Fiftieth Year

Ayer, Mass., Saturday, January 19, 1918

No. 20. Price Four Cents

PEPPERELL

Eulaite Dawborn, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawborn, formerly of this town, was at St. Joseph's hospital, Nashpa, last week during the days some of the Pepperell patients were there, undergoing an operation for adenoids and enlarged tonsils.

Mrs. T. E. Butter of Swampscott has been visiting in town for the week past, the guest of Mrs. J. N. Ahnis. She re-turned home Wednesday.

One case of scarlet fever is reported in the family of Alex Nowiski on Park-er's hill. The family have been quar-antined the past week.

antined the past week.

Frank Ford, who has been on I. J.
Rowell's grain delivery team since last fall, has accepted a position as foremen of a poultry darm on the estate of a business man in Halitax, this state, and finished his work here Saturday. Their. Roger Robbins at Camp Dix, N. Ji; has been ill with measles and in the hospital. It is expected that his three weeks of quarantine is just over. Either by letter or "thought transfer-ence," he seems to have given the dis-case to his sister. Miss Esther Robbins, of this town, who is just recovering. It is thought barely possible that she may have contracted the disease on the cars

have contracted the disease on the cars in making the trip to Boston, where she is a student at the New England Con-servatory of Music. Herry Loring, who has been spending a part of the winter at the home-stead, returned to Elmira, N. Y., this week.

Herry Loring, who has been spending a part of the winter at the home stead, raturned to Elmina, N. Y., this week.

The annual meeting of the District The annual meeting of the District Threscott hall on Monday evenias, February 4, at which time the election of officers will occur and reports will be given. This is a meeting of vital interest to everyone in the community and all should plan to attend and other organizations are asked to observe the date.

The report that the 9.09 a. m. ex-

Mrs. Sarah Dow has been seriously ill with bronchitis at her home at the Pierce homestead. At present accounts there is a slight improvement, but her there is a slight improvement of the family and friends. Her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Cushing, has been with her constantly and Miss Harriet Dow was summoned from New York the first of the

Lucy Cushing, has been with her constantly and Miss Harriet Dow was summoned from New York the first of the week.

**Lieut. Leslie Reed writes from Washington, D. C., where he was transferred shortly after reporting at the concentration camp on Long Island, in December. At present, in company with two other officers, he is at the Union station, engaged in work in his ownstime, civil engineering. He is well satisfied with the situation, having very desirable quarters, and writes that atthough this work may continue for weeks, yet he might be transferred at nh hour's notice. The weather is cold in Washington, he reports, and they have two inches of snow.

In washington, he reports, and they have two inches of snow.

George G. Tarbell, commander of Thomas A. Parker, post, G. A. R., was

the installing officer at Groton on time will probably continue the pre-ruesday afternoon of the officers of scribed number of days.

E. S. Clark post, G. A. R.

H. P. Hobart is cutting off a wood-

E. L. Humphrey, of the Nashua River Paper Company office force has moved here with his family, and oc-cupy the house on Leighton street, formerly owned by Mrs. Hannah

A letter received by the local com-mittee on conservation, from Mrs. Na-thaniel Thayer, chairman of the state committee, urges that strict economics prevail in all household matters, and

Miss Josephine Bowers, who resides with her niece, Mrs. Addison Woodward, was called to Boston on Thursday of last week by the illness of her sister. confirmation.

George A. Gay, a member of the G. A. R. of this town, attended the installation of the E. S. Clark post in Nearly half of the large soft coal plie of about 500 tons in the yards of the Pepperell Card and Paper Co. was taken over by the government this week, the official markers being placed by a government officer. Several other cars, it is stated, were on the way for the same company.

Do You know that You Can Save by making Your FITCHBURG CO-OPERATIVE BANK

> at the store of J. J. Barry, Main Street, Ayer

Deposit

Saves Postage, Stationery and Time

Annual

Middy Blouses

Smocks

Silk Waists

SECOND FLOOR

Merlin Salter, who has been at hom

The Thursday half-holiday is to be continued, notwithstanding the short-send hours following the mandate of greenleaf and George A. Stewart, opiniodified, however, but few stores in ployed by him. town are affected materially by the

change.

Merlin Saitor, who has been at home on sick leave, from the loss of his right hand at the battle of Lens, remained Chick, has enlisted from Boston turned to Canada last Saturday, us he in the quartermaster's department of was to report on January 16. He exthen any, to report at Florida this pects first to be obliged to undergo week.

arm are troubling him, and then later expects to be transferred to France, where he will be given an instructor's The Pepperell high school basketball learn defeated the Lunenburg high at the Opera House on Friday evening of last week by the score of 42 to 14. Capt. Horan starred for the Pepperell

Miss Hazel Richards, of Manchester, N. H., visited Mrs. Florence Willough-by over Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey returned home on Tuesday from an extended visit since Christmas with friends in Win-chendon.

William Chapman is preparing to cut ice, said to be eighteen inches thick, from Blake's pond.

The report that the 9.09 a.m. express for Nashua and the 4.34 p.m. express for Ayer were to be discontinued, is found to be without official confirmation.

THE STORE FOR THRIFTY PEOPLE

of Ladies'

REGULAR PRICES 98¢ and \$1.50

Voile Waists 69c and \$1.00

REGULAR PRICES 98¢ and \$1.98

REGULAR PRICE \$1.98

REGULAR PRICES \$2.98 and \$3.98

Crepe de Chine and Georgette Waists, \$2.98

REGULAR PRICES \$5.00 and \$7.50

Jait

Shirt Waists

69c.

98c.

\$1.00

BRIDGE

Charles Bird has been confined to his home on the South road since Thursday of last week with the grippe and an abscess on the arm.

Miss Beatrice O'Conneil, formerly of this town but now residing in Nashua, N. H., has-accepted a position as planist at the Franklin Opera House in that city.

Miss Lillian Dunton has been at St Joseph's hospital, Nashua, this week for an operation in the throat.

Although the day was stormy, Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, district deputy president, and suite, persevered in dent, and suite, persevered in going to Groton to install the officers of Middlesex Rebekah lodge. One of the members of the suite, Mrs. Dort, even came from Woolwich, Mrs. to be present. The party went down on the afternoon express, which left here about seven o'clock, and were conveyed home by teams. Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson joined her husband in Montague last week, having rented her tenement, furnished, to Mr. Cuthbertson's successor as assistant station agent on the Milford branch, Mr. Davis, from North Pownal, Viv.

On Wednesday of next week Mrs On Wednesday of next week Mrs. Albert F. Parker will entertain the members of the East Village club at a "Quiliting party," at her home, Brook-line street. This is to be another all-day meeting and the hostess with her assistants will preside over the noon lunch and arrange the program for the afternoon.

Mrs. Susie W. Dort, who has been spending her vacution in Wollaston, returned home on Monday to attend the installation of Middlesex Rebekah lodge on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. W. Lont and daughter Mildred visited in Boston and with Mrs. Catles in Boston and with Mrs. Englishment of Friday and Saturday of last week. Mrs. Arthur Wilson, at Brighton, on Friday and Saturday of last week. Mrs. Lunt returned Satural day evening, Miss Mildred remaining for a longer visit. She resumes her duties as teacher in Harvard next Monday, it is expected.

Mrs. Fred W. Ringdahl returned home on Thursday of last week from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Hoyt, at Norwalk, Conn.

Miss. Josephine Bowers, who realdes with her niece, Mrs. Addison Woodward, was called to Boston on Thursday of last week by the illness of her egular collection was the church contribution. box, which passed through the fire whole, and was picked out of the debris the next day with the envelopes and morning collection.

ed out of the debris the next day with the envelopes and morning collection intact, solidly encased in ice. The many remarkable incidents connected many remarkable incidents connectes with the fire could not fall to be a topic of conversation. There was a speaker, the ladies working on his pital shirts for the Red Cross and knitting.

or the Red Cross and

of Beacon lodge, I. O. O. F., occurred on Thursday evening of last week:
Edward F. Brown, n.g.: Charles W.
Edward F. Brown, n.g.: Charles

Shattuck, r.s.s.; Charles H. Stinerford, installing officer.

Miss Margaret Boynton, who has had a position in the New Boston, N. H., High school since September, has been promoted to principal, through the resignation of the former principal.

Miss Mollie Wilson, who recently returned to her residence on Mt. Lebaron, is much improved. Mr. and Mra: George Dow are still staying there, although they had some intentions earlier of going to California.

Thomas Dwyer has been a victim of the prevailing grippe and confined to his home on Main street.

Howard O'Connell and a friend, from Nashua, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Edward Fitzpatrick, Cottage Street.

Shattuck, r.s.s.; Charles H. Stinerford, iss.; Lambort G. Melendy, or Sorge Mess, Lambort G. Melendy, or Shirles, including Harry H. Lynch, d.d.g.m., of Shirley, and suite, including Harry H. Lynch, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, and Sinery, T. d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, and Sinery, T. d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, and Sinery, T. d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, and Sinery, T. d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.d.g.c.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, and Sinery, T. d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.g.s.; J. Edwin Pomfret, d.d.g.m.; Charles Peirce, and suite, including Harry H. Lynch, d.d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.g.s.; J. Shirley; and suite, including Harry H. Lynch, d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.g.s.; Alvah B. Watton, d.g.s.; J. Shirley; and

The installation of the officers of Prescott Grange took place at their hall on last week Friday evening. The work was performed in an exceedingly pleasing manner by the master of Brookline (N. H.) Grange, Clarence Russell, assisted by Mrs. Russell, and Miss Florence Kemp of this Grange.

The officers, as installed, were Miss Ellen I. Miller, m.; Mrs. Jennie Mc-Donald, o.; Mrs. Amy I., Shattuck, lec.; Mrs. Adeline Tucker, stew.; J. Lester Lawrence, asst. stew.; Oliver M. Nash. chap.; Walter L. Shattuck.



OF EVERY KIND FOR MEN AND BOYS

We have a large stock of warm, handsome Overcoats suitable for this cold weather. Every man will find here something that is sure to please him. We have the Dressy Overcoat cut 42 inches long, and the Heavy, Long Coat with large storm collars.

The quality of goods and the making of the garment is the usual high grade which this store has always offered its customers. The prices asked are far and away below their present market value. It will pay you to buy an Overcoat now for future needs, as prices on this grade of merchandise bids fair to advance greatly before next season comes around. Think it over.

Men's Fancy Mixture Overcoats

\$12.50, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00, \$25.00

Boys' Fancy Mixture Overcoats

\$8.47, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$18.00

WINTER CAPS

Cloth and Fur. Also, all kinds of Yarn

Men's Warm Caps..... 50¢ to \$1.50

Boys' Warm Caps..... 25¢ to 65¢ Men's Fur Caps \$4.00 to \$7.00

Men's Yarn Toques.... 75¢ and \$1.00

Boys' Yarn Toques..... 65¢ and 75¢

Helmets, or Aviator Caps 75¢ to \$1.50

Girls \$1.00 to \$2.50

Scarfs and Toques for Women and

Toques and Helmets, or Aviation Caps.

Every kind of Winter Caps, both in

SHEEP-LINED COATS and ULSTERS

Nothing made that is so serviceable and so warm for the money. An ideal coat for any man who is out in all kinds of weather. Prices are away below market values.

Sheep-lined Coats... \$9.00 to \$18.00 Sheep-lined Ulsters \$15.00 to \$35.00

STORM COATS and FUR COATS

Fur Coats in Dogskin, Galloway, and Horsehide; Storm Coats in Montana Buffalo, Astrakhan Cloth and Patrick Cloth, all wind proof and storm proof,

Fur Coats \$25.00 to \$50.00 Storm Coats \$20.00 to \$35.00

SWEATERS

How about a good Sweater? We have them in plenty—all kinds and all colors. Our prices are less than present wholesale prices for like qualities.

Men's Sweaters \$1.50 to \$8.00 Khaki Sweaters \$5.00 to \$8.00 Khaki Sleeveless Sweaters

Store Open on Monday, Tuesday, Friday

and Saturday Evenings

\$3.50 to \$6.50

In spite of the scarcity of Rubber Foot-

wear we have a fairly good stock to meet your requirement. We carry the very best qualities to be found in the market. You will find here such makers as

RUBBER FOOTWEAR

Gold Seal, Red Seal and Goodyear Glove

Heavy Rubber Footwear to be worn with heavy socks and also Felts and Overs are here in plenty. We have a dozen different kinds for you to select from.

Agents for LEWANDO'S Laundry and Dyehouse

Birst Miller Tucker, see a live of the control of t

A. G. Pollard Co.

Miss May Day has completed knitting her thirty-second pair of stockings for the soldiers. Miss Day knits very smoothly and this as a good result accomplished. If one wanted to be facetious they might say that she was a thirty-second degree member in the knitting sisterhood for the army.

short better the say post events that he was present that it has been a post event that the say and the say of the says of the

nent's class.

Miss Edna Day reported for the YP. S. E. and Mrs. Bortiett, secretary of the Ladies' Aid, gave a comprehensive/report of the year's work, \$455.42 having been raised during the year May E. Day, secretary of the Ladies' Missionary society, reported ten meetings, the completion of the apportionment for the golden anniversary gift of the W. B. M., the raising of forty three dollars for foreign work and two barrels of clothing sent one of the board of ministerial aid, and one to a colored school in Kentucky.

It was voted to renew any Irsurance policies that may expire during the for the cominz year. L. W. Wheeler for the cominz year. L. W. Wheeler for the word of the coming continues on French soil, and every south in the policies that may expire during the french. It is clear that this work must be sustained as long as the fighting continues on French soil, and every solid liking the policies in the Westford branch has been in active service since October, 1916, and forth.

The Westford branch has been in active service since October, 1916, and forth.

In her vor.

French It is clear that this work in the policies in the world when the policies in the policies

M. Rafter, auditor; Miss L. B. Atwood,
Miss S. W. Loker, A. E. Day, H. G.
Osgood, L. W. Wheeler, supply com;
H. G. Osgood, Sunday school supt;
C. D. Colburn, asst. supt., Anna E.
Symmes, Sunday school sec, and treas.

ONE DOLLAR AND PUTTY CENTS

PERL YEAR IN ADVANCE

PERL YEAR IN ADVANCE

GEORGE H. B. TVERER, Publisher

We publish the following Papers:

We p

A corn crib was cleverly saved by the firemen. Running a big sled under it and fastening horses to it, and ther cutting the supports under the crib. was hauled out of range of the fire.

Interesting Old Homestead Gone.

by Miss S. W. Loker. At the close of the dinner came the roll call, with good responses from the forty-she whose ownership was a short one, whose ownership was a short one, and control that the close of the farm. They sold to a Art. Somewhat he can be a short of the farm. They sold to a Art. Somewhat he can be a short of the farm. They sold to a Art. Somewhat he can sustained with special services have been sustained with special services have be

rench. It is clear that this work must be sustained as long as the fighting continues on French soil, and ever afterward.

The Westford branch has been in active service since October, 1216, and has sent a total of 12,169 articles, including more than 11,000 surgical dressings and 664 knitted articles.

About Town.

Miss Ella Wright, of Cleveland, Ohio, a summer resident of Brookside, was a liberal contributor to the Brookside fund for the relief of the Mrs. Son of the wholesome re
her hone for the years was at the more of the wholesome at the more of the wholesome re
her hone for the years of the whole no the north particle of the whole was at the more of the whole was at the more than I worked out in the garden for two hours without coats on. We have not had a flurry of snow yet the whole were born to add that only reined-once since we came. Constant sunshing, every day with the most beautiful sunsets. I wish the most beautiful sunsets. I wish I could share some of the good of the whole was a conspicuous or which sho, was a conspicuous or which sho, was a conspicuous or which sho was a conspic

Miss Ella Wright, of Cleveland, Chio, a summer resident of Brookside, was a liberal contributor to the Brookside fund for the relief of the sorts in those of the sorts in th Halifax sufferers

One of the worst fires, representing ington, reports that there were more than 100,000 boys in the south who school. The first bulled in agricultural clubs during place Monday morning when the buildings at Nashobah farm, owned by V.

or s control, as otherwise they will beowned public nulsance.

y the
ler it.
Ablel J. Abbot will give a descripthen listends in the vestry of the Unitarian
rib, it church this Saturday evening. Besides this talk, which like others are
always freshly, entertaining. Miss
Whitehead, of Lowell, in costume, will
the in entertain in folk-lose song. Shate

Or ten lectures in Abbot hall on the
conservation of Tood. Everyone interested is requested to be present, as
Miss Webber will demonstrate economical cooking. There will be no charge
for admission. Those who are interested will do well to take at lead pencil
and note paper as there will be recipes that will be worth having.

so brook, the outlet spond with its trout oldys and pebbly to her home.

11. she was married with but he schoolmate of her days of the old discrete. days of the old disceremently was personard. Luce, and and sunny. I went to church without ence on the north

> the wholesome re-archioned days. With the recalled to the memory of George aught District No. 8 s mess of youth, health recalled to the memory of George doors of the Brusse: Exchange and sent them the Brusse: Exchange and sent them the Berlin. A whole nation of kleptomaniacs micht well etir human pity, but indignation is still dominant in the sentimen of the world at large.

deepen and the fine traceries of crystal run riot in the border and on the ends.

Black tulle with let is used for other exquisite scarfs more delicate in effect than those of other seasons, and in some cases both flesh color and black scarfs are so cut that they have a suggestion of deep cape form around back and shoulders, though they have the usual straight wide scarf ends.

For the hair ornaments to be worn with evening tollettes one must choose Napoleon Cantara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cantara, Bradford street, died at his home on last week Friday afternoon at five o'clock after a short illness of two weeks with a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia. He was twenty years of age. Besides his parents he leaves three brothers, Joseph, Celdia and Ramea; also, two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Leclerc and Miss Coranna Cantara. His death after so short an illness comes as great shock of the strands of hair, teo, after a short and illness comes as great shock. the thing that is most becoming, but hold the strands of hair, too, after a time of frowning upon such effects clous egret arrangements, though this sort of thing seems less common with evening coiffure than it is in some sea

KIMONO SMOCK OF LINEN



. Wonderfully attractive is this deep rose linen kimono smock. The banding at the bottom and the edging on the pockets are of cut-out work, with Iridescent satin in yellow, green and purple, held in place with a black long and short stitch. Kimono means ease, comfort and a spirit of rest for the wearer if it is the proper kimono. This kimono lives up to the full meaning of the garment.

FASHION'S FANCIES

Hudson seal and velvet are beautiful It is a season of most wondrous rich

ess and simplicity. Black velvet skirts are worn with

spangled and embroidered blouses Soldier and civilian-man, woman and child-all wear the wrist watch. Black tulle banded with vivid blue tulle makes a charming combination. Brown shoes are coming in strongly of the military trend.

Muff and stole of velvet trimmed with fur will be fashionable this win ter.
The mandarin sleeve was strongly

Brocades are seen in two tones of given color, such as taupe or gray. Sammycloth, satins, broadcloths and pictie each and all are favored vest

New Shades in Neckwear. The newest shades in satin neckwear are tea and coral: the firts a delicate hade just off the white, the other a deep rose.

Thought and Faith. Men who are seeking for knowledge

in regard to subjects as to which there can, in the nature of things, be none might well ask themselves whether thought in which faith can operate It was said of Arnold of Rugby that Germans have so len the bronze his mind could rest as quietly presence of doubt as in that of discovered truth. It is a great thing to be able to believe where we cannot prove. -Exchange.

Jewelry 7

Watches

1	·						
			SOLID G	OLD			•
	Sig	net and Stone Ring	8		\$2	to	\$15
rt	Cui	Links			\$2 .25	.w	\$15
1	1	celets, plain and st	one set		\$5	to	\$25
,	Sea	orf Pins and Tie Chi	ps		81	to	\$20
,	141	. Gold Bead Neck	s		\$7.50	to	\$18
1	Bro	ooches, plain and st	one set		\$2	to	\$2 5

STERLING SILVER Child's Sets \$4, \$5, \$6 Men's Belt Buckles and Belts..... \$2.25 up Manieure and Toilet Sets \$7.50 to \$26 Match Boxes \$1 to \$5 Candlesticks, Napkin Rings, Children's Mugs, Spoons, Etc. Real French Ivory Toilet Sets...... \$11.50 to \$24.00

Pendants and Chains \$1.50 to \$35

Winter Street

Homer's W. Main St.

Diamonds

In time of need

Every woman should know the comfort, and experience the relief of a reliable remedy that can be depended upon to right conditions which cause headache, dizziness, languor, nausea and constipation. At such times, nothing is so safe, so sure and speedy as

During the past sixty years, millions of women have found them most helpful in toning and strengthening the system, and for regulating the stomach, liver and bowels. These famous pills are entirely vegetable and contain no harmful or habit-forming drugs. Use them

will not fail you

Silverwear

Pendants Brooches Rings Bracelets Scarf Pins Cuff Links Military Wrist Watches Gentlemen's Sets of All Kinds

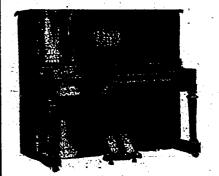
John H. Sanderson

WATCHMAKER and JEWELER

2 PLEASANT ST. Rear of Fletcher Bros. Store AYER, MASS.

EVERYTHING MUSICAL

A Good Place for Your Extra Money



45 Years in Business



J. F. CHAFFIN CO.

356 Main Street FITCHBURG, MASS. Regular Phone 131 Victor Phone \$78

SAVE YOUR EYES.—Have Your Eye-glasses Made Up-to-Date Come to us for your eye examinations-Consultation Free

W. H. STEVENSON, Optometrist

401 Main Street

Fitchburg, Mass.

OVERHAULING

HONEST WORK AT HONEST PRICES

There are two highly important points for a man to consider before having his car overhauled.

