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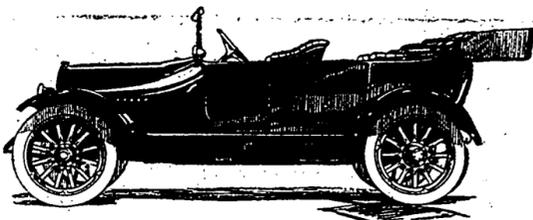
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### LITTLETON.

#### News Items.

On March 2 the selectmen will be in their office and all bills against the town must be rendered on or before that date in order that the books may be closed and reports sent to publishers at the usual date.

The Backlog sunset party, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. G. Frank Hibbard and other able members, will be held in the town hall on Monday afternoon and night, February 23. Dancing for the children from 4:30 to six o'clock, and for the older people from eight to twelve o'clock. Miss Etta Green will play for dancing in the afternoon and Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell will play in the evening. Supper will be served as usual at six o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Alex Gregory and assistants will make ample provisions for that part of the entertainment.

Miss Etta Ewings is visiting in Brockton this week.

Bad travelling and conflicting attractions made the attendance at the grange somewhat smaller than usual on Wednesday evening. The speaker, Mrs. E. O. Marshall, of New Salem, secretary of the Massachusetts State grange committee on the protection of wild birds, gave a very instructive talk on the subject of "Birds," exhibiting charts with colored pictures of many varieties. Mrs. Marshall discussed the different families and varieties of the feathered kingdom, their habits, nests, etc., the feeding of birds through winter months and especially emphasized legislation for the protection of birds. She is a thorough student of her subject and conducts nature classes in her home town. The lecture was received with deep interest and gratifying appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Somes attended the British ball in Symphony hall, Boston, Friday night. Mrs. Somes afterwards went to her brother's in Beachmont for a visit of a few days.

Through the courtesy of the grange and the Dairy Improvement association the public will have an opportunity to hear Mr. Morgan of Amesbury Agricultural college, who will lecture in the town hall on "Community service." Mr. Morgan is an unusually good speaker and many Littleton people are anxious to hear him discuss the above subject.

The Woman's club meeting slated for February 23, has been postponed to March 2.

The Baptist Woman's Mission Circle met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Everett Kimball, the ladies at the Common forming a party and going in Henry Cooper's double sled. Miss Rachel Curwell conducted the meeting, suggesting many interesting questions relating to immigration which were freely discussed. At the

next meeting officers will be chosen for the ensuing year.

The Baptist prayer meeting this week was held with Mrs. George F. Locke, King street. Next week Friday it will be held at the parsonage.

There was a very good attendance at the Baptist service on last Sunday morning despite the severe cold and bad travelling. The "long distance" families being numerous present.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown received news on Tuesday of the death of Mrs. Brown's niece, Mrs. Frank McIntyre, of Waltham. Mrs. McIntyre lived for many years in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, though she was better known in Harvard than in Littleton. She leaves one child, a daughter, two years of age.

The Baptist C. E. society will hold its mission Study class session on Sunday evening at six o'clock. Topic, "Immigrant perils and problems."

The Littleton churches have occasional union meetings throughout the year. They have their own home church day. They have used the "Go-to-church Sunday" idea to encourage attendance. They seek the welfare of the people and the people realize it and respond. They will be interested in the discussion on Sunday evening at the union service in the Baptist church of the claims of the church upon us all.

We are in receipt of a communication from V. T. Esten, but owing to extra work in the office getting different town reports set up we have not had the chance to get to work on it this week. As soon as spare time arrives we will print it.

The Odd Fellows will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday evening on account of the legal holiday on Monday.

There will be a dance in the town hall this Saturday evening under the auspices of the Odd Fellows and Odd Ladies' lodges.

The Odd Fellows have engaged the Dramatic club of the M. E. church of Grantville to present the drama "The District attorney," March 5.

#### Death.

Many Littleton friends attended the funeral of the late Timothy Sullivan at St. Elizabeth's church in West Acton Thursday forenoon. Interment was in Ayer beside the grave of his life companion, whose death occurred some sixteen months ago.

Mr. Sullivan was a native of Cork, Ireland, from which place he came to America at the age of twenty years and settled in Grotton. He married Miss Mary Coakley of that town fifty-six years ago, and afterwards moved to Littleton, buying the farm now owned by Harry W. Knights, living in the house recently remodelled by

J. W. Ames. About two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, having become infirm, sold their farm and went to West Acton to live with their daughter, Miss Nellie Sullivan, who has been a faithful and devoted daughter. It was at her home that Mr. Sullivan passed away on last Monday after an illness of four weeks at the age of eighty-nine years. The deceased was a man of estimable character and enjoyed the friendship of many people in this town and neighboring communities who will mourn his loss.

Three daughters survive him—Mrs. George W. Ames, Mrs. Nellie Sullivan, of West Acton, Mrs. John Collins, of Brookline, and one sister, Mrs. William Ryan, of Grotton.

#### Electric Road Question Again.

In spite of deep drifts and cold weather the Littleton people ventured out last Sunday morning and church attendance was very good. Through the courtesy of J. P. Thacher, who took a large two-horse sled, it was possible for a number of people to attend the morning service. At no time in recent years has the need of electric trolleys from the station to the West End, including nearly all of the Congregational church choir, to attend the morning service. At no time in recent years has the need of electric trolleys from the station to the West End, including nearly all of the Congregational church choir, to attend the morning service. At no time in recent years has the need of electric trolleys from the station to the West End, including nearly all of the Congregational church choir, to attend the morning service.

The perennial subject of electric cars in town is again under discussion and the people have a foundation for some of the theories in circulation. Whether this is true or not we like to think that Littleton citizens are interested in the subject and ready to contest a position that would solve the problem of transportation.

#### Lincoln Class Supper.

On account of the weather and other unfavorable conditions the Lincoln class supper this year fell somewhat short of the usual attendance, but the tables were fully up to the standard of former years and the entertainment was of a high order. A feature that was much appreciated was the singing of our Littleton male quartet. Ed. Whitney, first tenor; J. W. Dodds, second tenor; Oliver Shedd, first bass; Edward Stone, second bass. These gentlemen sing with excellent effect and are fully capable of providing the whole or part of an evening's program as acceptably as many similar organizations brought from other places at greater expense. Miss Elsie Whitney played the accompaniments and earned a good share of the applause with which the singing was received. All were charmed with the solos of Miss Grace M. Caulkins, of Medford. A voice of extreme purity and range, well trained and accompanied by a pleasing manner made this a most acceptable part of the program. Miss Emma E. Tenney gave one of her excellent story readings.

### HARVARD.

#### News Items.

Miss Olive Houghton goes this week with Fisk's Warrenton party to "hope, Ala." on a business trip. Miss Houghton goes as private secretary to Mr. Warren. While the trip means work there will be opportunity to enjoy the trip and see the country. The party expects to be gone about two weeks.

Joseph Savage, of Lakeville, was in town over Wednesday night. He is working as farm manager at the Lakeville sanitarium. He has eighty head of cattle in the dairy under his supervision.

Mary Davis is visiting this week with her uncle and family, James Murchie, Still River.

Miss Blanche Dadmum, of Somerville, is a week-end guest at O. A. Fairbank's on Lovers' Lane.

The town officers are at work this week arranging the town accounts preparatory to getting out the annual town report.

Road breakers are out this week on the hill roads and find some good old-fashioned drifts to contend with. The work is not without its pleasantness, however. The McGee crew on the Oak Hill district were served with coffee and cake while out last Sunday through the thoughtfulness of Mrs. George Brown. Our rural carrier, Mr. Hynes, has found some difficulty in making schedule time over his route, but by arranging his trips has managed to serve his entire trip of twenty-three miles every day.

Miss Florence Gleason, a teacher at Winchendon, and a friend of our immediate teacher, Miss Flora Oakes, spent last Saturday and Sunday here at the home of Mrs. Harris-horn.

Miss Marion Farnsworth, of Ayer, was a week-end guest last week at the home of her uncle, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Farnsworth.

The pupils of the Bromfield school will give a concert, entertainment and dance, postponed on account of weather, on Tuesday evening, February 24.

In connection with the men's supper to be given next week there will be a white apron and candy sale by the Ladies' Benevolent society.

#### Death.

Friends of Mrs. S. J. Savage and family sympathize sincerely with them over the loss of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. R. Clarke, of Lancaster, who was before her marriage Miss Ethel Savage, of this town. Her death was the result of complications following the birth of her last child. Funeral services were held at the Episcopal church at Clinton on Wednesday, an interment was at Lancaster. Her loss is a crushing blow to her husband who was devoted to her and to her son, Hugh Clarke, a sturdy boy to whom a motherly love and care has been so much, and to her mother and father and immediate family. She was taken in her youth, having just passed her thirty-third birthday. She leaves her husband, one son Hugh, her infant baby, and is survived by her father, mother and four brothers, Fred, Willie, Louis and Edwin Savage.

She was a girl of sweet and lovable disposition and no words can express the remorse that is felt on the sympathy that is extended to those who are left in grief. Her death occurred on Sunday morning, February 15.

#### Still River.

Owing to the deep snow there was no service at the Baptist church last Sunday. Also, for some reason the lecture advertised to have been given

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\$2.50 and \$3.00 Working Trousers now	\$1.98
\$3.00 and \$3.50 Working Trousers now	\$2.47
\$3.50 and \$4.00 Fancy Worsted Trousers	\$2.98
\$5.00 Fancy Worsted Trousers now	\$3.47

### SHOE DEPARTMENT

One lot of Queen Quality and Mayfair makes of shoes in Kid, Gun Metal and Patents, regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 grades, for this sale	\$1.48
Misses' High Cut Storm Boots in Tan or Black, in Button or Lace, regular \$2.00 and \$2.50 quality reduced for this sale to	\$1.69
One lot of Women's Tan Button Boots, regular \$3.00 quality, reduced to	\$2.39
One lot of Growing Girls' Tan Button Boots, a \$2.50 quality, reduced to	\$1.98
One lot of Men's Felt Combinations with a Two-buckle Duck Rubber, a \$3.25 quality for	\$2.69

### A FEW SPECIAL BARGAINS

Men's White Handkerchiefs	3¢
Men's Police Braces	15¢
Men's 50c. Police Braces	35¢
Way's Mufflers, 50c. grade	25¢
Boys' and Misses' Yarn Toques, 50c. grade, all colors	35¢
President Suspenders for this sale	35¢

### WINTER CAPS

Every Cap Marked Down	
25c. Winter Caps for Boys	19¢
50c. Winter Caps for Men	39¢
\$1.00 Winter Caps for Men	79¢
\$1.50 Men's Winter Caps	\$1.00
\$2.00 Men's Winter Caps	\$1.50
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Men's Coat Sweaters worth \$3.00 to \$4.00	\$1.98
Men's and Boys' Sweaters in Gray, Red and Brown, regular 75c. quality	43¢
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## George H. Brown

By Rev. Mr. Ringrose of Fitchburg on Tuesday evening was indefinitely postponed.

There will not be any services here Sunday evening, February 22 and account of the annual temperance meeting, which will be at the town hall, Harvard.

John Pelice, superintendent at the New England Brick Co.'s yard, received word of sickness of relatives in Italy Wednesday and started immediately for that country. He plans to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. John Neyland is very sick and but slight hopes of her recovery. Mrs. Dennis Neyland and son of Leadville are now there.

#### Deaths.

Saturday morning word was received of the death of Mrs. Ethel (Savage) Clarke, wife of John C. L. Clarke of Lancaster. Mrs. Clarke was well known here and her husband and family have the sincere sympathy of all in this great sorrow. The funeral was from the Episcopal church in Clinton on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. R. Bigelow, Mrs. C. H. Haskell, Mrs. J. P. Sprague, Helen Stone, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Haynes, Blanche Willard, Eliza Bateman, Miss Katharine L. Lawrence and Fred Savage from Still River attended. Mrs. Clarke leaves a husband and two sons, also her mother, father and four brothers. She was a very lovable young woman and she will be sadly missed from her associates of Lancaster, Harvard and Clinton.

Thursday word was received of the death from her home in Southville of Mrs. Helen (Whitney) Cheney, wife of Royal Cheney. Mrs. Cheney was a native of Still River, where she always lived until a few years ago when she sold the home place and moved to Southville. The funeral was to have been Saturday and Fred Bateman went there, but owing to the great snow fall it was impossible to get roads broke out so funeral was held on Monday. Her body was placed in the receiving tomb at Southville and in the spring it will be brought to their lot in Bellevue cemetery, Harvard. She leaves a husband and son, also one sister, Mrs. Mary Thorndike, who is now in Bermuda for the winter and a brother, Edward of Providence, R. I.

