

IN THE LOCAL FIELD.

BROOKLINE.

Misfortune to a Brookline Man in Illness.

An item of interest to the local friends of O. C. Merrill, a resident here, was taken from the Ottawa Sunday Journal of July 28: "The Western organ factory was destroyed by fire Saturday morning, July 27, with the exception of the northwest corner room, where the piano finishing and organ shop, and tuning departments were located. These were separated by fire-proofing and iron doors. The fire started in what was used as a varnishing room. After ineffectual attempts to put out the flames with the extinguishers in use at the factory, the watchman rang in the alarm. Several houses caught fire and two or three were burned, among them a large double house, which was occupied by their bookkeeper, Frank E. Bush, who with his wife came there quite recently from Denver, Colo. The loss to the organ company was \$150,000, with an insurance of \$15,000. Mr. Bush's loss is \$800 with no insurance. This is the most serious loss by fire Ottawa has experienced for many years. O. C. Merrill, the time of the fire and so nothing definite is known yet as to whether they will rebuild."

Mrs. Clara Harris of Burlington is visiting her father, Charles Cutler.

Minnie Allbee has gone to Fairlee to visit friends and will also visit her brother Guy at Alderbrook.

Miss Maria White, who has been with her sister in South Royalton for several weeks, has returned home.

George Bush goes to Melrose Falls this week to learn the blacksmith's trade. His grandmother, Mrs. H. B. Crane, who accompanied him, going to visit her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Field.

The weather was fine on Tuesday evening, and the lawn party was a success as usual, about 150 attending. Parties came from Townshend, Williamsville and Newfane. The flower and candy boxes were bountiful. Another booth sold lemonade, a photograph gave exhibitions, a short literary and musical program was given. Ice cream and cake were served.

EAST DOVER.

Leslie Lazelle of Hinsdale, N. H., is here for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Staples attended their brother's wedding in Windham Wednesday.

Thirteen East Dover people are attending the Moody meetings at Northfield, Mass., this week.

Will Metcalf, with his wife and child, from Massachusetts has been visiting his father, J. H. Metcalf.

The Baptist church is being enlarged and newly kalsomed inside and painted outside. The Baptist church is also to be renovated.

WEST DOVER.

Lyman Esterbrook from Hartford, Ct., called on his acquaintances this week.

The ladies' aid society will meet with Mrs. L. J. Sylvester next Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Underwood from Northampton, Mass., will supply the pulpit the next two Sundays.

Among the visitors from out of town are Mrs. George Manning and child from Zoar, Mass., at the home of her uncle, F. E. Thatchers.

Mrs. E. A. Kenyon of Townshend will lecture in the West Dover church next Monday evening, Aug. 12. Subject, "Temperance," with accompanying experiments showing the alcoholic nature of many so-called harmless drinks and patent medicines. All are invited.

DUMMERSTON.

Miss Mary D. Miller came home from Boston last week and will remain until the first of September. She will then go to Chicago, where she is to teach in a kindergarten school.

Mrs. Kenyon of Townshend gave an interesting and instructive lecture in the church last Thursday evening. It was illustrated by experiments showing the alcohol in different beverages and medicines. By means of her testing apparatus she proved that there is considerable alcohol contained in several medicines that are advertised to contain no alcohol.

Mrs. R. P. Pratt was 89 years old on Friday, Aug. 2. The day was observed by the family, and several of the neighbors were invited to be present in the afternoon and take tea with Mrs. Pratt, both of whom have now entered their 90th year. Their son, R. M. Pratt, and his wife, and their grandson, Arthur Pratt, and his wife with their two sons, made four generations of the family present on the occasion. Arthur Pratt and family are from Cambridge, Mass., and are spending a part of Mr. Pratt's vacation with his grandparents. His family will remain a few weeks at John Miller's.

DUMMERSTON HILL.

The meetings at Sunset Lake begin next Tuesday evening, Aug. 13. Services will be held at 10 A. M., 3 P. M. and 8 P. M. each day. John H. Murray, and S. P. M. each day. John H. Murray, and S. P. M. each day. John H. Murray, and S. P. M. each day.

