Lawrence Bigelow has been on the sick list the past fortnight. Ruth Willard is on a two-weeks racation from her school duties in Lu-

Mrs. S. B. Haynes was the guest of her father, John Sprague, in Shirley, Thursday. E. D. Stone and daughter Esther, of tyer, were in Still River on Thursday.

The annual parish and society meet ing of the Baptist church will be held in the vestry on Thursday evening March 28. The Ladies' Benevolent so

clety will serve a supper previous to the business meeting BOXBORDUCH

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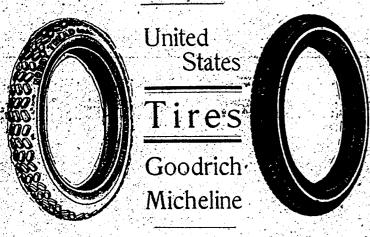
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SHIRLEY

News Items.

A daughter was born on March 20 to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson.

to Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson,
A new service flag of forty-one stars
which includes one gold star, in memory of the late Private Kenneth Horton, who died recently somewhere in
France, was hoisted on the town flag
pole last Sunday afternoon. The flag
was unfurled by the Shiriey Boy
Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Brinley and members of the
D. A. R. A large number of the
townspeople were present. The exercises were closed with the singing of
"America."

At the union services of the Con-

early selection.

build immediately a generating plant and sub-station to take care of the local customers. This will give abso-lute continuity of service and do away with the voltage trouble they have been experiencing.

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cises were closed with the singing of "America."

At the union services of the Congregational and Universalist churches at the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. D. H. Corley will preach on "Compounding a felony."

Union Sunday school at twelve. Song service at seven in the evening, followed by sermon on "The kingdom of truth," by Mr. Corley.

Interests connected with the Shirley Electric Company have purchased the G. M. Ballou mill property, having, had considerable trouble due to low voit age and interruptions in the transmission line service. It is planned to

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Born in Shirley, March 21, a son to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Adams, weighing

Oblituary.

Edward J. Stevens, a widely known and respected clitzen of this town, pussed away last week Thursday at his home on Townsend road from the effects of chronic bronchitis. Mr. Stevens had been in falling health for the past two years, his death, however, was sudden, as the end came without any apparent warning to his family and friends.

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was sudden, as the end came without any apparent warning to his family, and friends.

Mr. Stevens was born in Swanville. Me. March 26, 1851. When quite a boy his family went to California to work in the gold mines, but he remained at home with his grandfather, until he was twenty-one years of age, and being of an adventurous turn of mind he also went to California and joined his brothers in the gold mines, and after spending five years began working his way east, stopping for a limited time at each large city, and finally reached Boston, where he worked for a number of years as conductor on the street railway.

Mr. Stevens was married on September 7, 1891, in Boston, and the following month, October 28, came with his bride to Shirley and purchased the farm on Townsend road, North Shirley, and has remained there up to the time of his death. A couple of years ago he started to remodef his house and the work was nearly finished when he was laid aside by illness.

Mr. Stevens was selectman of Shirley for eighteen years and has also served the town as overseer of the poor, and in all these offices he was faithful and efficient. Mr. Stevens was also popular with the people in general throughout the town and his long years of experience in town affairs made him valuable to the town in every phase of life. He was honest, fearless and conscientious.

The funeral was held on last Saturday afternoon, services being held at the First Parish church, Shirley Center, Rev. Howard 'A. Bridgman of ficialing, who paid a splendid and practical tribute to the life of the deceased. The bearers were Frederick W. Holden, Jeremiah H. Flynn, Asa A. Adams and Walter Knowles. The remains were placed in the family lot of the same cemetery. The near survivor is his wife.

The following is a list of the floral tributes:

Basket of roses. Shieley Center friends: wreath, selectmen of Shirley; large spray of pinks, Mrs. E. J. Stevillars of the floral tributes:

News Items.

Every patriotic townsman has felt proud this week to find that in the list of patriotic towns printed daily in the Boston Post, our town holds second place. As the contest does not close until April 6 there is a possibility that we may secure the shield of honor to be presented by Governor McCall to the city or town in New England, which shows the highest percent of men in service in proportion to the population.

Mrs. Frank Davidson, who came home early in the winter on account of illness, is now able to ride out and it is hoped when pleasant weather prevails she will be fully restored to health. tributes:

Basket of roses, Shirley Center friends; wreath, selectmen of Shirley; large spray of pinks, Mrs. E. J. Stevens; spray pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Nyhn and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin; spray of pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Henny Farrar; Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Comstock; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah H. Flynn; spray of pinks, Mrs. Brown and Harry N. Brown: Mrs. Abbie Longley; spray of snapdragons and hyacinths, Mrs. Herman Hazen; spray of calla lilles, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Farnsworth; spray of pinks, Bixby-Webber Co.; Frederick W. Holden; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

HARVARD

Still River. Mr. and Mrs. John Heeley entertain-ed their daughter, Ada Heeley, of Lowell, over Sunday.

Mrs. Fannie Haskell, the victim of broken rib, is making good recovery. Kenneth Russell of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was at home on Tuesday night:

A very interesting meeting of the Missionary circle was held with Mrs. George Burroughs on Wednesday afternoon. A good himber were present and the literary program unusually interesting. The ladies of the Red Cross met at the parsonage for sewing on Wednesday and will meet each Wednesday at the same place until Jurther notice.

William Heeley Teturner to Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., Monday, after a week's visit with his parents.

Mrs. Margaret Livermore, who has been in poor health for several weeks went to a hospital in Boston on Wed nesday for examination, as appendi citis was feared. Rogene Priest was obliged to return o the hospital for a minor operation

George Hager, of Clinton, was week-end visitor at S. B. Hager's.

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A large collection of really good clothing was secured by the Red Cross and taken to the Concord chapter on Friday to be sent to the French and Beigium refugee children. The books for the soldiers will not be sent until Monday, so that books brought to the library on Saturday can be included. Already a good number have been received, but we would like more.

A very interesting meeting of the

Edwin Loring, of Worcester, was seek-end visitor at the Philbricks.

Sunday services—Morning worship at eleven o'clock. Preacher, Dr. Geo. LaPlana of Harvard Divinity school. Sunday school at 12.15. C. E. meeting and evening service at seven o'clock.

Dr. LaPlana, who is not a stranger to the town people, will supply the pulpit on Sunday morning. Fastor Mr. Missirian, during the week left for Canada, upon the invitation of the for Canada, upon the invitation of the Canadian clubs, to lecture on behalf of the Armenian relief at Chatham, London, Hamilton and Toronto. He expects to return from the trip towards the latter part of the next week and will preach at the church on

The paster gave a lecture at the Reformatory in Concord Junction last Sunday afternoon to an interesting growd of 500 young men.

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Mrs. Adeline Wa week very ple of her cousins. Ames of Someta Mr. and Mrs. John A good-sized ardience favored the Girl Scouts on the evening of Tuesday. March 19, and from demonstrations may be judged to have felt well repaid for their efforts. The sum of \$30 was netted.

Fred Davis of Mansfield, now employed at Camp Devens, will move into the Halpin house on New Estate road next week.

road next week.

E. A. Flace's lease of the Hager farm has expired and as he has decided not to renew it, will offer his herd of cattle at auction sale Saturday. In the afternoon he will sell the B. S. Hager personal property at the Flace tenement barn. Mr. Ayers will cater at noon. Mr. Flace expects to begin work on an extension to his tenement barn next week. This is intended for the housing of his truck.

Mrs. Foster H. Dole visited there

the housing of his truck.

Mrs. Foster H. Dole visited her mother in Rosbury from Friday till Wednesday. She enjoyed a genuine treat in hearing Lilly Carthew, the talented reader at Steinert hall, as the guest of Miss Adelaide Noyes, and reports the artist as simply wonderful. Laurence Dole spent the week with Dorcester friends and incidentally took his turn at chicken-pox.

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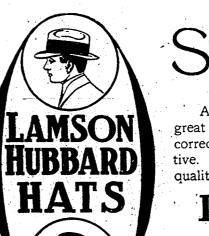
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RELIABLE CLOTHIER

Miss Julia Conant and Mrs. Adelia Parker are moving their household goods into Mrs. Hendley's barn where they will be stored for the present.

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Ayer, Mass., March 22, 1918.

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Saturday, March 23, 1918

WESTFORD

A pleasant, social whist party was held at the Unitarian vestry last Saturday evening under the auspices of the Camp Fire Girls. Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served and there was informal dancing. About eight dollars was realized by the event.

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Although the walking was pretty bad last Sunday a good sized congregation was present for the union services at the Unitarian church. The music was in charge of the union choir and Rev. L. H. Buckshorn was in charge of the opening services. Rev. H. A. Lincoln preached a good sermon on "Life's journey." A union Sunday school was held at the close of the morning service and in the evening the usual Sunday evening service in charge of Mr. Lincoln was held.

The Ladies' Ald society held an ail-

L. W. Wheeler was in attendance on Tuesday at the United States hotel in Boston at the meeting and dinner of the Massachusetts Tax Collectors' as-

Miss Mary P. Bunce, a patient at St. John's hospital, Lowell, is making a somewhat slower convalescence than expected, but friends visiting her this week report that she expects to leave

the hospital soon. J. Herbert Fletcher has had at his store this week two fine fox skins, bought from local huntsmen. Miss Alice Howard and Miss Mabel

Drew were in attendance at the Presidents' conference of Woman's clubs at the Cantabridgia club, Cambridge, Thursday.

In one of our recent severe gales of wind the brick ends of the burned house at Nashobah farm, which re-mained standing after the fire, colthus completing the ruin of

The traveling has been unusually bad in the village streets this past week, although much helpful work has been Word has been received that Sath although much neighbl work has been done in keeping culverts open and draining off the water. At the east end of the common, opposite Mr. Walker's, a place has been kept lighted each night with red lanterns for the safety of vehicles and automobiles.

J. M. Hartwell, who has never missed more than a day or two at a time in many years on his Westford route, makes his present more prolonged absence much more noticeable.

Tadmuck Club.

* The Tadmuck could held an entry able and well attended meeting on Monday afternoon in the auditorian of the Unitarian courch. As there was no representative from the old at the mid-winter meeting of the State Federation in Chelsen, Miss Helward gave an excellent report from the March Holletin. The matter of the work that the Massach seats claus according for the destroys of the experience of the state of the state

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About Town.

Norman Phillips has gone to work on the H. E. Fletcher railroad track, which connects the H. E. Fletcher stone quarry with Brookside. Andrew Johnson, former section boss from growing:

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Smith, of Canada and Boston, have moved into the east tenement of Charles Whitney's house. Mr. Smith has engaged to farm with William Pollock at the Fletcher "Cold Spring" form. Mr. Smith was a former employee on this farm a few years ago.

Miss Carolyn Putnam We a very interesting cooking. arm a few years ago.

The Old Oaken Bucket farm folks, planted potatoes on March 17, twenty years ago. On this March 17 it would take too much heat persuasion to make the snow, ice and frost vacate their overtime rights. Besides Gorfield's heat orders would be liable to interfere at forcing them to vacate. at forcing them to vacate.

Last week Friday morning, about 1.20, the freight train from Ayer to Lowell was wrecked at Brookside and eight cars were thrown from the track which blocked the trailic for several hours. A wrecking train from Nashua and Lowell soon lifted the embargo. The wreck was caused by a split switch and occurred at the same place and apparently the same cause that wrecked the Buffalo Bill wild west show a few years ago, part of the train taking the H. E. Fletcher road to the quarry and part adhering to the main line to Lowell. Several telephone and telegraph poles were boosted out of plumb in the accident last week Friday.

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friends in Hartford, Conn., during the spring vacation.

The Shepley swamp woodlot located The Shepley swamp woodlot located at the head waters of Nabnassett pond has been sold to William C. Edwards. This was part of the real estate of Levi T. Fletcher, deceased, and more recently the estate of his daughter, S. Augusta Butterfield, who died in Ayer a few years ago. The sale was authorized by Hon. George J. Burns, of Ayer, administrator of her estate.

will bring the number of men in the various branches of the United States service from Westford up to sixty-four.

Our interested bird-lovers report this week the presence of robins, bluebirds and blackbirds.

The academy has been having a week of vacation, but owing to the interruptions in the school year earlier in the season at the Frost school the usual March vacation was cancelled.

L. W. Wheeler was, in attendance on Thresday at the United States hotel in Thresday at the United States hotel in the ways of her household.

eighth birthday.

Just a passing word of congratulation and overdue at that, to Mrs. John Burbeck on her eightleth birthday. There was no meeting of the Girl Scouts this week as Mrs. Harwood had to attend the Girl Scout entertainment in Littleton.

Graniteville.

The schools have been closed this week for the annual spring vacation.

Miss Issie Parker, principal of the Sargent school here, has been spending the past few days as the guest of the ways of her household. the ways of her household.

The Red Cross circle at the Black-smith's corner, met with Mrs. LaBout-ley last week and again this week. Mrs. Charles Whitney is ill at her home on the Lowell road.

Not being able to legislate the time table of the sun to fit our clocks and conserve daylight, we are going to legislate our clocks one hour ahead of the sun's clock and watch the sun try the sun's clock and watch the sun try to keep up with the procession; also, those always loosing time clocks will never be able to mark time as laid down by those who think that we could not get to work at six in the morning unless the clock justified and said it was seven, although the sun, as an infallible time regulator says it is six. Now the principle of conserving daylight concentrated at the afternoon part of the day, but are we so tithered part of the day, but are we so tithered to our imagination that we couldn't make this principle workable without

Word has been received that Seth W. Banister has arrived in France.

Warnings on Production of Food.

The department of agriculture has this much to say to all farmers with a special emphasis to that class of farmers who are inclined to curtail production for fear of over-production:

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About Town.

In the present crisis, it is desirable : go back to some degree to spring wheat

th Littleton, spur line, shall we as guardians of food production put our hands to the plow as never moved into larles. Whit the shall we allied armies and nations have throtagues.

Miss Carolyn Putnam Webber gave a very interesting cooking lecture to those present at Abbot's hall, Thursday evening. Miss Webber demonstrated the following foods on butter and fat economy: Nut and rice loaf, salmon with peanuts, cheese ginger bread, baked whiting-barley mutins, barley sponge cake. Owing to the interest of the people here Mr. Cameron has kindly arranged for Miss Webber to come three more times, instead of only once, as before agreed.

The Abbot Worsted Co. has nosted. Miss Carolyn Putnam Webber gave

Miss Eva Pyne is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. E. B. Guyer of Savin Hill, Dorchester.