### BOXBOROUGH.

#### News Items.

The meeting of the grange on last week Friday evening was a valentine party in charge of Maria Steele, Hazel Morse, Luther Furbush and Ralph Smith. After cupid's arrow had pierced many a heart the gentlemen selected the lady whose heart corresponded with his own in number and marched to the dining hall where all the wounds were soothed by the excellent salad supper prepared by a committee consisting of Mrs. John Cobleigh, Mrs. S. B. Hager, Mrs. Irving Clark, Mrs. Hilbert Graves and Martha Hale. This supper was by the gentlemen in the two competi-

tive entertainments. The tables were artistically arranged and a valentine given each member.

For the first time for several years the roads have been blocked so that the mail carrier, milkman, grocer and fishman were unable to get through and we have had the pleasure of seeing a four-horse team and a big gang of men breaking out roads in the real old-fashioned way. That our road men have not forgotten how to make a good road is testified by all who come through and speak of the excellent way the work is done. The coffee and doughnuts furnished by Mrs. Linwood Richardson were greatly appreciated by the ten shovellers on two forenoons and brought memories of old days when cider was always furnished by the citizens.

Miss Grace Neudeck, of Worcester, who has given such excellent satisfaction as teacher at No. 1 school, closes her work there this week and returns to the Normal school in Worcester in order to receive her diploma. A teacher from Northampton is to take her place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson and George Richardson went to Stow grange on Tuesday evening to witness the conferring of the third and fourth degrees.

The selectmen will be at the town hall on February 23 to finish the accounts for the year and all bills want to be sent in on or before that date.

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WESTFORD.

Center. Misses Gertrude and Julia Fletcher entertained a group of friends with a delightful valentine whist Saturday afternoon of last week. Many of the pretty conceits of St. Valentine were observed for the afternoon. Partners were chosen by matching heart valentine hearts only were trumped, and in many ways the party had its pleasant individual features. Owing to the storm a few of the guests were unable to be present, but seven tables of whist were enjoyed. The first prize was won by Mrs. W. E. Wright, and was a beautiful Japanese lacquer treasure box with lock and key. The second prize, a pretty book of valentine sonnets, went to Mrs. O. V. Wells. Miss Eva Fletcher received the consolation prize, a pretty bouclé cap. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the game.

New telephones installed this past week are Mrs. Mary E. Calvert 5-9 and Joseph E. Sargent 55-4. Miss Willette Craig, who made many friends here while at work compiling vital statistics recently, was in town one day this week calling on friends.

Mrs. Peter Clement is seriously ill at her home in the care of physicians and nurse, having sustained a stroke of paralysis.

During one of the recent severely cold days the Westford relatives received a letter from Miss Mary Morin in Corona, Cal., telling of being under the trees gathering oranges and of hay making in progress on the ranch. Certainly a pretty strong contrast.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Hildreth are in New York on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher has been visiting relatives in Boston during part of this week.

Word has been received from Mrs. M. J. Wheeler in Denver, Col., that she has had the misfortune to fracture her left leg. The accident happened while coming down stairs. Everything possible is being one for her comfort and safety and she is resting as comfortably as possible.

Miss Edith Forster is substituting for Miss Parker at the Graniteville school.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bert Walker of Waltham are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Walker's. The former is convalescing from a recent illness.

Miss Helen Jones and Mrs. Sarah Francis of Lunenburg were recent guests at the Congregational parsonage, coming to attend the academy dramatics in which Miss Fanning Wallace scored such a commendable success.

Moreland Wetmore, the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bruce Wetmore, met with a serious accident the first of this week while skeeling. He was thrown and landing on a rock was badly hurt. He is now in the care of doctors and a trained nurse suffering from internal injuries.

Norman Day, the little four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Day, who is sick with scarlet fever, is reported as having thus far a normal case of the disease.

The Ladies' Missionary meeting of the Congregational church held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. L. W. Wheeler on Wednesday afternoon. "Medical missions" was the subject of the afternoon and Mrs. Wheeler read a paper on the subject supplemented by Mrs. W. C. Roudembush and Miss Loker. There was a good attendance and at the close of the program tea was served.

The men of the Congregational church are planning their annual social for next week Friday evening. There will be singing by Mrs. F. E. Banister, the choir of Lowell in charge of Mr. Pickens will give a recital. The men of the congregation are making a very decided effort to make this event the same success as last year.

The storm decidedly upset church services last Sunday. At the Unitarian church there was no service and at the Congregational church a group of about twenty all told held a service in the vestry.

Mrs. Gilmer Stone is spending the winter weeks with his sister and niece, Miss Leighton and Miss Fletcher.

Snowbound. It has been a very genuine winter the last week or more with extreme temperatures and the two snow storms one following the other, making the worst snow storm the branch line electricians have had to cope with in its history. In spite of the hardest kind of co-operative work between Supt. Cushing and the selectmen, Road Supt. McDonald and many helpers nothing like schedule time was resumed until Wednesday, making four days of interrupted service. The snow was over a foot on the level and the drifts were many times that in many places. Many of the townsmen entered into the work of shoveling the tracks clear of snow and worked like heroes until it was done. During the extreme cold last week temperatures of eighteen and twenty, and even twenty-five below zero were quoted. Every household had its individual problem of keeping warm and keeping the children from disaster. The school sessions have been badly interrupted and it goes without saying that it has been a tough proposition for the R. F. D. men, the milkmen and all others who have to be out and meet the weather as it comes.

Dramatics. The three-act comedy-drama, "The Teaser," given by the academy pupils last week Friday evening at the town hall proved very successful. The large audience was quick to accede to the young players not only the sympathetic appreciation usually extended where all are well-known, but a very just recognition of a most commendable presentation of each part. The choice of the play was fortunate, being more graceful and natural in action than many such productions. The same home-like family living-room served for the three scenes and special electric lighting for the evening added much to the effectiveness.

The plot of the play centered around the investment in a large slice of shares in the Teaser mine, which after a long time became valuable just when they could do the most good. It would be unfair to discriminate among the young players each balanced the others so well in their respective parts which were as follows:

Woven into the play was some excellent singing by a chorus of young men as follows: Arthur Walker, John Greig, Frank Johnson, Charles and Edward, with Miss Hazel Eastford as accompanist. Between the acts Miss Hazel Eastford and Morton Seavey sang with charming effect.

Dancing was enjoyed after the play with Miss Marlon Blodgett at the piano and Arthur Blodgett, violin. Refreshments were served in the lower hall in charge of Mrs. Emily Blodgett. The next proceeds of the evening were about forty-five dollars.

About Town.

The West Chelmsford Debating society has arranged for a change of social diet which will be served on Wednesday evening, February 25, at the usual Historic hall. The following is the proposed lay out to come to a try out: Lecture by Henry A. Smith of Lowell on "Practical principles of life insurance," followed by local talent in the humorous farce, "I want a servant." Inspiring music will thrill and fill the bill. This entertainment is free.

The Chelmsford Trio, of West Chelmsford activities, will size up the third of social dances at Marshall's hall, Westford corner, on Saturday evening, February 21. Opening time, 7:30; quitting time, eleven, at which time the last electric car will leave for the surrounding towns. The Crescent orchestra of North Chelmsford, Westford, and other musical realms will yank out much Yankee music.

Mrs. Fred L. Fletcher, of Main street, in company with Daughters of Veterans, attended the dedication of the monument to the army nurses which took place last week Thursday in the Hall of Flags at the Statehouse, Boston.

George Dunn, well-known in Brookside and other villages besides, has been spending his vacation amidst the rural friendships of his early home at Brookside. Some are no more, some are newly listed.

Elmer E. Whidden, of the corner of the same name, Groton and Oak Hill road, has fulfilled his engagement as engineer for the Boston Ice Company at North Chelmsford. His successor, Ernest Bridgeford, will work the throttle that gives the ice a boom except in price.

Among the other unmentioned symptoms of spring the Prairie farm has spring chickens coasting on these beautiful February snows.

The Sargents, living on the Edwin Heywood farm on the Chamberlin road, are under quarantine on account of the influenza. The oldest daughter, thus far is the only pronounced case. John Flynn is ill at his home on Pigeon hill, Stony Brook road.

The third farmers' institute in the winter series under the auspices of Middlesex North will be held on Friday, February 27, at the town hall, Billerica. The forenoon address will be given at 10 by Prof. O. B. Morton, of Amherst Agricultural college. Subject, "New movements in education." Dinner by the ladies of Billerica grange. Music and after-dinner speaking. Afternoon—Prize speaking by the children of the grade and intermediate grades from Billerica, Dracut, Chelmsford, Tewksbury, Wilmington and Tyngsboro. Electric cars leave Merrimack square ten minutes past the hour and every fifteen minutes.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher and Mrs. Fletcher bid an short adieu to their handsome, modern home on Oak Hill last Saturday and journeyed towards Panama canal and the delights of absence from snows and zero weather.

While the Stony Brook valley has been shivering with the heat fifteen degrees, John A. Taylor writes from the Stony Brook valley from North Dakota that the heat had been trying to rise from forty-one below zero, but was unable to rise on account of the frost.

The snow plow on Sunday cleared the snow from Brookside to Westford as far as the farm of Charles W. Whitney, where it collided with a plank. Shovels and the electric car did the rest of the collision.

Unreported at the time of its freshness and seasonableness was the birthday anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Banister and Miss Frances Banister, the oldest daughter, which occurred on Tuesday, February 3. Considering the triple nature of this event a surprise party celebrated the event at the Banister homestead. In part, those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ward Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stueland, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bridgeford, Mr. and Mrs. William Green and many others whose names have slipped upon an icy memory.

Oscar R. Spalding has nearly finished the lumber lot of Frank D. Lewis in Groton. The mill will then be taken to a large lot near Minot's Corner, west of the residence of Carver Symmes on the Carlisle road.

Successful Event.

With zero weather and blow ye snow the Benevolent society of the West Chelmsford village church started out to transact business last week and did it just as though zero had gone a summer vacation to the north pole. Mrs. Samuel Naylor had charge—enough said. Weather don't count as an obstruction against such expectations as are looked for from the experiences of previous leadership, the entertainment was Lowell talent. Miss Orpha Hutchinson, as reader, responded to encores. Miss Etta Thompson sang "The rosary" and "I hear you calling," and responded to the hand clapping. The Hayden quartet of young men sang three selections and then sang three more. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Johnson sang solos together that were fine. Miss Hattie Snow and Mrs. John J. Quessy had charge of the department of aprons and Miss Margaret Field led the candy procession. Those who assisted the efficient Mrs. Naylor were Mrs. F. E. Bickford, Mrs. G. H. McGregor, Mrs. George Billson, Mrs. Mallalieu, Miss Emma Brown, Main street, Westford, and Miss Margaret Field.

The Grelgs, the promoters of the Fairview farm, Brookside and the hamlet of Oak Hill, Lowell, North Chelmsford and other inhabitants whereabouts were a liberal part of those pleasantly hit with a benefit.

Fortnightly Club.

The Fortnightly club held its last meeting at the Wright school in Groton road. Plans had been laid for an elaborate and varied program for last week Friday evening, but owing to the icy nature of roads and paths some who were the program slipped down; others slipped up. This short-

ened the itemized program to one item: Resolved, "That wealth has a greater influence than character." Horace E. Gould opened for the plaintiffs and contended that wealth was chief of supplies for industry. The Old Oaken Bucket farm, by telephone invitation, was present and went gunning for character and thought he brought down some game, but the trophy on the merits of the question showed a unanimous vote for wealth as the most influential factor. On the merits of the arguments the vote was a tie. The writer is satisfied to win a tie vote in this most emphatic dollar age. After the debate, time not yet having been called over, were adopted looking towards gunning in any direction. A youth immediately shouldered a musket and aimed a tentative assault and battery on "Our new currency bill." He retired without causing any financial panic in Wall street or any other street and finished gunning by trying to shoot up for the benefit of the club the recent well-aimed, trained farmers' institute at Littleton. The next meeting will be held on Friday evening, February 27. A minstrel show is being rehearsed and if not ready for that evening something else will.

Starts for the Canal Zone.

Past Deputy Grand Masters Herbert E. Fletcher and Louis C. Southard, representing Grand Master Johnson, sailed from New York on last Saturday to deliver the charter issued to Canal Zone Masonic lodge at Ancon.