The first point is to assure himself that the men who are going to work on his car are mechanics expert enough to locate and properly repair all the parts that need at-

The second point is to convince himself that he can trust the shop to give him an honest accounting of the amount of work that was actually done on the car.

We gladly welcome an investigation on both of the points. We have the facilities, the workmen and the business methods that will more than satisfy all who investi-

YATES' GARAGE

Maple Street

AYER, MASS.

TOWNSEND

Center.

The topics for the next four Sindays at the Methodist church are as follows: January 20, morning, "The pure heart," and in the evening, "Our peace terms"; January 27, morning, "Internationalism and christianity"; February 3, morning, "Democracy and brotherhood," union service, Congregational church; evening, "Things that make a home"; February 10, "Peace of the world," high school rally; evening, "Crosses and crowns."

J. Herbert Whitney and suite, from Leominster, installed the officers of North Star lodge, I. O. O. F., at their meeting on Wednesday evening. The list of elected and appointed officers installed at this time is as follows: Leon Z, Watkins, n.g.; Gilbert Estes, v.g.; George A. Wilder, sec.; Fred J. Piper, treas; Frank R. Jefts, trustee 3 years.; Wiley Swinnington, warden; G. A. Kendall, cond.; Frank A. Woods, chap.; R. Misner, r.s.n.g.; R. A. Lancey, I.s.n.g.; Ivan Hiltz, r.s.v.g.; Leelle Hurley, I.s.v.g.; Aden Swicker, I.s.s; William T. MacMaster, i.g.; Frank R. Jefts, o.g. After the installation a lunch was served of sandwiches and coffee by D. W. Farrar.

Frank Marston, of Melrose, past state deputy, assisted by Mrs. Clara state of the star the sum of \$109 was cleared at the fair held in December.

The annual parish meeting of the Congregational church was held last Saturday in the vestry at two o'clock. In the absence of Henry B, Hildreth, Goorge L. Whitcomb was chosen moderator pro tem. The following officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year: Henry B. Hildreth, Goorge L. Whitcomb was chosen moderator; Albert S. Howard, clerk: T. James Harvey, treas; R. G. Fessenden, W. A. Russeh, A. K. Tyler, excon;; Albert G. Seaver, Mrs. Vernal Barber, music committees.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Scales, of Greenville, N. H., spent the week-end and over Sunday with Mrs. Scales father, G. L. Eastman.

William Cowdry attended the meeting of the Congregational church was held in the congregational church was held in the congregational church was held in the congregational church was held in

Frank Marston, of Melrose, past state deputy, assisted by Mrs. Clara Flarity, past master of the local Grange, installed the officers of the Townsene Grange on Monday evening. The full list of elected officers of the stalled with the exception of three, Hester Burdett, chaplain; Ralph Piper, assistant steward, and Charles Dix, gatekeeper. The following were installed: Edna W. Bray, m.; May Parker, o.; Emma F. Seaver, lect.; installed: Edna W. Bray, m.; May Parker, o.: Emma F. Seaver. .lect.; Wintfred Farrar, stew.; George L. Whitcomb, treas.; Flora I. Atwood. Flora; Melora Proctor, Ceres; Ruth Stearns, Pomona; Mildred Stearns, Flora; Amy L. Whitcomb, l.a.s.; Galen Proctor, ex. com., 3 yrs.; Wiley Swinnington, 1 yr. About sixty were present and after the installation an oyster supper was served in the banquet hall in charge of the feast committee, Mr. and Mrs. Swinnington, Mrs. Clara B. Clement, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Galen Proctor, Mrs. Adney Gray and Albert Cowland. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Prescott Grange, ney Gray and Albert Cowland. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, of Prescott Grange, Pepperell, were guests of the even-

At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the Townsend National Bank the following were re-elected: Henry A. Hill, pres.; Charles E. Stick-ney, v. p.; Carl B. Willard, cashier; Walter Rockwood, Charles Stickney, ney, v. p.; Carl B. Willard, cashic Walter Rockwood, Charles Stickin Honry B. Hildreth, Robert G. Fesse den and Henry A. Hill, directors.

Mrs. Hattie Higgins, of Jericho, Vt. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Higgins for the present. She plans to spend the winter in this vicinity so as to be near her nephew, Hovey H. Jordan, who came to Camp Devens last Saturday to attend the officers' school. Mr. Jordan, who was assistant professor in blology at Harvard college, gave up his fine position to enter the service

Lieut, David G. Howard, of Annapo-lis, is in town on a furlough, having recently suffered a sprained wrist. Miss. Carrie Walker, of Townsend hill. entertained her father, John Walker, of Fitchburg, and Miss Marion Holcombe, of Brookline, N. H., last week Thursday, who came in honor of

birthday anniversary. A bounti-dinner was served by Mrs. Arthur Barber and the day pleasantly spent by the hostess and her guests. A singular coincidence, in the family relationship there are five cousins whose birthdays all come on the same date, January 10.

The dinner was served by Mrs. Arthur the business course in the Dortchester High school, is still at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank five cousins whose birthdays all come school is closed until further notice on account of the coal shortage.

On hast week Thursday evening J.

L. Farrar entertained at the Park hotel a sleighing party of thirty couples from the Episcopal church society, of Leominster, and on the following evening a party of ten couples from the paper box company in Leominster. An owing to the storm and pad walking the storm and the storm and

S. of the Congregational church the S. of the Congregational charter treasurer, Mrs. Elnora Smith, reported that the sum of \$109 was cleared at

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean have

with Mrs. McKean's relatives in Win Little Faith Tucker was confined

o her home for a few days last week suffering from a stomach trouble. Earl Whitney of Bayberry hill has een spending a few days at his home n Dorchester.

Miss Georgiana McKean returned to Brattleboro, Vt., Saturday, after a three weeks' vacation, having an ex-tra week on account of the scarcity of uel at the school, where she is em loyed as teacher.

The townspeople are proud to add another name to the list of young men in whom they have a personal interest, who are in active service on interest, who are in active service on foreign soil, in learning that Homes Flynn, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs James L. Flynn, of Brooklyn, N. Y. summer, residents here, has left Washington, D. C., and sailed for France with the 40th U. S. Engineers Camouvith the 40th U. S. Engineers Camouvith the 40th U. S. Engineers Camouvith Co. A. and he is looking flage unit, Co. A., and he is looking forward to meeting the Townsend boys "over there." He is very enthu-slastic over his work and says, "We had great fun fooling President and Mrs. Wilson at a review and exhibition of camousage just before we left."

The Ladies' Missionary meeting has been postponed from Thursday after-noon to Thursday afternoon of next

Mr. Hadley, who is in the government employ in charge of the U-boats at the Charlestown Navy Yard, visited his family, who are living with Mrs. Lewis K. Blair, on the Mason road. Mrs. Susan Howard of Stonehan Friday with her grandmother

irs, Charles R. Morgan Richard Lovering got his face quite badly cut while sliding on the crust back of his home on Elm street last week. His sled broke through, throwing him head first into the snow and the icy crust cut a gash from his forehead to his chin.

The Belgrade factory has been closed a few days this week on ac count of coal scarcity.

Miss Marion Boutelle, who is taking the camp,

aper box company in Leominster. An owing to the storm and bad walking syster supper, with cold meats, were coved and an evening of pleasure orved and an evening of pleasure pent by both parties.

At the monthly meeting of the L. B.

SHIRLEY

The annual meeting of the voters of the Shirley Village water district will be held in the Engine hall on Mon-day evening at 7.30.

At the session of the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Gladys Phelps, secretary and planist; Herbert Birchstead, treasurer. The following are candidates this

The following are candidates this year for town office: Selectmen 3 years, Charles H. Weare, Jr., 2 years, Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, 1 year, Willard G. White; town clerk, Arthur G. Dunn; tax collector, Italph S. Wheeler; overseer of the poor, 3 years, Thomas S. Gately: school committee, 3 years, Dr. Thomas E. Lilly; board of health. 3 years, Walter-Knowles; highway surveyor, Asa A. Addams; tree warden, Asa A. Addams; tree warden, Asa A. Addams; tree warden, Ase A. Addams; tree warden, Lebbins, William M. Glonet and John Seymour: auditors, Elmer, H. Allen and J. Edwin Pomfret; library trustees, 2 years, Edward S. Pratt, 2 years, Hittle W. Evans and Thomas L. Hazen: assessor, 3 years, Morton E. Lawrence, William A. Boutilier. Up to the present time there is no contest for any of the above offices.

Henry Badstübner, who has been years, Walter-Knowles; highway surveyor, Asa A. Adams; tree warden, Asa A. Adams; tree warden, Asa A. Adams; tree warden, Asa A. Adams; constables, George A. Stebbins, William M. Gionet and John Seymour; auditors, Elmer H. Allen and J. Edwin Pomfret; library trues was good; Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman tees, 2 years, Edward S. Pratt, 2 years, Hittie W. Evans and Thomas L. Hazen; assessor, 3 years, Morton E. Lawrence, William A. Boutilier. Up to the present time there is no contest for any of the above offices.

Henry Badstübner, who has been spending three weeks at the home of his parents, returned to his duties in New York city on Mordor.

his parents, returned to his duties in New York city on Monday.

Misses Annie and Nina Holbrook are spending two weeks in Philadelphia visiting relatives and friends. The Ager family have vacated the George Greenleaf house on Harvard

Fred Brown, who has been ill for ome time, remains about the same. some time, remains about the same.

Mrs. M. J. Johnson and Miss Gertrude Johnson, who were visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, were suddenly called home last week Friday, owing to the burning of the home of Miss Gertrude, in Beachmont. The house was burned to the ground.

Center.

The knitting circle met last Satur ay evening at the home of Mrs. H . Grout.

Another very pleasant social dance Another very pleasant social dance was held in the town hall hist Saturday evening under the management of some of the residents of Woodswille. The third in the series occurs on the evening of January 18. G. L. Snow has returned home afte short trip to Chicago.

Forrest B. Wing, who has been visit-ing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. How-ard M. Longley, returned last week to his home in Brookline.

On account of the small attendance On account of the small attendance at the meeting of the Matrons' Aid society, held with Mrs. Mabel Graves last week, the election of officers was postponed. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Lester G. Holden on 'uesday afternoon, January 22,

Miss Margaret Longley, of Boston, spent the week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Abbie Longley. J. Edward Adams has taken a posi-tion at the remount station at Camp Devens.

An army truck from Camp Devens became stalled in the slush at the Center. hast Saturday and had to be pulled out by a team of mules from

Rev. Roscoe Thomas, School, conducted the serv School, conducted the service at Trin-ity chapel last Sunday afternoon after a vacation of several weeks. Mr Thomas will have charge of the serv-ice again on Sunday afternoon at 3.15 According to report, the recent to leave their homes, does not affect the late Edwin White place, which is now occupied by Waldo Farnsworth and family, and the employees of the

Meagher Co. William Wilkins also has not been given notice to move, but it is still uncertain whether he will be affected by the order or not. The following tentative arrangements have been made by residents of Woodsville, who have to move before February 1. who have to move before February 1: A. W. Wood and family will move to Ayer: George F. Buxton and family will move to the village; George Farm-

will move to the village; George Farmer and family are moving into Frank Farnsworth's cottage at the North; Mr. Waterman and family are to move into the Haradon cottage on the state road at the North; Capt. Blair expects to move into the tenement above the Center store; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. West expect to move into the vacant tenement at the home of Daniel Baitlett; Frank Kemp is fo move into the lett: Frank Kemp is to move into the upper tenement at the Edwin White

Alliance.

enlightened his hearers on the duties ment ourselves. It was one of the of his office, which are not generally inderstood.

were served by the hostess, Mrs. La-conne J. Edgarton. Mrs. Mildred T. Grout had charge of the program, I meeting adjourned for one month meet in the same place; February when Miss Agnes M. Holden

It costs nothing to have fresh air in

New Advertisements

Foreclosure Sale

ained in a certon hortgage deed giv-PALMER, dated Mi 28, 1889 and re- only as all individual members acquire corded with Moddle ex South District each the widest vision, and thus the Deeds, libro 1992 for 512, for breach power to co-operate harmoniously. of the condition putained in said mortgage and for the purpose of fore Miss Marlon L. Holden has returned to her school in Southboro after a three-weeke' vacation spent at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden. lie auction, on the premises, on Sat-urday, the 16th cay of February, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, all and singular the pri nises conveyed b said mortgage deed namely:

A certain parcel br lot of land sit uated in Groton Centre on the Southerly side of the road leading from Hollis Street to Moin Street, being a part of the Champiey Farm so-called containing eighty-sk rods, and bound

ed as follows:

Beginning at the hortheast corner of sald premises at a stake and stones at said road and at land now or formerly of George G. Simonds, thence southerly by said Simonds land 283 feet to a stake and stones at land now or formerly of William Spaulding, thehee westerly by fuld Spaulding land and land now or primerly of Charles | years many lines are illegible and sev-Woolley 86 feet to a stone bound at land now or formelly of Charles Hall. thence northerly by said Hall land 265 feet to a stone bound at said road. thence easterly by said road 85 feet to the place of leginning, together

on delivery of deed. 3t20 GRACE L. WILSON, Assignee. .

BRINGS OUT LATENT TRAITS

War Develops Hidden Qualifications of Many Young Heroes Now in Government's Service.

"It takes all sorts of things to bring out latent traits in us all." The speaker in the club car rolled his clear to other occupants sat silently, surmising that a story was coming, recounts a writer in an exchange.

"Knew a young fellow over East,

Father had lots of money. Son did not seem inclined to add a great deal to by working, but unde several dents in the family purse by his spending. Not that he was a bad boy at heartonly thoughtiess. Sometimes I think the rich father was attempting to make a business man out of a man never intended for that sort of life. The boy did not seem to be able to find his niche. Said to me one day when he had gotten confidential: 'You know, my only fear is that I am not going to make something out of myself that will make dad proud of me.' And the two surely did love each other. One day the boy asked the father for several thousand dollars. It was forthcoming. Then he asked the father to cash a check for some money left him by his dead mother. He got that. Then the boy sort of dropped out of New York

"Next thing I knew he was a lieutenant in the aviation section of the army. He had bought two airplanes. taken them down into the country to one of his father's farms and learned to fly. Guess those that knew him thought it was another of his moneyburning ways. But when he thought himself competent he went to the government and simply said: 'Here I am, ready for any service you may have for me,' and the government took him up n a hurry. He may be in France. But you should have seen that father's face lght up every time he mentioned that boy. And when he does get back from France he and his father are going to be greater pals than ever, if that be

"Now I am not going to say that about \$20,000 at their beck and call to emonstrate that it only needs the ocasion to make men out of them, but I men doing just as much or more.'

Switzerland Like United States. Switzerland is the only European example of a federative and demoeratic republic of the American type. bserves a writer. Switzerland, as the United States, was born from a desire or emancipation from autocratic desootism; like the United States, Switerland never believed in the divine ight of kings. The very past which he ancient federates, on that quiet spot, the "Rutli," on the classic Lake of Lucerne on August 1, 1291, swore to, embodies that great principle for which now, 626 years later, the United States is fighting, namely, to quote President Wilson's own words, "For the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments." There the old Swiss proclaimed self-government against the autocratec rule of the Hapsburg, in the following words: "We ordain and direct with unanimous accord, that in the above-mentioned valleys we shall recognize no judge who shall have cought his rights with money or in any other manner, or who shall not be a cative and an inhabitant of these dis-

In stating prudential rules for our government in society, I must not omit the important one of never entering nto dispute or argument with another.

rules which, above all others, made understood.

Alliance, paid district director of the Alliance, paid her first visit to this branch and gave a short address. Vocal selections by Mrs. West of the Shirley club, and a talk by Mrs. Zuver about her work among girls corupleted a program of interest and pleasure. Refreshments were served by the better Mrs. Thomas Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson.

German Schooling.

German schooling has proved antagonistic to co-operation, although demanding unity of action through mass obedience, Winthrop Talbot writes in the Century. It has failed to foster real co-operation, for co-operation is a method by which persons of their own volition and by no compulsion may work together harmoniously. Only when training and schooling are the common privilege of all is that state of civic development possible which permits society to become co-operative on by MARCE L. A. DUREN and in its action. In other words, a so-HARLES C. DUHEN to MOSES P. cialized society becomes more possible In other words, a so

Pay of Our Marine Chaps.

The pay of officers and crews of ves sels in the Autorican merchant marine is as follows: Captain, \$250 a month; chief officer, \$140; second officer, \$130; third officer, \$120; chief engineer, \$190; first assistant engineer, \$140; second assistant engineer, \$130; third, assistant engineer, \$130; carpenters, \$75; boatswain, \$70; otler, \$60; coal passers, \$50. In addition to the regular wages the officers and men now receive bonuses, which materially increase their earnings.

Typewriting Fades Out. It has been found that typewriting

on parchment deeds is not durable. In deeds deposited within very recent eral lines have completely disappeared.

The height of the Eiffel tower, Paris, is 986 feet; of the Blackpool tower, with the buildings thereon; terms cash 520 feet, of New Brighton tower 570 feet and of the Woolworth build

. 750 feet.

ing, New Y

"SERVANT" AN ABUSED WORD

President of United States, Heads of Banks, Ministers, Physicians, Are in Same Class.

It is a pity that we have allowed opprobrium to attach to the good old, in word "servant," opprobrium utterly unthe other corner of his mouth. The merited. Talk about "help," or the latest equivalent, "mald," used quite inappropriately, says the Youth's Companion, does not alter circumstances stock of the least, nor is there any reason why we should wish them altered why we should wish them altered.

a servant. The merchant serves his case it among the serves them not well, among the serves them not well. they discharge him. The lawyer serves i , his clients, the minister his parishioners, the doctor his patients. The president of a bank is a servant, and so is it. the president of a railway. The president of the United States is the hired servant of the people of the United States, and few servants in any occupation are more abused by their masters.

Service, well and faithfully performed, is the only real dignity, and all the outward pomp and insignia of rank are but badges of service, and disgraceful if they are not earned.

Service is life. It is only when we are doing something to serve the large movement of the world what we are entitled to live in it, that we really do live in it. Life is measured by usefuless. Of all the varied affliction that swift-footed age can bring, none is nore oppressive than the sense of diminished capacity for service. Not to be ministered unto, but to

minister, not to be served, but to serve is the utterance of the highest authorty in spiritual matters. There is but one disgrace connected with service of any kind, and that is to serve ill. Let us perform whatever service falls to us, large or small, high or low, with all the zeal and all the strength that is in us. Then we shall be sure that when we depart we shall be missed, if only a little; and there is no more solid

satisfaction in the world than that. YOUNG MAN TWICE MISTAKEN

Addressed as Salesman in Hat Store and Given a Dollar Bill as Tip at Restaurant.

"I forgot to have my initials put in new hat that I bought last week," said Mr. Blinkington, "and so passing that way today, I stopped in at the store. "A little back from the door I saw

a tall, straight, trimly attired young man standing there, hatless, looking toward the front, and to him I said, at the same time holding out my hat: "Will you please put my initials in this hat?

"'Well, I'd be glad to do that for you,' the tall young man said, but am waiting here to have the initials put in my own hat.' And he said this smiling, and with, absolute good humor.

"Then I found a salesman who took my hat; and when I ventured to express to the tall young man my regret over having made such a mistake in first addressing him he said it was all right, and told a little story of a some what similar experience that had once "One night last winter while he was

waiting in a restaurant for a friend who was to join him there, being in dress clothes at the time and standing at the moment near the door, a gues in passing out thrust something into his hand. He didn't look at this, but tucked it in his pocket. A little later when it occurred to him that some body had handed him something he fished it out of his pocket to see what it was. It was a dollar bill."

Brazilians Are Courteous.

Brazilians are among the most suavely courteous and considerate people in the world. Etiquette is a matter of great formality. Acquaintances raise their hats to one another in passing, no matter how often they may meet in the course of a day. A crowded street car is full of murmured apologies from those getting on and off. The Brazilians pride themselves on having inherited the finest traditions of manners and artistic feeling from the Latin nations of southern Europe. Courteous, temperamental and courageous, the typical Brazilian is quick to resent any encroachment

fight to maintain them.

on his rights and slow to abandon the

Old Illustrated Book One of the oldest illustrated books is an edition of "Aesop's Fables," published about 1471. It has initial letters of great interest, and upward of 160 very curious wood cuts. The copies which have survived the centuries are bound in thick oak boards, covered with stamped leather. There was a book published in Florence only five years after the Aesop which had three copper-plate engravings, and one of the most remarkable features of the early illustrated works is the grace and excellent fancy of their tall-pieces and

Nearly 30 per cent of continental:

Capada is still undiscovered, and if Indian reports are to be believed, notes a correspondent, there is in the basin of the Mackenzie river one of the largest areas of possible oil-bearing country on the face of the earth. The Indians report the existence of lakes a hundred miles and over long in Yukon that no white man has ever seen.

Cashier's checks outstanding the check outs while even the Indians themselves ap Deposits parently know nothing of the as yet; untrodden Mackenzie mountains.

Monks Carved Church Seats.

Church seats carved by monks are to be seen within the walls of the anclent church at Clodock on the borders of Monmouthshire. The edifice was | built some eight centuries ago and for many years it had interesting relations with Lanthony Abbey while it was the monks of the adjacent monastery that dld much of the beautiful carving within its walls. The fine tower is now so dlinpidated that it must be speedily restored if it is to be saved from ruin.

REPORT OF CONDITION of the Townsend National Bank, at Townsend, in the State of Massachusetts, at the man of business on December 31, 1917.

Resources

oans and discounts
cerdrafts, unsecured
S hads deposited to secure circ circulation (par val-Resources Joseph to secured to securedation (par val.)

Attenty Loan Bonds, unpierged, 216 per cent and
Options of the that
tends that
storage n the least, nor is there any reason the least, nor is there any reason that why we should wish them altered.