Miss Rachel Kimball of Littleton as a guest of Miss Carolyn Precious he first of the week.

This is the week for the collection of old clothes for the relief of French and Belgian families who are within the German lines and are destitute. ine usual Sunday evening service in charge of Mr. Lincoln was held.

The Ladies' Aid society held an all-day meeting at the Congregational vestry on Tuesday with about fifteen present. A pleasant box luncheon, with hot drinks was enjoyed at noon and a good amount of work was accomplished.

The exemption board in Ayer will send twenty-two men from the fifteenth district to Camp Devens on March 29. Westford's quota for this contingent will be the following five men: Norman J. Brule, William F. Buckingham, Joseph A. Heroux, Frank H. Sullivan and Albert A. Collins. This will bring the number of men in the rate of Ayer and March 29. Westford up to sixty-four.

Our interested bird-lovers report this

L. P. Palmer, the well known stone contractor, has recently returned to her home here, after having spent the last few weeks with his daughter in outhern California. Mrs. J. W. Blodgett of the Millstone

road, near the Groton line, observed her seventleth birthday anniversary in an informal manner on last Sunin an informal-manner on last Sunday. During the day many of her friends called to tender their congratulations and she was also the recipient of many pleasing birthday cards and beautiful flowers. Her husband. Mr. Blodgett, who is now in his eighty-third year, has not been feeling well of late and at present is confined to of late and at present is confined to his bed. Her son, Fred R. Blodgett who broke his ankle some three months ago, is now progressing rapidly, although he will not be able to be about for some time yet."

The Abbot Worsted Co. has posted notices announcing an increase wages, to go into effect March 25.

The sudden death of Mrs. Bridget Gardner that occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Healy here on last week Friday night, came as a of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Healy here on last week Friday night, came as a severe shock to her many friends here and in Forse Village, where she was well and favorably known. Mrs. Gardawn from Friday and apparently felt in good health. In the evening she attended to her asked duties on al demand, duction on al demand, duction can England, astained or the Lene was stopping. On alighting from the car she felt a spell of weakness and was assisted home.

funeral took place from the of her daughter on last Monming and was largely attendmine o'clock a funeral mass obrated in St. Catherine's Rey, Henry L. Scott. The hoir was in attendance and direction of Miss Mary F. sang the Georgian chant. At the "Pie Jesu" was sungley wiss Rebecca LeDue and set was being borne from.

New Advertisementa.

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A Disappearing Island.

At Lake Orion, in Michigan, there is a certain mysterious island which comes to the surface each summer, only to disappear again every winter. Quite regularly, along the middle of August, the island bobs up above/the waters of the lake, and down it goes slands .- Christian Science Monitor.

Stamp Perforation. The perforation of stamps was first commenced in England in 1853, for re ceipt and draft stamps, and for post

age stamps in 1854. Prior to that pe riod stamps were separated by means of scissors or a knife or similar means and in some cases those who required many resorted to the use of a roulette. a kind of cogwheel furnished with small cutters, making a series of cuts between the stamps.

Birds' Nests for Soup.

The birds' nests from which the farfamed Chinese soup is made are built by a species of swallow that abounds coasts of Java, Ceylon and Bor neo, and consists of a gelatinous substance obtained from marine plants. The nests are boiled either in chicken broth or in milk of almonds, and the result very much resembles vermicelli soup, except that it is far more costly.

Rich Anthracite Deposits.

At least twenty-one workable beds of anthracite have been identified in the state of Pennsylvania. Their maximum depth below the surface approximates 2500 feet, and they contain at best from sixty to seventy feet of coal. However, in the "southern" field some of the beds are estimated to reach levels 4,000 feet below the surface.

The Jaywalker.

What of the jaywalker? He crosses the street diagonally. The motorman Miss Issie Parker, principal of the Sargent school here, has been spending the past few days as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Putney in Chelmston of the Constant of the Con the crossing calls to him. In the hos pital nurses prepare bandages; and at home a dog howls for his master .-Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

To Be Remembered. Frugality is good, if liberality be joined with it. The first is leaving off superfluous expenses; the last bestow ing them to the benefit of others that need. The first without the last begins covetousness: the last without the first begins prodigality; both together make an excellent temper.-William Penn.

His Patience Exhausted.

A friend liked to tease Max. One day when he thought she had been too rough with him he fammed his hands deep into his overall pockets and, back away from her, asked, "What do you think I is—something to pay with or something weal?"

"One of de surest ways," said Uncle Eben, "to git a crowd highly pleased and interested is to stan' up and tell 'em dey is so wicked dey is all goin' direck to perdition, or words to dat ef-

there any more."

Historical Wagram.

Wagram, known by its own people w Miss Repecca Leffide and the left was being borne from as Deutsch-Wagram, is a village of Austria, situated on the plain of Marchfeld, eleven and a half miles of the left with the left was being being as Deutsch-Wagram, is a village of Austria, situated on the plain of Marchfeld, eleven and a half miles northeast of Vienna, Austria. Here were many being the left was being being to a village of Austria of Marchfeld, eleven and a half miles of the left with the left was being borne from as Deutsch-Wagram, is a village of Austria. parte defeated the Austrians, commanded by the Archduke Charles.

Was in the Name.

The strolling company were playing "Hatolet," but they were afraid that Shakespeare's great tragedy would not sufficiently attract, so they conceived the bright idea of altering the title to "How a Stepfather Was Paid Out." The result was a crowded house.-London Tit-Bits.

Raising Siberian Hares. The raising of Siberian hares for commercial purposes has been undertaken on a large scale by business men on a farm near Hamilton, Ont.

Wouldn't If She Could.



CHOOSING SITE FOR ORCHARD

Great Caution Should Be Exercised in Selecting Location—Soil is Most Important,

A person planning to set out an orchard in the future should exercise great caution in choosing the site. because his success depends largely upon it. The first thing to consider is the soil. He should examine both the surface and the subsoil as to the fertility. He should examine the sur face and the sub-drainage.

Another important point that few people consider is the air drainage. If the orchard is at the foot of a long slope it is more liable to frost dam It is also important which way the orchard slopes. If it is so the sun can shine directly upon it in the early morning the frost is apt to do more injury. The slope also has much to do with the coloring and ripening of the fruit. The land should not slope toward the prevailing wind because the winds will do the trees

much injury.

Not of the least importance are the windbreaks. Do not select a site where cedar trees are near, as they harbor the apple rust. You also must consider who owns it, because your neighbor may not choose to lenve it there. If a prospective orchardist will consider these points carefully he is sure of success as far as site is concerned.

BORERS HARM APPLE TREES

Round-Headed Variety Is Not Destroyed at Once They Often Destroy Tree Entirely.

(By C. F. NIVEN, Clemson Agricultural College.)

The borers rank among the most destructive enemies of the apple trees There are two classes of them, the round-headed borer, which works at the base of the tree, and the flat-headed, which works well up on the trunk and in the crotches of large limbs. Round-Headed Borer.-The pres-

ence of this insect is usually detected at the base of the tree by the little pile of sawdust castings thrown out from an opening through the bark into its burrow. Often, several borers can be found in one tree. This borer works near the base of the trunk, burrowing up and down, often going below the surface of the soil. The burrow be gins in the bark and sap wood, but soon extends for several inches into the solid wood, often reaching the



Castings of Round-Headed Borer.

heart of small trees. If the borers are not destroyed they often become so numerous as to destroy the tree en-

Flat-Headed Borer.—This insect is found on the upper portion of the runk of the tree and in the crotch of arge limbs. While the damage done by it is sometimes very great, yet it is hardly so destructive as the roundheaded borer. This borer does not go in so deep as the round-headed, yet it sometimes girdles a limb and even the trunk. Healthy trees are rarely attacked by this borer. Therefore farmers who are careful with their trees need not fear it to any great extent.

MICE INJURE FRUIT TREES

Excellent Hiding Place Afforded by Pil ing Loose Soil Around Base-Keep It Smooth.

Mice are likely to make nests around the trunks of trees, provided they have loose material at the base of the trees in which to make a nest. If the young orchard is plowed, the loose soil turned up against the base of the trees makes an excellent hiding place for mice. Soil ought to be scraped bare and smooth around the base of the trees so no loose soil, weeds, grass, or litter can collect and enable the mice to nest close to the trunks where they will eat through the growing layer thus girdling the tree. This precaution should be taken whether wrappers are used or not, as mice frequently burrow in beneath the wrappers, if the soil is loose, and find shelter behind the wrapper.

Votes That Don't Count. Son-"Father, I'm thinking of tak

ing the political economy course at Clancycollege." Alderman Clancy-"All right, me son; but remimber this: Ye can't niver depind awn a vote ye buy cheap."-Life.

The age of elephants is widely disputed, the best calculations of hunters and scientists being admittedly only little more than hazardous, says th New York World.

Elephants' Age in Doubt.

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Necessary to Train Both Plants in Bush Form to Avoid Borers of 'Root and Stalk

(Prepared by the United States Depart-ment of Agriculture.)

If ease of cultivation were the only consideration in pruning currents and gooseberries, the tree form would certainly be most convenient and economical. Unfortunately the grower has no choice in this matter, for in order to insure his plants against the ravages of borers of the root and stalk it is necessary to train both these plants in a bush form. When managed in this syay new wood can annually be induced to spring up from the root to replace any canes which may be destroyed by borers or which may for any other new growth should be stopped when it reaches a convenient height, in order to induce the formation of side branches and thus increase the area of bearing wood. This is much more important than would at first appear, because the fruit of these plants is borne upon fruiting spurs which develop from wood two or more years of age. On the other hand, the renewal of the bush is not only necessary in order to maintain it against insect pests, but to insure a supply of fruit bearing wood to take the place of the old wood which has become unprofitable to maintain.

In general a current bush should be ed of from five to eight stalks, stopped about 18 to 20 inches in height. If the plants are vigorous, shoots stopped at this height will produce several lateral branches, thus forming a compact, broad-headed bush with a maximum expanse of bearing wood.

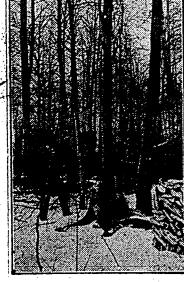
The gooseberry should be treated in like fashion, but will be found to require less heading-back, because its normal habit is to produce numerous side shoots rather than strong, upright

TO RELIEVE FUEL SHORTAGE

Federal Fuel Administration Encour ages Use of Firewood to Lessen Demand for Coal.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Ten experts of the forest service United States department of agriculture, have been assigned to co-operate with the federal fuel administration to relieve the fuel shortage in the eastern, southern and central states. Each of these ten foresters has been assigned to a territory including three or four states in the section named. Their



Draw on Woodlot for Fuel.

duty will consist in encouraging the use of firewood in order to lessen the and for coal. They will demonstrate to farmers and other woodland owners methods of cutting by which firewood can be obtained with the best results to the timber growth. Plans for securing and distributing firewood will be worked out for each territory. It is hoped to establish municipal wood yards in various places and to decide on satisfactory methods of utilizing waste from saw mills and other woodworking plants. A special appeal will be made through the directors in the different states to the farmers to cut cord wood this winter and spring while

Small Flock is Best.

There is more profit in proportion to the numbers in a small flock of chickens than there is in a large one. This enables those who live on small areas to secure eggs at nominal cost.

Make-Up of Purebred.

A purebred animal is one that has certain characteristics fixed in the individual that are capable of transmis-

......... CARE OF HORSES

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) 1. If farm horses are turned out together, remove their shoes 2. Make the horses clean up roughage; avoid all possible waste in feeding. If leguminous roughages are fed, a little straw. or corn stover will be beneficial.

8. Be careful of mares in foal. Avoid strains or other dangers. 4. Bear in mind the care received by the colt the first 18 months of his life will be a big factor in his worth at maturity.

California Efficiency.

There is an efficiency man in San Diego who carries his profession to excess. He has a girl who lives in Los Angeles. He visits her every Sunday and writes every day. For want of a topic the girl asked him in a recent communication if he really did like her eyes. In reply the e. m. replied: "Replying to your inquiry of even date, beg to refer you to my letter, February 24, 1917, wherein the subject was treated exhaustively."-San Diego Union.

POLKA DOTS AND WIDE BRIM



The novel use of polks data com bined with a large inverted brim makes this hat delightfully entrancing. It is designed for the tourist who wishes to bring joy to herself and all beholders, and is fabricated in blue and white satin, with the polka dots as the sole

SOME SPRING FASHION TIPS

Linen Blouses With High Collar Arc Popular-Pumpkin Color is Worn With Navy Short Jacket Suit.

A swagger linen blouse of white recently seen had a high collar, plaited frills and long bands of rose-colored linen, which were stitched all the way down the upper part of the sleeve. The effect was decidedly new and interesting, observes a fashion writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Very smart and attractive are threepiece or middy suits evolved in silk and cloth combinations, and these have very becoming lines for youthful fig-

Decidedly unique is this idea: Pump kin yellow handkerchief linen is devel oped into a mannish, tucked front sleeveless blouse to wear with a navy suit whose jacket is short and boxlike in the latest fashion line.

Effective catstitching in heavy silk is seen for spring.

A lovely shade of amethyst suede draped and clasped with a silver buckle forms the belt on a white velours waistcoat made to go with a short jacket of navy tricotine suit. The result is most pleasing.

Many different colored piques are used for collars and cuffs or lingerie blouses for spring, and this same ma

terial forms many of the smart vests and waistcoats made from spring suits.

GET EGGS AND MEAT is used for some of the most attractive handmade blouses that have arrived

FASHIONS AND FADS

Suits have straight skirts. Topcoats are made of taffeta. The silhouette remains unchanged.

from Paris.

The finest suits are the simplest Foulards are becoming very plenti

Afternoon dresses are made of eta-

Straight one-piece dresses are made of linen. There is some evidence of a return

of laces to favor. Black-and-white checked materials are favored. Pretty turbans are made of green

leaves and rosebuds. There is a return to voiles, both printed and plain.

There are some very pretty evening gowns all of chiffon.

well of in some quarters.

Button-back blouses also find their place in many spring lines. Hats are of the simplest shape, de-

pending entirely on line. Venice lace is slowly pushing itself into favor among laces.

All velvet gowns are made very simply and without trimming. The length of the skirt should be cut

vith an eye to becomingness. Of materials there are a great many silks, pongees and rajahs used.

Color News and Notes.

