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HARVARD

News Items.

The body of Samuel Peckham was course was given this week Friday brought to the town vault here on last Thursday.

Mr. Peckham will be fast Thursday.

Thomas F. Hoban, of Lowell, hotel proprietor, accused of operating an automobile in Harvard while under the lumber business at the mill here. Mr.

Peckham was a veteran of the civil

The last in the season's lecture course was given this week Friday evening by the Shubert male quartet of Boston.

the superior court February 10 and entered a plea of guilty. Judge Callaman imposed a fine of \$200 and Mr. Hobre pend, In the Clinton listing court Judge Smith land Hobre \$50 and he appealed. Mr. Hobre undoubted wishes he had not apealed. The actual of Mr. Hobre impleading guilte to the chattee waf a surplified to the government as well as some of the witnesses who lid been summonised to testify for these fense. All of the persons convicte of this charge before Judge Callaha at this sitting have been fined a like amount.

Friday evening.

Fiske Warren arrived time from his trip to Andorra on Taday afternoon, accompanied by his e retary.

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dike, is at Bryn Mawr college, where she is playing as goaltend on a water polo team. Both girls are summer residents here at "High Hills" Mrs. Paul Thorndike is a guest at Tahanto farm with Mrs. Fiske Watten for the veek-end.

E. E. Royal, son of br and Mrs. Royal, has been appplied as one of the commencement week committee at the Worcester Polynchme.

Still River.

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Wednesday, Mrs. Alice Haskell, Mrs. Anna Flanders and Ars. S. B. Haynes attended a sectional art conference of the Federation of Woman's clubs in Worcester. Mrs. Cytus E. Dallen, of Arlington Heights, spoke on "Pageantry work in Massachusetts," and Miss Emily L. Haynes, formerly teacher of drawing in the Harvard schools, state supervisor of industrial work in institutions for insane, fawe a talk on tutions for insane, gave a talk on "Occupation as a remedial factor in hospitals for the mentally sick."

On next week Friday evening there will be a supper and entertainment in

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph leary, of Hudson, were guests of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Eobinson, over Sunday. Mrs. Leary was well-known in this village as Miss Marion Clark. Mr. Little, son and daughter, of Concord, N. H., were mests of Mrs Anna Flanders on Moncay.

Mrs. Edna Smith, of Bandolph, Vt., is stopping with her siter, Mrs. John Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Higgs enter-ained their daughte: from Boston over Sunday night.

Owing to the storm here were only nine out at church las Sunday. Edwin Haskell is gain sick with onsilitis, but not as bd as before.

BOXBOROIGH

News Items.

Lincoln's birthday we appropriately observed at the meeth; of the Grange on Friday evening of last week. In the absence of the lectrer, Miss litchardson, the place was filled by her brother, George Richrdson, Iteadings were given by the master and many others. Luther 'arbush recited the famous Gettysbag address and Albert Littlefield gay, "Captain, oh my captain." Althoun the selections had all been heard any times they seem to have a new reaning in these troublesome times ad rekindle the fire of patriotism in our hearts. A very taking part of te program was the singing of old we songs by six young men.

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Miss Parker, teach: at No. 2, and Miss Maria Steele ga: a very enjoyable valentine party a about twenty young people last Maday evening at Miss Steele's home. lany games were played and everyone ad a glimpse of their feature in the thentine favors. their future in the alentine favors Delicious refreshmers of sandwiches heart shaped cakes, ed frosted, and ice cream were serd. Judging by the glowing accoun heart the day after everybody had delightful time.

It seemed like reimpse at the real old-fashioned with last Monday morning when the rad breakers went he on a sled dram by four thorses. The teachers all ga through but the school attendance was small.

W. H. Furbash Mrs. Norman Wetherhee and Mr. Albert Walker are on the sick list his week.

HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.	
Mrs Louise In all returned to he:	
consin's, Mrs. Norman Bennett, his week Friday from S. Joseph's hospi-	•
week Friday from St Joseph's hospa-	
tal, Nashua, where she had been tot	•
the past three meath after having a	ı
serious operation beformed.	
Mr. and Mrs. Caybond Merrill of	ť

A party of fourteen populsor Bromfield school, with Prof. Riesrds, attended the play given by h. Back Log club in Littleton on ist week Merill is the n. w. principal in the high school, tak ig James. Thistle's

now, but she expects to take up the work here at some future time. Mrs. Willis C. Hardyjent two finger

onite badly on Monday while opening can of fruit.

The school authoritis were notified The school authoritish were notified recently by the state superintendent of education, H. C. Morrishn, of Concord, that our high school it no longer on the list of approved light schools of our state. This seems a sad calamity and it is hoped that the pupils and parents will work together and do all in their power to replace the school on the approved list again.

Miss Carrie Denault has recentleft the high school on a count of poo health.

Ralph L Lovejoy, N.w Hampshire college '19, is a member of the Glee club and has recently been on a ten-days' concert trip through Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. violinist. His man friends wish him great success. The attendance of church last Sun-

day was very smal on account of the snowstorm. Albert F. Hildreh is taking an ad-

vanced course in electricity in Nash-ua. There are six pupils in the class, Mrs Fred B. Wheeler, who has been quite ill for a few weeks, is reported as gaining slowly.

as gaining slowly.

Franklin Worceser is at Charles-gate hospital, Cameridge, Mass., having electrical treament for neuritis. It is hoped that he will be able to return home soon.

The pupils in Miss Lucinda F. Read's room enjoyed a little valentine party on the afternion of February 14. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Woods on the Poperell road was burned to the ground on last Sanday morning shortly after four o'clock. The barn connect I with the house was also destroyed. The cause of the fire is supposed to be a defective chunney. Mr. and Mrs. Woods an annual mey. Mr. and Mrs. A few words in regard to the life fire is supposed to be a defective chunney. A few words in regard to the life was annual mey. Mr. and Mrs. Woods an annual patriotic societies in Boston and vicinity. She was engaged for several years in various kinds of literary work. In 1909 she undertook the registion of Miss Sarah Alice Worcester, whose death was annual med in last week's issue, would not seem amiss at this issue, would not seem amiss at this issue, would not seem amiss at this is mean the fire was discovered. Help was called about three o'clock from their neighbor. Frank Spaulding. Mr. Spaulding and several other men who were boarding there gave highly respected by all who knew her.



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their prompt assistance and all was done possible to extinguish the fire, but with no results. A general alarm was given at about four o'clock and several men hurried to the scene.

was given at about four o clock and several men hurried to the scene.

The fire was working in the partition which made it impossible to get lat. Considerable furniture, etc., was saved from the downstairs rooms but conserved anything upstairs, as the rooms soon filled with smoke. The aunt, who is blind, was hurriedly taken out and carried to Mr. Spaulding's. The live stock in the barn were all saved and many willing hands worked as quickly as possible carrying out all the things which they could get. Mr. Woods got quite overcome with the smoke and it was necessary to call a physician to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their loss. The place was insured, it is said.

Miss Worcester was born in Hollis on April 4, 1844, the daughter of the late Taylor Gilman Worcester and wife, and was one of a family of seven children. She graduated from the New London Literary and Scientific Institute in 1866; was engaged for thirty-five years in high school and collegiate work. In Urbana, Ohlo, she organized a chapter of the D. A. R., and represented the same for two successive years in the national congress in Washington. She spent several years in Europe in the study of modern languages.

In 1903-4, under the auspices of Pere Hyacinthe and wife, she went on least of the line during fer long illness of over a year's duration. She Pere Hyacinthe and wife, she went on

also leaves four nieces and two neph-

rere Hyacinthe and wife, she went on a mission to Jerusalem to study conditions and report as to the apparent feasibility of establishing an international non-sectarian college for girls in Jerusalem. She took an active interest of the second of the seco ation only in the thought that she has been released from a siege of long suf-fering and gone to a world where all is joy and happiness.

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WESTFORD

Center.

E. J. Whitney has been gaining this last week and able to be down stairs after being confined to his bed and upstairs rooms for some weeks.

At the meeting of the Tadmuck club

the delate was on. The next meeting that the back and upstairs rooms for some weeks.

Middlessex-North.

At the meeting of the electrishment will be in charge of the electrishment will be in her concreational church veetry. Each member is extracted and the charge of the electric car after a property may be made the annual fair of Middlessex-North in Lowell last wook in an annual church wester, which is a mention of the annual fair of Middlessex-North in Lowell and the charge of the electric car after a property may be made with the entire time of the control of the charge of the electric car after a property of the electri

Which or clerk of court, Carence Haiwright will be greatly missed, espectation speech, are first wattering with cally in Emmanued church, which for nesses, Dr. C. A. Haney, J. Willard: several years he had faithfully served by Carent with the proceeding of the property of the propert

The various reports were rapidly ac-The various reports were rapidly accepted. The amounts raised and appropriated were in every case as recommended by the finance committee as follows: Public library, unexpended balance, dog license money and the summer. as follows: Public library, unexpended balance, dog license money and \$1,000; burial grounds, \$200; roads and bridges, \$6,000; town debts and charges, \$7,000; support of poor, \$2,000; schools, \$10,450 and unexpended balance; high school, \$3,100; school text books and supplies, \$750; salary of school superintendent, \$673.75; repairs and incidentals about schoolhouses, \$1,000; moth department, \$450 and as much more for added hose and much more for added hose and two clubs:

equipment; installing electric lights i equipment; installing electric lights in town hall, \$400; fish and game war-den, \$50; sidewalks, \$600; medical in-spection in schools, \$100; Memorial day, \$150; distribution of library books, \$100.

books, \$100.
Under Article 28 a committée was appointed to make a new contract for street lighting. The finance committée expect this to mean \$3,290 this year. They expect existing contracts for hydrants to cost \$2,000.

for 'hydrants to cost \$2,000.

The usual one percent was voted for the tax collector.

Article 24, calling for installation of a fire alarm system, was dismissed.

Under Article 25, a committee of one selectman, one of the fire engineers, and two members of hose company No. I was appointed to investigate location and building for fire department quarters in the Center village.

Under Article 27 it was voted to accept gift of land from Oscar R. Spalding on which to establish a public dump.

lie dump.

Articles 31 and 32 brought votes to sell the Minot's Corner schoolhouse and land and the Nabnassett school-

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bert Walker are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Walker's home people in Waltham. Mr. Walker gains each week but convalescence from so serious an illness is necessarily slow.

Georgo Henry Cadman, at the Old Homestead farm, has installed a telephone this week, 68.

E. J. Whitney has been gaining this last week and wilder it. Cole, neg. No icicles hung on the windows while the debate was on. The next meeting will be held on next week Thursten will be held on next week Thursten. the debate was on. The next meet-ing will be held on next week Thurs-day evening.

Middlesex-North.

grounds.

No license won by a vote of 165 to 69, a majority of 96. At 1.15 the polls were closed and the remainder of the warrant was taken under consideration.

In spite of the storm on last Sunday both masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church with a fair attendance. Rev. Henry L. Scott was the celebrant.

Mrs. H. N. Ethelson

Mrs. H. N. Fletcher has recently re-turned from a very enjoyable visit spent with her son Vermon in Boston, and friends in Winchester. During



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The Young People's Social club of St Andrew's mission will meet in Recreation hall on Thursday evening. Miss Ethel Sleeper, of Lowell, will give a lesson in cooking. These iessons are very instructive and full of interest to the older members of the mission as well as the young people.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

On last week Wednesday the Wo-man's club met in the ladies' parlor with a very small attendance. Mrs Marcellus J. Powers read an article of Quaint characters of old Hollie The Ladies' Reading and Charitable

society met it the ladies' parlors on Thursday with Mrs. Almond A. Wheeler, Mrs. George F. Hale and Mrs. Charles A. Colburn as hostesses.

Charles Bo, sprained his anklin the woods; week. It is much better now a he is able to work. Mr. Mayo hado fingers crushed in the woods last ek.

the woods has er.

Raymond M.B. of Conway, N. H.,
has taken Mr. stie's place as principal of the hischool. He and his
wife are board at Mrs. Josephine Maxwell's.

An open mey was held by the Grange after thegalar business session on Tuesdavoning. A professor from Durhapoke on "Reminiscences of the W. The rest of the program combist a vocal solo by Raiph Herrick, a piano solo by Addle Eastman, here were thirteen visitors besides lyisiting Grangers.

Mrs. Marcelluktowers has gone An open mey was held by the

Mrs. Marcellus Powers has gone for an extended in Connecticut. The Home Ect, ics club met on Tuesday afternoo Mrs. Robert M French's. The set was "Invalid cooking." This i the last lesson until next Septem

sons are very instructive and full of interest to the older members of the interest to the older members of the mission as well as the young people. The Misses Hażel and Blanche Comey were guests last Sunday of Miss Mary Donnelly, of West Chelmsford.

Rev. Williston M. Ford officiated at the services held at St. Andrew's mission last Sunday, and although the snowstorm was so severe, quite a few people attended. Mr. Ford announced that a campaign would begin immediately to raise funds for the purchase of pews for the chapel. The following were chosen to form a committee on the matter: William Bak-

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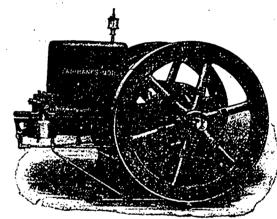
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SHIRLEY

News Itoms The Gals' Sewing club gave a val The Gris' Sewing club gave a valentine party last Saturday evening at the Shirley Inn. A number of young people were present, including the girls of the sewing club and their friends. Games and music furnished the entertainment of the evening, while abundant refreshments were served by the girls.

