mr. Halfacre, the pastor, takes his annual vacation that month. It has been finally decided to erect the new bandstand in Depot square. It was a difficult point to decide as to matter what site was selected there were some objections as every available location has its advantages and disadvantages. Depot square, however, seems to be the most central and also convenient to all quarters of the town and was considered the only place for a new bandstand. About 2000 people, including many from out-of-town, were present at the band concert on Tuesday evening, the special attraction being the two prominent suffragette speakers, Mrs. Johnson of Cambridge, and Mrs. Helen C. Wilson of Portland, Oregon, who made their appearance in an automobile and were introduced by Charles H. Wear, Jr., a member of the board of selectmen, and were given a most respectful hearing. Mrs. Johnson was persuasive and forceful in argument and brought out many potent and interesting facts that appealed to the home and gave numerous illustrations that were sound and logical why women should be allowed to vote. Mrs. Wilson was the next speaker, who told conditions in the west before and after the franchise was granted. Both speakers were generously applauded.

Remember American Watch Factory. Littleton, N. H. Dr. Fox, after a practice of his profession for eight years in Boston, has resumed the practice of dentistry in Barry's block, Ayer. He has an up-to-date office, well equipped and fitted. He will be pleased to see his former patients and any new ones needing dental service. Board of Trade. The Board of Trade held a meeting in Engine hall Wednesday evening. The president, Charles H. McCarthy, presided. No business was transacted. The president introduced Geo. P. Campbell, superintendent of the Shirley Industrial School for Boys, who gave a general outline of the school and what the institution is endeavoring to do in order that the boys may become useful citizens when they leave the school and make good. Mr. Campbell gave interesting facts relative to the enrollment which caused the boys to go wrong and further stated that fifty-two percent of the boys at the school were of foreign parentage. The school makes good and that the boys who left the school joined the Shirley Industrial School Alumni, which meets twice a year, once at the school and also at the Boston City club, where Mr. Campbell and also the trustees of the institution have an opportunity to keep in touch with their conduct, kind of employment, associations, etc., and that every boy who is discharged from the school until he reaches manhood is kept under a method of kindly surveillance through parole and other sources or until the school officials are satisfied that it is no longer necessary to do so. Mr. Campbell gave all present an opportunity to ask questions and a few asked themselves of the privileges. The address proved to be of special interest and pleasure to all present. The meeting was an open one, but owing to the fact that no publicity was given only a small number were present. Center. Mrs. A. A. Adams is visiting in Lunenburg this week at the home of Mrs. Peabody. Ten from Shirley Grange attended the meeting of Leominster Grange on last week Friday evening, making the trip in Fred Hewes' and Lewis Bradford's automobiles. Mr. and Mrs. Seward E. Dill and daughters, Charlie and Helen, of Reading, were visitors last Sunday at the homes of W. E. Barnard and Mrs. Hattie P. Holden. Misses May and Edith Frary of Lynn, have arrived at the home of Rev. Everett Burkett, Ayer, on their vacation. Mrs. C. E. Bradford visited relatives in Fitchburg over the weekend. Miss Ruth M. Graves has returned home after a visit of several days at the home of Mrs. Thomas Martin in Ayer. Alden Briggs, of Brookline, is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ware, Hazen road. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Goodspeed and family left last Saturday for a two-weeks' automobile trip through the White Mountains. Rev. and Mrs. Everett Burkett are occupying their home during their absence. Robert H. J. Holden has purchased a 1916 Overland roadster. The Catacunamag Camp-fire Girls held their regular meeting on last Friday afternoon with Miss Ethel M. Holden. Rev. Everett Burkett will conduct the service at Trinity chapel on Sunday afternoon at 2.15. During the month of August it is expected that Rev. Francis E. Webster, of Wattham, will conduct the services at the chapel. The voters of this district were given an opportunity last week Friday morning to interview Congressman John Jacob Rogers in the postoffice, but few availed themselves of the opportunity. The Misses Burnham, of Revere, who are spending the summer in a trip through the west, are at present in Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Mary Fuller, who has been quite ill from the effects of a slight shock, is reported to be improving. A small volume, entitled "The Lady Sweetheart stories" by Mrs. Allison Hitchcock of Elmira, N. Y., formerly Miss Alison Winslow, of this town,

The Kitchen GUPBOARD WHEN YOU SERVE BACON. BREAKFAST MENU. White Grapes, Corned Fried Eggs With Bacon. Toast, Coffee.