If you would be considered modish, subdue your favorite reds and greens, advises a fashion authority. Not to the point of fadedness, however; far from it! Simply soften them into bewilderingly beautiful shades. gray-blue lavenders, ashes of roses, that old-time favorite, wistaria, and silver grays and lichen grays; of these are the color cards of fashion. If you desire a spice, add a dash of rosy o.ange or peacock blue, but the smartest costumes are usually of one tone, with the exception perhaps of the as a larger proportion will live; he lining, which may be as gorgeous as you please. Wool embroideries and stitchings are used with effect either in the same shade as the costume or in contrasting colors. The Chinese, Japanese and East Indian influence is plainly felt in the newest designs and colorings. Sometimes they are fairly riots of colors, almost breath-taking in their beauty.

Colors for Lingerie Blouses. The colors that promise to be popular in lingerie blouses for spring and summer are coral. Pekin blue and The last named shade is espe cially popular both in linen and in sheer fabrics, one of the daintiest blouses recently seen being in tan swiss dotted in white and finished with white linen collar and cuffs.

Courtesy and Appreciation

To make courtesy popular it must About two years ago a boy of seven be shown that it pays, pays in dollars and cents as well as in happiness, an exchange says. Appreciation makes the youngest member of a family who for greater effort and creates one of the most valuable assets and builds up a spirit of team work. Much good always results when people think more prizes on the sports ground. Doctors ways results when people think more rights. There are many discouraged hearts everywhere that would be malady and effect a successful cure, helped wonderfully by a word of appreciation.



grove of trees, to the north. This will give the house plenty of sunlight during the greatest possible time and will also protect it from the cold winter

FROM KITCHEN WASTE

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
In every household, no matter how economical the housewife, there is a certain amount of ta-ble scraps and kitchen waste ble scraps and kitchen waste which has feeding value, but which if not fed, finds its way into the garbage pail.

Poultry is the only class of domestic animals which is suitable for converting this waste material, right where it is produced in the city, into wholesome and in the city, into wholesome and nutritious food in the form of eggs and poultry meat.

eggs and poultry meat.

Each hen in her pullet year should produce ten dozen eggs. The average size of the backyard flock should be at least ten hens. Thus each flock would produce in a year 100 dozen eggs which, at the conservative value of 25 cents a dozen, would be worth \$25. worth \$25.

Silpover blouses are thought very well of in some quarters.

Worth \$25.

By keeping a back-yard poultry flock the family would not try flock the family would not living but would have eggs of a * quality and freshness which are

often difficult to obtain.

Remember that eggs produced by the back-yard flock cost very little, as the fowls are fed large ty mon waste materials. ly upon waste materials.

EARLY HATCHING IS DESIRED

It will increase Number and Size of Fowls and to Farmer It Means Much Larger Profits.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

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in the greatest war makes it seem that if the is t the hen must take her place among people. those who are helping to forces of democracy. This place will be an important one in proportion to the response this year to the call for increase chicken and egg production. to Cam-The hen, of course, always has shown willingness to do her duty, and doubtless she is willing now. All that is to be done is for her masters, the speed. dwellers who are helping on a back-yard scale, to make sure that the hens' fall down the basement stairs at the yard scale, to make sure that the hens' opportunity will not be neglected.

Child Died of Old Age.

About two years ago a boy of seven died at Zurich of old age. His case Friday, March 15, was the t prizes on the sports ground. Doctors from all parts of Europe flocked to
Zurich to try to diagnose the boy's
malady and effect a successful cure,
but in vain.

Treminders of the occasion, including a Tree
prettily decorated wedding cake made
by Mrs. Pierce.
Mr. and Mrs. Bush were married on
March 15, 1893, at the home of Mr.
Bush at the corner of Maple and Oak
streets, the ceremony being perform-

sold what is known as the Clement block on Main street to Ekrie Howe of Windsor, Vt. Mrs. Walia

A pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. Hamilton is quite ill with nerving at his home at old City, about fifteen neighbors and friends gathering in honor of his thirty-eighth birthday anniversary. The evening was spent seefally with games and the serving of refreshments. Mr. Anthony received negating renembrances.

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what I do, if I do not give the names of the places.

I have travelled twenty-five miles since I wrote you last and I thought I had seen some wonderful country, but it was nothing in comparison with what I have seen in the past few days. The country here Is now a mass of ruins, and the houses are completely torn to pieces. We are in barracks with dug-outs right at the side where we can go at a moment's notice:

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Saturday, March 23, 1918

GROTON

News Items.

Miss Edna Leonard spent the week end in Boston.

Fred Coburn was taken suddenly ill with a chill last Saturday night, which developed into pneumonia. His many friends trust they may soon hear a fayorable report of his condition.

Mrs. E. C. Leonard, Mrs. G. A. Du rant and Mrs. George Meyet have been entertaining Mrs. Hatch, wife o Capt. Hatch, of Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. Bennick, who has been confined to her bed with the grippe, hable to be about the house again.

Solon Dodge, who was unfortunate in breaking a rib by falling on the ice near his home recently, is ketting on as well as can be expected. He is able to sit up a little while each day and is slowly gaining strength.

Much is being accomplished by the members of the W. R. C., who meet every Thursday at the home of Miss Elizabeth Gibson to knit and sew on the Red Cross work.

Friday evening, March 22, at eight o'clock, Hon. Payson Smith, commissioner of education, will speak in the town hail, under the auspices of the Woman's club. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Marion Pool, who has charge aiss marion root, who has charge of the English department in the high school, spent the week-end at her home in Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bixby, of West Groton, have returned from a five-weeks' vacation in Florida, where they have enjoyed a delightful time with friends and relatives. They feel that they have been greatly benefitted by the change.

Guy Swallow, who has been sick with laryngitis, has returned to his work in Nashua, N. H.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm A. Johnston, of Ayer, at the Croton hospital last week Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tuttle, who spend their winters in the south, write of enjoying a baseball game in Palatka, where 800 soldiers were in attendance, who are stationed at Camp Johnston. Not thinking of seeing anyone they knew they were happily surprised when a soldier came up to Mr. Tuttle and slapped him on the back. He proved to be Jerome to Mr. Tuttle and slapped him on the back. He proved to be Jerome Bowles, formerly of Groton, and a graduate of the high school. When the Bowles family left Groton they went to Ayer, where they built a new house, but finally went to Springfield, from which place Jerome Bowles was called to duty. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were delighted to see Mr. Bowles and invited him and his friend, a young man from San Francisco, Cal. to return with them to their home, where they enjoyed themselves in reminiscences and in having a general good time. Many of the 800 soldiers were delightfully entertained by the residents of Palatka at their homes, treatting them to bee cream, cake, candy ting them to ice cream, cake, candy and cigars.

Mrs. Allen Woods has recently visited her sister, Mrs. Green, of Concord, N. H. Ardelle Warren is convalescing

after suffering a severe attack of the examption hourd has selected

The exemption board has selected twenty-two men from this district, who are to report at Camp Devens on March 29. Of the new men called we find the names of Harvey A. Woods and George L. Gilbert of Groton; Guesseppe Eannuzze and Joseph J. Bosley, of West Groton.

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their newly purchased residence in Ontario.

A crowded house greeted the second class at their presentation of Try of Pepp," a three act foreign comedy given under the direction of Miss Farmie Woods, in town hall, Saturday evening, March 16. The members of the class assisted by members of the lower crosses showed the asynthesis of the foreign in their valuous parts which included of course, the gay and the grave. Many interestiny sit of the foreign were particularly well done, It the members of the class assisted by members of the lower cross of the two class as shell disable the asynthesis of the grave. Many interestiny sit of the class of Early high, Gordon, with the grave. Many interestiny sit of the class of Early high, Gordon, with the grave. Many interestiny sit of the class of Early high, Gordon, with the grave. Was a street of the information of the class of the control of the class of the control of

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Help the Food Committee.

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A pleasant hour was spent last week Thursday afternoon when the young ladles of the telephone office tendered a linen shower to their friend and cooperator, Mrs. Annie Jewett Nutting. Mrs. Nutting was the recipient of many pretty presents which will always re mind her of her friends. Refreshi of ice cream and cake were served.

The music section of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. ('harles B. Ames next Monday afternoon from three to five.

It is a source of considerable satisfaction to learn that Miss Rues Bixby, a graduate of the high school, class of 1917, is taking high rank in her studles at Wellesley college. The college has but two grades of satisfactory work, "passed" and "passed with cred-it." The report states that Miss Bixby passed with credit" in all her sub

The Sunday sermons at the Baptist The Sunday sermons at the Baptist church March - 24, are as follows: At 10.39, a. m., "Palm branches in 1918." At 6.30 p. m., C. E. meeting. At seven p. m., praise service, Come and join in the hymns. This is a soul tonic and helper for the week ahead. Choose a hymn, if you wish. The minister, Rev. Arthur S. Burrows of Boston, will answer questions.

Arthur Shattuck, who has been

Arthur Shattuck, who has been coorly part of the winter, is now in is usual good health.

Bertram E. Tucker arrived in town Monday and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. McGregor. He has been calling on friends during his stay of several

Play of Oberammergau will be given by the Rt. Rev. Monsignor John B. Peterson in town hall on Tuesday eve-ning, March 26, at eight o'clock. An orchestra of five pieces from Camp Devens, under the leadership of Sergt. Alfred Stoessell, who will render

solo, will furnish music, The first number of the Luther Blood lecture course in Groton was held in the town hall on Thursday eve-The musical entertainment dening. The musical entertainment de-lighted a large audience, nearly every seat being occupied. The next number will be a lecture, "The meaning of democracy," on Thursday evening, March 28.

The Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meeting will be held in Town-send next Thursday. The exercises will been at 10 20 will begin at 10.30.

A Girls' club has been organized for the Groton girls under the auspices of the War Camp Community Service. Any girls of sixteen or over who wish to join will meet at Miss Rockwood's next Wednesday at 2.30. Anyone wishing to become a member and unable to be present, may send her name to Miss Rockwood.

Howard Wheelock was in town for short time this week at his home on hicopee row.

There was a good meeting of the arts and crafts department of the Woman's club on Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Nuttings. Mr. and Mrs. George L. Nutting spent the week-end with Mrs. Vira Ames, Pleasant street.

Joseph Brainard, a former pupil at Lawrence academy, has been in town this week. Mrs. J. E. Adams returned from her visit in Athol on Wednesday after enjoying a pleasant vacation from home duties with her sister.

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Help the Food Committee.

one has been found to germinate sufficient percentage to make suitable resed. In another county fitty bushels of corn supposed to be good and offered for sale as seed corn by a prominent farmer, has been withdrawn from the market, as it has failed to prove worth planting.

Itemorts are coming from other stocks of corn selected for seed, that they are practically worthless for that purpose. On the other hand, a few supplies of corn have germinated to an extent to make them valuable for seed. Every farmer in the state plan-

Every farmer in the state planning to grow corn should test his seed immediately, as there is no other way of knowing the worth of his supply.

of knowing the worth of his supply. Test, don't guess.
Save your wood ashes—the wood ashes made available by our coal shortage can be turned to good use in your home garden. They contain potash and lime. Ten chances to one your garden needs both. Many garden failures in 1917 can be charged to a shortage of these two materials. Every 100 pounds of wood ashes will contain from four to eight pounds of contain from four to eight pounds of potash and about thirty pounds of lime. Potash is one of the three neceslime. Potash is one of the three necessary plant food materials that must be added to our Massachusetts soils to make them produce abundantly. Potatoes respond to an abundant supply very quickly and fall where there is no supply. The garden crops respond to a less degree but all find it essential. Most new soils, especially those that are newly turned over and have not been cultivated for years, are acid. The lime in wood ashes neutralizes this

lime in wood ashes neutralizes this condition. As a general rule sour soils will not produce good vegetables. The potash and the lime in wood ashes are

potash and the lime in wood ashes are in ideal form for plant food.

From two to five pounds should be applied broadcast to every 100 square feet and worked into the soil four inches, after the garden is spaded or plowed. It will not give materially greater results to apply more than the maximum recommendation unless the ashes are from dead or soft wood, when nearly twice the amount can be added with profit.

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Never mix wood ashes with manure of any sort. The manures except hen manure, should be spaded or plowed daughter of James Moors, and a formunder. The mixing of wood ashes and er resident of Groton, was brought to

At the quarterly meeting of the Groton Local, N. E. Milk Producers' association, on March 18, letters from the control office were read, covering the following points:

1. Under the prevailing conditions of large surplus of milk, it appears that it may be necessary for producers shipping to small dealers to accept sixty-eight cents per can for the first three months of the year. It should be distinctly understood, nevertheless, three months of the year. It should be distinctly understood, nevertheless, that the Independent Milk Dealers' association, through its president, Mr. Whittemore, agreed in advance to abide by the decision of the Regional Milk Commission, and later specifically agreed to pay the 9½ and 9 cent per quart price in the first and second zones, respectively, as decided by the commission. Therefore, if dealers belonging to the Independent Milk Dealers' association are not paying these ers' association are not paying these prices they have disregarded their word of honor to abide by the decision

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topic, "A cure for intemperance."

was born in Ireland and came to this country at the ago of eighteen. She has made her-home in Groton ever since and for the past six years has lived with her daughter. Mrs. Dilibert. She is survived by three sons and seven daughters. Dennis of Groton, Eugene of Hyde Park and Daniel of Long Island, N. Y.; Mrs. Daniel Dilbert. Mrs. Henry Fitzgorald, Mrs. William Mc-Mahon, Mrs. Hannah Smith, Mrs. Jeremiah Denahy, ir, all of Groton, Mrs. Louis Herbert of East Pepperell and Mrs. John Connell of Littleton. There were also 37 grandchildren and 18

The conouncement is made of the marriage on January 26 of Miss Cathe-erine E. Smith and Harrison M. Hatch, both of this town.

Fred Coburn, a well-known resident of this town, is quite ill with pneumonia, having a trained nurse. A reports he was holding his own.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace A. Brown. Mrs. M. S. Sawyer, Mrs. Messenger and Mrs. E. P. Woolley spent a very pleasant day at the Hillshoro Pomona Grange in Hudson, N. H., on Wednesday. The program was most interesting and full of instruction. A very stirring address by Charles M. Gardner, high priest of demeter, of Springfield, was given; who spoke most intelligently upon the problems of the day which confront one and all. The state master of the New Hampshire Grange was present and he too spoke Grange was present and he too spoke very decidedly on what the farmers must do In the future to help win the

war. Altogether it was a meeting full of interest to all. There were twelve past masters present. The thirty-fifth nniversary of the Hillsboro Pomon anniversary of the Hillsboro Pomona Grange was being celebrated and each past master was presented with a past master's jewel, Mr. Gardner making the speech. A fine history of the thirty-five years was read and a prophecy also, with recitations, solos and a fine dinner. Over 200 were present. Many of the officers of the New Hampshire State Grange, including master, overseer, lecturer. Pomona and others. were among those present.

