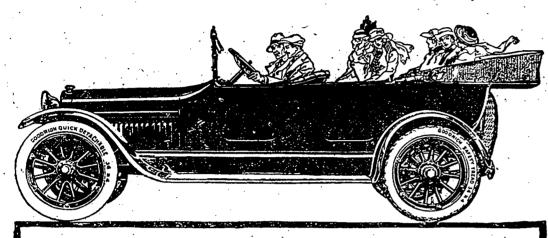


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AYER, MASS.

LITTLETON

News Items Mrs. David Hall and Miss Hazel Straight have gone to California for a three months' visit.

Margaret Conant is sick with chick-The United Workers met with Mrs

Alvord Wednesday afternoon. were eleven members present, There were eleven members present a good number for so stormy a day. The subject under consideration was "Korea's united church," and Mrs. F. S. Kimball had charge of the program and led in the devotions. A very interesting talk was given by Miss Florence Wilcox and a splendid paper was read by Mrs. A. F. Conant. Current events were ably presented by Mrs. Alvord. Several matters of business received attention under the direction

Mrs. Thomas Stephens is ill with the grippe and complications that require medical treatment.

Miss Edgerley is slightly improved, but still very sick. Her niece, Miss Mirlam Cash, has given up her school and returned home to assist her moth-

Mrs. Charles A. Kimbali was a guest at the Charlty club tea held in Hotel Vendome last week Friday and at a luncheon given by a friend in Roxbury. At the Vendome she enjoyed a fine musical program and the reading of "Pygmalion" by Mrs. Christobel Whitney Kidder.

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Miss Glacys Kimball of Gardner came home to attend the high school drama, returning the following day to her duties in the hospital.

Miss Katherine Kimball of Simmons college spent the week-end week-end with her

Mrs. Wm. Channing Brown has en-tertained her sister this last week. The Choral society met Monday eve-

cided to omit the singing ning and decided to omit the singing meetings this year.

Miss Hannah Willis staying with the F. A. Patch family for the present.

The many friends of Mrs. John Murphy were pained to learn of her death from consumption Saturday, af-ter a protracted illness. She was cared for by her devoted husband, her niece, Anna Russell, who lived with her, and her sister. Mrs. David Sheehan, of Harvard, as well as her husband's sisters, all of whom did everything possible to make her comfortable and happy throughout her long decline. Funeral services were held Monday morning to have and the interest. Funeral services were held Monday morning in Ayer and the interment was in Ayer cemetery. Mrs. Murphy, who was Miss Russell previous to her marriage, was born in Ireland fortytwo years ago. She enjoyed the esteem of her neighbors and had a large circle of friends who lament

two years ago. She enjoyed the esteem of her neighbors and had a large circle of friends who lament her untimely death.

The annual town meeting will be held next Monday. The town warrant contains forty articles, the majority of which are of a perennial nature. An appropriation for concrete cement sidewalks is called for conditionally, military training for high school boys fourteen years of age or older, an adiditional fire escape on the town hall, and an appropriation for grading and otherwise improving the Union school grounds, extension of electric fighting system also. Up to date there is little promise of any undue excitement over the meeting. The ladies of the Catholic society will serve the dinner at the popular price.

Richard Barrows and C. A. Rimban, past masters of Littleton Grange. Post masters of Littleton Grange. Vocal solos were sung by Geo. A. Cook, accompanied by Mrs. J. D. Christic, planist, and selections were given by a quartet composed of Messrs. Patch and Hill, Mrs. Prout and Mrs. Perley Smith, Miss Needham accompanying at the plano. Mrs. Smith also sang. The end of a perfect day," accompanied by Mrs. Prouty. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watts were given by a quartet composed of the sangle of the town hall, and propriation for conditionally, and Mrs. Preley Smith, Miss Needham accompanying at the plano. Mrs. Smith also sang. The end of a perfect day," accompanied by Mrs. Prouty. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watts were given by a quartet composed of the sangle of the committee in charge and Mrs. Watts introduced the speakand otherwise improving the Union school grounds, extension of electric fighting and the committee in charge and Mrs. Watts introduced the speakand otherwise improving the Union school grounds, extension of electric fighting and the committee in charge and Mrs. C. A. Indicators were sum given by a quartet composed of Messrs. Patch and the composed of Mrs. Prouty and Mrs. Prolevant of Messrs. Patch and the composed of Mrs. Prolevant of Messrs. Patch and the composed of Mrs. Prolevant of Messrs

Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrow Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Barrow, Mr. and Mrs. John Wrightw, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Florence Wilcox, Rupert Sanderson, James Neagle, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, Mrs. Clyde Crane, Mrs. V. T. Esten, Mrs. Clarence Crosby, Mrs. F. H. Hill, Miss Vera Smith and Geo. A. Cook attended the Pomona Grange meeting in Ayer Thursday. Mr. Barrow was presented with a past master's regalla for faithful and efficient services to which he pleasantly responded.

Supt. F. H. Hill attended the super ntendent's hearing at the state house

There will be a meeting of the Rifle men's club in Oddfellow's hall nex Wednesday evening at eight o'clock.

per to be held in the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening, February 15, feel that they are to be congratu-15, feel that they are to be congratu-lated for having engaged Mrs. Mary Palmer Warren of Manchester, N. H., to give a talk on "A foreign trip at home," which includes her recent ob-servations and experiences in going to the California exposition through the Canadian Rockies and return home through the canal. Mrs. War-ren will show many pictures illustra-tive of her descriptions. Music will be another pleasant feature of the entertainment.

Grange Meeting. Past masters' night was observed at

Littleton Grange Wednesday night. There were several representatives from Granges in the neighboring towns. A short season was devoted to business and a reception was held by present master Hill and Mrs. Hill and present master Hill and Mrs. Hill and past masters and wives of Littleton and visiting Granges. Throughout the reception plano music was furnished by Mrs. Prouty and Miss Grace Needham. Roger Priest and the Misses Ethel and Vera Smith, Ruth Robinson Ethel and Vera Smith, Ruth Robinson and Frederick Johnson served as ushers. Interesting letters from first master of Littleton Grange, Thomas Marshall, and past master Boyd, now of Oklahoma. Hon, F. A. Patch spoke for Boxboro Grange of which he is

Speeches were also made by Frank Wright, past and present master of Westford Grange, L. W. Wheeler and were also made by Frank Westford Grange, L. W. Wheeler and Mr. Sutherland, past masters of West-ford Grange, Albert Shedd, past mas-ter of New Boston, N. H., Grange, F. H. Hill, master of Littleton Grange, Richard Barrows and C. A. Kimball, past masters of Littleton Grange.

TOWNSEND

Center.

The Squannicook steamer company will hold their annual concert and ball on Friday evening, February 11, in Memorial hall. The Salem Cadet orchestra, ten pieces, will provide music for the concert program and for the dancing. Dancing will fol-low the concert from nine to two o'clock. A cold meat and hot oyster supper will be served during inter-

The next Grange meeting will be neld on Monday evening, February 14—young people's night, in charge of Clara Clement; entertainment furrange. Valentine social.

gregational church The public is cor-dially invited and will be given an opportunity to meet Miss Greene, who is to return to her field of labor as soon as the war is over.

The Parent-Teacher's association The Parent-Teacher's association will hold their first meeting on Tuesday evening, February 8, at eight o'clock in the high school room. A speaker from out-of-town is expected to address the association.

Dr. Charlton, who has been taking a period of rest at his camp in Brookfield, has gained so much that he is expected home to occupy his pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday morning. Before going away Dr. Charlton was pleasantly remembered by the Harbor people with a purse of money in appreciation of his coming Sunday afternoons and conducting services at the Harbor church.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society met
with Mrs. Chariton at the Methodist
parsonage Tuesday afternoon with a
good number of ladies in attendance.
Much spiritual help and profit was
derived from the reading and study
of "The king's highway." Mrs. Chariton related some touching incidents
among the fisher-folks during their
pastorate at Gloucester.

Wednesday evening February 9

Wednesday evening, February, 9, he Townsend Brotherhood will hold, banquet in the Bocial hall of the f. E. church. Banquet at seven clock. Following the banquet, the o'clock. Following the banquet, the lecture hour general topic will be, "Men of Townsend, h(lp!" Rev. Georgo B. Dean; of Worcester, will address the audience on the subject, "Help to make our town happy and home-like." Rev. Joseph MacKean will speak on "Help to make our town bright and busy." and Rev. A. L. Struthers will have as his subject "Help to make our town sane and safe." The young men's orchestrahave kindly offered their services and will play selections during the evening.

The body of Mrs. Arvilla V. Turner The body of Mrs. Arvilla V. Turner, aged 75 years, 4 months, 11 days, wife of J. W. Turner, of Rockland, Me, who died of old age in Rockland on January 25, was brought to this town for interment in the family lot. Prayers were offered at the grave by Rev. A. L. Struthers. The deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. Hattle M. Emery, of Rockland, formerly of this town, Mrs. Charles D. Felch of South Hanson, and Mrs. Harry C. Felch of this town, and a son, Grant Turner, who resided with his parents.

Mrs. Arthur Cariland was called to

Mrs. Arthur Cariland was called to Brookline, Mass., Tuesday, by the Ill-ness of her sister, Miss Stella McPhee. Mrs. William O'Brien is quite ill. here, is at present with Mr. and Mrs

Dr. Ethel Rockwood has gone to the Worcester Memorial hospital to

The Country club will meet next week Friday afternoon with Mrs. Lila Hayward, Bayberry hill. The club is enjoying the study of the life and works of authors whose birthdays oc-cur in the month of their club meet-

Harbor.

Robins, blackbirds, butterflies, mos quitoes and snakes are reported making an appearance in this vicinity Trees have also been tapped from which the sap flowed freely—all this in January.

Mrs. R. C. Blake, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Bowsfield, returned last week from a visit to North Ad-ams, her former home.

Mrs. J. W. Knowlten was a week-end guest of her son, J. C. Knowlton, at Knowleroft.

The club that is taking the M. C. poultry extraord poultry extension course at the Cape met on Wednesday evening a the Old Homestead with George Cum-

Ralph Blake sowed and harrowed in winter rye at Hickory farm on the first day of January.

An enjoyable occasion was the meeting of the Whist club at Maple-wood cottage on list Saturday evening at the Cape. Mr. and Mrs. Reavy host and hostess. There were five tables. Mrs. C. Smith and Gilman Conant, each with 34 points, made the highest score. An escalloped oyster supper was served after the cards.

Mr and Mrs R C Blake attended oncert the first of the week in Symphony hall, Boston, given by Kreisler, one of the world's greatest artists on the violin.

A small party was given at hurst on Thursday evening in honor of John C. Knowlton, who on account of the betterment of his business inof the betterment of his business in-terests, has given over the manage-ment of his estate, Knowleroft, to his father, Jesse H. Knowlton, of Chel-sea. Already Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mon-roe are in charge of the farm. John C. Knowlton will enter his new field of labor in the near future.

Miss Nellie O'Brien, of Roxbury was a recent guest of Mrs. Supernan-and Mrs. Dwyer.

George Jones made a business trip to Boston on Saturday.

New Advertisements CARD OF THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks to friends for kind words of sympathy, heautiful flowers, and to the singers at the service at the time of our recent

MRS. R. W. SHERWOOD, And Brothers and Sisters.

East Pepperell, February 1, 1916.

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Now is the time of the year for our regular Mid-Winter Sale in order to dispose of the balance of our regular High-grade

WINTER CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS and FURNISHINGS

In the face of the great advance in prices of all kinds of merchandise we have made our usual price reductions on our Fancy Mixture Suits and Overcoats, and more moderate price reductions on the

Look over the list of items carefully; you will find it for your interest to take advantage of this opportunity to secure standard goods at extremely low prices.

MEN'S SUIT BARGAINS

Balance of our stock of Fancy Mixture Suits are now offered at reduced prices. Many

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50c. Trousers reduced to	. 39¢

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One lot Trousers, regular price \$3.50 for \$2.98

WINTER HATS AND CAPS

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50c. Golf Caps for Men, now	39¢
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FUR COATS AND FUR-LINED COATS The balance of our stock of Fur Outside Coats

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the regular 50c. kind, now..... Underwear Bargains

Double-breasted Fleece Underwear, a great bargain at 50c., now..... Derby Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, our regular 50c. grade, now Wright Health Fleece Underwear: The 75c. grade reduced to.... The \$1.00 grade reduced to...

Men's Double-breasted Camel's Hair Underwear, our regular \$1.00 grade, now.... Derby Ribbed Union Suits for Men, the regular \$1.00 grade, now Boys' Wright's Wool Fleece Shirts and Drawers, our regular 50c. grade, for ...

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25c. grade of Medium Wool Hose, now... 15c. grade of Heavy Cotton Hose, in black

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Men's and Boys' Coat Sweaters, a regular 75c. quality, now for...... Men's Coat Sweaters, a regular \$1.50 grade, all colors, now for **81.00** One lot of Men's Sweaters, odd Sweaters, 34, 36, 38 sizes only, \$3.00 to \$4.00

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Store Open on Monday, Friday and Miss Fannie A. Sanderson plans a trip to Northfield today for the pur-pose of visiting her niece. Miss Olive Thacher. Miss Alice Greene, a missionary to Smyrna, who is in this country for a season during the war in Europe, will speak on Saturday afternoon at three Miss Anne Hildreth and William Maxwell have the grippe. TO RENT—A House with modern improvements, 10 rooms, on Third Street, Ayer. Inquire of HERBERT G. WHITNEY, East Main St., Ayer. 18tf Saturday Evenings The houses of F. C. Hartwell and Jesso Dodge are out of quarantine. The committee in charge of the sup- o'clock in the vestries of the Con-

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WESTFORD

Misses Pauline Wallace and Marjory Seavey have returned to their studies at Boston university after spending the mid-year vacation of two weeks at their bornes.

The late John Lanktree's Westford contemporaries hardly recognized his oblituary notices with the name spelled Langtry. The deceased always ed Langtry. The deceased alway used the former spelling which is no

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held its regular monthly meeting and supper Tuesday evening at their headquarters. A full attendance of the members did full justice to the appetizing supper. The committee in charge of the recent firemen's ball reported a balance for the treasury of sixteen dollars after all bills being

Ten members of Westford Grange were present at the twenty-fifth anniversary observance of Littleton Grange on Wednesday evening of this week. During the program, in charge of past masters Fronk C. Wright, A. H. Sutherland and L. W. Wheeler of Westford responded with speeches.

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The United States Civil Service com-The United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination for the county of Middlesex to be held at Concord Junction, Lowell, Mariboro, Framingham, Ayer and Boston on February 26, to fill the position of rural carrier in Wakefield and Westford, Applications should be forwarded to the commission in Washington, D. C., at the carliest practicable date.

Birthday Anniversary.

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Mrs. James Hildreth, living in the Westford depot neighborhood with her daughter. Miss Martha Hildreth, observed the ninety-eighth anniversary victims. None of the cases appear to of her birth on January 2. Both Mrs. Hildreth and her daughter were suffering with colds at the time and they could not do as much to observe the day as planned for, although neighbors and friends sent cards and proctings. Mrs. Hildreth has always provents. neighbors and friends sent cards and greetings. Mrs. Hildreth has always enjoyed the best of health and cheerfulness and industry have been pronounced characteristics of her long life. Reading, sewing and knitting have been pleasant resources in her later years. More recently the knitting has been first in occupying the time of this near centenarian. If her health continues to be comfortable westford hopes to have another resident attaining the hundred-year-mark. This it has not had since the death of dent attaining the hundred-year-mark.
This it has not had since the death of Mrs. Abigail Garvin and of Mrs. Catherine O'Toole a few years ago, both of whom lived to be well over one hundred wars.

The members of the Junior league gave two pretty little plays in the M. E. church vestry on Thursday evening. The affair was well attended and all did linely in their respective parts.

ruary 3, the date of birth of all three The Fletcher farm folks at Cold Spring farm are cutting out some lumber on the Cold Spring forest and teaming it to the Proctor saw mill in North Chelmsford.

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West Chelmsford Grange will meet on next week Thursday evening. The discussion will be on the subject, Resolved, "That war is necessary for the progress and development of the human race"; Samuel Naylor, Charles Edwards, affirm.: James Peck, Wilbur R. Cole, neg. The old age pension law will be taken up by Juel A. Fletcher; vocal solo, Miss Lottie Vinal. At the last meeting a member of Westford Grange discussed "Who gets the most out of life, the farmer who neglects his work going around or the farmer who stays at home?" The 'go arounds' won out as best exponents of individualism.

At the democratic caucus Tuesday.

News Items.

A happy party of eight little girls helped Hope Fletcher make her twelfth birthday pleasant by joining in a nerry time at her home Saturday afternoon. Games and refreshments were important features of the entertainment. The young hostess was the grateful recipient of several presents from her guests and other friends.

Mrs. Minnie R. Hartwell is having her house wired for electricity.

The Philathea class met for the monthly social and the annual business meeting with Mrs. Nelson B. Connant last Saturday afternoon. The class was well represented and besides mapping out work of a charitable mature, listened to reports and chose officers as follows: Mrs. Henry

At the democratic caucus Tuesday. evening, Hon. Edward Fisher presiding, the following changes were made from the republican caucus: Frank Collins, selectman; William E. Green. tree warden; John A. Sullivan, con-

At the republican caucus Monday evening Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen as chairman and Alfred W. Chicken pox is finding its way pretty generally into the families at the Common. Among those who have experienced a high temperature and meeting: Town clerk, Charles L. Hii-

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS dreth; selectman, Sherman H. Fletchor; assessor, Charles D. Colburn;
treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; overseer, Samuel H. Balch; school committee, John P. Wright, Frank F. Furbush; library trustee, Charles O. Prescott; cemetery trustee, Dayld L. Greig; con-stable, William H. Wall; moderator, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher.

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The funeral of Mrs. Daniel W. (Sarah Farrar) Sherman took place from the home on Cold Spring road, Rev. David Wallace conducting the services. Mrs. Charles D. Colburn sang two selections. The bearers were Arthur E. Day, Leonard W. Wheeler, William E. Green, J. Williard Fletcher. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Mrs. Sherman left besides her aged husband a daughter, Mrs. William Pollock, with whom she lived; also, an adopted son, David Sherman, and six grandchildren; also, two sisters, Mrs. C. P. Whitney of Baldwinsyille and Mrs. Gertrude Stacy Dilliers of Boston, and two brothers, Samuel and David Farrar. Thus has passed to change and rest an industrious and wholesome life at the developed maturity of seventy-nine years. turity of seventy-nine years.

On February 1 Mr. and Mrs. Almon S. Vose received their first viewpoint as parents. It will require no constitutional amendment to allow him to vote at the age limit.

The annual parish meeting of the First Parish church will be held in the vestry on Saturday evening, Feb-ruary 5, at eight o'clock.

Allister McDougall and Seth Ban-ister, both graduates of Amherst Agri-cultural college, are renovating the apple orchard of John C. Abott.

Quincy W. Day, who has had surgery studied on him at the Lowell hospital, is home and a clear gain improvement has set in since the hospital experience. His friends are glad it is Day light again. On the Prairie farm Amos Polley

is piping a new well for a new pas-ture in a new locality on the Lowell road.