The city which they will visit adjacent Panama which is already a lodge, known as Sojourner, that was started under the regime of Grand Master Benton during his prolonged tour to that region and Chile. At that time he was accompanied by the deputy grand master who was Mr. Fletcher, and he, too, took part in the ceremony. The deputation will be joined by Past Grand Warden James M. Gleason and Past Master Leonard B. Nichols, who will proceed by another steamship and the trip will occupy several weeks.

Anniversary Celebrated.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ward, former well-known residents of the rocky, northern part of Westford, celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage last Saturday evening at their home at Middlesex North, Lowell. It was a severe drifting snow storm when they were married fifteen years ago and severe drifting snow storm at this anniversary celebration.

J. B. Ward and Edward Heath, of Westford, with phonograph; T. J. Knight, the magician; Mrs. B. P. Allen, in song, and Joseph Mahoney, as reader, all of Lowell, furnished entertainment. Many valuable presents aside from the entertainment were passed out in congratulations. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Matthew F. Downs, Mrs. Abbie Downs, Miss Mary Eddy, Mrs. Rose Shugrue, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Couture, of Westford, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cornell and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snow, of Tyngsboro and Mrs. Ida F. Shaw, of Andover.

Cost of High Living.

Frank C. Miller, the Coolidge farm farmer, visited his henhouse early on Tuesday morning at 10.39 by the old road and discovered a hen badly accented. He looked for rats, cats, etc., but no one of them pleaded guilty by mark of teeth or track, but in looking roofward he discovered a small owl, about the size of a dove, perched on the eaves of the hen, and getting between the hen laid down instead of laying eggs and took the rest of her punishment which sent her into the obituary column. Mr. Miller, with the aid of a small stick, rapped on the head of the owl for information as to why he did thus. Receiving no answer he turned him over to Miss Emily F. Fletcher, the taxidermist of the town for further questioning. On the same morning another owl was found in the henhouse on the Old Oaken Bucket farm living on poultry at twenty cents per pound. The proprietor would be liked to have preserved him, but alas, those sharp claws, to say nothing of the dead bird and lower jaw, and the dead hen did make it seem very safe like preservation scheme. The owner after calling in wisdom as a councillor decided to allow the owl to enjoy life and depart.

Graniteville.

The month of February has certainly been furnishing us with a branch of the genuine old-fashioned New England winter and the storm of Saturday was the worst that has occurred here for years. The snow was heavily drifted and the places and the townsmen were out in force breaking the roads. Sunday was a clear day and it looked as though we would have good weather again, but Monday's storm was another day and the work went for nought for the roads were heavily drifted again.

The members of Court Graniteville, F. of A., held a very interesting meeting in their rooms on Thursday night with Joseph Wall, chief ranger in the hall. Much business of importance was transacted and after the meeting the members enjoyed a smoke talk. During the evening a fine entertainment was given and luncheon was served. The whole affair proved to be very enjoyable.

Owing to the funeral of Fred J. Parker, there was no session held in the Sargent school on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Edith Forster of Westford has been teaching in Miss Parker's place at the Sargent school during this week.

Death.

Frederick J. Parker, an old and highly respected resident of this village died at his home on Sunday, February 15, after an illness of five days of pneumonia, aged 75 yrs. 6 mos. and 20 days. His death came as a severe shock to his many friends. He leaves one daughter, Miss Isabella A. Parker, principal of the Sargent school here.

The funeral took place from his home Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. The services were held at the house and were conducted by Rev. A. Earle Kernahan. Mrs. Kernahan sang two osios very effectively and Mr. and Mrs. Kernahan sang a duet that added greatly to the solemnity of the service. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The bearers were W. C. Wright, William Gordon, J. B. Carmichael, David Shattuck. The body was taken to West Chelmsford and placed in the tomb there.

LITTLETON.

News Items. By the will of the late George W. Sanderson a set of valuable books has recently been given to the public library. These comprise a complete set of the reports of the town of Littleton from 1843 to the

present time; complete school reports from 1849 to 1893; set of valuation and taxes town of Littleton 1860 to 1910, and a complete set of Old Farmers' Almanacs from 1798 to 1912. It would be very difficult to duplicate a number of these earlier publications, and as they are all substantially and beautifully bound they will afford to coming times a lasting reminder of the life of a beloved townsman whose interest in the library and in the welfare of the town were always firm and constant.

Patrons of the public library have noticed the handsome oak cabinet recently purchased to hold the card catalogue of the books in the library. The old case was much outgrown so the new entries of value could not be made there, and when these are all added to the cards in the new case it will be possible by looking at the card catalogue to find just what there is in the library on any subject or by any author. The case was bought with money left the library by the late Mrs. Sarah E. Whitcomb and will be marked with a memorial of her interest.

The entertainment to be given in the Unitarian vestry on next Friday evening under the direction of the Alliance committee of West and will doubtless be well attended. The first part will be a musical with selections given by a number of our younger artists of local fame and the second part a play entitled "1750-1914, a midnight fantasy." During the evening home-made candles will be on sale.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will take place on Monday afternoon, February 23. The program will consist of a report of the civic committee, current events in charge of Rev. O. J. Fairfield, and music.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, visited her brother at his home on Foster street Saturday and Sunday.

The school children enjoyed the illustrated lecture on Abraham Lincoln given by Rev. H. L. Packard in the town hall Monday afternoon. The large collection of slides presenting the history of the great president through a novel method. Mr. Packard's kindness was gratefully appreciated.

The Historical society will meet in the library reading-room on Monday afternoon, February 22, at 7 o'clock. The program will consist of the usual reports, including J. A. Harwood's history of Littleton for the year 1913, reminiscences of the late Hon. W. Sanderson read by Miss A. Sanderson and facts of interest in regard to Liberty square by A. F. Conant. An invitation is extended to all who are interested.

Miss Laurice Flagg went to Northfield yesterday to spend a few days with her sister Olive, who is a student in that institution.

Mrs. Charles Bonnell and son Ralph of South Andover were guests of Mrs. Elmar Flagg and Mrs. Everett Kimball, part of the week just past.

The Ladies' Whist club met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Hartwell.

Miss Dorothy Blodgett spent the week-end at Wellesley college, and attended the college glee club concert.

Col. James F. Moore attended the funeral of the late Comrade Henry P. Shattuck, of Groton, last week Friday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pickard returned to school on last Monday after a long absence through illness from laryngitis.

We have just received information that the Herrick Seed Company of Rochester, N. Y., wants lady or gentlemen representatives in this section to sell their stocks of seeds, trusses and seeds. They inform us that without previous experience it is possible to make good wages every week. Any one out of employment write them for terms and enclose this notice.

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Saturday, February 21, 1914.

GROTON.

News Items.

Rev. Alonzo Sanderson, who died in a private sanitarium at Thetford, February 19, was born in Lunenburg, Vt., seventy-six years ago, was educated at Lawrence academy and Brown university.

Born on Saturday morning, February 14, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paulhus.

Born on Saturday afternoon, February 14, a son to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Kilbourn.

Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott Leonard has nomination papers for school committee to serve three years.

Amos L. Ames, Jr., whose term of service as selectman expires this year, has nomination papers out for re-election.

Groton grange confers the first and second degrees at their next meeting on Tuesday evening, February 24.

The D. R. meeting was held with Mrs. E. B. Brantley on Thursday at the tenoroon. The program was appropriate to Washington's birthday.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. William A. Lawrence on Thursday afternoon, February 26, at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Rogers, of Peppercell, will read a paper.

The W. R. C. met on Tuesday afternoon, but on account of the poor travelling the number attending was so small that the Lincoln and Washington memorial exercises were postponed to the next meeting.

A number of the private pupils of Miss Lowe met at her home on Friday afternoon of last week and gave a fine program of piano and vocal music. The program closed with a musical guessing contest followed by afternoon tea and a social time.

The board of registration of voters meets in lower town Saturday, February 21, from twelve noon until 6 o'clock p. m. All women who wish to vote for members of school committee or the next town meeting must appear before the registrars in person in order to qualify.

The registration of voters is a simple matter. One is required to read a simple paragraph, write his name, state residence and name and take an oath that their statements are true. The law requiring a tax of fifty cents in order to vote has been repealed. No money is required now from women as a prerequisite of voting.

Tickets for the oriental pageant play in town hall for Friday and this Saturday evening have sold rapidly.

The annual play given by the Groton School Dramatic club will not be given in the town hall this year. Their play, "The Bigelow's butler," will be staged at a Groton school gymnasium this Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Although the greater proportion of the seats will be taken by the friends and relatives of the school boys there are a number of good seats offered for sale to the public.

The play is an English play, written in American in scenery and other effects. The costumes, especially of the ladies, are very fetching.

At the Congregational church supper last week, February 12, Mrs. M. A. Bowers, chairman of the supper committee, had elaborate flag decorations about the room in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

The nomination papers for Carleton A. Shaw, Mrs. John Lawrence and Mrs. Charles Bixby for school committee are filed.

Mrs. Emma Hartwell Kennedy, sister of the late Dr. B. H. Hartwell, was in town for the gentlemen's night of last week Friday, the guest of Miss Boutwell. Mrs. Kennedy, who has lived for years at Zanesville, Ohio, is at present at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charlotte Lathrop, at Arlington.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be at the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, February 27. Mrs. Minna Elliot Tenney Peck, a sister of the president of the Littleton Woman's club, will be the speaker on the subject "Holland." This is under the department of arts and crafts.

Mrs. Charles Twiss of North Groton, who had been ill for quite a long time, died early Monday morning. Her husband died some time ago.

Miss Rose Peabody, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Endicott Peabody, is to serve in the group of bridesmaids at the wedding in the Church of the Incarnation, Boston, Saturday of Miss Rebecca Lloyd, daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Lloyd, to Gavin Hadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Hadden. The wedding will be one of the largest and most important of the late winter and there will be six pretty bridesmaids.

George T. Stevens' term of service on the school board expires this season. He is not seeking reelection.

The Gentlemen's night annual social at the Baptist church is to be held next week Thursday.

The choir of the Congregational church with some outside voices has begun rehearsals on an Easter cantata to be given in the church on Easter Sunday evening, April 12.

Though rather early for rowing the Groton School boys have been practicing for over a week now with enough men out to fill up four shells. There has been a slight change in the stroke, more leg, drive and less body swing being the idea. The following boys have been rowing on the first crew: Bow, Peabody; 2, DeVear; 3, Morse; 4, Oilphart; 5, Davis; 6, Lawrence; 7, Coombe; stroke, Schirfflin.

Last Saturday it took Dr. Albert M. Shattuck four hours to come from Worcester to Groton to clear the water blocked by the snow. Dr. Shattuck visited over Sunday at the home of his brother, Grant W. Shattuck.

Groton with all the rest of New England has had the experience of a real old-fashioned snow storm, com-

mencing between one and two o'clock, Sunday morning and continuing through the day. On Sunday the roads were too bad for travel and the Go-to-church Sunday of the week before was changed by necessity to stay-at-home Sunday. There were no services at the Unitarian and at the Congregational a small number were in attendance, the services being held in the vestry. At the Baptist there were about twenty out in the morning some less in the evening.

Chicopee row was especially shut in by the effects of Saturday's heavy fall of snow. The drifts along the road north of W. H. Dodge's were piled up four or more feet high. Geo. H. Woods with a force of several men and teams was breaking it out on Monday and Tuesday. Between the road was broken out it was necessary for passersby to go through the fields. On several other roads the drifts were very high, men and teams working through Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The snow fall of several inches that fell Monday night was followed by a cold wind which made the drifts higher and traveling more difficult and hard to endure.

Miss Genevieve Hodgman, a teacher in the West Springfield high school, came home this week Friday for a week's vacation.

Miss Gladys Mason, teacher in the Lincoln school at Malden came home this Friday for a week's vacation.

The Congregational church social with supper and entertainment of last week Thursday evening passed off very satisfactorily. There was an excellent supper and entertainment. It was estimated there were about one hundred in attendance—a very good number considering the cold weather.

Having obtained a position on the staff of a hospital in Boston Dr. S. G. Underhill purposes to leave Groton in the near future.

H. L. Bradford, at present principal of the high school, is a graduate of Colby, not of Boston college, as printed in the item in this column last week.

Miss Ruth Blood, after a long trying illness, returned last week to her duties at the Fitchburg Normal.

