January 4, 1907

Our world is a college, events are teachers, happiness is the graduating point, character is the diploma God gives man.

Miss Mary A. Chesley is recovering from a severe attack of bronchitis.

Woodruff Mason of New York is passing a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J True Bartlett, their daughter, Miss Rosie, of the Wentworth Hospital, Dover, also visited at The Ranche over Sunday.

Miss Nellie Wiggins of Melrose, Mass., Miss Lotta Dunn, Edwin Wiggins and George Dickerson of Lynn, Mass., came Saturday for a few days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wiggins at Willow Homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Griffiths, Mrs. Edward Griffiths and daughter, Sadie Marion, and Mrs. John H. Griffiths of Durham called at Walnut Avenue Farms last Thursday.

We are having lovely spring-like weather just now, after the copious rain Monday. If it does not grow colder soon we fear we shall lose our fine sleighing.

The employees of the New England Telephone Co. wired those houses that are to have telephones in town Friday and Saturday.

Fred B. York, who has been restricted to the house six weeks by acute bronchitis, is now somewhat better. Dr. Greene of Newmarket is the attending physician.

Mr. and Mrs. John Randall of Clinton, Mass., have been visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Lang and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall, during the Christmas holidays.

It is next Sunday that the communion services are to be observed at the chapel.

Mrs. John C. Bartlett returned Saturday from a visit to relatives in Wollaston, Mass., of several weeks.

The chimney in Alphonso Jones' house caught fire a few days ago. The heat became so intense it set fire to the woodwork inside. As Miss Nora Whitehouse was alone in the house at the time, only rare presence of mind and strenuous effort averted a destructive fire.

Mrs. William Davis and daughter, Miss Velma, Mrs. Fred Leach and two children, Miss Nellie and Master Earle, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Henderson, all of Dover, Miss Ethel Davis of Durham, and Irving Learned of Boston passed a day recently with Mrs. Curtis Stimpson.

Rev. G.E. Kinney went to Manchester last Thursday to attend one of Gipsy Smith's revival meetings.

Mrs. William Dudley was considerably under the weather last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Webb and son, Walter, with visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Judson, dined with friends at Newfields Christmas Day.

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Mrs. George Poore of Exeter came Tuesday to assist in caring for her mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson.

The annual parish meeting was held Tuesday at 1 P.M. in the C.E. hall. At the society meeting the following officers were chosen: Chairman, William H. Thompson, clerk Miss Mary A. Hoitt, wardens, Frank McDaniel, Alfred C. Durgin, Ira B. Hill, auditor, Alfred C. Durgin, social committee, Ethel Durgin, Helen Buzzell and Nellie J. Chesley. The church meeting immediately followed, at which the following officers were chosen: Moderator, Alfred C. Durgin, clerk, Mary A. Hoitt, treasurer, William H. Thompson, Deacon, Frank McDaniel; church committee, Abbie H. Chesley, music committee, Arthur McDaniel, Martha Buzzell, Lizzie Thompson, Sunday School superintendent, Caroline Kinney, assistant, Arthur McDaniel, treasurer, Arthur J. Thompson; librarian, Arthur J. Thompson, secretary, Nellie J. Chesley.

Miss Mary Caldwell spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Caldwell, and has returned to her school in Kingston.

Mrs. Georgianna Chesley has visited this week with relatives in Lee and Durham.

Mrs. Sarah C. Hill of Haverhill, Mass., returned home a few days ago, after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Chesley.

Miss Jennie Farwell is now teaching school in Madbury.

Miss Grace Davis and Miss Ethel Durgin attended the annual meeting of the Robinson Seminary Alumnae Association at Exeter last Thursday.

Next Tuesday evening the officers of Jeremiah Smith Grange are to be installed by State Lecturer Pattee.

Daily meetings are being held at the chapel this week. A good number enjoyed listening to Rev. W.S. Beard on Tuesday evening. Rev. E. Disbrow of Farmington speaks on Thursday and Friday afternoons at 2.30.