For eggs feed "wet" mash to the laying hens; "dry" mash is all right for "dry" hens, so saith the extension school teachers. Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11.

Ninetey-eight Years Old

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The members of the Tadmuck club are especially reminded of the meeting next Tuesday afternoon in Library hall, when Mrs. Truworthy White will give her attractive lecture on "Contemporary literature." Appropriate observance of Lincoln's birthday will also be made.

The men's supper, an annual event under the direction of the men of the Congregational church, is being planned for February 15, with oyster supper and a mock trial by home talent.

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Much sympathy is expressed for our former motorman. John Sherlock, of Ayer, in the loss of his wife. During Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock's residence here they made many friends.

The members of the Crescent orchestra, of North Chelmsford held a social dance in Healy's hall last week Friday evening that was well attended. Excellent music was furnished and dancing was enjoyed from eight until twelve o'clock.

F. G. Sullivan and Edward Healy have recently obtained positions with the U. S. Cartridge Co., Lowell. Mrs. Maria Wall, Mrs. John Mattson and Mrs. Julia Wall visited friends in

Boston recently. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Riney, with Etta May Sheahan, of Lowell, have been

recent visitors here Miss Rebecca LeDuc has been on the sick list for the past few days, but is now convalescent.

Many from here attended the democratic and republican caucuses that were held in Westford town hall on Monday and Tuesday nights, and also attended the Board of Trade meet-ing that was held on Thursday night.

The members of the Young People's Social club are busy rehearsing the play, "The prairie rose," that will be presented in North Chelmsford on March 1.

About Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Banister and their eldest daughter. Frances observed birthdays on Thursday, February 2, the date of birthdays on Banister and their eldest daughter. Frances observed birthdays on Thursday, February 2, the date of birthdays on last Sunday.

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her house wired for electricity.

The Philathea class met for the monthly social and the annual business meeting with Mrs. Nelson B. Connant last Saturday afternoon. The class was well represented and besides mapping out work of a charitable nature, listened to reports and chose officers as follows: Mrs. Henry F. Works, pres.; Mrs. Chas. V. Flagg, vice-pres.; Mrs. William Dodds, sec.; Mrs. Frank Gregory, treas.; Mrs. N. B. Conant, chairman of the social committee; Mrs. C. A. Kimball, chairman of the visiting committee; Mrs. C. tree warden; John A. Sullivan, constable.

The new superintendent at the Drew-Read farm has arrived, but not long enough to be named. Naming is next on the program.

At the republican caucus Monday.

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There are 12 faces in this picture. Find 8 of them.

Directions: Trace the faces of the war heroes in the above picture on this or a separate sheet of paper, or any other material, and number them 1, 2, 3, etc. You must find at least 8 of them. To the 16 neatest correct artistic answers will be given absolutely free the ten prizes in the order named. Remember that neatness as well as correctness is taken into consideration by the Judges, in making the Winners will be notified by mail.

All answers must be in our hands before 6 p. m. Friday, February 15th, 1916. Judges of this Contest will be representative business men of Worcester, and their decisions will be final. Only one answer from each family will be considered. Write your name and address plainly. Bring or mail, all

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Edgar Eisner is working in Shirley. Among those people who have come Among those people who have come recently into subjection to King Grippe are Dea. F. S. Kimball, Dea. W. E. Conant, Margaret Conant, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fletcher, Walter Worthen, members of the W. L. Packard family members of the Goddard family and Mrs. Charles A. Hartwell.

Congregational church will be one of the speakers. Rev. J. C. Alvord will address a mass meeting in Ayer on the use of light wines and beers as he

At the Congregational vestry last Sunday evening Mrs. J. C. Alvord gave an interesting talk on the historical setting for the Sunday school lessons of the new testament illustrated by a chart made by Mrs. Charles V. Florial. chart made by Mrs. Charles V. Flagg

tist church in West Acton last Satur

Mrs. Minnie T. Johnson visited rel-Seven members of the local C. E. atives in Winthrop several days, returning Tuesday evening. PUBLIC SALE OF

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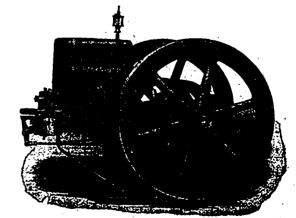
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REV. DR. RICHMOND FISK

In April, 1858, Stephen L. Magoon, of Hudson, N. Y., wrote to his brother-in-law, Prof. Pearson, of Union, to send him a senior to serve him as clerk and law student. sor sent Mr. Fisk, obtaining for him from the faculty leave of absence to return at commencement to receive return at commencement to receive his diploma. Entering college with a view to the law he gladly entered the law office, though with some leanings toward the ministry. The latter trend of mind began when reading New Testament Greek under Dr. Taylor Lewis and listening to his inspiring exposition of Plato; also, when under the intellectual awakening in philosophy of Dr. Lawrence P. Kickok. A year in the law office gave rich experiences in collecting rents from the farms of the Livingston estate in Columbia county, of which Mr. Magoon was agent or executor; in the reading of Blackstone and other law books, and in copying law papers. But instead of decreasing, the pull toward the ministry increased in ward the ministry increased in strength. Before leaving the law of-fice the first sermon was written and delivered in the Universalist church of Hudson, of which Mr. Fisk was a minister.

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After a period of study with Rev. A. D. Mayo, minister of the Unitarian church in Albany, he began his ministry over the Universalist church in Newark, Wayne county, N. Y., in November, 1859, and was ordained in 1861. While settled in Auburn, N. Y., he became secretary of the New York State Temperance society. One of his successes in this line was heralded as notable. He made a long list of topics embracing all phases of the temperance problem, and knowing all the protestant pastors and the professor of the Auburn Theological seminary, and on pleasure relations with all of them, he assigned a different topic to each one and invited each to deliver each one and invited each to deliver on a certain date an address on said topic in the Universalist church, of which he was pastor, the church seat-ing a few less than a thousand. Everyone but one pastor readily aceveryone but one pastor readily accepted the invitation to speak and took the topic and place on the program assigned him. The church was filled at every meeting. Back in the sixties of the nineteenth century, such union in a great moral issue so med the dawn of a new day—a day now.

1916. Ighting the pathway of religious, ethical advance.
In 1866 or 1867, a great meeting of manufacturers of agricultural implements, especially of mowers and reapers, came off at Auburn. It drew great crowds from all directions, the Sunday during the the Sunday during the meet Mr. Fisk preached on "The moral bearings of agricultural implements." The church was filled, and the sermon elicited much comment and praise from people and press, except from one con-servative religious weekly, which cen-sured the preacher for taking such a worldly subject into the pulpit, one having little or nothing to with the D. Crandall. Rev. Engine Grant, of having little or nothing to with the gospel of Christ. Today, forty-nine years after this event, the ethics of the New Ttestament and the ethics of problems of industrialism are the supreme concern in church and state alike. While in Auburn Mr. Fisk had E. H. Bigelow, who were members of somewhat humorous experience in

a somewhat humorous experience in writing the address delivered by the retiring president of a New York State medical society. At the dedication of the Auburn Masonic temple the address was given by Mr. Fisk.

In 1868, Mr. Fisk was unanimously chosen president of St. Lawrence university, which he served with much hard work until 1873. In that time the preparatory school was discontinued, a full college curriculum and the first catalogue published, twelve tinued, a full college curriculum and the first catalogue published, twelve free scholarships established, one new professorship provided for, the Her-ring library built, a law school estab-lished, and the annual tree holiday was appointed for faculty and stu-dents to adorn the hill campus with trees.

ing to abandon the ministry, he en-tered the Albany law school and re-ceived the degree of LLB., and was ceived the degree of LLB., and was admitted to the supreme court. This step proved to be a wise one in his better qualification even for the ministry, but especially in his subsequent wide activity in many fields of charity and reform. It gave him greater advantage, efficiency and success in appearing before the courts in cases of cruelty to children or animals, or the enforcement of laws against evils.

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In the fall of 1874 Mr. Fisk settled in Syracuse and remained there for ten years. In this period, besides his church duties, he, with James, the son of Bishop Huntington, now known as Father Huntington, founded the charity organization society under the name of "The Burcau of Labor and Charlites," which he served for seven years as secretary and investigator and prepared its reports for the press. He soon joined to this bureau the soand prepared its reports for the press. He soon joined to this bureau the societies of S. P. C. C. and S. P. C. A. On his invitation Clara Barton visited Syracuse and addressed a large audience on "The Red Cross." This resulted in the organization of a Red Cross society. Of all these societies Mr. Fisk was the field agent. He raised and sent from the Red Cross society \$10,000 in money and clothing to the flood sufferers in the southwest in one year. He also organized est in one year. He also organized ad became the secretary of the Syra-Civil Service league which did work under the inspiration of

health by over work and care, Mr. Fisk accepted a call to the Universalist church in Watertown, N. Y., in 1884, where he remained eight years. While there he was president of the Charity Organization society which he had started years before on a visit to Watertown by invitation. To this, as in Syracuse, he soon added the S. P. C. A. for Jefferson county. He was instrumental in organizing the Jefferson County Historical society and was its secretary and editor of its various reports and publications. When the battlefield of Sacketts Harbor was deeded to it and the village of Sacketts Harbor jointly by the heirs of the Camp estate, he was called to give an address on the war of 1812, at a great celebration, which was published and sent to many historical societies. While in Watertown he was chosen a trustee of St. Lawrence university and his particle and order the Biothers Willers was the property and the property was the property and his particle and county the property was the property was the property was the property was called the Polymers was called the Polymers was the property was the pr of St. Lawrence university and his parish endowed the Richmond Fisk scholarship of that institution, which was held at one time by Mr. Fisk's granddaughter. Gov. Flower appointed him a trustee of the Asylum for Feeble Minded Women at Newark

ark.

In 1892 Mr. Fisk accepted a call to
the Unitarian church of Our Father
in Boston, a pastorate of five years.
Here he became vice-president of a

In Boston, a pastorate of five years. Here he became vice-president of a branch of the Boston Charity Organization society, and the vice president for three years of the National Unitarian Sunday School society. He was elected a member of the Boston University club as a representative of Union college.

In 1897 Mr. Fisk was sent by the American Unitarian association on a two-years' supply of a church in Fargo, N. D., a happy experience for himself and wife. The next nine years he was minister of the Universalist church of Middletown, Conn. Here he joined the Scientific society of Wesleyan university and became a welcome and active member of college circles of both professors and students. He wrote a sympathetic review of Prof. Conn's "Methods of College" "Christian faith in an age of science," both of which were widely circulated and quoted. On his seventieth birthday the D. K. E. House was the scene of a large reception to him by professors, students, citizens and pastors and church people of all deby professors, students, citizens and pastors and church people of all denominations. He was made a mem-ber of the Middlesex County Histori-cal society and took active part in or-ganizing the District Nurses' associa-

tion.
On January 1, 1909, he became the pastor of the Unitarian church in Ayer, and worked hard in promoting an organization of a District Nurse association and hospital for Ayer.

association and hospital for Ayer.

He is survived by one daughter,
Mrs. Alice Fisk Butterfield, with
whom and her husband, Dr. Edwin
Bynner Butterfield, he and Mrs. Fisk
in their old age have made their
home; a grandson, now preparing to
enter the Institute of Technology.

He had been a liberal contributor
to the press, to religious papers and
magazines, and for one a translator
from the French of articles dealing
with the advanced liberal thought in
France. He has given lectures and France. He has given lectures an arance. He has given lectures and addresses on a great variety of sub-jects and occasions—schools, teach-ers' institutes, colleges, conventions, Masonic, Odd Fellowship, temperance, clubs of men, of women, of suffrage, Y. M. C. A., boards of trade, civic re-

forms, G. A. R., Memorial day and others, Mr. Fisk was a 32° Mason, a mem-ber of Newark lodge, F. and A. M. Newark Royal Arch chapter of Ma-sons, Scottish Rite Bodies, Fargo, N Sonis, Scottis Taire, France, Fargo, E., D., Fargo Consistory, William Park-man commandery, K. T., East Boston, Zentth Folge, I. O. O. F., East Boston, Royal Arcunum, Delta Keppa Epsi-

orms, G. A. R., Memorial day and

lon.
It was on August 18, 1912, the siddest bereavement of his life came by the death of his granddaughter, tendays after an operation for appendication.

citis.

In 1887 Mr. Fisk spent three months in Europe with his daughter and was correspondent for home papers. He was a guest of the Provost of Edinburg and was given a seat with the faculty of Edinburg university at the laying of the cornerstone of the Carnegic library by the giver himself. He was a guest at a party given by the Lord Mayor of London at his residence.

The funeral took place from the

the choir during Mr. Fisk's pastorate rendered several hymns. The bearers were John R. Murphy, representing Bancroft Royal Arch chapter; Rober Bancroft Royal Aren chapter; Robert Irwin, representing Caleb Butler lodge, F. and A. M.; Daniel W. Fletcher, representing St. Paul lodge, F. and A. M., and David H. Young, representing Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F. The remains were placed in the receiving tomb in Woodlawn cemetery.

To the Voters:

Next Monday you are to decide whether Ayer is to sanction or condemn the sale of alcoholic drinks. Before you vote you will do well to come face to face with two questions and do it seriously and good-natured

First, is the sale of alcoholic drinks going to benefit your business? theory that it does is an old or s very much like some of the theorie urged by the lightning-rod agents and patent medicine vendors. You can't patent medicine vendors. You can't, however, dodge the cold fact that money which goes into the saloom till does not go into yours. It doesn't stay in town either. Those fond friends, the brewers and distillers, get it. Any way, business men using modern efficiency methods, say that license means smaller sales and more bad debts. The drinker will have to pay each to the hartender but he'll excash to the bartender, but he'll ex-

pect you to trust him.

Secondly, if you do decide that you can detect a gain for your business under license, do you desire to take chances on somebody else's welfare for the sake of a few more dollars in for the sake of a few more dollars in your cash register? Don't forget that the license which may bring you a few more dollars is depriving some-body else, probably a child, of enough to eat or enough to wear. You don't

to eat or enough to wear. You don't want your money at that price.

Neither will you take chances with the good name of the place where you live. Your ordinary civic pride makes you anxious to have your town well spoken of. The writer, although a new-comer to Ayer, has traveled for several years over the line from Boston to Fitchburg and knows what they used to say all along the line about used to say all along the line about Ayer. They used to call it a dirty-

and no set-back is needed now. way, the smoke isn't bad. It sug-gests something prosperous and sturdy, but there's none of either in a Frank B. Cran all. Catertalament

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Berry who are to appear here in the enter-tainment for the Ladles' Benevolent society of the Federated church to be given in Page's hall, February 14, at eight o'clock, are to sing in Boston, February 8, also for the Middlesex



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LUNENBURG

News Items.

The citizens' party town committee net on Tuesday evening at the home of Sidney H. Francis and organized as follows: Erness K. Proctor, chair-man; Sidney H. Francis, sec.; Sher-man Sanderson, treas. It was decided to hold a caucus on Monday evening. February, at which time and meeting candidates for the town offices will be nominated. So far there seems very little interest shown in the matter of hommated. So far there seems very little interest shown in the matter of town officers, but as the time for the caucus draws near r people are waking up a little and several surprises are predicted.

Nearly every family in town has raffered in a greater or less degree from the prevailing epidemic, the grippe. In some households the whole family are down with it; in others one or more, and the worst thing about it is that the disease seems much more virulent than ever before, and consequently harder to get rid of. Doctors and nurses are kept very busy and likely to be for some time to come.

The registrars will meet for the registration of voters at the West schoolhouse in the Baker district on Monday evening. February 21, from 7.15 to 8.15; at the town hall on Saturday, February 5, and Saturday, February 19, from 7.39 to 9 o'clock. On Saturday, February 26, there will be a continuous session from twelve noor until ten in the evening, and will be the last chance for registration be the annual town meeting in

At the meeting of the High School Improvement league on Friday after-noon of last week six new members were accepted. All others wishing to join should make application as soon as possible.

The Lunenburg girls' basketball cam went to Ashburnham last week Friday afternoon, where they played the Cushing academy girls and were defeated by the score of 14 to 7.

Rev. E. B. Marshall, of Fitchburg, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. Alfred Noon. The observance of C. E. week throughout the country begins on Sunday. It will also be known as a "go-to-church" Sunday and the Boy Scouts will attend in a

Mr. and Mrs. Norman G. Nims visited her brother, Henry L. Cass, and family last week. Mrs. Nims, as Miss Elizabeth Cass, was formerly one of the successful teachers in the schools of this town, and now resides in Yon kers, N. Y.

The High School Athletic associa The High School Athletic associa-tion met on last week Thursday after-noon for their annual meeting. Four new members were elected, J. A. Harwood, Clyde Barter, Gordon Brown and Miss Irene Price. The following officers were elected: Otis Elliott, pres.; Markaret Grant, v. p.; Hazel Martin, sec.; J. A. Harwood, treas.

The Old Home Week association have planned to hold the winter festival and annual meeting on Friday evening, February 25. The program of entertainment is practically in the hands of the teachers of the town. A. A. Cooke and John Wooldredge are the committee on collation, and Frank E. Lancey on music.

Great preparations are being made for a dance which is to be held in the town hall on February 12. Lunenburg has gained a reputation of giving all visitors good times and it surely will hold to it this time.

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Last week Thursday evening a reception was given our new pastor at the vestry. In the receiving line with Mr. Missirlan wero Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Steele and Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Nelson. Music was furnished dustactions. cuse Civil Service league which did good work under the inspiration of good work under the inspiration of George William Curtis.

Becoming somewhat broken in still is. The old reputation dies hard sic was furnished during the evening

Any by the Grange orchestra. After the sugreception Den. S. B. Hager introduced and Rev. Wm. C. Martyn of Millbury, Rev. in a Mr. Pierce and Edgar Hall of West Acton, who responded in words of welcome and encouragement to the execomers. Several of our own townspeople were then called upon the contract of the several of the called upon the contract of the several of the called upon the contract of the several of the called upon townspeople were then called upon and letters were read from friends who were unable to be present. Cake, ice cream and fruit were served. Among the out-of-town guests present were Mrs. George Hager and Mrs. B. O. Hager of Clinton, Mrs Henry Lawrence of Silver Hill, Miss Maud Katahn of Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hall, Misses Nellie and Fannie Wetherbee, Mrs. Richardson and Alfred Richardson of West Acton.

The new officers were in their places.

The new officers were in their place at the regular Grange meeting January 28 and the programs which were distributed give promise of a good year's work ahead of us. "Some natyear's work aneau of the "Some nat-ural wonders of our country" was the subject for the evening. A piano duet was given by Miss Ethel W. Mead and Mrs. Frank W. Dodge and a vocal solo by Miss Hazel Morse.

Mrs. Albert Hartwell entertained the Neighborhood club Wednesday af-

Miss Maria Steele has been visiting in Clinton this week.

Mrs. C. A. Hemenway went to Win-hester Monday for a short visit with

Mrs. Charles Libble and Mr. and Mrs. Earle R. Littlefield attended the auction whist party given by the West Acton Tennis club at the home of Miss Helen Knowlton last Saturday

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Wherefore your libellant prays that

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bond of matrimony may be decreed between your libellant and the said Maria Kansanniva and for such further orders and decrees in the premises as to law and justice may appertain.