A. W. Stedman of Boston and the Colorado School of Mines was the aggressor in a three-round boxing contest at the Denver A. C. February 16 and won the decision over Horace Duke of the Colorado Aggies. Stedman did considerable boxing before he went to Colorado. When he was at Groton School he was the champion of the school from 1910 until he left in 1912. He feels confident of winning the title in the heavyweight class.

The Groton Alliance will give a social dance in the town hall on Monday evening, February 23. Music will be furnished by the Heakney-Wallace orchestra of Worcester and a good time is guaranteed to all. The matrons are Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood, Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell, Mrs. Henrietta M. Chase and Mrs. Frances G. Lawren; Miss Ruth Blood, Mrs. Edith M. Waters, Miss Ruth T. Rockwood and Miss Helen M. Lodge.

A Great Sufferer. James R. Hawkes remains at the Massachusetts General hospital, where he went suffering from heart trouble seventeen weeks ago. These weeks have been full of great suffering for him and disheartening anxiety for Mrs. Hawkes, who is near him and sees him daily. Although he came through the crisis in the pneumonia and pleurisy with which he was taken soon after Christmas, and from which there seemed a slim chance of recovery, he did not gain afterward. The doctors used an aspirator with desired effect, and last week Monday operated on him, removing a piece of a rib to insert a tube for drainage. His sufferings the past few weeks have been indescribable. It seems a marvel that all who have been with him at the hospital that he should have lived through such experiences. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes have the sympathy of their Groton friends.

Groton Woman's Club. The Groton Woman's club held gentlemen's night at their regular meeting on Monday evening, February 23. Music will be furnished by the Heakney-Wallace orchestra of Worcester and a good time is guaranteed to all. The matrons are Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood, Miss Georgianna A. Boutwell, Mrs. Henrietta M. Chase and Mrs. Frances G. Lawren; Miss Ruth Blood, Mrs. Edith M. Waters, Miss Ruth T. Rockwood and Miss Helen M. Lodge.

Responses to eucres lengthened the program. Mrs. Bradford giving extra monologues, all of which, if we judge correctly, were original. All were given in a delightful and inimitable manner. The entertainment was heartily enjoyed and appreciated, given by persons of refinement and culture.

George E. Hodgman, of the hospitality committee, had charge of the excellent chicken pie and salad supper. There were 175 enjoyed the appetizing repast. Daffodils were laid beside each plate as favors and decorations, with a flower of the club color—yellow.

After supper, which was served in the lower hall, the company returned to the main hall, where there was informal dancing in the old-fashioned step. Miss Alice Lodge was the pianist. Those who did not dance enjoyed the hours in social conversation. The affair closed at about twelve o'clock.

The two hundred persons present are unanimous in naming it as a most enjoyable occasion—a grand public debut of the Groton Woman's club.

Town Meeting Warrant. The town warrant contains twenty-five articles this year. The town meeting is to be held on Monday, March 2. The following are the principle articles, the others being the usual ones for moderator, election of officers, etc.

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the public dump.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for band concerts.

To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for school gardens.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sidewalk on Farmers' row.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to extend electric lighting system to the house of Peter Fallon.

Art. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty dollars to purchase a clock for the town hall.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to employ a copy of the annual town report to every voter before the date of the town meeting and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to instruct the road commissioners to make some provision for the water in front of the house of Thomas Haley.

Art. 17. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the street lighting system from the present end thereof to the Ayer line (on Old Ayer road).

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to repair or replace all damaged and broken cement sidewalks.

Art. 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to build a sidewalk from the present end thereof as far as possible on North Main street.

Art. 20. To see if the town will petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics for an audit of its accounts in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 538 of the Acts of the year 1910.

Art. 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to carry out the above system of accounting in the event of article 20 passing.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to change the date of the annual town meeting from the first Monday in March to the first Monday in February.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to gravel the Old Ayer road from Peabody street toward Ayer.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to abolish the road commissioners.

Art. 25. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purchase and erection of suitable signs on the highways.

West Groton. Mrs. Joshua Bixby is quite ill this week.

Myra Thompson has been in bed this week with tonsillitis in care of her physician.

Provost Thompson, who was injured by falling from a wagon seven weeks ago, straining the muscles of the leg and injuring the sciatic nerve, had the limb placed in a plaster cast last Sunday and is able to walk more easily than with the crutches he has been obliged to use of late.

Earl Sleeper is confined to the house with a grippe cold.

Mrs. Gilbert Wheaton returned from Groton hospital on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her little daughter Geraldine, who had visited with relatives in Groton.

Mrs. C. A. Keen, whose illness with double pneumonia was reported last week, is much better.

Born in Ayer on Friday, February 13, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Avery Hartwell of this village. Mrs. Hartwell is staying with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Craft.

Mr. and Mrs. George Canney arrived in town on Saturday of last week and were entertained at the March home. They left town Tuesday.

The L. A. society will hold its next regular meeting with Mrs. M. E. Williams, Thursday afternoon, February 26.

Owing to the extreme cold and the severity of the recent storms the school children have enjoyed several holidays in the past.

The Gun club gave a vaudeville entertainment and dance on Wednesday evening. The house was well filled. The club was obliged to omit two acts owing to the illness of one of its members, but nevertheless entertained its audience with some of the best vaudeville acts, including a rapid picture drawing, etc., that together formed an entertainment of purely vaudeville character.

We regret that we cannot give a more complete account of the program. Mr. Pierce was not the names of those who took part.

Ralph T. Kilbourn of Albany is visiting his aunt, Mrs. H. Spaulding.

Mrs. R. W. Bliss was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Bartlett, of Malden last week. On Monday evening they enjoyed the play, "Way down East," at the Boston theatre.

Meeting. The Improvement society met in lower hall on Tuesday evening with no vacant seats. M. F. McGowan was present and spoke at length on the fire department. Much interest was shown on this and various other questions. Money was voted for the use of the forestry committee and it is expected that one hundred trees will be purchased and placed where most needed.

It was arranged that the fire department and the papermill squad or fire brigade should engage in a competitive trial of speed and skill, the time, place and other details to be decided by M. F. McGowan and Frank Cottrell. Mr. McGowan is not a member of the society but guaranteed that the department would engage in the test.

A challenge was given and accepted for another race for a turkey supper, the competitors to number three. Details of this race, if carried out, will be given later. The need of a fund for the keeping of the hall piano in proper condition was discussed and means taken to place the matter before the community to whom the piano belongs. The chairman of the outlook committee suggested the formation of an athletic club and the desirability of a Lincoln portrait in the grammar schoolroom was mentioned by Mr. Trowbridge.

At the close of the business meeting Mrs. A. W. Lamb, in behalf of the entertainment committee, announced a short program, consisting of selections on "New England weather" by Mark Twain and interesting remarks by Mr. Trowbridge on the statues and paintings of Washington. Following this very enjoyable program light refreshments were served. The entertainment committee were given a rising vote of thanks closing a very pleasant and satisfactory meeting.

Clipping. Especially good photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Trofatter of Roxbury, who own a summer cottage in West Groton appeared in the Monday issue of the Boston Post, accompanied by the following clipping, which will interest to those who have known them well through many years:

On February 23, at their home, 52 Dudley street, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H.

Trofatter will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage.

Both firm believers in the power of mind over matter and in thought transference, the Trofatters, who have built up a sympathy in their years together, which enables them to follow each other's thoughts, have had human agencies, though they may be in different towns.

Instances of this mental union that makes their long wedded life unique were convincingly related at his home yesterday by Mr. Trofatter.

"We have country homes in Groton," he said. "When I am there alone in the evenings I can hear the canary birds singing in the parlor of my Roxbury house. I can distinguish their notes so clearly I can tell which bird is singing."

On one occasion I was in Groton and daily wrote my wife as to the condition of a very sick friend there. On the day he died she awoke knowing that he was dead and that his death occurred at four in the morning. A few hours later she got my letter telling that he had died at precisely that hour."

Both the aged couple—Mr. Trofatter is eighty and his wife two years younger—are in robust health, except for slightly failing eyesight.

Each has a definite reason to assign for their long and happy life. Mrs. Trofatter says that she owes her well-being to the fact that she keeps active by regularly doing all her own housework. Mr. Trofatter assigns his longevity to many years of smoking, and even goes farther with the claim that it cured him of a serious chronic illness.

Gleanings From Florida. We (Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shapley) bought a house on January 16, and are now occupying it at Lantana, on Lake Worth. This lake is narrow, but about forty miles in length. We have a fine sea wall and an oyster bed. The house has nine large rooms and bath; also, a piazza seven feet wide on all sides. The kitchen, parlor and living room are 12, 15 and 16 feet square, respectively, while the dining-room is 21x16 feet. The parlor is finished in mahogany.

The beautiful lake can be seen from every room. We have trees of various kinds—coconut, guava, sapodilla and Australian pine. The last named trees are very large, one is about two feet in diameter and I am told is one of the largest in the state. The sapodilla tree bears fruit like a pear and the guava makes delicious jelly. I think there is, nearly, if not quite, a cart load of coconuts on our trees—one tree has about a hundred and the smallest are as large as a teacup. The large coconut trees are thirty years old, while several small ones that were set out last year were four feet high and are expected to bear when seven years old.

The thermometer registers between sixty and eighty degrees nearly every day, but it does not seem very warm as we have such a breeze from off the lake. I find that most of the provisions are somewhat higher here than in the north—but of is forty-four cents a pound; eggs are fifty cents a dozen; sweet potatoes twenty cents and our northern potatoes twenty-five cents a peck; salt pork is twenty cents a pound and twenty-five cents a pound. I bought fourteen turnips and sixteen good sized beets for twenty cents. Oranges are eighteen cents a dozen and grape fruit are sold three for ten cents.

Mrs. Wilbur and I went to Port Seawall, about thirty-five miles from West Palm Beach, fare \$1.00, with dinner and supper. We passed an old oak tree on which were a number of orchids. I have seen hundreds of palms and cypresses nearly seven feet high, most having no green leaves on the stem. We noticed a tree containing an eagle's nest which looked as large as a bushel basket. Two bald eagles were in possession.

I have met many people from the north and west and several who are acquainted with Groton. I find that one of my nearest neighbors, who lives about a three-minute's walk from us, lived in Groton several years ago.

There are eight houses besides a store, postoffice and railroad station within eight-minute's walk, and it is about three hundred feet to the pier where the large boats and steamers stop. Lantana is nine miles south of West Palm Beach on the Florida east coast railway and is about 1900 feet from Ocean Beach, where many resort for the splendid bathing and salt water fishing. The Gulf stream is about a half mile from shore. Lake Okechobee is one mile west from Lantana and is noted for its fine fresh water fishing. There is a broad auto road leading to the lake; this road leading west will be the main highway to Lake Okechobee, which, as a part of the Everglades, is to be reclaimed by an elaborate system of drainage.

We take the following clipping from the Tropical Sun of West Palm Beach: "At present there have been excavated as main canals the North and South New river and Miami canals. These under construction are the Express Creek, Snake Creek, Snapper Creek and Hillsborough canals. Contract has been let for the Palm Beach canal. Until completion of this system of canals will not wholly accomplish the purpose of reclamation, but after the construction of the Lake Okechobee-St. Lucie canal it will not be unreasonably expensive to so increase its capacity that it will suitably drain a major portion of the Everglade district."

SHIRLEY. News Items. Garnet Simpson, of Malden, will sing a solo on Sunday morning at the Universalist church. Mr. Simpson possesses a fine tenor voice.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church held a supper and sale on Wednesday evening which proved a very successful affair, netting the ladies a very neat sum.

Center. Horace Harris, who was recently appointed carrier on the local R. F. D. routes, has given up his position and accepted a position as railway mail clerk, for which he took examinations some time ago. Henry Eisner, substitute carrier, has taken his place on the route, beginning Monday.

Miss Priscilla Sweetser left on Monday for a short visit with relatives in Reading. Miss Sweetser intended to spend last Saturday, but was prevented by the snowstorm.

The attendance at the Center primary and grammar schools on Monday and Tuesday was very small on account of the extreme cold and the bad roads. Monday being a holiday the schools will not be in session.

Arthur R. Holden, who has been ill with the jaundice and who has also been taking the Pasteur treatment, is now able to be out again.

The open meeting of Shirley grange which was planned for Tuesday evening, February 24, on account of the extremely cold weather and the cold weather, a short business meeting will be held from 7.45 to eight o'clock. After that a whist party, open to the public, will be held. Those who do

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not care for whist will have an opportunity for other games. A short program of music and readings will be given. The proceeds of the whist party and social are to go to the educational aid fund of the grange.