The whist party last Friday night was well attended, there being nine tables in play. Miss Mary Piper and John Piper won first prizes; consolation prizes, Mrs. Eliza Perkins and Willys Tuttle.
January 11, 1907

The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said;
The memory alone remains
Of all its joys, its griefs, its gains,
And now with purpose full and clear
I return to meet another year.

Our fine sleighing is a thing of the past and wheels are now in general use.

Charles Hardy and son, Master Herbert, of Ayer, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardy of Lynn, Mass., have recently visited with their father, Simeon C. Hardy, at Oak Cottage.

The Dr. Armond Medicine Co. commenced a series of entertainments, in the town hall, last Friday evening, which ended Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wiggin and daughter, Marion, of Epping visited with Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Wiggin at Willow Homestead over Sunday.

The Christmas days presage a cloudy, wet year, especially July, which will do doubt please the haymakers.

Guy Durell of Providence, R.I., visited with his aunt, Mrs. R.P.D. Bennett, at Hill Crest over Sunday.

The Tuesday Club met this week with Miss Helen Buzzell at the home of her mother, Mrs. Martha Buzzell, at the North Side.

Mrs. George Davis and daughter, Miss Etta, and son, Harry, of Nottingham visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Currier at Crystal Spring Farm Sunday.

Charles Seavey of North Hampton dined at Walnut Avenue Farms Tuesday.

Mrs. William Davis, Mrs. Myra Leach of Dover and Mrs. John Prescott of Raymond came the last of the week to remain over Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson, who is very ill.

Mrs. John S. Jenkins has been confined to the house a fortnight by a severe cold, but is better now.

Anon
January 18, 1908

“To the sunny soul that is full of hope,
And whose beautiful trust ne’er faieth,
The grass is green and the flowers are bright,
Though the wintry storm prevaileth.”

Miss Mary A. Hoitt made a trip to Boston last week, which lasted several days.

Clinton Ellison of Newmarket visited over Sunday with Walter Jones.

Mrs. Sylvanus Henderson of Dover visited with her mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson, Sunday.

Miss Georgia Chesley of Haverhill, Mass., visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George E. Chesley.

Miss Nellie Wiggin, who has been in Melrose, Mass., a few months, came Saturday to stay a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Wiggins, at Willow Homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Felker made a week-end visit with Mrs. Felker’s father, Alphonso Jones, at Maplehurst.

The members of the Tuesday Club are busy making aprons, collars and other useful articles to be sold at an entertainment and supper which will be presented at Lee Hill in the near future. Any aid in the way of anything salable will be acceptable to those in charge.

The snowstorms of Saturday and Monday patched up the sleighing beautifully.

At the auction, held at the home of John C. Bartlett last Wednesday, the timber was not sold. We understand Mr. Bartlett will operate it himself. Walter Smith has taken the contract to do the cutting, which is to begin next Monday.

Frank Page of Dover visited last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York at Walnut Avenue Farms.

The telephone poles have been distributed in town, and we understand they are to be set at once; at least it looks as though we might get the telephone sometime.

Alphonso Jones is mourning the loss of a much valued dog, which was killed by the cars recently. One becomes very much attached to an intelligent dog and it seems almost like one of the family.

Rev. Geo. E. Kinney is to lead the afternoon devotional service at the Strafford Conference Young People’s Mission Study Institute, held in Durham (this) Friday.

The Whist Club was well attended Friday night, it being such a lovely evening. John Piper and Mildred Gerrish won first prizes, John May and Anna R. Lee, consolation prizes.
January 25, 1907

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Plummer of Dover were the guests of their brother, D.E. Plummer, Sunday.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt returned Saturday from visiting friends in Nashua, Derry, Lowell, Mass., and Cambridge, Mass.

Perley A. Young of Newmarket Plains was a guest at Mrs. Lydia Snell's at the North Side, Sunday.

John Lane, visiting with his sister, Mrs. Clarence Pendergast, has been painfully ill of an abscess on his hand during the past week.

Albert D. Wiggin and daughter, Miss Nellie, visited with friends in Epping Sunday.

