

More country correspondent's writings

By Gordon B. Seavey

If you enjoyed the writings of Samuel Law Taylor in a previous edition of the Eagle, here are some more culled from the columns of the extinct Westford Wardsman.

Sam was an ardent supporter of the First Parish Church and was its Sunday School superintendent for a number of years. Somewhat of an interesting character, he enjoyed contributing to the local newspaper — and the readers in turn enjoyed his whimsical writings.

Here are some which appeared during the summer of 1909.

The selectmen has posted notices warning against a dangerous speed of automobiles. It is hoped now that farmers and horses and lumber wagon travel generally will now have time to steer about as in the old-fashioned days of "Gee and haw."

The fare on that almost world-wide known branch of the Lowell and Fitchburg (street car line)

from Westford to Brookside installed another rate of fares and limit lines before sunrise Thursday morning. It is now seven cents from Westford to Brook-

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side with a five-cent fare tacked on to several cowyard bars along this distance. Better do all your riding now as there may be another change that may take more change before e'er you read these lines.

Graniteville

All the schools in this village closed last week Friday for the annual summer vacation. Through the kindness of A.R. Choate, chairman of the school board, the session ended at

eleven o'clock in the morning in order to give the children an opportunity to attend the circus performance at Lowell in the afternoon.

The strawberry crop has not been molested by frost or drought, which has resulted in a large crop collectively and individually. Some berries on the Eben Prescott farm at Chamberlin's Corner measure $5 \frac{3}{4}$ inches in circumference.

During the severe thunder storm last week, the house of James Spinner on the Boston Road was struck by lightning. It entered the house at the gable tearing off the window casing and plastering in the upstairs room, and breaking several panes of glass in the window, after which it passed down through the floor to the room below, demolishing a picture on the wall and passing out through the side of the house. At first it was thought the house had taken fire, but what was taken for smoke was probably

the dust from shattered plaster. An alarm for fire was rung, and was well responded to by the regular firemen and others. This was the second call they had had within a week, in both cases fortunate escapes from more serious injury. Luckily none of the Spinner family were in that part of the house where the lightning struck.

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The Sunday School of the Methodist church at West Chelmsford, which includes Westford corner, Oak Hill, Brookside and various other scattered fragments of rural life not yet large enough to be named "village," will take a trolley ride excursion to Canobie Lake Park.

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