New Advertisements. CARD OF THANKS

We wish in this way to thank Dea. H. H. Gay and all other neighbors and friends for sympathy and assistance in our recent bereavement. We wish especially to express our appreciation of the kindness of Rev. G. M. Howe, of the U. A. R. comrades and of the W. R. C. and also for the use of the Congregational church rooms at the funeral.

MRS. HENRY P. SHATTUCK, MR. and MRS. JOHN LOCKE and Family.

Groton, Mass., February 18, 1914.

NOTICE. The Groton School Building Committee wish to notify the prospective bidders on the West Groton Schoolhouse that all proposals are to be in by February 25, instead of on February 20.

ARTHUR W. LAMB, Secretary.

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Saturday, February 21, 1914.

AYER.

News Items.

According to a recent issue of the Lowell Courier-Citizen Congressman John A. Rogers of the 1st district, which includes Ayer, will be a candidate for re-election this fall.

There will be a regular meeting of the executive board of the Ayer Woman's club at the home of the president on Friday afternoon, February 27, at 2:30 o'clock.

J. Narcisse Cornellier, who has been running a meat market in Concord, N. H., for several years in concord with his market here, has disposed of his business in Concord and hereafter will devote all his time to his local interests.

In the program given in this column last week of the recent entertainment in A. O. H. hall, the name of William J. Flynn, of Shirley, was through a mistake omitted.

One of our business men was invited as a spectator to a private dancing party recently and after observing the intricate moves of the new-fashioned dances for awhile was invited to take part.

Frank Brasseur, a former well-known resident of Ayer, died at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H., on Thursday, February 12. He was taken to the hospital for treatment on December 26 from his home on Forest street here, and had been confined there since.

At the only appearance in concert of Mme. Schumann-Heink in Symphony hall, Boston, Saturday afternoon, February 23, Miss Nina Fletcher, the talented violinist and a native of this town, will assist the noted singer with whom she is touring this country.

The annual Washington's birthday dinner will be served by the ladies of the Unitarian church in their vestry on Monday, February 23, from twelve to one o'clock.

The Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon in the Congregational vestry. A report of the meeting of the State Federation was given by the delegates.

Tomorrow morning at the Unitarian church Rev. William Channing Brown will preach on "Enduring satisfactions in this world of hazard and rapid change."

Patrick H. McGuane died last Monday of pneumonia after a short illness at the age of fifty-four years.

Robt. Murphy's Sons Co. are exhibiting in their show room the new 750-watt Mazda hydrogen lamp.

Rev. Clyde L. Nevins, pastor of the Methodist church, has found it impossible to give his attention to his church duties and his studies at Boston university and has severed his connection as pastor.

Letters remaining unclaimed for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending February 16: Miss V. Darcup, H. Day, John H. Elliott, Mrs. William H. McKee, Mrs. George Moffatt, Albert Smith.

Rev. Vaughn Dabney, pastor of the Congregational church, delivered an interesting address before a large audience in the church last week.

The Boston Ice Co., after many delays owing to the unfavorable weather, finished harvesting their ice at Sandy pond Thursday.

The following persons from here attended the complimentary ball at Littleton Tuesday evening: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Beverly, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Priest, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Andrew, Mr. and Mrs. Howard P. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dwinell, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer, George H. Brown, Miss Mary Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Proctor, Fred A. Smith, Miss Minnie Whitaker and Miss Alice Sanderson.

Frank Willis is confined to his home by sickness. J. V. Brown is assisting in the lunch cart during his absence.

George L. Osgood, while trying to get home to dinner from his place of business last Saturday in the heavy storm in his powerful automobile, got stuck fast in a huge drift in front of Turner's dry goods store.

Under such conditions the heads of the families were unable to provide even a bare living for themselves and those dependent on them.

Mr. Dabney is very familiar with the history of these people who live in that section for years.

The doctor was obliged to make his professional and other visits on foot. There was no place for a nervous man.

William H. Leahy is confined to his home on Church street with an attack of the grippe. Mr. Leahy is foreman for the Daniel Gage Ice Company, of Lowell.

The remains of Timothy Sullivan, who died at West Acton, were brought here for interment at St. Mary's cemetery on Thursday.

Further news as to the condition of William A. Richardson, formerly of this town, who was badly injured in an automobile accident in San Diego, Cal., on August 1, has been received.

The union temperance meeting at the Baptist church last Sunday evening was largely attended.

The Knights of Pythias, by order of the supreme lodge, will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the order during this month.

The grange most cordially invites all members of other granges residing in town to come to the meetings.

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product were stored and which were owned by the trust. These were burned. Sympathizers with the trust were not exempt from the wrath of the band and the speaker told of the wrecking of a newspaper office because the editor condemned its actions.

Mr. Dabney said that the people of Kentucky were very hospitable and even the poorer classes would cheerfully share their sometimes scanty provisions with persons who called at their houses.

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George S. Boutwell, W. R. C., observed the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln on Tuesday evening by a special program in charge of Mrs. Lucie S. Richardson.

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roll of the members, who responded with the quotations on the cards. As toastmaster, Dr. Hopkins then called upon the members and guests to speak.

The regular meeting of Ayer grange on Friday evening was a very enjoyable one.

Following the literary program the lunch boxes brought by the ladies were sold at auction by Ell W. Carley.

Those members who stayed away from the meeting. Come to the next on March 2 as a good program is promised by the lecturer.

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Chain. Bridge, above Washington, where they performed picket duty. While at this point Mr. Phillips was promoted to first sergeant.

He was then detached with others to return to Vermont and help enforce the draft.

Mr. Phillips heard for the last time in the war, only four miles from the capital, while the first one he heard three years before when he was within fifteen miles of the same city.

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FOR SALE—A Second-hand No. 8 Range, good baker, in good condition. Apply to FRANK B. BENNETT, Ayer.



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WESTFORD. Forge Village. The sympathy of the village is extended to the bereaved family and other relatives of Mrs. Henrietta MacDougal Heywood of Westford, whose untimely death occurred last week at the Lowell General hospital.

On last week Thursday the children of Cameron school held special exercises in commemoration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Ice cutting was again suspended last week owing to the very bad weather. A high-hitting wind and extremely low temperature made it impossible for the men to do the work.

At the residence of John Edwards on 21<sup>st</sup> below white on Thursday in one place the 28<sup>th</sup> below zero mark was reached.

Dr. Hoban of North Chelmsford took Mrs. Antonie Billide to St. John's hospital last week.

The annual concert of the Grotton School orchestra which was to have been held at Recreation hall Monday evening was postponed on account of the severe snow storm.

On next Sunday services will be held at St. Andrew's mission at 4.30. The many friends of William Leahy of Ayer, manager of the Daniel Gage Co. in that village, are pained to learn of his serious illness at his home. It is hoped that favorable reports from his bedside will be heard soon.

New Advertisements. CARD OF THANKS—We wish to thank you so kindly aided us in the night our house was burned and for their many kindnesses to us. NEWCOMB GREEN and Family.

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**Economy Hints**  
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**How to Reduce Flesh.**  
As a change from the strenuous exercises usually advised for obesity by expensive specialists why not embody these gymnastics in the everyday task, thereby adding interest to the tasks and grace to the body? If your waist is inclined to thickness you can incline it to suppleness by always washing your hands in the bottom of the bathtub. Do this, if possible, without bending the knee. If faithfully pursued this little practice will accomplish as much as ten minutes of bending exercises.

Have you a desire to improve your carriage and add weight to your appearance? Have the hooks in your wardrobe almost beyond your reach so that every time you go for your hat or a garment you will have to stretch your arms upward and stand on tip-toe.  
Do not sit down to put on your shoes and stockings. You may have to perform all sorts of queer antics to accomplish your purpose, but the bending exercise you go through in doing so is worth more than those of the gymnastics, because you will work harder with a tangible object in view.

Hairbrushing is a wearisome task, but if the desire to move with grace is put into every stroke and if the wrist is held firm the action is certain to be an excellent hand and wrist exercise. If you do your own marketing walk to and from the market briskly, taking long, even strides and swinging the limb from the hip without bending the knee. All the bending and reaching exercises of your household work may be transformed into benefits if they only will be considered in that light and if the mind will work with the body in tabulating them as beneficial exercises instead of physical exertions.

**HOUSEHOLD HINT.**

**How to Make Convenient Paper Covers For Leftovers.**

The housekeeper uses all sorts of dishes—cups, tumblers, pitchers and tins—as receptacles for the leftovers that are inevitable in housework. The white of an egg, a little apple sauce, pieces of butter, half a tumblerful of cream—countless odds and ends have to be saved. Frequently they occupy a large part of the pantry crockery. Most of the improvised receptacles lack covers, yet it is important to protect the contents. Paper covers will do the work. They are light, clean and convenient and once the knack is acquired are easy to make. Filter paper, such as chemists use, is the best for the purpose. It is inexpensive and so soft and tough that it can be folded several times without breaking.

Cut out a square piece twice the size of the top of the tumbler or dish to be covered. Clip off the four corners; then with your left hand hold the octagonal piece in place upon the tumbler. Roll the projecting edges of the paper inward and upward and press them against the outside of the tumbler or dish.

If you have made the cap correctly you can easily remove it from any smooth edged receptacle, such as a tumbler, and use it again and again.

**How to Use Dried Fruit.**

Take the required quantity of the dried fruit, rinse well under running water, then soak in fresh water for about fourteen hours. Next prepare a sirup to taste by adding best white sugar to boiling water. When the sirup has come to the boil place the soaked fruit very carefully in the sirup and allow it to simmer for fifteen minutes. On no account let the sirup boil when once the fruit is in it, as if you do it will become pulpy and unsightly.

Serve cold or hot, as required, as stewed fruit or in pies and tarts.  
To make jam prepare the dried fruit as for stewing. Place the required quantity of soaked fruit in a preserving pan and add one pound of the best white sugar for each pound of soaked fruit. The time is as with the fresh fruit, but it is necessary to add more water.

Moreover, one pound of dried fruit will make four pounds of jam.  
**How to Care For Overshoes.**  
When buying overshoes be careful to see that you get those that have not been left over from last season. Even the best quality will deteriorate during the heat of summer and wear out much faster than the new stock.

The cracks in rubber overshoes, which will soon result in holes, rendering the shoe useless, may be nicely mended with a piece of surgeon's adhesive plaster. Fit a piece of rubber or thick felt into the heel and then cover this with the plaster. It will be a protection against wear.

When rubbers look old apply a coating of patent leather shoe polish and they will be like new.

**How to Remove Match Scratches.**  
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**TOWNSEND.**

**Center.**  
Master Ernest L. Dow gave a party to his friends and schoolmates Monday evening, the occasion being his twelfth birthday. About seventeen were present and games were played during the evening. Refreshments were served and Ernest was the recipient of several nice presents. The little folks stayed until about ten o'clock.

Mrs. Minnie Withers, of Boston, was a week-end guest at Mr. and Mrs. George Tarbell's.

Don't forget the special meeting at the grove on Tuesday evening, instead of Monday, when town affairs will be discussed and the warrant for the coming town meeting will be read. The Country club and "Old City" friends and neighbors of Mrs. Charles Allen, matron at the town farm, who very much regret her death, which occurred this week at West Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Allen moved from Lunenburg to Old City, where during their stay they made many friends, and when they accepted their position at the town farm the absence was regretted. Mrs. Allen is the mother of the Misses Armstrong, of Fitchburg, and Leominster, who are twin sisters and step-mother to Mrs. Clarence Sherman, of this town.

Robert Teehan, of Boston, and Louise Teehan of Manchester, N. H., were week-end guests at Robert Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Bliss of Needham visited relatives in town last week.

Townsend received its share of the blizzard last Saturday and also has come in for some cold weather the past week and this week. Thermometer registering anywhere from 16° to 26° below zero several mornings. The snow fall was from 14 to 18 inches as reported from different parts of the town.

The senior class of the high school will hold a fair at Memorial hall on Monday, February 23, at 7 o'clock p. m. Ice cream, food, fancy and candy tables will be well supplied for the occasion. The rural play in four acts, "Home Ties," will be given at eight o'clock with the following cast of characters:

- Martin Winn, with memories of the past
- Leonard Everett, a son of the soil
- Harold Vincent, from New York
- Charles Howard
- Joseph Tizzard, an umbrella mender
- Ruth Winn, Martin's daughter
- Helen Tarbell
- Alma Wayne, her friend from the city
- Aunt Melissa, Martin's sister
- Alice Davis
- Lindy Jane, who "helps around"
- Hazel Richardson

**Concert and Ball.**

The annual concert and ball given by the Squannacook Steamer Company at Memorial hall last week Friday night was a decided success in every way, it being one of the largest and most costly parties ever held here. The concert given by the State Glee orchestra was of its usual high order, the cornet solo by Nelson Bernier being the chief attraction, and he always gets a hearty welcome in this town. A very fine trombone solo was also given by a member of the orchestra. After the concert dancing was enjoyed from nine to two o'clock. The grand march with 103 couples was led by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Colby. This did not begin to comprise the people or dances present, and many did not join in the march and the gallery was filled to overflowing with interested spectators, some of whom danced later.