Miss Carrie Bartlett, teaching in Haverhill, Mass., made a weekend visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. True Bartlett, at The Ranch.

Representative E.O. Fifield, who is living in Nashua, called on Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Davis at The Meadows one day last week.

Mrs. R.P.D. Bennett is visiting with friends in Newmarket, just now, but will extend her visit to several other places before returning home.

The rain Saturday and the warm southerly wind Sunday entirely destroyed the sleighing, but Tuesday we were blessed with a gentle, steady snow-fall, which restored it to us again.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Sewell and little daughter visited with Mr. Sewell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sewell, in Newmarket Sunday.

George DeMeritt, employed in Haverhill, Mass., came Saturday to remain over Sunday with his family.

We understand John Currier has taken the contract to do the logging on the John C. Bartlett lot, which is now being cut.

The New England Telephone Co. have had a corps of men engaged in erecting the telephone poles in town this week.

There will be a supper, and sale of aprons, dust-caps, collars and other useful articles at Grange Hall (this) Friday evening. The Old Maids' Club, composed of fifteen members, will furnish the entertainment. It is hoped there will be a goodly number present.

The friends of Miss Ophelia Critcherson will be pained to learn of her sudden death, of heart failure, which occurred at her home in Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 16. Miss Critcherson lived in this town during her girlhood and has passed several summers here, lately, with her sister, Mrs. Ora Howard of New York City, who has had a summer home at The Larches. Miss Critcherson was a smart, capable woman, genial, generous and pleasant, who made many friends; they will regret her departure from among them.

"Led with a gentle hand
Into the land of the dear departed,
Into the Silent Land!"

AKRON.
February 1, 1907

Let us, then, be what we are and speak what we think, and in all things keep ourselves loyal to truth, and the sacred professions of friendship.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt passed a few days with friends in Derry during the past week.

Many in this vicinity are utilizing the fine sledding to harvest their ice, which is of good quality and about fifteen inches in thickness.

Miss Edith Davis of Durham made a week-end visit with her mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardy and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of Newmarket visited Sunday with Mr. Hardy's father, Simeon C. Hardy, at Oak Cottage.

Miss Mary Smith, teaching in Salem, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. True Bartlett over Sunday.

Alphonso Jones had business in Dover the first of the week.

The ice-cutting firm of Haydock and Emerson, at Packer's Falls, have been doing a rushing business this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Young and Miss Rena, on the Newmarket road, are suffering from severe colds.

At the Lynn, Mass., dog show last week, Mrs. Mabel W. Glidden's beautiful Cocker spaniel, Genial Jack, got first prize for best local dog and second for puppy dogs.

We had such a beautiful snowstorm last Friday and Saturday, the snow came down so quietly and gently, sometimes it looked like feathers falling from the angel's wings and at other times it was so fine it looked like a white chiffon veil. Sunday morning the earth was covered with a thick carpet so pure and white it seemed a pity to step on it and "Every pine and fur and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,
And the poorest twig on the elm tree
Was ridged inch-deep with pearl."

- ANON.

Although the weather was stormy and disagreeable, there were 16 present at the Whist Party. Henry Blaisdell and Mrs. John Piper won first prizes, Albert Perkins and Sadie Wiggin, consolation prizes.
February 8, 1907

Miss Phoebe Hopkins and Bert Cass of Boston were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bartlett at Wayside Farm over Sunday.

Mrs. R.P.D. Bennett is visiting for a while with friends in Haverhill, Mass.

Miss Mary Caldwell, teaching in Kingston, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Caldwell, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Griffiths of Durham called at Walnut Avenue Farms Saturday.

Mrs. Samuel Lane is somewhat under the weather just now.

Mrs. Robert Judson, who has for several weeks been a guest at the Webb Farm, returned to Boston a few days ago.

Miss Carrie Bartlett, teaching in Haverhill, Mass., was quite ill last week.

Mrs. John Prescott of Raymond came Saturday to pass a few days with her mother, Mrs. Curtis Stimpson, who remains very ill.