Every one who is worth anything is lawful testifie with Federal Research and the morehant serves his lawful reactive with Federal Research and the serves have 25,526,99 reporting back and other cash items.

Indempting find with U.S.

Treasurer and due from U.S. Treasurer 5,900.00 \$171,570.78 Linbilities Capital stock paid in 190,000.00 20,000.00 19,980.80

> ing individual deposits subject Individual deposits subject to check ...
> Dividends unpaid ...
> Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) 221,660.07 Total \$471,870.78 State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlesex, ss.
>
> I. C. B. Willard, Cashler of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and bellef.

100,000.00

ndivided profits freulating notes outstand-

C. B. WILLARD, Cashier, Subscribed and sworn to before me nis 12th day of January, 1918. T. James Harvey, Notary Public.

forrect -Attest: Henry A. Hill, Walter F. Rockwood, Robert G. Fessenden, Directors,

REPORT OF THE CONDITION of the First National Bank of Ayer at Ayer in the State of Massachusetts at the close of business on December 31, 1917.

Resources \$622.090.11 554.22

Loans and discounts Overdrafts, unsecured U.S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) \$20,000.00 U.S. bonds and certificates of indebinedness. piedged to secure postal savings deposits (par value) 25,000.00

120,000.00 98.298:25 138,527.50

Bank (50 per cent of subscription)
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank
Cash in vault and net
amounts due from national banks
Checks on banks located
outside of city or town of
reporting bank and other
cash items
Redemption fund with U. S.
Treasurer and due from
U. S. Treasurer 341,489.96 40.75

1.440.00 Total \$1,416,190.79 Liabilities Capital stock paid in....
Surplus fund
Undivided profits
Circulating notes outstanding
Net amounts due to National banks 20,000.60 16,477.66

1.150,071.54

Total \$1,416,190.75 State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlesex, ss. State of Massachusetts, County of Mid-dlesex, ss.

I. Charles A. Normand, Cashler of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHARLES A. NORMAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before methis 12th day of January, 1918. orrect—Attest:

Howard E White, Itanie, W. Fletcher, Hobart E. Mead, Directors.

REPORT OF CONDITION of the First National Bank of Pepperell at East Pepperell in the State of Massa-chusetts, at the close of business on December 31, 1917. Resources

U. S. bonds dones and discounts \$105.973.64 Overdrafts, unsecured 201.47 U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 50.000.09 Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged, 5% per cent and 4 per cent 1000.09 Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure postal savpledged to secure postal say-cure postal say-ings deposits.

Securities other than U.S bonds (not including stocks) owned in pledged impledged. [17,2007] Total bonds, securities, or Stock of Februal Reserv. Hock (In pr. 1997) of other Scinning. 1,200.00

type, and the fresh look which the ink lash in which and he shares and a lash in which and he shares and with a share and he shares and with a share and he shares and he 13,000,00 2,500,00

16,678,02 50,000.40 128,600,21 816,13 Cashier's theory distanding peposits requiring notice but less than 30 days... Postal savings deposits... Other time deposits subject to Reserve \$121,669 16

Total \$447,918.62
State of Massachuseits, County of Middlesex, ss

I. H. F. Tarbell, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. TARBELL, Cashier, Subscribed and sworn to before me Hith day of January, 1918, George G. Tarbell, Notary Public.

George v.
Correct -Attest: I. J. Rowell,
T. F. Graham,
Arthur P. Wright,
Directo Directors.

Saturday, January 19, 1918.

GIRL SCOUTS—ATTENTION

Through the courtesy of the publisher of this paper. In Girl Scouts of the Ayer Federated Council in Ayer, Clinton, Forge Village, Groton, Harvard, Lancaster, Littleton, Pepperell and Shirley have been allotted a column in this paper. In the fultire All Girl Scout news will appear under this hedding. Notices for publication should be sent to Mrs. Jonathan Harwood, local director, Girls Club House, Ayer, Mass, not letter the Mrs. Kenneth Lindsey, and Devens, gave last stationed at Camp Devens, gave last stationed

News Items

The library will be closed on Sat-irday forencons and all day Monday until further notice.

Fred Carpenter has rented the lower tenement of his house to Lieut. Robert Gillette, George Floyd left town last week

Friday and is teaming wood near Carlisle for Mr. Spalding, of Westford. Thomas Aitken has accepted a posi-tion at the Lowthorpe school. He gave up his position at the Shirley Indus-trial school on account of the illness of his wife, who is gaining slowly in

Arthur Shattuck, of Baddacook pond road, has been confined to the house the past week, but is reported as more comfortable.

word has been received from Miss Alice Chapman, who with her mother, are spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., that they reached their destination the first of last week. She writes that it is beautiful there and the weather comfortable.

Fred Woods has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Woods in Buxton, Me.

The current events department of the Woman's club, which was to have met at the home of Mrs. Earle this week Tuesday, was postponed until Tuesday afternoon, January 22. Frank D. Lewis bought several head of cattle at the Lawrence Brooks auc-

ion last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Roache redently entertained their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edward Roache, Jr., of Bos-

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on Friday afternoon, January 25, in charge of Mrs. Julia W. Shaw, chairman of the department.

George Swallow, of Gardner, has been in town on a short visit with his brothers, Marshall and Myron P.

Harry Floyd has accepted a position

Mrs. J. R. Hawkes recently enter-tained a friend from Worcester, Mrs.

John M. Crowley has been very sick at his home at the mill for the past two weeks, pneumonia being feared for a few days. He is gaining slowly. Elizabeth Blood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Blood, Hollis street, entered Cushing academy, Ashburnham, on Monday, January 7. She spent the week-end at her home.

Ethel Green enjoyed a pleasant va-cation with the members of her fam-ily in Newton. She returned for the beginning of the winter.

We are sorry to state that Mrs Bradford Harrington is still very ill at her home. Mrs. Jennie Hemenuway is with her, but her condition is not

Mrs. Grant W. Shattuck entertained the Reading club on Wednesday after-noon. A pleasant time was spent in knitting and listening to readings Jerome K. Jerome, and wat

Charles H. Berry, naving been con-Charles H. Berry, making and fined to the house with a severe dold for several weeks past, was unable to attend the joint installation of the E. S. Clark post, G. A. E., and the E. S. Chrk W. R. C., which took place on Tuesday evening, January 15. He was greatly missed by his comrades and

George Donahue is assisting in Mr.

OME DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS

PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

All Advertisements Appear in All the Tem Papers We Publish

The meeting of the Bird club has been postponed until Monday, January 28.

At the meeting of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday evening, the following officers were installed: Herbows.

At the meeting of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday evening, the following officers were installed: Herbows.

At the meeting of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday evening, the following officers were installed: Herbows.

At the meeting of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday evening, the following officers were installed: Herbows.

At the meeting of Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., on Monday evening, the following officers were installed: Herbows.

A Wester W. Taylor, n.c.; George E. Lawrence, v.g.; Wendell Ogilvie, rec. sec. Jerry F. Harrington, fin. sec.; Arthur A. Wood, treas. The installing officer was George F. Buxton, district deputy for and must always be accompanied by the name of the writer, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good strictly condential. Kindly mail items soon after the day of occurrence and do not wait unnecessarily.

A pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Grange on Tuesday evening for the instruction and entertainment of the improvement society when an oyster supper was evening served by a competent committee.

One of the most charming affairs of ment society. Committees were ab-

A large number of Grangers attended the meeting of Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange which was held in Fitchburg on Thursday. During the afternoon session the officers were installed by James B. Tuttle, past master at Middlese Central Romans Grange. should be sent to Mrs. Jonathan Harwood, local director, Girls' Club House, Ayer, Mass., not later than Wednesday of each week. In order that the troops are accomplishing frequent news items are desired.

GROTON

et the meeting of Middlesex-Worces ter Pomona Grange which was held in Fitchburg on Thursday. During the atternoon session the officers were installed by James B. Tuttle, past master of Boston. The program consisted of Middlesex-Worces ter Pomona Grange President Kenyon B. Butterfield, of President Kenyon B. Butterfield, of Massachusetts Agricultural college, dwith a delightful little play which was enjoyed and approclated by the large audience.

Mr and Mrs. James A. Dunphy of

noon.

The regular weekly drill of Company K, M. S. G., was held in the town hall on Wednesday evening. The company was given the first call at 7.10 and assembly at 7.15, and under the command of Lieut. Torrey was drilled in close order work and the manual of arms until 7.45 when the company was inspected by Capt. Herbert F. Staples, of Medford, M. N. G., retired, Atty. General's department, in close, open and extended order work, inspection of arms, guard mounting, loading and firing of rifles practice and drilling by squads and platoons. Before falling out the men were given in fitten minutes in exercises under the Before falling out the men were given fifteen minutes in exercises under the command of Sergt. Shaw and the company was dismissed after a short talk by Capt. Staples at ten o'clock. There are at present in the company sixty-eight men and three officers, and there were present sixty-two men and three officers, with five men absent with leave and one absent without leave.

ieave and one absent without leave.

The program of the Woman's club is in charge of the department of education on January 25. J. R. Coolidge, of Boston, will speak on books of New England. A delightful afternoon is anticipated. It will be refreshing to hear of something that does not bear upon the war.

the war.

Miss Annie Cullan, the district nurse, will give a series of talks on the care and feeding of infants in the high school building, Miss Woods' room, on Tuesdays, beginning. Tuesday, January 22, at two o'clock. All girls over fourteen years of age, and young mothers are cordially invited to avail themselves of this rare privilege. The talks are free of charge.

Mrs. Nina Knight has given un driv-

Spalding in Westford.

The gang of men in the employ of John Boynton, who have been busily engaged in clearing Cady's pond and groving it ready for ice-cutting, were greatly disappointed in the storm of Tuesday, which stopped all progress in their work.

Mrs. J. R. Hawkes recently enter-

Eithel Green enloyed a pleasant vacation with the members of her family in Newton. She returned for the
beginning of the winter.

Mrs. Clayton McKean returned on
Tuesday from Nashua, N. H., where
she spent we will see that the midwill respon to the middiffers on Tuesday evening, January
The officers of Middlesex Rebekah
lodge were installed on Tuesday evening
ing by Mrs. Gertrude I. Trabullo, of
Froperell. The officers for 1918 are
as follows: Mrs. William Whitehill,
n.s.: Miss Elizabeth Gibson, v.g.: Mrs.
George Boyton, treas, N. Elizabeth
Whitehill, fin. sec.
Charles R. Earle, who has been safe
fering with rheumatism in his feel
for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

The differs of many Sampson, Court street; itelphone 51-4.

Charles R. Earle, who has been safe
There was very well entertained by an
interesting and school nurse has
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feering with rheumatism in his feel
for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Friday afternoon, January 11, was
feel for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Fried for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Fried for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Fried for the past two weeks; is able to be
about again.

Fried fo

Mrs. Calments and the Vose boarding house, assisting Mrs. Lemen, who is ill. The little one schools with its grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Parker.

Ten movie of the Vose boarding house, assisting properties of the Vose boarding house, and the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, and the Vose boarding house, as a second properties of the Vose boarding house, and the Vose boarding ho

william Maxwell, of Vermont, who on Monda has visited in town for several weeks, school and left on Wednesday.

Mrs. H. Spaulding returned on Sat.

Statener

Mrs. H. Spaulding returned on Satsurday from a nine-days' stay in Aliston and Auburndale.

The sum of \$27.65 was the amount obtained here for Armenian relief dutions.

ing the recent solicitation. For the purpose of conserving fuel the Army and Navy Relief society will for a time meet bi-monthly at the hall, on the first and third Thursday afternoons, as the Odd Fellows meet in the ment of his ment of his

evening of these days.

At the recent business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society the following officers were elected: Mrs. William eral construction work and wants skill-Ganley, pres.; Mrs. A. W. Lamb, v. p.; ed labor in that line. Men of draft

Four evenings for the instruction camps, is quoted as making the 101and entertainment of the public are in lowing statement after visit to Camp, the winter program of the Improvement society. Committees were abpointed for each and it is hoped the to see all the comforts your men have see all the comforts your men have see all the comforts your men have see all the stepping from one home linto another to be a solder at that taken the plans should be materially the plans of the plans

Miss Kathleen McGowan is caring for her aunt, Mrs. Daniel Gerry, of Leominster, who recently suffered a shock, and is in consequence partially

Gleanings.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dunphy, of Marlboro, are guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Carl W. Strand. Miss Amy Snell and Miss Ruth Walker, of Boston, were week-end visi-tors at the home of Mrs. F. E. Har-

rington. Friends of Mrs. Eliza McGowan Geary, of Leominster, will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from the sudden illness from which she has been suffering for the past week.

Schools were closed on Monday per order of the school committee. The Hollingsworth & Vose Company have closed their mill temporarily on account of the shortage of coal. Many of the employees have found employ-

Beginning on Sunday the morning and afternoon trains on the Greenville branch will be discontinued. Many of the children have been ill with the German measles, some of whom are still unable to attend school.

Geraldine Farrar, the noted prima-donna, will make her debut at Page hall theatre on Monday atternoon and evening. This wonderful picture will be shown here for one day only. The evening. This wondering poly. The be shown here for one day only. The woman be shown here for one day only. The title of the picture is "The woman God forgot," a spectacular photo drama written especially for her by Jeanle Macpherson. The whole story embodied in "The woman God forgot" comes from a chapter in the early history of America, telling how the Spenish invaded Mexico, and of their conquest of Montezuma and his Aztecs. Geraldine Fairar is seen in Texca, daughter of Montezuma. The production is one of the most elaborate and beautiful ever made, requiring a

the officers' training ordered to report to for instruction. Statemer

Trench work still goes on. The heavy frost makes digging a slow and very laborious task. The men work in relays and while they are not doing the rough work they gather in groups under the trees to receive instructions from their officers. The trenches are so extensive that one might easily lose his way in them, though some of them are marked with sign posts.

A British sergeant, who has spent several years in foreign military camps, is quoted as making the fol-lowing statement after a visit to Camp

The New England soldier dances too much, is the opinion of officers ex-pressed on Tuesday. At a conference of officers it was decided to take steps to cut down the social functions which are aimost nightly occurrences. It was the judgment of those present that the mind of the soldier was distracted by too many gaitles. The impression was confirmed it is said, by the comment of a British officer, who recently inspected the bantonment. This officer is quoted as saying, "There is too much women about the comp."

Several phousand visitors came to o cut down the social functions which

Several thousand visitors came to the camp last Sunday in spite of the very cold weather, taxing the limited train and electric line service to the crowding point. While the old saying is true, that yo

should never cross a bridge until you come to it, it appears that Ayer will have an even greater automobile trafhave an even greater automobile traffic to handle during the coming spring
and summer than it did last summer, when the hundreds of visitors
reached into the hundreds of thousands, unless there is a change in the
present transportation facilities. With
the curtailment of the train service
which cared for many thousands in the
past summer, together with the fact
that the next draft soon to come will
add many more thousands to the large
number already here, it looks now as
if the police force will have plenty to if the police force will have plenty to do in handling the volume of traffic which will come to the camp.

An interesting private in Company A of the 303d Machine Gun Battalion is Rev. Joseph Batnet, who was formerly an assistant pastor in St. George's church in New York city. Mr. Barnet did not claim exemption which he was a statistical to the state of the privileged to do, as clergymen are not in Boston for the past six weeks obliged to do military duty, because covering from the effects of a ser he desired to live among the men and operation which was pedformed at see the war from the soldier's stand-point. He takes his turn behind a machine gun, alkes into the country with the mule train and performs reg-ular sentry duties.

ular sentry duties.

The failure of many men to visit the recreation centers outside the camp has given rise to the impression that perhaps such activities, although established with a fine spirit, are somewhat overdone. When the men get leaves of absence from their duties they generally come to town or go on visits to other places. They usually get back to camp just in season to go in without making any stop at the places provided for them outside the cantonment.

4	score in detail is given below.	
ı	AYER	i
	Blodgett 66 26 80- 242	-
	Fitzgerald 105 19 100- 294	٠,
	Goodall 92 N3 79- 254	
	Turney 94 90 92-276	יו
	Piliman 80 87 87- 254	١
		H
•	437 445 438—1320	
;		ł.
L	SOLDIERS' CLUB	L
	Melagutes 75 72 92- 259	ľ
•	Melagutes 75 72 92— 239 Dodge 75 73 74— 222	١
	Stanton 86 88 65- 239	,
I	Sylvester \$5 73 77- 259	ı
	Murphy 193 73 77- 253	ı
	1.11 ph.)	ľ
	124 396 392-1212	ŀ
•	724	Ŀ

enjoyed. A social hour closed the program of the afternoon.

Rev. George M. Howe was amforting the skewling and Mrs Damphy, of Marbioro, very notes at the same and Mrs Damphy of Marbioro, very notes at the same and the skewling and the preacher at the Baptist church on Stundard weening service will be found from the world.

The modification of the world war.

Blust ted den and perfect of the world mand is now at home awaiting his call.

The modification of his school students and factory workers last summer with an increase in the amount of labor, and increase in the amount of labor, and increase in the amount of labor, and portion fit is staid plans are now being arranged to pursue the same nethods this and factory workers last summer with an increase in the amount of labor, and increase in the amount of labor, and operating this content on the lack of fivel.

Mrs. Ammer of West Groton men are accomplished in the machine shop or at the transfer station; others are now being arranged to pursue the same methods this state of labor, and increase in the amount of labor, and operating this content in the factory of the same methods of the world war.

We are story to 8 state that Mrs. Bardford Harrinston is still very lib at the West Braddord Harrinston is still very lib at the West Braddord Harrinston is still very lib at the world in the surface in the analysis of the world in the surface in the machine shop of the world ward of the world ward in the labor and increase in the amount of labor, and increase in the amount of labor, and when the same work and the pursue the same methods this state of the world ward in the labor and increase in the amount of labor, and increase in the amount considers that an conditional substitution and the conditional substitution and the conditional substitution and the condition and the conditions at the Center school this week and reports of o the 174 children at the school there are 101 who have diseased tonsits and adenoids. There intstown, N. J.

cont William H. Taft is some cases of perfections and she regrets to say she has found some children who do not keep clean and tidy. This of course can be remedied with soap and water

soap and wate: Mrs. George Uphim has received a letter from Rev. and Mrs. Victor Wachs a former Methodist pastor and ropagnadist this week wife who are now missionaries and Kopral. Although hampered somethed as false. Of the men who have been had suffered any bad work Mrs. Wachs uses her talent in the Board of Trade will be held on missionaries and is addition to the work Mrs. Wachs uses her talent in the Board of Trade will be held on next fuesday evening in the selection. Thomas Stephens has returned to some with which was appeared to a she did when here. Their daughter, all he who was born in Townsend, is now eight years old and their little son. Miller Allen, who was born in Townsend is now eight years old and their little son. Miller Allen, who was born in Townsend son. Miller Allen, who was born in Townsend is now eight years old and their little son. Miller Allen, who was born in Townsend to his business at the shop after an ill-ness of two weeks.

New Advertisement

PUNG FOR SALE—A Graton Pung in excellent condition. WILLIAM 8 FOLEY, Shirley Road, Ayer, Mass. Mrs. George Uphim has received

age are said to be eligible, if qualified, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Upham. and men above thirty-one will not be the country to be educated. Mr. and Mrs. Washe with the country to be educated. Mr. and Mrs. Washe with the country to be educated. Mr.

The Monday club will meet next Monday with Mrs. Albert Howard. The afternoon program, "Current events," in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Hartford, Mrs. Abbie Barber and Miss Abbrea Barber, On account of the recent illness in the home of Mrs. A. L. Struthers an exchange of dates has been made.

West Townsend.

A party of about fifty young people from the Baptist Highland church of Flictiburg enjoyed a sleighride to this village Monday evening arriving about the Baptist vestries by the Y. P. S.

the Baptist vestries by the Y. P. S. C. E. They were accompanied by their pastor, Rev. S. D. Ringrose and family, who were heartily welcomed by their old friends and neighbors. A bountiful supper was served by the Social committee, assisted by Mrs. Mary Tucker, Miss. Estelle Tucker, Misses Gladys Rawson, Incz Hill, Sara Lucas, and Vera Brown and after supper a social time was enjoyed with games and songs and greetings with some of the members of the Y. P. S. C. E. and their friends who had gathered in the Flastic Belt Bungalow Aprons. their friends who had gathered in the vestries until 10,30 when they left for Fitchburg expressing their pleasure in the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Herman W. alwrence is spend-ing a few days at the home of her mother in Mason, N. H.

Miss Ruby Elliott, who has been quite seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Elliott, threatened with appendicitis, is reported improving. Mrs. George: Wilson is spending a few days at the Center this week assisting her mother who is ill.

Miss Edith Farrar of Townsend is assisting at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence Sherwin.
Owing to the heavy snow storm the no-school signal sounded at noon Tuesday, giving the children a half-holiday. The Ladies Study club met on Moned day afternoon at the home of Mrs.
t George A. Seaver with eight in attendlance, seven members and a guest, Mrs.
G. M. Frye. At the close of the business meeting Mrs. G. A. Seaver read
an interesting paper on "Jeanne d'Arc"
and closing with the popular song,
"Joan of Arc they are calling you."
The next meeting will take up "New
and old France" and will be in charge
of Mrs. Frank Boutelle, and Mrs. Osof Mrs. Frank Boutelle and Mrs. Os-car Lovering and the place of meeting will be announced later.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch, who has been covering from the effects of a serious operation which was pedformed at the operation which was pedformed at the Boothby hospital early in December, is much improved and returned to her home in Josselynyille Tuesday evening and her many friends here are re-loicing to welcome her back and hope for a speedy return to good health. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. - Edward Patch of Brookline, accompanied her and will remain for the present.