At intermission a fine oyster, meat and pastry supper was served in the banquet hall. The boys were fortunate to escape the big storm which started as the dance ended. The large crowd was handled in an admirable manner and the several "speakers" upon the premises were not kept busy except to prohibit the use of matches and rag time dancing, and very little trouble was given, the hall being posted for the occasion.

**Town Meeting.**

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, at ten in the morning at Memorial hall as usual. The warrant has been posted and contains twenty-nine articles for election of a moderator, necessary officers and committees for the ensuing year. The committee for suppression of vice and illegal sale of intoxicating liquors and those upon the licenses question and raising and appropriating money for highways, bridges, breaking snow, roads, lighting, support of poor, etc. Following are the articles:

Article 4. To decide whether money should be refunded to the town on account of the dog license shall be used for public library or schools.

Arts. 10 and 11. To see if the town will vote to accept from the late Sara H. Spaulding and from Mrs. L. Lawrence the sum of \$100.00 each, the income to be used for the perpetual care of the Jonathan Spaulding and Stephen King lots.

Art. 12. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to lay out lots and grade the avenue in the Center cemetery, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to instruct the treasurer to transfer from the cemetery funds to the town treasury \$50.00 and to appropriate \$25.00 to be expended for cemetery purposes, according to the provisions of the will of the late James N. Tucker.

Art. 14. By request of the auditors to see if the town will vote to adopt some suitable method of keeping the accounts of the cemetery commissioners and say whether the same shall be kept by the town treasurer or by the cemetery commissioners.

Art. 15. To raise and appropriate a sum of money for the placing of electric lights on Highland street.

Art. 16. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to rebuild the stage in Memorial hall or take any action relative to rebuilding or improving said stage, that will meet with the requirements of the inspector of Buildings of the State Police, who has condemned the arrangements of the stage as it now appears, forbidding its use where scenery is used.

Art. 17. To raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to make necessary repairs in Memorial hall building.

Art. 18. To raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to shingle or slate Memorial hall building.

Acts of the Year 1909 as affected by Chapter 494 of the Acts of the year 1911, which provide that eight hours shall constitute a day's work for town employees? See Chapter 822, Section 1, Acts of 1913.

Art. 22. To see if the town will petition the Director of the Bureau of Statistics for an audit with the provisions of Chapter 698, Acts of 1910, and amendments thereof.

Arts. 23 and 24. To authorize the town treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the financial years of 1914 and 1915.

Art. 25. To direct the tax collector to charge interest upon all taxes not paid at a specified time.

Art. 26. To see if the town will fix a time when taxes shall be paid.

Art. 27. To raise and appropriate a sum of \$150.00 for the purpose of painting Seminary hall at West Townsend.

Art. 28. To raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase a suitable tract of land and the erection of a modern one-room rural school building on Bayberry hill, or act in any way thereto.

Art. 29. To raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to remodel Seminary hall building into a three-room building.

**West.**  
Mrs. Amelia Allen, wife of Charles Allen, overseer at the town farm, died at two o'clock, Tuesday morning from the effects of three shocks, the last attack coming but a few hours before her death. Her illness has been but a little more than a week in duration and her death is a sudden and severe blow to her husband and children. She was born in New York in 1860 and was the widow of Mr. Armstrong of Lunenburg by whom she leaves three children—Walter Armstrong of Webster and Lura and Lora Armstrong of Leominster. She was married to Mr. Allen quite recently and they have been but a year in charge of the town farm, but are exceedingly well liked by all and much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Allen.

Everett W. Seaver of the Center has been spending a few days with his brother, G. A. Seaver.

Thomas Smith has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Charles Streeter of Everett, who has been for several weeks in the hospital with pneumonia, is visiting his father, Clarence Streeter, at Mrs. Frank Farrar's.

Mrs. Hattie Blood, who has been quite ill, is improving. Her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Marshall, from New York is with her at present.

While driving up to this village last Tuesday Superintendent of Schools Knight with Mr. Higgins and A. S. Howard of the Center were spilled out just a short distance below the railroad crossing. In turning out for another team they struck a big drift and in some way the body of the sleigh became detached from the runners and was left with its passengers beside the road, while the frightened horse ran as far as Father's table, where it was caught and it was found the occupants were not injured by their experience.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARGARET E. FARNSWORTH late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate not already administered of said deceased to FRED A. PATNSWORTH of Ayer in the County of Middlesex without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

3122 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

NIGH UNTO DEATH

By ALVA R. HUNTINGTON

It was at a time when the trans- mississippi country was developing, and instead of the iron horse, with its train dashing along at the rate of fifty miles an hour, the stagecoach lumbered at the rate of five or six. One of these coaches left Denver one morning, struck the mountains at Golden City, mounted to the highest point and moved on downward and upward alternately toward Georgetown.

On the top of the coach a gentleman and his family were enjoying the scenery. The driver sat on his box trying to keep awake, for he had been drinking, while beside him sat a young man whose costume denoted that he was a resident of the region. The coach reached the top of an ascent, and the road in front wound downward in one of those frequent dips in the mountains. It had begun the descent, and the young man sitting beside the driver, noticing that he had failed to put on the brake, looked aside at him to see what it meant. The fellow was asleep and had not only failed to "brake," but had let go his hold on the reins, which were now down on the pole.

A punch in the ribs awoke the driver, who, seeing the reins dangling from the pole and the coach rolling rapidly down the crooked road, jumped from his seat, preferring rather to be injured by a fall on the stony road than to be hurled over a precipice he knew to be at a turn farther down.

There were shrieks from the women passengers, while the men were paralyzed. But among the latter there was one exception. The young man left alone on the box let himself down on the pole, gathered up the reins, climbed back on to the box and put on the brake. The horses were by this time so wild and the speed so great that it was very difficult to control the one and lessen the other. Not an eighth of a mile distant was the turn in the road, with a gulf a thousand feet deep on one side. The cries and shrieks had ceased with the effort thus far made to regain control, and every eye was fixed on the danger ahead, every breath held in terror.

The man on the box kept a firm hand on the reins and pushed with all his strength with his right foot on the brake. There was a lessening of the speed, but would it be reduced sufficiently to go safely round the curve? The hearts of those whose lives were at stake were throbbing in time with the jumping of the horses. When the turn was reached the velocity was still so great that there was little hope. The women recommenced to shriek. "Stop that!" said the driver. "You'll excite the horses!"

The cries ceased. There was no sound except what came from the horses' hoofs and the creaking of the coach, while every one held with a tight grip to his seat and looked with straining eyes at the gulf before him. The driver guided the horses as near the rock on the inner side as he dared, for should he hit it the coach would be knocked over the precipice. Notwithstanding his effort so great was its swing when it made the turn that a hind wheel slid over a slope a few feet from the edge. The driver gave a yell to the horses and threw the long lash of his whip among them with a crack. Every animal gave a jump, the wheel came back on level ground, and the rest of the turn was made in safety.

The final effort caused the horses to break forth again, and again they must be brought under control. But now the road was comparatively straight and soon the inclination began to lessen. In a few minutes the bottom of the dip was reached, and the coach was brought to a standstill. Then the driver was in folded in the arms of those on the outside of the coach, both men and women.

An hour later the coach drove up to the hotel at Idaho Springs and all alighted. The gentleman who was traveling with his wife and family took the driver aside for a private interview.

"You have saved the lives of a coach load of persons," he said, "including myself, my wife and family. Had it not been for your coolness and courage we would all have met with a frightful death. What can I do for you? I'm rich and my fortune is at your disposal."

"You owe me nothing, sir," said the young man, with a British accent. "My own life was in jeopardy. In saving myself I saved the others."

"You could have left the coach as the cowardly driver did."

"To this the young man made no reply.

"Come," resumed the gentleman; "anything you ask that is in my power to grant shall be granted."

The young man hesitated, then said: "I don't belong here; I came from England. You know the younger sons in England must shift for themselves. I came to this country, where I am not known, and can turn my hand to anything. Being fond of horses, I drove a stage. I have left that and am going up to Georgetown to start on a prospecting tour."

But the young man's plans were changed. He went to the east, entered the banking house of the man whose life he saved and is now wealthy. He says that he went just near enough to the edge of a precipice to grasp a fortune without going over

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.  
The remains of Mrs. Emily Farwell, widow of the late Henry B. Farwell, were brought here last week for burial in the South cemetery. Mrs. Farwell passed away at Tuesday and had as long as she was able been a visitor in town each summer for a long time. She was a daughter of the Dr. David and Louise (Marshall) Harris, who was the first settled physician in town, and with his family resided in the house now owned and occupied by Mrs. Sarah L. Colburn, near the "old meeting-house."

Miss Hattie Smith has been assisting at the new library rooms in cataloging the books. The work was finished in the week end, and the list sent to the printer for new catalogues, and Miss Smith returned to her home at Townsend. The library will now be open as usual on Saturday afternoons and evenings.

The young men of the town conducted a social and dance at the Dan- ings Memorial hall on Tuesday evening. The Standard orchestra, of Pepperell, furnished music. This is a new orchestra, but is giving good satisfaction.

Mrs. Samuel Fuller, Mrs. George Nye, Mrs. Lorina Eddy, Mrs. Viella Dodge, a child of Joseph Oulette and Mrs. Lora O'Hara have been ill, but all are improving.

Harry Campbell attended the funeral of Mrs. Riddley at Boston last week.

The fair under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society took place on Friday evening of last week. A fine entertainment and supper, with homemade candy table, apron and fancy articles, made a pleasant evening's entertainment.

Alexander L. L'Ecuyer has purchased the house on Mason road owned by Homer A. Brown, and will soon open it for business.

Quite a number of ice men left here on Friday of last week for Wilmington, Mass., to cut ice and fill some houses there.

The public schools closed last week for a six-weeks' vacation.

A very pretty calendar has been issued by the American Humane Education society, one of which has been placed in the public library.

Brookline experienced the worst storm of the last winter. At about three in the morning the snow began to fall and it continued through the day until nearly dark. The weather was very cold and no one that was not obliged to go out went out doors. Sunday was bright and sunny, but zero weather prevailed. Everyone who had a team worked nearly all day breaking roads and paths. One lady living alone in the village, who is over seventy years of age, took her shovel and bravely shoveled a path from her house to the sidewalk, a distance of one hundred feet or more. Monday a little more snow fell and Tuesday the lumbermen made a road making a road to the woods. The glass has shown from fifteen to twenty-two degrees below zero for several days, not going over ten above. This is a real old-fashioned New England winter.

The house occupied by James Farnsworth on Bond street has been wired for electric lights; also, Mrs. Etta Rockwood is enjoying electric lights in her home.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.  
Mrs. Gray, who has been caring for Miss Hattie B. Hayden for a few weeks, returned to her home in Dover last Saturday. Miss Hayden is very much improved.

Mrs. Frank Clement has been quite poorly of late and her niece, Miss Florence Blood, of Hudson, has been with her some of the time.

Frank Lund, of Hudson, was in town last week Thursday to attend the funeral of S. Merrick Pierce. Mr. Lund used to work for Mr. Pierce.

Charles Spaulding, Jr., of Hudson, visited with Perley A. Lund on last week Thursday.

Mrs. Johnson, of Milford, who has been assisting as nurse in the home of L. J. Hayden for a few weeks, returned to her home on Monday.

The Sewing Circle was held on last week Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Powers. It was a bitter cold day and only thirteen ladies able to be present. The hostess had the home very nicely warmed and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. M. G. M.

Obituary.  
Silas Merrick Pierce, one of our elderly citizens, who died very suddenly Monday morning, February 9, was laid at rest in the East yard on Thursday afternoon. Although the day was bitterly cold many of Mr. Pierce's friends and neighbors, and a few relatives gathered at his late home to bid farewell to one whom many of them had known from childhood.

Many about town will remember Mr. Pierce as a pleasant, kindly-hearted old man, whose gentle ways endeared him to his friends.