Daniel E. Plummer and Mrs. James B.C. Walker had business in Dover a few days ago.

George DeMeritt, employed in Haverhill, Mass., made a week-end visit with his family here.

Jesse Wheeler of Lowell, Mass., recently visited with his sister, Mrs. Benton Layne, at Clearfield.

Mrs. James B.C. Walker and Miss Nellie Wiggin accompanied Rev. and Mrs. G.E. Kinney to Madbury last week to partake of an oyster supper, they also assisted in the entertainment, Miss Wiggin by singing and Mrs. Walker by reciting, in their usual pleasing manner.

Isaac G. Sherburne, one of our oldest and best-known citizens, died at his home at the North Side, Feb. 3, aged about seventy-three years. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Nehemiah Randall of Dover, Mrs. Lewis Snell of Lee, Mrs. David Fogg of Durham and one son, Seth W., who has always lived with his father. The funeral occurred Wednesday.

As Mr. Sherburne was returning from Dover Jan. 30, he sustained an apoplectic shock and fell from a load of grain. He was found by a neighbor lying in the road unconscious, and was conveyed to his home, but never regained consciousness.

Mr. Sherburne was a native of Barrington, but has resided in Lee forty years and has gained the respect of all who knew him. He was a staunch republican, who never sought office. He was a kind father, a good neighbor, a quiet, peaceable citizen. His life went out suddenly and the soul went speeding alone out on the waves of the unknown sea, the spray gleamed in the sunlight, and the hymn of the unknown sounded eternal over all.
February 15, 1907

J.M. Cook and H.F. Smith passed the day of Friday last in sight-seeing at Portsmouth.

C.B. Edgerly started a few days ago for a week’s trip to the wilds of Nova Scotia, this being his second journeying to that county within a few weeks.

James Dalton of Haverhill visited friends at the Connor farm Monday.

We hope that nothing more serious will follow the late epidemic of grip than the chicken fever.

A free-to-all exhibition for a week of nights has been that uncanny spectacle of mysteries, the “Northern Lights.”

Mrs. Sarah A. Stimpson, who has entered into rest after her long suffering, was, the greater part of her married life, a resident of Wadley’s, and has held in high regard there as a kindly, sympathetic neighbor and friend.

Last week “Mose” Edgerly was laid to rest in the orchard which he so oft had traversed with his mate in harness. A handsome, noble equine, whose years of faithful service were many. Also “Don,” Annie Connor’s pet canine, who had long been an intense sufferer from rheumatism, was put out of his misery recently, a very kind, intelligent animal, as brainy as a human being. We feel a sense of loss in the passing of these dear, dumb creatures. They formed a part of our little world, brightening and relieving its monotony.

It was my pleasure to recently receive a cabinet photograph of Arthur Tenney one of the So. Lee school group I wrote of months ago. He is a fine looking sailor boy, and I guess is as good as he looks. He spends a part of his leisure hours in doing fancy work and is now engaged in making a worsted rug, which when completed will measure 3 1/2 ft. long, by 2 1/2 wide. His ship, the U.S.S. Rhode Island, is now stationed at Tompkinsville, State Island, N.Y., where they have been taking in 800 tons of ammunition for target practice. This item may interest some of his old schoolmates. I’, sure it ought to.

At the whist party last Friday night there were six tables in play. Perley Batchelder and Annie R. Lee won first prizes, George Wiggin and Ethel Dame consolation prizes.
February 22, 1907

Miss Grace Davis, who has been in Boston for several months, came home quite ill of la grippe, which was followed by a painful swelling on the neck.

Alphonso Jones had business in Dover Thursday and Friday of last week.

James Rollins is very ill of pneumonia.

Frank Page of Dover made a week-end visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. York. Also Misses Jennie and Rena Young and Miss Carrie Pendergast of Newmarket Plains passed Monday evening at Walnut Avenue Farms.