The Congregational church did not open for services last Sunday owing to the severe snowstorm which prevailed during the day. The Universalist and Baptist churches opened for service with an attendance of less than ten at each church.

Although the weather was stormy a goodly number attended the valentine social at the Baptist church last Saturday evening. Valentine amusements of various kinds were enjoyed and the evening pleasantly spent. The festivities were under the direction of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the church.

The committee recently appointed by the Universalist society to raise money for the repairs of the church organ have decided to stage a min-strel show in Odd Fellows' hall about the middle of March under the direc-tion of Mrs. C. R. White. The com-mittee consists of Frank H. Wheeler, Thomas L. Hazen, Harry H. Lynch, J. Edwin Pomfret, John H. Will.

Mrs. May Woodman entertained at her home at the parsonage last Saturday afternoon, her Sunday school class, with a valentine party. Games were played and refreshments served which helped the children to pass the time most enjoyably most enjoyably.

There was a rush for reserved seats for the mock trial, "Breach of promise suit," when the sale opened at Brock-elman Brothers' last Saturday, and without doubt the seating capacity of the hall will be taxed to its limit. Many are planning to attend from

Mrs. Brown and daughter, Miss Inc. Brown, have rented the house owned by Mrs. Kate E. Hazen, which was vacated a short time ago by Mr; and Mrs. David B. Goozey.

John Peneseau has given up his position at the Shirley Cash market and is now employed by the Norton Grinding Co. of Worcester. Chester Hooper has succeeded him at the

The public schools of the town close the pulme schools of the town Coss this Friday for one week and recogen Monday, February 28. This is the commencement of the new rule one week's holiday after every eight weeks of school.

Henry Eadstibner was operated up-on at the Eye and Ear Infirmary at Boston last week Thursday for mas-the operation was successful and Mr. Badstibner is improving as fast as can be expected.

The Ladies' circle of the Congrega-tional church will meet for sewing in the vestry of the church next Wednes-day afternoon. February 23, at three o'clock. The ladies will remain for tea at six o'clock. Every member is requested to be present. requested to be present.

Lincoln's birthday exercises, which dancoin's birthnay exercises, which were planned to take place has Sunday at the Congregational church, will be given this Sunday, February 29, as owing to the storm last Sunday the church was closed. There will also be a collection taken at the session of the Sunday school for the American Board of Home Mussions. Board of Home Missions

The Valentine party held in Odd-fellows' hall on Monday evening by the W. W. S. club was a merry event for all who attended. About ten dol-lars was cleared by the club.

Mrs. Burrill, about seventy very a age, passed away at 9 29 o'clock of Wednesday evening at her home of Fredoman street of heart trouble, Mrs Burrill sat reading the paper at a cht o'clock, when her son, Thomas C Burrill, left home to attend the nex-ing picture show. He was sent for at 10.45 and when he recicled home he found that she had expired. Mrs. Burrill was a life-long resident of Shirley and much respected.

Arthur H. Jarvis, aged 40 vrs. 7 mos and 7 days, formerly of Fitchburg, died on Tuesday afternoon at his late residence in North Shirley, the was born in Troy, N. H., in 1875, the son of Andrew and Jane Elizabeth (Harkins) Jarvis, and later moved to Fitchburg with the family. He is survived by eight sisters, one of them the wife of Capt, Archie S. Childs of the Fitchburg fire denginent, The of the Fitchburg tire department. The other sixters are as follows: Mrs Murdock McCarley of West Groton Mrs, George L. Payne of North Attle horo, Miss Elizabeth M Jarvis of North Shirley, Mrs. Henry D. Hunt of North Attleboro, Miss Rose A. Jarvis of North Shirley and Miss Esther R. Jarvis of North Attleboro Mr. Jarvis was a member of the Congregational church at West Cha-

Congregational church at West Gro of the Manchester Unity branch of Oddfellows. Lately he has

branch of Oddfellows. Lately he has been employed in the Hirrington Paper Co. He is survived by both parents, beside his sisters. The funeral was held Thursday morning from his late residence in North Shirley, Rev. John P. Trowbridge officiating. He was a n exemplary character and habits man of

Hospital Board Account.

The Shirley Hospital Board take this method of calling the attention of the residents of the town to the fol-lowing account received this week from T. S. Davis, treasurer of the Clinton hospital, which shows a total saving to the residents of this town of \$182.14, the past year on an investment of \$100. As a matter of courtesy to those who were patients at the hos pital the past year no names are men Claim No

tioned.
Claim No Time in Hospital
7109—Dec. 31 to Nov. 6
7600—Feb. 7 to Nov. 6
7637—February 17-20
7658—March 2-20
7661—March 2 to May 15
7682—March 13-15 7682—March 13-15
7776—April 20 to May 2
7843—May 17-18
7888—June 6-16
7915—June 20 to July 22
7974—July 17 to August 7
7989—July 23 to August 1
8097—September 6-23
8098—September 7-8
\$101—September 7-8
\$108—Sept. 13 to October 22
\$109—September 13-16
\$192—Oct. 18 to Dec. 22

8192—Oct. 18 to Dec. 22 8203--Oct. 21 to Nov. 13

96 3-7 weeks at \$5 per week dis-unt: \$182.11 saving to residents of

These figures speak for themselves and justify the existence of the hos-pital board. We would call attention to the following facts: Several societies did not give last year on account of financial conditions in the town. The board did not push the matter of giving, therefore the surplus had to be

required amount has been paid in. We would respectfully call attention to the third and fourth sections of the objects of the board.

Sec. 3. To make it possible for the

sec. 3. To make it possible for the sick of the town to avail themselves of the privileges of the hospital when necessary insofar as the board is able. Sec. 4. To assist the sick of the town-before, during or after treatment at said hospital, whenever it is deemed wise to do so.

We have been fortunate in this tha We have been fortunate in this that no call for assistance has come to the board during the forced use of the surplus. Will all the societies who have not given for this year do so as quickly as possible? If your by-laws or rules prohibit giving as a society, will you not make up a purse as individuals, raise it by giving some entertainment or solicit funds from friends? friends?

friends?

Do you not want to help to create a fund to give to some sick child or cripple medical treatment, help some family to prolong the life of the father or to provide a nurse while some sick mother is getting strength after treatment at the hospital?

Every society, every individual in the town should feel that it is a joy and privilege to give to the cause which has already shown such large returns and through which the possibilities of good work are so apparent. Gifts will be welcome at any time during the year. time during the year.

Officers Elected.

The C. E. society of the Congrega-tional church have elected these of ficers and committees for the first half of the current year:

of the current year:

Miss Nina Holbrook, pres.: Mrs. Harding James, v. p.; Miss Flora Shepard, rec. and cor. sec.: Miss Mary A. Park, treas.; Miss Sarah Stevenson, planist; committees—Mrs. Alice Wright, Mrs. G. E. Woodman, Leona Lee, Bessfe Dadman, lookout; Mrs. Herbert McCoy, Joseph McClellan, Mrs. Neille Holbrook, Mrs. J. A. Dearden, Miss Flora Shepard, pnayer meeting: Mrs. Harry Collyer, Stanley Wells, J. A. Dearden, Paul Woodman, Nina Holbrook, Gladya Annis, Ruth Woodman, social: Mrs. Andrew Phetps, Mrs. E. L. Harris, Mrs. E. H. Conant, Miss Altie Howe, Mrs. Marshall, missionary: Lester James, Gladys Phetps, Ruth Woodman, Cora James, Sarah Stevenson, Virginia McElroy, Chester Hooper, music, Mary A. Park, Grace Tewksburty, Ruth Knowles, Piscilla Woodman, Kathiern Miner, Clara Hersom, Frances Hersom, Harry Annis, Ralph Hersom, flower: Ralph Hersom, George Hooper, Waiter Dadman, James Dougherty, ushees.

Appointments Made.

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At a meeting of the board of refectine hast Saturiay evening the following appointments were made: Asa A. Adams, tree warden and superintendent of moths; Herbert O. Peasley and Willard Knowles, weighers of hay, straw and coal; W. F. Hewes, G. M. Ballou, Harry N. Brown, L. J. Farnsworth, surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood and bark; Howard N. Hatch, G. M. Ballou, fence viewers; M. W. Carey, Fred C. Saboll, field drivers; J. Edwin Pomfret, register of voters, 3 years; Howard M. field drivers; J. Edwin Pomfret, registrar of voters, 3 years; Howard M. Longley, inspector of animais; F. E. Park, sealer of weights and measures; George F. Buxton, Henry F. Grout, James H. Gately, Walter Knowles, James W. West, Orrin W. Oliver, Joseph F. McPherson, George H. McCarthy, special officers, the four latter being officers at the State Industrial School for Boys; James H. Gately, keeper of lock-up; Henry F. Grout, janitor of town house; J. Fred Brown, official undertaker and burial Brown, official undertaker and buria agent: James H. McMahon, of Fitch burg, town counsel and retainer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lovell, o Henniker, N. H., spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E.

Mrs. Amy Whitworth is a visitor at the home of Miss Elsie Kirby.

The Center ormary and grimma schools will close next week for a vaction of one week, according to the new plan of a week's vacation for every eight weeks of school.

Remost Robanon has entered th mploy of the Shirley Electric Co. The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel will meet on Saturday, February 19, at the home of Mrs. M. W.

No services were held at Trinity chapet on Sunday afternoon on ac-count of the snowstorm Regular rervice on Sunday afternoon at 3-15.

The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid society occurs on Tuesdays, February 22, and will be held at the home of Mrs. Bessie Buxton at Westerstein.

Woodsville Miss Eleanor Kyme spent Saturday and Sunday in Lunenburg. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams, of Boson, spent the week-end at the home

of Mr and Mrs. David Marsh on Cen-ter road. Ralph I, Evans and Gilbert Evans who are working at the portable mill in Francestown, N. H., came home

last week for a few days. Mrs. Annie Postings, at the North, is in South Acton, caring for a patient Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bryant and daughter Elizabeth, who

spending the past week at Rev. H. A Bridgman's summer home on Center Bridgman's summer road, left on Friday. E. J. Miller, N. R. Graves, John Stickney and Mr. Mankleton filled their icehouses last week Friday and

Saturday from Frank J. Lawton's Mrs. John Stickney was removed t

Groton hospital last week Thursday for an operation for gall stones. The body of Henry A. Brown, The body of Henry A. Brown, of Ayer, at one time a resident of Woodsville, was placed in the receiving tomb at the Center cemetery last week. Mr. Brown was a brother-in-law of the late Alvin Lawton.

Dr. James L. Wellington, of Swan sea, who died last week, was an uncle of Mrs. E. J. Miller. He was at the time of his death the oldest graduate of Harvard college and Harvard medi-cal school, and had just passed his ninety-eighth year.

The announcement that the select-men will hold their meetings in En-gine hall at the village has met with very little approval in this vicinity. It s the first time that such a thing ha been done and it is decidedly against precedent. A room is provided at the town hall for the selectmen and the town records and papers are kept at the town hall, and it would certainly

seem as if the town hall were the proper place for these meetings. Miss Hazel E. Cummings attended Aliss Hazel E. Cummings attended the second plano recital given by her planoforte teacher, Edwin Klahre, in Jordan hall, Boston, at the conserva-tory, Monday evening, Mr. Klahre, who is a marked musician in every sense of the word, played in his usual delightful manner. Misa Cummings returned home Tuesday after a short used. For 1916 only a trifle over the visit in Everett.



Economy Hints

A penny saved is a penny earned --Benjamin Franklin

T is important that vegetables should be prepared and cooked in such a way as to conserve all the available food material and their mineral salts. The portion of the vegetable next to the skin contains the greater quantity of mineral matter, protein and fat; hence all thin skinned vegetables, such as new potatoes, carrots and vegetable oysters, should be Other vegetables should be scraped.

pared as thinly as possible.

When the liquid in which the vegetables are cooked is drained off it carries with it much that is valuable. "As far as possible this should be saved and used as the foundation for soups and sauces.

Vegetables should be cooked only untll tender. Many vegetables develop a strong and an unpleasant flavor and are rendered less easily digested by overcooking. This is especially true of cabbage and cauliflower. When overcooked they also take on a reddish

Strong flavored vegetables, such onions, cabbage and turnips, should be cooked uncovered. All vegetables should go over the Ar

in boiling water. Fresh, succulent vegetables should always be put to cook in salted water. Old vegetables that have become some what tough should have the salt add ed a few minutes before the cooking is finished.-Good Health.

CHILD TRAINING.

How to Suggest a Good Disposition to Your Children.

A principle of psychology which every mother should know is that the last thought before going to sleet makes the deepest impression. The last thought at night is sure to be the first waking thought. A child should never be punished just before going to bed if you wish to create in him a joyous disposition. A happy bedtime will mean a sunny morning face.

Another important fact, based more upon physiological than upon psychological principles, is the importance of a happy meal time. Perhaps the child has done some little naughtý thing and is scolded for it until he cries or is sent from the table. His dinner is spoiled. He needs that dinner. He cannot be happy if he is hungry or if he feels undue censure, and he will be cross or depressed all the afternoon

Did you ever indulge in weeping at meal time or allow yourself to become very angry? If so did you find your digestion improved, and did you have a happy day? As it was with you so is it with the child.