The services at two o'clock were conducted by Rev. Robert French, pastor of the Hollis church. On account of the severe cold the burial services were held at the house as only a few relatives followed to the grave. The bearers were D. Fred Pierce, George, Robert and Wesley Leavitt.

Mr. Pierce was born in Hollis July 2, 1831, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Read) Pierce. He was a direct descendant of several of the early families of old Dunstable and Groton. A grandson of Richard Pierce, who served one enlistment from Hollis in the Revolutionary war. Among his ancestors was Samuel Warner and Thomas Read. The former being one of the founders of the first church in Dunstable. The latter served in King Philip's war in 1675. Among his ancestors are found the names of Jewett, Shad, Cummings and Blanchard, all names well known in the early history of Hollis.

Mr. Pierce numbered among his possessions the Pierce farm in the east, which had been in the Pierce family for three generations (Richard, Daniel and Silas M.).

December 4, 1881, he married Elmira E., daughter of Zoroaster and Ellnor (Starkweather) Ladd, of Coaticook, P. Q. she was born at Canaan, Vt., on October 7, 1842. At the time of the marriage she was a resident of Lowell, Mass.

Several years ago Mr. Pierce removed to Hollis village on account of his increasing age and the continued ill health of his wife, for whom he has devotedly cared.

He leaves besides Mrs. Pierce, one sister, Mrs. Charles Adams, three nephews by the name of Pierce—Frank, William and Fred, and a number of nieces and nephews, most of whom reside in Massachusetts.

TOWNSEND.

West.  
The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle met at the Reading-room last week Friday afternoon and held a most interesting valentine meeting consisted of exercises appropriate to St. Valentine's day. At the close of the program each member received a valentine and light refreshments were served. It being the birthday of Mrs. Josephine Boynton she was presented with a handsome box of candy by the members of the club and also received several postcards.

Miss Margaret Bell has returned from a few weeks' visit to the home of her brother in Greenville, N. H.

Benjamin Lawrence, of Sunapee, N. H., is in town this week, coming on Saturday to attend the funeral of his uncle in Dunstable.

On last Saturday, following one of the most severe cold spells of the season in which the mercury ranged from eighteen to twenty-six below, came an old-fashioned blizzard, one of the most severe for fifteen years. The trains were hours late and roads on the hills were rendered almost impassable by drifts. The library was not opened and all books due that day will be continued until Saturday without fine. The schools were closed on Friday on account of the cold, it being impossible to properly heat the school rooms and on Monday the children from the outlying districts were not brought to school on account of the condition of the roads.

The service at the Baptist church on Sunday morning was conducted by Walter Wilder in the vestry with eighteen present. There was no Sabbath school on Sunday school service. The Y. P. S. C. E. met at the usual hour with ten present, Mrs. Fred A. Patch conducting the service for Foster Hamilton. There was no singing service as Mr. Winslow, who was absent in the interest of the Little Wanderers' Home in Boston was unable to be present.

Miss Lena Thompson spent the week-end with friends in Fitchburg.

Constable Fred A. Patch, who for many years has served the town in that capacity, has announced his determination to refuse renomination for that office this year.

Clarence E. Streeter has been on the sick list at his boarding place at Frank Farrar's this week.

Amos Jodery received a divorce from his wife, Margery Jodery, of Boston, last week at the Cambridge court.

Charles Allen, superintendent of the town farm, received a visit from his town from Webster last week Friday.

Herman, William and Benjamin Lawrence and Mrs. Charles P. Stickney went to Dunstable on Monday to attend the funeral services of their uncle, Levi Lawrence, whose body arrived from Deland, Fla., on Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies' Study club will hold their regular fortnightly meeting at the Reading-room on Monday evening, taking up the life and works of three English novelists under the direction of Mrs. George A. Seaver.

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Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by BENJAMIN M. SPALDING who prays that he may be appointed executor thereof to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court and by giving post-paid notices to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

3122 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of SAMUEL E. FARNSWORTH late of Ayer in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to FRED A. PATNSWORTH of Summit in the State of New Jersey without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of February, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

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Saturday, February 21, 1914.

## PEPPERELL.

### About Town.

Arrangements are being made for a St. Patrick's party to be held in Oddfellows' banquet hall on Tuesday evening, March 17.

The town caucus will be held on Monday evening, March 2, at 7.30 o'clock.

D. E. Weston's horse took a lively gallop down from the Tucker farm and over Cross street on Monday in spite of snow drifts. He was stopped near the blacksmith shop with not much more damage than a torn blanket.

The many friends of Mrs. L. H. Bean, who went West after the death of her husband, have been very anxious about her, as no communication has been received from her lately and their letters have been returned uncalled for. A letter lately received from a friend of hers in Somerville states that she is living near her son Harry in Boston and is expected at Somerville visiting soon, which would indicate that Mrs. Bean is in fairly good health.

Mrs. G. W. Adams, who has been suffering from a severe cold, is much improved in health.

Ruth Morgan has returned to her home very nearly recovered from her recent operation for appendicitis, which was performed in a New York hospital. Her sister Harriet, who has just completed her course of study there as nurse, accompanied her.

The town schools closed on Friday, February 20, for one week's vacation.

Mrs. E. M. Comery, of Concord Junction, recently made a week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Marshall, on Elm street.

Miss Florence Sherwood, of Worcester, is a visitor at the home of her uncle, Robert Sherwood, Mt. Lebanon street.

F. H. Wilson was at his home on Elm street on Friday and Saturday of last week, returning to his work at Lawrence on Monday.

Mrs. Maude Hartwell has been ill and confined to her home on Tucker avenue this week with a hard cold and an attack of indigestion.

The pupils of Miss Helen Robbins held a very pleasant little social dance at Oddfellows' hall on Monday evening. In spite of the bad traveling and much snow there was a good attendance, about thirty being present. The scheme of gaining partners by matching up the numbers on certain cards proved rather amusing and the evening was much enjoyed by all. The class will not meet again until after Easter.

Mrs. Otto Shattuck entertained her sister, Mrs. Arthur Proulx of Lawrence, and relative, George Miller, on Wednesday of this week.

Ivan K. Parker of this town and Miss Carrie G. Brown of New York city were united in marriage on Saturday morning, February 14, in that city. The bride is a resident of that city, but has spent many summers in town and has many friends here. They arrived at their home on Oak hill Sunday morning in spite of the condition of the roads caused by the storm, which the bride pronounced a jolly freak of old New England weather.

Miss Elsie Northrup, who has been visiting in town, left here for Manchester, N. H., Wednesday morning. She was accompanied by Mrs. Carroll Robbins and Mrs. Howard Willoughby, who went for the day to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willoughby and with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Willoughby, who have just started housekeeping.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Orlan Parker of Brookline street on Wednesday of last week.

Mary Sullivan, the daughter of Humphrey Sullivan of Mill street, was badly burned about the feet and limbs last week by the bursting of a steam pipe at the Champion Card shop where she is employed. She was carried home and physician summoned who dressed the burns and made her as comfortable as possible. She is very much improved this week.

Miss Muriel Robinson has resigned as organist at the Methodist church, Mrs. L. N. Goodwin of Leominster, who recently appeared before an audience as the pianist in the Euterpean trio, has been engaged as organist, and will commence her new duties

the first Sunday in March. A class will be formed to be under her instruction, the members of which will be very fortunate in obtaining so proficient a musician as a teacher.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Hanna on Wednesday, February 11.

S. M. Nokes had the misfortune to lose one of his work horses during the severe cold spell of last week, the cause being partial paralysis due to the bursting of an artery.

Joseph Donnelly made a business trip to Berlin, N. H., last week Friday, as the Pepperell card shop, of which he is superintendent, was shut down. On his return he again took a trip to Rumford, Me., on business.

The social dances held by the Oak Hill Amusement society at their hall in Berlin, Me., on the present occasion on account of the severe weather and so many attractions at this part of the town.

The no school signal was blown on Thursday and Friday mornings, because of the intense cold. Sessions were held as usual on Monday, although the drivers of the barges were provided with snowshoes. Attendance in the lower grades was much less than usual.

### Wonderful Surgery.

As a result of a wonderful work in surgery little Edna Cotton, but five years of age, is running about with her playmates today instead of being either an invalid for life or perhaps not alive. She is the daughter of Harry Cotton and lives with her uncle, Richard Cotton, of Cottage street, and his wife, who have always treated her like an own child.

It was noticed during the latter part of the summer that she did not seem very active and well and finally it was noticed that she was using her arms with some difficulty and her head was a little drawn to one side. Upon examination by a town physician, she was found to be suffering from a diseased condition of the upper part of the spine. By his advice she was taken to Boston and through his kind intervention was admitted to the Children's hospital on Huntington avenue, the last of September.

The various physicians and the specialist connected with the hospital pronounced it tuberculosis of the upper spinal column. At first she wore a brace, which is the older method usually applied in such cases. This is naturally more or less painful and trying and after a month's trial of this treatment it was deemed expedient to resort to the newer mode of treatment and operate. A splinter of bone was taken from the child's lower leg and inserted in place of the diseased bone in the spine.

This is one of the wonderful surgical operations of today, not thought possible a few years ago and although of very rare occurrence as to excite comment on the cases, yet it is meeting with universal success.

The child was for some time at the home for convalescents at Wells street, where she recovered her strength in a measure, although not able to walk very strongly when she was at last brought back home. She is still in a cast and the wound on the leg yet shows where thirteen stitches were taken, but the diseased condition seems to have entirely disappeared as she moves about straight and active and seems so much more bright and joyous. She goes back to the hospital in March for examination, but there seems no doubt of her ultimate recovery.

### Death.

Mrs. Mary Ann Twiss, wife of Chas. Twiss, died at her home on the North Groton road on Sunday, February 15, aged seventy-six years. She had been ill for some time with chronic nervous trouble and the hard weather of the past weeks with lack of proper care and nourishment, no doubt, hastened her death. She was a native of Hollis, N. H., and married Mrs. Twiss as his second wife nearly fifty years ago. They first lived in Dunstable, then at Groton, at two or three different places in this town, their last place here being the house now owned by J. M. Graham on River street. They moved to the Alex. Sanderson place, where she died about three years ago.

The deceased was formerly a well-known person on our streets, as for years she made and sold vanilla and other extracts, and was at that time possessed of quite a degree of shrewd business ability.

Services were held at her late home on Tuesday afternoon, E. F. Harroon officiating, and Lyman Blood kindly sang two hymns. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb at Peppercorn street and interment will be in Hollis, N. H.

The deceased leaves no children, only one or two by adoption, and two step-daughters. Her husband survives her, very infirm and aged.

### Quick Trip.

The snow storm of Saturday put out of commission the few autos that had kept about so far into the winter. The big auto truck of the Nashua River Paper Mills made one or two trips during the day by means of frequent repairs and new chains, but in the afternoon the drifts on Canal street near Mr. Greenough's proved too much for it, although they only had about half a load, bound for

the Hollingsworth mill. Street Commissioner Nokes responded to a telephone call and the truck proceeded as far as the highway near Groton, where it remained until Sunday afternoon. The roads were broken out Sunday forenoon it managed to get as far as J. M. Graham's, when it gave out again, either the machinery or the patience of Driver Steitz. On Monday it succeeded in getting the load into the Groton mill yard, its destination.

Probably, considering the "regular down-caster" we were having this winter, the best that could be done, but Mr. Steitz's horses are a plenty good enough for him, under present conditions, and teams were put back on the job on Tuesday.

### A Bold Burglary.

The house of Mrs. W. W. Gillespie on the South road was broken into either Thursday night or early Friday morning of last week and forty-two dollars stolen. A more cowardly burglary cannot well be imagined as at this time the occupants of the house were Mrs. Gillespie, who is nearly helpless and confined to her bed from rheumatism, her sister, Miss Miller, who is not in good health, although she has been caring for her sister in the absence of Miss Effie Gillespie, who has been visiting relatives in Canada, but is expected home this week. The rest of the household were the children and young people who board with Mrs. Gillespie, none of them old enough to afford much protection. Since it is thought that the theft was committed by someone who was well acquainted with the house and the habits of the inmates the attempt was disastrous.

Entrance was effected through the sitting-room window and the desk there was first ransacked, also the drawer of silver, before the thief ascended into Mrs. Gillespie's room and found the amount of money taken in a box under the bed. There was a vague recollection of feeling Mrs. Gillespie's shadow passing from her room, sometime during the night, but being exhausted by the pain which she suffers constantly, she did not rouse herself, supposing it might be her sister coming in for a moment as was usual.