A belated notice which should have been received several weeks ago has just arrived, therefore, we will submit it, as we are in sympathy with the adage, “Better late than never.” William McFarland of Haverhill, Mass., and Miss Blanche Burley of Lee, N.H., were quietly married at Lawrence, Mass., at the parsonage of the Garden Street Methodist church by Rev. W.H. Ryder, the pastor. They were unattended and immediately returned to Haverhill, Mass., where they will reside.

Mrs. Fred B. York returned Saturday from a three days’ visit with friends in Dover.

The New England Telephone Co. are engaged in putting up the wires in town this week.

D. S. Donavon of Andover, Mass., was in town Saturday looking for neat stock, he purchased two cows and two calves of Fred B. York, three cows of Albert Davis, besides several others in this vicinity.

The many friends of Mrs. Ben F. Lang will be pained to learn she is quite ill, having sustained a stroke of paralysis last week, and hope for her speedy recovery.

George Joy of Rockingham dined with the Dame brothers Tuesday.

There will be a “Seven Social” at Grange Hall Thursday evening, Feb. 28, (if stormy, the following evening), admission to which may be gained by paying seven cents at the door, with free entrance for every seventh person. There will be sale tables of the “magical” number, containing useful articles at “magical” prices. An entertainment will be presented with the “magical” number still strong in evidence. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Died of senile decay, Feb. 15, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Cole, Mrs. Almira Wightman, aged eighty-six years. The funeral, which occurred Sunday, was conducted by Albert Brown of Newmarket. Rev. G.E. Kinney officiated and Miss Nellie Wiggins, Miss Ethel Durgin, Rev. G.E. Kinney, Alfred Dudley and Mrs. Grace Dudley rendered appropriate musical selections. The bearers were Charles Pendergast, John C. Bartlett, John W. Webb ad George Dudley. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb at Newmarket. The flowers were beautiful. And so He calls our loved once over the mystic river, to rest awhile in the shade, and whose memory will form precious links in the golden chain that draws us to the City Beautiful.

“And when the sunset gates unbar
Shall I not see thee waiting stand,
And white against the evening star,
The welcome of thy beckoning hand?”

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March 8, 1907 cont.

“When time's veil shall fall asunder the soul may know
No fearful change, nor sudden wonder,
Nor sink the weight of mystery under,
But with the upward rise, and with the vastness grow.
And all we shrink from now may seem no new revealing,
Familiar is our childhood's stream,
Or a pleasant memory of a dream,
The loved and cherished past upon the new life stealing.”

“A n o l’ f a s h u n winter brings out lots uv o l’ f a s h u n stories tew beat it.”—O. N.

Robert Cheyne of Boston is engaged at the fibre mill, putting in the steam apparatus.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cook have moved into the spacious Wilson house, recently purchased by them.

H. F. Smith passed Tuesday in Boston on business for the mill firm.

We have been scudding along under bare poles (telephone) for a long time, but the powers that be promise to finish up the job this week.

While Mrs. Mary Keniston was away one day last week, a five-gallon can of oil left by her grocer on the door step was smashed to smithereens by some evil-minded one. We are getting citified with hoodlums around.

Notes from the U. S. S. Rhode Island. “Hampton Roads, Virginia, Feb. 22. We left Brooklyn navy yard last Monday on a force draft run, and to fire the ship's guns for the first time. We made 21 knots an hour, thus beating the builders' trial run. To-day, being Washington's birthday, we had an extra fine dinner. This was the menu: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, celery, three kinds of pie, fruit cake, bananas, oranges, ice cream and cigars.” How is that for the sailor boys?

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Hannah Lang, whose blessed life of love and service is over, and whose death is an irreparable loss to her afflicted family, was an ideal homemaker, a true sympathetic friend and neighbor,—and the place she so hallowed and enriched by her presence is made desolate. She was a woman of fine intellectual attainments, and the keynote of her beautiful character was her love and charity for everybody. Hers was a cordial, gracious personality, that
made one feel in the magnetism of her warm hand-clasp that she was your friend. She never grew old, save as time marks its cycles. Always the wise counselor and loving companion of her husband and children, who evermore will sorely miss the sweet face and gentle voice of their beloved one, whose ways were ways of pleasantness.