It is a well known physiological fact that anger and grief interfere seriously with digestion. If you wish to lay in your child a foundation for inliges tion you can find no more effective way .- Mother's Magazine.

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As each Michael Magazine.

How to Get All Household Articles in Working Order.

Are you the only mechanism in your household that is strictly on the 1905; Why are not the other cogs in the domestic machinery working ful blast; You bought them to give you pleasure or save your strength. Are they doing it? That lamp in the librar; is only faintly ornamental. You use the gas instead because the lamp has a dim listed becaus to work. A well fitted comey, a GRAIN AND soapsuds, a good wick trinmed care fully every morning and aire kero sene. The clock on the pater mantel never tells the exact time. End a care to the store where it was bught. After they have regulated it kep it dusted, wound and set propert. Place it where you can see it from as many Mixed Feed (Pills) rooms as possible. Sharpa your dull pencils, hang one with the grocery list, but another in the machingrawer and another handy to the coug where you rest during the afternoon.

How to Remove Tea and offee Stain

From Table Lian. coffee stains of the napking or tablecloths are easil removed if you go about it in the proper way. When next potatoes ariboiled strain the water and save it. Then pour the water into a clean whit bowl and dip the stained part of the linen into it Allow the linen to stal in the water Steeleut Oats until the spots disapper. Then laun der the linen as usual.

If the potato water ils to take the stains out try ammia or alcohol Give the snots a liber dose of either and rub out well. Rie very carefully before putting into th wash.

When the piece hasone through the various tubbings, blurs, etc., and has been ironed you wifind there is no trace left of the ugl pots.

Keep Yo Evening Gow

Fresh a New. To keep evening was fresh it is good plan to hang em inside a large muslin bag. Turn e dress inside out and through tape by stitched at intervals inside thevaistband draw a strip of muslin out an inch wide. The ends of the fip may be hooked or tied together a hung on the hook with the drawin string of the bag. This will preventie dress from dragging at the loops so often happens.

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All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to a 2123

FLORA M. STUART, Admx.

FLORA M. STUART, Admx. Bridgewater, Mass., January 2, 1916

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF AYER: Your petitioner, the Lowell &

Fitchburg Street Railway Company, by vote of its Directors, respectfully prays it may be granted a location for an extension of its tracks in the town of Ayer, as follows Beginning at the westerly terminus of your petitioner's present tracks in Main Street and then running westerly in said Main Street across the location of the Worcester & Nashua Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad and in West Main Street to, and connecting with, the easterly terminus of the tracks of the Fitchburg & Leominster Street Railway Company, substantially as shown upon a plan heretofore filed with your Board; and that your petitioner may be authorized to operate its railway over and upon the location so prayed for, by means of electricity or by such other motive power as your Honorable Board may at any time approve; and for this purpose to erect and maintain all necessary poles, wires and other fixtures and appliances over and along said streets. This petition is filed without waiving any existing rights of your petitioner under a former petition for the same

LOWELL & FITCHBURG STREET RAILWAY COMPANY. By WESLEY W. SARGENT.

Fitchburg, Mass. February 10, 7916.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Feb. 10, 1916. 'Ordered that a public hearing be held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the sixth day of March, 1916, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Select-men's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer at which were and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and at the market for further informaplace of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ayer News, news-papers published in said Ayer, at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all owners of real estate abutting upon that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation

JOHN D. CARNEY. DOUGLAS C. SMITH, LYMAN K. CLARK,

A true copy of petition and order thereon Attest

LYMAN K. CLARK,

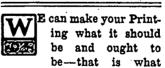
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, 88, Probate Court, To the heits-at-law next of kin and altother persons interested in the es-late of KATE L. COOTE, otherwise called Catharine Coote and Catherine Coote, late of Aver, in said County, de-ceased.

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 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 eighth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

3w22 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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drawback to an entirely pleasant af-fair was the misunderstanding in re-gard to payment of supper tickets. Members of the committee sincerely

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Soon as he can arrange.

To the Editor:

"He was born in Denver, the son of landing a question of landing and landing a question of l

ployees and their less were bruised by the shower of splinters and the machine was damaged. The cause of the accident is a mystery. Mr. Whittier was twenty-nine years old and has been a resident of Wolfboro seven.

The subject Su He leaves a wife and two chil-

Wayland Whittier, who was killed in this accident, is well remembered here in Groton. The family lived on the former John Hall place on the Boston road, now owned and occupied by Mr. Rogers and family. The fath-er died while the family were here and about twelve or thirteen years ago Whittier and her two sons, who ington, and the remaining son, lives his own family in Bedford.

Death.

The passing on of Mrs. Minnie E. (Davis), widow of William A. Moore, came with that effect which a sudden and unexpected death always

me out to the services at the Unitarian church.

Miss Ellen Denahy is recovering from a two-weeks' siege with the grippe.

Groton Grange will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday evening, February 23, instead of on Tuesday evening, February 22.

Mrs. Abram Miller returned home from the Clinton hospital on Monday and is now getting over the effects of the operation which was necessary for the removal of an exceedingly there well because of the Moores Store Co., and the breaking up of her own home, is concerned primarily with the prop-

Resigns as Pastor.

fair was the misunderstanding in regard to payment of supper tickets. Members of the committee sincerely regret that this misunderstanding caused annoyance and embaressment to guests of the evening.

The Groton Alliance will meet with Mrs. W. A. Lawrence on Thursday attenoon, February 24, at 2.30 o'clock. Mr. Cressey will speak at 3.30 o'clock. A. Washington's Birthday party will be given by the Groton Alliance in the town hall on Tuesday evening, February 22. Music by Newell's orchestra of Marlboro. Dancing from eight to one. Matrons, Mrs. W. A. Lawrence, Mrs. F. G. May, Mrs. T. G. Smith and Mrs. E. M. Needham.

Relatives in town have had sent them recently direct word from the contracting parties of the marriage of Mrs. Emeline Smith and Burpee Blakmey, both until within a few months residents of Groton. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Blakney are living in Boston or vicinity.

The Congregational church social

soon as he can arrange to leave Gro- series.

or response of the control of the property of

A telephone has been installed in the parsonage, 107, a gift of Rev. and

News Items.

There were no services at the Baptist church last Sunday on account of Rey, B. E. Tucker's illness. The storm interfered with attendance at other churches. There were twenty-five in attendance at the Congregational morning service, but there was no seasion of the Sunday school nor the C. E. meeting. There were about twenty-five out to the services at the Unitarian church.

Company is recovering to the connection with her hims band's business, entered may the attendance of the following program, which was very interesting as well as a profitable one, tea was serviced. Reading of reports and general business of the afternoon, Mrs. Dealer to Groton, the bride of W. A. Moore, thirty-four yet is use next plane, and in connection with her hims band's business, entered may the active life of the town. She was known that her himself the connection with her himself and in connection with her himself and the many that the first the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting a fermion at the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting a fermion. After the following program, which was very interesting and the many of close and the many of the accurate to Groton, the bride of W. A. Moore, thirty-four yet a use in the following program in the following program in the following program in the box opening on Thursday afternoon.

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and is now getting over the elects of the operation which was necessary for the operation which was necessary for the removal of an exceedingly large gallstone.

Owing to the storm and the consequent small sized congregation at the Congregation at church last Sunday the annual offering for the work of the American Board was postponed until Sunday. It is hoped that a generous offering will be presented for the work of the board in its various fields of effort.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Lawrence and their daughter, Miss Katherine Bulk-eley Lawrence of Newport have left White Sulphur Springs. West Virginia, for Maimi and Palm Beach. Florida. They will return to their Newport villa in time for the early Newport season. Many have spoken with enthusiasm of the entertainment and supper furnished by members of the Woman's club on Gentleman's night. The only drawback to an entirely pleasant affair was the misunderstanding in regard to payment of supper tickets.

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All boys are cordially invited to be spread of this disease from currants present. There will be special music. to pines, where the two stand within spread of this disease from currants to pines, where the two stand within one-half a mile; possibly even one mile, of each, except by the total eradication of the currants (or goosebernes). It is possible that thorough spraying with Bordeaux mixture or other fungicide might reduce the danger but that the eacher as such treatment but that the eacher as such treatment. other fungicide might reduce the dan-ner, but that its as far as such treat-teent would go. Unless the disease in the 'cradicated at once in the local-ties where it exists it looks as if we prose eventually choose, in situations where the bushes and the trees are in anly close proximity to each other twen the currents are to place

At present, however, there seems be no need for worry on the part owners of bushes which are well removed from white pine trees.
William P. Wharten.

West Groton.

Mis. E. F. Sleeper is reported if with scarlet fever. with scarlet fever.

Donald Bixby has been ill with the crippe, but is now able to be out. Little Rudolph Bixby as also been quite sick, having a very high fever for several days. He was able to be up for the first time on Thursday. W. V. Bixby is ill with pneumonia confined to his bed since Sunday. He

is in care of a trained nurse, Miss Richardson of Nashua. On Wednes-day he seemed seriously ill, but since then is much more comfortable. Little Elizabeth Bates, in quaran

tine for scarlet fever, has developed : second trouble and is coughing in sym pathy with her younger brother and sister, who have whooping cough.

Owing to the death of a member, the C. E. society postponed indefinite-ity the supper scheduled for Wednes-day evening. The L. A. society will meet Thurs day afternoon with Mrs. A. H. Thomp

Each of the three departments of the Tarbell school will hold a special exercise for Washington's birthday on Monday afternoon. The public is cordially invited.

Last Monday was visiting day in the schools and the teachers, the Misses Wright, Lawrence and Furbish, spent the day visiting the schools of Hudson. Going on Friday Miss Edith Wright will spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burton of Groton.

The Improvement society meeting was quite wel, attended on Tuesday was quite well attended on Tuesday evening. A. W. Lamb's talk on "Pa-permaking" was both interesting and instructive. Samples of raw material were shown of 4ll varieties and grades, were shown of ill varieties and gradee, samples of the imaterial in process of tooms holidays and what they mean construction with the various chemicals used for cleansing, bleaching, hardening, etc. were also shown and their uses and the different processes explained. The samples shown of the inished product, paper of all thicknesses and edors, and of various widths, were of great interest. At the close of the tak Mr. Lamb was given a rising vote of thanks for the pleasure and instruction he had given, what they mean to us. A rising vote what they mean to us. are and instruction he had given.

societies, relatives and friends. The remains were taken to Fitchburg on the 12.30 train and will later be interred in Forest Hill cemetery. The bearers were all members of Squannacook lodge, Arthur F. Bates, R. W. Horstein, C. R. Webber, Erst Bell.

sure of Fitchburg died but a short time ago, making the first break in this large family of ten children. With the exception of Mrs. Hunt the sisters were present at the funeral service.

SHIRLEY

News Items The funeral of Mrs. Kather, a Burrill will take place at releating church Saturday more of eight o'clock. Burrial will be in 8% Mary's cemetery. Ayer.

Dr. Holloway of the Sine Beard of Health, has arrived at the Sine far-dustrial School for Boys to asset the school physician with the dishtheria cases. Consequently no cultures will be sent to Boston to be analyzed

The Men's club of the Universalist church will hold a whist party in the Altrurian club room Monday cyening at eight o'clock for the benefit of the organ repair fund. Tickets can be ob-tained from Thomas L. Hazen, Frank H. Wheeler and Harry H. Lynch.

Leo Jandreau has again entered the Massachusetts General hospital in Boston for treatment of his nose.

David Lambert, about seventy years of age, passed away Thursday night at about eleven o'clock from the effects of a tobacco cancer.

Death.

Henry Gately, of Ashmont, passed away Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock at his home from the effects of diabetes. His death came as a shock to his family and friends as he was only taken sick Tuesday afternoon, when he left his work and went home. During Tuesday night he lapsed into a state of coma and remained so until the end came. mained so until the end came

Mr. Gately was a pative of Shirley and was widely known throughout this section. He was about thirty-five years of age and left town about ten years ago to accept a position with Hewes & Potter, of Boston. A singu-Hewes & Potter, of Boston, A singu-las coincident in the death of Mr. Gately was the fact that his aunt. Mrs. Burrill, died in Shirley the same-night, three hours later.

Funeral will be held Saturday morning with service being held at St. Anthony's church at ten o'clock, and burial will be in Shirley at St. Anthony's cemetery.

Besides other relatives Mr. Gately leaves a wife and two children.

Altrurian.

Mr. Edgerly, formerly superintend-ent of the Fitchburg schools, spoke before the Altrurian club on "Our vapressed. A large number of the members and invited guests were present and everyone enjoyed the earnest appeal to remember our holidays and what they mean to us. A rising vot of thanks was extended to him. The committee 'having the program in charge consisted of Mrs. Mary E. Lilly, chairman, Mary W. Hazen, Frances A. Hersom and Miss Gertrude L. Comant. At the business hour the precident referred to the mid-winter tederation meeting to be held on February 25 in Melrose. Mrs. Martha J. Con re was chosen as delegate. A generou-sum was sent from club individual for wood for knitting articles for the needy to the Belsian refugee fund Other business was discussed and lan over to the next meeting. "America

was sung and the meeting adjourned

At the meeting of Shirley Grarge on Tuesday evening three more applications for membership were read and the five which were read at the last meeting were balloted on. The program for the lecturer's hour consisted of. Songs, by the Grange; readings, by A. A. Adams, Horace C. Harris and Misse Helen Bradford. The lecturer's hour was mide shorter than tack in daiss itelen bradford. The lecturer's hour was made shorter than ture, usua on account of the entertainment to be given this week for the benefit of the Educational Aid fund.