Mrs. Jane Clark went to Boston this week to consult a specialist in regard to her eye, with which she has been troubled for some time.

Miss Dorothy Donahue, of New York, who has been visiting her aunt on Court street, returned to her home on Sunday after, spending two weeks among her relatives.

F. C. Bishop is taking an enforced vacation from his work in Fitchburg on account of having the mumps.

Mrs. Dora Putnam, of Main street, who is every putnam, of Main street. who is staying with her sister in Hud son, was home for a few days this week.

manure, should be spaded or plowed under. The mixing of wood ashes and manure always results in the loss of ammonia, the most valuable plant Coal ashes may be mixed with hen manure and serves well to dilute and dry the manure.

Milk Producers' Meeting.

At the quarterly meeting of the Grotal the winchester home for old ladies, where she died. She had the best of care and had been there about ten

West Groton,

Recent visitors in town are Miss Mary Clark of Boston, with her niece, Mrs. C. E. Bixby, and Mrs. William Fernald of Framingham, with her laughter, Mrs. G. S. Webber. Fred Reid has obtained work at

Asel Bates of the navy was home over Sunday. He has been transferred to Boston.

Roy Brown Mason, N. H., who has entered the employ of Damon & Richardson, has moved with his family into the Bond house on the road to the Center, recently vacated by Mr. Macomber and family, and his son will attend the high school at the Center.

Pins were first introduced into France and Germany in the fifteenth century, made by hand. John I. Howe of New York (1831) invented a mason will attend the high school at the instead of the twisted wire head or the antimony and lead head.

Rev. Joseph McKean will take for his topic next Sunday morning, "Can we and will we pay the price" and in the evening the Y. P. S. C. E. will be conducted by Warren Elliott on the

Harbor.

Mrs. C. E. Smith was a week-end guest-at the home of her son-in-law, Paul Butler, Forest Hills. Mrs. Florence Conant was a mid-week guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Richards.

Jesse Knowlton, of Chelsea, is spending a few days at Knowlton farm. Charlie Spaulding is putting the fin-ishing touches on his hungalow on the road leading to Wallace hill.

The bluebirds and robins are here a numbers, and with their advent comes the making of maple syrup, Mrs. B. C. Cummings, after a sickusual health.

Miss Myrtle Gray, of Brockton, and Mrs. W. E. Gray were among the guests of Mr. Gray this week.

Miss Dorothy Smith is employed as ypist by the American Mutual Lia-bility Insurance Company, State street,

Willard E. Gray, who has just finished a course of study at the army school of military aeronautics in Princeton, N. J., was home this week on a short furlough. Mr. Gray reports the course a stiff one and that out of a class of 108 but thirty-seven succeeded in making good. Those who fell below the required hercentage ware given the required percentage were given the choice of entering some other brane choice of entering some other branch of aviation or of being sent home subject to draft. On Friday, Mr. Gray along with the other members of th squadron reported at Princeton university, where the school was held From there the squadron will be sent to some aviation field, where a cours in practical flying will be given.

LITTLETON

News Items. A small number of interested wom-en of the United Workers attended the meeting at Miss Elizabeth Thacher's home on Wednesday afternoon. Miss

Home on Wilcox led in the devotions and read a very comprehensive and ably written paper on "Africa and civilization," the product of her own pen. William Griffiths, who was thrown from his wagon and badly shaken up the first of the week, is reported as comfortable.

Carolyn Conant is with her brother Wallace and Mrs. Conant in Concord over the week-end.

The Newtown s committee met with comb on Thursday. Newtown surgical dressing ttee met with Mrs. Walter Tit

Mrs. Clarence Brown attended a funeral in Groton Thursday forenoon.

AYER

News Items.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance accepted an invitation to a meeting of the Fitchburg Alliance on Tuesday. The speaker on the occasion was Rev. The speaker on the occasion was Rev. Florence Buck, the assistant secretary of the National Sunday school society. These ladies attended from Ayer, Mrs. Avis B. Flsher, Miss Emma Butterfield, Mrs. Susan M. Barker, Mrs. Mary Harlow and Mrs. Sheldon. This meeting was followed by a supper in Philips' chapel and a meeting of the Fitchburg Sunday School society—teachers, directors and officers of the school—in the evening. This meeting was also addressed by the same speaker. Rev. Florence Buck is a wide-awake, talented, experienced Sunday school worker, with ability to interest everyone. Mrs. Susan M. Barker remained to the evening meeting.

to the evening meeting.

The regular meeting and fourteenth anniversary of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., will be held on Wednesday evening, March 27, at 7.30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served.

to Boston.

Kirkwood, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence, joined an engineer corps some months ago and is now with the expeditionary forces.

Dorothy Thompson, in training at Groton hospital, has been ill with a touch of rheumatic fever, followed by German measles. Mrs. Thompson was with her at the hospital for several days, until she could be removed to her home. She has made good recovery and expects to return to her duties soon.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington is suffering acutely with asthma and is in care of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, who enlisted several days, who has have acutely with asthma and is in care of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, who enlisted several days, who enlisted several days, who enlisted several days, who enlisted several days with asthma and is in care of Dr. B. H. Hopkins, who enlisted several days.

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CARD OF THANKS I sincerely thank neighbors and friends for the many acts of kindness shown during my husband's sickness and after his death. I also appreciate the beautiful floral tributes. The comforting words of Rev. Howard A. Bridgman was a source of comfort to me and will linger long in my memory. I am deeply grateful to each and all who assisted in any way during my affliction and bereavement.

MRS. E. J. STEVENS.

Shirley, March 20, 1918.

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After forty-six years in the Live distincts I have decided on April 918, to discontinue the same and vish to thank the public for the ge-grous support they have given me. wish to make the public for the kencrous support they have given me.

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one Winter Sieigh Barge, two ThreeSeated Wagons; the harnesses consist
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Heavy, Double, one Set for Four-inhand Barge work, many Sets of Single,
Heavy and Light, and other articles
will be sold at private sale after this
date. Parties wishing to purchase can
call and look them over.

Blankets Robes and Sleighs will not

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS

Blankets, Robes and Sleighs will not be sold until another winter. The Real Estate can be purchased or leased if a party wishes to procure a good stand and continue the business. HENRY A. JOHNSON,

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Purchase the fifteen room House situated on the corner of Forest and Grove Streets, Ayer, and open a lodging house. This property, formerly occupied by the late Peter Tarbell, will be sold to settle up the estate, as will also the nine-room House situated on Forest Street and a Cottage situated on the corner of Church and Grove Streets, Ayer.

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DRUGGIST

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Miss Christine Wismer, who is studying in the pianoforte department of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, made a public appearance last Saturday afternoon at one of the weekly recitals which give practice in public performing to the more advanced students. Her selection was the prelude in E-minor of Edward MacDowell. Miss Wismer is a pupil of Henry Goodrich, of the faculty, who was himself a pupil of the late Mr. MacDowell in the middle nineties.

All persons required to make Fed-

All persons required to make Federal income tax returns may secure form 1040A at the postoffice,

An alarm from box 17, East Main street, called out the fire department to suppress a chimney fire in the house owned by the Robert Murphy Sons' Company, near Flanagan's crossing, last week Friday evening at 6.35. No damage was done.

Mrs. Jennie Hargreaves of Oak street has been appointed head nurse at the Rutland state sanitorium and has entered upon her duties.

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A new rifle school will be a new rifle sc

ton Wednesday to see their daughter who is sick in a hospital. Glad to say she is doing well and expects soon to be out again.

Next Sunday the pastor of the Baptist church will preach at 10.45 a.m.; subject, "A friend in time of frouble." Sunday school at 12. Service of song at 6.30. Preaching at 6.45 by a camp pastor. B. Y. P. U. Tuesday at 7.30. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday at 7.30. Social Friday at seven p. m. Other Ayer matter on opposite page

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the camp to the railway transportation unit is to be made soon. The work gives promise of active overseas duty in the near future.

To assist the drive for the third liberty loan which begins April 6, every officer and enlisted man at the cantonment has been asked to write a letter to at least one friend urging each to get ten other subscribers to the loan.

Rhetoricals,

The following are the rhetoricals to be given at the high school this Friday afternoon:

draft, the first contingent of which is due to arrive here March 29.

A spectacular sham battle took place on Wednesday in which men of the trench mortar platoons of the infantry regiments took part. The same movements as those used in actual warfare in Europe were made. Among the interested spectator's was Sergt. Frank Verhulsf of the 301st Engineers, who received medals for his gallant services in the French army in the present war.

A sham battle is scheduled to take place in North Littleton in the near future, in which real firing will be done.

According to a new order received from Washington on Tuesday men liable for draft must wait until called. The induction of men of draft age through enlistments or special call from organizations in the camp is stopped by this new regulation.

Another new order relates to the cacupt after the men from their home states to camp after they have reported to the local exemption boards.

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Other Ayer matter on opposite page.

Whist Partice.

Mrs. George J. Burns and Mrs. Harry E. Fisher opened their spacious home on upper Washington street last week Friday evening for a whist party under the auspices of the Ayer Branch Alliance. Sixty-eight were at the tables. Mrs. F.C. Morrison and Levi P. Moore won the highest ecores and received the first souvenirs. Mrs. D. H. Mills and A. Paul Fillebrown received the first souvenirs. Mrs. D. H. Mills and A. Paul Fillebrown received the consolation souvenirs, Refeshments were served during the evening. Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Fisher white party in Hardy's holl on The King and Levi P. Sheldon, E. A. Whitney and Miss Able. Whist party in Hardy's holl on Thursday, evening which was athen the Sheldon on the first party in Hardy's holl on Thursday, evening which was athen the Sheldon on The Citation on the Swan Song Geolie of the Swan Song Gerticule Davis and Locore of 17 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 17 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 17 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 17 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 17 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 17 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 17 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, and the last core of 18 out of a possible 84. The gentlemen received plain, an

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District Court.

Frank K. Doyle was found guilty of two illegal sales of intoxicating liquor

Good Friday, at ten in the morning, in the evening, evening prayer and address, the church being-open-through at 130 in the morning, holy communion and sermon.

After Easter the church will be open for the regular Sunday services with morning prayer and sermon.

After Easter the church will be open for the regular Sunday services with morning prayer and sermon each Sunday morning at 10.30, and celebrations of the holy communion on the first Sunday morning of the month at 10.30, and on the third Sunday morning in a teight octook. On Wednesday afternoons at 4.30 prayers will be said in behalf of the men and women in the service of the nation, and a time of quiet set apart for rest and prayer.

A. W. C.

At the meeting of the Woman's club on Tuesday afternoon Miss Johnson read from the State Federation manual. Miss Blood spoile about the need of interesting books for soldiers and sailors, and at recess passed around leaffets printed by the library war service. American Library association. All are urged to send to the Ayer library, novels, tales of adventure, detective stories and standard fiction, books of interest to the boys. An appeal from the Red Cross for clothing was also made, and all wishing to give

taken to the police station

One vagrant had his case dismissed three drunks were fined five dollars each and one paid two dollars ex-penses after he had been found guilty.

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On Sunday evening, April Unitarian Men's club will have Prof. Chenoweth, of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, for the speaker of the evening. The meeting is to be open to the public at eight o'clock.

Edward McLaughlin and Will Shores are working at Camp Devens as inspectors of lumber.

George F. Cobb is under the doc-or's care, suffering from a throat rouble. He has charge of the lum-er going to Coleman Bros. at Camp levens, and is finding it hard to stay

There will be a meeting of the Bird club on Monday evening at 7.30 in the Hapgood Memorial room. Everybody welcome.

Postmaster James Madigan has mov-d into the parsonage of the catholic

H. D. Stone is remodelling the Babcock cottage. When completed the cottage will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. James Brough.

At the motion picture show this Saturday evening Francis N. Bushman and Beverly Bayne will be seen in the six-part feature, "Adopted son." This is a great play. The show will commence at eight o'clock sharp, and will include two other reels besides the feature picture. On next week Thursday evening Stuart Holmes, in "The scarlet letter" from the Fox Film Co... will be the feature picture of the evening, and there will also be a two-reel comedy.

Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived at the home of Mrs, Burtt's parents, the E. A. Flags, last Saturday.

Mrs. George W. Whitcomb and daughter Edith have visited the former's sister in Arlington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stewart are spending a week in Washington on business.

Hon, F. A. Patch, with other members of the Tax Collectors association. Boston on Tuesday.

Leonard Roberts has accepted a position with Mr. Cameron in Lowell and will report for duty soon. He will make his home with his parents.

The following program was given at the meeting of the Literary society or Friday at the Bromfield school; Singing, "American hymn," school; Singing, "American hymn," school; Assay, "The town of Harvard," Bernice M. Walker: recitations, "Farmer M. Walker: recitations, "Farmer M. Brown gets photographed," Leslie A. S. Davis; "In school days," Flora Campbell: singing, "Freedom's flag," school; freshman essays, "My first day will be in line with the thought of the I The following program was given at the meeting of the Literary society of Friday at the Bromfield school: Singing, "American hymn," school: Singing, "The town of Harvard," Bernice M. Walker: recitations, "Farmer Brown gets photographed," Lestle A. S. Davis: "In school days," Flora Campbell: singing, "Freedom's flag," school: freshman essays, "My first day of High school: Herbert E. Morse; of high school: Herbert E. Morse; of carelessness," Rachel G. Ryan: The cost of carelessness," Rachel G. Ryan: The cost of carelessness, arthur S. Bicolovi, and School locals, Evelyn V. King, heginald Wilde: debate, Resolved, That severy high school graduate ought to so to college," Alexander Watson, Perley St. John, affirmative, Hilder M. Ryan, Mabel Crandell, negative: singing, "God of our fathers, known of old, school."

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Members of the Special Aid society and all others interested are reminded of the business meeting to be held in the selectmen's room on Tuesday afternoon, March 26; at three o'clock. J. M. Hartwell has gone to Detroit. It is expected that he will visit his son Chester's family and spend some time at the Ford automobile manu-

facturing headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gardner spent Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Whitcomb. Miss Abbie Billings went last week to East Orange, N. J., where she will visit the Benson Priest family a few

weeks.

Gordon McCleery has purchased a new Ford truck which he will use for his lighter work in his express and passenger business.

Special services in observance of the control of the

bis lighter work in his express and passenger business.