The matter has been given to Officer Monteith and it is hoped the thief will be brought to justice, as if the suspicions are correct, it is not a first offense.

### Death.

William F. Simmons died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roswell Lawson, on Wednesday afternoon, aged seventy-nine years. He had been ill during the winter with a succession of hard colds and a complication of heart trouble and since Friday had not been able to take any nourishment. He was naturally an active energetic man and the enforced inactivity during this winter was trying to him.

He was a native of Nova Scotia, coming here to live with his daughter about three years ago. From a large family of eleven children, of which he was the youngest, he is the only survivor in this state and a son in Nova Scotia survive him, his wife having passed away some time ago.

Services were held at his late home at Mr. Lawson's on Hollis street on Friday morning, Rev. P. R. Stratton officiating, and the body was taken to Round Hill, Nova Scotia, for burial Friday noon, his daughter, Mrs. Lawson and husband accompanying the remains.

### Bad Walking.

There were several mishaps resulting from the foot and a half of snow which fell on Saturday, accompanied by the high wind which converted it into hard drifts by night. One of these, according to the three passengers, almost became a calamity. Two of the passengers on the belated evening train were Raymond Carter, from Fitchburg, and Fred Mills, from Boston, coming to spend Sunday at the home of Mrs. Carter. They were advised to spend the night in town, as did some of the others, but being very desirous of reaching their homes they finally persuaded E. S. Durant to undertake the trip.

The train manager, E. H. Hovey's Corner, with considerable difficulty, and there they encountered a deeper drift which set the two horses floundering, resulting in a broken pole, upon which Mr. Durant promptly announced that he would do the best he could, but could do no better, as he was obliged to get back to his stable as best he might, and his two passengers turned pedestrians.

Mr. Carter reached his home without much difficulty, as he had not so far to go, but the other two were found for the residence of F. E. Mills on the top of Oak hill, contrasted his walk somewhat unfavorably with a trip of the same distance in a subway car. Nevertheless such things will happen in New England once in awhile.

### Fine Entertainment.

The supper and entertainment held by the men of the Congregational church on Thursday evening, February 12, at that vestry, was successfully carried out. The supper tables were well filled by those who did justice to the tempting viands with which they were spread. The illustrated lecture given by Mr. Bain, one of the firm of Bain Bros., wholesale grocers of New York, was thoroughly interesting and based on facts, as Mr. Bain made a tour personally about two years ago among the "islands of the Pacific," and most of the pictures thrown upon the screen were from his own camera. The islands of the South Sea were especially portrayed. A good-sized audience was present to enjoy the lecture, a large party coming from West Groton, by special invitation, being conveyed here by Mr. Bixby. The whole evening's arrangements reflect great credit on the committee. E. L. Tarr, C. H. Miller and E. S. Durant.

### Ladies' Trio.

We regret that guest night of the Woman's club should have passed unnoticed, but we were not able to obtain an account in these columns last week. We do not regard it too late, however, to mention the fine evening's entertainment given by the Euterpean trio. They were not assisted by a reader or by any local talent, as was first intended. It was planned. They rendered selections during the reception, gave an hour's pleasing program, and continued to play for the dancing which followed until twelve o'clock, making an exceedingly strenuous evening's work. They received repeated encore which they were obliged to ignore, the piano solo, "Cathedral chimps," receiving special notice, as it was rendered by Mrs. Goodwin, pianist. Many who were privileged to hear them have expressed their appreciation of the program under less exacting conditions.

### Grange Notes.

At the meeting of Prescott grange held at their hall on Friday evening

of last week, the attendance was much smaller than usual on account of the severity of the preceding days. There was a short program of instrumental music and Rev. P. R. Stratton gave an interesting talk on "Farming one hundred years ago and now," speaking particularly of the difference in implements and methods. The hall could not be made even comfortably warm and the program was shortened in consequence.

Friday evening, February 27, will be agriculture night in this grange. The program will consist of a paper on "Ins and outs of farm life," by Mrs. Walter Shattuck, a song by Charles Spaulding, a paper on "Labor saving machinery on the farm" by G. Elmer Shattuck, and W. N. Maul will give a talk on "Soil conditions." This will be followed by a ten-minute social which will be under the supervision of the steward, Ellen Miller, George Jay and Albert Pillsbury. The evening would seem to offer attractions for all classes, and it is hoped a large number will attend if weather conditions are favorable.

### News Items.

The Men's committee of the L. S. C. of First Parish will hold their annual supper and entertainment in Central hall on Thursday evening, March 5. Further particulars in next week's issue of this paper.

Elgin Grenache and Amos Mahony spent the first of the week in New York city, where they attended the sale of trotting horses at Madison Square Gardens.

Benjamin Grenache had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse last week. Mr. Grenache was hauling wood from Groton when the horse slipped and fell, breaking its legs. It was necessary to shoot the animal.

Among those who attended the fireman's ball in Townsend last week Friday night were Linville Shattuck, Joseph Wiley, Fred Mill, William Shattuck, Margaret O'Leary, Bessie Farwell, Margaret Roddy, Helen Robb, and Lillian Frost. All reported an excellent time in spite of the snow storm, which started during the evening.

Mrs. H. E. Frost of Sheffield street received good news this week from her nephew, Willie Donon, who on the 17th of January, Elmer, had been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Irving Seaver, left for home this week. Mr. Adams made many pleasant acquaintances while here and all wish him a safe journey home.

Warren Green will hold a dancing party at Memorial hall next Friday evening.

The supper and entertainment that the L. B. C. of the Congregational church were planning to have next Wednesday night has been postponed until further notice.

At seven in the evening the pastor will give a picture sermon upon the subject, "For the master's sake," which is a very fascinating story and will be illustrated by thirty-five stereopticon views.

There will be a meeting of the finance commission at the home of Mr. J. J. Rowell on Monday evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

The Tuesday evening service will be held at 7.30 o'clock. The Bible study and teacher training class at 8.30 p. m.

The annual chicken pie supper will be given by the men in the large vestry on Friday evening, February 27, at 6.30 o'clock. Rev. G. M. Howe of Groton will give an address in the church the same evening at 7.30 about "The American minute men."

### To the Editor:

George Jenks seems to be the most popular candidate for the office of selectman. He is not only popular, but has a well-known record of conservatism, yet progressive, qualities, and his having consented to be a candidate pleases his many friends and will no doubt meet with general approval. M.

## TOWNSEND.

### Harbor.

Wallace Connors is confined to the bed with an attack of the grippe.

Walter Lewis has entered the employ of Spaulding Brothers.

Wilbur Coleson, owing to rheumatism, is unable to leave the house.

Miss Marie Brown, of Boston, is a guest of her aunt, Miss Mary Cruikshank, at Pinehurst.

Miss Ruth Morgan, who three weeks ago underwent a very successful operation for appendicitis at the German hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., returned home on last Monday night. Miss Harriet Morgan, who returned with her sister, has completed her course at the Brooklyn German hospital and last week passed all her final examinations with credit. Miss Morgan will receive her diploma in June.

### Center.

H. A. Adams of Bellingham, Wash., has been making an extended trip East and who has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Irving Seaver, left for home this week. Mr. Adams made many pleasant acquaintances while here and all wish him a safe journey home.

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## HOLLIS, N. H.

### About Town.

On account of the severe storm and drifting of the roads on Saturday, J. Charles Hills, with his pair of horses drove Wilbur Marshall to the depot with the afternoon mail. Owing to the heavy snow and late trains Hills did not return to the postoffice with the mail until about ten o'clock, being about three hours late.

Miss Ruby Dickerman has returned to the home of Lester J. Hayden to assist in the household duties.

Arthur Strong, who has been afflicted with rheumatism for some time, is feeling better, but still confined to the house.

Several of the school children, especially those that come some distance, have been unable to attend school the past week on account of the extreme cold and stormy weather.

Robert H. Ladd was at home from Lynn, Mass., last week Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Merrick Pierce. In coming from Nashua he froze his ears, which made it very painful for him.

Miss Mabel Tucker, of Medford, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Waldo A. Plagg.

Charles E. Hardy has had a valuable horse very sick the past week. A veterinarian attended it and it had to have a great deal of care. It is a horse which he purchased last fall and it is hoped the animal will recover.

George A. Burge, auctioneer, of Nashua, N. H., visited on Tuesday with his brother, C. F. Burge. He was accompanied by Charles Tenney Little, of Wethersfield (Kewanna) Ill. He is a nephew of Henry G. Little who wrote "Hollis seventy years ago" and a son of Rodney August, and grandson of Abner B. and Nancy Tenney Little.

"The elopement of Ellen" is to be given in the town hall on Friday evening, February 27, under the auspices of the senior class. A supper will precede the entertainment.

On account of the poor traveling the Woman's club meeting was postponed this week and will be held on Wednesday, February 25, with Mrs. Robert French.

The school teachers are very grateful to S. M. Spaulding and his helpers who so kindly removed the snow from the sidewalks.

The grammar school was closed on Friday to allow the teacher, Miss F. B. Atkins, to attend the teachers' institute at Manchester.

Charles H. Varney, state lecturer, of New Bedford, N. H., attended the grange meeting on Tuesday evening and gave a pleasant address. While in town he was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith.

Bessie Robbins has been having a week's vacation from Keene, N. H. Mrs. Flora Hardy visited in Millford on Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. Hazel (Wheeler) Gangloff.

Francis M. James-n has been ill and confined to the house for several days.

Mrs. Hutchinson, of South Merrimack, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Clement.

Mrs. C. A. Colburn returned on Tuesday from her visit in Newton Highlands, Mass., with her daughter, Maudie A. Lund, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lund, had the misfortune to step on a needle while in his stocking feet on Tuesday evening. The needle broke off and the point end went in between the big toe. It caused him much pain and on Wednesday his parents and Dr. Hazard took him to St. Joseph's hospital, where the X-ray was used and the needle was found to be lodged in the bone of the big toe. He was before and it was nearly an hour before they succeeded in removing it, and paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Winnipeg Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of February, 1914, do hereby certify that one hundred and nine hundred and fourteen.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.

led by James Welch on the topic, "Why everyone should sign a temperance pledge." The next meeting on February 25, will be led by Rev. Robt. French on the topic, "Rules for young business men and women."

On account of the severe storm on Saturday the roads were not broken out in time for many to go to church. There were about twenty-five there and services were held in the vestry, as it was much warmer there.

Mrs. Loring Ladd, of Pawtucket, R. I., has been staying with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Merrick Pierce, since the death of Mr. Pierce.

Elijah Kelley, who lives on Proctor hill, has been confined to his home recently with the grippe.

Mrs. Leslie B. Locke, who has been on the sick list, is greatly improved and able to be about the house.

Mrs. C. Fred Worcester has been ill with an attack of tonsillitis.

The largest crowd of the season witnessed a very fast basketball game when the high school team met the Y. M. C. A. team of Nashua on last week Friday in the town hall. The Y. M. C. A. team would average thirty pounds heavier than the local boys, but despite this and the fact that some of the members of the Nashua team has played basketball for twelve years or more, and as the team is called one of the fastest Y. M. C. A. teams in the state, the home boys finally nosed out a victory, the score being 24 to 25.

### Caught Unprepared.

The recent cold snap found some of the farmers in different sections of the state unprepared and as a result the cattle suffered from lack of food and improper shelter. Agent Clarence Sargent of the Animal Rescue league has been very busy answering complaints and sentencing horses unfit for work and incurable of some disease to death. He returned recently from Sanbornton and Northfield where he visited several lumber camps and farms. In the former place he found a horse that was unfit for work and ordered it killed. In Northfield complaints were made that unfit shelter was provided some of the cattle. There were cracks in the barn measuring several inches in width through which the wind howled and the snow blew.

The water in some of the places was frozen and the animals had nothing to drink for days. Agent Sargent made a hurried trip through several towns investigating the conditions in the different stables and pens. The weather was terrible, especially in the northern section of the state, where the mercury went as low as twenty-five below.

Mrs. Herbert S. Spaulding, of this town, is one of the directors of the Animal Rescue league which does so much for the welfare of our dumb animals.

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(Address)

Ayer, Mass., February 11, 1914.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the estate of GEORGE E. H. Abbot late of Groton in said County, deceased.

Whereas LAWRENCE PARKER the administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the 27th day of March A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to certify this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turney's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on day at least before said Court, and to file a copy of the same with the court.

Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this nineteenth day of February, 1914, do hereby certify that one hundred and nine hundred and fourteen.

W. E. ROGERS, Register.