GROVE.

Mrs. Benj. Barber has been visiting her daughter in Groton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nash of Greenfield, Mass., are visiting at Mrs. Eliza Worden's.

Nearly all the farmers are done haying, and so not large a shortage is found as was feared before the grass was cut off.

Miss Susie Snyder and a friend from North Adams, Mass., are visiting Miss Snyder's aunt, Mrs. Geo. A. Barber.

Nearly all of the patrons of the North River creamery association of Jacksonville have withdrawn from that creamery and gone into the Shelburne Falls creamery. It is quite evident that the patrons from this place do not like the idea of a Babcock tester in the North River creamery.

GUILFORD.

Mrs. E. Squires is quite ill.

Mrs. E. B. Coffey of East Orange, N. J., is at Mrs. J. E. Gale's.

Divine service will be held in Christ church next Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

A number of city people are in town boarding for a few weeks. One family of six from Brooklyn, N. Y., is at the Weatherhead's. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson and daughter Alice and lady friend are boarding at Geo. Miller's.

Two men with their families have moved into Postmaster Wilcox's tenement and will engage in the work of sawing up C. E. Alexander's lumber with a portable steam saw mill. They came from Dummerston to this place and from here go to Halifax.

Horace Wood of Fitchburg, Mass., visited his niece, Mrs. J. Flagg, Jr., this week. Mr. Wood, who is 85 years old, was formerly a resident of South Vernon, the first

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to open a hotel at that place and was well known in this town and others as a musician of some note. He well remembers the old residents of this place of 60 years ago, when he used to come up on Christmas to conduct the singing in Christ church on Christmas eve, when people had to go early to get a seat and the church was crowded. Of all those old residents no one is living.

GUILFORD CENTRE.

Frank Yaw has taken a week's vacation in Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ward are visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Ward in Readsboro.

G. Barstow has returned from a visit to his brother, Dr. Noyes Barstow, in Springfield.

There is great need of rain in this locality. The farmers have secured the wheat crop and corn is looking well.

Mrs. F. E. Taylor, who has been caring for her mother in West Brattleboro the past four or five weeks, returned home Monday.

Miss E. A. Barney and Mrs. E. H. Akley and children of Vermont are visiting this week in Springfield with Mrs. Akley's sister, Mrs. E. S. Henry.

At the next meeting of Broad Brook grange a building committee is to be chosen for the new hall. It is hoped that every member will be present at that time.

Mrs. Gilbert Yaw, who has spent the past two years with E. H. Smith as housekeeper, has moved to Brattleboro with her children, and a Mrs. Winter from West Brattleboro has taken her place at Mr. Smith's.

Daniel Woolley, a young man 21 years old, was arrested Tuesday of this week and taken to the New York State Prison, charged with mutilating a dog belonging to Isaac Robb. He was fined \$50 and costs.

The case of James O. Oakes vs. Joseph Clark, Warren Merrill and Henry Wood was heard in the town hall Wednesday before Judge E. E. Alexander. Oakes, Merrill and Wood had been employed by Clark, and when Oakes left his blanket and whip were hidden and a nut removed from his sulky so that he fell, but, fortunately, was not injured. The judgment was for the plaintiff, E. H. Niles' last Tuesday. Mrs. Kenyon of Townshend will lecture on temperance at the Baptist church next Sunday at 1 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dinick and son Sherburn of Newark, N. J., arrived last Tuesday to spend a few weeks with F. H. Niles.

Mrs. Sargent and daughter left C. H. Leonard yesterday for their home in N. Y. Wednesday. Mr. Nugent of Brooklyn, N. Y., has gone to Dummerston to spend a few weeks.

WEST HALIFAX.

There will be a social dance at Larrabee's hall Aug. 15.

A. C. Niles of Readsboro is among the visitors in town.

Mrs. N. Hudson has been granted a widow's pension of \$8 a month.

Several from this place have been to Sadawaga lake fishing this week.

Mrs. Oscar Howe and Mrs. Smith are with their brother, H. S. Plumb.