Special services in observance of Palm Sunday will be given at the churches on Sunday morning. Rev. H. C. Merrill will have charge of the service at the Unitarian church; Mrs. Service at the Unitarian church; Mrs. Service at the Unitarian church; Mrs. Fedna Merrill and Herbert Thayer will sing. At the Congregational church the service will be in charge of a supply pastor from Boston. Miss Joply Mrs. Arthur Dudley Ropes. The speaker enjoys a brilliant reputation. Mrs. Benjamin Derby, of Concord, is expected to sing. Her name speaks for itself. All high school pupils are invited to attend the meeting free. Other non-members will be admitted on payment of the usual admission fee. "thu members are reminded that the club voted last spring to contribute twenty-five cents per capita towards the endowment fund. Those who have not paid will have an opportunity on Monday.

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His hobby, outside of Maxwell cars, is farming, and the apples he raises and the wonderful eggs from his formule hers are well known to all his

famous hens are well known to all his

BROOKLINE, N. H.

The Ladies' Aid society held a town meeting dinner at the church vestry on Tuesday, March 12. It was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jenness were visitors in Milford on Monday. Mrs. George Cady was a visitor in Nashua on Monday.

harles Bolton. Edna Wallace, of Townsend, was a disitor in town last week. Mrs. Eldorus Fessenden has been pending a few days with her mother

Newton, Mass. The many friends of George Nye

spending the past week at the of their son Herbert in Somer-

Miss Julette Gilson, of Walpole, N. L. was a visitor in town last Satur-

Gretta Keating, of Boston, and Albert J. Jensen, of Brookline, were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage on March 9 by Rev. Edward Kelley.

Edward Kelley.

Town meeting was held in the Daniels academy building on Tuesday, March 12. The following town officers were elected: Town clerk, Alpha Hall: selectmen, Harry Marshall, David Gilmore and Will Shattuck; road agent, Charles Dunbartauditors, Frank Wilheby and Walter Fessenden. It was left with the selectmen to appoint a town treasurer. O. D. Fessenden was elected delegate to the constitutional convention. A good number were present.

the northwest, says an old tree trimmer, is because in the summer our prevailing winds are from the southeast; the ground then is soft and the trees being in full leaf, the wind tilts them toward the northwest. In the winter the northern winds do not have this effect on the trees because they denuded of leaves and the ground is frozen or hard.

Stained Glass.

'n making stained glass windows, ry bit of the work is done by hand, lit is amazing to realize how many es each piece of glass must be han-An operator tells of counting one day and finding that no less in 12 times were necessary. e lead work is done by hand, too, ten the opening of the little slots into 15th the glass is fastened.

Musk a Chinese Monopoly.

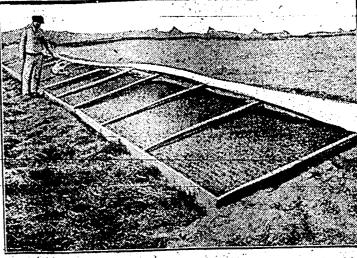
Musk is one product of world comeree in which China practically ena monopoly-not a large one, to les sure, since the annual output is at only some \$400,000 gold, but the product itself is worth many times its eight in silver, and for that matter. gold as well, in these days of high exchange, says the Far Eastern Review, Changking.

To Remove Discolorations. To remove marks and discolorations from brass or gilt ornaments, picture

frames, etc., dissolve a piece of soft soap the size of an egg in a pint of boiling water, then add a tablespoonful of ammonia. Wring a cloth out of the solution and gently wipe the article to be cleaned; then sponge it with care, using cold water. Finally dry with a soft cloth.

Lines to Be Remembered. Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stors, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, nunts and cousins, but only one mother in all the wide world.-Kate Douglas Wiggin.

STARTING PLANTS OF CERTAIN CROPS BEFORE DANGER OF FROST HAS PASSED



Cold Frame With Cloth Cover, Sultable for Growing Plants Not Requiring Warmth of a Hotbed.

In most sections of the South it is desirable to start plants of certain crops before the danger of frost has passed. The simplest method of starting a limited number of plants is by means of a shallow box in a south window of the dwelling. After the plants appear, the box should be turned each day, to prevent the plants drawing to ward the light. A more satisfactory method of starting plants is by mean of hotbeds or cold frames. A hotbed 8 feet by 6 feet will be large enough for the average-sized garden and can be constructed rather cheaply. In the colder regions of the South some form of heat should be supplied. Fresh manure from the horse stable will be found satisfactory for this purpose. Turn the manure two or three times before placing it in the bed, in order to make it uniform in composition and mechanical condition. Make the excavation for the bed about 18 inches deep end, has been a guest at the home of Mrs. Adella Whitcomb. manure, packing it well by trampling. Miss Bertha Clinton has been visit.

Arrange a frame over the manure, so the slope will be to the south. Place Arrange a frame over the manure, so 4 or 5 inches of good garden loam over the manure and cover the frame with a hotbed sash or heavy canvas, preferably the former. The manure will heat quite rapidly for the first few days. During that time ventilate the

tre glad to hear that he is improving slowly in Sandown.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall have The seeds should not be planted until the temperature goes down to 80 defille, Mass. He has been quite in for gress or 85 degrees F. After the seeds have been planted, close attention andergone an operation. have been planted, close attention should be given to the watering and ventilation of the bed. The soil should never be allowed to dry out, but it should not be kept water-soaked. Moisture is necessary for the germination of the seed and for the growth of the of moisture should be avoided, as it stimulates the development of diseases, especially damping-off. Water should be applied early enough in the day to allow plants to dry before night. Ventilate the beds during the heated portion of the day, but cover them in time to insure their warming up enough to prevent chilling the plants during the

night. In the lower South, cold frames may be used instead of hotbeds, and canvas or cotton cloth covers instead of glass. The illustration shows a type of frame commonly used in the warmer section of the South for starting

Transplanting. For the best results, plants started in boxes, hotbeds, or cold frames should be transplanted when they reach a height of 1 to 2 inches. Transplanting tends to produce uniform, stocky plants with a well-developed root system. The seedlings may be transplanted to boxes or to the hotbed or cold frame, to stand about 2 inches apart each way. Some growers transplant twice before setting in the open Fig. 5 shows two celery ground. plants from the same seeding. The one at the left was transplanted, while that at the right was allowed to re main in the seedbed until time for planting in the garden.

Hardening Off. Plants growing in a house, hotbed, or cold frame should be hardened off be fore they are transplanted to the garden. This can be accomplished by ventilation and exposure to outdoor conditions during the day in good weather. If the plants are in a hothed or cold frame, the covers may be removed during the day when the weather is good and replaced toward nightfall. After danger of frosts is past the covers may be left off at night. By the time the All plants are large enough to be transplanted to the garden they should be thoroughly accustomed to outdoor con-Such plants usually with ditions. stand the transfer to the garden with little check and few losses.

Setting Plants in the Open Ground. Before taking the plants from the bed it should be thoroughly watered and the water allowed to soak into the ground. This will insure a portion of the soil adhering to the roots and will prevent serious wilting or the checking of growth. Take up the plants with a trowel or spade and pack them in boxes or baskets in which to carry them to the field.

The land should be in good condition and everything should be ready for quick operation when planting time arrives. Mark off the rows or dig the holes for the plants just before planting to prevent the drying of the soil. If possible, set the plants on a cloudy day or just before nightfall. When

Relax If You Would Sleep. The philosopher Hegel finished his principal work on the eve of the battle of Jena, amidst the thunder of cannon. Noise, instead of interfering with conscious thinking, produces an in-centive to thought. If you keep too vigorous an attention on your ideas, after you compose yourself for sleep; if you maintain an emotional element or any feelings with them, you will lie awake or have only fitful sleep,

(Prepared by the United States Departiment of Agriculture.)

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Departiment of Agriculture. ter should be applied when the hole is partially filled with soil, and the moist earth should then be covered with dry soll to prevent baking. Plants should be set a trifle deeper in the gar den than they were in the plant bed. Pack the soil thoroughly around the plants, so as to avoid air spaces.

DRAINAGE FOR SWAMP LANDS

arge Tracts Can Be Made to Grow Crops and Meat Animals to Feed Thousands of Soldiers.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.) Large tracts of wet land varying in irea from a few hundred to thousands of acres in many states in the humid regions, which now produce little or nothing aside from timber, can be made to grow sufficient crops and meat animals to feed thousands of soldiers, if properly drained. These areas are frequently capable of producing exceptionally good crops, the soil is productive, and only for lack of drainage are prevented from being profitable to

their owners and an asset to the nation. In almost every tract of this kind there are usually a few owners who feel that the land could be drained to advantage and that a few crops produced on the reclaimed area would pay all the expenses of a drainage system but too frequently there are other land owners who object to the plan.

RAISE MORE POULTRY

Help Uncle Sam by raising more poultry and eggs. Uncle Sam wants to double

the production of poultry and eggs next season. Will you do your bit? Are you doing your share to encourage the production of 6,-500,000,000 pounds of eggs that

Eat more poultry and eggs and help to win the war. Hatch your chicks earlier, thereby getting matured birds. The mature pullet lays the most

will be needed next season?

eggs. Produce infertile eggs and save \$15,000,000 worth of food.

FIELD PEA AS FORAGE CROP

Well Adapted to Northern Portion of United States for Spring and

Summer Growth.

(From the United States Department of One of the first crops to be planted in the spring-and in some cases one of the best-is the field pea known in some localities as the Canadian field pea. It deserves even wider use than has been given it according to a recent publication, Farmers' Bulletin 690, entitled "The Field Pea as a Forage Crop," published by the U. S. department of agriculture.

Since the field pea requires a cool temperature during its growth, it is well adapted for spring and summer growth in the northern portion of the United States and in the comparatively high altitudes of the Rocky Mountain region, and for winter growth in the lower South. It is useful on the farm as a rotation crop for hay, grain, silage or green manure, and the peas may be used in the green state as a vegetable like garden peas.

FARMERS ARE SOIL ROBBERS

Those Who Formerly Raised Cattle, Sheep and Hogs Are Now Selling Off Grain Crops.

Thousands of farmers in our richest gricultural regions who were at one time growers of good cattle, sheep and hogs are becoming soil robbers. The high price of grain is tempting them to sell instead of feed out the crops.

GET STRAW BACK ON FIELDS It Contributes Largely to Formation of Humus, Necessary for Continu-

Be sure and get all the straw back on the farm either in the form of manure or spread out over the fields with a straw spreader. It makes humus and that is what the farmer is after if he is to continue harvesting crops.

ous Crops.

Sought Information. It was at a Shakespeare club in small country town. The president of the club, a young lawyer, was giving his views on the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy, and closed his argument thus: "I feel sure Shakespeare wrote the plays, because he was a lawyer No common man could have written A timid little woman, catch; them." ing his eyes, inquired anxiously. there then no uncommon men but lawyers?"-Judge.



By Frances Elizabeth Lanyon

(Copyright, 1918, Western Newspaper Union.) It was a desolate appearing studio, hinting of a past more opulent, but the room was practically bare of embellishment, the fireplace was empty, upon the table was a half-loaf of bread and a jug of water.

"Where now?" inquired Ward Eisler, who was striding the room to keep varm, an expression of discontent and discouragement on his face.

"Going forth in quest of fortune," retorted his brother, "Come," and he assumed vast jubilant spirit. "Who knows but I may strike some luck, enabling you to enjoy a real full meal." "Always thinking of me," spoke the other tenderly. "I've brought you to a nice pass, haven't I?"

"What?" railled Vance Eisler, "bohemianizing to our heart's content! Cheer up, the dawn is sure to brenk!" "That's him-never say die!" muttered Ward Elsler. "I've got him into a tight fix with my foolish speculations. Well, thank goodness, I've got strong enough to go to work, and a position is open for me Monday. I'll work my finger nails off to make up

for the ruln I've caused him." Vance Elsler's face lost all its counterfeit cheerfulness once away from his brother's presence. He went down the hall to an old lumber room, fished out a ragged fur cap with ear flaps and a pair of mittens, well-worn but thick. He tied string about his trousers over the ankles to keep out the snow, then he sallied forth. It was not snowing now, but the city had just experienced the storm of a century. Everywhere gangs of men were clearing sidewalks and trolley tracks. In front of un opera house Vance was halted by a man who was directing a dozen men, busily engaged in removing the great mounds of snow from the street in front of the structure, so that automobiles and carriages could drive

"Here, you!" he spoke to Vance, "I dollar and a half an hour for playing in the snow. Pick up a shovel and take some exercise," and Vance started in with the others.

Glancing up as an automobile swung to the curve, Vance pulled his storm cap down over his face. An august-looking old man was helping out a young lady, beautiful, serene, gorgous in her expensive furs. Alma Duncan, the heiress-her fa-

her, the millionaire! There passed before his mind the golden days, and not so very far back, either, when he had been an honored guest at the palatial home of the Duncans. And shehe had loved her in secret. In another hour his task was com-

pleted. He received his pay and started to cross the street when a bright, glittering object in the snow attracted his attention. He secured it, wonder ing if it was some gewgaw, or of real value. It was a sunburst pin, set with sparkling white stones.

"Vance, rouse up, old fellow!" hailed his brother, when he reached his room. "We'll have our grand meal, if we never have another one." At the restaurant Vance told of the unaccustomed work that had made the feast

taurant Vance told of the unaccustomed work that had made the feast possible. Then he showed his brother the pin.

"Why, you've made a precious find!" declared Ward.

He was up bright and early, went out to the street and returned in a state of high excitement.

"It's advertised," he announced.

"Lost in the opera house or its vicinity. Liberal reward. Apply to John Wisner, lawyer, Portland building. Come on, Vance. I'll go with you and Come on, Vance. I'll go with you and ine oclock in the forenoon, to show nine the possible that is a metal to the forenoon to show nine the forenoon the forenoon the forenoon to show nine the forenoon to show nine the forenoon to show nine the forenoon the forenoon to show nine the forenoon the forenoon to show nine the forenoon the forenoon to show nine the forenoon to show nine the forenoon to show nine the forenoon the for

read aright the cause of his no longer calling upon her. "I can accept no reward in returning what I found to a friend-I hope,

the gentle eyes of Alma was pity for

his threadbare attire, pain because she

he said proudly. "To more than a friend," she murmured, coming to his side and placing her hand on his arm. "Oh, Mr. Eisler!

Why have you neglected us?" "I'll tell you!" burst forth the impetuous Ward. "You are the young lady he talks of in his dreams, whose picture in the studio is the only framed one that he has not sold or pawned to keep my unworthy self from starving. He ruined himself paying my debts. He worked, shoveling snow last night, to feed me."

