

PELHAM, N. H.

Pelham-Lowell Line Ceases to Function—Other Service Curtailments Expected.

Pelham, N. H., July 31.

After almost 21 years of public service the Massachusetts Northeastern Street Railway Co. today permanently discontinued service on its Pelham-Lowell line—a sad blow to the people of this country town and perchance a real blow to the town itself, financially. And we are so told, to expect soon, a more drastic curtailment of remaining railway facilities. Really a cheerless outlook for transportation by electrics and all in this locality exists for the very near future.

Regardless of how much all may regret this situation the town will still remain and without doubt in this era of the automobiles there will be some means furnished the public for transportation although it can hardly be expected to measure up to the service that has prevailed during these past 20 years.

An interesting sequel to the abandonment of this line may be known in the resignation of Conductor Otis G. Giles about 21 years in the employ of this railway company and its predecessors who ran the first car with Motorman Charles Quimby over this branch to Merrimack Square, as then known, and who tonight collected the last fare which will ever be taken taken on his final trip—the 6.15 o'clock from Meadow road—which wound up the career of this line.

This line was opened Oct. 10, 1902 and today, July 31, was closed permanently for service.

The Nashua line was opened Sept. 10, 1902, one month earlier and incidentally Conductor Giles collected the first fare taken—one nickel—from Point A to Pelham Centre on that first Nashua trip.

This nickel was proudly displayed to Franklin Woodman, general manager of the company, at the time on arrival at Pelham, Mr. Woodman having ridden by bus from Lowell to intercept the electrics on their first trip with other officials of the railway company.

Thoroughly a railroad man and of unquestioned ability, Mr. Giles' resignation culminates a long and faithful service with this company and the termination of his services will be the cause generally of much regret.

Mr. George F. Burton and Miss Gladys M. Giles of this town were married at Nashua last Wednesday, July 25.

Mr. Wallace Galencia and Miss Emily M. Dierig, both of this town, were married July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lane and son Frank returned from North Attleboro, Mass., Saturday where they had been enjoying two weeks with relatives.

Mrs. C. Winthrop Hobbs is enjoying a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hobbs of Reading.

Miss Evelyn Bolton is taking the regular six weeks summer course at Keene Normal school preparatory to teaching. Miss Bolton is a graduate of Pinkerton academy.

Mrs. Estelle Hyde Richardson has returned from Keene Normal school where she has been taking a special three weeks course for teachers.

Arthur B. Simpson and Elmer R. Harris started by auto today for Spring Hill Mines, N. S., where they will visit Mr. Simpson's home town for a month or more.