W. A. Boutwell is filling his icehouse this week with ice from Walked pond. H. B. Hathaway and Mervin Wares are

Aziecs. Geraldine Farrar is seen in the party.

Unit of the party.

Unit of pa

Taking effect on Thursday of this week there will be but three freight trains a week. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be no more Sunday trains.

A soldier at Camp Devens says that the finest sweater as well as the best knit he has seen at the cantonment came from the Townsend branch of the Red Cross. The funeral of Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Ernest Reavy's mother, took place last week Thursday at the home of her son-in-law. Maplewood cottage. Interment was in Marblehead. The first of the week Mr. Reavy and family closed their house for the winter. He has found employment in Boston. Mrs. Reavy will spend the remainder of the Reavy will spend the remainder of the Reavy will spend the remainder of the Father in spirit and in truth." 3m10 The funeral of Mrs. Stacy, Mrs. Er-

has found employment in Boston. Mrs. Reavy will spend the remainder of the season with her sister, Mrs. Bartlett. in Utica, N. Y. LITTLETON

News Items Capt. and Mrs. Burnet left town on Sunday, the former having been or-dered elsewhere after a brief service at Camp Devens, and Mrs. Burnet re-turned to her home in Charleston, S. C.

A party of eighteen young people, y invitation of Daniel Healy, attendby invitation of Daniel Healy, attended a barrack dance at Camp Devens on Saturday night, where they enjoyed several dances. Music was furnished by the regimental band and during the evening palatable refreshments were served. At an early hour the company tucked securely in the sled, started for home and were rassing through Main home and were passing through street, Ayer, when the unexpected, but usual happened. The sled was upset and the occupants rolled out, but no serious injury resulted. All were again serious injury resulted. An over again scoted shortly and happily speeding homeword. City papers, the next morning, gave space to a much exaggerated account of the accident, even attempting the names of some in the party, but all proceeded and were left again. in their own homes long before midnight.

The ladies whist club was very pleasantly entertained at Mrs. Wilde's residence on Whitcomb avenue las week Friday afternoon.

At the Congregational church of Sunday morning there will be the regular preaching service, although the name of the officialing clergyman can not yet be announced.

otice the change in date. from twelve noon until ten o'clock

AYER, MASS

Sale of Aprons W

Made from Light and Medium Colored Percales; Some are Soiled and Some Slightly Damaged from Being Wet

Plain Bungalow Aprons, regular

89c. value 69c Skirt Aprons, with fitted bib. . . . 79c. Three-piece Suits-Skirt, Walst

and Cap to match, regular \$1.19 value 89c.

Geo. B. Türner & Son

CORSETS.

Seven Passenger

Studebaker

Guarantecd Rust-Proof

Corsets

fashionable design to just suit you

search the market for dependable mer

ng the WARNER GUARANTEED

A New Pair for Any Corset that Rusts

or Tears Prices—\$1.25, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Lace Front \$2.30

We have WARNER'S CORSETS in

In these times when we most

GROTON, MASS.

FOR RENT

Claude C. Farwell

Telephone 22-2

RYAN & BARRETT

New Optical Service

I have recently installed a

MODERN GRINDING PLANT

which enables me to render quicker and better service in making

new glasses and replacing broken enses. If you break your glasses.

save the pieces and I will guaran-

tee to duplicate them exactly.

F. H. GATHERCOLE

Mead's Block

REGISTERED OPTOMETRIST

FOR SALE

home call and see me.

A nice ten-room House and Barn on the hill: steam heat; fine location. ey are not too plenty at this time and if you are intending to get a

THOMAS F. MULLIN Room 3 Bank Bldg. Ayer, Mass.

We want you to know

that we keep everything for

the convenience and comfort of the smoker. Not only the choicest line of Cigars, Cigarettes and Tobacco, but

Briar Wood Pipes

Pipe Cleaners

Meerschaum Pipes

Match Boxes

Corn Cob Pipes T. D. Clay Pipes

Cigar Holders

Our Cigars are kept in per-ect condition and this is what

fect condition and this is what the particular, critical emoker requires. We handle all the

popular brands of Cigars, in-cluding the various "National" brands which have proved themselves so deservedly pop-

Whatever Your Cigar Yaste

We Can Suit it Exactly.

Cigarette Holden

AYER, MASS.

14tf

Electrical Contractors WIRING

Headquarters for MAZDA LAMPS

AYER. MASS. Telephone Connection

A Farmer's Institute

Ayer Farmers' Co-operative Exchange

At HARDY'S HALL, AYER, MASS., ALL DAY JANUARY 30 Interesting speakers from the Massachusetts Agricultural College will be present. Subjects will be announced next week. LUNCH SERVED AT NOON-Public Cordially Invited to be present AYER FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE EXCHANGE

WANTED — Middle-aged Protestant Woman to care for aged lady and as-sist in housework. Good home, and light work rather than high pay. Ad-dress P. O. BOX 86, East Pepperell, Mass.

FOR SALE-Owing to the death of FOR SALE—Owing to the death of my husband I must place on sale at once, two Holstein Cows and one Holstein 2-year-old Heifer, one Ayrshire Cow and a good Red Roan Horse, besides a large lot of Farming Implements, Warons, etc. Apply to MRS. CHARLES H. TEWKSBURY, Center Road, Shirley, Mass. 1t

SLEIGH FOR SALE — Two-seated Family Sleigh in A-1 condition; upholstered in Broadcloth. Any reasonable offer will be accepted. Can be seen at my stable. T. R. EARLE, Groton, Mass. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Protestant Episcopal "Opposite the Subway" REV. ANGUS DUN, Vicar Sunday Morning Service, 10.30 Holy Communion, 8.00 First Sun-

NOTICE OF HEARING.

E. O. PROCTOR

Ayer, Mass

Aver. Jan. 10, 1918. To the Board of Selectmen: The undersigned respectfully asks for a License to Keep, Store and Sell (25,000 Gal.) Gasolene on land on Parl

Street, now owned by me.

Namo

Application received January 10, 1918. JOHN D. CARNEY, Chairman Board of Selectmen



Ayer, Mass, January 10, 1918. ORDERED, that a public hearing e held on the foregoing petition on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of The dinner at 12.30 on Saturday, January 26, will be followed by the annual business meetings of the Congressional church and society. Please that it is said Ayer, at which time and gregational church and society. place all persons interested in said The registrars of voters will meet in the selectmen's room or Monday and that the petitioner give notice of evening. January 21, from seven to nine o'clock, and again on February publishing an attested copy thereof in publishing an attested copy thereof in Turner's Public Spirit and The Ay The adjourned annual meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on next Tuesday evening in the select-JOHN D. CARNEY.

DOUGLAS C. SMITH, LYMAN K, CLARK, . Selectmen of Ayer. A true copy of petition and order

LYMAN K. CLARK, Clerk.

thereon. Attest:

BROWN DRUGGIST

Main Street

Ayer, Mass

News Items. A telegram received this week Friday afternoon by Frank C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, from the fuel administrator, states that the new fuel regulations designating Mondays as legal holidays, does not affect the schools, which will be in session on the usual days.

schools, which will be in session on the usual days.

A fine entertainment was given in the town hall on Thursday evening in aid of the Red Cross, which was attended by a large crowd. The entertainment was arranged through committees of the Special Aid Society for American Preparedness and the local Red Cross organization. Miss Marion Wilson, of New York, gave a splendid entertainment in impersonations for which she received well deserved applause. A party of young soldiers from Camp Devens, belonging to the 301st Regiment, came with their chapslain, Rev. Edwin. Flynn. The boys gave an entertainment that has seldom been equalled in town. It consisted of yocal and instrumental music. They were repeatedly encored. The whole affair was a success in every way.

Miss Katherine McGuane and Robert Burne were united in marriage at St. Mary's church on Wednesday morning after a nuptial mass celebrated at 7:30 o'clock by. Rev. Thomas P. McGinn. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Lillian McGuane, and John F. Lynch was groomsmap. The bride wore a taupe travelling suit, with hat to match, and a bouquet of sweet peas. Following the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast at the home of the bride on Pearl street, after which the wedded couple left on a brief wedding trip which will include points in New York. The bride is a daughter of Mr.

wedded couple left on a brief wedding trip which will include points in New York. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. McGuane. She

The oride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin F. McGuane. She graduated from the Ayer high school and the Waltham Business college, and for several years has been employed as a stenographer for the Waltham Crayon Company. The groom is employed as a boiler maker for the Boston and Maine railroad in Ayer.

These officers of Veta Rebekah lodge were installed on Wednesdav evening by Miss Cora McClellan, of Concord Junction, and suite: Mrs. Blanche F. Walterman, n.g.; Mrs. Mary McDonald, v.g.; Miss Helen F. Kelleran, sec.; Mrs. Ella F. Hovey: treas; Mrs. Mary Brooks, w; Miss Mary Farrar, cond.; Mrs. Martha G. Lyon, chap.; Mrs. Emma K. Dudley, r.s.n.g.; Mrs. Sarah A. Jenkins, hap.g.; Mrs. Craig, lav.g.; Mrs. Affle S. Washburn, i.g., Frederick H. Jenkins, ok. Light refreshments were Jenkins, o.g. Light refreshments were

The curtailment of train service which goes into effect on the Boston and Maine railroad system on January 20, has disarranged mail schedules and removed others. Among the important changes is the chaiging of the mail from train No. 9, due to leave here for the west at 8.03 a. m., to No. 7, which arrives here from Boston at 12.54 p. m. This mail will be the first one of the day going west. Two other mails have been cut out, owing to the removal of train 514, due here at 11.04, and 5.17, due here at 12.22 p. m., for Montreal and intervening points.

This Saturday marks the liftleth and the standard to the standard to make the old "know nothing" stop before crossing either track. The elimination of the stop saves a few minutes for each train daily, which in the aggregate and a good time is expected.

A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening. Work-Past Master and Most Excellent Master, degrees. Lunch.

Since the railroad tower at the station was put into operation all trains on either the Fitchburg or W. N. and P. divisions are not required to make the old "know nothing" stop before crossing either track. The elimination of the stop saves a few minutes for each train daily, which in the aggregate and a good time is expected.

A special convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening. Work-Past Master and Most Excellent Master, degrees. Lunch.

Since the railroad tower at the station was put into operation all trains on either the Fitchburg or W. N. and P. divisions are not required to make the old "know nothing" stop before crossing either track. The elimination of the stop saves a few minutes for each chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening. Work-Past Master and Most Excellent Masons will be held on Tuesday evening. Work-Past Master and Most Excellent Masons will be held on Tuesday evening. Work-Past Master and Most Excellent Royal Arch chapter of Masons will be held on Tuesday evening. Work-Past Master and Most E

This Saturday marks the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of George S. Boutwell post. G. A. R. It was on January 19, 1868, that nine veterans of the civil war received the charter January 19, 1868, that nine veterans of the civil war received the charter for the formation of a grand army post here. Of the charter members only three are now alive—Capt. Moses Palmer of Groton, Benjamin Spaulding of Ayer and Greenleaf C. Brock of Lowell, a former well-known druggist of Ayer, and for many years engaged in a similar business in Lowell. The mew post was named in honor of Hon. Georga S. Boutwell, a distinguished citizen of Groton, and a widely known publicist. At the time of the formation of the post this town was a part of Groton. Six years inter and three years after the town of Ayer was set apart from the mother town a post was formed in Groton Center, which several members of George S. Boutwell as extended to them courtesies without the least thought of a reward. On the watch is handsomely engraved the words, "Mrs. Lester M. Martell received a very pleasant surprise a few days ago when she received a handsome gold wrist watch and chain as a result of contributions from men at the Remount station. The letter to Mrs. Martell, which was signed by the solders making the gift as a remembrance for the kindness afforded to them since the station was gorded to them since the station was gorded to them courtesies with-apart from the mother town a post was formed in Groton Center, which several members of George S. Boutwell and the words, "Mrs. Lester W. Martell lives on the gift as a remembrance for the kindness afforded to them since the station was gorded to them since the station was gorded to them since the station was afforded to them since the station was gorded to them since the station was go

well post later were transferred to.
There will be no formal observance of the golden wedding of the local post this Saturday.

A brakeman in the local yard, named in the leg on Tuesday night in a fail from a freight car. He was taken to the Burbank hospital, Fitchburg, for treatment. The injury is not serious.

A special communication of Caleb A special communication of Caleb Builler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening at seven o'clock sharp. Work—Entered Apprentice de-

Through the kindness of Mr. Poullus, manager of the moving picture
theatre, the three performances of
"The Amazons," with Marguerite
Clark, on Monday, January 28, will be
for the Girl Scoutswork in Ayer. Tickets for adults, thirty cents; children
under twelve, twenty cents. The Girl
Scouts will sing sout sours between Scouts will sing scout songs between the reels. Here is an opportunity to help the Girl Scouts serve their coun-

Saturday, January 12, several cap-tains and lieutenants, representing Ayer, Groton, Harvard and Littleton, took their tenderfoot examination at the Girls' Club House in the morning.

Later they were joined by several others, including Mrs. James J. Storrow of Boston, who is a member of the National Board of Girl Scouts. A drill followed in Hardy's hall, conducted by Cant Harwood.

ard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher and Oliver K. Plerce of Ayer, Thomas L. Hazen of Shirley Waldo Spaulding of this Saturday evening James Bulger of Groton, directors.

Lawrence, Will take his place, A. Putnam The Control of Control

Edward R. Dwyer, who has been assisting at the postoffice, returned on Thursday to his studies at Dartmouth college.

A. Putnam Tarbell, of Manchester, N. H., is ill at the home of his late father, Peter Tarbell.

A Packard tourism

Berkley T. Larrabee, the former well-known proprietor of the Palace cafe, who is now in the grocery business in Barre, was in town on Monday.

The Jitney drivers who do business in Railroad square, have secured the quarters in Dickinson's block formerly occupied by the Board of Trade, which they will use while off duty.

National Express company.

Mrs. Kate Waller Darrett, M. D., S.
C. D., president of the National Crittenton Mission, will speak in the social room of the Federation House on
West Main street, Thursday afternoon,
January 24, at three o'clock; subject,
"The relation of Florence Chittenton's
work and patriotism to the soldiers."
Mrs. Darrett has recently been made
chairman of the army and navy committee of the National Congress of
Mothers and Parent-Teachers' association for welfare work in connection
with camps and has visited part of the
camps and spoken with the boys. Women are-especially invited to come.

A minstret show will he given by

men are especially invited to come.

A minstrel show will be given by members of Company C, 301st Field Sisnal Battallon, under the auspices of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E, S., in the town hall on Wednesday evening, January 30, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Dancing will follow the entertainment until twelve o'clock. Many members of this company are college graduates and a good time is expected.

A special convection of Bancrott

gate amounts to a considerable period of time sayed. The stop referred to takes its name from the well-known "know nothing" party, which flour-lished for a few years just before the Civil war, the party having nassed the law which bears its name to this day.

Later they were joined by several others, including Mrs. James J. Storrow of Boston, who is a member of the National Board of Girl Scouts. A drill followed in Hardy's hall, conducted by Capt. Harwood.

These officers were chosen at a meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank held on Monday: Howard B. White, pres.; Oliver K. Pierce, Y. p.; Charles A. Normand, cashier: Mies Nettie B. Roe, asst. cashier: Howard B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher and B. White, Daniel W. Fletcher and B. Walter R. McDonald concludes his duties as fanitor of the town house

alsting at the postoffice, returned on Thursday to his studies at Dartmouth college.

Liewellan T. Savage has accepted a position with the Curtis Aeroplane Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., in their production department, and leaves next Monday for that city.

The following officers of the North law of the Lieuther of the College of the North law of the Lieuther of the College of the North law of the Lieuther of the College of the North law of the Lieuther of the College of the North law of the Lieuther of the Lieut

Arthur H. Turser, Guy E. Ramick, A. W. C.

GEORGE E. B. TURREEL Pablicate

Subscriptions splid in advance, the fact of the fac

sion department will meet at the home of Mrs. Char. P. Hill on Wednesday atternoon at three o'clock. The meet-ing is open to all club members.

Federation House Notes.

Morning congregation on Sunday last was unusually good. Rev. R. S. Tuttle took as his theme, "Excelsior," basing his remarks upon Paul's ambitton to press forward toward the mark. The soldiers acted as ushers. The quartet from the Unitarian church sang finely. The evening service was of a high order with an excellent sermon by Rev. Angus Dun and a duet by Miss Hardy and Mrs. Sargent.

Thirty Methodist ministers had a conference with Rev. Chas. E. Spitulding, district superintendent, on Monday and made plans for backing up the work of the war council of their denomination.

Fuel Administration Orders.

public necessity. . F. Mullin, Ayer Fuel Committee.

Annual Parish Meeting,

for the spirit which prompted this kind remembrance.

Mrs. Howard Alfand of Lake Placid.

N. Y., who has come here to live that she may be near her husband who is attached to truck company No. 2-of the supply train, is the only woman in this section who wears a service pin with six stars. Besides her husband are four brothers and two brothers-in-law. Two of her brothers are veterans general missionary purposes and the

Crandall lay delegates to the annual session of the American Unitarian association. Refreshments were served by the men after the meeting.

The continued case of Fred Wishire, of Leominster, charged with cruelty to animals, and drunkenness, was heard last Saturday morning. The defendant plonded guilty to both complaints. In explanation of his conduct Wishire stated that he started hist week. Monday morning to drive to the state police, which is addition to assisting in ferreining & teriminate of a hack to which was attached two horses. On his return to drove to horses. On his return to drove to Townserd, where he said the horses became exhausted. He left them there there is a hour on Tuesday, without protection or food. The court fined him twenty-five dollars on the cruelty complaint; the charge of drunkenness was filed.

A chemical fire truck with he semblere by the state authoritie as soon as four men can be found to take a four men can be found to take and the state of the men, which are to the paid by the state. This step was take by the state. This step of the men, which are done to take the state of it. The truck are the state authorite as soon as four men can be found to take the state of it. The truck are the state of it. The truck are the state of it. The truck are the state of it. The state authorite as four takes of it. The truck are the state of it. The truck

The following officers of the North Middlesex savings bank were elected to it to Depot square, after which lit was repaired. The other car was so to tow it to Depot square, after which lit was repaired. The other car was sightly damaged. The other car was sightly damaged. John Grosso, of Milford, while driving toward Ayer from the camp last Saturday night, ran has automobile in to a tree on West Main street, near Union street. The car was somewhat George H. Bixby, Benjamhy Taft, was completed in the car was somewhat George H. Bixby, Benjamhy Taft, was completed in the car was somewhat George H. Bixby, Benjamhy Taft, was completed that the car was somewhat George H. Bixby, Benjamhy Taft, was considered to pay a fine of ten department, is trying to a tree on West Main street, near Union street. The car was somewhat George H. Bixby, Benjamhy Taft, was considered to pay a fine of ten department, is trying to a tree on West Main street, near Union street. The car was somewhat George H. Bixby, Benjamhy Taft, was considered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward Ayer from the camp last saturday night, ran his automobile in to a tree on West Main street, near Union street. The car was somewhat George H. Bixby, Benjamhy Taft, was considered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was ordered to pay a fine of ten dilay during toward was order

Spiller's automobile; raising the machine to get the tire off, he claimed that Cohen pushed the machine, letting it down on Agel's head. (when refused to desist and repeated the operation several times. Finally Agel became so appry that he committed the assault. Agel said he spoke of taking the tire with Spiller in lioston in the presence of the complainant, Spiller agreeing to his taking back his propeatly.

Judge Atwood explained to Agel that he head the right to take his property wherever he found it, providing that he did not commit an assault or any other crime in so doing.

In committing the assault he was amenable to the law. The court, however, was unable to inderstand Agel was not injured when the truck, weighing a ton, fell on him.

order with an excellent sermon by Rev.
Angus Dun and a duet by Miss Hardy and Mrs. Sargent.

The Sunday exercises were brought to a close by a social hour around the fireplace, a little lunch and a goodnight message by Rev. G. J. Slosser.

Many of the soldiers entertained their, Sunday visitors in our building and around our roaring fireplace.

Mrs. Gilson has a very readable writs and around our roaring fireplace.

Mrs. Gilson has a very readable writs and discharged. Mrs. Munson said up of the Federation House in the Christian Register of January 10.

Do not hesitate to call up our deadoness, Miss Raynes, for any bit of helpful service. Telephone \$263.

We are glad that Deacon Eimer Allen of our House Committee is able to be around again.

Our chairman, Rev. Hugh A. Heath, presented the work of Schesters.

De around again.

Our chairman, Rev. Hugh A. Heath, presented the work of Federation House before the annual meeting of the Federal Council of Churches of Massachusetts.

Thirty Methodist ministers had a conference with Rev. Chas. E. Spruiding, district superintendent, on Monday and made plans for backing up the work of the war council of their demonstration.

"For you our heart fire burns."

article was traced to Doefler, he being the last one to have possession of it. Chief Beatty investigated the case and the are result the defendant was taken into custody by Officer Albert S. Blood. Mr. Marshall was interviewed in regard to the missing article and said that he found the stole in his maintenance with the way back from Groton to Ayer. Being in a hurry he passed the article to Doefler, whom he had known some time asking lim to check at the station check-room, when he would call for it later. Since that time he has failed to see the defendant. he has failed to see the defendant

Fuel Administration Orders.

The following orders to be effective on January 16 for Ayer, as issued by the Massachusetts Fuel Administration. Owing to the presence of Camp Devens these regulations for Ayer have been made to conform with the available time off of men at the camp:

1. Office, banking and other business buildings shall not be heated on Sundays and holidays, or on Saturdays after 12 noon or on other days after 5 p. m., except sufficient to prevent freezing.

2. All-wholesale, retail and other business houses and stores shall open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. for down business with the miblic left the disappearance of the valu-

to prevent freezing.

