

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

ENFIELD STREET.
George H. Booth and wife are at Lake Pleasant.
J. N. Allen and wife start for Saratoga this week.
Mrs. Mary Bennett has gone to Medford, Mass.
John Sheldon has about fifty bushels of nice wheat ready for market.
Norton Olmsted is supposed to have the finest crop of tobacco on this street.
G. H. Miller and F. Remington are thrashing out grain for John Sheldon.
Mrs. John Taylor and family are visiting at Mrs. Wm. Taylor's, on River st.
Miss M. Johnson, of Lowell, Mass., is visiting with her uncle, J. W. Johnson.
A party from Enfield street and Pearl street, Thompsonville, picnic at Pine Point grove to-day.
Eli Wilson (colored) has just purchased a home on River street, formerly owned by Mrs. Albert E. Clark.
Miss Dr. Julia Patten, of Holyoke, was seen on one of A. F. Allen's horses the other morning, training it for use.
A well-known bicycle rider took a double-header into the dust near the blacksmith shop, the other day.
Mr. William Hall, of Troy, N. Y., is in town. Mr. Hall and his mother will go to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard next week.
Stinson has left a patent ironer at the post-office, and it seems to be the "missing link," as it is simple, yet effectual in its work.
The lithographic view of the Brooklyn Bridge, on exhibition at the post-office, and which has attracted considerable attention of late, has taken a back seat now that a fine view of Hampden Park is displayed on the walls by the Springfield Bicycle Club.

KING STREET.
H. W. Patten is expected home soon.
Miss Hattie Allen is in Groton for a few weeks.
Harry, son of E. W. Bailey, is ill with a fever and malaria.
Miss Florence Smith, of Melrose, is visiting at Mr. Soper's a few days.
Miss Carrie Lord will wield the birch the coming year at our institution of learning.
Sydney, second child of H. B. Keach, was buried last Thursday, having been sick some little time.
The finishing touches on Edward Hoskin's new house have been done, and is now ready for the painters.
Geo. M. Allen and daughter, who recently went on the excursion to Newport from Hartford, had a delightful time, and spent a few days on their return in New London.
Quite a number gathered at the residence of Mr. Frank Soper last evening and had a very pleasant time. One pleasing feature of the occasion was the playing and listening to the new Porter organ, recently obtained—it being one of the finest that the Geo. Wood's company manufacture.

EAST WALLOP.
Mr. Frank A. Cutter, of Worcester, Mass., is spending his vacation with his uncle, Wm. Fletcher.
Miss Annie Kerr, of Scitico, has been engaged to teach the school in this district the coming year.
Mr. Allen Gowdy and Mr. F. Fletcher returned last week from a visit to New York, Brooklyn, Coney Island and other places.
Miss Lucy A. Taylor starts this week for a visit to New Britain and New Haven. She will also spend a few weeks among the Litchfield county hills, in the town of Torrington.
Mr. Milo Henry has come out with a new two-seated, canopy-top wagon, also a new harness, lap-blankets and fly-net. The wagon was made by Joseph Bent, of Thompsonville.

SOMERSVILLE.
A small party of people from this place visited Pine Point grove last Tuesday, enjoying a very pleasant time.
C. J. Standish and L. W. Cady are remodeling their Bonnet shop into a tenement. The work is being done by J. W. Little & Son.
Rev. R. S. Billings, formerly of Stamford, Conn., will supply the pulpit of the Congregational church of this place for the coming year.
A commencement has been made in grading the grounds and preparing the foundation for the Spiritualist church, to be removed from Somers to this place next month.
A school-meeting of this district was held last Monday evening and the following officers chosen: S. F. Hurlbut, district committee; W. H. Billings, clerk and treasurer; Channey Hurlbut, collector.
The members of the Reading club of this place had a picnic on Somers mountains last Tuesday, going in the morning and returning in the evening, after having spent a very pleasant day. The Club will hold their next meeting with Miss Lizzie Hurlbut Wednesday evening, Aug. 15th.

BROAD BROOK.
Mr. Lasbury is having his fence painted.
John Frederick has gone to Chester, Conn.
F. D. North left on Friday for California.
Charlotte Frey and family are off rustication.
The wool-sorters are out of work for a few days.
The farmers in this vicinity are topping their tobacco.
Mrs. Willey and daughter are off taking a short vacation.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Neuschler are visiting friends in this village.
A large party from here went out on Job's Hill huckle-berrying on Tuesday.
E. Hubbard and wife and J. M. Boies and wife have returned from Stony Creek.
Miss J. A. Paine, who has been spending the past month in East Hartford, has just returned.