JOHN H. KANSANNIVA.

Middlesex, ss.

Superior Court, January 19, 1916.

Upon the foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libelant notify the libeliee to appear before our Justlees of said Count, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of March next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to be published in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registored letter to the residence of the libeliee as set out in the libel, that she may then and there show cause, if any she have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk,

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. A true copy of the libel and of the order thereon. Attest, 3t21 WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.

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COMMONWIMETH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all perions interested in the es-tate of EVELINE S. PARKER of Pep-microll. perell, in said County.
Whereas, FRED W. LOVEJOY, conservator of the property of said Eveline S. Parker, has presented for allowance, his first account as such conser-

ance, his first account as such conservator.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the seventh day of February, A. D. 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said conservator is ordered to serve 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 the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one vertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation 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 seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Tweed W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSAGES

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Tw20 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 JOHN L. SHATTUCK late of Pepperell 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 JOHN F. SARTELLE of Pepperell in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex. on the sixteenth day of February A. D. 1916, 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 the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-

said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire
First Judge of said Court, this twentyfifth day of January in the year on
thousand nine hundred and sixteen.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kincreditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of GEORGE PARKER late of Pepperell 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 GEORGE P. PARKER of
Pepperell in the County of Middlesex,
without giving a surety on his bond.

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Saturday, February 5, 1916.

GROTON

News Items.

Phineas Harrington has been confined to the house for the last three weeks with rheumatism. He is now somewhat better, but not out of doors

Mrs. Fred H. Torrey and little daughter are in quarantine, having scarlet fever. They have a trained nurse and physician. It seems a light case like all the others.

The presentation of Hon. George S. Boutwell's picture to the Boutwell school has been, of necessity, postponed indefinitely.

A number from Groton Grange at-tended the Pomona Grange meeting in Ayer on Thursday, going down on the train. The storm kept many at home.

Dates to be remembered: February Mrs. Sturgis' readings at the li-4. Mrs. Sturgis' readings at the h-brary; February 6, churches, morning and evening and vesper service at five o'clock at the Unitarian church; Feb-ruary 7, town meeting, hospital relief work in the afternoon at Mrs. Shaw's; February 8, Grange, conferring third and fourth degrees; February 9, even-ing church meetings and C. E. so-clety; February 10, Odd Fellows' ball; February 11, guest night of Woman's

Another shipment of goods made for the hospital relief work at Mrs. Shaw's has been sent on its way. The yarn to be knitted is now on sale at the Moores store. This can be sold, however, only for this hospital work. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Hinchman on Friday, Jan-21-two weeks ago this week

Miss Neita Huebner will spend the end with her sister, Mrs. Stew-n Clinton.

Mrs. Fannie Forbes returned to her home on Tuesday after spending three months at her sister's homes in Shar-on and Allston. Her daughter, Miss Gertrude, came from Worcester on Thursday and will make a month's stay at her home for a much needed rest and change after a recent sickness with the grippe.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. E. B. Gerrish Thursday afternoon, February 10, at 3.30 o'clock.

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Belle Patterson, daughter of Allan Patterson of Hollis street, has the scarlet fever.

The Luther Blood free lecture last week Ffiday evening called out a large attendance. Lieut. Miles of the U.S. navy gave an interesting and instructive talk on Submarines, although all the details of the construction of those made by the United States were matters not to be fully told. Among the illustrations was a snap shot of the submarine that destroyed the Lusiania. This snap shot was taken by someone on a ship near by. Those who followed the lecture must have gotten a much better idea of submarines after listening to the officer. Probably some who always presented a larger gathering.

Nomination papers have been filed by candidates for town officers as follows: Town clerk, Appleton H. Torrey, town treasurer, Grant W. Shattuck: selectman. Overseer, assessor, one to be elected, Frank A. Torrey, darbur W. Lamb; tax collector, Frank filed.

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Guest night in the town hall, February Guest night in the town half, rebusing 11, at eight o'clock. An unusually attractive program has been planned by Mrs. H. H. Richards, the chairman of the entertainment committee, and equally attractive refreshments will be served by the refreshment committee served by the refreshment committee in charge of Mrs. Eversole Guest tickets can be obtained from the cus-todian, Mrs. Vyra Gerrish, not later than Saturday night. February 5. Each member is entitled to one guest ticket free and more may be had by paying twenty-five cents for each tick-et. The club ticket admits the mem-

The February meeting of the Gro-ton Bird club will consist of a public lecture with moving pictures by Herbert K. Job head of the department bert K. Job, head of the department of applied ornithology of the National association of Audubon societies. It will be held on Monday, February 14, at eight p. m., in the upper town hall. In order to help defray the expenses of the meeting the Bird club has found it necessary to ask ten cents admission. Tickets are on sale at Bruce's eard will also be on sale at the door.

Baptist Church Notes. and will also be on sale at the door. The title of the lecture is "Bird exin the South with Col.

Home-made candy at Marion Farns-Washington street, Ayer. Tel-

Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11.

Prominent among the June weddings will be that of Miss Edith Timmins, formerly of this town, and Joseph Alvah Locke, fr., of Portland, Me. Miss Timmins is a niece of Mrs. Roger Wolcott, with whom she spends much of her time and who presented her three years ago at a dinner dance the Copley-Plaza, Boston, e graduated from Harvard in and from the law school three

Dennis Coughlin, off Mill street, is sick in bed with the girppe and com-plications, under the doctor's care.

Remember the date, Friday even-ing, February 4, at the public library. Readings by Mrs. S. W. Sturgis, to which the public is invited. The next readings by Mrs. Sturgis at the library will be on Friday evening, February 18, instead of February 11, as given last week. The date is changed so as not to conflict with the guest night of the Woman's club.

The household goods of Mr. and ployed. The household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas were moved over to West Groton last week, where he is employed in the paper mili. There has been a little delay in their getting settled over there on account of her father's (Mr. Coughlin) illness.

Papers were signed this week com-

The C. E. society meets as usual on Sunday evening, Miss Elia Vickery, leader; subject, "Christian Endeavor idelity and force." This being the anniversary of the formation of the first society it is planned to vary the service by the use of the C. E. program issued by the United society.

M. A. Abbott and family moved on Tuesday from Groton to New Haven, Conn., where he has a position at

The following is the concert program at the eighth annual concert and ball of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., to be held in town hall, Thursday eveto be held in town ining, February 10:

ning, February 10.

March—Naval Parade
Overture—Raymond
Xylophone solo—Nemo
F. W. Standt
Descriptive—Hunt in the Black Forest
Voelker
Voelker

Lawrence academy, taking Mr. Elinder's place.

Mrs. J. E. Adams was called to Athol by the death and funeral of her father, J. H. Corwin. He died of pneumonia last week Thursday at the age of eighty-seven years and the funeral was on Sunday. Mrs. Adams is expected home next week.

The Alliance will meet with Mrs. F. B. Gerrish Thursday at the manner of the control Mr. Hinchman, of Groton School, gave a most interesting talk on 'The English lake district,' speaking from personal observations made when on a tramp through that region. He drew a map on the blackboard showing the ground travelled over and also having pictures, which showed the great beauty of the lake scenery. These pictures the speaker had taken from a book where he had mounted them. They were passed around among his ary. On Saturday the garage was

of submarines after listening to the officer. Probably some who always prefer to be amused might have found the technicalities rather monotonous, but to others it was all very interesting. The trustees certainly use fine taste and excellent judgment in selecting the lectures and subjects.

Mrs. Jane Clark is ill and under the care of her physician at her rooms at Mr. Frazee's on Elm street.

Arthur W. Lamb; tax collector, Frank H. Palmer, Myron P. Swallow, Wallace A. Brown; school committee, three to be elected, H. H. Gay, Mrs. M. W. Mansur, Mrs. C. L. Farwell; electric light commissioner, H. K. Richards, Fred C. Tuttle; tree warden, one to be elected, Herbert W. Taylor, water, Robert E. Forbes, George L. Bywater, Fred L. Blood.

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The W. R. C. met in regular session Tuesday afternoon. There were some readings in observation of McKinley day.

Fred J. Beauleau, who has been working for J. E. Adams, has bought out the fish market.

The name of Frank H. Palmer is a newcomer into local politics and is received very favorably. He is one of the three candidates for the office of the town. In Mr. Arther three candidates for the office of the town of Groton for the t tax collector.

The monthly vesper service will be these qualities and Mr. Voter you will held in the Unitarian meeting house do the town and yourself a great bensurary 6, at five p. m. Rev. clit by voting for him.

Charles T. Billings of Belmont will be thus one of the two candidates for the office, you have both of the hold who doubtless have pleasant memories of their out-door lessons and the prizes won by persistent endeavor.

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preach and there will be special mustic by the choir with Mrs. Ames as soloist.

Dr. and Mrs. Eversole have returned from their month's trip to the Bahama Islands, Havana and other places South.

Carl A. P. Lawrence is a candidate for trustee of the Dalrymple fund.
Sidney Davis was taken sick and had a doctor Tuesday. It is the prevailing grippe cold.

To the Editor:

The annual town meeting will soon be here and a selectman is to be chosen to serve for three years. Considerable work is being done to bring about the defeat of Mr. Frank A. Torrey, who has served the town of Group fifteen consecutive years in the capacity of selectman. He has been fauthful and conscientious in his duties. Having only missed four meetings of the board of selectmen during the fifteen years he has served the town. A home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bixby. ad a doctor Tuesday. It is the prealling grippe cold.

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to lose such a valuable asset? The
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valuable to dispense with: His knowledge of law, combined with his large
experience as a town official, should
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The following clipping, under the
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OF GROTON

I have been solicitied by a number of the voters in the town of Groton to allow my name to be put in nom-ination as a member of the electric

Baptist Church Notes.

The subject on next Sunday morning will be "Religion and life." The Sunday school will meet at twelve. All boys and young men are invited to meet with the pastor's class, which now has seventeen members.

The subject on Sunday evening will be "In heaven." There will be special music. Good music, interesting sub-

Good interest is being shown in the prayer meetings. There were twenty-six present on Wednesday evening. six present on Wednesday evening.

The Camp-fire gathering for the boys was held on Monday evening at the parsonage. Many interesting tricks

Wr. Atwood, in a letter to this office,

Born, on Monday morning, January ferred to the physical, mental and 1, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clay moral sides of the boy's life, leading 31, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Clay E. MacKean, at the home of its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Odber Folkins, Station avenue.

moral sides of the boy's life, leading the boy's life is the most important and that the boy who can have the tentucial transport of the boy who can have the statement of the statement o the boys to see that the spiritual side of the boy's life is the most important and that the boy who can have the best influence in life is the christian boy and thus the best boy in Groton is the christian boy. Mr. Mason sang, "Oh, where is my boy tonight," and "Yield not to temptation," the boys uniting on the chorus. The subject of the next meeting will be "How much are you worth."

West Groton.

The funeral services for the late Michael Moran were held at the Sa-ered Heart church in Groton instead of at the house as given last week; Miss Boutwell, who is one of the many grippe victims in town, is able this week to sit up. Her cousin, Miss M. E. Woods, another sufferer, is not making so good a recovery.

of at the house as given last week; also the jarge set pace, which we understood was sent by the Groton Leatherboard Co., was a tribute from the employees of the paper mill, where the younger son, James, is em-

> All scarlet fever patients are doing well and no new cases have been reported.

Grippe and severe colds are prevailing throughout the community. Mrs. W. V. Bixby is quite ill with a combi-Papers were signed this week completing the sale of the Moores Store Company to Mrs. L. E. Miner, who has leased the buildings. Mrs. M. E. Moore will go early in March to keep house for her brother, Erving Davis, in Aeworth, N. H., their mother, Mrs. Davis, living with them:

The C. E. society meets as usual on Sunday evening. Miss Ella Vickery.

W. V. Bixby is quite ill with a combination of grippe, and a bad throat. Little Harvey Bixby is suffering from bronchitis and grippe, while baby Malcom is ill with a combination of grippe and a bad throat. Little Harvey Bixby is suffering from bronchitis and grippe, while baby Malcom is ill with a severe cold. Mr. Bixby has been taking a rest, ordered some time ago by his physician, and his sufferings from a very trouble-some various even have been considerably lessened in consequence.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson and her son Provost are grippe sufferers this week. The Misses Elizabeth and Nellie Hill have recently suffered severe at-tacks of the prevailing influenza. Miss Mildred Dodge is assisting Mrs. G. S. Webber during the conva lescence of the children.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington, who is still unable to use her right arm since her unfortunate fall, is assisted by Miss Ethel Robinson, of Fitchburg.

Matthew Robinson has returned to his position at the paper mill and his family are expected to join him soon. Latest reports give one of the Kane cottages as the future residence of the

Miss Bertha Bixby 'arrived from Radcliffe college on Thursday for a ten-days' vacation at her home.

ary. On Saturday the garage was placed in its former position.

o'clock, an alarm of fire startled the village. Many of the fire company were assembled at the hall, it being the date of their monthly meeting. The fire proved to be at the paper mill in the gun cotton, caused by a hot, box. It was quickly extinguished and work was resumed at about eleven o'clock.

The L. A. society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. L. Harrington.

Owing to illness, quarantine, etc., a comparatively small number attended the C. E. box lunch social on Friday evening of last week. The few, however, enjoyed both lunches and the merry games that followed. Co was served by the society. The r proceeds amounted to ten dollars.

On Monday the voters of this village

who have since left school gardens far behind, who doubtless have pleasant

Citizen.

Citizen.

The celipse of the sun at noon on Thursday was viewed with interest by various observers; some with colored glasses were able to see it quite cleur-

experience as a town official, should published in Washington, D. C. not be lost sight of in the coming election. We need just such a man. His past record speaks for itself.

John Lawrence.

Groton, Mass., Jan. 31, 1916.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN

Justine the service to its former peaceful and satisfactory status by protesting to their congressstatus by protesting to their congress-men and senators. During the months of February and March many meet-ings of Granges, farmers' unions and institutes will be held and those in-terested should see to it that strong ination as a member of the electric light commission, to which I have consented.

I can only say this: That if you choose to place me in that position. I will endeavor to do my share to have the construction of the clerk of o and senators from the various dis-tricts and states. This is a matter of vital importance. Congress is ex-ceedingly busy and any measure which it is desired to have enacted during the present session must be supported by all the people interested in it. Congress must be plainly shown that there is a real and insistent de-mand for it."

AYER

News Items.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Bap-tist church will meet with Mrs. Waldo Sprague. East Main street, on Tues-day afternoon, February 8, at two

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood. and games were played, including says that they were unable to travel mind reading. The subject of the everals or south from Pasadena on account of washouts which destroyed is he?" In his talk Mr. Tucker re-bridges and seriously disorganized beloved wife of Calvin Blood, who

Holy communion service will be held at St. Andrew's church on Sun-day morning at eleven o'clock. The choir are asked to come for rehearsal

Mrs. Charles E. Perrin is getting dong well after her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Farnsworth will leave this Saturday morning for Orlando, Fla., where they will remain until April 1, and perhaps later than that date. The change is made in the interest of Mr. Farnsworth's health which has been quite poor of late.

A son was bonn to Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson on Monday. William O'Connell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. O'Connell, has the scarlet fever in a mild form.

W. E. Murphy left for New York in Tuesday on a few days' business trip.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lamoreaux in Cambridge Mrs. F. W. Lamoreaux in Cambridge on January 20. Mr. and Mrs. Lamoreaux were former residents of Ayer Mrs. John C. Normand, of Worcester, mother of Charles A. Normand, cashler of the First National bank, died in that city on Wednesday. She was seventy years of age. The funeral took place this week Friday afternoon in Worcester.

Marjorie Gleason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason, who has been very ill with stomach trouble, is much improved. A trained nurse from Boston is in attendance. Mrs. Gooding, of Somerville, Mrs. Gleason's mother, came Thursday night.

The father of J. J. Barry, our well-known business man, died recently in Brooklyn, N. Y. Henry C. Sherwin's house has been wired and fixtures installed by J. W.

Wallace, electrician. Mrs. Mary Hume is ill with a severe cold and has been confined to her bed or the first time in over sixteen years. Miss Beulah Hassam is ill with the

grippe, but is on the gain. A large and representative gather ng of the citizens of Ayer assembled n the auditorium of the Unitarian in the auditorium of the Unitarian church on Thursday to pay the last rites to our much esteemed citizen. Rev. Dr. Fisk. The fine tribute paid to him in the eulogy of Rev. Mr. Grant found an answering chord in the minds of those present. Mr. Grant has been the life-long friend of Dr. Fisk and was peculiarly fitted to voice the admiration and esteem felt by so many for this remarkable man. The town has met with a great loss in the own has met with a great loss in the death of Dr. Fisk. His family have the sympathy of all in their bereavement. Mrs. Lyman Clark, who has been ill

George Pierce Smith of Wollaston, of former Ayer boy, was installed no-ble grand of John Hancock lodge, I. O. O. F., of Wollaston, last week.

for ten days with the grippe, is on the

A flock of pheasants have made their home for several years in the woodland of Wm. H. Landry at the Willows. They are fed and cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Landry and have become quite tame. It is hoped no homer will disturb these pretty birds who are such welcome guests on the Landry land. dry place.

phone 25.

Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11. Resolutions.

The following resolutions were edopted by Court Napole on Bonaparte No. 147, F. of A., Tuesday, February 1, 1916:

their bereavement.
Resolved, that these resolutions be

each so that the loss totals up to \$297.50. In addition to the money value of the bonds the operations of thanks be given the speakers. Lunctuckers the street railway was seriously interfered with as the copper bonds are used to carry the electricity from one ment. rail to the other.

The bonds are fastened to the rails in such a manner that it was necessary to use a chisel and a sledge to remove them indicating that the thieves took their time and worked in an open manner. They selected a lonely stretch of track between Shirley and Ayer and continued their work until they had stripped 175 of the bonds from their position. It was one of the most daring thefts reported in this vicinity

for some time as it was impossible to do the work without plenty of noise and the use of lights. Although the scene of the robbery is in the neighboring towns the Fitchburg police were notified and Inspec-tor Flaherty is looking into it to see whether or not any attempt will be made to dispose of the copper in that city. It is believed the copper was city. It is believed the copper was stolen by people who intend to dispose of it as old copper. An effort will be made by the police of Shirley and this town to get a line on the robbers and recover the booty.

The Fitchburg and Leominster street railway has offered \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

traffic. He says that he will glad to be again in Ayer, even though it is cold here, and that it is hard to imagine amid the flowers and trees that at home you are under frost and snow. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood were at the Maryland hotel, Pasadena, at the time of writing the above letter.

Holy communion service will be graduating from the Penuerell acid. graduating from the Pepperell academy. She was of a family of six children, Charles, William, Albert, Thirza (Mrs. Levi Phelps), who are deceased and Joseph, of Brookline, N. H., who

survives her.