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Hannah Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin F. Lang, died at her home in Lee, Mar. 1, after two weeks’ illness from paralysis. Mrs. Lang was the oldest child of Pike Hilton Harvey and his wife (born Mary A. Chapman), and she was born Apr. 4, 1840, and at an early age commenced teaching school, a business in which she was eminently successful, winning for herself hosts of friends, and her friends once won were always retained. She was the mother of two sons, George Lang, of Onset, Mass., and Ben Lang, in Dartmouth College, also six daughters, Mrs. Laura E. Morrison of Durham, Mrs. M. Susie Strout of New York, Mrs. Anna R. Lee of Lee, N.H., Mrs. Edna F. Hale of Bradford, Vt., Mrs. Bertha E. Geisler of Alexandria, Minn., and Mrs. Bernice H. Randall of Clinton, Mass. And her children were all with her during her sickness. She also left one brother, D.P. Harvey of Nottingham, and two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Hill of Charlestown, Mass., and Mrs. Idella Hodgkiss of Dorchester, Mass. Mrs. Lang was a woman of fine intellectual abilities and always kept posted on current events. The funeral services were held at her late home, Mar. 4 and were very largely attended by friends and neighbors, Rev. Geo. E. Kinney speaking words of comfort. Mrs. Arthur McDaniel and Miss Ethel Durgin sang several selections and Mrs. Guy Glidden accompanied with piano. A large floral display was only the token of love and respect for the loved one gone and for the husband and children left. Those who knew her best loved her most.

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“Farewell, beloved friend, farewell earth sees thee not again,
We wait thy cheering tone and smile thy gentle voice in vain.
We miss thy cordial winning ways, thy welcome presence here,
And our hearts are filled with sorrow for the friend who was so dear.

For the friend who was so dear Ah’ words can never tell
Half the bitter, bitter anguish which was ours to say farewell
To watch thy dim and sunken eye, thy short and flickering breath
And feel that one so dear to all must soon be claimed by death.

Farewell, then, for awhile, beloved friend farewell. We leave thee.
Sure that never more shall sin of earth or pain or sorrow grieve thee.
Never more shall hope or fear disturb thy silent breast.
Our Father calls thee to Himself. He knoweth what is best.

Nearby

At the whist party last Friday night there were nine tables in play. Albert Perkins won first prize. Miss Lida Watson and Mrs. John Piper receiving the same number of points, on which they cut cards, and Mrs. Piper won first prize, Joseph Harvey and Grace Stevens consolation prizes, after which a bountiful collation was served.
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Mrs. Ben F. Davis' grippe has now given place to jaundice.

Miss Della Hamilton, accompanied by Miss Myrtle Whitcomb, Robert Van Wagner and Stephen Hilliard, all of Boston, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham, at Maplewood over Sunday.

Bert Pray has finished shingling George DeMeritt's barn.

The Dame Brothers have sixteen beautiful lambs, quite an unusual sight these days.

Mrs. J. True Bartlett returned Saturday from a five days' visit with friends in Boston.

Fred B. York was restricted from voting, by illness, for the first time since he was old enough, in 1862.

Saturday evening a few representatives of each party met and formed a citizens' ticket, consequently, the annual town meeting passed off quietly and the following officers were chosen. Town Clerk, D. E. Plummer, r., Selectmen, Ben F. Davis, r., Fred Carl York, d., Frank I. Caldwell, d., Collector, D. E. Plummer, r., Treasurer, C. A. Woodman, d., Road Agents, C. B. Edgerly, r., Horace Hill, r., George P. James, d. A step in the right direction, and if followed up may in a measure stop the use of money.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham entertained a party of friends at their pleasant, cozy home, Maplewood, the occasion being Mr. Oldham's fiftieth anniversary. There were thirty-two present and a pleasant, jolly time it proved to be. After two hours of whist, a fine collation, phonograph, piano, violin and vocal music were enjoyed. Mr. Oldham was generously remembered by his friends and A. W. Griffiths in a few well-chosen words made the presentation in the following speech.