Themas H. Evans and William Freenan left for Ralph I. Evans portable mill at Francestown, N. H., Wednisday,

Herry F. Grout has been appointed

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herself an adept.

Music throughout the evening was

furnished by the Colonial orchestre and was a much enjoyed feature of the entertainment. The candy com-mittee and the ushers performed an important service in the sale of homemade confections between the acti which netted a large sum of money

The Grange ht its annual Valentine party with Mst and heart stunts and a box lunch the leading attractions, Wednesd evening. Mrs. bined resources the financial must have approximated the \$200 mark. A most important factor in

janitor of the town half in place of William E. Barnard, resigned.

Mrs. Lizzie Farnsworth of Ayer is a gues at the home of Mr and Mrs.

L. J. carnsworth at the North this week.

Mrs. Ira Adams of Beston is spend
deforts.

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News Items.

The following clipping is taken from a Bridgewater paper: "The chool committee last evening voted from a Bridgewater paper: The school committee last evening voted to allow double promotion to a number of eighth grade pupils so they will be prepared to enter high school at the fall. It will be arranged to have Miss Sullivan, teacher at the Allich school, coach them, It was voted to increase her salary for the additional duties until the end of the school year. Appropriations for the comming year were discussed at length it is expected they will be larger than hast year. The committee is not prepared at present to publish the estimates. The necessity for additional accommodation in the lower grades was discussed." Miss Sullivan is the gaughter of Mrs. Dennis Bullivan, of Groye street.

A free bible lecture will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3.15 in Hardy's hall by the Associated Bible Students. J. R. Hughes, of Boston, will speak on a very interesting subject. There will be holy communion service at St. Andrew's church Sunday morning at 7.30 o'clock. Morning

prayer at eleven o'clock. Prof. W. E. Brown will close his dancing school season in the town hall on Friday evening: February 25. Music by Brown's orchestra, assisted by John Y. Meyers, of Lowell, the celebrated baritone singer. Dancing from 8 to 12.50. Refreshments serv-

from 8 to 12.50. Refreshments serviced by Blodgett & Markham, caterers, at intermission.

The following is taken from the Boston Sunday Globe: "Amberst controlled and the company will open for business on Monday.

The record in the relay was taken by 1 second. Anohers was always and the condess to provide the coldest places in the state on first in every event except planne for distance. Nelligan was the 220 and the clay with third place in the 50-vard ash. Capt. F. L. Tomor, of Wesleyan easily won glumes for distance." Fred B. Barrows, of Wesleyan easily won Juliuse for distance." Fred B. Barrows, of Wesleyan easily won Juliuse for distance." Fred B. Barrows, of Wesleyan easily won Juliuse for distance." Fred B. Barrows, of Wesleyan easily won Juliuse for distance." Fred B. Barrows, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Barrows, Pleasant street, plung ed 62 feet. His nearest compution made 53½ feet.

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Mrs. H. A. Stone has rented the upper supplied in the Hartwell house, feverable, on Washington street and will move on Washington street and will move there from her present home in the day evening for a ten-days' trip Holden house on Columbia street in Collando, Fla. Mrs. Crocker is in cathe near future.

Ayer Council, K. C. will have a big district meeting in their rooms on Friday evening. February 25, to which all the members of the order and their Council 8 of V. will hold a clam cay evening, represent 2a, to which all the members of the order and their gentlemen friends are invited. The council has been very fortunate in securing Louis Watson, state deputy, and James Gallagher, state secretary, of Boston, as speakers. Peter F. Ward of Fitchburg, Mark O'Toole of Leominster and William F. Thornton of Lowell, will also be present. Large numbers are expected from the Fitchburg, Leominster and Pepperell councils, all of whom have been invited, Lanch will be served. The meeting attended.

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Rey, Frank B. Crandall was in

badly frozen. He is resting comfortably at the home of John Fallon on
Parl' street, with whom he is boarding.

A class of twenty-six girls has reicently been formed for athletics and
are regularly taking lessons at the
civic gymnasum under the direction
of Miss Martin, an instructor in the
high school. While the boys' classes,
semor and junior, are well filled, there
is room for more.

Cambridge.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church served a baked-bean supper in the church vestry on Wednessday evening to a large number.

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E gave a dress drill and much praise is given to our boys who certainly take great interest in "their" armory." Miss Moore, daughter of the late Wil-liam Moore of the Globe hotel, was a resident of Ayer for many years and was very popular here as she is in Framingham.

Grove street.

Harbinger Temple, Pythian Sisters, held a very enjoyable valentine social on Monday evening.

L. K. Barker, who has been seriously ill at the Clinton hospital for the past three weeks, is convalescing and expects to be out Saturday, and in a few weeks will be at work again.

A dinner will be served by the Unitarian Girls' club on Tuesday, February 22, at 12.30 o'clock in the Unitarian vestry. Menu, chicken patties, bread, cold meats, cabbage plain and fancy pies, coffee.

A free bible lecture will be held on specifical and 14 years, respectively.

Patrick Carraber and George Spencer, aged 13 and 14 years, respectively, of Dover, N. H., were captured on an Ayer bound Portland freight last Saturday night by the conductor, who turned them over to Chief Beatty. The chief got into communication with the Dover police depatment regarding the capture of the boys and Capt. Murray of that city came for them Sunday and brought them home. The boys had evidently started out to see the country when they were held up. They suffered much from the severe cold between the New Hampshire city and Ayer.

Howard D. Bowles, of Springfield,

Howard D. Bowles, of Springfield, a former resident of Ayer, was in town this week.

Dr and Mre, Hopking left on Tacs-

Lunch will be served. The meeting will be the biggest of its kind that has Frank B. Crandall was in Iter.



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ever taken place here.

Charles McCarron, who is employed toon day at the Harvard divinity
as brakeman in the south railroad school,
yard, was found Wednesday morning.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas returned Monnear the Harvard line, with his feet day from a week's visit to relatives in badly frozen. He is resting comfor- Cambridge.

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more for more.

The selectmen appointed John M.

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The ladies of the Federated church deserve thanks and congratulations for the line entertainment they brought to the people.

Instructive Address.

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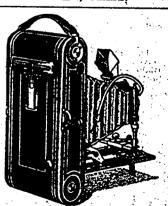


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Ames are chairmen of the dance committee. A Fitchburg orchestra has been engaged to play for the dancing. Mr. and Mrs. George the and are chairmen of the supper com-

The King's Daughters' annual Easter sale will take place in the Baptist vestry, April 6. The county convention of King's Daughters will be held with the Forget-not circle April 20. Committees recently selected in the Forget-not circle for the year 1916 are as follows: Mrs. Blodgett, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Needham, Mrs. Minnie Hartwell, Miss Billings, Mrs. Cook, work; Mrs. Everett Kimball, Mrs. A. T. Kimball, Mrs. F. A. Patch, Mrs. Annie, C. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Ames, Mrs. Jennie Nixon, Mrs. Wakefield, sunshine and flowers; Miss Elizabeth Thacher, Mrs. Prouty, Mrs. William G. Brown, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. Knowlton, Mrs. Pingrey, visiting; Mrs. F. A. Patch, Mrs. A. T. Kimball, Mrs. W. H. Davis, emergency. Mrs. Harry Hume will have charge of the birthdays in March and April. The King's Daughters' annual East March and Abril.

March and April.

Rienzi, the faithful and trusted horse of John H. Hardy, Jr., so universally known and frequently seen on our streets, died Tuesday night after the continued efforts of the doctor and the Hardy family to save his precious life. He had been sick two days and his disease seemed to baffle the skill of the veterinarian. His death was the occasion of much mourning as he had many friends who enjoyed his horseback rides and frequent drives with the assurance of absolute safety, and he was certainly deserving of an obituary notice

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meets with Littleton Grange in the town hall on February 24, with in the town hall on February 24, with the following program: Address of welcome, Frank H. Hill, master of Littleton Grange: response, George H. Knapp, Groton: vocal solo, Mrs. Alice Prouty: reading, Mrs. Florence Wilcox; vocal solo, George Cook; talk, "Traveling in Europe," Rev. J. C. Alvord; vocal solo, Frank H. Hill. "An afternoon with Longfellow," musically illustrated lecture by Miss Margaret Cummings, of Waltham, and Mrs. Alice Worester Weeks, of West Action, assisted by Miss Elinor Weeks. ton, assisted by Miss Elinor Weeks, accompanist, of West Acton; piano solo, Mrs. John Kimball,

The church attendance was much affected by the heavy fall of snow last Sunday. At the Baptist church there were 19, at the Congregationalist 39, and at the Unitarian 49 at the morning service. The evening services were omitted.

Tuesday morning was the coldest recorded up to that time this winter. Fourteen and fifteen decrees below zero, and in one part of the town nineteen below, made the out-door air a little cool for comfort, but the daily papers brought consolation in the promise of rising temperature which was very agreeably fulfilled.

Mr Pratt, of Holderness, N. H., has bought out an interest in the Drew-Frost fruit farm in South Lattleton and will move into the house as soon as it is vacated by the Eisner family. William Burnham has completed his work in Lincoln and accepted a position in Fitchburg, to which place he went last Wednesday to enter upon

Miss Buth Thacher joined her Laselle schoolmates in a reunion on Monday,

Whilam Handley and two from Waltham, spent two week with Mrs. Handley's Mr. and Mrs. Marshall

ie Lones Bridge Whist c'ub met Mrs. J. M. Hartwell Toesday af-

room of the public library on Taesday afternoor, February 22

L. W. Bartlett and Miss Florence Bartlett of Greenheld, were guests of Mrs. John A Kumball this week

Thirty-one young people from the ittleton C. E. societies entored a Littleton C E societies enjoyed i sleighride to the Acton Center church E. rally was held Monday Ernest Hobinson and James Ewing furnished teams. The Endeavorers report a pleasant evening in spite of deep snow, low tem and not the best of sleighing. low temperature Mrs. Goldsmith H. Conant and

young son, who have been visiting the home people in St. Louis ever since Christmas, arrived in town last week. Mrs Clyde Crane has joined the Mrs Clyde Crane has joined the company of grippe patients in town, adding a troublesome element in form of bronchitis to other unpleasant ac companiments of the influenza Edwin Esten and Warren Hartwell

the brief vacation following nid-year exams with their people

Miss Ellen Priest, of Groton, was recent guest of Miss Abby Billings and George Priest, coming in season for the Back Log drama.

Miss Henrietta A. Ewings visited friends in Greater Boston last week and attended the Alliance fair in Cambridge Friday

Miss Hazel Bradlee, of Hudson, N H., and Miss Helen Bradlee, of New enjoyed the week-end hospitality of Mrs. A. W. Kno time for the drama. W. Knowlton, coming in

Mrs. Thomas Stephens accompanied Mrs. Thomas Stephens accompanies her daughter, Mrs. Frank Plummer to Marbiehead last week and will re-main there during her convalescence

Rev. J. C. Alvord is one of the re

cent grippe patients. In his absence from church Mrs. Alvord occupied the pulpit last Sunday.

It is reported that Mrs. William who has been very ill the ast three months, is steadily improv-

Woman's club showed

News Items.

Mrs. P. S. Pingrey spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Bruce, in Townsend.

Mrs. Martha Jones gave a sketch of Wagner's life and described his most popular operas, selections of which were heard from the Victrola, Mrs. Anal Mrs. Walter T. Speirs were week-end guests of friends in Milton.

The thermometer at J. P. Thacher's store registered 22 degrees below zero it eleven o'clock Monday night. This beats all records heard from in Littleton this week.

The Back Log sunset party will be held in the town hall on Tuesday afternoon and evening. February 22. Dancing for the children will begin at four o'clock; supper will be served at 6.30 in the lower hall; dancing for adults will continue from eight until twelve o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Annes are chafirmen of the dancing for adults will continue from eight until twelve o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Annes are chafirmen of the dance committee. A Fitchburg orchestra has been engaged to play for the dancing, Mr. and Mrs. George How for the dancing, Mr. and Mrs. George How for the dancing, for the dancing, Mr. and Mrs. George How for consideration. The lyceum committee to the best this winter she was dancing for the best this winter she was for the parsoninge on February 23.

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A few matters of business came up for consideration. The lyceum committee reported on the twenty-five dollars given a few years ago to the lyceum as nucleus of a fund for entertainments, and the club voted that the money be held by the present club reassure and her successors as a pertreasurer and her successors as a per-

treasurer and her successors as a permanent sum, the same to be invested.

The next meeting of the club will be on February 28, when "neighborhood day" will be observed. An address on "Old-fashioned flowers" will be given by Mrs. G. F. Hubbard, of Fitchburg.

To the Editor:

As I was about to enter the town hall the morning of town meeting the first words I heard were these: you can't do anything like that in this town," spoken by one of the most active members of the Littleton Grange to a newly-established farm owner.

The evening before town meeting I listened to a most stimulating address from the pulpit on town betterment which closed with romarks.

dress from the pulpit on town betterment, which closed with remarks to the effect that our town was one of the largest liquor consuming places in this section, even more so per capita than Boston. Personally in the last four years of my continuous residence here. I have seen but one case of intoxication. The charge may have been true but not evident to me personally. If such conditions exist they doubtless would be remedied by subdubless would be remedied by submitting the facts to the proper aumitting the facts to the proper au

thornies.