All-wholesale, retail and other business houses and stores shall open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. for doing business with the public with the following exceptions:

a. Retail stores whose practice has been to remain open on one or more evenings a week may remain open until 9 a. m. on Saturdays and until 8 p. m. on other days.

If endant. The court stared inal an three parties, the complainant, defendant and Marshall, were all neglified at the disappearance of the valuable article, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, started in the disappearance of the valuable article, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, defendant and Marshall, were all neglified at the disappearance of the valuable atticle to the valuable atticle of wearing appared to here the disappearance of the valuable atticle of wearing appared to here the disappearance of the valuable atticle, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, defendant and Marshall, were all neglified the disappearance of the valuable atticle, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, defendant and Marshall, were all neglified the disappearance of the valuable atticle, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, defendant at the particle, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, defendant and Marshall, were all neglified at the disappearance of the valuable atticle, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, staticle, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

Mrs. Munson, the complainant, staticle for wearing appared was given to the disappearance of the valuable atticle, so that immediate steps might be taken for its recovery.

on other days.

Groceries, markets and barber shops may open at 7 a. m. and shall close at 9 p. m. on Saturdays and at 8 p. m. on other days.

The inquest on the death of Patrick O'Meara, who was killed in a ruilroad accident here on January 7, was held in the court room hast Saturday morning. Judge Atwood presided: c. Restraurants may retain their usual schedule of hours. (No place of business shall come under this ruling unless its main business is that of a restraurant or lunch room). Moving picture houses, bowling alleys, billiard halls, public and private dance halls, and all places of amusement shall close at 10 p. m.

Every night except Saturday shall be a "Lightless night" as defined by the United States Fuel Administration order of December 15, which order in brief states that business organizations are forbidden to use interior lights after closing, and all obtside electric lights, except when necessary for the public safety or required by law. It also forbids so-called white-way, cluster or other decorative street lighting.

In the court room last Saturday morning. Judge Atwood presided:
James H. Maloney, the towerman, who was on duty at the tower at the rallroad station at the ime of the accident, was the first witness called. The signal was set for the east bound train, No. 8, due at the Ayer station at 2.14 p. m., and running about an and a haif late, when the decident occurred. This train was the one causing the accident. From this position in the tower the witness sail between the saw a man standing in a team on the closer mill crossing. A few seconds later he saw the train and team come together: should say, as near as he could judge from where he was at work, that the train was moving about twenty miles per hour. In answer to the county of the signals in the tower relative to their connection with the movement of trains before running over the cross-over at the milroad station.

white-way, cluster or other decorative street lighting.

These orders shall not apply to government work and further exceptions to them may be granted in cases of public necessity.

E. S. Barry, Chairman, Geo. H. Brown. ahead was clear and that he might safely go over the cross-over at the depot, where the Fitchburg and Wor-cester, Nashua and Portland divisions tracks intersect. The witness said that because of the obstructed view of the because of the obstructed view of the southern approach to the crossing of where the accident happened, he did not see the victim of the accident until within a very few feet of him. He applied the emergency brakes instantly, but it was too late to avoid the accident. The engineer said that he sounded the regulation station whistle, which is one long blast from the decrease. which is one long blast from the loc

with six stars. Besides her husband are four brothers and two brothers-in-law. Two of her brothers are veterans of the Spanish-American war and the Philippine and Boer wars.

David McPherson and daughter, Mrs. N. J. Speedy, are visiting their sqn, Peter McPherson, of Nashua street. Mrs. Speedy is nursing Mrs. McPherson, who is quite ill.

Union services at the Federated House, West Main street, at 10.45, Sunday morning: Music; solo, Miss Gertrude Briggs; offertory solo. Private Mertz. Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall. Subject, "The sign of the cross," At seven p. m., evening service: Music; offertory duet, "The lord is my shepherd," Mrs. Beckford and, Miss Clark, Preacher, Rev, Rollin S. Tuttle. Subject, "I thirst."

A pung coming from Littleton, filled with people of both sexes, returning from a dance at Camp Devens, was overturned late last Saturday night on

State Ald.

A chemical fire truck will be seen here by the state authorities as soon as four men can be found to take charge of it. The truck are the sauries of the men, which are laid to be \$1000 per year each, are to \$1000 per year.

As soon as arrangements are made



MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Geraldine Farrar

Page Hall Theatre, Ayer

IN ONE OF HER BEST PICTURES

The Woman That God Forgot"

For the theme in "The Woman God Forgot," the author, Miss Macpherson, has taken the story of a Princess who sells her country for the man she loves. The whole story is taken from a chapter in the early history of America, telling how the Spanish invaded Mexico and of their conquest of Montezuma and his Aztecs. Geraldine Farrar is seen as Tezca, daughter of Montezuma. She falls in love with a handsome young Spaniard, which role is played by the ever-popular star, Wallace Reid. The production is one of the most elaborate and beautiful ever made, and in the reproduction of the famous Aztec pyramid of Teocalli, it is the largest setting ever built for a photodramatic production, the pyramid being nearly 200 feet in height.

MATINEE EVERY DAY AT 3 O'CLOCK Saturdays and Holidays at 2 o'clock TWO PERFORMANCES EVERY EVENING-6 and 8 o'clock

Each Monday the management will endeavor to show one of the foremost stars appearing in Paramount and Arteraft pictures, the finest productions in the world, including Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Geraldine Farrar, Marguerite Clark, Julian Eltinge and William S. Hart.

COMING—Monday, January 28—MARGUERITE CLARK in "THE AMAZONS"

CHOICE WESTERN BEEF NATIVE PORK, CHICKENS, FOWLS LAMB

VEGETABLES FRUITS CANDY AND CIGARS TEAS AND COFFEE BUTTER, LARD, OLEOMARGARINE

FRESH FISH AND OYSTERS Every Week

Agents for ACME OLEOMARGARIN The finest and best substitute for Can be used on the table. LARD COMPOUND

than Lard and gives bette Results. FIRST QUALITY WESTERN BEEF Sirloin Steaks

Donlon

AYER, MASS.

Telephone 33

Union Cash Market

Ayer, Mass.

BOTTOM OF ROUND ROAST PORK SMOKED SHOULDERS FRESH SHOULDERS GOOD ROAST BEEF 22c. lb

OYSTERS, both in hulk and jan EXTRA GOOD COFFEE Ground to Order

TOP OF ROUND

SHREDDED WHI VI 13c. pkg CORNELAKES HORSE FOR SALE CHEAP FOR

CASH

Now that the time for giving is over, women are beginning to think of something for themselves. January is one of the best months of the year in our

Cash Discount Store

CORSET DEPARTMENT

We have just received the new pring Models in the R. & G. Royal Worcester and Her Majesty Corsets at the following prices:

R. & G. \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 Royal Worcester \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50 Her Majesty..... \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 Pink Models \$1, \$1.50, \$2.50

BRASSIERES

Hamburg Trimmed and Plain Models; also Tailored Models 50c. and 59c.

PAGE BLOCK

NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE HAD SUCH A STOCK OF MDSE.

\$1.00 to \$5,00 kates Cello Hot Water Bottles \$2,00-\$3,00 \$2.00 to \$3.00 25c, to \$2,00 Razor Strops \$1.00 to \$7.50 Safety Razors Thermos Bottles \$1,50 to \$3,00 \$3,00-\$3,25 Thermos Lunch Sets Flash Lights 75c. to \$3,50 Three Coin Banks \$1.50 U. S. Shell Banks \$1.25 offee Percolators \$1.50 to \$6.50 Pocket Knives 50c, to \$2.50 \$1,50 to \$3,00 Casseroles Parker Fountain Pens \$1.50 to \$6.00 Marm Clocks \$1.50 to \$3.00 \$1,75-82,25 Food Chopper \$1.83 Sod Irons 50c. \$1.25 Sterno Stoves

Fine Groceries and Hardware

Ayer, Mass

Gamp Devens

Post Cards

We have 45,000 of the very best eards that have been produced. We had authority from Washington for the work and our Mr. Beverly was with the artist to select the subjects when the original negatives were

AYER, MASS.

The price is ic, each \$1.00 per hundred



DRUG STORE AYER

HARVARD

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Cushman was held on last week Fri-day. The body was taken to the Forest Hills crematory.

Kent Royal is to continue for another year at the Massachusetts General hospital as house officer.

at the Massachusetts General hospitar, them.

A party of young ladies, with Mrs.

H. C. Merrill as chaperon, attended a dance given by the Girls' club in Ayer on Wednesday evening. The party was given to the military police department of Camp Devens.

The trustees of the Warner lecture fund are in reacht of the following letter from ex-President William H. The work with the work of the day. He also gave an informal which explains itself: "My Dear but wery interesting talk upon the

The idot of the screen, Viola Dana, will be seen in the feature picture at the motion picture show this Saturday evening, in 'The girl without a soul.' This is a soul-stirring story of a sister's unselfish love, screened among the beauties of the Hudson, and portrayed by a girl of rice excellency.

night.

A class of five candidates received the first and second degrees at the meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening. The men's degree team did the work of the second degree. The evening. The men's degree team didition the work of the second degree. The long text regular meeting will be he'd on February 5, when the third and fourth degrees will be given. The hodies' degree team, with Mrs. Etta M. Ripley as master, will do the work of the third degree. A supper will be served at seven o'clock. The change of hour is in keeping with suggestions made by the state board of conservation, and this supper will take the place of the regular evening meal. evening meal.

A party of Grangers will attend the meeting of Ayer Grange to be held of next week Wednesday evening.

The matter of holding a two-disk demonstration school here is deed to cuspices of the Warrester Conty Fair Bureau, does not seen to more with the enthusiasm that it deserves. The matter was preciple up at the last matter was prepale up at Grange meeting and a co-

matter was brought up at the last Grange meeting are a constitute was pipicitied to be \$8.57 \text{ # with the was finished this meeting a pass for the was for make this meeting a pass for the was four of the was selected as the was four of the last of the was four the solution and the waste of the was four the finished the meeting of the last of the waste of the was

LUNENBURG

News Items.

News Items.

The Congregational Men's club will hold their regular meeting on Sanday evening in the church vesty. Supper will be served at seven o'clock, and any man interested in the moral welfare of his jown is welcome to become a member at this meeting. At eight q'clock litey. G. M. Missirian, pastor of the Congregational church in Boxborough, will give his talk on "Conditions in Armenia," a subject that he is well qualified to speak on intelligently. The carbon in a diabet the snow in all directions, despite the fact that it was so heavy and whiche held on Monday, Pebruary 1, and on Saturday, January 25, the regular citizens caucus will be held at the low officers department.

Mr. Goodwin, who for some time officers department.

Mr. Goodwin, who for some time past has been a member of H. H. Putnam's family in old mill district, died last Sunday of pneumonia, after a short illness.

Frank Webster, who last March left force to have charge of a large settled.

terminate there is surely styled "an old-fashioned winter"

Larry Many new books have lately been added to the collection at the Ritter Many new books have lately been added to the collection at the Ritter Memorial library, among which are several relating to the war.

The surely several relating to the war.

The surely several relating to the war.

The several relating to the war.

The Reg Cross nurse, Miss Florence Dickinson, who has been assigned to this district, has made one visit to the schools and expects to come now the severy week. She will join with the teachers in carrying on physical exercises, and the study of personal hysical exe the town as her salary is all paid the Red Cross association.

by the Red Cross association.

Sergt. George M. Stiles, of the action of the says he expects his squadron will sail for France before long.

At the meeting of the Girl Scouts on last week Friday evening Miss in France," writes his aunt, Mrs. Nancy Harlow was elected as patrol leader.

Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Putnam, is very ill at the Massachusetts General hospital.

A particle of the Girl Scouts of Prance defore long.

Joseph Peabody, from "somewhere to France," writes his aunt, Mrs. George E. Jones, that he wishes she could see the beautiful, fragrant flow-could see the beautiful, fragrant flow-great profusion and beauty. He knows she would be delighted with them.

on Wednesday evening. The party was given to the military police department of Camp Devens.

The trustees of the Warner lecture fund are in receipt of the following different many compositions during the services of the war and remarks of Charles C. Hard, physical director in the Y. M. C. A. at the aviation camp at San Antonio, Texas. He sang many of his war compositions during the services of the day. He also gave an informal but very interesting talk upon the comber 9. It's not possible for, me to make the arrangement which you suggest, certainly not at present. I have just assumed the obligation to devote thirty days to speaking at the different military camps in the country on the subject of the origin of the war and I am obliged to give up my university work and all other work for this. Sincerely yours, William H. Taft." The committee has arranged for a course of lectures which will be announced later. The first of the course will be given on Friday evening; January 25, by Rabbi Charles E. Flelscher, who will speak on the subject, "Democracy."

The Congregational church held a special meeting on Thursday afternoon, January 10, at 2.30 o'clock, to take action upon the resignation of Rev. H. B. Mason, and it was voted to accept it, although with regret that it must be so. In the going away of Mr. Mason the church and community will lose a highly respected citizen, who always gave his support to what he felt was right, and had the interests of the town at heart. It is hoped that in his new field of work he and his family are about to enter will bring to them that which will make their lives useful and happy, and their labors crowned with success.

The idol of the screen, Viola Dana, will be seen in the feature picture at the part of the part of the success.

The idol of the screen, viola Dana, will be seen in the feature picture at the many many of Mr. Part of the propositions during the samp and a free rangement of the day. He also agan an informal Antonio, Texas. He sang many of the tory increasing the torm dent, and speeches, made by Com Up-ham, S. of V., Mr. Richardson, Put-nam, Burchstead and others.

the motion picture show this Saturday evening, in "The girl without a soul." This is a soul-stirring story of a sister's unselfish love, screened among the broutles of the Hudson's and portrayed by a cast of rare excellence.

Residents of Harvard required by provisions of the war income tax act. to make returns to the internal revenue department of the lincome they received during the year 1917, will be afforded an opportunity to make and sile such returns with the aid of deputy collectors delegated by John F. Halley, collectors delegated by John F. Halley, collectors of internal revenue for the district of Massachusetts to assist new taxpayers in Clinton city hall on January 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, from ten o'clock in the morning until ten at night.

The high school improvement league gave a very interesting program last week Friday afternoon. Miss Charlott Alexander read the last chapter of Gerard's "Four years in Germany"; Courtland Whitney recited Shylock's speech to Antonio, from the "Merdennt of Venice." and Orville D. Martin, a past graduate, but now on furbach, before going into active sea service, cave a very interesting talk upon the navai signal service. As he has been engaged in this service for nearly a year. He knows whereof he speaks, and having been a Lunenburg highs.

TOWN OF HARVARD

The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room for the purpose of registering voters for the coming town election,

JAMES L. WHITNEY,

Wanted

to start with, Apply to E. H. 1m19

CONANT, HOUGHTON CO., Inc. Littleton Common, Mass.

The name line and working right and the name is leaved to meet the meet the meets as solution of the laten problem for the term. It means a calf or a pig for ever lay or girls who wants in the solution of girls who wants in the public solution of girls who wants in the solution of girls that letters testamentary may be ignoring to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been proporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased ha

of the cow is robbed of mineral elements to supply the deficiency.

In addition to an ordinary ration, one ounce of common salt per cow daily is sufficient to maintain the proper quantity of sodium and chlorine in a cow producing 45 pounds of milk daily. An ordinary mixed ration supplies sufficient potassium for every need of a high-producing cow. The element calcium or lime appears to be deficient in all cows except those with a very low milk production.

The deficiency of minerals in the ration had no apparent effect on the amount or composition of the milk. This fact proves that the deficiency is overcome, as far as possible, by mineral elements taken from the body of the cow. While the nitrogen compounds from alfalfa hay were slightly more digestible than those from clover hay, the nitrogen from clover was equally as valuable, because it was more completely utilized than the alfalfa nitrogen. The quantities of ni-trogen utilized from clover and alfalfa The quantitles of niwere therefore practically the same.

LARGEST RECORD FOR MILK

Cow High in Flesh at Calving Time Gives Much Richer Milk for Long Period Than When Thin.

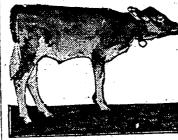
Missouri investigators have shown that a cow high in flesh at calving time gives very much richer milk for some time than would be the case were she thin. This knowledge is now made use of by every breeder of dairy cattle who desires to make the largest possible record for milk and butter fat production.

Another interesting discovery is that when a cow is underfed that temporarily she gives richer milk rather thinner as might be expected This is of great importance in connection with making tests of cows and a failure to understand this effect has resulted in wrong conclusions from many experiments conducted with cows in the past.

FIRM FOUNDATION FOR DAIRY

No Amount of Feed Will Make Profit able Cow Out of One That Does Not Have Milk Tendency.

Build your dairy breed on a firm foundation. No amount of feed will make a profitable cow out of one that does not inherit a strong tendency to give milk. One must, therefore, use care in selecting the foundation stock for the herd. The bull should be purebred with a line of ancestors which show production. Because one animal is purebred is not a guarantee that



Fine Type of Purebred.

will be equal to purebreds as far as production is concerned.

CLEAN COW STABLES NEEDED

Good Milk, Free From Offensive Odors, Cannot Be Secured Under Unsanitary Conditions.

The dairyman cannot get good milk free from odors and fit to sell on the city market, when his stables are kept in an unsanitary condition. When the manure is left to pack under the cows' feet, mold and rot, the odor is so strong that it will contaminate the from the cow.

No Advantage in Practice, Except That Some Unpalatable Food May Be Consumed.

unpalatable feeds-may be consumed in larger quantities if cooked, but cooking does not ordinarily add much to the palatability of grains and may even decrease their digestibility.

Rules Only for the Weak.

It is one of the weaknesses of man kind that it is forever establishing rules, programs, formulae. They serve their purposes for the guldance of ordinary minds. But the pioneers of thought ride rough-shod through the rulers. They gain the ends they desire by refusing to be directed by what someone else has thought before them, by what tenchers have insisted upon as birding.-Exchange.

Don't make bread into large loaves. enter is apt to be underdone.

SLEEVES REFLECT jewels. **WORLD'S HISTORY**

Arm Coverings of Every Epoch Incorporated Into Cos-___ tumes of Today.

SUIT COAT ALONE ESCAPES

Only Garment Which Designers Have Left Untouched in Their Mad Efforts to Create Some-...thing New.

New York .- As the current of clothes goes rushing by, one has a strong temptation to reach out and grasp a the straws that are swirling along on the top eddles.
Standing on the bank and watching

the brilliant things borne down the stream, one is strongly reminded of an alluring article by Mr. Beebe, the explorer, who has brought back so much that was worth while to the zoological knowledge in America.

Mr. Beebe rests quietly on a bank as he tells it, by which passes a great swiftly flowing stream which comes from the heart of the jungle and which is full of mystery and color and



This suit is of cream velours stitched with the same shade of silk and trimmed with sealskin. The coat is fastened on the bias and ripples at

splendid exotic life. The stream has caught on its top current parts of this life, and as he studies it, keenly and rith knowledge, as it swiftly goes by him, he is able to form in his mind just what the life of that special jungle is. Fauna and flora go by, an opossum with its young, a peculiar kind of snake on a log, bits of wood that explain the tree growth, birds that have been caught in branches and cannot extricate themselves. On, on goes the colorful stream, rushing past the flat mud bank and explaining to the zoologist and ornithologist the entire life and personality of the source

he will be a good animal, his pedigree from which all these things come. It is thus in fashions. All the tushould be investigated. Many small mult, the revolt, the color, the per-dairymen buy aged bulls so they can consilive and the life of a country flow judge the production of his offspring, consilty and the life of a country flow by in this semi-annual stream of use the best grade cows obtainable. It may be said that for production purposes, if good purebred bulls are used on good cows, the fourth generation or throw out a grappling pole, as Mr. Beebe did, and bring in for closer observation the peculiar and particular things that can be developed into a whole chapter of interest.

Sleeves From Every Epoch.

Sleeves, for instance. There is a detail that one wants to catch at with a grappling pole, pull into the bank and study for a week. They are representative of the history of the world. Each epoch seems to have offered a peculiar phase of arm covering for the designers to incorporate into modern costumes. We have the medieval sleeve which

opens after it leaves the elbow and drops in a point to the knee; we have milk even while it is being drawn the Chinche sleeve which is roomy enough for all the juggling we care to do there is the tight sieeve of the COOK FEEDS FOR DAIRY COWS Directoire that fits into an oversnug armhole and stretches to the knuckles of the hand; there is the Italian sleeve that begins in an armhole that is nearly at the elbow and widens itself out in order that it may drop in There is no advantage in cooking or clooklike folds to the wrist, where it tenning feeds for dairy cows. Some is caught into a band of white velves

There is the sleeve that is slashed from armhole to wrist, as Marguerite and Faust wore it, and there is the Oriental sleeve that is formed from

He Didn't Know.

In a murder trial six experts were examined. Most of them had a nation of 20,000 words, which it required two hours to read, was asked of Doctor Jelley a Boston expert on insanity. The learned doctor answered the question in three words: "I don't know." A frank nawer, but rather perplexing to couns .- Case and Comment.

An advertisement is like an electric an; just seep it going and people are ure to a wind of it. fan; jus sure to

the front edge of a cape and confined to the arm, with a bracelet of tulle or Another sleeve is merely a brassard

and, of course, it is on an evening gown. There are sleeves taken from the church, from comic opera, from the Round Table, from Wagnerlan legends, from the days of Dante and, one might almost add, from the Sultan of Sulu. There are sleeves that are nothing but arm bands above and below the elbow, to which are caught swing ing folds of colored tulle.

Possibly the one garment which the sleeve-mad designers have left un touched in their wild orgy of design ing is the street coat which is part of conventional tailored suit. All sorts of liberties are taken with sleeves in top coats, because this garment has reached so high on the ladder of fash ion that it gets a whack of originality from every designer who wants to play with the garment in either a cor mercial or artistic way.