Mrs. Blood was united in marriage Mrs. Blood was united in marriage to Calvin Blood, of Groton, on November 22, 1864, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Calvin Cutler in New Ipswich, N. H. Two children were born to this union, Julia H., deceased, and Grace W., of Lowell, who survives her mother with the bereaved husband. In 1914 Mr. and Mrs. Blood quietly observed their golden wedding at their home.

Forty-nine years ago Mrs. Blood Joined the Baptist church with her husband during the pastgrate of Rev.

husband during the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Upham. The older members will remember her as a Sunday school teacher.

In the passing of this good and

in the passing of this good and noble character "the angel of death" has drawn the curtain on a life filled with christian goodness and loyalty, her kindly ways and generous heart made friends with all who knew her. While her physical power was not equal to all the home duties she found alloyage in additing chees to whom pleasure in adding cheer to others, fond of her home, her garden, her books which she had schooled herself to, the poets, literature and travel. Among the leaves of her books are found many of her poems which had occupied her thoughts during he

found many of her poems which had occupied her thoughts during her quiet life.

In her early life she sustained a fall which she never recovered from and her fragile life was more or less an invalid. The last of October she had another fall, which up to the time of her death, rendered her practically helpless. During that time she was a great sufferer, and for the past two years has only been able to be about her home, patient and persevering to assist with her helphate, who gave her his marked devotion, assisted by their only daughter, until the end came "when the morning light was breaking at 6.30, January 22, she entered the life beyond the shadow."

The funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon, January 25, at two o'clock, from her late home on Washington street, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church officiating. "Abide with me," "Face to face" and "The christian's good night" were rendered by request by Mr. Holly and Miss Mizdo-

christian's good night" were rendered by request by Mr. Holly and Miss Mtzdo-nian. The bearers were three neph-ews, Albert Phelps, Waldo Blood, Cariel W. Fletcher, of Ayer, and George W. Libby of Boston. The love and esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends and relatives was manifested by the beautiful floral tributes which covered her casket. Among them covered her casket. Among them were galax leaves and carnations, pillow, "Sleeping," spray of tube roses and pinks with lavendar simplex, spray of pinks and white carnations and ferns, wreath of roses and maidenhair forms, when the stress and maidenhair forms are stress and maidenhair forms, when the stress and maidenhair forms are stress and the stress are stress are stress and the stress are stress are stress are stress are stress are stress and the stress are stress hair ferns, spray of white carnation hair ferns, spray of white carnations and mignonette, spray of carnations and arborvita, spray of white and rose pinks with spirris, spray of narcissus and ferns and hyacinths, bunch of violets and cut flowers.

The remains were entombed at Woodlawn cemetery and later will be laid at rest in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery in Pepperell.

G. W. B.

K. P. Smoke Fest.

Harbinger lodge, K. P., had a very enjoyable smoke fest and lunch in their quarters Monday evening. Chas. W. E. Force was the presiding officer. W. F. Force was the presiding officer.

A feature was the Rathbone pipe,
which is in charge of Charles A. Stevens of Washington lodge. This pipe
was used by Justus H. Rathbone,
founder of the order and was presented to the Grand Lodge of Massachu-

their bereavement.

Itesolved, that these resolutions be spread upor record, a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother and a copy published in Turner's Public Spirit.

Oscar E. Carlson, William J. Mullin, David Hubbard, Committee.

Ralls Stripped of Copper Bonds.

Copper bonds valued at close to \$200 were stolen from the Fitchburg.

Stricker of the several branches of the dreder also, the principles and the determination of the order, in making the personnel of the order to the order the public stress of the supreme ledge to raise of the gard illustrations of the work of the grand lodge in holding in members of the order who were liable for suspension. Many of the letters were touching in the extreme. These letters were of great interest to the members of the order.

Past Chancellors Figenbaum and Stricker of Columbia lodge, Leomin-

Rails Stripped of Copper Bonds.

Copper bonds valued at close to \$200 were stolen from the Fitchburg. Shrieder of Columbia lodge, Leominster, also gave very interesting rebed, between midnight Sunday and eight o'clock Monday morning when the rails. The copper bonds are used the rails the rails that the rails t letters of sympathy to brothers Spen-cer, Briggs and Kidder, who are ill. It was also voted that a rising vote of

Unitarian Church Notes.

Divine worship at 10.45. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "The divine twelve, church school "The divine contract."

Miss Ethel V. Lillibridge, the par-ish worker, has completed her pre-liminary work and gone for a week's service at Pepperell. An additional number of copies of the new hymnal have been demande by the growing attendance. T money for these has been pledged.

The Girls' club met Monday even-ing, Callie Murphy and Marion Proctor entertaining. The Alliance met on Thursday a Mrs. John Kittredge's, The minister gave an address on "Our ambitions.

The attendance last Sunday marked another gain.

Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead of Boston will speak on "Preparedness" before the Woman's club Thursday evening, February 17, at 7,45 o'clock, at Har-dy's hall. Everybody is invited, es-

pecially men. Admission free.
The Literature section will meet with Mrs. Clara Hill on Wednesday, February 9, at three p. m. Readings



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from "The modest immigrant," by Agnes Repplier and "To the poor immigrant," by Frances Kellor. Members having copies of Atlantic Monthly for September, 1915, and January, 1916, are requested to bring them.

The Music section will meet with Mrs. Blanche Whitney on Thursday, February 10, at 2.30 p. m. The subject for the afternoon will be Hungarian and Scandanavian music.

The regular meeting of the club was held Wednesday afternoon in Hardy's hall. The program was in charge of the music section of which Mrs. Avis Burns Fisher is chairman. The afternoon was devoted to American music and the club was very pleasantly entertained by lugar that presented.

No. 147, F. of A., Tuesday, February
1, 1916;
Whereas, it has pleased the Supreme Being to remove from our midst, our late brother, Michael McNiff, and,
Whereas, the intimate relationshing held by our deceased brother, with the members of this society, rander it broner that we should place was used by Joseph January and was presented the order and was presented and was presented the order with the members of this society, render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of his worth as a member of this society; it must be a member of this society in therefore, be it it is worth as a member of this society in the society loses a brother who was ever willing and prosperity, an honest and upright man, whose virtues endeared him, not only to all of his fellow citizens.

Resolved, that this Court tender its heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of our deceased member in their bereavement.

Resolved, that these resolutions be and Mrs. Sara F. Bennett: a group of

> Board of Trade. John Traquair was the speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trade on Wednesday night. The subject, "The twentieth century revolution," was handled in a very in-teresting way by Mr. Traquair. The subject had to do with the changes which have taken place in Great Britain during the past several years

songs by Miss Helen Hardy. Nevery number received an encore

which changes were the result of a peaceful revolution and which bene-fitted the poorer classes, to a greater degree than for many years before. Among the reforms mentioned by the speaker were the curbing of arbitrary power of the house of lords, the passing of the Irish home rule bill and the making of adequate laws which would benefit the middle and poorer classes of people. In leading up to the subject the speaker briefly traced the history of Great Britain for the past 200 years, showing the conditions from then to the present. The comparison showed a marked increase in laws that put aside class legislation and which were intended to act for the best interests of all.

Premier Asquith and Lloyd George chancellor of the exchequer, of Great Britain, the speaker described as menably fitted for the arduous duties that devolve upon them. Mr. Traquair has Among the reforms mentioned

devolve upon them. Mr. Traquair has been an extensive traveler and has personal knowledge of many of the places and noted persons whose names are interwoven with the history of Great Britain. He was given much applause when he had finished. A lunch was served.

Contemplated Improvements. The Boston and Maine railroad is planning to make extensive changes

planning to make extensive changes in the near future with regard to making more room for the handling of its heavy freight business. Both main line tracks on the Fitchburg division will be moved so as to allow the building of a third track to Shirley between the two. This will allow trains from either main line to set off without the delay and trouble in crossing the two tracks to a siding. Work on this new track has already

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den Strong, Liniare Beaudette; two were dropped. These women were also registered: Lutie E. Sprague. Blanche G. Whitney, Rachael Osgood Barry, Nina M. H. Beverly, Clara F. Hill. The list contains 635 names which is the largest for many years. Last fall the list was 621 and a year ago, at the annual town election, it contained 600 names. contained 600 names.

James I. Mills, night officer, returned to his duties Monday morning after-being laid up three weeks with sick-

There was considerable excitement here last Sunday night when several guards from the Industrial school in guards from the Industrial school in Shirley, assisted by the local police, tried to capture three boys who had earlier in the evening escaped from that institution. After an exciting chase through the railroad yard and the business section of Main street two of the boys were captured. The other is still at large: Several revolver shots were fired before the fugitives were captured. Three other boys escaped at the same time and went in the direction of Lancaster.

Cards are out announcing the engagement of Miss Helen Mae Barker, daughter of Louis K. Barker, to John Fleming Wilson, of Portland, Ore., Cornell and University of California.

Frank E. Harlow has returned to his duties at Sherwin's store after sev-eral days' absence on account of a

Mrs. Fred A. Wyman is in the hos-

ng worn by the giver. The evening passed very pleasantly during which the following program was given: Piano solos by Hilda Osgood, Doris Dickerman, Helen Stone, Etta Green, Ruth Stone, Bettha Stone; readings, by Margaret and Elizabeth Larrabee; by Margaret and Elizabeth Larrabee; didin solo, Hazel Miller; violin and plano duet, Raymond and Hazel Miller. A very dainty buffet lunch was ler. A very dainty buffet lunch was served, then all enjoyed showering.

Miss Stone with confetti before decester Pomona Grange to

Deaths

The friends of Mrs. Rose Ellen Sherlock, wife of John E. Sherlock, were shocked at the news of her very sudden death which occurred at three o'clock last Sunday morning. She was apparently well until within a few minutes of the end. Feeling ill, she called to her husband to get her a glass of water, and when he returned with it she was breathing her last.

glass of water, and when he returned with it she was breathing her last. The cause of death was acute myocardis.

Mrs. Sherlock was a native of Ireland, where she was born on May 14, 1870. She came here with her husband, John E. Sherlock, a well-known and popular motorman on the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway, several years ago, and but for a short time they have lived here since. Two weeks before her death Mrs. Sherlock fell on the ice near her home and broke her ankle, from the effects of which she had not recovered when death came.

The decessed was a native of Ireland Barrow, of Littleton, past master of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange, who took occasion to pay a tribute to Mr. Barrow's good thankfully responding.

Then came the entertainment in charge of Mrs. Maude Moore Clark, lecturer of Middlesex-Central Grange, of Sudbury. The program consisted of readings by James B. Tuttle of Acton Grange, vocal duets by Charles Lamar of Mariboro and F. W. Taylor, past

Auburn.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning from St. Mary's church where a requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Francis H. Houston. The bearers were Patrick Kiernan. George 'Nawn and John Ward, all of Lowell, John C. Daffy of Ayer, Owen Sherlock of North Chelmsford, and Felix Hinckley of Worcester.

AYER

News Items.

Mrs. Alice E. Gerrold, d.d.g.w., assisted by Mrs. Balley, g. c., and Mrs. Matthews, g. g., all of East Boston, installed these officers of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., last week Friday evening: Occar C. Rand, w.; Mrs. Margaret R. Weldon, v. w.; Mrs. Affle S. Washburn, sec.; Mrs. Grace M. Rymes, f. s.; Mrs. Margaret R. Mand, g.; Mrs. Susle Bales, chap.; Mrs. Christine McDonald, g.; Charles I. Washburn, sent.; John B. Washburn, trustee 3 years. Asfershments were served and a social time spent after the installation.

The following names were added to the voting list at the meeting of the registrars last Saturday: Robert J. McBride, Joseph O. Keegan, Albert Dion, William J. Tatro, James D. Wilson, Oren H. Murray, Robert Burns, Edmond E. Letellier, Henry H. Watson, Charles N. Towne, Francis H. Houston, William H. Hart, Timothy J. McAuliffe, Thomas P. McGinn, J. Seiden Strong, Liniare Beaudette; two were dropped. These women were also registered: Lutie E. Sprague.

Girls' Club Dance.

The Girls' club of the Unitarian church gave on Tuesday evening, February 1, at the town hall, a dancing party that was an eminent social event. About one hundred couples enjoyed the inspiring music furnished by Wilson's orchestra of Fitchburg, A large company of out-of-town guests were present from Shirley, Harvard, Littleton and Groton: Mrs. Charles A. Normand was chairman of the efficient committee, which left

to his duties Monday morning after cherical side of the cifficient committee, which left nothing undone to insure the enjoyement of those present. Mrs. Robert Railway, Company uniform men were i, ranted for raise. In wages beginning last Sunday.

There was considerable excitement here last Sunday night when several miss Evelyn Sanderson are to be considerable excitement.

miss Everyn Sanderson are to be congratulated for the attractive decorations.

The decorations of the orchestra's platform won special appreciation.

Mrs. William Beckford was chairman of the committee on refreshments. Mrs. Robert Murphy, Miss Maud Whitcomb and Miss Grace Murphy served with her on the committee. Mr.

served with her on the committee. Mr. Carley catered.

During the evening whist was played at five tables. Mrs. Tenie Bulkeley received the first souvenir for ladies and Mrs. Edward Wyman the consolation souvenir. E. O. Proctor received the first souvenir for the gentlemen and James Lapointe the consolation

souvenir.

The dancing and dards were so genuinely and abundantly enjoyed by all present that this event remains a pleasant memory and the club's next dance, whenever it may be, a most attractive prospect.

Mrs. Fred A. Wyman is in the hospital at Clinton, where she was taken a week ago as she wan suffering from an attack of bronchitis which threatened to become pneumonia. She is very ill and it is feared there may be a different trouble from what was expected.

Mrs. Ethel Fletcher Dwinell is in the hospital at Clinton, where she was taken a few days ago for treatment and observation. She has been ill for some weeks.

Auto Accident.

O. Hartwell Kidder was the victim of a most unfortunate accident early last Sunday morning when an automobile owned and driven by Alfred Maynard, in which Mr. and Mrs. Kidder and Mrs. Maynard were riding, ran into a telephone pole a short distance the Woods Village state road. Mr. Kidder was thrown forcibly forward, his head going through the windshield. He received severe lacerations

then jumped on to the same level with the forward part of the car. When the fear wheels reached the smooth-er surface the car jumped forward and before anything could be done to avert the accident the machine plung-ed into the pole.

The meeting of the Middlesex-Wordis Stone with confetti before deceter Pomona Grange took place in the town hall Thursday. The morning session was devoted to business and S.

eaths.

matic reader.

At the afternoon session Willard White, master of Ayer Grange, extended a welcome to the local and visiting Grangers in behalf of Ayer Grange. The response was given by Mrs. A. J. Gibson, master of Middlesex-Central Pomona Grange. A pleasing feature of the afternon session was the presentation of a handsome sash to Richard Barrow, of Littleton, past master

she had not recovered when death came.

The deceased was a most estimable woman, one who was always ready to assist in sickness or distress, and who was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

She leaves, besides her husband, three sisters, Miss Annie Clark of Tewksburry, Miss Ellen Clark of Graniteville and Mrs. Felix Hinckley of Auburn.

The funeral took place. en it. A rising vote of thanks was given Ayer Grange for the courtesy extended the visiting Grangers.

A first-class dinner was served to over 175 people in the lower hall. The

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very ill and it is feared there may be a different trouble from what was expected.	nard, in which Mr. and Mrs. Kidder and Mrs. Maynard were riding, ran	\$10.00 Fancy Mixture Suits	
the hospital at Clinton, where she was taken a few days ago for treatment and observation. She has been ill for	east of White's bridge, so-called, on the Woods Village state road. Mr.	\$15.00 Mixtures and Worsted Suits from the Thompson, Snow Co	*
Harold Cushing had an attack of the grippe, but returned to school too corly and has had a relapse.	shield. He received severe lacerations from the face and forehead, the most serious cut requiring seventeen stitches to close.	Hart. Schaffner & Marx. and Thompson, Snow Co	j.
Preaching in the Baptist church on Sunday at 10.45 a. m.; subject, "The cure foundation". Sunday school at	both ladies and Mr. Kidder. Mrs.	Fancy Worsteds, mostly from Hart, Schaffner & Marx	l s
Federated church services—Sunday	of the rear seat with such force as to bend the heavy oak frame enclosing the back of the seat. She and Mrs. Kidder and Mr. Maynard escaped in-	MEN'S TROUSERS Broken lots of our famous "Dutchess." Al	- -
school at noon. Meeting of the C. E.; society at six p. m. Topic, "Fidelity, and force," February 6 is C. E. day. Evening service at seven o'clock. This	jary. Mr. Maynard, who was running the car, was pitched with such force against the steering wheel as to bend it over at nearly right angles with the floor of the car. Mr. Kidder was tak-	sizes and patterns. To close out at the following prices:	g
and will be addressed by Rev. James C. Alvord of Littleton on the subject, "The light wines and beers of Europe."	en to the office of Dr. Sallivan and later to his home. He is getting along as well as could be expected. The car, a 1916 Buick, was pur-	\$1.50 Trousers marked down to	5 '
Europe and has travelled extensively.' He speaks from personal observation. It will be worth your while to come and hear him. Mid-week service on	chased by Mr. Maynard some time ago and was very badly damaged. It was later taken to Proctor's garage for repairs. It will cost about \$500 to re- pair it.	\$3.00 Trousers marked down to \$2.45 \$3.50 Trousers marked down to \$2.85	5 -
Miss Bertha Stone was pleasantly surprised at the hone of Mrs. Thomas Miller, Pleasant street, Thursday eve-	The party was returning from Fitchburg, where they had gone to witness a basketball game. The road in the vicinity of the accident was	\$5.00 Trousers marked down to \$4.15	1
school class, gathered to tender her a kitchen shower on the approach of her marriage, each bundle being tied	very rough and cut up with ruts. In endeavoring to get out of the deep rut in which the machine was moving, Mr. Maynard steered the car to the right to get on smoother ground. The front	FURNISHING GOODS Men's Fleece-lined Underwear, single and double-breasted, 50c. value	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #
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by Rev. Francis H. Houston. The bearers were Patrick Klernan, George Nawn and John Ward, all of Lowell, John C. Daffy of Ayer, Owen Sherlock of North Chelmsford, and Felix Hinckley of Worcester. The remains were taken to Lowell on the 12.50 p. m. train for interment in St. Patrick's cemetery in that city. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district. Michael McNiff, one of our well-known and respected citizens, died on the district at the moning place. The committee in charge were Mrs. Berton William Leahy. Although the heavy snowstorm kept the well-known and the many towns in the committee in charge were Mrs. Berton Boston and the many form and the many towns in the committee in ch

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Edward E. Sawyer attended the annual banquet of the Square Deal club in the Quincy house, Boston, on last week Thursday evening. The club is composed of members of the Middlesex county jury, which served in the spring of 1909. With the exception of one winter the annual banquets have been held in the Quincy house, while each summer Mr. Sawyer has given the club a clambake at his camp at Sandy pond. Out of a list of thirty-two jurors, so far as is known, only two have died. These offleers were chosen: Alanson Gray, foreman, E. N. Kimball, clerk; the foreman, clerk, A. D. Hamilton, J. G. Hill, A. M. Patteen and R. J. Shepherd, all of Lowell, ex. com. So far as is known this club is the only one of its kind in existence.

istence. P. V. J. Mullin, oiler for the United \$2.75
P. V. J. Mullin, oiler for the United States navy, was in town this week posting advertising literature setting forth the advantages offered to young Americans by enlisting in the navy, which as every one knows is our first line of defence. H. C. Tucker, chief yeoman of the United States navy, who is now in charge of the recruiting station at 7 Merrimack square, Lowell, was formerly in the employ of Huntley S. Turner, of Ayer, as printer.