The morning after town meeting I passed an extensive orchardist talking to an old resident, who owns considergale property in town and caught a few remarks concerning the town and its people which made it seem almost a crime to live in such a graft-berid-der, ill-managed community.

As I sat in town meeting our mod-

erator and representative at the state capitol, made some witty remark about telling a prospective farm pur-chaser that our tax rate was high We hope and believe that he went or to explain our valuation and advan tages as a farming and residence com

munity.

And on every side one hears of the disastrous results of what improvements have been made in the last few years and the consequent high taxes. Grant, for the sake of argument, that mistake has been made. What shall the do about it?

The writer is a very young man an

The writer is a very young man and has made it a policy to let the older men do the talking, but in the face of such a sentiment of discouragement and such knocking it seems that something ought to be said and done. In Littleton, in spite of the knockers and the taxes, we have a town which in location, educational, social which in location, educational, social and financial possibilities is second to none. Why, if it were a western town with half the advantages, what would happen? The first thing would be a chamber of commerce, abiy supported by all the basiness men. That body would take some pictures of our public buildings, our winding, shady streets, our stores, get a sketch of our prospective bank, our prospective bath horse on the lake, our prospective bath horse on the lake, our bus line which meets all the trains one hour from Boston, our tracks loaded with fruit and produce for New England's greatest market center, some of our fine-private residences our blooded live stock, our extensive orchards and unblish, than in a backlet which stock, our extensive organics and publish them in a booklet, which would set forth the advantages of our markets, our rock roads, our scenery and our climate. Very likely they would get these pictures into several of the better picture shows which are

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the sidewalks without a doubt, but we the shewhat without a non-thir we have an ideal location for manufacturing farming, poultry raising, fruit growing and for summer ind year-'round homes state road t and year-tround nomes state road to Boston, Lowell and Fitchburs; muni-cipal water and electric light and con-sequent high taxes; and what are we doing with them? Going to town meeting and telling each other how our we are, and how we must keep

axes down to: doing nothing to bring n more taxable property.

Here we be with more than fifteen niles of streets covered by electric wires and eight miles covered by our water system—all loaded and primed and nobody to press the trigger. What we want is more business, more people to do the business and the sidewalks. train service, roads and taxes will automatically take care of them-

Some of us have been knocking the own and boosting the taxes; let's al poost the town and knock the taxes Harry S. Barker.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items

The Ladies' Aid met at the home o Mrs. Albert Pierce last week, fourteen nembers being present. While the

characteristic interest in music by the good delegation present at the music cale Monday afternoon when the Loyal Workers gathered at the in March. Mr. Lane has held the of-president gave the meeting into the care of Mrs. Marion E. Christie, chairman of the music committee, Much work was accomplished by the duties for a time at least.

unable to take the trip to California to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Etta Rockwood recently comquilt which is made pleted a quilt which is made from calico that is eighty-one years old. It is of two shades, pink and blue, and the material was dresses which be-longed to her mother, all of which seems to be additional proof that things were made better in the old lays than now.

A number of young people went from here to Townsend on last week Friday evening, where they attended the firemen's ball.

of Mrs. Ernest Nye and daughter, of Sandown, were the guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. George Nye. Mrs. Edward Farnsworth last week entertained her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hammond, of Groton.

Funeral services were held at tway. the home at 1.39 Wednesday after-noon, after which the remains were laid to rest in the West cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Betterley and Miss Matilla Betterley were week-end visitors at the home of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley.

Arthur Barnaby, of Brooklyn, N. J., was a week-end visitor at the one of his father, Clark Barnaby. Miss Edith Stickney, who has here visiting friends in town for about two weeks, has returned to her home in Hollis.

.A pleasing program was given at the meeting of the Grange last week Wednesday evening, which consisted of the following: Cornet solo, Harlan Whitcomb; essay on the life of Lincoln, Blanche Hall; vocal duet, Ethel Taylor and Maud Greeley; reading, Hattle Pierre; recitations, Clara Russell, and Matthe Pierre; recitations, Clara Russell, and Matthe Pierre; recitations, Clara Russell, and Matthe Pierre. sell and Hattie Pierce; conundrum contest for all the members. The next meeting will be held on Febru-

Morton Kline, a former Brookline boy, with a home and business inter-ests in Fitchburg, and a summer bungalow in this town, is to give a lecture at the little "brick college" on Towns-end hill on the evening of February His topic is to be "The defective and promises to be most interesting."

Although Friday night of last week rend out so stormy and disagreeable chicken-pie supper and social and Congregational church proved great success in every way, The fedgreet success in every way. The leaf-erated Sunday schools appreciate very much the kindly and able assistance of the friends who took part in the entertainment and also those who contributed food for the table, or in anywer helped to make it a succesocially and financially

LUNENBURG

The Mil. o., and election ? Home Week Home Week issection is appointed for Finday ever ling Fe browny 25. The committee is John Woodbredge, Prack G. B. S. E. Larvey and the teachers of the schools. A mosting was held on NO. E. Lancey and the subschools: A meeting was held on Thirteen, evening to arrange the final lance is program, entertrainment etc.

Then on all the main highways and direct interesting the placed in the sold may all this is Littleton, the town of opport ality, of pleasure and of rest.

So much for advertising: what estimates grave them a chance they would get a list of all the available promotion companies and hire an able same bas, give them a free ride over the town and explain its advantages, in Perhaps rim a free pionic excursion proportion of anything to get people interested in the town. I consistently voted against all three of the sidewalk extensions.

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Quite an interest was because of its loca, nature. The subject was: of its loca, nature. The subject was: of its loca, nature the Ritter Memorial library should be open on the afternoon of every week day." Miss freme price and Harold Eastman argued in favor of the affirmative and Miss Minnie Martin and Carl Process. became general. The judges we William Shuerman, Beatrice Arch bald and Ous Elliott, who decided favor of the negative.

The dance arranged by the high school for Saturday evening, February 12, was necessarily postponed on ac-count of the heavy snowstorm. It is now planned to hold it on Monday evening, February 21, weather condi-tions favorable.

Much regret is felt because of the Much regret is felt begains of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. John H. Frye are to move out of town, though everyone rejoices with them at the prospect of greatly improved conditions and a much better position for Mr. Frye in Maine than he held in the machine company in Fitchburg. Dur-ing the time they have resided in Lu-nenburg they have made many warm friends whose best wishes for their health and prosperity will go with them to their new home and new neighbors in Maine.

neighbors in Maine.
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watson, who
have spent the winter with their son,
Rev. E. W. Watson, and family in
Cuba, returned last Wednesday just
in time for the heavy snowstorm and
zero weather which was quite unlike inything they found in Cuba.

As Clifford C. Lane positively re-fused to be a candidate for re-election to the position of school committee the town committee which had been authorized to fill all vacancies on the Mrs. Albert Pierce last week, fourteen to the position of school commuteer members being present. While the members plied their needles they were entertained by Mrs. Luther Lawrence and Mrs. Pierce with readings, and a few vocal selections by Elizabeth Whitcomb, accompanied by Mrs. Williams Cardinal on the plano.

All the position of school communeer the town committee which had been authorized to fill all vacancies on the citizens' ticket, met and decided ananimously to ask Edward B. Saunders to become their candidate. This Whitcomb, accompanied by Mrs. Williams will be on the ticket for decition at the annual town meeting.

A new party was organized in the lower town half on Monday evening which bears the name of the Good Government party. The meeting was called to order by Emerson W. Baker who explained the object as being purely in the interest of good town government and not because he or others had "an axe to grind." After this preliminary Ernest G. Carswell was elected chairman and Clayton E. Reton. Mr. and Mrs. Reton and their son Clarence have made many friends in town while spending their vacations here every summer at the home of Mrs. Boutelle.

Henry Bailey has moved his family from Canal street to the Charles Willoby cottage on Milford street.

Mrs. H. O. Hadley, of Peterboro, was the guest last week of Dr. and Mrs. Holcombe.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. J. E. Durkee in the loss of her mother who died in California recently. As Mrs. Durkee's health has not been of the best this winter she was unable to take the trip to California to attend the funeral.

Heavy Snowfall.

The snowstorm beginning on last week Friday afternoon proved to be the heaviest of the season and contin-ued until Sunday evening without cessation. The snow was of very line quality, and coming as it did without wind, it packed in solidly and made a good foundation and roadbed for the time sleighing which everybody has been enjoying as much as possible. Although the snow came so thick and forth it did not be shown the snow came so thick and the snow came so the snow came so thick and the snow came so the snow came snow ca fast it did not interfere very materially with the general travel. The electric cars ran all day with but very ly with the general travel. The elec-tric cars ran all day with but very little variation from the regular time. The Sunday papers, coming from Fitchburg by private conveyance, were Hammond, of Groton.

The exercises in honor of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, which were held at the grammar school last week Friday afternoon, were well attended and well executed by the childern. Their teacher, Miss Grace Whitcomb, had them in charge.

At three o'clock last Saturday morning, Mrs. Henry Shattuck, who has been ill for a long time, passed away. Funeral services were held at a service was posponed. Thirty-two people gathered at the Congregational away. Funeral services were held at the congregational church and listened to a sermon from right on time and nearly every one of church and listened to a sermon from Hey, James Chalmers, which they felt did amply repay them for braving the elements and literally wading in deep snow, for no roads had, then been broken. In the evening Miss Cate, broken. In the evening Miss Cate, from Fitchburg, was expected to lead the C. E. service, but owing to the severity of the storm she was small to attend and Mr.Chalmers conducte the consecration service.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of William H. Mansheld, late

of Pepperell, in the County of Middle-sex, deceased, represented insolvent. the sets deceased, represented insovers.

I in The subscripers, having been appointed by the Probate Court for said and neighbor, who repeats the list, adding, say, "Camel" for "C." And so examine all claims of creditors against the estate of said William H. Mansfield hereby give notice that sax months from the 11th day of February and the catalogue or Whoover bungles, the catalogue or Whoover bungles, the catalogue or ary, A. D. 1916, are allowed to credi-tors to present and prove their claims against said esate, and that they will meet to examine the claims of creditors at Room numbered \$12, in the premises numbered 25 Pemberton Square, in the City of Boston, Mass. in the City of Boston, Mass. Sixth day of March next, at ter

ARNOLD SCOTT.

o'clock in the forenoon.

WALTER C. COGSWELL. Commissioners

February 14, 1916.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrative of the estate of WIL-LEAM J. BIGGERSTAFF, late of Ayer, in the County of Middlesex, deceased testate, and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to MRS MARY BIGGERSTAFF.

Administratrix Bedford, Mass, February 9, 1916.

Bedford, Mass., February 2, 1916.
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Midd esex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of EMMA M. BLAKE late of Pepperall in said County, deceased. Whereas, WAITER O. PARKER the trustee under the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the second, third and fourth accounts of his trust under said will for the benefit of 1DA B. KENDRICK.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the seventh day of March 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 trustee 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 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, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court, this, tenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

3124 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

For Young Folks

Esther Morris, Handsomest Baby in Staten Island, New York.



Photo by American Press Association.

Recently in the borough of Rich mond, a part of the city of New York, which comprises all of Staten Island, situated in New York bay, there was held a great baby show. Hundreds of little ones from all over the borough were entered for the various prizes. There were many prizes offered for the fattest baby, the most beautiful, the healthiest, the largest for its age, for the tallest and for the shortest, and all the classes were well filled. The charming little miss who captured the prize for beauty is shown in the accompanying picture holding the cup that was awarded her. Among so many handsome children it must have been a difficult question for the judges to decide But they one and all agreed that Miss Esther Morris was worthy of the high honor. As you can see by the picture, Miss Esther is a young lady of exceeding beauty, but she is altogether too young to care about that, but was highly pleased with the handsome

Paper and Pencil Game.

When your friends come give them each a paper and pencil and see how many can write the correct answers to these questions:

Name a battle found in every farmvard? Name an uninhabited battle?

Name a battle unpleasant to barefoot boys? Name two battles that are found in a

forest? Name a good luck battle? Name a stimulating battle? Name an observing battle? Name a comfortable battle?

Name a college battle? Name a wealthy battle? Name a cleanly battle? Name a suspended battle? Answers: Cowpens.

Wilderness. Stony Point. Fair Oaks and Seven Pines. Horseshoe. Brandywine. Lookout Mountain, Fort Pillow, Princeton. Rich Mountain. White Plains. Suspended Rock.

"Fool Monkey."

In this as in so many games it lends ease if the players sit in a circle and elect a leader. The leader then starts the game by

naming an animal whose name begins with "A" as "antelope." The player adds to it another animal, the name beginnin; with "B." saying, "Antelope, bison," and passing the turn to his left. hand neighbor, who repeats the list, I queried.

Whoever bungles the catalogue or fails to firl an animal with the letter for which he or she is responsible is hailed in bockery as "fool monkey," and this nme must be mentioned by succeeding players instead of the ani- thar on a board. Jest pulled his knees mal which the delinquent ought to up and his shoulders down, and I reck have uttere, but muddled.

Experienc shows that the ranks of luses up if thar was any buttons on the "fool makey" will soon be well filled.

Intersting Bird Items.

Birds seen ating army worms were: Robins, cathrds, meadow larks, che-

winks, thruses and wrens. In German, the owners of vineyards are encourage by their government to distribute neing material and erect birdhouses if their vineyards to attract feathere foes of insect posts

The swiftes bird is said to be the frigate bird. 'his bird is able to fly. under favorsh conditions, 200 mile

Earlst Watches.