Mrs. G. L. Clark, who for the past two months has been very sick, is slowly improving.

The farm and personal property belonging to the estate of Mr. Esther Gallup will be sold at public auction Aug. 15.

The city people remember their country cousins, aunts, etc., and there are so many in town that to enumerate them would take too much space.

The school directors have had two meetings this week to complete the selection of school books and to see about building a new schoolhouse. They propose to build near Frank Stone's, a few rods from the old house, and will let it out by the job. The building is to be 36 by 24 feet, 11 feet studding and single sash. The directors have planned for one-half acre of land so as to have a nice play ground; the ground is very level and excellent for that purpose.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted in watching over and caring for our dear one during her sickness and the sympathy and help after she dropped to her resting place and was laid to rest in the cemetery. May God bless you all and give you all the same help in time of need.

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JACKSONVILLE.

Do not forget the examination of teachers here, August 13, but be prompt and ready at the opening of the examinations.

Mrs. Helen T. Brigham spoke at the Universalist church last Sunday at 2 P. M., and we understand she is expected again next Sunday at the same hour.

Mrs. Lilley, administrator upon the estate of her mother, Esther L. Gallup, who lived near here in the northwest part of Halifax, advertises the entire estate, real and personal, for sale by auction the 15th. Arthur H. Chase has sold his interest in the farm to his father, O. H. Chase, and moved to Whitingham and opened a blacksmith shop, in which he has a first-class workman.

We hear a good deal of talk about the first nine of base ball players. Last year there was one, but the same club has not yet been together this year. Last Saturday a part of the team played with Sadawaga, and scored 20 times to 4 for Sadawaga.

Out from its hiding place of four years Selectman Porter has pulled a guide (?) board and nailed it on a tree in R. H. Faulkner's front yard. This board informs us that it is 44 miles to Jacksonville, but upon close inspection and reading the fine print it means Jacksonville station, which station is a small shed in Whitingham, about a mile nearer to us than is stated on said board.

The Houghton family have had a reunion this week at the home of J. S. Houghton. Among others there were present Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Putnam, and Irving Stickney of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. David Houghton and granddaughter from Iowa, O. H. Stickney and wife, Clarence Stickney, Stella Stickney and others. It was hoped every member of the family might be present, but such was not the case this time. Those who were present were enjoyably entertained and will come again.

Joseph R. Goodnow, whose death is announced elsewhere, was raised in Halifax and spent most of his life in Halifax and Whitingham, and was, therefore, familiarly known to most of our people. He married Sally Roberts and their golden wedding was celebrated by a large gathering of friends about three years ago. They have one surviving daughter, Mrs. Mollie Perkins, having buried one daughter, Mrs. Clara H. Hatch, several years since, and two sons in their childhood. The funeral was largely attended at the house Thursday afternoon, Rev. R. C. T. McKenzie officiating.

Laurel Beach is in full bloom. The cottagers are nearly all there; those arriving during the week are Emile R. Stetson and family and Mrs. Clara Waite and family of Boston, W. P. Jones and family of O. H. Stickney and family of Brattleboro, Edson L. Ashman of North Adams, Mass., Ezra Stetson, A. C. Stetson, E. H. Stetson, Hollis Stetson and their families of this place. Mr. Ashman's family will come next week Saturday. Boating, picnic and fishing parties are there frequently and in large numbers. Several people are trying to negotiate for building lots. Mr. Ashman's cottage is nearly finished and others are expected soon to follow.

JAMAICA.

Miss Lottie Humphrey of New York City is at C. S. Clark's.

The two Misses Allen of Worcester, Mass., are with their aunt, Mrs. John Muzzy.

Mr. Alken, who has bought the tannery here, and his son, have moved into his house at the tannery.

Miss Mabel Reed, who has been spending the season at Holyoke, Mass., is with her mother, Mrs. Stella Reed.

Frank Tobbin, who has been at G. W. Holton's for a number of weeks, has returned to his home at Shushan, N. Y.

There will be no preaching at the Congregational church for two Sundays, the pastor, Rev. J. L. Vincent, being on a vacation.