The two weeks or more of spring The two weeks or more of spring-like weather was rudely broken Wed-nesday by one of the biggest snow-storms of the season, which began on Wednesday morning and lasted until well into the forenoon of Thursday. No damage has been reported. Incidentally it may be said the storm broke on candlemas day, the day when the groundhog makes its annual weather predictions. The animal, however, did not see his shadow. William J. Pelletier moved Tuesday from the Valancourt Stone place on

upper Washington street to his new house on Highland avenue. There are several counterfeit 25-

our merchants had one passed or him.

From the Lowell Courier-Citizen of February 2: "George Stone, of Ayer, went to Fitchburg a day or so ago to purchase a supply of stockings. On the street he met two strangers who asked him to change a new silver dollar for them. He did so, and when, later, he tried to pay for his new socks with the new silver dollar, he discovered that a counterfalt had presed off

ered that a counterfelt had possed off on him." Free Bible lecture will be held on

Sunday, February 6, at 3.15 p. m. at Hardy's hall by the Associated Bible Students, who have shown the photo drama of creation. J. R. Hughes of Boston will speak on a very interesting subject. Seats free. No collection. H. E. Evans, who for several years has been employed in the office of Davis, King Co., West Acton, has given up his position and is now employed as a mechanical draughtsman in



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HARVARD

News Items

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Cobb left on Wednesday evening for New York city and they sailed on Thursday foreon a two-weeks' trip to Ber-

The Unitarian Men's club will hold The Unitarian Men's club will hold its regular monthly meeting and supper Sunday evening, February 6, at 7.30 o'clock, in the lower town hall. After supper the Rev. Harvey C. Merrill, our new pastor, will give us a plain talk on "Science and the problem one of our most interesting lectures of a future life." This should prove and we hope to see the usual large number in attendance. number in attendance.

The meeting on Monday for the purpose of organizing the Harvard Bird club proved very successful and was attended by twenty persons, who became charter members of the club became charter members of the ciub.
A constitution and by-laws were read
and adopted and the following officers
elected: E. F. Corey, pres.; Rev. H.
C. Merrill, vice-pres.; Mary P. Abbot,
sec.; Annie M. Reed, treas.; James L. sec.; Annie M. Reed, treas.; James L. Peters, member of the executive council. The purpose of the club is to encourage protection of and interest in bird life in our community. All those who wish to become members will please send in their names to anyone of the above officers. Persons under sixteen years of age will become jun-for members of the club.

The ladies of the Unitarian society will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. W. F. Dickson on Thursday, February 10.

Miss Susan P. Hill, supervisor of school gardening at Lancaster, gave a lecture before Harvard Grange on Tuesday evening, illustrating her talk Tuesday evening, illustratig her talk with lantern slides. Rev. H. B. Mason with lantern slides. Hev. H. B. Mason furnished the lantern and operator. The public were invited and quite a large number attended. Miss Hill proved very interesting and gave a splendid talk on the possibilities of public school gardens.

Bromfield school closed on Wednesday on account of the prevalent sickness among the pupils and teachers. The grippe colds seem to be running hard about town just at present.

Town meeting will be held on Mor day next at the town hall to hear the reports of the several town commit-tees and to elect town officers for the ensuing year and to transact such ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The polls for the election of town officers will be open from 6.45 a.m. until 2.30 p. m. Town meeting will be called to order at ten a. m. by the town moderator. C. L. Russell. The ladies of the Congresational church will serve a hot duner Russell. The ladies of the Congrega-tional church will serve a hot dumer at twelve o'clock in the upper nell, which all are invited to patronize. Mrs. West has charge of this dinner. There are thirty articles in the town warrant to be disposed of. Town re-ports are being mailed to each tax payer by the town clerk and will not be distributed at the town meeting as heretofore. If you, do not get one notify the town clerk. notify the town clerk.

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Beginning February 1 rural route
No. 1 from Harvard postoffice was
amended as follows: Leaving D. W.
Sheehan's residence the rural carrier
now goes to the house of John Sherry,
thence to the house of John Whitcomb, thence south by Philip Cunningham's and back by Swanson's and
Ball's hill to Mrs. W. H. Whitney's,
making an addition of 3.5 miles. Patrons on the route beyond this point
will necessarily receive their mail
about one hour later than usual. Total length of the route is now 26.85
miles.

Quite a number from here are planing to attend the annual complimen-tary ball given by the "Clintonnians" at Clinton on Wednesday evening, February 9.

By their gracious generosity we are fortunate in having with us this Sunday at the Unitarian church, Prof. and Mrs. John Craig Kelley of Boston. Prof. Kelley, who is a member of the Boston Opera Co., is an organist and pianist of note as also a solo violinist. Mrs. Helen Pratt Kelley is one of Boston's promising singers, having a lyric voice of rare purity and compass. Prof. Kelley will preside at the organ, except for the opening soprano solo with violin obligato. Miss Helen E. Stone at the organ. Prof. Kelley has large and successful classes on piano and violin in Ayer and Littiston and intends opening a class in Harvard this coming fall.

The following is the program at the

The following is the program at the The following is the program at the moving picture show this Saturday evening at 7.45. "Neal of the navy." the eleventh of the series, two reels; "His hand and seal," two reels; "Cousin Jim." a child comedy: Charlie Chaplin, the great comedian in his latest, "Shanghied," two reels. Don't miss him, you will laugh after you go home. Coming next week the new play, "Just out of college," five parts It is great and you don't want to miss

mid-winter meeting in the Hapgood committee room on Wednesday, Febat three o'clock. Dues should

Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11.

The following is taken from the Boston Transcript of January 27.
"J. L. Peters, Harvard '12, will leave Saturday on a scientific expedition to Santo Domingo, where he will collect birds, mammals and reptiles for the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology. He will be gone about three months and will make a thorthree months and will make a thorough study of the avian-fauna of the island. Many of the birds to be collected there for the university are found in no other part of the world and several available species are also unknown to science. Mr. Peters has had a great deal of experience in making collections. In his senior year at Harvard he made a trip for the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy to the British Hondorus. Since graduating British Hondorus. Since graduating heen connected with the Bio-

Congregational Notes.

The morning service on Sunday wil be in charge of the pastor, who will take as the theme of his sermon an-other of the Genesis stories. Miss Parker and Mr. West will sing a duct.

The Bible school will begin with a praise service at twelve o'clock. The sons for the year, taken from the book of Acts, and covering the early years of the christian church, offer excellent opportunities for discussion of timely topics as well as historical questions.

The anniversary of the organization of C. E. work will be celebrated this coming week the world over. The Y. P. S. C. E. of this church will hold anniversary exercises on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. The subject will be Endeavor fidelity Mrs. Mason will be leader There will be special music.

It hardly seems possible that any one in possession of his right senses could say that the road from the Ayer line to McLaughlin's corner is not the worst piece of highway possible to matter pairs for the improvement were disfinite to make the road is little short of folly. Why should not this part of the town have its share of good roads as well as other parts? Are not the people taxed to pay for something they seldom see, much less use? That it can be remedied without a state road is little short of folly. Why should not this part of the town have its share of good roads as well as other parts? Are not the people taxed to pay for something they seldom see, much less use? That it can be remedied by all present and after an in-iteresting discussion it was voted to leave the matter in the hands of a Patch, Mrs. George Hayward and Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. George Hayward and Mrs. Abbott Hodgman, to report at a meeting was open-did by Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Christie and Miss Whittenden by the Colonial orchestra both evenings. Dameing after the play Friday eventures the matter in the hands of a Patch, Mrs. George Hayward and Mrs. Christie and Miss Whittenden by the Colonial orchestra both evenings. Dameing after the play Friday eventures the matter in the hands of a Patch, Mrs. George Hayward and Mrs. Christie and Miss Whittenden by the dogman, followed by prayer by Rev.

Clonial orchestra both evenings. Dameing after the play Friday eventures the matter in the hands of a Conact's store at the Common.

Miss Maude Sears, formerly of the high school faculty, was the week-end guest of the Misses Edith and Myrtle Fielcher. It hardly seems possible that any one in possession of his right senses the town have its share of good roads as well as other parts? Are not the people taxed to pay for something they seldom see, much less use? That the rest of the town has not had state road cannot be claimed. We have now three pieces of state road, one toward the depot, one from the Center running toward Still River and one from the Center past the school off toward Boxboro.

Boxboro.

Why not do something for the Ayer road now.? Almost \$12,000 was ex pended on the Still River road this last year. Does it not seem right to use at least an equal amount on the Ayer road this year? The Ayer road is certainly used more by the people of the town in general than the Still River road, which is more for the benefit of non-resident pleasure seek-ers. The argument of appointing a committee to look into the matter, or to see what the state will do is about exhausted, having been tried now for wo years with no results.

It is time for the town to take a hand in this matter and do something. Not leave it to others. Wm. Stone.

TOWNSEND

The recent meeting of the Towns-end Hill Improvement society held at the "brick college" on the hill was one of especial interest and pleasure. one of especial interest and pleasure.

Mrs. Starr, of Pepperell, gave a talk
on "Florida." portraying in a realistic
manner life and surroundings, fruit
and flower growing in the sunny
south. Mrs. Starr is a very easy and
entertaining speaker, and having recently spent the winter in Florida her
talk way especially interesting contalk was especially interesting containing personal experiences and pleasing incidents. About forty were present to hear for the first time the new plano purchased by the Improvement society. Miss Alberta Barber rendered piano solos efficiently and Robert Copeland, the popular bass so-loist, entertained with pleasing se-ections. The meeting closed with the inging of "America."

The verdict for the three-act come-ly-drama, "The Dutch detective," given in Memorial hall by the Townsend Dramatic club last week Friday evening was one of universal approved. The characters were well assigned and well impersonated. At the close of act two Miss Stella Farrar, the talented soprano soloist, sang in her usual sweet voice two pleasing selections. The hall was well filled for the drama, nearly every seat being taken, and after the play many enjoyed dancing to the music of Thayer's orchestra. The ice cream booth, in charge of Mrs. Frank Higgins and Master Marshall Higgins, received liberal patronage. The amount received from the sale of tickets was about \$85, proceeds for the Townsend A. A. the talented soprano soloist, sang in

It may be of interest to know that at the recent supper and entertain-ment in charge of the men of the Congregational church over twenty-three dollars was netted for the motor pow-er fund for the church organ.

week Thursday.

Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence has been confined to the house for the past week with an attack of the grippe. Mrs. E. J. Lees entertained the La-ies' Whist club at her home on last

Miss Helen Plummer, who teaches in Fitchburg, spent the week-end at her home at Dr. R. S. Ely's, Mrs. Sarah Hodge is visiting rela-

ives in Ayer and vicinity. Miss Emma Adams will have charge of the regular meeting of the Study club at her home next Monday even-ing at eight o'clock, assisted by Mrs Charles B. Stickney, in a musical program.

ermediate school, spent the week-end at her home in North Reading.

Priscilla Welch, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Welch, has been sick with the grippe for the past

The body of little Lois, the tworear-old-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bowen, of Fitchburg, who died of diphtheria after only a week's illness, was brought here for burial last Saturday morning. Rev. Joseph Mac-Kean officiated at a prayer service at the grayer. he grave

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, of Josselyn-ville, returned last Saturday from a several days' visit with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

An invitation has been accepted by the Y. P. S. C. E. to join with the so-ciety at the Congregational church at the Center in a union service on Sun-day evening. The president, Ian Rusk, and Miss Alice Seaver were appointed committee on transportation.

Mrs. Lizzie Glazier has been con-

Miss Emily Orr, who has been caring for Mrs. Austin, has returned to her home, where she has been quite ill with the grippe.

The new topic cards of the Y. P. S. C. E. for the year 1916 were distributed last Sunday evening. They contain the list of topics and leaders for the coming year, and the following list of officers and committees for the

ensuing six months:

Lan Rusk, pres; Mrs, Fred A. Patch, v. p: Mrs, Abbott Hodgman, sec.; Warren Elliott, treas.; Miss Alice Seaver, pianist committees—Warren Elliott, Mrs, Fred A. Patch, Gladys Rawson, Marlon Boutelle, lookout: Mervin Wares, Alice Seaver, Estelle Tucker, Charles Hodgman, Mr. and Mrs, Henry B. Hathaway, prayer meeting; Mrs, E. S. Ely, Agnes Thompson, Abbott Hodgman, Mrs, Alden Sherwin, Kenneth Reed, social; Rev. Joseph MacKean, Mrs, Abbott Hodgman, Mrs, Warren Ellott, Mrs, Charles Hodgman, Mrs, Herman Lawrence, missionary; Miss Alice Seaver, Miss Lena Thompson, Mrs, Ivers P. Sherwin, Mrs, Alden Sherwin, Ian Rusk, muslic: Miss Estella Tucker, James and Richard Rusk, Mrs, Amos Jodery and Charence Jodery, flower.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch returned last Saturday from a visit of several days with relatives in Roston

Mrs. Perry W. Sawtelle is quite ill again at her home Mrs. James Dodds and little daugh-

ter returned last week from a visit to Miss Bertha Reid returned Sunday

rom her home in North Reading. The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent so ciety held their regular monthly meet-ing on Wednesday in the form of an all-day session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Stickney of Main street. There was a fair attendance for such a stormy day and a sumptu-ous dinner was served at noon which

was heartily appreciated by all pres-The business meeting was open-

Townsend Brotherhood met at the Baptist parsonage on Monday evening and held their regular monthly business meeting, appointing their committees and arranging other details of the work.

Dorothy, the daughter of Mrs. Harry Hobart, who has been making her home with relatives in East West moreland, has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobart in Jos-

Mrs. Josephine Boynton is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of

Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy Rev. Joseph MacKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, giving an analysis of the character of Judas Iscariot, taking for the topic, "Do we find the faults in the life and character of Judas common in our time?" The Brotherhood, Ladles, Auxiliary and the Sunday school will meet at noon, but the usual evening services will be omitted on account of the C. E. union meeting at the Center.

The members of the Y. P. S. C. E.

The members of the Y. P. S. C. E. and all friends interested are invited to ride to the Center on Sunday evening to attend the union rally meeting at the Congregational church at 6.45 Mr. Hathaway's conveyance will leave the vestries at the Baptist church at six o'clock; transportation free.

on surday evening when a large dudi-ence gathered to greet Rev. S. D. Ringrose of the Highland Baptist church of Fitchburg, who, assisted by members of the Highland Concert Co., gave a very pleasing program which was heartily enjoyed and while no admission was charged a collection amounting to eleven dollars was taken toward the fund for raising the mort-gage of the Highland Baptist church. Rev. and Mrs. Bingrose were given a hearty greeting by their many friends unch of sandwiches, doughnuts cook-

LITTLETON

News Items

The annual supper of the Lincoln men's class will be given in the Baptist vestry on Wednesday evening at six o'clock. The chief article in the menu will be the famous chicken pie. Being one of the features, this year of the celebration of C. E. week the entertainment following the supper will be provided by the young neone. will be provided by the young people which is assurance enough that it will e of the right quality.

Plans are being made for installing electric lights in the Baptist church at an early date. The Keystone system of graded les

sons has been introduced since the be-ginning of the year into the primary and intermediate departments of the Baptist Sanday school.

Raptist Sanday school.

C. E. week at the Eaptist church, will begin with a sermen to the young people on Sunday morning and appropriate music, a C. E. social on Monday evening with games and light refreshments in celebration of enlistment day, the Lincoln class supper and C. E. entertainment Wednesday evening, special mid-week service on Thurs. special mid-week service on Thurs a special find-week service on Thursday evening in celebration of C. E. church loyalty day, and an afternoon session, partly in the open air, if weather permits, for the children on "junior" day—Saturday.

The February union meeting of the protestant churches of this town will So far as the

Josephine Holbrook, who was taken to Lowell General hospital with a broken hip last week, is reported as comfortable. She has been very hapby to receive so many attentions from church and other friends here and greatly appreciates the kindness so generally showered upon her. Scarce-ly a mail arrives that has not some renembrance for her.

Senator Kimball and other mem bers of the Agricultural committee spent three days at Amherst Agricultural college last week inspecting the college, its equipment and conditions requiring state supervision, anticipa-tory of the recommendation of certain apropriations for buildings, etc. Mr. Kimball enjoyed an interview with our ex-superintendent of schools Thompson, who was recently appointed to the professorship of agriculture and vegetable gardening in the State Agriculitural college.

Mrs. W. E. Conant made a visit with her son Ralph's family in Newton this last week.

The new term of the Go-to-church and will begin Sunday morning.

There was a large audience presen the high school drama Pepp," last week Friday evening and from all we hear only words of pro-nounced commendation. The cast was wisely selected and well trained. The play was cordially received and the entire entertainment was pronounced a capital success. The request for a repetition has been urged but thus far

without avail. Receipts from the Newtown enter tainment of the Back-log club amounted to little over ten dollars and through the generosity of a friend the sum was brought up to twelve dollars. This will be added to the Star Island fund.

On Thursday and Friday evenings February 10 and 11, the Back-log club will present "The arrival of Kitty," a farce in three acts by Norman Lee Swartout, in Littleton town hall. The following take part: Mr. Jacobs,

Mrs. Bradlee, Miss Houghton, Mr Shedd. Mr. Eames, Mr. Watts, Mr Hibbard, Mrs. Christic and Miss Whit-

Abbott Houseman.

Mrs. Thomas Martin, from Ayer, spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Winship.

John Keefe, who for several years has made his home with Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely, has gone to Quincy, where R. S. Ely, has gone to Quincy, where her mothered a training school.

Bietener.

The King's Daughters re-elected its officers Tuesday afternoon: Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb, pres.; Mrs. Chas. F. Watts, seed, and Mrs. A. W. Knowlton, treas. Mrs. Geo. A. Cook was admitted into membership of the circle. Several communications and acknowledgments of remembrances were read and plans for the Easter sale were discussed. Mrs. A. H. Gregory visited relatives in Danvers last week.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be on February 14.