Some of the arliest watches were

made in Nurewerg. Their shape was almost round, nd they were called "Nuremberg eg." Why thow is Wise.

"As wise as an cl," my father said One day while taling to Uncle Ted. Now I've thought nd thought about tha

And every time Lear one screech I say to myself. 's wise as an owl," And wish that I might might prowl

So I could learn the as wise And see as much in my wee eyes. You know the owler see at night; They say he has an wondrous sight.

So he must know the elf that roams And witches, kelple goblins, gnomes.

And that is why thereways say,
"As wise as an owll tis as plain as day,
illadelphia Record.

Ruben's Old Dad

What Busted Him All to Squash

By M. OUAD Copyright, 1915, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

I got out at a small railroad station in Tennessee, to find a crowd in front of a saloon, and as I began inquiring the cause of the excitement a young man of twenty turned and replied:
"Stranger, I can tell ye all about it. Do you want to see the corpse?"

"Is some one dead?" "Dead as a coon track, and it's my

own dad at that." "Been a row here?" "Not a bit of it. Dad jest made a

fule of hisself. He's in thar waitin' fur a cart to take hisself home to be laid out and buried." "Never seed nuthin' to ekal it in all

my bo'n days," said a man in the crowd.

"I was right yere or I wouldn't hev sniggered to it nohow," added a sec-"It was jest this way, stranger,"

continued the son as he picked a sliver off a pine box and began to whittle at it with a spring back jackknife: "Dad and me comes down yere this morning to buy a mewl. Dad was powerfu frisky all the way down, and he sez to me, sez he:

"Ruben, I kin outwalk outrun out shute, outholler and outlick anything on top of this vere nirth's surface ' "I sees dad was purty chucky, and sez to him, I sez:

"'Dad, you's top of the heap round yere, and nobody kin deny it, but doan' you go and meet up with no fight in town. We's arter a mewl, we is, and we doan' want no fussin' nor nuthin'. "And with that dad jumps fo' feet high, and cracks his heels together, and whoops out that he's b'ar traps, pizen, powder and catamount all boiled down into one, and that he's dangerous if anybody goes to pick up his hind foot."

"Yaas, and I hears him holler when he's a mile away," said one of the rowd.

"Of co'se you did." replied Ruben: of co'se. Dad was powerful on hollerin'. He'd holler a b'ar out'n'a tree half a mile away. When he'got down yere thar was a feller from Memphi with a patent liftin' masheen a-standin' right yere. Thar's the pieces of it agin this fence, while the feller his self is ten miles away and still run-

"But 'twasn't his fault," protested man on muleback.

"I ain't sayin' as 'twas," placidly answered Ruben. "I'm sayin' as dad got mixed up and made a fule of his self. No sooner had he sot eyes on the masheen than he cracks his heels together and crows like a rooster and sez to me, sez he:

"Ruben, I kin pull the hull state of Tennessee right up by the roots if I kin git a brace for my feet."

"Yaas, I heard him say them remarks," put in one of the crowd. "Of co'se he said 'em," continued Ruben; "of co'se. He spit on his hands, grabbed them 'ere handles and when he straightened up I jest felt the

ground tremblin' all around." "So'd I," called seven or eight voices

in chorus "Dad had one side of the hull coun try lifted up two foot high when there was a rip and a smash, them handles tore out, the masheen flew to pieces on his left at once takes this up and and the airth sunk back with a chug which made us dizzy."

"Then your father had broken a blood vessel or something of the sort?"

"Skeersly, stranger, skeersly, wasn't no man to stop at one blood vessel. He jest busted hisself all to pieces and was a goner afore we could reach him. I might say he sort of run together and caked. He was six foot high when he grabbed them 'ere handles, and now you can't make him over four foot eight as he lays in on his pants would hold his gal-'em. The man who owned the masheen wasn't to blame-of co'se he wasn't-but when he seed the calamity he started fur Knoxville on the jump, and he was jumpin' when he turned the co'ner of the hill up thar. Dad's in yere, stranger. Come and take a look. Mighty good man he was." "And you are waiting to take the

body home?" I queried as a wagon drove up to the shed. "That's it, stranger." "It will be a sad sight for your moth

er to see the body come home "Toler'bly sad, toler'bly sad," replied the young man, "though she's been expectin' it for the last ten y'ars. know about what she'll say. As the wagon drives up and she sees me she'll stand in the door and call out.

"'Has it happened this time, Rube?" " 'Yep, maw.'

"'Smashed up or dead?' "'Dead as a dead rabbit!" "'Tackle an elephant, did he?"

"'All to smash!"

"'Wurs'n that, maw." "'A hull circus?'

"'And wuss than that. He tried to lift the hull airth on one of them ma "'Shoo! Shoo! And it busted him?"

" 'Doctor look at him?' "'Two of 'em, and both agreed that his prancin' days was over." "'Waal, I knowed they'd be if he

kept whoopin' it up, an' mebbe he's better off. At least we'll allow that he is, and you cum in and cut some wood and feed the hawg and we'll git kinds of Property placed in good. an early start to bury him in the mawnin'."

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HARVARD

News Items.

There have been big moving picture shows at the town hall, but the one on Saturday night is full of fun and laughter, consisting of the following pictures: "Neal of the navy." two reels, the thirteenth of the series; "The knight of the trail." a western play, two reels; "A right to love," a child comedy, one reel; "The stronger man," a society drama, two reels, Beginning March 4, a new series, "The goddess," by Governeur Morris.

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We have been informed that the We have been informed that the item stating that Winthrop Pattee had purchased the Phillips property, published in last week's issue, is not true, as he has not purchased any of the institution. as he has not purchillips' property.

Miss Mary D. Davis arrived home on Tuesday for a short stay at home after completing her fulf course at the Worcester Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bagster are visiting with the parents of Mrs. Bag-ster in West Pownal, Me., for a few

Mrs. T. F. Dolan, with Miss Margaret Dolan, of Newton, spent a few days this week at their farm house here on Oak hill this week, enjoying the sleighing over Harvard hills.

the sleighing over Harvard hills.

The junior class of the Bromfield school are to give a social dance in the town hall on Monday evening. February 21. This is the first social event given by the Bromfield pupils for two years or more, and it is sure to be well patronized. The matrons for the evening are Mrs. Edgerly, Miss Bernice Sears, Mrs. Albert H. Bigelow, who will receive with Prof. A. S. Richards.

Progressive Poultry Culture.

We must be efficient in positry raising this season, as well as having paillets with efficiency to supply the dimand for eggs and poultry. It will figure a goodly number of new recruits to be prepared to supply the demand, if you have not yet acquired the hen levers like symptoms are always raising to be caught—you should visit any one who has it.

Starting at this season of the year eggs for hatching or davoid chickens make rapid progress toward an egg business next winter, providing the chickens are hatched early, and good care has made them grown-up puliets in the fall. While great care should be given to proper housing and feeding the chickens in order to bring them to early maturity, it is equally essential to have the bread of fowl we like the best, and from a strain we rust as good layers, to insure say.

Most of us are now selecting our breeders from pullets and cockerels or old hens and old cocks. This should be practised by everybody raising poultry in order that next season's flock will be superior to list. Select the very best from both sex, if only one or two pens, either early matured pullets of this season proving good layers, or yearlings with a record from last year, but slackers this ways.

laying strain as near their natural conditions in their natural breeding

TOWNSEND

There was a large attendance of the last meeting of the Dorcas class held at the home of Mrs. Walter Farheld at the home of Mrs. Walter Farrar. After a short business meeting the members responded with quotations and brief stories from the life of Lincoln. A reading from the life of Lincoln was also given by Miss May Parker. Violin and piano duet by Miss Katherine Markham and Miss Agnes Farrar, and piano solo by Mrs. Esther Scales were enjoyed by the company. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

Last week Friday being the birth.

Last week Friday being the birth-ay anniversary of Miss Angela Bouday anniversary of other Angela Dou-telle, who is spending the winter months with friends in South Lancaster, her home friends here sent congratulatory letters and postcards in honor of the day.

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Prof. Hubbard, head of the drawing department, Normal school, Fitchburg, spoke last week Friday afternoon after school hours to the teachers in the The senior class of the high school will present in Memorial hall on Washington's birthday evening the three-act comedy. "Mrs. Briggs of the poultry yard," with the following inapersonating the characters: Amy Rixford, Harold Swicker, Isabelle Hayward, Milton Wilder, Helen Higgins, Francis Struthers, Louise Arlin, Esther Bagley, Agnes Farrar, Natalie O'Brien and Emerson Smith, After the draima there will be a social and home-made candy for sale.

The annual concert and ball by the

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The annual concert and ball by the members of the Squamicook scatner company in Mehorad hall on last week Friday evening was well attended by the townspeople and sleeping parties from out of town. The concert program by the Salem Cutt of chestra, from 8.30 to 9.50, was employed as was also the dancing later. The grand march was led by Mark R. Colby, foreman, and wife, in which forty-five couples participated. During intermission an excelent oyster and cold meat supper was served in the banquet hall in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cook.

The Monday club and invited guests

Mrs. Ellis Cook.

The Monday club and invited guests were, pleasantly entertained at the Congregational parsonage on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Carrie Struthers, hostess. Dr. Charlton, of the Methodist church, was the speaker of the afternoon, giving in his usual pleasing descriptive way the history of the Scamen's Bethel and its work in Gloucester, a former parish of Dr. Charlton. During the social hour refreshments were served by the hostess.

Grange.

for the evening are Mrs. Edgerly. Miss Bernice Sears, Mrs. Albert H. Bigelow, who will receive with Prof. A. S. Richards.

E. W. Cottle left on Pebruary 16 for a six-weeks' trip to California on one of Raymond and Whitcomb's count of illness the musical numbers of the town hall on Sunday evening. On account of illness the musical numbers of the town hall on Sunday evening. February 20, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. Harvey C. Merrill is to give the address, and Wilmot B. Cleaves has charge of the music, who has arranged for a chorus of twenty volces. They will sing "Praise ye the father." There will also be congregational sing. Traise ye the father. There will also be congregational sing in the thing and charge of the pastor; music by a larged quartet. The bible school will meet in the vestry at two ive o'clock as usual. Dwing to the annual meet in the evening there will be o' Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at the office, or publication but as a sigh of good in this office for publication which has not been signed by the writer. If the party will forward their name, not for publication but as a sigh of good in this office for publication which has not been signed by the writer. If the party will forward their name, not for publication but as a sigh of good in this office for publication which has not been signed by the writer. If the party will forward their name, not for publication but as a sigh of good in this office for publication which has not been signed by the writer. If the party will forward their name, not been signed by the writer. If the party will forward their name, not for publication but as a sigh of good in the concluding namber on the program, given by Mrs. Edgerly, Mrs. E

Mest.

In spite of the storm and no paths a morning service was held at the Baptist charch; the gath-ring being in the vestry, the session of the Sanday school following. As the storm continuel no evening service was held and the Y. P. S. C. E. nweting was omitted.

Mrs. James Willard left Saturday Mrs. James Whard left Saturday for a protracted visit to the home of her danishter in Dorchester. Carl Willard will heard at the Center during his mother's absence.

ing his mother's absence.

The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckwith, of Josselvn-yille, had a narrow escape from death last week Thursday. While playing about the room he discovered a bottle of camphorated oil upon the table and drank nearly all the contents. He was immediately taken with spasms and a physician was at once summoned, who relieved him of his suffering and he is now entirely recovered.

A sleighing party of twenty-ix from

pulleds of this season proving good layers, or yearlings with a record from last year, but slackers this winter. Make it a habit to carefully select your breeders. It is worthy of all your efforts.

Try to give the breeders from which you are intending to build an egglady strain as near their natural Hathaway. Hathaway.

Mrs. Fred Howard, of Melrose is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Morgan.

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Miss Alice Scaver entertained the All-Ready Sunday school class at her home on last Saturday afternoon by a valentine party, eleven girls being present. One of the features of the entertainment was the foreign post-office, where each received a valentine. Games and musle followed the business meeting, which was presided over by the president, Miss Doris Tenney. The next meeting will be on March 18, in the form of an Irish social with a program arranged by the look out committee;

Mrs. Frank Sanders, of Ayer, was a guest of Mrs. Elbridge Sanders on last week Friday.

Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman is recovering from an attack of the grippe, which has kept her confined to her home for the past week.

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wille spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. S. R. Ely. Mrs. S. R. Ely.

Rev. Joseph Mackean will occupy his pulpit at the Eaptist church on Sunday, preaching in the morning on the topic "We are in the kingdom for what?" and in the evening his subject will be "Some elements of strength and weakness in Peter's character." The Y. P. S. C. E. service will be conducted by Miss Gladys Rawson on the topic "How to put the bible into our life."

The Ladies' Study club, will be en-tertained by Mrs. Albert Wilson at the home of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Boynton, on Monday evening, the topic being "James Russell Lowell."

W. C. Winchester, from Taunton has rented the Squannicook hotel, which is to be renovated to a certain extent, and expects to take possession about the first of April.

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The Ladies' Mission circle met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence and a most interesting meeting was enjoyed, taking up the topic "Charches of non-christian lands—their hopeful future." In the absence of the president, Mrs. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman, Riv. Joseph Mac-Kean presided. The next meeting will be on Weamestay, March 15, the tople being "Some workers on the lengts highway" and the place of meeting will be used. will be at nounced later.

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A sleighing party of thirteen young people from the Highland Baptist Highland Baptist and subscription books are open to all advertisers for their perusal.