BACON would be more popular were it served in a greater variety of ways. It may be cooked alone or combined with other foods with success. Cooked With Eggs. Fried Eggs With Bacon.—Take four eggs, four slices of bacon, four sprigs of parsley. Put the bacon in a hot pan, keep turning all the time and remove the drippings. When the bacon is crisp remove from pan and put in the eggs, reducing the heat. The eggs must fry slowly. When done on one side or both sides put on hot platter. Garnish with bacon and parsley. A Tempting Dish. Bacon and Egg Balls.—Have some hot fat in a deep pan. The temperature should be that necessary for fritters. Stir it until it whirls around quickly. Now break an egg into this miniature whirlpool and keep the fritter turning with the stick till the egg is of the consistency of a poached one and quite round; then lift it out and lay it in a hot dish. Let the dish lean toward the fire to keep the eggs hot. Do as many more as you require in the same way. They will keep hot and soft in the dish before the fire for quite half an hour. Serve either on a square of fried bacon placed on a fried crouton or on a dish with little curls of fried bacon between.

Dotted cream net combined with helle pussy willow taffeta is the material used in this charming afternoon frock. A deep tunic accented, plaited and of irregular length, falls over a plaited foundation of cream colored daphne silk. The tunic is finished with two wide bands of the taffeta. The bodice is simple, crossing in surplice effect with a girle of taffeta, which ascends in a point very high on the right side. Two points of taffeta also trim the back.

AN AFTERNOON GOWN.

Dotted Cream Net Makes a Charming Frock For Summer Femininity.



Delicious With Cream. Creamed Bacon on Toast.—Take half a pound of thinly sliced bacon, a cupful of milk, a tablespoonful of flour, four pieces of toast, four sprigs of parsley. Put the bacon in a hot frying pan and fry until crisp. Drain off nearly all the drippings, sprinkle with flour and mix. Then add the cold milk slowly. Boil three minutes slowly. Stir quite often. Serve on toast garnished with parsley.

Fried Bacon With Cream Sauce.—Slice bacon thin and put into hot frying pan, keep turning until brown, but not hard. Remove, put on slices of toast. Put a tablespoonful of flour into the pan with bacon fat, mix until smooth, put over fire. Add a cupful of cold milk and boil two minutes, adding a little pepper and salt. Stir until smooth and creamy. Pour over the bacon and garnish with a little chopped parsley.



FOR THE SUMMER PLATINNE. Worn by a brunette, whose dark hair and eyes will be doubly beautiful with such a setting.

COLD WEATHER PIES. MEAT pies are popular in England. They are made with any meat and often have a crust of pastry. Those made with beef are the most popular. Baked Meat Pie.—Take one and a half pounds of beef, a quart of cut potatoes, half a cupful of onion, half a cupful of finely cut carrot, two tablespoonfuls of finely cut parsley, a teaspoonful of salt, one-third teaspoonful of paprika and a tablespoonful of flour. Wash the meat, cut in small pieces, put into a saucepan, cover with boiling water and boil slowly for two and a half hours; then add the onion, carrot, potatoes, salt, paprika and boil for half an hour. There must be a little of gravy. Mix the flour with a pint of cold water, add and boil a few minutes. Line bakepan with crust, pour in the meat and vegetables, cover and brush the top with cold milk and bake for twenty minutes, or until light brown.

Italian Beef Pie.—Take one pound of cooked beef, six ounces of macaroni, one pound of canned tomatoes, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, two teaspoonfuls of chopped shallot, one and a half ounces of butter, half a pint of stock or water, half an ounce of flour, a tablespoonful of Worcester sauce, salt and pepper to taste. Melt butter in frying pan and put in the chopped onion and shallot and brown them carefully. Add stock and stir till it boils, then add sauce. Slice or chop the meat and put in a buttered pie dish a layer of macaroni, meat and parsley. Put tomatoes on top with a bit of butter. Bake for about half an hour.

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Women Look Well When they escape the sallow skin, the pimples, black-heads, facial blemishes due to indigestion or biliousness. At times, all women need help to rid the system of poisons, and the safest, surest, most convenient and most economical help they find in BEECHAM'S PILLS This famous family remedy has an excellent tonic effect upon the entire system. It quickly relieves the ailments caused by defective irregular action of the organs of digestion, headache, backache, low spirits, extreme nervousness. Purifying the blood, Beecham's Pills improve and Clear The Complexion

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