The ground hog did not venture out of his hole in Littleton Wednesday Cornelia F., wife of Henry W. Co Cornella F., wife of Henry W. Covell, passed away February I, at her late home on King street. She was born in Leominster Segtember 30, 1840, daughter of Thomas and Mary Carter. Besides her husband she leaves two sisters, Miss Mary A. Carter of Roxbury and Mrs. Sibelle E. Dodge of Leominster. The funeral service, which was private, was held at her late home Thursday morning at eleven o'clock. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery, Leominster. Al-

Evergreen cemetery, Leominster, Although a resident of this town but a few months she had many friends and endeared herself to all who knew her. Her illness of several months' dura-tion she bore with remarkable fortitude and patience and it was when she became extremely weak that

she vielded to home confinement High school pupils have adopted aminations of one and a half hours' duration, and at times outside of ex-aminations are free to return home. This accounts for their being seen go-The Baptist church was well filled on Sunday evening when a large audi-on Sunday evening when a large audi-ence gathered to greet Rev. S. D. trouble as was surmised on the part trouble as was surmised on the part of some townspeople.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cox, who have

spent the early winter in Barre, have gone to Malden for a few weeks. Marion Smith celebrated her thirteenth birthday by glying a party to cleven of her young girl associates last Saturday afternoon. Parents and older sisters assisted in making the Rev. and Mrs. Ringrose were given a continuous friends hearty greeting by their many friends here and the party were hospitably entertained in the vestry by a light of the entertainment was an important for the content of the entertainment was an important for the content of the entertainment was an important for the content of the entertainment was an important for the content of the content Refreshments were served at Mrs. William W. Webster, of Josselynville, is at present caring for an invalid at the home of Mrs. Irving Seaver in the south part of the town.

> Warren Hartwell, of Tufts college, was in town on Sunday. J. Warren Fletcher has been ail

affection

ing, but we are happy to report his convalescence. The supper scheduled for March in the Congregational club calendar will be held in the vestry on the evening of February 15. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kimball are charmen of the commit-

tee in charge. Doris Goddard is obliged to be out of school, on account of sickness. Miss Ruth Thacher is staying with

her cousin, Miss Virginia Sanderson, in West Acton, doring the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard. J. H. D. Whitcomb is one of a number of cattle dealers who enjoyed the week-end hospitality of Knowles in Worcester.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner, of Nashua, N. H., speat Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hart-well Whitcomb.

Mrs. Augustus Cleaves and son Shepley, of Gardner, were week-end guests of the J. H. Kimball family. Mr. and Mrs. Willace B. Conant. of Concord, were at N. B. Conant's over Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lucy Adams was a Saturday and Sunday guest in the N. H. White comb home.

protestant churches of this town will be held on Sunday evening at seven o'clock in the Baptist church. The resident pastors will take part in the service, or in the absence of Rev. J. C. Alvord at a similar meeting, in Ayer, his place will be taken by Itey J. S. Strong of Ayer. As this noneting comes just before our annual town meeting matters of local interest and community welfare will be treated in the addresses under the general topic for the evening. Town business for all of us." The chief address will be made by Rev. O. J. Folffield, the dean of the local ministers, Josephine Holbrook, who was taken So far as the writer knows there very satisfactory, as the trains were then very light. If there are any others living who were on the road at from them. J. Hartwell Whitcomb.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to ALBERT S. KILBOURN of Enfield in the State of New Hampshire 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 fourteenth day of February A. D. 1916, 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 l'ublic 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 twenty-first day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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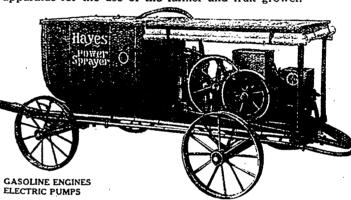
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To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY ROOT, sometimes called MARY ROOTS, late of Ayer in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by THERESA A. O'BRIEN who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named, as THERESA A. ROOT without giving a surety on her official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a

THERESA A. ROOT without giving a surety on her official bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eighth day of February A. D. 1916, 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 mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy of this citation 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 twentieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court To the heirs at-law, next of kin, an all other persons interested in the es rate of PLINY MERRICK HARWOOI late of Littleton in said County, de ceased

tate of PLINY MERRICK HARWOOD late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by MINNIE L. HARWOOD who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to her, without giving a surety on her bond, or to some other suitable person, no executor having been named in said will. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the ninth day of February A. D. 1916, 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 the Littleton Guidon, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation 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 twentieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed executrix of the will of SARAH ELIZABETH BARR late of Groton in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

LUCY ANN DODGE, Executrix. Groton Inn., Groton Mass., January 20, 1916.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed executor of the will of Lomira A. Durgin, late of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, deceased, testate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to

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SHIRLEY

Dr. and Mrs. Bryant are planning to pend a few days next week at Ches-er, Vermont.

Miss Grace Tewksbury has com-pleted her course in millinery and has just commenced a course in dress-

Fredonian lodge, I. O. O. F., will present a mock trial under the direction of Col. Newton, of Worcester, in Odd Fellows' hall on Saturday evening, September 19—a breach of proming more with This This entertainment will be one of the finest of the year. A large cast of local people will constitute the characters in the suit and will be thoroughly high-class in every re-

The Brotherhood of the Congrega-tional church will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the at 6,45; followed by the usual enter-tainment which will be open to the public. The program will consist of a brief address by Lewis W. Parsons on the subject, "California," and also musical numbers.

Frank Daley, formerly teamster for Fred D. Weeks, and George Haskins have left town and secured positions

Harriet Adams is confined to her home with the grippe.

John W. Farrar is building an ice house at Robbins' pond and intends filling same with ice before the winter

Mrs. Charles A. Miner left this week Friday for a visit at the home of her sister in Allston.

Mrs. Hattie Shearer and her sister, Mrs. Laura Ware, who are both seri-ously ill at the home of the former, seem to remain about the same. J. Fred Brown is confined to his home this week with an attack of the

Alfred Rivers and daughter Julia epent the week-end and Sunday with Mr. Rivers' mother in Keene, N. H.

At the high school assembly on last week Friday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Ruth Day, pres; Everett Buxton, v. p.; Harry Annis, sec.: Vera Day, Sarah Stevenson, James Doherty, ex. com. The following program was rendered: Reading contest, Vera

covering nicely.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Clemenzi last Sunday. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs Stanislas Francek last Saturday. A number of high school pupils are

confined to their homes with the pre-vailing epidemic, the grippe. Mrs. John F. Murphy passed away at her home in Littleton last Satur at her nome in Littleton has seen day. The funeral was held on Monday with services in St. Mary's church. Ayer. Mrs. Murphy was formerly Miss Annie Russell, of this town, where she worked for a number of years in the warping department of the President Suspender Co.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will hold a whist party on February 18 at the Altrurian club rooms.

Leona Lee is confined to her home

with sickness.

The funeral of Marie, the nineteenmonths-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Alexander Clemenzi was held on last week Friday afternoon at three o'clock with the service in St. Anoclock with the service with the serv o'clock with/the service in St. Anthony's chur, Rev. Rosario Hichard officiatin/ A large number of relatives and f. ends attended the service. The barers were Masters Bolger, Thomg and Glonet. Burial was in St. Ar. hony's cemetery. Many beautiful foral tributes were displayed. The attle child died on last week Thursday morning from the effects of a shock sustained by falling into a tub of hot water on last week Wednesday morning. The child's mother had placed the tub on the kitchen floor, intending to wash the floor and had left it unguarded for a moment, when the child backed into it. The griefstricken parents have the sympathy of all the townspeople in their bereavement.

Back-Log drama in Littleton town hall, February 10 and 11.

Rekekah Installation.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge installed its officers- elect last week Friday evening, about fifty being pres-

sie M. Dadmun, con.; Helen McCoy, chap.; Margaret J. Brockeiman, r.s.n.g.; Agnes M. Holden, l.s.n.g.; Mary M. Nickless, r.s.v.g.; Incz I; Lynch, l.s.v.g.; Ida M. Warren, i. g.; Harlan B. Howe, o. g.; Lottie A. Greenicaf and Ella F. Lawrence, altar bearers.

The Washington Memorial

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church will meet on next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Wells at three o'clock. It is hoped all the ladies of the circle will make an effort to be present.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church will hold a pound party next Tuesday evening in the church vestry tesday evening in the church vestry to a pound of anything not worth less than five cents.

The annual town meeting takes

The annual town meeting takes Through the efforts of Old Shirles The annual town meeting takes piace on Monday. The polis will open at 11.30 in the morning and closed at three in the afternoon. There are thirty articles in the warrant to be acted upon by the citizens. from the government a magnificent site in Washington of several acres site in washington of several acres facing the mall next to the new National museum. This site is worth \$500,000. The governors of forty-one states are working for the successful termination of the plan. Supper and Entertainment:

The social supper and entertainment at the Congregational church Wednes-day evening was a banner one from a social standpoint and the committee in charge most assuredly scored a triumph. The tables were prettily decorated and at each plate were decorated and at each plate were placed thy favors appropriate to Washington's birthday. The menu was bountiful and varied with appetizing dainties and notwithstanding the fact that the night was rather stormy a large number were present to enjoy the many good things the ladies had provided.

ladies had provided.
Supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. Hooper, chairman, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Welis, Mrs. Whitaker, Miss Ella Wright and Miss Alice Horton. The waiters and waitresses were Chester Hooper, Lester James, Leslie Wells, and the Misses Gladys. Phelps, Grace Tewksbury and Alice Horton. At the close of the supper hour the following delightful program of entertainment was given. program of entertainment was given under the direction of Miss Anni under the direction of Miss Annie Park Holbrook and Lester James: Piano duet, Misses Sarah S. Stevenson and Doris White; song, Lester James; reading, Miss Grace Tewksbury; song, William J. Flynn; reading, Mrs. Me-'oy : talk on Lincoln by Conrade Win Jubb; piano solo, Miss Gladys Phelps

Annual Celebration. . The annual birthday celebration of Waldo E. Conant, of Littleton, and John G. and Edwin H. Conant, of served at one o'clock and the day as Day. Sarah Stevenson, James Bonerty, ex. com. The following program was rendered: Reading contest, Vera Day and Laura Sideleau.

Miss Madeline Logue is this week teaching the fifth and sixth grades, substituting for Miss Neilie McNiff, who is absent owing to the death of her father, who passed away at his home in Ayer last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson, of Pennacook, N. H., spent last Sunday with Joseph H. McClellan.

Miss Gertrude L. Conant returned home last Sunday evening from a month's visit at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Manning, in Upper Montelair, N. J.

George H. B. Clark, who is confined a whole was as usual one of pleasant ing, in Upper Montclair, N. J.

George H. B. Clark, who is confined his home with diphtheria, is re-

To the Editor:

I would like to say a few words in your columns concerning Article 18 of the town warrant. In reading over that article I could not but be amazed at what extravagance people will let themselves be led into. Here we are themselves be led into. Here we are a small town with a population of 2251 in 1915 expected to appropriate \$50,099 for a school building; such as a large city requires, with no enty to help pay for it. The plans submitted are all right for a city, but what does a small town like Shirley going to do with expenditures like this. We are where she worked for a number of years in the warping department of the President Suspender Co.

Mrs. William Daley, of Ayer, is substituting as teacher for the seventh and eighth grades for Mrs. Collins the Egular teacher, who is confined to her home in Forge Village with sickness.

Old Shirley chapter, D. A. R., will

To the Voters of Shirley:

In the warrant for the town meeting of February 7, the following article occurs: "To raise \$100.00 for band

It has been necessary for us to hire for every concert three men, besides the director, making, when the director for rehearsals is included, five men a week—\$3.00 a man is the customary price to pay. We have, it is true, been fortunate enough to save a little on the sewing societies last week, fortunate enough to save a little on seven of the Ladies' Aid responding that in some cases, but have never to the invitation to meet with Mrs. Got the capense below \$14.50, including carfares, etc. That from \$18.00 per few for the property of the fer home. Mrs. Albert lies a fight for the use of a practice room. installed its officers elect last week Friday evening, about fifty being present. The installing officers were Grace E. Winslow, d. d. pres, of Ayer, and suite, consisting of Blanche Brown, Groton, d.d.g.w.; Emma K. Dudley, Ayer, d.d.g.s.; Juliette L. Kidder, Ayer, d.d.g.s. Hentie E. Thayer, G.d.g.s. Hentie Government of two concepts and suite. The retiring noble grand, Gertrude M. Harris, was presented with a past noble grand's collar, the grand of the lodge, for service rendered with a past noble grand's collar, the grand of the lodge, for service rendered with a past noble grand's collar, the grand's collar, the following is a complete list of the following is a complete list of the officers hen hend to give concerts for \$100.00. We have the hendie of the officers hendie of the office

concerts and we feel that \$200.06 is certainly a reasonable amount for Shirley. With \$200.00, plus dues from the members, we figure we can pay off the present debt and give the regular concerts, hiring the same number of outside men pay on the present debt and give the regular coheerts, hiring the same number of outside men.

We look forward to a better season

than ever, located, as we shall be, on the new bandstand. In regard to the other band in Shirley, we bear it no, ill-will in any way, but we realize, as everyone who thinks must, that Shir-ley is too small a town to support two bands. The membership of our band bands. The memoership of our band is open to all who are proficient envoys on their instruments. There is room on the bandstand for thirty men and we should like to have that number of members. The band is not a closed corporation trying to hog the appropriation, but it has not a standard helps which it contacts as to adard below which it council to to ad-

and below which it cutilot go to aumit new men.

To conclude, the members of the band give their time and money to, this enterprise purely for the pleasure they get from playing and from their interest in the town's welfare It is not, as I have shown, pecuniarily remunerative to any member. To put this in its true light before the voters is the purpose of this article. Fred B. Barrows.

Miss Ruth M. Graves, of Lancaster spent the week-end with friends in Maynard, instead of making her usual

Miss Vera Bradford, of Emersor College of Oratory, spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bradford.

The sufferers from the grippe have been very numerous about town during the past two weeks. Clyde Graves returned to school this week after an illness of two weeks. Mary after an liness of two weeks. Mary Grout is recovering from an attack of the grippe. Helen and Mae Bradford have been confined to their home for the past week. At the North, Phyllis Farrar has the grippe; John Farrar is recovering from a two-weeks' ill-ness, and Ralph Thompson is confined to his home with the same disease.

The meeting of the Matrons' Aid so ciety, which was to be held last week with Mrs. C. E. Bradford, was post-poned on account of so much illness The next meeting of the Girls' Sewing Guild will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 5, with Mrs. W. E.

seriously ill. Her sister, Mrs. Em-maline Howard, who has been staying with her returned to Westminster last

week, and Mrs. Esborn Mills, of the village, is caring for her now. Mrs. E. J. Miller is confined to her home, under the care of a physician, with an attack of rheumatic fever. The large automobile delivery truck belonging to C. A. Cross, of Fitch-hurg, became stuck in the mud on Center road, between the homes of C. K. Bolton and A. B. Cram, last week Friday morning, and was unable to

continue on its way until late in the afternoon. The road was badly torn up by the truck, and had to be filled in before it was passable. It is reported that Mrs. F. A. Wyman, who is spending the winter in Ayer, is very ill and is at the Clinton

R. G. Dort, of Groton School, conducted the service at Trinity chapel last Sunday and will have charge of the service again on Sunday. Service

hospital.

Rehearsals are being held for two farces, "Frank Glynn's wife" and "A full house," which are to be given by Shirley Grange sometime during the month of February for the benefit of the educational aid fund.

A. A. Adams, with a gang of men, as been at work the past week trim-ing out brush along the highways at the North. confined to his home with sever

injuries to his leg, the result of a fall Six new names were added to the toting list at the meeting of the registrars in the town hall last Saturday afternoon and evening. The committee which was appoint

The committee which was appointed at the last town meeting to investigate the question of a water supply for Shirley Center, have submitted their report with the annual town report. They report that the most feasible plan seems to be a separate water system maintained by the people of the Center, and ask for an appropriation of \$250 to further investigate the matter. On account of the plentiful rains of last summer and the presulting plentiful supply of water. plentiful rains of last summer and the resulting plentiful supply of water, this problem, which had become a vital one, has been neglected and allowed to become a dead issue. A water supply is necessary to the life of a community and as the exceptional rains of last year-cannot be relied on for the future, it would seem that rains of last year-cannot be relied on for the future, it would seem that something must be done to meet the situation. While it is doubtful wheth-er such a system as has been sug-gested could be profitably maintained by the people of the Center alone, the matter should not be dropped without further investigation further investigation,

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Last week Wednesday evening the Grange held a most interesting meet-ing with every one of the new officers It may be thought by some that if way be thought by some that their station, thereby making a splendid start for the new year. I can show that it is not. That I can show that it is not. That

Jessie Farnsworth was home from her school in Merrimack for a few days last week, as her mother is not very well. Mrs. Woods has been em ployed to stay with Mrs. Farnsworth for a few weeks.

Owing to the extreme warm spell of last week the ice company has been obliged to lay off a large force of men Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall are en-tertaining Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rick-er, of Cambridge, Mass.

Rev. George L. Bennett, a former pastor here, was a visitor in town last week Wednesday and Thursday.

While hauling logs one day last week Clark Barnaby had a narrow escape from serious injury by failing logs when the whiffletness backe while coming down an incline, a lowing the rear end to slew and cadeing one of the axles to break, dumping the load. Mr. Barnaby escaped by

Among the sick folks the past week were Capt. Alexander Try or, Edward Pierce, Mrs. Frank Austin and baby, Mrs. Cobleigh and Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Ralph Perkins and Mrs. Eddy. Mrs. Mrs. Henry Shattuck con inues ver

Franklin Rollins left on sionday for Worcester, where he is to be employed in a machine shop. Dockrill entertained his son Charles over the week-end.

Obituary.

William Ladd Dodge, who passed away last week, was born in Boston, Mass, and received his ecucation in the public schools of that city. About 1848 his father bought the homestead of Mrs. Thomas Leavitt his wife's mother, which was situated on the Exeter road, Hampton, N. H., and it mother, which was stillaged on the Exeter road, Hampton, N. H., and it became the family resort and home of Grandmother Leavitt until her death in 1869. From here Capt. Dodge went to Concord, N. H., on August 26, 1861, where he enlisted as a private in the third regiment N. H. V., receiving no bounty from state or town. He remained with his regiment until mustered out on October 19, 1864, by reason of expiration of term of service, and was employed in Boston on his return to civil life. On November 11, 1865, he married Mary Burr Lane, of Hampton, N. H. They lived in Massachusetts, first in Charlestown and then in Winchester, where she died on September 11, 1880, He was married the second time to Bertha Wilson, of Groon, Conn., in 1882, and they lived in Topsfield un-1882, and they lived in Topsfield until her death in 1994 In 1995 he broke up his home there and in 1996 he came to Brooklin. In 1999 he was married to Mrs. Viella Cecelia Thomas, of Brockton, Mars., who survives him

vives him. Capt. Dodge had a wonderful memory and a good election which he improved by travelend reading. He was patriotic, an optimist, a church man and loved music. Hampton, N. H., was his meet. He complete a military history on the civil that the tricolor came into its own war and donated it with other books and maps to the public library of the public library of the public library of the public library of the public library. Hampton.