NAPOLEON'S MAXIM.

It Can Be Traced Back to Tacitus In the Second Century.

Napoleon's maxim was, it is said, that Providence is on the side of the big battalions, but by what right it has become the property of the "little corporal" is not quite cear. Though he

tle," he wrote. From him or more probably from her mother wit Mine, de Sevigne, his contemporary, wrote, "Fortune is always on the side of the largest battalions."

Some fifty years later came Voltaire. who wrote in a letter to M. le Riche. "It is said that God is always on the side of the heaviest battalions." That letter was written in 1770, when Napoleon was but one year old. Thus we come to him whose maxim it is said to be, but here the reference books help us but little and help Napoleon less.

"Providence is always on the side of the last reserve," is given as his yersion of the trite phrase, and even this is not credited to him freely, but only "attributed to Napoleon I."—Westmin-

MEANING OF "JITNEY."

There Are Many Theories as to the Origin of the Word.

The meaning of the word jitney is a five cent piece. The origin of the wordrests wholly on supposition, and many explanations are given. One interested in the subject gathered the following information: A correspondent from Soda Creek, B. C., said he knew the term as slang in Glasgow, Scotland, over fifty years ago. It was used to designate something small or insignificant. The word was said to come from the Scottish "jitty," which means deception, and the Fren h "nisey;" correctly "nials," meaning a ninny or sim-

Another correspondent said it is a foreign word which originated in Russia as the name of a small Russian coin. A Russian scholar, however, declares there is no such coin and that the word in Russian means "rye."

A correspondent from Tacoma, Wash., says the word "jit," meaning a five cent piece, can be traced back a hundred years and was the original word used by slave traders for that coin

An Oakland, Cal., correspondent said that Jitney is a word coined by the field, and in a drought it pays to put on southern negroes. There the small boy when told to run an errand says, "Do I get a jitney, boss?"

One of England's sporting peers is varus.

"Yes," he replied, with a smile, "I admit that some of them were rather tall | the weeds. yarns. I outdid the wandering hen. A hen, you know, set out to see the world and met a crow in a distant beds or cold frames. They can be

"'Afraid? Not I,' replied the hen, of about two parts of rotted horse ma

It happened in a crowded Market it or the seeds will not get an even street car one evening recently. A gal- start. Keep the ground moist, but not lant passenger shifted his bundles, drenched. After the plants are ten arose, pretended to take off his hat and days old they are to be thinned down. said to an equally if not more bur- and only the strongest and healthiest

"Oh, thank you so much?" cried the lady. "I'll take the seat with pleasure, they should be transplanted to the field. but I don't want you to stand up."

"Gee, lady," he grinned, blushing, "I'd like to accommodate you in both turbing the roots. Soil should be press ways, but what would the people think if you was to sit in my lap?" - San Francisco Argonaut.

Russia's Merchant Flag.

The Russian merchant flag is a horizontal tricolor of white, blue and red. Originally it was the Dutch flag, and its appearance so pleased Peter the Great that he took it with him from Amsterdam and hoisted it upside down. His plan to distinguish it from the Dutch banner met with much criticism however, as the flag in an inverted position denoted a flag of distress, and eventually the stripes had to be rear ranged before Russia adopted it as a national emblem.

Inconsiderate.

She-I think Mrs. Binks is one of the most tactless and objectionable women I ever met. He-Why do you say that? She-Why, at the club this afternoon I had just started to tell one of the smart things our Willie had said, when she told the same story and ascribed it to her horrid little Johnny.-Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Ungrateful. "Women are an ungrateful lot."

"Anything special?" "Yes. My wife urged me to go into politics, and ever since I didn't get nominated she has talked about what s lot of new furniture she could have bought with the money I spent,"

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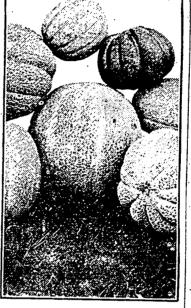
By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Farm Pay

In shaping a little farm program to embrace a variety of money making products the owner will find that musk melons fit nicely into the scheme.

Musicinelons thave in northern latitudes almost as well as in the south. They will yield good crops on ordinary soil, are easily cultivated and return an acreage profit equal to other high class commodities.

Muskinclons do well where watermelons will not mature at all. It is not to be inferred that this crop does not need rich soil, but the general experience is that ordinary garden cultivation will give good results. A light, well drained piece of land is to be chosen. A field that has had clover for a couple of years is best. When the sod is turned in the fall eight or ten tons of barnyard manure should be plowed in to a depth of seven or eight inches. A light black loam on clay subsoll does very well if the field is



MUSEMELONS ARE PROFITABLE. drained, but select a sandy loam if

possible, and fertilize it as seems nec-While melous will not stand soggy and, they need regular moisture.

Therefore the ideal place is a drained water. Sod land is porous to a good depth and so remains for a season after paking. In case there is no clover on the farm a field of blue grass A Los Angeles man says that the clover on the farm a field of blue grass term is Mexican vernacular for nickel, or other sod can be worked up nicely for the muskmelon crop. The big money in growing muskmelons lies chiefly in the production of a high One of England's sporting peers is grade of stock, and therefore it must the Earl of Norwich, and they tell a be the aim to have uniformity. Qualistory about an answer which his lord- ty and a good yield generally go toship once gave to some one who had gether. The preparation of the soil chaffed him about some of his hunting; should include disking and harrowing in the spring. This not only works the soil into nice condition but clears out

As early melons usually prove most profitable, the plants are started in hotgrown in flowerpots or plant boxes. "But, said the crow, 'are you not using different sizes for this purpose, afraid, without good wings, of losing A compost may be made for these boxes or for the hotbeds. This is composed Every yard or two I lay an egg to nure to one part rich, sandy soil, new guide myself back by." — London soil from the woods being preferred soil from the woods being preferred. Poultry droppings added to this compost are beneficial. Have this prepared soil thoroughly mixed before placing dened female standee, "Won't you take are kept for the open field. When plants are a little more than a month old or when danger of frost is over Mark off the plot both ways and set the plants five feet apart without dised firmly around them, care being takon not to injure either plants or roots.

This kind of treatment brings on an early crop and gets the highest profits. At the same time later plantings can be made in order to lengthen the sea son. In starting the crop outdoors an ounce of seed will plant fifty hills. Too much attention cannot be given to cultivation. Keep the ground clean and in a mulched condition. Where water is scarce or has to be hauled a long distance it will not pay to irrigate. and hence it may not pay to raise large patches of melons. In a good growing season or where the water supply can be controlled it is not unreasonable to expect a crop of muskmelons worth \$500 an acre. This is a product that is easily marketed, as it ships well and does not spoil very fast. Those intend ing to cultivate the crop regularly for market need to give some attention to the selection of seed in order to get ear ly and popular varieties.

Growing Potatoes. To guard against disease and inferior quality of potatoes it is necessary to rotate crop

Grow alfalfa, clover or peas two or three years, grain one year and potatoes one year is a good system. Select good seed. Too much indifference with regard to the quality of seed results in crops of inferior quality, and the amount consumed is far less than if a good quality is produced.

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Roger Robbins, who recently accepted a position as instructor at the Treat school, a private school for boys at Helenwood, Tennessee, writes to his relatives that as he becomes accusbetter than at first. He is instructor in geometry, algebra, chemistry and Roman history. The country is mountainous and rugged and he is fast be-

Mrs. John Coffey, who has been housed with the grippe since the first of the year, is now suffering from an of pleurisy.

tion with her friend, Miss Marie and dan.

The meeting of the East Village Social club, held at the home of Mrs. Leroy Nutting, was a most pleasant social occasion. Mrs. A. F. Parker was unavoidably absent by reason of illness, and the subject which was to be followed from the bulletins issued by the State college were postponed until the next meeting. There was music and singing by the members of the club and delicious refreshments served by the hostess at the close.

Akinds of carriage painting.

Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Gilchrist, of Winchendon and little grandson Robert were in town last week. Mrs. Gilchrist, remained over this week with her sister, Mrs. Harriman, who is having trouble with her limbs, and a part of her recovery depends on being off her feet for a few days.

Charles Pillsbury has accepted a position on the farm at the state sanatorium in Middleboro, under W. G. Atkinson, who is foreman of the same if Mr. Pillsbury finds his new world.

continues very good, the game Monday evening calling out an andience of about 250 at Tarbell's Opera House, when the Hollis A. A. defeated Groton A. A. in a closely contested game by the score of 35 to 17. The lineup and summary follows: Hollis A. A.— Spaulding II., Brown rf., Smith c., O'Neal Ig., Blood rg:; Groton A. A.—
Crothers rg., Dunbar Ig., Miner c., Doherty rf., Wolfe If.; score, Hollis
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4, Spaulding 9, Brown 2, O'Neal 1.
Crothers I, Dunbar 1, Miner 1, Doherty I, Wolfe I; goals from fouls, Doherty 1, Wolfe I; goals from fouls, Doherty 7, Spaulding 3; timer, O'Neal; scorer, Haggerty; referee, Kerin. Spaulding If., Brown rf., Smith c., O'Neal ig., Blood rg.; Groton A. A.—Crothers rg., Dunbar lg., Miner c., Doherty rf., Wolfe lf.; score, Hollis corer, Haggerty; referee, Kerin.

The latest reports of the condition of Edward Goggin from his physician by an attack of tonsilitis.

The sale of the Mould Shoe Company's plant, as advertised to occur at the office of A. A. Fillebrown, Ayer, on Saturday, February 12, was not consummated, it is understood, for lack of bidders.

lack of bidders.

The Ladies' Aid society enjoyed a very social meeting on Wednesday afternoon with an extra large attendance at the home of Mrs. W. A. Shepardson, Three new members, Mrs. N. W. Tarbell, Mrs. R. B. Winship and Mrs. C. A. Pillsbury, joined at this meeting. Plans were discussed for an Easter sale and dinner to take place in March. It was voted to extend invitations to the L. B. S. and L. S. C. to join this society in a federation afternoon meeting at a later date. The business of the afternoon was follow-

We note an item of interest in a a position as instructor at the second payer of recent date concern-penwood. Tennessee, writes to his est that as he becomes accus-to the surroundings he likes a former student in the high school. to the surroundings he likes a former student in the high school chan at first. He is instructor ske is now at the Fitchburg Normal metry, algebra, chemistry and history. The country is mountained with he fitchburg school and the article refers to her good work as captain of that basketbard united with it, riding team now for three years, and this team now for three years, and this O. M. Nash is reported as gaining showly for the past week or ten days. As soon as certain appliances are fitted for the support of his feet and limbs, he hopes to be out again.

Mrs. John Coffey, who has here.

Rev. George A. Bennett was in town on Tuesday: coming from his pastor-ate at Wakefield, N. H., to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Henry Shuttuck, a former parishioner at Brook-line, N. H. He returned here on Wed-nesday, visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Hill, Mill street.

who will return after their week's vacation. Miss Rena Davis goes to her home at Sanford, Me., and Miss Ruth Tucker to Reading.

The M. K. club are holding frequent rehearsals for their minstrel show, which is to take place March 3. There is to be a chorus of thirty voices with ten soloists. An original, unique performance is under arrangement for the second part. George Hickey of Nashua, who has been secured as end man, will also render's specialities in the second part of solos and monologues. A full rehearsal is expected to be held on Sunday afternoon.

Ruth Marshall as been out of school.

Interest in the basketball games sontinues very good, the game Monlay evening calling out an andlence of about 250 at Tarbell's Opera House, when the Hollis A. A. defeated fore on A. A. in a closely contested game by I. J. Rowell with the exception of the state of the contest a year or more he was in California and about the same length of time he worked on a dairy farm in Harvard.

at the Nashua hospital, are fairly encouraging, although he is still having some stomach trouble and a recurrence of the nausea which has been one of the most stubborn features of his illness.

A full crop of ice is likely to be harvested and stored, thanks to the cold wave, notwithstanding the many predictions to the contrary. S. M. Nokes will have housed his usual tonnage by the last of this week, probably, and the ice is from 12 to 15 inches in thickness, and he states was dominated, and the refreshments were features of hetter opportunity of hetter of many at the home of het cousin, Helen Harris, man, on Monday afternoon. The little guests were Evelyn Hutchinson of Lined by the young ladies after the most approved leap-year fashion. The invitations were hearts fittingly inscribed and ornamented. Festoons of charming little gifts and valentines to the dining table being especially finely decorated with the same. There were charge, served refreshments. who was a higher the four articles contained therem—the botton, thinble being and minersary on Pristy Mass Margaret Blood left town on Frakay of last week for New York Wither she will remain over the 224 with her sister Miss Amal P. Blood Mrs. Adelaide Tarbell will keep house for her work week for New York Wither she will remain over the 224 with her sister Miss Amal P. Blood Mrs. Adelaide Tarbell will keep house for her work of the evening. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house who was in his eleberation. Rev. William of the house of the house her some of the house her safer school house, the house of the four of this town, died at has home of the last his house of the february 16. The cause of the church of the february 16. The cause of the church was the house of the church was the house of the house who was highly spent by the front head was a papermaker by tracking time time the care of the church was a papermaker by tracking time time the care of the church was a papermaker by tracking time time the care of the church was a papermaker by tracking time time the care of the church was a papermaker by track never of better quality than this year.