"We have assembled here in your pleasant home this evening, neighbors and friends, to help you celebrate your birthday, not with solemn faces, but with mirth and music, and we intend to make it a jolly time which you will long remember. You have reached the fiftieth milestone of life's journey, and, figuratively speaking, we have decorated the stone with tokens of our friendship and esteem. But we have waited until the present moment to put something on the top, which to you will ever represent the love and affection of those who are the nearest to you, therefore in behalf of Beulah and Della, I take pleasure in completing the decoration of the stone, with the hope that in the years to come that you may be blessed with health, wealth and happiness."

Mrs. Edward Griffiths read an appropriate, original poem. After wishing our genial host many happy returns of the day, we returned to our several homes, permeated with pleasure.

LINES WRITTEN FOR THE BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF MR. FRANK L. OLDHAM, MARCH 9, 1907

Listen' I'll tell a little story,
That was whispered late, to me,
It concerns, so gives the rumor,
Some friends of ours in Lee.

It may be that you know them,
The circle numbers three,
Father, mother and daughter
Comprise this family.

Now the father nears a mile-stone—
We'll not tell what it may be,
But we hope when it may double
To meet him at a century.

So this wife and girl of his
Send word to friends around
That on March nine, his birthday,
This good man may be found
At their cozy, hearth-stone side,
At the "Maplewood" near by,
Where he brought his bonnie bride
—Not so many years gone by.

And we gather to do honor
To this host of ours to-night.
And we bring a few love-tokens,
To make his pathway bright.

And we join in wishing to him
Happy returns of his natal day.
And my prosperity and joy
Shine on him and his always.

Making bright the daily journey—
As their sun sinks to the west,
And peace's banner wave above them,
'Till they enter into rest.
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“No wonder turkeys are high, nobody wants ’em around nowadays, ’till they are all ready for the drippin’ pan.”—O.N.

Monday, G.A. Glidden went to Worcester on business.

George Smith of Haverhill visited at Fairview over Sunday.

Harry Parker of Rochester was at the fibre mill last week to do some piping.

Tuesday, Messrs. Smith and Glidden of Wadley’s took in the auto show in Boston.

There is an unusual degree of sociability in town just now, owing to the telephone. “No rubbering.”

The engagement is announced of the popular reader and musician, Jennie N. Bartlett, of Derry, formerly Nottingham, and Herbert L. Grinnell of Bath, Me.

Granville Thompson has been laying a new hardwood floor at Freeman’s hall, North Nottingham.

While we rejoice that the few remaining veteran soldiers are to receive a larger pension, we think of the many from our town, who have passed away. In particular, one John Rollins we like to mention as one of the most loyal and true. He said he should have more than eight dollars per month pension he would reply, “I have all I deserve, government is good to me.” How his eyes would flash if one said the least thing derogatory to our nation and his “National Weekly” was dearer to him than all newspapers beside. He had many fine traits as a soldier and citizen I could touch upon, but forbear.

Peace to the dust of these loyal defenders,
Who held their country in love so tender.
And joy to the living who steadfast and true,
May rally yet round the red, white and blue.

Frank Caldwell, who has been under the doctor’s care for a week, was able to be out Tuesday.

Several in town are suffering with severe colds.

Miss Mary A. Hoitt is visiting for a week or two in Boston and suburbs.

Some of our young people attended the minstrel show given last week by the college students in Thompson Hall, Durham.

E.O. Fifield came to town Monday, to attend town meeting on Tuesday. He expects to return to his home in Lee at the close of the Legislature.

Miss Jennie Farwell closed her schools in Madbury last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Chesley visited a few days last week in Nashua at the home of Mrs. E.P. Hopkins, where Representative and Mrs. E.O. Fifield are staying during the term of the Legislature. Mr. Chesley accompanied Mr. Fifield on his daily trip to Concord on Tuesday and Wednesday.

At the whist party last Friday night there were eight tables in play. Henry Chesley and Alice Batchelder won first prizes, Emily Edgerly and Mr. Joslin consolation prizes.