Walter Reed of Worcester, Mass., was called to town this week by the illness of his wife, who has been here a number of weeks.

Rev. Mr. Nobbs, who has preached the last two Sundays at the Baptist church, has had a call from that church to remain as pastor.

The churches at Warrenton and West Warrenton unite with the churches here in a picnic Thursday at Mr. Moore's grove, on South hill.

Almon Willis has sold out his meat market here to Ernest Bonis and his brother-in-law, Fred White of Warrenton, and they have taken possession.

SOUTH LONDONBERRY.

Mrs. Mabel Walker is home for a brief visit.

Lewis Howe of Worcester, Mass., is visiting at O. W. Howe's.

E. A. Brooks and family are spending the week in Cuttingsville.

O. W. Wright and family of Orange, Mass., are visiting in town.

Nellie Howard and her niece Blanche of Charlestown, Mass., are in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Landman of Cambridge, Mass., are guests at L. T. Landman's.

B. Mattucks of New York City joined his wife at her father's, Wm. Sutton's, the first of the week.

F. A. Curtis and wife have returned from their bridal trip and are now at their home in Londonderry.

Mrs. Robert Johnson and son from Manchester, N. H., arrived at her mother's, Mrs. Sarah Johnson's, Saturday.

The Epworth league held a moonlight basket picnic Wednesday evening on the Methodist church lawn.

Miss Mary Pierce, teacher in the High school at Chester, is spending the vacation with her father, Sen. Pierce.

Charles Darling had the misfortune to mangle his hand on a circular saw Monday. The thumb had to be amputated.

Lowell lake is at its best. Nearly every day guests from out of town arrive to test the pleasures of this beautiful summer resort.

Lacy Culworth left town Tuesday to join his wife on her journey home from Cape Cod, where she has been for the past two weeks.

The party of ladies and gentlemen who have been at the "Hermitage" for the past few weeks, left Tuesday for their home in Holyoke, Mass.

There will be no services at the Methodist church next Sunday. The pastor is spending a short vacation with relatives in Middletown and Norwich, Conn.

Mrs. George Fletcher has sufficiently recovered her health to drive from Chester, where she has been for the past two months, to her home in this place.

Extracts from a letter written by Rev. N. A. Wood at London were read by Rev. Mr. Slater at the Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening, in which he spoke of his sojourn abroad in a very helpful manner.

We regret to report another case of scarlet fever which has appeared during the past week. Three children in one family are suffering from the disease this time. The home affected is some three miles out of the village.

The West River dramatic club give a midsummer entertainment to-night, Aug.

at the town hall, consisting of illustrated readings, banjo duets, mandolin solos, songs, select readings and tableaux. Refreshments will be served and a dance will follow the entertainment.

MARLBORO.

Mrs. Lewis Brayman is in ill health.

E. P. Adams has been in Walpole, N. H. H. M. Adams will move his family to Brattleboro soon.

J. E. Pierce of Springfield, Mass., is visiting at A. L. Johnson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton start on their return trip from Montana soon.

A party of young men from Deerfield, Mass., are camping near South pond.

H. M. Whitney has been on a fishing trip to Wilmington and vicinity for a few days.

Misses Sears and Armstrong from Bennington are visiting at Joel Butterfield's.

W. E. King, who is in New York for Ginn & Co., spent a day at home last week.

NEWFANE.

The Misses Marshall of Cleveland have been guests at G. B. Johnson's this week.

Miss Seaton, Rev. S. Norton and Miss Norton are in attendance at the Northfield meetings.

Mrs. Fred Underwood's niece, the Misses Higgins of Taunton, Mass., are here for three weeks.

Misses Jennie and Phoebe Marshall of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting at Riverview, and G. B. Johnson's.

Rev. James Tufts of Monson, Mass., is expected here for a brief visit after leaving the Northfield gathering.

From a small pool of the Bruce brook Willie Bruce recently drew out a handsome specimen of trout which weighed 10 ounces.