The illustrated lecture on "Mexico," given by Rev. J. B. Lewis on Sunday evening at the Congregational vestry, will probably be repeated at Oak Hill hall on Monday evening, if not pievened by bad weather or other the feast was the cutting of the huge "fortune cake," the four articles constants.

Mis. Edith Dansercau and Miss. Edward Woods at Hollis, N. H., on Saturday and were there when their with a touch of brown in chocolates, and cocoa for the color of the Campbell hall on Monday evening, if not pievented by bad weather or other the feast was the cutting of the huge "fortune cake," the four articles constants.

H. N. Tower was called to Providence, R. L. on Tuesday by the death of his brother, Rev. Francis E. Tower, who was in his eightieth year:

The Paugus Camp-fire girls held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. J. B. Lewis last week Friday afternoon. After the meeting a supper was to join this society in a federation afternoon meeting at a later date. The business of the afternoon was followed by a social hour, when a tempting collation was served by the hostess. were seventeen members and guests at supper which was pronounced fine. The next meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Dennen and supper will be served by the hostess and Anna Peabody and Gertrude Raymond, as the committee.

Harry Drew of Alfred, Me., spent od, although taken unawares.

Sunday with his sister: Mrs. Frank. The musical part of the program
Bennett. Little Miss Dorothy Drew consisted of a piano solo by Miss Mar-

Swampscott, where he is engaged in the work of building and contracting. The weather the past week was attack of pleurisy.

At the close of school on Friday Miss Mildred Hastings, who resigned from her duties as assistant at the high school, goes to Boston. Miss permanently to her new duties at Wilmington. Of the other teachers, who will return after their week's variation, Miss Rena Davis goes to her cattle from the first teachers who will return after their week's variation, Miss Rena Davis goes to her their week's variation, Miss Rena Davis goes to her the first teachers and the modific.

The weather the past week was surely not what we might expect if we regard the old-time predictions daughter, Mrs. James Hill, Mili street, we respect. A cloudy day February 2 with some snow, when no "ground hope" could possibly see his shadow, is not expected home until the last of did not lead us to expect the foot or more of snow of Saturday and Sunday, nor the sudden drop in temperature of Saturday and Sunday nor the sudden drop in temperature of Saturday and Sunday nor the sudden drop in temperature. ture. On Tuesday morning thermone eters about town recorded anything from ten to twenty-live degrees below zero, at six o'clock.

A supper and entertainment will be held at the Unitarian vestry Thursday evening, February 24, at 6.26 o'clock' by the ladies of the February committee of the L. S. C. A competent supper committee will have charge of arrangements Wes. 14, 12 belong rangements Mrs. L. G. Robbins as chairman. The drama entitled, "The

gine and wood-sawing apparatus and many sympathize with him in this loss of home and property. The cause of the fire was undoubtedly a defective chimney, although when Mr. and Mrs. Woods awoke the fire was too much underway to tell just where it originated. They lost most of their clothing and furniture beside tools

Mrs. C. I. Margeson is just able to

Mrs. Joseph Davis of Nashua street formerly resided. spent the week-end with her parents at Beachmont, returning Monday.

for himself or family.

urday for a short stay over Sunday. valley is still very critical, although Daughters of the American Revolufor a person no stronger than she tion.

The funeral service was held on

J. E. Andrews, officiated as master of ceremonies, introducing the speaker of the evening. Rev. William H. Morrison, of Nashua, N. H. a member of Granite lodge, I. O. O. F., of that city, as well as pastor of the Universalist church. Mr. Morrison's remarks were

most appropriate to the occasion and of the were enlivened by many illustrations and ancedotes which were appreciated brough by the audience. by the audience.

Donald T. Rivers, past noble grand. gave the "History of Beacon lodge," which interested all, showing much thought and care in its preparation, and proficiency in the knowledge of

he order.
S. R. Merrill, past noble grand, was present and was called upon as the first noble grand of this lodge to make few remarks, to which he respond-

gaerite Drury, "Mazurka de concert. garate Drury, "Mazurka de concert," by Emile Lessard, and an encore, "Garden of dreams." Howard Shatterk rendered as a violin solo, "Il tractore," with variations, responding to an encore with the sons, "The day is ended," or the violin. The samplane solo, "He was a prince," was rendered by Miss Susen Andrews, who moon."

Following the program the com-pany broke up into groups and enjoy-ed a very pleasant social hour.

Grange Notes.

There was a good-sized gatherin Prescott Grange last week Friday evening and the program and even-ing proved unusually interesting. The program was in charge of fley D. R. Child, whose lecture on "Pompeil," Child, whose lecture on "Pompeil," was particularly good. It was well fiwas particularly good. It was well li-isotrated in natural colored scenes by stereopticon. Many of the surround-ing towns of this buried city and their inhabitants were also shown. The speaker gave many interesting facts, among them that of the manner of the discovery of the long buried runs, which was made, by a native who started to dig him-elf a well and found instead strange treasures, worl-derfully preserved.

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Services were held or Friday afterget about this week, after being con-fined to her bed several days with the grippe.

noon, Rev George M. Newhall official-ing. The remains were taken on Sat-urday to Milford, N. H., where he

Mrs. Hannah E. Emery, widow of at Beachmont, returning Monday.

William Jenkins was committed to the hospital at Worcester last week, being accounted incapable of caring for himself or family.

Roshury on February 8. She was born in Pepperell on December 31. 1839, the daughter of Samuel and Emor himself or family.

Amos Boulia went to Gardner Satarday for a short stay over Sunday.

The condition of Mrs. Joseph Laand former state vice regent of the

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burned, it seems marvelous that she has endured all that she has suffered o'clock from the parlors of the Immended the born at the temple has caused the bone to become diseased which the deceased had long been a Young the person of the Immended the bone to become diseased which the deceased had long been a Young the person of the Immended the bone to become diseased which the deceased had long been a Young the person of the Immended Mrs. Will Hutchinson and little devoted member. Rev. C. A. Young Mrs. Mabel Brackett was called to dent while unloading logs at Procault of the Roxbury Presbyterian church of the Roxbury Presbyterian church officiated assisted by Rev. J. E. Whitshave been the guests of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Brackett was called to New York the past week by the death officiated assisted by Rev. J. E. Whitshave been the guests of her sister, Mrs. The Townsend Hill Improvement of the other teamsters not having artiful tribute to her life and character.

responded to an encore with the south-ern dialect song, "Under the copper needay, March, I, when the lesson moon," Miss Helen M. Robbins acted from the college extension department

annual service at the Congregational church on Sunday Inorming. The paster will, deliver the address. Thomas Λ . Parker post has been invited to attend.

In the evening, at seven o'clock, the pastor will give a stereopticon better on, "Mexico" our next-door relation A description of the country, the people and their custom; will be given, illustrated by sixty-one die colored

Those who brived the storm last Sunday evening were well rewarded by the talk given by Miss Olive, Green, who is tunter appointment as mission-ary for the Woman's Beard. Miss

Henevolent society of the Congregational church for the year 1916;

Miss Ellen Miller, pres.; Mrs. H. N. Tower, Miss Mary A. Wood, vice pres. Mrs. El. Tarbell, sec., Mrs. L. R. Qua, treas. Mrs. C. H. Miller, Mrs. P. J. Hayes Mrs. C. H. Miller, Mrs. P. J. Hayes Mrs. W. F. Dehmen, Mrs. G. H. Shattuck Mrs. A. A. Pelton, Mrs. E. H. Bliss, Mrs. W. L. Jewett, Mrs. M. C. Lane, Mrs. A. F. Parker, diffectresses, committees—February, Mrs. W. F. Dennen, Mrs. C. H. Miller, Miss Mary Wood, March, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. E. H. Bliss, Mrs. E. S. Durant, April, Mrs. W. L. Jewett, Mrs. M. C. Lane, Mrs. W. L. Jewett, Mrs. M. C. Lane, Mrs. W. L. Jewett, Mrs. M. C. Lane, Mrs. R. H. Blood, Miss Susje Wood, June, Mrs. W. L. Shattuck, Miss Ellen Miller, Mrs. F. S. Bancroft; July, Miss Ethel Wells, Miss Mae Meriam, Miss Adele Boynton; September, Mrs. N. S. Pike, Mrs. William Deware, Mrs. Ada Upson; October, federation fair: November Mrs. P. J. Hayes, Mrs. J. A. Saunders, Mrs. H. N. Tower; December, Mrs. G. H. Shattuck, Mrs. G. Anderson, Mrs. G. E. Shattuck, Mrs. J. A. Thibault.

TOWNSEND

Center.

The Townsend correspondent re-ceived a note Monday from Miss Angela Boutelle in South Lancaster, expressing her thanks to the many Townsend friends for their pleasant remembrance of her seventy-ninth birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Mabel Brackett was called to New York the past week by the death

There was a wealth of floral irrbutes, silent tokens of those left behind.

At this service there were generachuserts Daughters and of the Lolles' chusetts Daughters and of the Lolles' Physiological Institute, of which Mts. Emery was a valued member.

She is survived by a daughter. Miss Helen G. Emery, of Roxbury; a sister. Mrs. E. C. Glover, and a brother. Charles H. Bancroft, of this town. The burial was in the family lot at Mount Hope.

Italinment at the little brick college on the hill Thursday evening from 6 to 7.20 o'clock. The proceeds will be used toward paying for the plano recently installed. After the supper a lecture will be given by Morton A. Klein on "The desective." Mr. Klein was a Brookline boy and has many friends, on the hill. He is now associated with the Lawrence & Klein Lamber Co., Fitchburg, He is a picasing lecturer, having given previous talks on forestry.

On Tuesday afternoon, after school

just well cemetery.

Oak Hill Woman's Club.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the speaker of the home of Mrs. Ois Merrill on Wedner's H. Morember of that city, first lesson was received from the longer of that city, fiversalist rks were slow and startions oreciated be grand. lodge. To much a grand to different members of much for much for much aration, lodge. To much aration, edge of nd. Was as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as the longer of shortage of, future supply of food as taples, as millions of acres are not under cultivation.

at the Methodist church Sunday morning: subject. "Reconciliation."

Monday evering the union revival meetings will be held in the Congressational church. Commencing Tuessony afternoon at 2.70, Rev. I. T. Johnson will conduct a series of bible readings. In the Congregational church, Everyone is cordially invited to these meetings.

Miss Willis had been in failing health and twice she underwest serious operations of which she indicate the latter of which she will never fully recovered.

With patient and uncomplaining spirit she met the experiences that would have been disheartening to many and when she fully realized that the grim messenger was approaching she answered the call with smilling reconciliation and endured her suffer-

The growing appreciation of the branch library station at C. A. Jos-selyn's store is shown by the increase in the number of books delivered. In 1914 the circulation totaled 1243; in 1915 the number reached 1491; books is the largest delivery in any

one month. In accord with a suggestion, the an accord with a suggestion, the names of the farms in the Cape neighborhood are here given: Edgewood, R. B. Adams; Christiebrook, Harry Atwood; Westview, F. E. Conant; Chestnutridge, W. Cooper; Old Home-Chesthutriage, W. Cooper; Oid Home-stead, G. Cummings; Dinglewood, L. Doran; Brookside, Horgan estate; Seven Pines, G. H. Jones; Knowlcroft, J. Knowlton; Pleasant farm, C. La-Fountain; Sachem Villa, C. Noyes; Hickory farm, Dr. E. Peters; Pine-hurst, Oliver, Proctor; Maplewood, E. Benye, Manlelawn, W. Robinett; Reavy; Maplelawn, W. Robinett Glenwood, H. Scarles; Walnut Grove

Glenwood, I C. A. Smith. On Tuesday afternoon Frank Bate man barely escaped a serious acci-dent while unloading logs at Proc-

striking the teamster and pinning him to the ground. Mr. Bateman succeeded in freeing himself, and although had received several severe brufses, found he had no bones broken. He

expects to be all right in a few days. On last Tuesday a valuable horse at Harbor farm had to be killed. Earlier in the day two of the horses got loose in the stable and began kicking, with the result that one of them had

brought in at the next meeting. An excellent article on "The world's food supply" was read from the National Geographic Magazine, which brought out the fact that although the population of the United States is increased ing, there is no necessity for the please of shortage of future supply of food staples, as millions of acres are not making," read by Doga Rice, a miss of sixteen years, was surprisingly good, showing considerable though and study. At the close of the meeting and study. At the close of the meeting in the fact meetings had the pleasure of ing time members had the pleasure of the surface of the meeting time members had the home-mach butter furnished by the hostess this was no irksone tash. There were two her 27, 1857; the daughters of David Iron was no irksone tash. There were two her 27, 1857; the daughter of David Iron maked by the hostess this was no irksone tash. There were two her 27, 1857; the daughter of David Iron maked by the hostess this was no irksone tash. There were two her 27, 1857; the daughters of David Iron maked by the hostess this was no irksone tash. There were two her 27, 1857; the daughters of David Iron maked Iro

lings on Lincoln, Mrs. Pearl Woods and Mrs. Flora L Atwood; reading, "Washington," Leon Z. Watkins; song Mrs. Florence Gunn.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. I. T. Johnson, the evangelist, will occupy the pulpit, his permon subject being "Faith." C. E. evening service at six ô'clock; leader. Holen Whittomb; union service in the evangel at the Methodist church.

Rev. Lewis H. Bacheller will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morns. at the Methodist church Sunday moin-list subject, "Reconcilation."

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directs.
All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to 3w24

ELBERT P. WILCOX, Admr.

Littleton, Mass., February 14, 1916.