.The short street cont, however, re mains conventional. So little has been done with this garment in the line of originality that we begin to believe that the French influence dominates even in this line of American costumery. Paris, as you remember, insisted that she could do little with the coat suit because her tailors were wielding hand grenades instead of scissors.

Variety in Armholes.

It is not possible to deal with sleeves, in detail or in mass, without taking the armhole into serious consideration. The tailors and dressmakers talk in an interesting manner about this alleged minor part of the costume. It is a pity, one might say in passing, that there are any cutters and fitters who treat it as a minor consideration, for the average woman knows that the skill or awkwardness in cutting an armhole makes or mars the fit of the frock and her individual comfort.

There are few people who can restrain their tempers when the subject of armholes is mentioned, because the extraordinary deficiency of talent in this particular line of dressmaking reaches out into the daily lives of thousands. Let us hope that the cutters of this winter will have learned more than they knew last winter, if they are going to attempt a dozen instead of two varieties.

There is the tight Directoire armhole that hugs the skin so that the fronts of the coat or bodice must be perfectly adjusted in order that they will not rise in waves about the neck There is the long, loose Chinese arm hole which demands a certain lack of

contour in the bodice or jacket. There is the pear-shaped armhole which extends to the walstline and intò which an elbow-length or three quarter sleeve is usually placed. And topping the list of comfortable arm holes, is the one that belongs to the lining and not to the bodice.

New Type Saves Temper. If you have had trouble with the fit of your jackets and blouses because of ill-cut armholes, remember that this last type saves temper and tears When the sleeve is put into the arm hole of the lining and the outer ma terial is allowed to drop over it, moving with security and freedom accord ing to the shifting of the shoulders then you get the best armhole that the American tailors can achieve.

This is the kind that is now in high fashion. It is run well over the top of the arm and up on the lluing, in order that there may be no revealing of the inside material when the outer armhole swings to and fro. dressmakers use a band of embroidery or soutaching or ornamented cloth of some kind over the lining from the



This Egyptian evening gown is mad of black satin covered with fine black lace and broad bands of black net em broidered with gold and jet. panels are weighted with jet fringe.

edge of the armhole half way to the front, in order that the effect is good when the outer armhole shifts.

The recognition given by the designers to this armhole in the lining has been the reason for an influx of sleeves made of different material from the gown fabric and also in a different color. Street frocks of heavy cloth will

have long, tight sleeves of braided satin running from shoulder to wrist. They do not make a shocking contrast in color, but depart from the tone of the gown sufficiently to give an artistic touch. (Copyright, McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

A Commuter's Ambition.

We'd like to be in a financial position when we take a meal out, as we do once every two or three months with all the regularity of clockwork, to go to some place where "fruits in on the menu doesn't mean chlefly bananas.—Ohio State Journal.

Queer Place for Meteorites One of the remarkable features of the ocean's floor is the fact that in some places it is covered with the dust of meteorites.



GRADING FRUIT FOR MARKET

Producer Who Has Neglected to Spray Will Learn Its Value When He Attempts to Grade.

If the farmer desires to have his apples or other fruit compete essfully with that bought by the retailer on the general market, he mus grade it carefully. When good, sound well-graded fruit is brought to the stores by the farmer, some grocer are known to pay a good price for i and even to feature it as being home

The producer who has neglected to spray will learn a lesson on the value of spraying when he attempts to



Michigan Apple Orchard.

grade. He will find that the per centage of strictly high-grade speci mens in his crop is very low. Even the unsprayed crop may be helped con siderably by grading out those fruits which are bruised, rotted or have been badly damaged by insects or diseases One or two rotted apples may prevent the sale of an entire basket.

Well graded fruit of the highest quality should be sound, well colored, free from insect or disease injury and neither blemished or bruised. The best grades are also uniform in size and color. When well graded, home-grown fruit appears on the market it is always in great demand. The grower who markets a high-class product of this kind gets a good price and is eldom caught with a surplus on hand.

HEAT FOR SMALL ORCHARDS

Expense of Both Installation and Operation Are Much Greater Than on Large Plantation.

The practicability of heating small orchards has often been questioned. It is comparatively much harder to heat a small orchard than a large one, and more pots are necessary to naintain the required temperature. For this reason the expense of both installation and operation are much greater an acre than in the large or

On the other hand, the small or chardist need employ no labor. Likewise, he uses oil in small quantities only, and has no expense for r storage The cost of installing a heating system for a 10-acre orchard under midwestern conditions has been estimated at from \$225 to \$495, varying with local conditions. This includes heaters, tank wagon, torches, thermometers and a storage tank. The cost of labor and fuel should not exceed \$10 to \$20

acre annually. In regions where frosts are of frequent occurrence this small cost is good insurance, for, if well cared for, any orchard will produce a fruit crop worth from \$100 to \$400 an acre.

SUITABLE SOIL FOR GRAPES

Well-Drained Land of Good Fertility is Required—Few Farms Where Crop Cannot Be Grown.

Grapes require a well-drained soil of good fertility. A light sandy loam, a clay loam or a gravelly loam where the seasons are anything like normal may be exposed to produce grapes. Grapes are grown on soils of other characteristics and doubtless there are very few farms where the rainfall is sufficient and where draining is ample that some varieties of grapes could not be grown.

DAMAGE FROM MICE AVOIDED

Remove All Loose, Trashy Material From Neighborhood of Base of the Tree Trunk.

Damage from mice should be avoided by the removal of all loose, trashy material from the neighborhood of the base of the tree trunk. If the ground has been fall plowed, the under furrow slice furnishes good nestling places for mice and the nearby trees are likely to soller, but if the ground near the tree is clean and well compacted, little damage will be done by these ro dents.

Too Particular.

The girl who thinks more of her georgette crepe waist than she does of her beau and refuses to permit it to get mussed will never march to the well-known tune of Mr. Mendelssohn -Florida Times-Union.

Crayon Will Help. When someone has knocked a white place in the wall paper copy the proper coloring of the figure with crayons and the spot will not show. .



MEMORIALS

to their stock of

REGISTERED OPTOMETRIST

Opposite Depot . Ayer, Mass.

N. A. Spencer & Son

Wish to call your attention

GEMETERY :

which they would be pleased to have intending purchasers inspect and obtain

> PARK STREET Ayer, Mass.

Service

When purchasing groceries at this store you can depend upon on prompt and courteous service, honest weight, dependable goods. Our experience in the business makes it easy for us to please you. This is the household headquarters. Ruining the beneficial qualities of flour is one of the easiest things in the world. In Ceresota flour, for which we are agents, you get the best there is for the money.

Our Specialty is the Handling of the Very Bost

Vermont Butter and Cheese

east main street grocery

JAMES E. GRIFFIN, Proprietor East Main Street Ayer, Mass. WHY NOT SEE

Thomas F. Mullin THE REAL ESTATE AGENT. In regard to investment?

Room 3. Bank Bldg. Ayer ELIZABETH PATTERSON MARINELLO COSMETICIAN HAMPOOING, FACIAL and SCALP MASSAGE, MANICURING reams, Lotions, Powders, Perfume Hair Nets and Pins, Etc., on Hand

Agent for The Century Corsets and Specialities. 6 Pleasant Street, Ayer, Mass. Tel. 103-4. WARREN A. WINSLOW (Successor to Augustus Lovejoy) Fire Insurance Agent

rms, Dwellings, Furniture and Mercantile Property Written in .. Strong Companies Washington Street AYER, MASS.

LANGDON PROUTY (Successor to Charles F. Flagg) Insurance Agent and Broker Tel. 30 LITTLETON, MASS.

3m48 E. D. STONE

Fire Insurance Agent Automobile and Cordwood Insurance Esther A. Stone, Typewriting

Page's Block Ayer, Mass Piano Tuning

WILMOT B. CLEAVES Phone 20 HARVARD, MASS. Graduate N. E. C. of Music, Boston fen years with Acolian Co., New York Agent for Holton Band Instruments

Pianos For Sale and Rent 1913

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlbsex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs at-law, next-of-kin, and all other persons interested in the, estate of PETER TARBELL late of Ayer in said County, deceased.
Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court for probate, by ABEL PUTNAM TARBELL who prays that letters of administration with the will annexed may be issued to him without giving a surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person, the exwill annexed may be issued to him without giving a surety on his bond, or to some other suitable person, the executrix named in said will having de-

to some other stitute per contrix named in said will having deceased.

Your are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-eighth day of January A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said, Court, this third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

3til F. M. ESTY, Register.

3119 F. M. ESTI, Register.

The newspaper which makes a secure of its circulation has a good resent of its—but the reason is never the ene that is given to the advantages.



50 Engraved Cards in Script, \$1.25 Public Spirit Office, Ayer

Advertisements inserted in our ten



SHIRLEY CASH MARKET

ALWAYS ON, HAND WITH FRESH SUPPLY OF BEEF

PORK :

VEAL

LAME SMOKED, PICKLED and CANNED MEATS

At Your Door in Ayer Every Tuesday and Saturday Every Day in Shirley FRESH PISH FRIDAYS

VEGETABLES IN THEIR SEASON CHARLES A. McCARTHY, Prop.

Dr. F. R. McGrai

Formerly of Pepperell, with R. H. WYLIE - DENTIST Barry Block, Ayer

CUTFLOWERS, PLANTS, FLORAL DESIGNS, ETC. HARDY ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES

H. Huebner Florist

Groton, Mass Greenhouses near Groton School

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARTHA REBECCA PRESCOTT late of Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, deceased.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court, by LOUIS J. STONE with certain papers purporting to be copies of the last will and testament of said deceased, and of the probate there-of in said-State of Illinois duly authon-ficated, representing that at the time of her death, said deceased had estate in said County of Middlesex, on which said will may operate, and praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of said County of Middlesex, and letters testamentary, thereon granted to ELLIOTT S. RICE and EDWINA PRESCOTT CADMUS the executors therein named without requiring sureties on their bond, and in case after being duly cited for the purpose they neglect to accept the same or neglect for twenty days after the probate of said will, to give bond according to law, then that letters of administration with the will annexed be issued to said petitioner.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifth day of February A. D. 1918, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And aid petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by public first fine first publication to be thirty days, at least, before said Court, the first publication to be thirty days, at least, before said Court, the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

teen. 3t18 . F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of CHARLES A. SPAULDING late of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to LYMAN E. WILKINS, Adm.

176 Elm St., Cambridge, B, Mass. December 28th, 1917. 3t18

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power-of-sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed siven by ORION A. BURGESS, of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex, should be added to each spraying after in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to HATTIE B. THAYER, of January 12, 1914, and recorded with Middlesex DANGER OF WINTER KILLING South District Deeds, book 3868, page 14, will be sold at public nuction upon the premises below described on Monday, the fourth day of February, 1918, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said Mortgage Deed and therein described as follows:

"A certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Northerly part of said Townsend on the Easterly side of the old road lead-ing from the house of William S. Dudley to the house formerly of William Smith, and bounded as follows:
"Beginning at the North-west cor-

ner of the premises at the end of an old wall, it being a corner of land or wholly removed in the spring and of Alexander Reed; thence running any plants which have been laid down Easterly by said Reed's land about fourteen (14) rods to a stone wall; plan to leave some of the mulch on thence Southerly by said wall about the ground to act as a summer mulch nineteen (13) rods to a corner; thence turning at nearly a right angle and running Easterly by said Reed's land about twenty (20) rods to an angle: thence on Easterly by said Reed's land about twelve (12) rods to a corner ricar a spring; thence Southerly by mid Reed's land about twelve rods to an angle; thence on Southerly by said Reed's land about thirty-four (34) rods to a corner; thence Easterly by said Reed's land about twenty (20) rods to a stone bound at a corner of land of U.S. Adams, it also being corner of land owned by B. & A. D Feesenden Co., formerly known as the Austin place; all the above described lines run as the fence now stands; there's Southerly by land of the said B. A. D. Essenden Co., about thirty-tine (39) rods to a stone bound at and of William S. Dudley; thence tiouth-westerly by said Dudley's land to a corner; thence Westerly, North westerly, and Northerly by the afore-said road to the place of beginning." Terms: A deposit of Two Hundred time of sale. The premises will be old subject to any unpaid taxes Other terms made known at time and

> 6. P. PENDLETON, Assignee of said Mortgage.

3t19

Townsend, Mass., Jan. 10, 1918. FRANK T. SWEET, C. E. Surveying . Batter Boards Civil Engineering

Office with HERBERT J. WEBB

Main Street Ayer, Mass.

lace of sale.



DESTROY ALL WORMY FRUIT

Mummled Specimens on Trees or or . Ground Should Be Burned to Guard Against Pests.

Peach trees that have borne fruit this year are likely to have deformed, mummied fruits either on the branches or on the ground under the trees. It is highly desirable that these fruits be destroyed, so that the spores of fun-gous disease or insects in these fruits be destroyed.

-Such diseases as brown rot may be carried over winter on specimens of fruit left in the orchard. For this rea son, such specimens should not be left, but should be gathered up and de-stroyed to get rid of any disease germs or insect pests that such specimens nay harbor.

Where pigs have access to the orchard generally they will eat faulty specimens of fruits that may be left. But even when pigs run in the orchard it is advisable to go over and examine the trees, taking out all specimens that still cling to the branches. This work may be done when other work is not pressing and when one can spare the time. This would hardly be practical where one has a large orchard, but for the small peach orchard for home use it will be work well em-

TO CONTROL SCAB ON PEARS

Trees Should Be Thoroughly Sprayed With Bordeaux Mixture-Also Spray for insects.

Some pear trees are affected by a very common fungous disease called scab. Some varieties of pears are very susceptible to this disease, and if not given good treatment in the way of spraying, they will invariably be covered by scab, and will crack as the result of this disease.

To control the disease, the trees should be thoroughly sprayed with Bordeaux mixture, which is made of four pounds of copper sulphate and six pounds of lime to 50 gallons of water. The copper sulphate should be dissolved in the water, and the lime slaked to a smooth paste. Then the copper sulphate and lime should both be diluted to about 25 gallons each, and then mixed together.

The first application of this spray should be made just before the blos



Louise Pear.

soms open. When about half the blossom petals have dropped, and again two weeks thereafter, other applica-tions should be made. If the season IN TOWNSEND, MASSACHUSETTS is a very wet one, a fourth spraying should be made two weeks after the third one.

In order to control insects which should be added to each spraying after the blossoms have dropped.

Mulching Small Fruits Delays Blooming of Berries-Also Conserves Moisture in Soil.

Mulching not only lessens the danger from winter killing but it also lessens the danger of damage by late frosts by delaying the blooming of the berries of small fruits. If the mulch is left on, the buds do not open quite so early and there is consequently less danger of their being caught by a late

The mulch may be either partially or wholly removed in the spring and can be raised. It is usually a good in keeping down weeds, conserving moisture, and protecting the berries from contact with sand and grit.

ARSENATE OF LIME RESULTS

Equally as Effective in Spraying for Codling Moth as Arsenate of Lead, Says Grower.

A Michigan orchardist used about ton of homemade arsenate of lime this year in comparison with arsenate of lead and received equally good results in spraying to control the codling moth, according to reports to the bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture. He effected a saving by the use of the arsenate of lime and plans to use it again next year. Reports as a whole indicate better results than usual this season in the control of the codling moth by orchardists in Michigan.

Figures Time of Falling Stone. The time a stone would require to fall the 4.000 miles to the center of the earth has been calculated for the Paris Academy of Sciences, by M. Sanger. Considering the influence of varying density of the earth, he finds the time would be 19 minutes 15 seconds, but if the mean density is assumed to be the condition, the time would be 70 seconds greater.

It costs nothing to eat some crust

HANDLING SEED CORN

THE BEACON

By MARY RANDALL

No matter how long or dark the night, no matter if it was the brightest moonlight, always and ever there was a light shining in the parlor alcove window in the home of widow Janet Graham.

The neighbors and townspeople generally related a weird tale connected with the familiar beacon. The widow and her son, Verne Graham, had come to Roslyn and had rented the pretty little cottage. The young man was industrious, always had a smile brisk. on his face, and it was no wonder that he attracted the attention of Marjorie Dale, who was the nearest neighbor. Her life was devoted to the case of a crippled father and an invalid mother. She was one of those sweet, patient. Seed ears should first be nubbed and souls whose face is irradiated with a the kernels from tip and butt should purity and gentleness almost ethereal, and when Verne was called to a more promising position in the city her pride mingled with that of the fond mother. and they built great hopes as to his business future.

A year went by and twice Yerne visited home, and each week he wrote to both the dear ones. When he had first left them Mrs. Graham had looked earnestly into his eyes.

"Verne," she said, "you see the light I have placed in the window. It shall be there on the darkest night, your beacon. Think of it, cherish it."

One day Mrs. Graham and Marjorie

were sented conversing, when a keeneyed, hard-faced man knocked at the door. He edged his way into the room, glancing about sharply.
"I am looking for Verne Graham,"

he announced in a tone of assurance and command that somehow chilled the hearts of mother and fiancee. "He is not here," Mrs. Graham ad-

vised the visitor. "It is three months since we saw him last. Even his usual letter missed us last week. Oh, sir! I trust there is no trouble."

"Sorry to say there is," bluntly responded the stranger, "and I am a de tective looking for him. He disappeared from his work ten days ago, taking with him twenty thousand dollars of the funds of the company intrusted to his charge."

"My son a thief!" cried Mrs. Gra-ham. "It is false!" The man shrugged his shoulders indifferently.

"I do not believe him!" breathed Marjorie, agitatedly. "There is some error, some plot, oh! be assured of that. Mother Graham, I am going straight to the city to ferret out all the details of this terrible thing."

Marjorie Dale was received at the place where Verne Graham had been n cashier by the manager, a Mr. Thorpe. The man was coldly polite and matter of fact. The money and Verne Graham had vanished together, this man told Marjorie carried a breaking heart

back to the little country village. She told her story amid the tears to the stricken mother. "Oh, it is vain!" cried Marjorie. "Verne will never come back."

"He will come," solemnly declared the mother. "Of his innocence or guilt what can I say, but he is always my son, always welcome, no matter how black his sins may be. Some night Verne will come back to the light in the window." Then came a break in their compan-

ionship. Marjorie's father died and a brother insisted on Mrs. Dale making her home in his household. Marjorie went to the city and became a nurse in a public hospital. One night the word went round that a terrible rolload accident would send in many sufferers for treatment. After the surgeons had attended to one victim in her ward, he delegated the patient to Marjorie's charge. The man was insensible and had sustained frightful injuries. Marjorie was startled as she He was the plant manager, Mr. Thorpe, whom Marjorie had called upon in regard to the disappearance of Verne Graham.

Mariorie sat down by the cot. She became conscious that the eyes of the patient were fixed upon her. She met

"You were the sweetheart of Verne Graham." "Try and keep quiet." directed Mar-

"Tve seen you before," spoke Thorpe.

jorle gently. "It will harm you to talk.' "I've got to talk!" almost shouted

the man, in a wild strain of excitement, "I want you to send at once for Mr. Woodson, the head of our house. It is vital, it must be done, and more for your sake than my own." Marjoric consulted the head nur

and Mr. Woodson was sent for. He arrived within the hour. As Marjorie placed a chair by the bedside of the patient and moved out of Learing, the latter called out insistently:

"No, no-she must hear, too. Mr. Woodson, Verne Green never stole that and hired some persons as wicked as myself to hold him in captivity. Take down my confession and the details of where this man whom I have so cruelly wronged can be found and rescued."

Thorpe breathed his last the next morning. The wealthy and humane Mr. Woodson at once insisted that sh accompany him on the journey that her cherished son.

"The house will make all due amends for the fearful work of Thorpe," pledged Mr. Woodson. And the light in the window wel-

comed Verne home at last!

Take Pains.

Genius has been defined as an infinite capacity for taking pains, and talent, which is a sort of second cousin of genius, has the same characteristics, observes an educator. One who will take pains enough will meet with a measure of success. And no one who belittles the need of patient, plodding work is likely to succeed, no matter what his endowments.

foods that give proper employment to the teeth and thus save dentists' bills, hang them up to dry.

BROOKLINE, N H.

Care Necessary in Selecting Re-

Picking Out Most Productive Ears While in Field and Storing in Dry Place to Only Half of Very

important Task.

quires Shelling by Hand.

(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.) Shelling is one of the important steps in selecting seed corn. The care necessary in selecting and handling corn to be used for seed requires shelling to be done by hand. Selecting the seed from the most productive stocks as they stand in the field and storing them in a dry place free from insects and rodents is only half the job in providing the next year's seed corn sup-

be discarded from the seed supply. The small kernels from the tips are less productive than the other kernels on the ear: the blunt, thick, rounded kernels from the butts are just as productive as any of the rest, but because of their shape and size they do not plant uniformly when used in a corn planter with other kernels.

Shelling by hand takes more time and labor, but is profitable. The me chanical corn sheller is likely to injure the germ tips of the individual grains and to thus destroy or impair their power to germinate. No matter how large the required supply, it will still pay to shell it painstakingly by manual labor, because the greater the acreage to be planted, the greater the ultimate profit.

Each ear should be shelled separate ly into a shallow pan or box, and every blemished, misshapen or worm-eaten kernel should be rejected. As the seed from each ear is found satisfactory and sound, and free from poor kernels. it is poured into the general supply and another ear is shelled in the same way. It is much easier to pick out defective grains from a single layer in a small receptacle than from a large mingled quantity in a bushel measure or a bag.

EMERGENCY WIRE STRETCHER

Farmer Tells How He Made Repair In Broken Fence by Using Hickory Stick for Handle.