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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 DAVID WILCON late of Littleton in said County, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said deceased of ELBERT P. WILCON of Littleton in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby clied to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fourteenth day of February A. D. 1916, 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 one 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. Medintire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

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housand nine hundred and sixteen. 3t21 W. E. ROGERS, Register MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

IN AYER, MASSACHUSETTS

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed giv-en by John C. Davenport, of Ayer, in often thirty feet from the leader, the monwealth of Massachusetts, to Wil- trolled by word of mouth and a whip.liam A. Lawrence, of Groton, in said Outing. county, dated January 23rd, A. D. 1911, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds in book 3577 page 587, will be sold at public auc tion upon the premises below describ-ed, at two o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, the fourteenth day of February A. D. 1916, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage leed, and therein described as follows

"A certain piece or parcel of land because of the strong flavor it gives to containing Fifty-Seven (57) acres the milk. A temporary expedient is to more or less situated in said Ayer on keep the cows off the infested pasture the Easterly side of the road leading at least four hours before milking. This to Groton, sometimes called Park will greatly reduce the bad flavor. Then

"Beginning at the Northwesterly corner of the premises by said road at a corner of land of William U. Sherwin: thence running Easterly by and of said Sherwin Forty (40) rods more or less to a corner; thence northerly by land of said Sherwin, land of Edward A. Richardson and and of William M, Sargent Seventy-Three (73) rods more or less to a corner at land of William L. Wood: thence Easterly by land of said Wood One Hundred Forty-Two (142) rods more or less to a stake and stones at land of the Worcester & Nashua Railroad Company; thence Southerly by land of said Railroad Company Fifty-Four (54) rods and Six (6) feet more or less at a stake and stones at land now or formerly of Eliza Russell; thence Westerly by last named land One Hundred (100) rods more or less to a stake and stones at a corner; thence Southerly by said Russell land Nine (9) rods more or less to a corner; thence Westerly by last named land Forty Two (42) rods more or less to said road: thence Northerly by said road Fifteen (15) rods more or less to the point of beginning.

The premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes. A deposit of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) will be required at the time of sale. Other terms made known at time and place

WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE, Groton, Mass., January 21, 1916.

EARLY FIRE FIGHTERS.

New York Had a Volunteer Brigade in the Seventeenth Century.

There was an organized fire depart ment in New York city as early at 1648. when a fire prevention squad existed, with duties resembling those of the bu reau of fire prevention of today. The older squad was made up of policefiremen, or fire-policemen, whose duty was to visit all parts of the city, which then extended from the Battery to City Hall park, and inspect the chimneys to see whether they were free from fire danger. Those guilty of having chimneys in a dangerous condition were fined \$1.50, which went to buy new equipment, such as fire ladders, hooks and backets.

In the days of the fire police of 1648 the owner of each of the 200 odd houses on Manhattan island had to have one or more fire buckets in his house. These were made of leather and cost \$2.50. A local shoemaker got the contract to furnish 150 to the corporation. These buckets had to be thrown out of the houses when the watchman gave the carm of fire. They were picked up by the volunteer firemen rushing to the blaze and used by a bucket brigade formed between the burning building and the nearest well.

When the wells ran dry the brigades sometimes had to make the river their base. Any one attempting to pass through the fire lines at that time was doused. The man who breaks through and tells the chief how to fight the fire is an evil that has sprung up in modern times.—New York Times.

TRICOLOR OF FRANCE.

First Adopted in 1794, It Fell and Rose Again In 1830.

The French have always favored the colors of red, white and blue, and throughout their history red banners, white pluraes and blue scarfs have been largely used in connection with royalty and the army.

The French national flag, the tricolor, however, which combines the three popular colors of Fance, is comparatively modern. The flag was first adopted about 1794. A decree was issued which gave to all flags a knot of tricolor ribbons at the top of the staff, wonderful and later the red, white and blue design was chosen for the national flag. Some years after it was abolished for the white flag of France made famous the national banner of France.

> The divisions on the tricolor are not all the same size. The red occupies

do: when he gallons, they gallon, All the wheel dog does is to guide the nose of the sled, materially assisted by the REAL ESTATE driver. The rest of the team merely pull and yelp.

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Mrs. O. D. Clark of Sanford, Me., and Carl Drew of Boston were week-end guests with their sister, Mrs. Frank Bennett, Park street. On her return home on Monday, Mrs. Clark took her little nicce, Dorothy Bennett, to Maine with her for a two weeks'

Mrs. Elmer Mason is convalescing ery slowly from a badly spraince rist received nearly two weeks ago thich nearly amounted to a break very painful.

Mrs. George Mahoney came from Middleboro Friday of last week, bringing her grandson, Master George, back to his parents. Joseph Mahoney was also here over Sunday, both returning Monday morning.

George V. Herrig of West Somer-ville was in town over Sunday at the home of George Pierce.

John Granger and family moved back to town from Hollingsworth's this week, where he has had employ-They are occupying a tenement on' Cottage street.

Miss Rora Lunt, a trained nurse was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Reed over Sunday.

Miss Agnes Hayward, assistant at the high school building, intends to resign her position here, it is understood, at the close of this term. February 18, much to the regret of her pupils. A similar position has been offered her in Wilmington, which she will probably accept.

urday, taking a vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed, until Monday evening.

with her daughter, Mrs. Bartlett, coming from Gardner last week.

P. H. S. basketball tearn, who played at Milford, N. H., Saturday evening, remained over Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Sears, of that place. Two of her friends. Doris Butler and Doris Dut, who went as spectators, were guests there, also.

Esther Martin, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, has been quite ill with the prevailing grippe cold, and under the care of a physical for force force force. cian for a few days.

G. Harold Tower was in town last week from Hyde Park, where he is associated with the printing office of the Hyde Park Times.

New telephones installed are of Fisher & Reed, engineers, 74-11, and David Robinson 112-4.

Miss Clara Kendall from Nashua visited Mrs. Edward Johnson over Sunday and remained a few days of this week by reason of a grippe cold.

On Monday, as one of the ladies residing on Park street was walking toward the center, she was twice attacked by a large collie dog and badly frightened. There are several of these large dogs allowed to roam the control of the cont about in this vicinity and Oak hill road and during the past year a num-ber of ladies have been molested by them at various times. The attitude taken by the owner of this collie on when he was informed the lady of her fright, was rather singular. He admitted that he knew the animal had molested passersby, but as he "paid taxes on the animal, thought it should be allowed to run at large." If there is no question of legal rights of citizens to be able to pass along the street without having gar-ments muddied and torn, the owner of such an animal should feel some moral responsibility toward any member of the community.

It will be of interest to many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, who Of Mr. and Mrs. Charles harris, and formerly resided in town, moving to Utica, N., Y., about six years ago, that their oldest son, Milton, recently graduated from the high school. He is only about sixteen years of age, and has entered Cornell university, taking a special course in agriculture and forestry. Mrs. Harris is the daughter of E. J. Darling of this town and her husband was connected with the paper mill here for several years.

The members of the board of di-rectors of the District Nurse associa-tion will hold a meeting on Monday

been gone just two weeks. As she had written last week, she saw no place in which she would care to lo-cate, and the south did not suit her as well as New England. Mr. Ryap will remain there awhile longer on account of his health.

A meeting of the high school alumni will be held at the high school build-ball team. g on Wednesday evening, February at eight o'clock. All members interested in holding a banquet w please make an effort to be present. will

News was recently received from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Burns, who returned to Nova Scotia last fall, that they have left Middleton, where they first settled, and have gone to Mar-gretsville, N. S., near their old home place, and like much better there.

Mrs. Harry Dawborn, who moved from town to Nashua, N. H., last year, has been visiting old friends in town this week with her little daughter.

Eugene Donnelly came from his school in Andover for the week-end and remained at home a part of this week, being housed with a grippe cold. Miss Bertha Johnson, from Boston, spent the week-end with her parents

Mrs. Rainsford Deware went to New York last week. Miss Ariene Joined her mother, from Northampton, at Springfield, and will spend her mid-winter vacation in New York also.

Workmen from the firm of Spence, Bell & Co., Boston, have repaired the stained glass windows at the Metho-dist church, broken by the recent windstorm, and are making slight repairs on others.

In a recent bulletin issued by the state concerning the minimum wage question we note the name of Robert E. Bisbee, a former pastor in as chairman of that committee.

Mrs. Sarah Lawrence is recovering very slowly from the effects of her second fall. At her advanced age, nearly ninety-seven, this is not nearly ninety-seven, this is not organized, and taking up the line of strange, but her energy has seemed to defy old age up to this accident. She is still confined to her bed and suffers considerable pain in one limb. Her der, a return should be made to the sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucy Boynton, spent a few days with her this week, although rather feeble herself.

The extension department class unteresting the line of strangers have been dropping. It was urged by her that in justice to the founders of this original ideas, and the real meaning of the organization.

back to Beverly and think that quiet ject will be the same.

old New England is all right just at

W. A. Shepardson spent Sunday with his family on High street, as usual coming from Milford, N. H., where he has a position in a machine

Emery Grenier, who has been visit

ing relatives in town the past few weeks, went to Portsmouth, N. H., this week for a short stay.

Miss May Burke, from Nashua, was at the home of her parents on Leigh-ton street over the week-end. Leo Gagnon, formerly an employee on the paper machine at the Nashua River paper mills, has gone to Bellows

falls. Vt., to work. Rehearsals for the M. K. club's annual minstrel show are in progress in their new quarters in Tarbell's block.

Mrs. Fred A. Parker has been confined to her home on Oak hill by a sprained knee for the past two weeks. She received the injury by simply rising from her chair, twisting her knee in some way to affect the ligaments. It is badly swollen and gives her much pain. pain.

pain.

On Friday evening of last week the Junior league held their monthly social at the Methodist parsonage with their leader. Mrs. Beers. There were about thirty-five present, including visitors from the Knights of King Arthur. The girls of the league attended to the refreshments which were bountiful and varied, and also provided an entertainment of games which afforded so much fun for the jolly little crowd that the hour of their departure was lengthened to nearly nine o'clock instead of earlier as usual.

Little Rachel Gagnon, the daughter

offered her in Wilmington, which she will probably accept.

Loslie Reed came from Boston Saturday, taking a vacation at the home of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Reed. until Monday evening.

Miss Ruth Tucker, assistant in the high school, spent the week-end at her home at Reading.

Mrs. A. A. Blood has been staying with her daughter. Mrs. Bartlett, coming from Gardner last week.

Marion Thompson, a member of the P. H. S. basketball team, who played it Milford, N. H., Saturday evening, remained over Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Sears, of that place. Two of her friends, Doris Butler and Doris Du-

Mrs. E. B. Heald has been visiting friends in Melrose Highlands the past week.

Eloyd Bancroft came from Boston where he is employed to spend Sunday at his home here.

Doris Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, Reald street, is recovering from an attack of jaun-dice which has detained her from at-tending school for four weeks.

Mrs. Joseph B. Heald came from Boston last week to attend the annual roll call supper at the Congregational church. Mrs. Heald (Caroline A. Howe) was the granddaughter of Rev. Mrs. Howe, the last ministra of the Howe) was the granddaughter of Rev. Mr. Howe, the last minister of the town before the separation of the two churches at the center, of Pepperell. Mrs. Heald was the guest of Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson while in town, returning to Bester on Mander. ing to Boston on Monday.

Mrs. Mary Thorpe returned to her home in Hartford, Conn., on Sunday afternoon. Her brother, Samue Marshall, who has been employee Marshall, who has been elimposed there during the winter, accompanied her, both being summoned here by the death of William Marshall.

Joseph Graham was in Boston of Monday on business, visiting er in Stoneham over night.

Authors' night was observed at the Grange on last week Friday evening, the attendance not being as large as the attendance not being as large a otherwise on account of the firemen otherwise on account of the firemen's ball. The program included a poem from Eugene Field by Mrs. Minnie Greene; one of Longfellow's poems by Miss Ellen Miller: a song by Mrs. E. H. Bliss, "The battle hynni of the republic." written by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe; two of Stevens' poems by Rev. Mr. Lewis; a poem from Oliver Wendell Holmes by Miss Florence Kemp, and a poem of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the colored poet, by E. M. Stewart. The remainder of the evening was devoted to the game of "authors." was devoted to the game of "authors."
The next meeting will be on February
11, in charge of D. R. Child.

lee operations are at a standstill, waiting for colder weather. S. M. Nokes and W. E. Chapman were both ready to commence cutting this week but for the thaw.

George W. Pierce is not improving perceptibly from his rheumatic attack, being still confined to his home. weening, February 7, at the Center.

Mrs. Frank Ryan arrived home on Thursday from Orlando, Fla., having been gone just two weeks. As she had written last week she says a great control of her mother, Mrs. D. W. Hazen, over Sunday, returning to Cambridge on Tuesday morning.

Edith Palmer, who was just recovering from the injury to her knee by a fall on the ice, is now suffering from an attack of tonsilitis, which will keep her at home awhile longer. Miss Helen Sullivan substituted for her in

ed to their home in Derry, N. H., last Sunday after spending the week at J. M. Graham's. Mr. Byrne's father, James Byrne, spent the week-end here also, and returned with them. On Thursday and Friday Mr. and Mrs Byrne visited in Leominster, attending the Scotch ball in Fitchburg. As they are both of Scotch ancestry the various Scottish dances, including the Highland Fling, executed by dance ers in the Highland costumes, were

very pleasing Mrs. William O'Dell is confined to Mrs. William O'Dell is confined to her room from the effects of an injury to the hip received in falling down stairs at her home on Nashua street, last week Thursday evening. The exact nature of the injury is not apparent, but it is thought by the attending physician that the bone may be cracked, but not broken.

Miss May Murphy, of Newton, was the guest of Miss M. A. Kerin last week, attending the firemen's ball. At a recent session of the State Grange the lecturer. Mrs. George Ladd, voiced the sentiments of many of the patrons of our local Grange when she declared that the order was approaching a crisis, and that mem-bers must soon decide whether it is o be a social factor only, or return to its original principal, the developto be a social factor only, or return to its original principal, the develop-ment of agriculture. It was conced-ed by her that sociability, even to frivolity, may have its place, but there are more serious problems which the Grange is supposed to deal with. She spoke of the many successful farm bureaus, and of farmers' clubs being organized, and taking up the line of

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darling enter-tained Squire Sharp on Tuesday, who have met on February 2, was post-was formerly an employee at the mill, going from here to Houston, Texas. Mr. Sharp and family have now moved The place of meeting, hour, and sub-

W. T. Hobart has been at work bout his newly-purchased residence. about his newly-purchased residence, the Wilson house, on Elm street. One of the greenhouses was blown down by the recent gale and he has had quite a task picking up glass.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton returned on Wednesday from her extended stay with relatives in Roxbury.

An alarm was sent in by telephone on Wednesday forenoon for a chim-ney fire at the home of Nelson Carter on Leighton street, which was sub-dued by Driver Lakin and the use of a few fire extinguishers before doing any serious damage.

A social meeting of the Ladies' Aid society was held on Wednesday after-noon with Mrs. Judson Willoughby in spite of storm and bad walking. Ten members were present, their attend members were present, their attendance being made possible through the kindness of Ralph Willoughby with a closed touring car, which conveyed all the ladies very comfortably. No special business was transacted. The hostess served delicate refreshments.

A committee of the L. S. C. are rehearsing the farce, "Suffragette town meeting," which is to be given at the meeting." time of their supper on February 24, taking the place of the farce which taking the place of the farce which was given up by the X. I. I. club for the same occasion.

Edward Goggin has been quite ill and confined to his rooms at the New Prescott with an attack of the grippe and rheumatism.

The Oak Hill Woman's club held their meeting on Wednesday after-noon at the home of Mrs. Otis Merrill. nine members and two visitors brav ing snow and the bad travelling. They were well rewarded, however, by a bright, enthusiastic meeting. As the lesson course had not yet been received from the college by the correspondent, Mrs. Maxwell, the hour was devoted to listening to a report from Mrs. C. C. Tucker of the addresses given at Woman's clubs by Mrs. Geo. W. Perkins, president of the State Federation, and Mrs. James Cutler, of Federation, and Mrs. James Cutter, of the General Federation. Some old-time recipes of 100 to 150 years ago were given by different members of the club who had cherished them for years. According to the action of the former meeting eight loaves of yeast bread were brought into the club for judgment, but as in most cases the process and results were so nearly uni-form there was no choice possible. At the next meeting at the same place in February 16, other varieties of bread will be brought, including rye. graham, entire wheat, muffins and

athers.

The marriage of George Arthur Shattuck, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Shattuck, Nashua street, and Grace Phyllis Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, of Hollis, N. H., took place on Wednesday evening, February 2, at the Congregational parsonage, Rev. J. B. Lewis performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom. Following the ceremony the bridal party adjourned to the home which the young couple are to occupy, the small Pierce cottage, adjoining Mr. Shattuck's farm on the Hollis road, where an informal reception was held.

The Pennemaquan Camp-fire cir-

The Pennemaquan Camp-fire The Pennemaquan Camp-nre cir-cle met with their guardian, Mrs. Wil-liam H. Beers, on last Saturday even-ing. The first of the evening was of a social nature. Misses Farley, Wilson, Sylvester and Shepardson of the circle served a fine chating dish lunch, the ported he had attended seventeen function of honor being Miss Hamilton, the nurse. Later, the circle held a council fire meeting, their new member. Ruth Clark, who joined the circle on transfer from the Nashua Camp-fire circle, receiving her rank as wood-gatherer.

ported he had attended seventeen functional date of also a financia at the same at the date of the had attended seventeen function also a financia at the same a vood-gatherer.

Mrs. Leroy Nutting will entertain he East Village Social club at her nome on Townsend street on Wednes-

was then broken and four of the Pau-gus Camp-lire girls appeared in hik-ing costume and gave their "walking song." Another pretty scene was during the song "Burn, fire, burn," the council fire was lighted, two girls Milford last Saturday on the basket-ball team.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Byrne returnand the scene closed with a tableau with green lights

An equally effective scene was that at the close, showing the preparation of the fagot fire, with enclosed red light, the good-night song, "Mammy moon," being given by the circles. The effect of all the scenes, the girls being garbed in their Camp-fire robes, was very unusual and interesting. The curtain descended on the good-night scene, the whole being enacted in about half an hour.

The next half hour was taken up by the work of the Boy Scouts. About twenty-five members of the Pepperell troop of the Boy Scouts marched into the center of the hall, under the direction of D. R. Child, scoutmaster. They too the flag, their signal flag and troop pennant. As they appeared the Camp-fire girls gave an impromptu salute to the flag, although this was not on the program.

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The troop presented a fine appearance as they went through the various evolutions, following the scoutmaster's "halt." "forward" or "right about." Their work was a demonstration of "first aid," introducing the art of bandaging a head, an eye and an arm, the results passing the inspection of a physician and nurse in the audience. "Firemen's lift," or the manner in which an unconscious person might be which an unconscious person hight be easily lifted and carried, was shown by one member, while another mem-ber gave an illustration of the Morse international code, with signal flag. The "History of the American flag"

The "History of the American flag" was given. "Requirement for a tender-foot," the ."Ten requirements for a second class scout," and the "Sixteen points of the compass." A demonstration of a great variety of knots was also made by several boys.

The last feature, a demonstration, "wall scaling," won much approval from the audience. The balcony was easily reached by several climbers who passed up over the three boys standing on the floor with one poised on their shoulders. The time occupied was about half an hour, and all the

tion followed, the president. Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, presiding. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Tarbell. Reports of the past year's work were given, the report of Mr. Richardson, the treasurer, being as follows:

Receipts: Membership fees Town, for school calls Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. Collected by nurse Total penditures: Salary of nurse Incidentals \$955 13

This balance on hand February 1 an unusual and most gratifying fea ture. The donations mentioned in clude the following: Clude the following.