"Stop!" ordered Vance, but the disclosure had produced its effect. Alma sank to a chair, covering her face with her hands, crying like a child.

"You will come to see me? Oh, Mr. Eisler! promise that you will allow myself, my father and your other true, loyal friends to mend all this?" she deaded There came to Vance the next day an order from Lawyer Wisner to paint

the portraits of all the living and dead

presidents of a local bar association

to he had no need to ask friends for money aid. But, once more on his feet, he did ask the dearest one of them all, Alma Duncan, for love, and oh! how gladly, how freely was it given!

Higher Mathematics. One day during my grandson's third year I gave him several pieces of candy to divide with his little playmate, Virginia, says a contributor to an exchange. When he came into the house I asked him if he divided his candy with Virginia, and this was his reply: "Yes, grandma, I gave Virdnia one plece and took one myself, then I gave her another plece and took another for myself, then there was one plece left and I ate that. Then we both had two pleces.".

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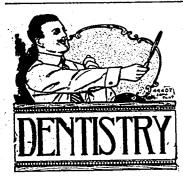
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On the Mountain

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By Susan E. Claggett

From the railroad a faint path stretched upward to a cabin high on the mountain above Horseshoe Bend. The same path continued downward to a cluster of houses, broadened into a narrow road, and came to a full stop before a rough porch, upon which several men were seated in varying de-grees of comfort.

They were listening to one of their number. He was reading, with a trace of impatience—as if compelling him-self to be neighborly when his desire was to hasten away-the market reports, the sporting page and the stock market. But what interested him, the war news, apparently did not hold their attention. They turned deaf ears to news from the front, but were absorbed in the Army and Navy ball game that had taken place the day before in Philadelphia.

With a sigh of relief, Willy Warren at last folded his paper, wished them good-day and, walking rapidly away, was soon lost to view upon the higher path. As he disappeared from sight the chair of Uncle Johnny Peyton came down on its front legs with a thud, and the old man said, addressing no one in particular:

"Pears like Billy's mighty low inhis mind. He's in a heap of trouble I'm thinking,"

"What sort of trouble, Uncle John?" a girl asked casually, as she came through the door of the post office and general store.

"Now, Miss Ma'y, y'know he's 'listed an' don't know what'll becom o' his leedle gal. He's feared he'll have to

go 'fore he kin place her." "I had not heard; but things right themselves in time, and this will be

straightened out." "Maybe, Miss Ma'y, maybe. But y' know Billy's got no one, leastwise down hyar. There's an old aunt in Ioway, an' I guess he's writ to her, but

hain't seen fit to answer, so I reckin she's dead. Course, we-alls 'll luk arfter her, but he's riz her diffrunt. She's a pretty leedle gal. "Billy don't b'long hyar, y'know. He jest come. Something the matter with him. Never hearn tell of his wife. great upheaval a man can allow him-

Jest came with thot gal an' she was & baby. Hired that cabin up yonder an' didn' make fren's till the fever tuk ve-alls, then he come down an' tuk kyar of Jim," nodding toward a mountaineer sitting on the steps, "then he tuk hold o' me. Reckin we'd both be in the boneyard if he hadn'." "So he made friends, after all," said the girl. "I think the child will be

taken care of, Uncle Johnny." "Sure. But thot's not the p'int, Miss Ma'y. She's riz diffrunt." His voice

on a wheedling tone. "I jest wonder if you couldn't think up some way to help Billy? He sartinly needs

"That would be unwarrantable interference, Uncle Johnny. I scarcely know Mr. Warren."

"Don't take no stock in sich talk," said Uncle Johnny, reaching for his twist of tobacco and cutting off a piece of goodly size. "When it comes to doin' things, an' thinkin' up things, Miss Ma'y, you're right smart. You didn' know we-uns when you come to the mountains, but you now has us trained to eat from your hand-al-

She threw back her head and laughed Ayer Variety Store heartly. "Almost' is well put, Uncle Johnny; but I do not see how I can

"'Twon't hurt to think erbout it, anyhow, an' p'hans you'll see light," was his concluding comment, as, with a glance toward the faintly outlined path she turned from the group and walked away.

She had been in the mountain three years—at first for her health, then beause it claimed her. She had heard all about Billy Warren, had occasionally met him, but save for the merest courtesy no word had passed between them. For some reason he had not impressed her pleasantly. This was probably due to the fact that he had nade no effort to know better one who had made friends with all the mountain people.

But the talk of old John Peyton, or ome subconscious sense of trouble in the man himself as he stood silently beside her that morning, waiting for tion of her walk that afternoon. Yet milled, white bolted wheat so influenced until she found herself mestic animals, and more and more she was not aware that she had been

There was no fear in the child's eyes as she raised them to the woman beside her. Instead there was a whispered "hush; you'll wake her. She's een real sick and is just going to

Mary Hilton dropped upon the round, and in an equally low voice asked what was wrong.

"Daddy's says it's a case of mumps or measles, he's not sure which: but she's been so awfuly cross and has tired me so, he says there is no living with either of us."

"Betty, to whom are you talking?" The voice came from the shadow of

"A pretty lady, honey?"-"Don't tell me fairy tales, child;

Filipino Legend. A Philippine legend tells of the origof head hunting. In warfare the Igorot always brings home the heads of his victims. One day the Moon, a woman, was beating out brass. The young child of the Sun stood near by, watching. His scrutiny angered the Moon, and she threw a stick at him, causing decapitation. The Sun then appeared and put his child's head back on his trunk, declaring that be cause of the Moon's wanton act mortals would henceforth cut off each other's heads when in wrath.

pretty ladies don't climb the moun-

"She looks real, daddy. Shall I pinch her and find out?" "I wouldn't. I'll come and find out for myself. There was a rustle of leaves, and Mary Hilton raised her eyes to Billy Warren's face.

She did not move, and the child, with steadily advancing fingers, again asked: "Shall I pinch her, daddy?" He did not reply. Instead he drew his hand across his eyes as if uncertain as to the reality. When he did speak his voice was sadly unsteady. "Thank God! Hereafter I shall al-

ways believe in prayer." Mary looked at him thoughtfully. You have been praying, and I am an answer to your prayer? In what way, especially?"

"You have come." "You wanted me?"

"Yes." "Then why did you not come to me?" "I want help. I could not ask for it unless as a last resort. Offered, it is different."

"And you think I will offer it?" "Judging from your goodness to the mountain people. You give comfort to

"That is different. They are poor In my humble way, I give help where t is needed. Years ago I took a course of training in an eastern hospital. It has stood me in good stead in my life here. But my work does not approach yours. You are a physician?".

"An army surgeon, retired on account of ill health, which I have regained on the mountain. You know what that means at this time. I am ordered to Fort Oglethorpe by the 15th. That leaves me but two days, and I feared I would have to ask for that which I hope will be offered.'

His gesture toward the child was eloquent. "I am all she has." "If I do this thing, do you surrender her entirely, or will you claim her

upon your return?" His eyes held hers with an expres sion quickly veiled. "I will not re-

turn. "I do not quite understand," she replied slowly. "We are strangers. You must have friends who would gladly do this for you."

"Yes, but I would choose you from all the world."

There was a certain controlled emotion in his voice that affected her strangely, and she rose to her feet. "Again I say that I do not understand."

"That is natural." He walked the length of the level in front of the self a certain latitude of expression, especially when he knows it can do no harm," he said gravely. "I do not expect to return. Because I am convinced of this, I can say to you what under other circumstances would be little short of impudence, for, as you say, we are strangers. But I be gan to care for you when you first came to the mountain. I want you to know this, and to believe it. I could not let you know before. My wife— I do not wish to speak of her. She is dead, and I offer you not affront when I tell you that I love you. It is because of this I wish to leave Betty in your care."

With troubled eyes Mary looked toward the child. "I did not imagine

this." "How could you? My effort has been to keep you from knowing. Will you do this for me, now that you do know? It will be my comfort when my time comes, 'over there.'" He turned from her, looking out into the limitless space. "It will be my comfort," he repeated.

"Why are you so sure you will not return?"

"There would be no incentive, with Betty cared for." Then it w: i that Mary surprised "Mr. herself by saying deliberately.

Warren, if I told you that my inter-"Interest! I would want something more than interest," he interrupted.
"Would that not do for the present?"
"Would that not do for the present?"

"No. It must be something more definite." For long she hesitated, then said steadily. "I think it is more than interest. I am not sure. But if an verwhelming anxiety for your safe return is an evidence of a deeper feel-

ing, it is yours." He took her hand, raising it to his lips. "In that case, Mary Hilton, God willing, I will return to you and Betty.

Goat Milk is Valuable.

Milk from the goat has probably een used for food purposes ever since the advent of the first "Mrs. Gotee," and the chances are that it will until time is no more. In Europe the milk goat is one of the most popular of do-What thoroughbreds we have are try. kept on feather mattresses, almost. and fed the best and choicest that the market affords. We are just beginning to see what the "baa baa" really do and what it is actually worth.

The Irish "Long Car."

There was a time—and it was only as long ago as the last century, toowhen the Irish traveled about their country on odd little cars. They were called "long cars" and they were very different, really from the "outside cars" which are still commonly used in Ireland. But the outside car carries no more than two persons on seats, while the long car carried some times as many as sixteen passengers in all. The luggage was piled up in the middle.

Production of Tale. New York produces more than half of the tale in the United States, with Vermont in second place.

Green Dye. The juice of the stalk and leaves of nettles is used to dye woolen stuffs a brilliant and permanent green.

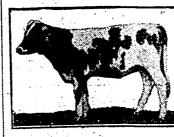
Remer er the Golden Rule. Remember to do unto men what you would have them do unto you.



BREEDING AGE FOR HEIFERS

Time Depends Largely on Develop ment and Season of Year- Cool Season is Favored.

The age at which helfers should freshen depends largely upon their development and the season when it is desired to have most of the cows freshen. Although the larger breeds do not mature at so early an age as the smaller ones, in most cases it is possible by liberal feeding to obtain suffi-



Splendid Dalry Heifer.

cient growth so that helfers may profitably be bred to freshen at two years age. It is seldom desirable for a helfer to freshen at an earlier age.

In deciding upon the time to breed. the size and development should be given greater consideration than the age, since it is important that the helfer have good growth by the time she freshens. However, if allowed to become too mature before breeding, es pecially in the case of animals that are heavily fed, there is sometimes difficulty in getting the helfers in calf.

It is undesirable to have cows freshen during the latter part of the summer, because their milk production be seriously hindered by hot will weather, flies, and dried-up pastures. Rather than have helfers freshen during the summer months, it is advisable to postpone their breeding so that they will freshen during the cooler season.

ADDING VARIETY TO RATION

Feeding Alfalfa Hay Before Cattle Run on Pasture Is Especially Good in Avoiding Bloat.

(By R. H. WILLIAMS, Animal Husband-man, Arizona Experiment Station.) Stockmen have proved to their own satisfaction that it pays to have some alfalfa hay before cattle run on alfalfa pasture. This is especially beneficial in avoiding bloat and adding variety to the ration. The animals seem to get tired of succulent feed and wish a variety. On this account it is always wise to have a feed rack either in the lane or in the field where the animals may receive the dry feed Dairy cows especially will relish a few bites of the hay night and morning. It is a simple matter to keep this hay in the dry lot adjacent to the barn where the cows may eat before and after milking. Better gains will be made in the young stock and also cows will yield more milk and do better if allowed alfalfa hay while on pasture.

CAUSE OF DISEASED UDDERS

Bitter Taste and Rancid Smell in Milk Traced to One Cow in Herd-Cases of Sore Throat

puzzled by a bitter taste and rancid by and shyly answered: "Here I is." Dairymen have occasionally been conditions. It has been found that such conditions can arise from one cow in the herd with a diseased udder and a bacterium has been iso-lated as the immediate cause in the milk. The bacterium credited as the disturbing factor is said to belong to the group lactis aerogenes. On a farm in Wisconsin they found three cows affected with mastitis to which was traced the cause of 200 cases of severe sore throat among the persons using

MUST RAISE DAIRY CALVES

milk from the herd.

To Increase Number of Cows It Is Advisable That Farmers Begin Raising Their Own.

If we are to increase the number of cows, as seems advisable, some farmers must raise calves of the dairy type. It is hoped that many farmers will decide to begin raising cows and producing dairy products. The first essential will be food for the family, then a surplus to sell, then soil fertillty which will be possible where cows are kept.

AVOID FILTH IN CALF PENS

important That Young Animal Have Clean Stall and Dry Bedding-Dirt Breeds Disease.

Many of the troubles that the calves of this country are heir to can be traced directly to unclean surround-The calf should have a clean, dry stall, clean pails from which to eat and clean, dry hedding all the time ton and recent parts with no valves eat and clean, dry bedding all the time. Fifth breeds disease more quickly in the calf pen than anywhere else.

The Strong and Weak. The brave and bold persist even against fortune; the timid and cowardly rush to despair through fear alone,-Tacitus.

Care of the Canary. Don't forget to give the canary a fresh bit of green every now and then; also that too much hemp seed makes

Hawaii has the largest island moun-

mouns; Moors, inhabitants of Moroco, pronounced like boors; mantilla, accent on second syllable; Valladolld, a city of Spain, pronounced Val-ya-doleed, accent on last syllable; Cervantes, Spanish novelist, author of "Don Quixote," pronounced Thay-vontace, accent on second syllable; In the Spanish language c before e and i has the sound of the France. the sound of the English th and is pronounced thay. Seville, city in Spain, is pronounced Suy-veel. gos, a province and city of Spain, is pronounced Boor-goce.

Cleaning Silver.

A quick way to clean silver that is not tarnished, but merely discolored is to wash it in a weak solution of ammonia water. This removes the black stains. After cleaning them with

Five O'clock Tea Fiend.

Alice Hyson is dreadfully absentminded. And she goes to church so seldom that last Sunday when the contribution plate was passed she said to the usher: "Not any more, thank you." -Boston Transcript.

One of our famous lecturers used to say some people had three hands, a right hand and a left hand and a little behindhand. The fifth wheel to a cart is frequently mentioned as an example of uselessness, but the third hand is worse than useless, it is a serious handicup, observes a writer. All of us need to keep our right hand busy, and most need to teach the left hand to do its share, but a little behindhand should be promptly amputated.

To Mend Marble Ornaments. To mend marble ornaments, plasof Paris, finely powdered, is soaked in as much saturated solution of alum as it will absorb. The mixtore is baked in a slow oven, and when hard it is ground to a powder. This powder, mixed in water and applied like plaster, sets very hard, will take a very good polish, and, if properly colored, makes a capital imitation of any kind of marble.