SHAKER STATION.
For the past month hardly a day has passed, Sundays excepted, but what Pine Point Grove has been occupied by picnic parties. Yesterday a large party from East Longmeadow enjoyed this pleasant resort, and to-day a mixed party from Thompsonville, Hazardville, Wallop and surrounding districts are congregated there. Next week the Methodists from Thompsonville are expected there in full force.
COPPER HILL.
Haying is nearly at an end. The hay has been put into the barns in good order. The crops are looking well. Potatoes are abundant and of fine quality.
The chief attraction here seems to be the old Newgate prison. About three hundred people have visited it since last April. Almost every day some are coming to see the place and penetrate into the mine which runs a long distance under the road, where they used to find the copper, from which the name Copper Hill is derived.
Last Sabbath was a pleasant day for people to attend church. Our pastor, Rev. D. Nash, preached in the morning on the six cities of refuge, being the Sunday-school lesson for the day, Joshua 20: 7-9. The audience appeared deeply interested. The sacrament of the Lord's supper followed the sermon and a good Sunday-school closed the first service of the day.
There was preaching at five o'clock in the school-house at Hungary, when a good number in that district attended. Mr. Nash appointed another meeting there in two weeks, at the same hour. A missionary meeting was held in the church in the evening and a survey of the missions in Africa was found to be encouraging.
WAREHOUSE POINT.
Several weddings are on the list for the autumn months.
Several Point boys with friends from New York have been camping on Terry Island.
Geo. Kingsbury, of Thompsonville, had a horse die here suddenly with colic Sunday morning.
The pastor of the Methodist church will conclude his discourse on Luke, 12-13, Sunday evening.
Fourteen sturgeon were captured the last four days of last week—four of them at one haul on Saturday.
A party of young men left Wednesday morning for a week's cruise along the coast, starting from Hartford in a sailboat.
The Leonard silk company are going to put in a new engine, made in Worcester. The help will be given a week's vacation from Sept. 1st.
WINDSOR LOCKS.
Henry Douglass and Charles Rose are off in a sailboat for Block Island, and bluefish.
Benj. Bright has been arrested for selling liquor on Sunday contrary to law. The case has been settled without trial, and he "will do no more."
The boat-stealing case is ended, and Keever once more at liberty, after a two-weeks' imprisonment in the Hartford jail. Attorney Hamnersley sustained the charge that Keever was convicted on perjured testimony.
Patrick Rooney, while sitting on the second story window sill of his boarding place, on Saturday evening last, lost his balance and fell, striking upon an outside railing, and sustained serious injury. He was a young man and employed in the Seymour paper mill.

To tell a lie and then defend it with other lies, is like digging a cellar and making it large enough to hold all the dirt that is displaced.
To Southwick Ponds, Via Zion's Hill.
One of the pleasantest drives available to the readers of THE PRESS, is to Southwick Ponds, or perhaps more properly Congamond Lakes. If you live in Thompsonville, and like a variety in scenery, you may cross the ferry (which by the way is now the best conducted one on the river) and go over Zion's Hill, from which you will have a distant view of Springfield and Rockville, with the intervening towns, and a near view of the first Baptist church in Connecticut. This church stands like a beacon on the hill, and can be distinctly seen from Enfield street. Here the early Baptists of the State met for worship, some of it is said coming from as far as Hartford.
Take a good look here at the town you have left, and then drive on to the ponds. Here will be found a half dozen or more stopping places to select from, and, as the tastes of your readers are supposed to differ, they will not all select the same. Some will prefer the Pavilion, built by the New Haven and Northampton Railroad Co., and some the Pavilion hotel near by, from which a fine view may be had, and I believe comfortable accommodations, though I think there is but little room for them here, as these houses are intended more particularly for railroad custom. A quarter of a mile south of this hotel is the "Brighton" of the ponds. If your tastes run to peanuts and lager and Punch and Jody you will undoubtedly stop here. You will go into a tent to see the "world-renowned educated bear," which, at great expense to his keeper, has been taught to eat, and stands ready to perform this wonderful feat in plain sight of all who enter. After you leave this educational tent, you will probably meet a man who will sell you the privilege of throwing a ball at a row of bottles pressed in bonnets, or you may shoot a popgun at a wooden man with a bell for a heart. After this you may go to the "art gallery" and have your picture taken by the side of your sweetheart. If however your tastes do not crave this sort of diet, but prefer a quiet, restful day, I advise you to go to Miller's grove, spread your lunch on the grass, eat at your leisure (if it don't rain), hire a few row-boats for the use of your party, gather pond lilies, tell stories, sing songs, and if, when the day is done, you think the writer has given you bad advice you may charge it to his preference for old friends, for he floated and dreamed in Miller's boats more than twenty years ago, before pavilion or steamer was thought of here.
When you return, leave the ponds an hour before sunset, come home the south way, over the mountain to West Suffield. The setting sun shining upon the Somers hills and country between will give you a pleasing picture for the bits of your day's history.