Woman's club
Ladies Social circle
Ladies Social circle May party
East Village club
Telephone operators
Ladies Benevolent society Tag day Extension school luncher Pepperell Card & Paper Champion International

The chiarman of the directors, Rev. The chiarman of the directors, Rev. D. R. Child, made a short address, speaking of the need of the association of increased support, and bespeaking the co-operation of the townspeople. He also made the report of 1216 calls made by the nurse during the year on 137 patients, 226 school calls, and about 275 free calls. The need of a district nurse has been demonstrated again and again. lemonstrated again and again.

demonstrated again and again.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held, resulting as follows: Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, pres.; Mrs. H. N. Tower, Rev. D. R. Child, vice pres. 2 yrs.; Rev. J. B. Lewis, Mrs. Leon Richardson, vice pres. 1 yr.; Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, sec.; Leon Richardson, treas.; Mrs. M. M. Pond, Mrs. L. L. Whitmareh. 2 yrs. Mrs. E. L. D. L. Whitmarsh, 2 yrs., Mrs. F. H. Parker, Miss Gertrude Carter, 1 yr.

lirectors.
In conclusion the officers of the asappreciation to the members who have stood by so loyally, to the generous donors who have assisted, to the nurse for her conscientious work, and to all who have helped in any way during

the past year.
The encouraging balance in the treasury gives the workers in the association a feeling of assurance for the coming year.

reported the church to be in good financial condition and commended the newly-established weekly offering system.

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Lewis, re

members who were prevented from attending by reason of distance, sick-

ness or age.

The supper committee were the wives of the church officials and the supper and all arrangements were

the East Village Social club at her home on Townsend street on Wednesday afternoon, February 9. The subject for the meetings will be taken from the bulletins issued by the eatension department of the M. A. C. and plans will be made by the club to follow this line of work.

Annual Meeting.

A good representative audience was present in Prescott hall on Monday evening to attend the annual meeting of the District Name association. A demonstration of the work of the Camp-fire circles claimed first attention. The Paugus and Pennemaquan girls, about twenty in number, marched upon the stage in Indian file. Advancing to the front of the stage they sang their Camp-fire song, "Wohelo," A council-fire circle was then formed and a member from each circle gave one of their "counts" or records in verse in Hiawatha meter. The circle was then broken and four of the Paugus and one 20-minute and one 15-minutes of the church officials and the wives of the church officials and the wives

The following is a list of the flowers at the service for the late William on last week. which was not received in season fo publication last week:

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Magnolia wreath and white carnations, from the family, inscribed "Father": magnolia wreath and white roses, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thorpe. Hartford, Conn.: magnolia wreath and carnations, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fairbanks and Mr. and Mrs. Elton Strong. Hartford, Conn.: wreath, illies-of-the-valley and roses, and violets, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Morrison, Hartford, Conn.: magnolia wreath with white carnations and calla lilies, Pepperell Card and Faper Co.: spray white carnations, Methodist church; pillow of pinks and snapdragons, Mr. and Mrs. King McFarland and family, Westbrooke, Me.: spray white carnations and sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. John McFarland, Westbrooke, Me.: bouquet cut flowers, Mr. and Mrs. John Mrshall; sprays carnations, Mrs. Francis Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Newman Prescott, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Weston and Mrs. David Weston and Ralph Buck.

Church Notes.

Church Notes. The theme of the sermon by the The theme of the sermon by the pastor at the Methodist church on Sunday morning will be, "Has the church a message for today?" In the evening, at seven o'clock, the subject will be, "That which led the Christ."

The subject of the Epworth league service at six o'clock will be, "When it costs to be true." Leader, Helen At the parish supper, which is to be At the parish supper, which is to be held this week Friday evening, it is expected that Rev. L. P. Causey, from Lowell, and Rev. Alfred Noon, from Lunenburg, former pastors of this church, will attend.

On Tuesday evening, February 8, the fourth quarterly conference will be held in the vestry by Rev. Dr. Dean of Worcester, superintendent for this

will preach on Sunday morning. In the evening, at seven o'clock, a meet-ing of the liabbldge Guild will be held in the vestry, and Miss Ethel Lilli-bridge, the parish worker, will speak.

At the Unitarian church the pastor

well, pastor of the Second church (Unitarian), Boston, will be the guest of the evening. All who are interested control the license vote, it was cast for in the society are cordially invited to attend this gathering which will be informal and social, and commemorative to the 169th anniversars of the original town church, whose property and records passed to the present society as legal successor.

Miss Lillibridge has been working in Milford, N. H., and in Ayer. She is now the guest of Rev. D. R. Child, and will be present at the parish supper and remain here during next week. Frank T. Wright assumed his duties

as superintendent of the Sunday school last Sunday, with Mrs. Woodward as assistant. The regular meeting of the Men's

The regular meeting of the sien's club of the First Parish was held on Tuesday evening. As Dr. Williams, the advertised speaker, was unable to meet the engagement, Rev. D. R. Child gave an address on "Mexico," illustrated by postcard pictures thrown on a screen by the new machine the on a screen by the new machine, the balopticon. Speakers of note from Boston were announced for the next three meetings. In view of the general interest in these addresses it was voted to throw two meetings open to the townspeople-one for men and one both men and women. The speakers and arrangements will be announce ed later.

Concert and Ball.

bethe fire department was held at Prescott
for hall on Friday evening of last week
further with a larger attendance than for
many years. It is also spoken of as
calls.
for the most orderly, best arrangbeen ad affairs for the season. Visitors ed affairs for the season. Visitors came from all of the surrounding towns, packing the balconies and floor of the hall to their utmost capacity. Dyer's orchestra, of Worcester, furnished music, rendering a fine concert and the program from eight to nine clock. program from eight to nine o'clock consisting of a march, "The whip"; overture, "Mikado"; selection, "The fascinating widow"; excerpt from "Princess Pat"; finale, "Cabaret capers," Every number was much approach. preciated by the audience, and also the music for dancing which followed.

Joseph F. McGrail, foreman of the hook and hadder company, acted as floor director, assisted by W. J. Rouse, E. R. Melindy, J. Sliney, C. L. Melindy, John Hackett, F. F. Winch and W. C. Shattuck. The grand march was led Sonn Hackett, F. F. Winch and W. C. Shattuck. The grand march was led by Joseph McGrail and Miss May Murphy of Newton, who was gowned in a modish costume of black silk net over taffeta. There were many other vely charming ladies costumes

noted, combining to make an effective A turkey supper was served in the lower hall at intermission, plates being laid for about 200 people, and all were taken. The supper was in charge of the committee of ladies who have performed the same work for several years, Mrs. L. G. Robbins, Mrs. Warren Blood, Mrs. Emily Harriman, Mrs. Nellie Gutterson and Mrs

Frank Farley. They were ably assisted by many gentlemen and members of the fire department.

Passengers from this part of the town were conveyed to the Center by Driver Lakin with his black span at tached to Upton's big barge, and by

tached to Upton's big barge, and by several smaller conveyances.

The committee, proved the teseives thoroughly efficient in looking after all the details which would make a successful affair, and are to be con gratulated on the result, which was also a financial success.

The Woman's club met on Tuesday atternoon at the Congregational vestry. Mrs. George Winslow Perkins, of Boston, president of the State Federation of Massachusetts, was the speaker. For her subject she took up the different departments of clu work, it being very instructive and helpful to the different committees Mrs. James T. Cutler, of the State Fed-eration, also came with her. She is chairman of special meetings. She urged them to join the National Federation. There was a good attendance and club tea was served by the hospitality committee.

Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., will cele-brate their fortieth anniversary Fri-day evening, February 11. The speak-er will be Rev. W. H. Harrison, of the Universalist church, Nashua, N. H. There will be a musical entertainment Mr. and Mrs. Trenholm and little Gerold, of Fitchburg, and William Ames and lady friend, of Haverhill, were guests at Frank Smith's from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Felli; goals from fouls, Miss Dennen, Miss Ford; referee, Pomeroy; scorer, Fitzpatrick; timer, Colburn, time, one 20-minute and one 15-minute period.

Funeral Services.

The L. S. C. Branch Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold its monthly all-day meeting on Friday, February 11, at the home of Mrs. L. H. Johnson, Main street at 10.30 o'clock. Box lunch at 12.30. Business at two o'clock. o'clock.

AYER

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Howarth entertained the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters and their friends at on Fletcher Thursda evening. Through the kindness of J. A. McDonald the gentlemen were furnished with cigars. Mrs. Viola Howarth presided at the refreshment table and served a dainty lunch consisting of angel and chocolate cake, sand-wiches, coffee and cheese. J. A. Mc-Donald and Mrs. Lucy Morse won first honors while Mrs. Elizabeth Tweedie and Mrs. Harry Woods were content

Mrs. A. M. Phelps is confined to her by illness. Verne Pillman is negotiating for the purchase of Eli W. Carley's bowling

To the Editor: In my communication of January 8th, I expressed confidence that the an ath, I expressed communication that the armual town report would verify the pre-diction I made in your paper a year ago that the separation of the boards of selectmen and overseers of the poor by the election of different men as such officers would result in a less ef-ficient expenditure of the money ap-propriated for their use. The report is now out and fully justifies my con-fidence. And all of the five candidates for selectmen this year are candidated for overseers of the poor also. This is as it should be and will prevent a repetition of one mistake that made at the last election. And now have the chance to correct another mistake that was then made in electing Mr. Carney and Mr. Smith selectmen Instead of Mr. Clark and

Mr. Pierce. As the contest is substantially a re-newal of last year's fight, the only change being the substitution of Mr. John R. Murphy of Robert Murphy's Sons Company for Mr. Pierce, a few

dred of these "double headers" were so cast. And Mr. Carney received more than fifty "bullets" or votes cast for him as the only choice of the vot-

This year the same forces are solidly behind them, though the license campaign has been of the gum shoe variety. And it will bowell for the oppo-nents of these gentlemen to take a leaf out of their book this year for they out of their book this year for they were elected last year solely because the friends of the other candidates had no organization. Many a voter whose first and second choices were defeated helped to bring about that result by casting his third vote for Mr. Carney or Mr. Smith. This is shown clearly by the electrons of the vote which by the closeness of the vote which was, Mullin 288, Carney 276, Smith 275, Clark 273, Pierce 257 (see Report, page 14).

The purpose of the man who casts a "bullet" is to elect his candidate at all events. To do this, he is willing to forego his right to vote for two other candidates rather than take the chance of helping any other candidate to defeat his first choice. The same purpose actuates the man who casts a "double header" for his two favor-

It is well known that Messrs. Clark, Mullin and Murphy are running as a team at the urgent solicitation of many of our citizens and that each of them desires the success of the other two as much as his own. They are making the fight not so much from the desire to hold office as in deferthe desire to hold office as in deference to the many representations made to them that it is their duty as good citizens to do so. Their election will give us a well equipped, harmonious board of selectmen that will be a credit to the town. None of them want to be elected with Mr. Carney or Mr. Smith. Therefore, every voter whose first and second choices lie among Clark. Mullin and Murphy but who, not liking all of them, votes for either Carney or Smith as his third choice is casting his third vote so that it may help to defeat his first and secit may help to defeat his first and sec-ond choices and must in any event, if it has any effect, force upon them an uncongenial associate.

The alphabetical arrangement of the names upon the official ballot sug-

gests two old saws which seem par-ticularly apropos to the guidance of the voter in marking his choice: 1. Avoid extremes. 2. In medio tutis-simus ibis (You will go most zafely in the middle), or expressed more col-loquially, cut off the head and throw away the tail and the rest is good. The man who does not vote at the town election (and also attend the town meeting if his business will per-mit) is not a good citizen. And he has no right to complain if the candi-dates elected or the policies adopted gests two old saws which seem par-

dates elected or the policies adopted are not to his taste. Let him do his duty or hold his peace for the rest of the year.
I have written this in spite of a

paragraph in the selectmen's report which seems to indicate their belief that the coming election is only a mere form. I refer to the following paragraph in their conclusion. (see page 103):

"At the last annual meeting it was voted to instruct the selectmen to make a new contract for street lighting. We felt that being practically a new board that it would be better for the town if we did not rush this matter too much, and better if we waited with the bed processes of the company of the contract of the company of the contract of the contr until we had more experience, and for these reasons have continued to take lights from the Ayer Electric Light Company at the same rates as last

work done under adverse conditions, Carey and A. W. Rockwood of Lunenbut a recognition of that fact does not require that there should be embodied a public document a statement committee. is generally known to be un-

former communication) needed "more experience." This appears clearly from their own report in other parts than the paragraph containing the admission I have quoted. It has been called to my attention by some of their friends that the report shows an unexpended balance of \$259.61 to the credit of the highway account instead of a threatened delicit prevented by a transfer of balances as, I stated in my of a threatened deficit prevented by a transfer of balances as: I stated in my former communication. And this is true, though the statement I made that the superintendent of streets got himself unto such a hole that for a time he had a couple of men to work on his promise to pay them out of his own pocket is also true. The expensive through the may own pocket is also true. The explanation, strange though it may seem, lies in the fact that the selectmen actually did not know how much money they were authorized to spend on highways until after the close of the financial year. And their report shows that they don't know even now, though in making it up by following precedents they got some ideas that they didn't have before. Among the receipts of the highway account (page 84) is this item "Appropriation (street railway excise tax) \$327.95." This sum, in reality is a part of the public service corporation tax (see treasurer's receipts page 106) and does not belong in the highway account at all. The amount of the exdoes not belong in the highway ac-cise tax on the Fitchburg & Leomin-ster and Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railways is \$446.66 (see assessors' re-port page 137). Perhaps if they get "more experience" they may learn the difference between the two kinds of taxes.

taxes.

I am informed that there is outstanding a bill of \$178.50 for oil used on the roads which was illegally contracted and which the selectmen gladly would have paid before the close of the financial year if they had known they had the money to pay it. I have found no mention of this bill in the report though there is a statement that the selectmen lived passed up over the three boys standing on the floor with one poised on their shoulders. The time occupied was about half an hour, and all the exhibitions showed good drilling, as well as material.

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can bemoan the other \$118.71 over-looked because he didn't know the difference between the corporation tax and the street railway excise tax.

John M. Maloney. Williams Street, Ayer, Mass.

HARVARD

News Items

A guest at "Sunnyside" last week was Miss Mary Hildreth, who visited her sister, Miss Emily E. Hildreth. Ellery E. Royal of Worcester Polytechnic, has been elected the vice president of his class, 1916.

Mrs. John Murphy, whose death occurred on last Saturday at her home in Littleton, will be remembered by the people here as Miss Annie Russell who for avoral years, made the who for several years made sell. sen, who for several years made her home in Harvard. She was the only sister of Mrs. Daniel W. Sheehan of this town. She was also an aunt of Miss Katherine Russell, who makes her home with Dr. Royal's household.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hazard, of Worcester, were guests last week with their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Allen

Miss Josephine Baker and Miss Marjorie Thomas returned thi after a few days' visit with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

The cast that presented "Brother Josiah" for the church supper last month, are to go to Bolton on February 17 and give the play for the benefit of the Farmers' and Mechanics club of that town.

Timothy Weldon, of Ayer, was a week-end and over Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Morse,

Rev. H. C. Merrill is entertaining his brother and wife for this week-end. They arrived on Thursday evening.

The mud of last week proved too much for even the Fords. Lewis Savage was compelled to leave his car in the mud for over Friday night on the

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Babcock closed their house for a month and are visit-ing with relatives in New York city.

Miss Mary D. Davis has completed her work of training at the Memoyial hospital in Worcester. She has re-ceived her diploma and is now a registered nurse. She is expected home this week for a few weeks of rest and vacation from work.

SHIRLEY

Miss Mildred Evans spent the week-nd in Princeton with Miss Emma ena in i Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. David Marsh returned on Tuesday from a short visit in Boston at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams.

The Altrurian club held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon. Notice was given of the mid-winter Federa-tion meeting to be held February 25 at Melrose. The president read a let-ter from Mrs. Warren of Harvard referring to a plan to assist the Belgians by sending yarn that the women might be able to knit stockings for those in need. Business being concluded the president then introduced Rev. G. Ed-win Woodman, who gave a most ex-cellent and instructive address on Tatriotism.' The next meeting will be held February 17 when Mr. Edgerly of Fitchburg will address the meeting on "Our national holidays and ing on "Our national what they mean to us."

Grange.

Company at the same rates as last year."

That paragraph is certainly a combination of inaccuracy, naiveté and modesty hard to beat. No such vote was passed. Under Article 15 the selectmen were authorized but not instructed to make a contract for street lighting for a term of three or five years as they deemed proper (see the port page 25). And even if they did not consider it possible that the coming election might interfere with their getting "more experience," it would have been just as well not to announce the result of the vote so far in advance.

Grange.

The meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening was anniversary night and was in charge of a committee of the past masters, A. A. Adams, George H. Farmer, Harry Lynch and Harry N. Brown. There was a very large attendance of home members, but few visitors on account of the bad traveling. Five applications for membership were read during the business meeting. Deputy William T. Herrick, of Westboro, who organized Shirley Grange ten years ago, on February vance. The result of the vote so far in advance.

A similar omission might well have been made of the invidious comparison (page 104), between the Fourth of July celebration of last year and preceding years and the committees in charge thereof. Last year's committees in charge thereof. Last year's committee is notated to treat provide a committee of the committee of the program for the lecturer's hour consisted of plano duets, Mrs. Waldo Farnsworth and Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn; West Agnes Lynch; readings, Mrs. Charge thereof. Last year's committee of the program for the lecturer's hour consisted of plano duets, Mrs. Waldo Farnsworth and Mrs. Arthur G. Dunn; West Agnes Lynch; readings, Mrs. Charge thereof.

which is generally known to be untrue and unjust to a former committee composed of citizens as public spirited as ever served the town.

I fully agree that the majority of the selectmen (I do not refer to Mr. Mullin for the reasons stated in my former communication) needed "more experience." This appears clearly from their own report in other parts than the paragraph containing the ad-

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Miss Mabel Lawrence has gone to Northampton to take the two months' rial course of training at the hospital. If her health will permit she intends o become a nurse in that institution. Miss Ruth Coulson, who was obliged to give up her school here on account of ill health, underwent an operation for appendicitis last week.

C. B. Robbins attended the meeting of the cattle inspectors in Boston last week and is now making the annual

inspection of barns. Mrs. Samuel Moss, who has spent several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Porter, returned to her home in Wal-

tham last Saturday. Another change has been made in Another change has been made in the mail carrier's route. This is pleasing to the carrier, Mr. Benere, as it saves him about two miles travel, but it is less pleasing to the patrons on that road as it now necessitates their mail coming to Harvard. It takes in the loop extending from No. 1 school-house around by Sherry's home. Sev-eral have changed there mail boxes so that they may still have their mail

come to West Acton. The storm on Thursday was so se-vere the schools were closed. Mrs. Louisa Priest is making rapid

Town meeting is Monday, February A class of ten are to unite with the Congregational church Sunday.

ecovery from her sickness.

C. T. Wetherbee was on jury duty The first meeting of the Grange un-der the new officers was held Friday evening. The literary hour was de-voted to discriptions and illustrations