After turning the cows into a field ! happened to find a broken place in the fence and I did not have the time to go for a stretcher at the other end of the farm. Finding a hickory stick in the woodpile I sawed off a piece about three feet long for the handle. I could not take time to prepare a fire for heating an iron, so I flattened the end of a quarter-inch bolt and drove it in one end of the stick, then beat the head to make it rough like teeth. Several inches from the end I fast-

ened a short length of chain and a



Wire Stretcher In Use.

hook taken from a singletree. The winch stated hook was bent so that the barbs on the wire could not slip through.

When barbed wire becomes slack it

Grass and live stock should to hand twenty thousand dollars. It was I who in hand. There is no farm, which, if did it. I worked out a plot against him properly managed and kept : t least properly managed and kent : t least one-half of the time in grasses and clovers, and gradually brough under a proper system of rotation, would not produce more, in fact, double the crops which it now does, and yet of stantly be growing better and better

Hog Knows What He Wanis. Experiments and experience feem to was to restore to a loyal, faithful girl indicate that a hog knows what he her lover, to a patient, loving mother wants, how much he wants, and when he wants it.

> Use for Undesirable Eggis Small or dirty eggs should not be placed on the market. Use them at home.

Best Kind of Play is Work One of the best kinds of play is the icy condition work. Many of the elements of play some places along : enter into work if it is performed in formed a couple of the right spirit. The most satisfying forms of play are those in which interest is excited; competition, with desire to succeed and accomplish some definite end, makes the game worth playing. Work is fatiguing and distasteful when it is lacking in these elements.

Sergt. P. J. Parkey of the Head-quarters Company of Fort Andrews visited his wife four days last week at Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fessenden's. He expects to leave for Italy or France about January 25.

Joseph Oullette has been detained at home for the past week with a severe cold

George W. Bridges was in Pepperell on Tuesday.

Mrs. Eldorus Fessenden spent last week in West Newton.

Mrs. Minnie I. Holcombe spent last Wednesday in Leominster. Mrs. Elbridge Adams of Townsend and Mrs. Grace Sullivan of Reed's ferry have been recent guests of Will

Shattuck and family. Mrs. Emily Works and children Myrtle and Louis have left town for North Truro, Mass.

P. J. O'Connell and family were called to Cambridge on Friday to at-tend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Frank McDugan.

Mrs. Sarah Colburn, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Campbell, passed her nintleth birth-lay on January 14. Mrs. Harry Whitney has been very ill with asthma.

Mrs. Belle Hall has been suffering rom an ulcerated tooth and neuralgia Guy Campbell has been a guest of his father, Fred Campbell. Mrs. Campbell is visiting her old home in

Walter Corey has been confined to his home with an attack of the grippe but is able to be about again. He is acting as janitor at the Daniels academy building in the absence of A. T. Pierce, who is employed by the Fresh Pond Ico Company.

George Purrington, who was a sum-mer guest in our midst last season, has enlisted and is in Florida. Helen Rockwood fell on the ice last

Wednesday and has been unable to attend school since. Marion Stiles was at home from her school duties in Nashua on Saturday

A. A. Hall and family moved to the house owned by Mrs. Charles Russell on Milford street.

O. D. Fessenden spent Wednesday Ralph Lovejoy of Hollis has been a guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Boul-ton. He has enlisted in the navy.

Forrest Hall, who is serving in the navy, was a guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hall, Monday. Work on the ice began on Monday, anuary 7. Mr. Emery, who has been January 7. Mr. Emery, who has been timekeeper at the icehouse for a numper of years, is at the nome of Edward

Charles Dunbar made a business rip to Nashua last week. Rev. Edward Kelley and family have subjection spending the past week in Spen-commercia

Brookline Grange held its regular meeting on January 9. John Smith of Mason, assisted by his wife and Miss Blanche Hall, installed the new officers for the ensuing year. Grover Farwell, who was elected assistant steward, has since enlisted and Forace Hall was elected to take his place, and James Glison will succeed Forace Hall as overseer. There was a short literary program as follows: Reading, George Cady; song, Henry Mailey; plano solo, Mrs. Charles Boulton, and a report of the State Grange meeting by Mrs. George Standley andd Ralph Greeley. Remarks were made by Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Mason, Ralph Lovejoy of Hollis and Willis Burns of Milford. There were fifty present, among them twelve visitors from surrounding towns.

It was reported that there are twelve Blanche Hall, installed the new officer

It was reported that there are twelve

When barbed wire becomes slack it can be tightened by catching it between the claws of a hammer and making a series of kinks. These kinks should not be too short to weaken the wire.—J. L. Pinkston in Popular Science Monthly.

REVIVAL OF FRUIT ORCHARD

Proper Surgical Attention Will Prove Effective—Cut Out Dead Wood and Fill in Holes.

Old orchards can be revived by proper surgical attention. Cut out the Mrs. Frank Sherikan returned home. The Red Cross held its regular meet- Unitarian Church Notes.

Graniteville,

At the first mass of Stehnich last Surday assume, bers of the Holy Name so ed hely communion er the second mass ng of the Women's S at this meeting, who tended, the members by the spiritual die Heaney, after which fleers were elected Coulow terr. Missilian Conley, per.; Miss Harry O Brien, as per.; Miss Catherine Hanley, treas, The regular mostly of the Red Cross was held on West esday afternoon and a great an out of work was turned out by the members. The members were also established in the making of a reaching of bandage

at this time. A daughter was Mrs. Rudolf Richer The car service Fitchburg railway layed on Sunday the ice had the thick from the time the last night until the fisembled at

A very pleasant the home of Mr. an fifth birthday annivers the daughter Elizabeth this time and the time was pleasantly Don't spoil good fresh fruit by making it into ples or puddings.

childhood. Dainty refreshments were served and it is needless to say that this part of the program was thoroughly enjoyed. Elizabeth was the recipient of many pretty gifts from her little friends. The party was surely a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. by all.

We are surely having all sorts of weather here this season for on Trussday we had snow, rain, hell and sunshine—all in one day.

LITTLETON

News Items.

Congratulations to Robert Harwood who has been elected to the editorial staff of the Harvard Crimson.

The Odd Ladies will be installed in-to their several offices by Deputy Clas-son, of Leominster, Monday night, and the pink degree will be conferred the same evening. James E. Smith is roady to leave fo

James E. Smith is ready to leave for Washington, D. C., at this time. He expects to be absent about two months, and will be engaged in official duties pertaining to the Brotherhood of Railway Maintenance employees. ployees.

New Boston and Maine timetables go into effect on Sunday. Few changes for Littleton appear on the schedule. A Sunday afternoon strain from Boston is taken off.

Rev. W. C. Brown went to Worces-ter to preach last Sunday in the Unity church, which he has been supplying for several weeks. The Newtown surgical dressings workers met with Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb on Thursday.

L. W. C.

L. W. C.

The Woman's club met in the auditorium of the Unitarian church Monday afternoon and listened with wrapt attention to the compelling message of Miss Mabel Hill of Brookline and Chelmsford, author, teacher and lecturer. Miss Hill chose to substitute for her subject announced in the club calendar, "Our obligations to society in general." As Americans we need to think more and work for the solidarity of this nation. The laissez faire attitude (let well enough alone) too prevalent among us, characterized our Anglo-Saxon ancestors and made possible the conquest of their beloved land, Great Britain, by William, the Conqueror, ancestor of the present Kaiser.

Raiser.

Liberty is one of the most cherished possessions of the English speaking race and the development of a pure democracy is our ambition, but not all the peoples of the United States have the peoples of the United States have that attitude of mind that dominates the descendants of the old Puritan stock. Here in this country, charter-lized us "the melting pot," are all nationalities presenting the problem of amalgamation. A stupendous task this, which requires thought, sacrifice, subjection of selfish ambition and commercial interests to the patriotic demands imposed upon us by our country.

BOXED PAPER

ENVELOPES

We also have

Pads, Tablets, Blank Books, Resident in the patriotic demands imposed upon us by our country.

commercial interests to the patriotic demands imposed upon us by our country.

We need to think in terms of the brotherhood of man—to educate, assimilate, inspire all the varied pationalities and peoples within our borders that they think and act as a solid nation from democratic and patriotic motives. For such achievement a readjustment of society is necessary.

In closing Miss Hill read, "The housewife's hymn," and concluded by saying that we ought to be thankful for our opportunity to live in such a time as this that takes us out and above the thought of ourselves in the interest and service of our beloved nation.

The speaker was interested.

The speaker was introduced by Miss Fannie A. Sanderson, chairman of the Civics committee, who gratefully acknowledged the indebtedness of the

It was reported that there are twelve grange members now enlisted in their country's service: Sergt. D. Wallace Jenness and Frank Bailey, cook, are at Charlotte, N. C.: Grover Farwell is in Portsmouth; Additord Ouillette is in Florida; Chester Barnaby is, in San Antonio, Texas, and Matthew Burke is "somewhere in France."

Reulien Keey is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. He is a member of the signal corps at Charlotte, N. C.: Sergeants Duncklee and Janiness and their wives are keeping house in a bungalow about half a mile from the camp. Mach inconvenience has been caused them because their trunks which started when they did have not yet arrived.

Edward Pierce has been on the sick list.

The Red Cross held its regular meet.

Livings committee, who gratefully active to Miss Hill.

Chronic Committee, who gratefully active to Miss Hill.

The quartet, who gratefully active to Miss Hill.

The quartet, who gratefully active to Miss Hill.

The quartet, Mesdames Hager, Prouty, Hartwell and Houghton, sang a brilliant, finely rendered selection, Mrs. Parker, president of the club, gave a faithful report of the recent water federation meeting and read Madeline Bridge's "Life's mirror," involved the property of the recent water federation meeting and read Madeline Bridge's "Life's mirror," involved the property of the recent for Country to the new year. The recording secretary's report was accepted, communications were read by the corresponding secretary and invitations to the legislative conference in addition to other lousiness.

Miss Hill was the gratefully accepted to the club to Miss Hill.

Chronics Committee, who wies are twelved to Miss Hill.

The Red Cross held its regular meet.

decorated with the coats of arms of twelve of the allied nations, tastefully drawn in water colors by one of the young ladies of the mion. A service flag has also been ordered to accompany the foll of honor, but has not yet.

FORD

Citizens Caucus.

At the citizens' can be week work work the citizens' caucus is an entered to the citizens' can be week and affected as sharing and officiated as haring and chairs and results from the control of the country was held.

Watts as so telary, the description of the country of Middless X, on the country was held.

Watts as so telary, the description of the country of Middless X, on the country was held.

Watts as so telary, the description of the country was largely at the Rey C. P. The country of the countr town committee. Other pames of sidered for the office of highway su veyor, Charles A. Hartwell, Fred. Hartwell, George Vapp, Edwe N Robinson, and for selectman and over seer of the poor, F. Frank Jacobs

New Advertisements

GOOD OPPORTUNITY To get Piano at less than half value,

returned on lease to our district area. In perfect condition, mahogany upright, well known make chair an outbut, no extense condition the nome of Mr. and Wis Mark Falmer on heave to all strict agent occasion being the echocation of the fifth birthday annivers of their little daughter Elizabeth. Many of little daughter Elizabeth's friends had suthered at the first three markets and the second of purchase will be made to suit case. tomer. Address,

BATES-MITCHELL CO. Care of Turner's Public Spirit, Ayet.



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Selectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters,

Thursday, January 17, 1918, from Saturday, January 26, 1918, from

12 M. to 10 P. M. Registration will close at 10 P. M., Saturday, January 26, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registering, or to correct a

clerical error or mistake. Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they Miss Elizabeth Brown returned to have been assessed for the year 1917. her studies at Wellesley college last week Wednesday.

Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of ister must show their certificate of

> naturalization. PETER B. MURPHY. FRANK J. MALONEY, LOUIS H. CUSHING.

GUY B. REMICK. Registrars of Voters.

Stationery

CORRESPONDENCE CARDS

randums, Ledgers, Grocer and Time Books in paper-and board

See Our

GILBERT PUZZLES



Don't neglect your children's teethwatch for the six-year molar, which erupts between the lifth and seventh

Proper Surgical Attention Will Prove Effective—Cut Out Dead Wood and Fill in Holes.

Old orchards can be revived by proper enterest of the Ried Cross. A new assignment of with his been received and its hond that a good attention. Cut out the dead wood; fill in the holes and decayled spots with cement; cover exposed wounds with antiseptic tree plant; remove surplus growth from the integration of the tree to let in the sunlight; spade up the tough sod near the trees. The Sunday method for his spade up the tough sod near the trees of Gold.

The Sunday school voted last 8 mm day to give its collection Streday for the relate of the suffering children in the member of with the street of the suffering children in the member of with street of the suffering children in the member of with the sunday set in the following still have the old-style calendar today in the nature of a Ch. stimus gift and, from the takes of suffering their interest of the interest of the interest of the nature of a Ch. stimus gift of money from the takes of suffering their interest of the suffering children in the member of with the sunday still have the old-style calendar today sti

FRANK S. BENNETT Successor to ARTHUR FENNER

Insurance Agent and Broker Main Street Turner's Bldg.

AYER, MASS. Ralph H. Wylie DENTIST

Barry Bldg. AYER MASS. Telephone Connection 3m45

Percelain, Feather, Fur Money.

and Siam; and feather money, manufactured from the short red feather

from beneath the wings of a species

of parrot, is the ordinary currency of the Santa Cruz islanders. The Loyalty

islands, which lie in the Pacific to the

east of Australia, are famous for their

fur money. The fur, which is taken

from behind the ears of the so-called

"flying fox," in reality a large fruit-

eating bat, is woven into cords of vari-

ous lengths, and these constitute the

ordinary currency of the islanders.

Porcelain money is used in Burms

PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

This Paper is Self by Drummey East Pepperell Edward L. Harkins Postoffice, Shieley

Brockelman Bros...........Shirley ff, P. Tainter.....Grotom & Co.....Littleton Common

The date with your name is stamped on the margin and shows to what time your subscription is paid, and also herves as a continuous receipt.

Change of Address

Subscribers wishing the postoffice address of the paper changed, must send us both the old and new address and also the name of the paper they

Saturday, January 19, 1918.

PEPPERELL

News Items.

A fine large puppy, partly of the breed called Boston bull, was found last week Tuesday by Eugene Fletcher, Oak hill, curied up in a sleigh which was out of doors, early in the morning. As the thermometer stood below zero there was no question of taking it in, and it has remained there contentedly since. As the dog is considered of value and was evidently house-broken, someone is probably mourning for their pet.

Henry Lakin has been confined to

Henry Lakin has been confined to is house this week with pleurisy. In is absence Commissioner Blood was

er street, Sunday, January 13.

A meeting of Pepperell troop, Boy Scouts, will be held at Firemen's room, town house, Wednesday evening, January 23, at 7.45. A number of scouts will be appointed as aides to the committee on public information, to serve as dispatch bearers for the government. Scout tests will be considered and plans made for future work. Members whose attendance record is poor or who are not advancing their qualifications will be dropped from membership on March 1. This will be an important meeting and every scout is expected to attend unless good reason prevents. The treasurer will reason prevents. The treasurer will receive monthly dues.

All the schools in town in the interests of fuel conservation will have one session during the cold weather, the order to become effective January 21. Hours are: High school, 8 a. m. to 1 p. m.; Main street, 8.15 a. m. to 1 p. m.; Groton street, 8.30 a. m. to 1.15 p. m. The Townsend street school will be discontinued the children attending at the continued, the children attending at the Main street building and the teacher, Miss Sara Hubbard, acting as assistant in the same building. News of the advancement of any of

News of the advancement of any of our enlisted town boys is always a matter of interest. Letters recently received from Irying Church to his mother. Mrs. Clara Church, of this town, fell of his promotion. He enlisted in the aviation corps a short time ago and from Boston was sent to New Rochelle, Nr. Y. It speakes well for the hospital ble people of that place, that although no barracks had been fitted up in readiness for troops, yet the 3000 or more soldiers turned in upon them were well cared for, homes, halls and churches being thrown open. Selection of cerbeing thrown open. Selection of cer-tgin men was soon made and young Church, with others were sent to Camp Church, with others were sent to Camp Dix, N. J. After several weeks of training he passed examination as mechanician last week and was one of five, out of the fifty examined, to pass; and was transferred to the aviation training camp at Augusta, Georgia, on Wednesday, with hopes of another transfer to France and into active serv-ice soon. His letters are enthusiastic ice soon. His letters are enthusiastic on army life and doings and he claims that he has "never once been sorry he enlisted." He has met with no boys from home in any of his transfers, al-though Roger Robbins was at Camp Dix, but was in quarantine from meas

Michael Drumm has been quite ill with the prevailing grippe and this week was threatened with pneumonia. Other Pepperell news on page one

News Items.

A good number of the opportunity to buy thrift stamps at the postoffice and thus patriotically assist the government and at the same time make a good and safe investment for them.

The officers of Mary A. Livermore

Mr. Harris has moved into Mrs. A. Gregory's house at the Center, comg from Cambridge. He is engaged Earl (

delivered in town this week.

and the King's Familians and the original processing for many processing the minimum and processing the least of eyesight and hearing she impresses one as having a contented spriit. Her interests are by no means self-centered, but as in the days of her prime, she thinks much of her neighbors and church associates and the events that claim attention throughout the world.

The new programs for 1915, and "Content of the new programs for 1915, and the new program for 1

Miss Elizabeth Danahy of Everett, a graduate of Boston university, and now a teacher in Castine, Me., has been engaged to succeed Miss Thornbeen engaged to succeed sins Anothing the North. dike on the high school faculty and is expected to begin her duties here on January 28. Since Miss Thorndike's elected trustee of the Harvard character from town Mrs. LeRoy Greenfield has been teaching her DEEP BREATHING

After more or less delay occasioned by storms and other unfavorable con-ditions Hartwell & Hosmer have filled their icehouse on Mill road.

their icehouse on Mill road.

To those persons who inquire about the shortness of the Littleton column we would reply that little news is in the making here at present. Our people are patriotically engaged in conserving fuel through the elimination of social functions and busily engaged in working for the Red Cross equipment.

Indirectly was bearn that Mr. and

Indirectly we learn that Mr. and body substances like a Mrs. Stacy C. Bates contemplate an known to be injurious.

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS auto trip to Florida in the immediate future.

The Girl Scouts, organized under the

al of the Littleton people were reported as having planned to attend the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona meeting Fitchburg on Thursday.

Hugh Waters is at a hospital in oston, where he is being treated for

at present.

Acksel Iverson, stationed at Panama, and his brother, Edward Iverson, of Camp Gordon, Ga., received Christmas boxes from Littleton people which pleased them very much, and for which they send sincere thanks to all who so thoughtfully remembered them. A son, the fourth boy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Moutton, Tuckers street, Sunday, January 13.

A meeting of Pennana.

Lois, daughter of Clifford Smith, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Stewart, of Worcester, were over Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb

Whitcomb.

The local fuel committee see nothing encouraging in the coal situation; in fact, conditions are growing worse rather than better. Little hope is given from the Storrow office and other official sources. What will be the effect of this latest move by the government remains to be seen. Newspapers are publishing many opinions. The effects are certain to be far-reaching and grave doubts are expressed of the coal supply for the season of 1918-19. One feature at present is cheerful. In this town men are chopping large quantities of wood, not only for their own consumption, but for market, and quantities of wood, not only for their own consumption, but for market, and this surplus may help out locally, to some extent. The fuel committee advise saving coal in every way possible and encourage the chopping of wood. Miss Martha Wainwright has re-turned from a week's visit in Fitch-

burg. Jane McGovran's little white dog, so familiar to the people of the west vil-lage, was hit and decapitated by the 6.19 train from Ayer on Wednesday night.

Ten women met for Red Cross work at Mrs. N. H. Whitcomb's on Thurs-day 'afternoon. The meeting next Thursday will be with Mrs. Tillotson. The work on surgical dressings at Mrs. Cook's on Thursday was carried on by a good number of the village women. Some of the children are takwomen. Some of the children are tak-ing a keen delight in helping out in work for the soldiers and are seriously assuming responsibilities of a patriotic nature.

Collectors of papers and magazines for the benefit of the public safety treasury may be expected at your homes very soon.

J. M, Hartwell, local agent for Ford cars, has received notice from head-J. M, Hartwell, local agent for Fora cars, has received notice from head-quarters that it may be impossible to buy this make of automobiles in the spring. All available cars are being taken at present, thus not permitting dealers to store cars for their trade later on. Prospective purchasers will protect themselves by putting in their protect themselves by putting in their order at once.

SHIRLEY

Allen J. Hathaway of the quarternaster's department at Memphis, enn., has been promoted to the rank A good number.

A good number. A good number of Littleton people noon at four o'clock. The towns are cordially invited to attendible advantage of the opportunity to

Earl Graves, of Concord, spent Mon-

A small amount of pea coal has been lelivered in town this week.

Fred Reed has had the misfortune o lose a horse recently.

Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting relatives and friends in Lexington and mrs. A full attendance is desired.

Earl Graves, of Concord, spent Monday at the home 65 his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

The meeting of he Matrons' Aid society on January 22 will be held with Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting relatives and friends in Lexington and mrs. Lexington and mrs. Lexington and mrs. Lexington and mrs. The lead of the meeting of the Matrons' Aid society on January 22 will be held with Mrs. Lexington and mrs. A full attendance of the meeting of the Matrons' Aid society on January 22 will be held with Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting relative to the meeting of the Matrons' Aid society on January 22 will be held with Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting relative to the meeting of the Matrons' Aid society on January 22 will be held with Mrs. Amelia Wakefield is visiting relative to the meeting of the Matrons' Aid society on January 22 will be held with Mrs. Lexier G. Holden. A full attendance of the Matrons' Aid society on January 22 will be held with Mrs. Lexier G. Holden. A full attendance of the Mrs. Amelia water and the misfortune of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and Mrs. Amelia water and the misfortune of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of the meeting of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of the meeting of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of the meeting of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of the meeting of the Mrs. Lexier G. Holden and the misfortune of th

Dedham.