Gaza, a Place of Trade.

In almost every particular the mod-ern Gaza is an Egyptian rather than a Syrian town. It is full of rich vegetation, and its many glistening mina-rets show up against the dull green of innumerable olive trees. Gaza is still, as of old, a place of trade, of camels and caravans, and its bazaars are loud with traffic and filled with merchan-

Songs of the Heart. The finest music of the greatest or chestra on earth cannot help a heart along to happiness as the songs do that the heart sings to itself-songs of cheer, of patience, of trust, of unselfish love. These make the melody of life, and grow stronger and sweeter by practice year by year.-Exchange.

Little Angel Present.

A primary teacher, admonishing little Ann, who usually was a model child, for misconduct, said: "I thought I had a little angel in the room. Nov where is she?" Little Betty, on the other side of the room, stood up neek-

Who Gets the Kiss?

"Since you worked your examples so nicely," said the pretty teacher, "I shall give you a kiss." "Teacher, I didn't know there was to be a reward."

Cake Annoyed Him.

Eurone, who is just beginning to learn he should not eat cake before

Double to the cake before his meal, was scated at the table when Death. suddenly he saw a cake on the buffet and remarked "Oh, my! Tover up dat take till I ent my tatoes."

The Morrent of Triumph. the never knows when he has won Merchan 18, in an arctiment until he hears his own to shortly riews advanced by the man who onviews advanced by the man who opposed them say months before.-St. 15-Louis Globe-In mocrat.

Fools the Pickpockets. An national, Scriping device pre-vents a waller foling from a man's defy pickpockets pocket and even who de not kies how it is operated.

Flames That Give Off No Heat A Prench servist, who is keeping the details server claims he has invented to these derived from electricity that will not give off heat.

that can be easily clogged.

Despite the fact that medical men-look upon apoplexy as nine-tenths pre-disposition, the courts and laity have at times regarded it as almost raumatic in its nature. The physician thinks in terms of the blood pressure, hypertrophy of the heart and vascular degeneration, and to a much less extent to muscular effort and emotional stress, for these factors only pre-

Arthur Annis, of the radio school, was in town at his nome over Sunday. Deaths.

all adjoining land by the government. The Altrurians met on last week Thursday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. Amy C. Wheeler. A large number were present, including several visitors. The program of the afternoon consisted of a fine paper on "Works of art lost to us by the war." by Miss Mary A. Hobbs; also, a reading by Mrs. Minnie H. Campbell, of the Industrial school, on Germany, and there were current events on Germany and democracy by Mrs. Martha J. Conant. The meeting adjourned for two weeks. two weeks.

Center.

Mrs. George Holden is in Littleton, caring for her sister, Mrs. Thomas M. Moore, who is very ill.

Miss Marion L. Holden, of South-horo, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holden, for an enforced vacation from school teach-ing, on account of a coal shortage,

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The meeting of the Grange on Tuerday evening was well attended, and the following program was given:
Salute to the flag; reading, "Chicken on the brain," Gilbert Evans; readings, "Maloney's St. Patrick's day hat" and "That old sweetheart of mine, William Jubb; talk on manufacture of leatherboard, Gilbert Wheaton: reading, "Georges sollloquy," Mrs. Alice Cummings; song, "Shouting the battle cry of freedom," by all; readings, Arthur Cummings; song, "Shouting the battle cry of freedom," by all; readings, Arthur Cummings, and Miss Evangeline Freeman; song, "America." At the next meeting, Tuesday evening, April 2, the first and second degrees will be worked and inspection will take place.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman, with daughter Marion and son Howard, Jr. of Brookline, spent the week-end at their symmers home and Conter reading. She was the last survivor of her their symmers home and Conter reading the survivor of her was the last survivor of her their stands and could be survivor of her was the last survivor of her their survivor of her was the last survivor of her their survivor of her was the last survivor of her their survivor of her was the last survivor of her their survivor of her was the last survivor of her their survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her their survivor of the was the last survivor of her the survivor of the was the last survivor of her the survivor of the was the last survivor of her the survivor of the survivor of

nev, and Mrs. H. A. Bridgman, with daughter Marion and son Howard, Jr., of Broakline, spent the week-end at their summer home on Center road. Another successful social dance was held in the town hall last Saturday evening under the management of the Woodsville people. Another will be held on Saturday evening, March 36, Mrs. F. Bribin as a brightness on Wedness and sped away all too quickly. Mrs. Anna F. Dakin, of Cambridge, the spent a day last week at her sumemer me at the common.

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black stains. After cleaning them with the solution they should be washed and polished with a cloth. This method works well on silver spoons which have been discolored by eggs.

Goat Immune to Dynamite.

A western household was terrified recently by the discovery that their pet goat had eaten two steks of dynamite. The animal was carefully driven to a safe distance and tethered to a stake. But days and weeks elapsed and the goat did not explode.

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ling, being a real artist in her trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. McCoy.
former residents, are to return to Shirey to make their home. Mrs. McCoy
will return to her position with the
fresident Suspender Company.

The Ladies circle of the Comer calonal church met last week Wedneslay afternoon with Mrs. Rich and Itom tional church met last week Wednes-day afternoon with Mrs. Richard Pom-fret. fret.

A company from Camp Devens, composed of artillery, moved last Monday into the Holiday house on Lancaster road. They will prepare for artillery practice. As the Holiday house is in direct line with the range this house was leased last fall and also all adjoining land by the government.

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hoped. She continued to lose strength and a trained nurse was engaged, and although she received the very best of care she had not vitality enough to rally, and slowly failed until the end came on Monday morning.

Miss York was born in Boston on January 1, 1836, the daughter of William and Johanna (Hale) York. Her parents came to Lunenburg when she was quite young, so that nearly all her life has been passed here. At one time she worked in the cotton mills of Lowell, but about forty years ago she bought the upper story of the Thomas Page house and retired to private life. She enjoyed her home very much, and it was a very pleasant one, overlooking the center of the vitraffic and listen to the band concerts, etc., without leaving her room. She was a faithful, devoted member of the Methodist church, an earnest christian and lived her religion every day.

She was possessed of a wonderful memory, was a great reader and retained what she read until her mind. was a veritable storehouse of useful knowledge. She was a fine conversationalist and could talk most intelligently upon any subject with either old or young people, and callers were always cordially welcomed at her

afternoon. News of the death of Rev. Mary L.
More and was received here on Monday, her death having occurred on
that day of ptomaine poisoning at
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will deeply regret her death. She was of from Schollom la fine speaker and always spoke of Tribury changlone or both churches whenever shoten on. On a sountly sited here, always hating a full how at Groton Scholl the for everyone was glied to we know the fire the property of the western by dailed minister of the Congregational forth the arrang of several books, and was doing a good work in her chosen pation. On one of her visits here is he was one of the speakers on Ohlibane Day and preached in the Congregational church on Sunday. She has a sister in illinois and two in Luceburg, Mrs. James Gilmore and Mrs. J. by Heath, and three brothers, Louis J. Irving W. and James W. Moreand.

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PEPPERELL

News Items.

Bernard Slocomb, who made his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Slocomb, of, Hough's Mills, an over-night visit, is employed at the Du Pont ammunition employed at the Du Pont ammunition plant in Haskell, N. J. He is a police guard over five magazines, and each magazine holds 500,000 pounds of powder. Although not yet in the U. S. service he wears the khakt suit when on duty for eight out of the twenty-four hours. This eight-hour shift may come at any time day or night, but is usually alternately. Mr. Slocomb is in class one for the next draft. His present position makes it most impossible to get home to see most impossible to set home to see his parents and they appreciate even

Jesse Shattuck and family spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Rupert Blood, Oak hill, and called on a few of his many friends.

A. R. Paull, superintendent of schools, has been suffering with a severe cold and cough the past week. Miss Florence Smith, of River street, and younger brother have just got out after having a run of the measles.

Palm Sunday will be observed by Palm Sunday will be observed by the Unitarian and Congregational churches by returning to the audi-torium of the Congregational church. Rev. John B. Lewis will preach and there will be special music by the choir. It is hoped that hereafter the morning services may be held in the church, as the vestry is getting rather crowded on pleasant Sundays. Sun-day school will meet at noon. Young day school will meet at moon. Young people's meeting at six o'clock. Mrs. Frank Bennett will lead the meeting and "Confidence—how to get it" will be the topic. At seven o'clock an interesting series of meetings on Filgrim deeds and duties will be begun. Miss Clara M. Shattuck will have charge of the meeting and will be assisted by several others. The first every sisted by several others. The first evening will be upon the "Beginnings of Congregationalism." An Easter concert is being planned by a joint committee, representing both Sunday

age of ninety years, at her home at Hovey's corner, will be missed by a age of ninety years, at her home at Hovey's corner, will he missed by a large circle of neighbors and friends. Although she has been confined to the house during recent years she retained her interest in the outside world. She had been a member of the Congregational church for nearly fifty-six years, teang especially active in the Ladies' flenevolent sectety. In those days no supper was supposed to be complete without the help of Mrs. Whin. Faretwell services were held at her home last Saturday afternoon, her pastor. Rev. J. P. Lewis, officiating, and Her body was hid to rest in the family let in Woodintyn es metery. There were many floral tributes at the fameral. The Woman's Missionary society, instead of sending flowers, contributed the money is a memorial gift to the Armenian relief fund. Mrs. Win is survived by a cauchter, Miss Winnis winn, and a son, Joseph Winni also several grandchildren, one of when is Low "with the colors."

now "with the colors."

The Pepperell Feder tion of Churches will hold two holy week services. Tuesday evening if the Congregational vestry, and Urilay evening in the Methodist church. On Tiesday evening Rev. A. W. Balley, of Beston, field secretary of the Sanday School society, will give in address unding the holy week theme with training in Sinday school work. This deliress will help to set on for the proposed normal class for Sinday school worker. On Good Friday evening the service will be conducted by the beed pastors.

Genald B. Wilhelt, son of Mrs. E. H.

Gerald B. Wilbert, son of Mrs. E. H. Bliss, who enlisted in the ravy some five weeks ago, has been assigned to the transport service. His mother had a telephone message from him in New York. He is likely now on his way across and may be sent to South America before he returns. Waldo Morgan, the son of L. W. Morgan, is also on his way to the other side. He has been in training in Texas until recently. When last heard from he was on his way to New York.

on his way to New 10rk.

To the church-going people up town there is a live issue since the Unitarian church was burned, "To federate or not to federate." The 'congregational church has invited the Unitarian prople to use their church. A meeting of the Unitarian parish is to be called soon to consider the propositions

that have lately developed. Bert Melindy was out on Tresslar for the first time since having the Ge

The East Village Social club met o Wednesday with Mrs. Charles Goff or Pleasant street. There was about the nessay with ars consider too or sant street. There was about the two men, coming from River street. I number present, and one guest. Started to turn down and take Mair Cook's mother. About all brought street. The machine kept turning on

their knitting. There was no special work on the docket, everything being inished up. Besides the social there were several excellent readings and a general good time.

Rev. D. R. Child attended a convenion of ministers in Boston on Tues-

Roy Shattuck, Jr., has been out of school nearly a week, confined to the nouse with a severe cold.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch, East Pepperell, on last week Friday. Nelson Perry, who formerly worked

in the gun cotton room at the Nashua River paper mill, left a couple of weeks ago to try farming in Plymouth. His household goods left on Monday and his wife and two children soon followed. They occupied the house on

Miss Ada Whitney has been in Nash ua, N. H., with her cousin, Miss Hall for the past two weeks.

Miss Hazel Richards, of Manchester, N. H., was with Mrs. Willoughby over the week-end. Mrs. Willoughby ac-companied her on her return home on

vicinity over the week-end.

ricinity over the week-end.

There are many in town and some from out of town who have met Mrs. Charles Card. Brookline street, and would be glad of news from her. To those who have met her in the fraternal and musical way and enjoyed her presence the following will be of interest. Mrs. Card is just slitting up from a sickness, the result of attention and worry over her son's recent illfrom a sickness, the result of attention and worry over her son's recent illness; but there is more than that—Mrs. Card has become blind so that she cannot distinguish color or form and only perceives the sunlight and lamplight, and the music that was such a comfort is denied her for her own amusement, as her hands fail to make the piano keys respond. 'Be nature Mrs. Card is buoyant and appreciates kindly greeting and comradeship. Let

On March 13 a party was given to eight-year-old Ernest Melindy at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs Bert Melindy, Heald street. Eight lit le playmates played games, had nood time and are of fancy jellies, for lifterent kinds of cake, four kinds of andy and cookies.

Hear little Anna Green, the read at the Methodist's de or Mar h 28.

Mrs. W. H. Bradley, Townsend dreet, has been troubled with disorder-ted stomach not like if for the past two weeks and is not at all well at pres-Rev. J. B. Lewis was called to hi

former , cos ... Huntingt at last week Wednes by: Mrs. Jones Andrews went to Ayressee reveal. They spent Tuesda. They spent Tuesda.

Lower Mrs Susic (tenture, who has been upon Kertus Hidlis street, returne her house last week for a rest.

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Arthur Blood and her sister, Mi-Elliott

ss Eva Crawford came les wee n few days with her cousin. Miss.
Reith, who has not been weil,
scaining this week. Miss Crawis the daughter of Frank Crawwho used to keep the hardwar in Rallroad square.

Miss Stella Mertion came last Samy from Billerica to attend the fundal services of her aunt, Mrs. Bet

Mrs. Appletor is one of the victim if the severe colds. Hert Sullivan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs. P. J. Sullivan, has been very sick at home with throat trouble.

The D. A. R. conference is being held this year in Lorimer hall, Ros-ton, and Mrs. A. R. Paull and Mrs Nellie Gutterson attended on Friday Mrs. Edith Chase returned home last after being at St. Joseph's hos for observation and the remova

Miss Helen Robbins attended the fa neral services of of Hollis, Tuesday. of Mrs. Balph Bland

of Holls, Tuesday.

Mrs. Amos Saunders has been confined to her room for several day with the prevailing throat trouble are severe cold, but at latest report wa able to sit up about all day.