Telegraphic Ticks.
Maidens brave and lovers fair—
Ye who know not toll or care,
Let me telegraphic tale:
Listen while I wail my wail,
I will teach you telegraphy
While you swap your love and
"tally."

(This is why the strikers struck—
This is why they're in such luck,
Just because they learned the
trick
And could not get their bread on
"tick."
Also like ice-cream and cake,
As each took his little "take."
A--- "A's" a dot and then a dash;
B--- "B," dash, three dots like a flash;
C--- "C," two dots, a space, a dot;
D--- "D," dash, dot, and "D" you've
got;
E--- "E" is but a period—
Readers, are you wearied?
F--- "F" is made thus—dot, dash, dot;
G--- Dash, dash, dot, to "G" allot;
H--- Four dots—"H"—how's that for
high?
I--- While two dots—"I" satisfy,
J--- "J," dash, dot, dash, dot, you
sound,
K--- Dash, dot, dash for "K" you've
found.
L--- "L's" long dash, so rest your
hands!
M--- Next two dashes—"M" demands;
N--- "N's" dash, dot, made closely—
see?
O--- "O's" a dot, space, dot—O, me!
P--- Five dots next for "P" suffice;
Q--- "Q," two dots, dash, dot—how
nice!
R--- Dot, space, two dots for "R"
and;
S--- "S," three dots—now watch the
text—
T--- "T's" short dash, half size of
text—
U--- "U's" two dots and dash—that's
well!
V--- "V" is three dots, dash—art
tired?
W--- "W's" dot, two dashes wired.
X--- Dot, dash, two dots, "X" you'll
find;
Y--- "Y" two dots, space, two dots,
mind?
Z--- Three dots, space and dot are
"Z."
--- "&" is vice versa—see!
There's your task, learn it with
care,
Maidens brave and lovers fair!
And if you your task don't shirk,
You need never wish for work
When adversity draws near—
Readers all, let's drop it here.

Marry a Gentleman.
It was excellent advice I saw lately given to young ladies urging them to marry only gentlemen, or not to marry at all. The word was used in its broadest, truest sense. It did not have reference to those who have fine raiment and white hands and the veneration of society polish, merely to entitle them to the distinction, but to those possessed of true, manly and noble qualities, however hard their hands and unwhorled their faces.
A true gentleman is generous and unselfish. He regards another's happiness and welfare as well as his own. You will see the trait running through all his actions. A man who is a bear at home in his own sisters and discourteous to his mother, is just the man to avoid when you come to the great question which is to be answered yes or no.
A man may be ever so rustic in his early surroundings, if he is a true gentleman he will not bring a blush to your cheek in any society by his absurd behavior. There is an instinctive politeness inherent in such a character which everywhere commands respect and makes its owner pass for what he is—one of nature's noblemen. Do not despair, girls. There are such men still in the world. You need not all die old maids. But wait until the princes pass by. No harm in a delay.
You will not be apt to find him in the ball room, and I know he will never be seen walking up from the liquor saloon. Nor is he a champion billiard player. He has not had time to become a "champion," for he has had too much honest, earnest work to do in the world. I have always observed that these "champions" were seldom good for much else.
Be very wary in choosing, girls, when so much is at stake. Do not fancy a passing fancy for undying love. Marrying in haste rarely ends well. Do not resent too much the "interference" of parents. You will travel long and far in this world before you will find any one who has your true interest at heart more than your father and mother, and age and experience have given them an insight into character which is much beyond your own. It is very unsafe to marry a man against whom so wise a friend has warned you. I never yet knew of a runaway match that was not followed by deep trouble in one way or another, and matches made "in spite" are pretty sure to end in lifelong repentance.—Woman at Work.

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