Mrs. R. H. Phelps spent a very pleasint eighty-sixth birthday at her home in the Center Wednesday. She received pleasant tokens of love from the immediate family and was remembered with three birthday cakes. Friends in the neighborhood called informally and the King's Daughters and others sent appreciated reminders of the occasion. Mrs. Phelps enhows a good degree of health and although not possible which is desired.

The installation of officers took place in the installing officer, within G. White past master of Ayer. Grange, did some excellent work, as support committee served a lunch consisting of sandwiches, cookies, picks and coffee. All officers were present, except the gatekeeper, Ames Farse of health and although not possible which have been prepared by the least

A letter recently received from France from Thomas H. Evans, reports him to be well and in good spirits. The Waterman family have move Wodsville to their new home a

Robert H. J. Holden has been re-elected trustee of the Harvard chapter

DEEP BREATHING

Air free if you put it in yourself. Sign in Montclair, N. J., garage.

It costs nothing to feed the mind with wholesome mental food instead of trash or morbid literature that easily decompose and poisons your whole life.

One or two ounces of fine flowers of sulphur put on a bright, clear fire will remove the soot collected in the flues.

It costs nothing to keep out of your

JAPAN HONORS WASHINGTON. Striking evidence of the growing The icy walking has induced not a few pedestrians to respond to the law of gravitation this week, but we fail to learn of any serious accident that has resulted. Mrs. Babcock fell and sparined her wrist. Miss Florence Page slipped and dislocated her shoulder. greatly pleased by the friendliness of the greeting, and he asked us to forget the little mole hills that have been exaggerated into mountains to mar our good relations. At Mount Vernon the ambassador placed a wreath of roses upon the tomb of George Washington, expected to join the ranks.

The Grange met Wednesday evening in Oddfellows' hall which they found twery cozy and well adapted to their needs. The program as announced last week was carried out with the exception of the solo by Miss Hunt, who could not be present. A hand of whist soncluded the very pleasant evening. The next meeting, February 5, will be given up to a dance and whist. Several of the Littleton people were reported. Washington belongs to all mankind, of the earth to honor his memory and to reiterate their faith in the principles to which his great life was devoted. Japan claims entrance to this holy circle. She yields to none in reverence and respect-nor is there any gulf between the ancient East and new-born West too deep and wide for the hearts and understandings of her people to cross.' Language so noble, eloquent and affectionate as this could only proceed from the lips of a friend.

> Did you ever see a picture of the kaiser laughing? Come to think of it, all those at the head of the German government take themselves pretty se riously, says Washington Star. What they need is a laugh now and then to take the stress off their minds and get themselves out of the habit of thinking the world revolves around them. Imagine the kaiser spending forty years collecting jokes and award ing an iron cross to the individual who would make him laugh. What a different world this would be! Laughing men never would have precipitated the present world crisis. If the kaiser had formed the habit of the great upliftof the corners of his mouth-Belgium would have been a happy nation today. Laughing men never strewed Europe with dead wrecks of men and cathe-

It is earnestly hoped that the suffer ings of this war may be the means of uniting the peoples of the world to declare in universal congress of human sentiment that this shall be the last great war. The mind reels at contemplation of the sacrifices of this military carnival, but if it should be the means of forever ending the destruction of life in masses of millions and drawing all mankind together, as many believes it will, the stupendous price may after all not have been too high. Future civilization will be erected upon the lives dedicated to liberty in Europe.

The United States authorities are to wipe out the German spy system in this country, and it is none too soon to begin this important work. The restraints of civilication put this and other countries at a disadvantage with a nation which admits of no restraints at all, either civilized or moral. But even these restraints allow methods of dealing effectively with unscrupulous foes in our power who are simply encouraged by any consideration or leni-

The city of Denver has decided to purchase three thousand sheep for use as lawn mowers. They will be turned loose on the grass plats in its parks next year. It is expected that the city will make a handsome profit on the mutton and wool and will gain the benefit of handsome park lawns besides. If the experiment works out well it will be imitated elsewhere.

The Filipinos are displaying an enthusiasm as American soldiers which ment and at the same time make a good and safe investment for themselves. Here is the opportunity for the small investor to do his bit for his country. Even the children can help wonderfully by the purchase of these stamps and feel that they are just as surely assisting the government as strictly assisting the government as though they bought liberty bonds, for this is practically the same thing.

A. Eugene Robbins has been helping out at Woods' garage at the Common for a few weeks.

The neighbors and many other friends of Mrs. H. L. Caulkins were pleased to welcome her home from the hospital has week Thursday evening. Mrs. A.

Mr. Harris has moved into Mrs. A.

Mr. Johnson, of Boston.

The officers of Mary A. Livermore loade of Rebekahs will be installed on the ploade evening. January 23, at a special meeting. Nellie P. Garland. d. p. and suite, of Leominster, will be the installing officers.

The annual children's ball given by the dancing classes under the direction of Mrs. C. E. White will be held in Odd Fellows hall on Friday evening for all. Henault's orchestra, file for all. Henault's orchestra, friends of Mrs. H. L. Caulkins were pleased to welcome her home from the before cars to all nearby towns.

Mr. Harris has moved into Mrs. A. helps to remove the old fear that the

trenches if they were able, but who, when asked to eat corn bread instead of wheat bread one day in the weekwell, that's expecting too much of them.

The man who informs the world that what the Germans didn't destroy in Belgium when they went in will be blown out of existence when they go Telegram. out is probably one of those cheerful optimists who believe in keeping the worst concealed.

"Come what may," says the kaiser, "we are able to confidently look the lot.-Flerida Times-Union. in the face." "Impudently," would be a better word than "confi-

hroughout the world.

Mrs. Laura Farmer is sick with a rery severe cold and pneumonia is pared.

Mrs. Laura Farmer is sick with a bad cold.

A letter become one of the declining, if not

The war will not last ten years, but it may seem like that time before it is over.

Kissing. An optimist holds this pleasant pros

pect out to engaged couples: "Unmarried couples kiss and forgive: Married couples kiss and declare a truce

Vehicles Bear Owners' Names In England all carts and wagons nust bear the owner's name and address before being used in a public highway.

THE FEDERAL

Before March 1

REVENUE MEN HELPING OUT

Teach Feet to Point Straight. The human foot is wonderful in its formation; the 26 bones and intricate ent of muscles make it susceptible of a high degree of training, as one observes in fancy skating and ballet dencing. But it is sadly hampered in its practical activity by being encased in leather and having to keepers to the multi-millionaire. Although many thousands of peo support the weight of as well as to propel the body forward. To overcome this as far as possible we should learn to walk with the feet pointing

Shakespeare and the Bible. Whatever his faults and limitations, Shakespeare will live forever. Dr. George W. Carey has said: "Shake speare probed the deeps of human possibilities, analyzed the stuff from which thoughts are made, turned the searchlight of incomparable genius on the records of the soul, painted its deeds on the canvas of life, and left it and ashamed." Shakespeare and the Bible will survive, after all our current literature is forgotten.-Los Angeles Times.

practically straight.

Handy Use for Adhesive Tape. Adhesive tape is useful in the shor and for the home mechanic, for many purposes: to mend broken handles temporarily; to bind up a cut finger; to prevent a hammer or ax handle from slipping in the hands, by applying a ferrule for awl, chisel, etc.; around the nail set it will keep that tool from jarring the hand; around a lead pencil in the vest pocket as a guard.-Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Used First Sewing Machine.

The first woman in America to use a sewing machine died at Winsted, in Connecticut, at the age of eighty-six. She was Miss Elizabeth Kilbourn, who in the fifties was a teacher in a private school at New Hartford. When Elias Howe was experimenting with his invention, he asked her to help him, and so to her fell the honor of being the first to use the new machine.

Speed on the Plano.

When a well-known planiste was playing a presto by Mendelssohn a man who was present set himself to counting the notes and the time occupled. She played 5,595 notes in four minutes and three seconds. Every one of these notes involved three movements of a finger; elbow or arm. A 24 notes per second that amounted to 72 movements a second.

Growing of Trouble.

Annoying troubles, noxious weeds that they are, must have the elements of ordinary life or they will fade away and die-a receptive soil in which to grow, the moisture of one's own tears as well as the tears of as many other good people as can be induced to cry, and the gentle sunlight of sympathetic attention.-St. Paul Pioneer Press.

In Harvest Time.

The delights of vigorous manhood and womanhood are not those of youth. but they are none the less enjoyable because of that little difference, says St. Paul Ploneer Press. A life, well lived, grows richer, fuller and more bounteous as it approaches the harvest

The Difference.

Everyone who enjoys that the principal thing to the tree is the fruit, but in point of fact the principal thing to it is the seed. Herein lies the difference between them that create and them that enjoy .- Nletz-

Pity Him!

Don't laugh at the pale, emaclated fellow who says "Good morning" to you late in the afternoon, cautions the Moberly Index. The chap may be a worker on a morning newspaper and may have just "got up."-Kansas City Times.

Got the Other Place. A practical joker called up the tele phone operator and said: "Hello. Give me heaven," but that isn't what she gave him.-Youngstown

Clothing. No telling how far this woman's

dress matter will go. Some women now wish to be clothed with the bal

Produce Finer Linen Yarn. Using a chemical process, a Moscow

Many Uses for Palmyra Palm. There are said to be about 800 uses for the palmyra palm, which grows fine of \$2000 and a year's imprisonthroughout tropical India.

finer liqen yarn than the finest spun,

Neatly Put.
We are told that Tom Hood liked

best to work in a serious vein, on such that compression of a high degree poems as "The Bridge of Sighs," As not injure the fiber, and cotton is packhe put it himself: "It's only for my ed in other countries today at a den livelihood that I'm a lively Hood."— sity substantially three times that of Boston Transcript.

sings through her nose, like an ele-

INCOME TAX

Returns Must Be Filed on or

Between 350,000 and 400,000 peopl of Massachusetts in all walks of life are required to file Federal Income Tax returns for the year 1917. Citizens and residents in every section of the state are now affected by the Federal Income Tax laws, from wage earners, farmers, and small store

nle who have never before filed Federal returns are this year required to do so, there is a closer co-opera-tion between the Government and the people in making the regulations clearly understood.

The Internal Revenue Office at Bos ton has sent out one hundred of its trained deputies to assist the people in understanding their obligations and in preparing the required person returns. These deputies have headquarters in the leading industrial centers and are radiating into the surrounding towns and farming districts.

It is the earnest intention of John F. Malley, Collector of Internal Revenue for Massachusetts to bring ev ery facility of his office to the aid of citizens and residents, so that the number of delinquents who fail to fulfill the obligation imposed by the law will be a small minority. Collector Malley points out the fol lowing vital facts in connection with

the Federal Income Tax for 1917: WHO MUST FILE? Every unmarried person whose net income was \$1000 or over.

Every married person living apart from wife (or husband), whose net income was \$1000 or over

Every married person living with wife (or husband), whose net income, including that of wife (or husband) and minor children, was \$2000 or over.

The obligation to file the return is independent of whether tax is due the government. The law says such return must be flied. The net income of an individual is his total income less certain ex-

penditures named in the law. In computing the tax there is a personal exemption of \$1000 to an unmarried person; \$2000 to a married person, or to a single person, who actually supports one or more dependent rel atives. A parent is allowed \$200 extra exemption for each child under

There are only two divisions of people in Massachusetts who are re lieved from the obligation to file income tax returns for 1917. First: A person who received not come below the amount specified in

an individual in his status as a mar ried or unmarried person. Second:—The officials and employees of a state, county, city or town, who did not receive, aside from salary or wages from such sources,

the law as requiring a return from

taxable income to the amount specified in the law. Collector Malley has particularly pointed out that a return of net income may be required even though a tax is not due the Government. In other words, he says "the filing of returns is mandatory, a special provision of the income tax law." Any tax due the Government is computed on such a return. The prime necessity for the resident of Massachusetts at this time is that he prepare and file with Collector Malley or one of his deputies an accurate return for 1917, on or before March 1, if his income reached the amounts named in

the law. a person's net income for was below \$3000, he should file his return on Form 1040A. Blanks of this form may be secured from John F. Malley, Collector of Internal Revenue, Boston, or from any of his deputies who are traveling through the state. Postmasters and the press are

in close touch with the operations

of these men, and can furnish information as to when these men can be reached for blanks and for free advice in the preparation of returns Every precaution has been taken against liability of fraud. The Internal Revenue deputies give their services free of charge, and are not allowed to accept cash. Checks or money orders in payment of tax due can be accepted by them, and in fact it is suggested that when returns are filed it is often more convenient for the tax payer to attach then and there a check or money order, thus avoiding the necessity for future annoyance or possible inconvenience or oversight in making payment of the

tax due. There are severe penalties provided by the Federal Income Tax law in cases of negligence or evasion of the duty of filing returns that are fequired. There is a penalty of from \$20 to \$1000 for failure to file return engineer claims to have produced a within the period prescribed by law, that is on or before March 1st. There is also a penalty of 50% added to any tax due the Governmen

on the delinquent return A person who makes a false or fraudulent return is subject to ment; and he must pay double the tax which he has evaded.

Compressing Cotton Scientific investigation has proved

ours by the most economical practice. The Egyptian package has a density of about 87 pounds a cubic foot; the Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payment package nas a density of about 87 pounds a cubic foot; the Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while some Indian cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while cotton is compressed to 45 payments per cubic foot; while cotton is compressed to 4 Many a vaudeville actress seems dian and Chinese balling plants effect a to think she's a big thing because she'density of from 55 to 60 pounds of sings through her nose like an elecottobiper cubic foot.

Jan. | Saturday Sale | Jan. 19

At Fitchburg's Big Market

PORK TO ROAST-Whole Loins 25c. lb. Roasts 28c.-30c. lb. FRESH SHOULDERS 26c. lb. PLAIN TRIPE 11c. lb. SMOKED SHOULDERS 27c. lb. . SPARE RIBS 20c. 1b.

PIECES OF HAM-6 to 8 pounds-25c. 1b.

LAMB	BEST
Force 27c. 1b.	Guara
Forequarters 24c. lb.	Pure 1
Hindquarters 30c. 10.	Camer
Legs as low as 32c. lb.	Roque
Stewing Pieces 22c. 1b.	R. &
BEEF	Califo
Boneless Roasts 29c. lb.	Hortic
Pot Roasts 22c24c, lb.	Florid
Boneless Sirloin Roasts 38c. lb.	
Rib Roasts 26c. lb.	. 1
Stew Beef 23c. 1b.	White
Choice Steaks	Native
	Lettu
POUL/TRY	Caulif
Choice Fowl 38c. lb.	Egg 1
Fancy Chickens . 40c42c. lb.	Red

Rabbits 75c pair Sliced Dried Beef 30c lb. Hamburg Steak 20c. lb. Fresh Tripe 20c. lb. TEA TRADES New Crop of Teas, Excellent Drinking Quality; Low Prices Formosa Colong 33c. lb. Japan Groen Mixed Tea New Figs 33c. 1b. BAKERY

Chickens for stew, cut up 35c. lb.

Lady Fingers Cream Puffs Eclairs The Best Baked Beans in the City Hot from the Oven 32c. qt. Eat Brown Bread and Save Wheat 10c.-17c. louf

inteed Eggs ... 47c. dozen

Lard ... 31c. lb.

mbert Cheese ... 42c. lb. . 1.00 lb fort Cheese R. Plum Pudding 35c. can 60c., \$1.00 can ornia Beans 17c. lb. icultural Beans . . . 14c. lb. da Oranges 29c. doz. FRESH VEGETABLES e Celery 17c. bunch to Celery 18c.-25c. bunch flowers 30c. each Plants 40c. each Cabbase . 12a lb. Horse Radish Root.... 20c. lb. NATIONAL BISCUITS Sugar Top Cookies 22c. Ib. Fig Newtons
Chocolate Bars 20c. lb. .30c. lb. Doris Biscuit 30c. lb.
Vanilla Wafers 35c. lb.
Social Biscuits 14c. pkg.
S. S. Butter Orackers 20c. pkg.
Premium Soda Crackers, saited

TUB BUTTER.

. 49c, 1b.

20c. Ib.

. FISH DEPT. Gorton's Clam Chowder, it's

HOUSEHOLD DEPT.

Sunlight Soap 6c. bar Octagon Soap Powder . 7c. pkg. Enameline Stove Polish 10c. can Kimball's Stove Polish 14c. can Brooms, 75c., 90c., 95c. each

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION, License No. G, 23,853

BROCKELMAN BROS.

ETTOHRURG MARKET

Telephone 2080

FITCHBURG, MASS.

420 Main Street

Miss Cora Hartwell of Acton has come to spend the rest of the winter with her brother's family.

All the schools will open Monday after a four weeks vacation. Miss Mabel Wetherbee is visiting riends in Worcester. Miss Mabel Wetherbee is visiting friends in Worcester.

At the last regular meeting of Boxboro Grange held Friday evening, January 11, Robert C. Sherman of Springfield was the installing officer and Maude K. Richardson assisted. The following are the new officers: H. P. Burroughs, master; J. R. Priest, o.; Margaret G. Livermore, Iec.; F. W. Dodge, etew.; J. R. Livermore, asst. stew.; Anna F. Cunningham, c.; Marion E. Burroughs, treas.; Mabel W. Wetherbee, sec.; H. C. Porter, g.k.; Helen I. Burroughs, Ceres; Helen F. Fierra, Flora; Lucy V. Wetherbee, la., years. Befreshments of sandwiches s.; C. H. Richardson, ex. com. three and hot coffee were served by the supper committee.

The community was saddened last

The community was saddened last week Friday morning to learn that Mrs. W. H. Furbush had passed away Thursday night. She had been sick less than a week with pneumonia. Mrs. Augusta (Raymond) Furbush was born in East Templeton, December 16, 1863. When quite young she lived awhile in this town and later in Somerville, where she received most of her education. Since her marriage she has always lived here. She was a woman of fine character and her natural ability was above the average. The mother of a large family, she had but little time to devote to interests outside her home. She was a charter member of the Grange and contributed much to its usefulness.

She had eleven children, ten of whom are living, the youngest being lifteen years of age. The three daught ters are married and away from home. Of the seven sons only Joseph, the elders the saven was town at twork and the remaining four are at home with their father.

The funeral was held at the church of Monday afternoon, Rev. G. M. Missirian officiating. Miss Dora Fletcher of South Acton sang three selections. In her last resting place, surrounded by flowers sent by loving friends, her face had the serone and beautiful expression of eternal peace.

HARVARD

HARVARD

icus Items. The public schools and Bromfield will not begin until next Tuesday on account of the new Monday holiday. The citizens' caucus is to be held on his week Saturday evening. This cor-ects a previous notice.

Henry Mason, jr., has a badly sprained ankle, which is keeping him confined to the house for a few days.

Frances, daughter of Henry H. Putnam, has been ill with pneumonia. The crisis has passed successfully. Another daughter, Patty, is critically ill at the Massachusetts General hospital. Boston. A transfusion of blood was made Friday, her father undergoing the operation for her. It is feared that another transfusion will be required.

Mr. Goodwin, who has manaked H.

another transfusion will be required.

Mr. Goodwin, who has manaked H.
H. Putnam's farm for years died a few
days ago, the funeral taking place on
Monday. The body was taken to Dover, N. H., for burial.

The administration offices of Fiske
Warren are now located at the Rural
Home building at the old North Shaker family.

er family.

Miss Dorothy West resumed her studies at Becker's Business College this week. She has been home for a

three weeks' rest during the extremel

News Items.

Miss Lucy Wetherbee came home from Waverley, where she is staying with her brother's family, the last of the week, returning Tuesday.

Roy Cobleigh got a rather severe cut on his forehead while coasting recentify. It required the doctor's care and several stitches to fix it up.

The Red Cross meeting was post formed to the extremely of the control of

several stitches to fix it up.

The Red Cross meeting was postponed on Monday on account of the funeral of Mrs. Furbush. It is hoped all who can will be present next Monday as it is necessary to determine whether a branch of Concord chapter will be organized.

Mrs. Frank Dodge is visiting relatives in Townsend and Clinton this week.

Miss Cora Hartwell of Acton has

and candles.

Mrs. Louise Turner is assisting with the work at Fiske Warren's office building.

A musicale by the Music Study class has been aranged for the meeting of the Harvard Woman's club on Monday,

January 21. Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Robinson of Springfield were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Robinson, a few days last week.

Mr. Heeley is again off duty on account of illness and Mr. Hutcherson is acting crossing tender in his place. S. B. Haynes has been off duty-a few days from the railroad station on account of sickness, his place being taken by William Murphy of Hollis, N. H. The Birthday club met with Mrs. Anna Flanders at Worcester last Fri-day and while there Mrs. Littlefield of Framingham, formerly of this vilalled, making an added pleasure

Mrs. Sibley

Now Paying 23c, to 25c, and upwards for Good Poultry

Leave Orders by telephoning Pepperell 51-2, or telephone Lowell 5385-M DAVID SAPERSTAN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscribers have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of FANNIE L. NORRIS late of Ayer in the County of Middlesex deceased, nutestate, and have taken upon themsolves that trust by giving bond, as the

ives that trust by giving bond, as they directs. All persons having demands upon the tate of said deceased are required to hibit the same; and all persons intended to said estate are called upon make payment to

ALBERT L. GALUSHA, BERTHA H. HILDRETH, Administratora. c/o William T. Atwood, 80 State St.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 3, 1918.

Oldest and Largest Real Estate Agency in Middlesex County THOS. H. ELLIOTT

Real Estate and Mortgages

64 Central St. corner of Prospect LOWELL, MASS.

pecial -Attention to Farm Property