On last Saturday an auto contain

til it went over the sidewalk and stuck its nose into Varnum's brook. The men were not hurt any to speak of. One had his face scratched. After the accident the men were seen to go to Joseph Attridge's. Sunday morning the car was removed, not much injured, only having been subjected to a little brook water, only it was not the manner of using brook water that

owners of autos prefere Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott has had Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott has had the pleasure of hearing from the "folks down in Maine" when Corp. John L. Howard came last Saturday from Camp Devens. He had recently been to see his people in Washington, Mc. He left on Sunday night in Fred Bennett's auto for Ayer, Miss Beulah Hamilton and Miss Grace Weston doing escort duty, and Mrs. Scott chapteron.

the piano keys respond. By nature the piano keys respond. By nature Mrs. Card is buoyant and appreciates kindly greeting and comradeship. Let us all try to thoughtfully break the long night and make sunlight in her heart and a smile come to one in our midst.

There has been a change of date for meeting was of much importance to

On March 15 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennedy celebrated their silver wed-ling at their home, Pinehurst. There was a large number of guests present, and from reports everyone had a most and from reports everyone had a most enjoyable evening. Among the guests from out of town were Mrs. Ethel Walton and daughter Marilia, and Miss Marion Chinn, from Brighton: Albert Kapka and Harold Miller, from Roxbury: Eugene Trammel, from the Harvard radio school, and Miss Jane Harstrom, from New York city, and ourin Savage, of Boston, but the real great of honor was their little grander, where Elizabeth Arline, daughter

ahter, Elizabeth Arline, daughter Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Attridge, who made her first appearance in so

Interests of Children's Clubs.

Louiso Fay, of Waltham, sony club leader of the Middle-county Farm Bureau, came to the following the Tuesday. Having the Mal of Supt. A. R. Paull and pol. D. R. Whitmarsh, she was the Greton street school by

lea was for the children to this and carry out the most apmethods for production in branches wefe attempted commended canning, poultry, not and pig-clubs, and she gave emphasis on the pig club plantersed that the growing of the the poultry and bigs was part ien was for the children to rice poultry and pigs was part da from m. The children in each her very attentive and an inhere very attentive and an inhere very appeal. In the near hiere will be a talk for grownthe towic hell with lantern show the prefers and others 25.

interested how much good children can do if properly encouraged by their

Business Meeting. A business meeting of the Congrega-tional-church was held on last Tues-day evening. After a short devotional service, led by the pastor, Rev. Her-bert C. Herring, of Hoston, secretary of the National Council, kave an interof the National Council, kave an inter-esting address upon the tercentenary program—the program to be carried out in-order suitably to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims. Mr. Herring spoke up-on-our-inheritance of freedom, democ-racy, fellowship, education, missions and loyalty to Jesus Christ handed down to us by our forefathers, and our-obligation to do our part by carry-ing out the Pilgrim spirit in the work of today.

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After his address the committee of five reported to the church the decision reached by the joint committee of the two churches, recommending federation rather than union. The following vote was passed, with no opposition: That it is the sense of this meeting that we accept the form of federation as reported by the committee that managamation that the Evangelical Congregational take the necessary steps to bring about a federation with the First Parish church and that it be represented in the action by the committee of in the committee of the committee of the work of the sense of this meeting that we accept the form of federation as reported by the committee that we accept the form of federation as reported by the committee of the work as passed, with no opposition: That it is the sense of this meeting that we accept the form of federation as reported by the committee that we accept the form of federation as reported by the committee of the work as passed, with no opposition. That it is the sense of this work is town is 5000 lbs. Articles can be left at Mrs. E. L. Tarbelis and at the Red Cross rooms at the Center and will the amount asked from this town is 5000 lbs. Articles can be left at Mrs. E. L. Tarbelis and at the Red Cross rooms at the Center and will the meeting the about the meeting that we accept the form of federation as reported by the committee of and that it be represented in the action by the committee of five already ap-

pointed.

The step is a serious one, but was taken in the spirit of harmony among the members of the church and good will toward the sister church. If federation is carried out each church would control its own property and vested funds and maintain its own denominational affiliations, but would worship and work together and administer affairs through a joint committee.

Club Meetings.

The Community Associates of Mt. Lebanon district met for their weekly Red Cross relief work with Mrs. Hayes on Townsend street, March 6. The on Townsend street, March 6. The work consisted of property bags and kits. The afternoon was made very pleasant by music on the Victrola. The week of March 13 Miss Molly Wilson conveyed the ladies to Mrs. Hilden Ebbeson's on a great double sled arranged with long settees, much like the old-time sleighing party, to a quilting bee. That afternoon kits and property bags were also made. This week the meeting was with Mrs. W. C. Fuiler, where headquarters are now established during the uncertain spring weath-

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Gerald E. Gray, a former Pepperell boy, was graduated last Saturday from the Princeton aviation school and goes Friday to Dallas, Texas, to the aviation iteld for practice in flying. Mr. Gray has a brother somewhere in France, and is a brother somewhere in France, and is a brother of Mrs. Roy Shattuck, Heald street.

Arthur Leary is home from Camp Devens, quite iil.

Miss Grace Hamilton and Miss Beulah Weston were in Nashua on last Saturday.

Well Presented.

Well, well, Pepperell has had an

Saturday.

Miss Case went to Boston to spend the week-end with her friend, who was from Oklahoma, and a few weeks ago visited in town.

Ernest Blood, son of John Blood.

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Well, well, Pepperell has had another show and such a show. After months of idleness in that line the local stage talent was called on for something and they put on a show last Monday night that is pronounced with address the best ever. The World was called the stage of the local stage that he was called on for something and they put on a show last Monday night that is pronounced to the best ever. Ernest Blood, son of John Blood.

Mason street, is named among those to report at Camp Devens on March 29.

It is understood that there are only four Peppereil boys now at Camp Devens.

One of our leading citizens has told us that he had figured out correctly that eggs had cost him to the middle of March, and that they stood him forty-five cents each, and now that eggs were selling at forty cents a dozen he could see where he got off.

Last Monday night that is pronounced on all sides as the best ever. The Woman's close so was prouded and so the purchase of "Smileage books," the object in view. Everybody and their neighbors went and Prescott hall was filled, and the result very satisfactory from a financial viewpoint, the committee reporting seventy dollars to the good after all expenses were paid. The Pepperell orchestra of twelve provided the purchase of "Smileage books," the object in view. Everybody and their neighbors went and Prescott hall was filled, and the result very satisfactory from a financial viewpoint, the good after all expenses were paid. The Pepperell orchestra of twelve provided the purchase of "Smileage books," the object in view. Everybody and their neighbors went and Prescott hall was filled, and the result very satisfactory from a financial viewpoint, the good after all expenses were paid. The population of the purchase of "Smileage books," the object in view. Everybody and their neighbors went and Prescott hall was filled, and the result very satisfactory from a financial viewpoint, the object in view. Everybody and their neighbors went and Prescott hall was filled, and the result very satisfactory from a financial viewpoint, the object in view. they donated their services there was no kicking. Among the many excel-lent features there was not a number

their part effectively.
The sinale was a tableau composed of the Red Cross girls, with the Goddess of Liberty (Mrs. Archie Pike) and Uncle Sam (Hev. J. B. Lewis), and all sang "The Star Spangled Banner," after which there was a dance until which there was a dance until

midnight.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Ames Dunbar of lebit, Wis., formerly of Boston and sloit, Wis., formerly of Boston and all Girl Scouts in the eastern part of the state. At is expected that fully berell and Ayer, passed to higher life lebruary 1s, after a brief illness.

Permerell

Permerell federary 18, after a brief illness from pneumonia and heart complica-tions. Her body was laid in a receiv-ing viult after the funeral services, which were held at her late nome on Wednesday, February 20.

made her first appearance in solations of age, but deported herself like age, but deported herself like of a

The Special Aid will soon be called to complete the comforter for Federa-tion House, Ayer, and all having fin-ished squares please leave them with Mabel Parker, electric light of fice. Main street.

al of Supt. A. R. Paull and Mr. Joseph Davis of Nashua street to the Groton street school by m. Boynton, then to the Main school, and finally to the high At each place she outlined & for the children to do to help great struggle of winning the Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch wel-comed a little daughter to their home or Mill street on Friday of last week. Mrs. Ansel Shattuck and Miss Jessie Shattuck of Groton were guests of Mrs. Sarah Patch on Wednesday.

Joseph Davis of Nashua street vis-ited relatives in Beachmont on Saturlay and Sunday

The larges' Aid of the M. E. church

John McMurray of Hoosick Falls, N. T., formerly of this town, was the guest of Mrs. Harriet Gutterson and son over Tuesday. He also made a visit to his son Harold, who is at Camp Davans. Devens.

Red Cross Branch. From the Middlesex chapter. A. R. C., come this word, asking for serviceable partly work clothing for men, women and children to be sent to France, where it will be made over by French women who will welcome the

P. W. C.

The Woman's club presented on Monday evening, March 15, in Prescott hall a very unique and successful entertainment in aid of the smileage book for the benefit of our soldier boys in camp. The program consisted of trumpeters, night queen, jumping jacks, Dutch cleansers, witches, shamrock songs and dance, old and new fashioned girls with the Goddess of Liberty and Uncle Sam. The specialties were written; costumed and leased by Marlon Wilson of New York city. Each group, was in charge of a local

Marion Wilson of New York city.

Each group was in charge of a local committee and great credit is due the performers for their faithful and busy week's work. The officers of the club desire to express their sincere thanks to all who so kindly assisted in this enterprise and particularly to the Pepperell orchestra who most patriotically gave their services for the cause.

While each number gave pleasure to the large audience special mention must be made of the Dutch cleansers and the attractively costumed Sham-

and the attractively costumed Sham-rock dance and the closing group of Red Cross nurses designated as "New fashioned girls." introducing Uncle fashioned girls." introducing Uncle Sam and the Goddess of Liberty, attended by a soldier and a sailor bay. Dancing followed the exhibition until twelve o'clock. The receipts of the evening were \$101.59, expenses \$34.06, netting \$67.53 to be used for the Papperell boys now at Camp Devens in form of smileage books and probably for later recruits from this town. At the regular club meeting held At the regular club meeting held Tuesday afternoon, March 19, at Saunders' hall, Mrs. Beers gave a most in teresting account of her trip to the wonderful cliff dwellings in Colorade teresting account of her trip to the wonderful cliff dwellings in Coloradd and Arizona, illustrated by lanter slides. At this meeting by unanimous vote thanks were given to the select-men for their liberal reduction in cos-of, the hall for March 18.

GIRL SCOUT HEADQUARTERS Washington Street

Littleton

A very successful entertainment was given Tuesday evening. March 19, in the town hall, under the auspices of the Girl Scouts of Littleton. Mary Pickford in "Such a little queen," was the chief reel of the evening. The 25 Girl Scouts of the town marched onto-the stage carrying the American and Girl Scout flags and sang Scout songs, during one of which two girls accom-panied on violins. Miss Olive Flags, lieutenant of the troop, accompanied on the plano. Candy and popcorn balls were quickly sold during the inter-mission. Miss Nelson showed a series of Girl Scout lantern slides, illustrat-ing the various work and play occuing the various work and play occu

Thursday, the Girl Scout day for Ayer, all troops met at the town hall, first for separate formations and business meetings and then drilled altogether preparatory for the big raily in Roston on Saturday April 27 to be gether preparatory for the big rally is Boston on Saturday, April 27, to b held in the Arena, Automobiles loaner y friends in the various towns of th Federation will take all the Scouts t

Miss Nelson and Mrs. Harwood vis-tied Mrs. Child this week and talked over the Girl Scout work! which seems to be enthusiastically carried on by on be enthusasticity carried on by many leaders. 'Arrangements are being made to have the Pepperell troop also go to the rally, since they belong to the Federated council. lured.

that Mrs. Fuller is training her troop in Clinton to perform the same play for the benefit of the Red Cross and French Wounded. It will be interesting if delegates from each troop can go to the performance of the other and compare dramatic methods and talents of the other. talents of the other,

Forge Village

The regular meeting of the evening troop on Tuesday next will be chiefly devoted to semaphore practise in order that the girls may send a team to try to win in the contest at the Boston rally. A part of the evening will be spent in practising the cantata which the girls are planning to give within a few weeks! time a few weeks' time.

FIRST GAS MASKS The use of gas in warfare dates

The use of gas in warfare dates back to about 400 B.C. The Sparkword that her brother, Edwin Beachmont, a former Pepsy. has enlisted in the naval unit No. G and is training at the most property and burned it under the walls of cities which they were attacking. For several centuries gas has not been used in warfare, and The Hague continued in warfare against it. However, on April 22, 1915, the Germans librated great clouds of gas against Canadian troops near Ypres. Terrible destruction and dembralization resulted from this first gas attack, and within a week England was making plans for gas warfare against the Germans. Soon after the first German gas attack English and French women sent to the front hundreds of thousands of home-made gas masks. For the most part they were merely bandages impregnated with chemicals to wrap around the mouth and nose. These emergency masks saved many lives, but afforded only limited protection. These emergency masks saved many lives, but afforded only limited protection.

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bined into the great ones that are to supply the heat, light and power of

the future.

Broken Stove Lining. If any one contemplates mending a broken stove lining with a cement made of salt and ashes mixed with wa ter, don't do it. The salt will rust the stove, ruining it beyond repair. Instead, get a quart or so of cement and some sand from the street, and mix

Groton

The Violet troop is preparing to sive a play in April for the benefit of the Girl Scouts. It is to be "A modern Cinderella," a curious coincident is that Mrs. Fuller is training her troop. Expecting Too Much. he estonished when you discover some little flaw in your friend's character. For unless love has blinded him, it is very certain that your friend has discovered a similar flaw in yourself.

> Naming of Picadilly. Picadilly, made familiar to most Americans by "Tipperary," is believed to have got its name from pickadelies or picadillies, a variety of turnove had made a fortune selling these articles of apparel, built a home in that

particular part of London in 1680 and

called it Picadilla hall, hence the name

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Wherefore they pray that after due otice and hearing, as provided by law, they may be granted this permission. EUGENE BARRY & SONS, By T. W. Barry.

Dated March 14, 1918. BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Ayer, Mass., March 14, 1918. Ordered that a public hearing be neld on the foregoing petition on Monday, the first day of April, 1918, at eight o'clock P. M., in the Selectnen's Room in the Town Hall in said Ayer, at which time and place all persons interested in said petition may appear and will be heard; that the petitioner give notice of the time and place of said hearing by publishing an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon in Turner's Public Spirit and the Ayer News, newspapers published in said Aver, at least fourteen days prior thereto; and that the Clerk of the board mail written notices of the time and place of said hearing at least seven days prior thereto to all wners of real estate abutting along that part of the way upon, along, across or under which the line is to be constructed, as such ownership is determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation and to all other persons required by law.

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