Twenty-five young people from this place drove over to the lawn party in Brookline Tuesday evening and reported a good time.

G. W. Parsons has been elected sexton of the cemetery association and burials in the new cemetery will be under his supervision.

Mrs. Huston and son, accompanied by the latter's child, visited the little girl's grandfather, Mr. Fairbank, lately, and returned to Boston on Thursday.

Miss J. G. Simonds, Mrs. C. W. Atwater and son Albert of Springfield, Mass., Miss Florence Carr and Miss Mamie Nannis of New York city are at Riverview.

W. H. Goodnow of Boston, after flights in Nebraska, Dakota, Minnesota and Illinois, has dropped down in Newfane to stay for a time at Elm Hall, where the family will be joined on Saturday by Mr. Pratt from the City.

Prof. Marshall Howe, who started on his return trip to California last week Monday, by way of the great lakes, made brief visits in Duluth and other places on the lakes, and, taking in the Pacific coast for a thousand miles north of San Francisco, probably landed at Berkeley today.

In these days of advanced sentiments on the question of woman's rights, despised man ought to have the benefit of every case of superiority on his part. The lady from another part of the town will now cause her geranium with 52 blossoms to step down and out, and J. H. Reed of this town will proudly display his rose geranium with 52 blossoms.

The free lesson on physical culture given by Miss Hitchcock of Leicester at union hall interested the volunteer class, some of whom would like to receive more extended drill. Greater encouragement for the formation of a class might have been given, but for the absence from town of so many young people on that evening. Miss Hitchcock was en route from Northfield to her home, and may return to the county to work up the subject at another time.

SOUTH NEWFANE.

Mrs. Dr. Hanson went to Boston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Perry returned from Boston Saturday.

E. M. Dexter went to Philadelphia on business Monday.

Mrs. N. B. Perry is quite ill, though at this writing is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Mary Elmer of Claremont, N. H., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Kelsey.

Wm. T. Dole of Boston is visiting entertained by Harrison Aldrich at Fernbank.

S. J. Shanbucker joined his family Sunday at C. E. Brown's for a few weeks' stay.

Mrs. Graham of Philadelphia arrived at C. E. Brown's Monday for a few weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bruce and sons of South Charlestown, N. H., are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

The hostesses at the Dexter villa are visiting their city friends to an "M. M. M." party on Saturday evening of last week. The first "M. M. M." signified music, the second "M. M. M." meant a potato race, and the third "M. M. M." signified a picnic by ice cream and cake. A pleasant evening is reported.

Small Beginnings.

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Powers Institute Reunion.

The sixth triennial reunion of Powers Institute will be held at Sylvan grove, Bennington, August 21. Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock, followed by a post prandial program. An informal reception will be held in the evening at the town hall in charge of the younger alumni. Among the guests expected are Attorney General Hosea M. Knowlton, E. S. Stoddard of New Orleans, Professor Lucien Hunt, E. L. Underwood, Seth Holton and H. P. Williams. Excursion rates will be granted from all stations on the Connecticut river division of the Boston & Maine road.

Died at His Duty.

Michael Sullivan, conductor on the Fitchburg freight, who was injured in the week near Conway Junction Monday died Tuesday. His body will be taken to Orwell, Vt., for burial. Sullivan's action at the time of the wreck was heroic. He could easily have jumped and saved his life, but attempted to signal the engineer in order to stop the train. He was engaged to be married.

The Key to the Covered Entrance.

The key to the covered entrance to Greenfield's business and residence section was practically given to the Greenfield and Turners Falls street railway company Saturday, when the selection of that town voted to grant the company's petition for a franchise from the present terminus near the Union house, through the arch, up Clay hill, across Main street, and through Federal street to Long Four Corners. The long struggle for a franchise has attracted a great deal of attention.

The Hampshire County Journal of Northampton has suspended publication. The paper has been conducted since the past year by E. W. Row, who rented the plant. The Journal was established as the Free Press in 1860 by Henry M. Bart.

The two-story house of Wm. Milne on Canada hill, between Greenfield and Turners Falls, was burned early Sunday morning, August