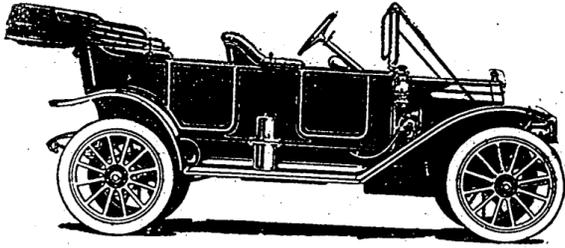


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WESTFORD.

To the Editor:

I will try to give you a description of one of our dry storms—said storms they are called here, but I should call them gravel storms instead.

Well, last Wednesday, February 21, in the afternoon, some small dark clouds began to gather on the mountain tops and they soon began to, or seemed to be signaling each other. Occasionally a whirlwind would start the dust in the street, then the clouds seemed to balance and swing to go right and left, and all hands around it soon got up such a commotion as to remind me of the old-fashioned dance called "The Devil's dream," and by eight o'clock in the evening the windows and doors had to be shut to keep the dust from choking the people. By nine o'clock the wind was racing at the rate of one hundred miles an hour.

At the time of the wind disturbance I was attending an annual church social about one thousand feet from my house and as the wind seemed to increase I started for home having to face the wind or go backward. Well, I was cut in the face by gravel and twigs of trees and I began to expect my house was coming to meet me. But no, it was founded upon a rock and stood the storm without a wick. Not so with me, as I had to dodge and spring for shelter many times before I reached the house.

At eleven p. m. a wild and perhaps undecipherable scene attracted my attention. The great searchlight on Mount Lowe was turned upon the scene and the cloud of dust and sand, which was so thick that the light of moon or stars could not penetrate, was seen to glow with great cautions in many colors. I found myself in the midst of a sea of swirling the wind had gathered from mountain and valley. Above, around, beneath, everywhere, a sea of dust, as there had been no rain for nearly a year.

In the morning we found the streets swept clean. One large brick block, two stories high, just being hurried to completion, was blown in on one unprotected side. Huge trees were uprooted and the ground was yellow with oranges. Some of the trees heavy with fruit were blown from the ground. I took a trip through the orange belt for over 75 miles on February 24, and found trees down in all directions and a few houses.

Report has reached me that vessels over three miles at sea were covered with fine dust the next morning after the dry storm, so they could write their names in the dust all over their decks and everything exposed to the storm.

HIRAM DANE.

Glendora, Cal., February 28, 1912.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Hartwell, of Kingston, R. I. were week-end guests of his brother, C. A. Hartwell.

Rev. Edward H. Brennan, of Ware, was in town on Wednesday removing the goods of the late William H. Sawyer, Mrs. Brennan's uncle.

Miss Florence Bartlett is visiting friends in Roxbury, Somerville and Waltham.

Fred S. Kimball has declined the nomination tendered him at the citizens' caucus on Monday evening.

Twenty members of the Mission Study class of the United Workers met on Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Dodge, at Littleton Common. The meeting, in charge of Mrs. H. L. Packard, was like all the previous ones on the same subject, "Immigration," full of interest. The following program was listened to with marked attention:

Reading of scripture and remarks. Mrs. Packard; prayer, Mrs. A. F. Conant; vocal solo, "The Holy City," Miss Houghton, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. C. F. Flagg; paper, "Foreign quarters in our large cities," Miss Florence Wilcox; foreign perils—1. "Degeneracy in celebrations," Mrs. George H. Kimball; 2. "Political corruption among the foreigners," Miss Julia Conant; "Children of the tempests," Miss Grace Davis; "Experience with fresh air work," Mrs. Frank Dodge; closing prayer, Miss F. A. Sanderson.

Richard Conant of the Lowell Textile school, is business manager of the senior class book.

Edmund Wesley has a new trotting horse that he prizes very highly.

Henry Hunt and Mildred Tetro, both of Littleton Common, were married on February 20.

The ladies of the Sandy Pond association will serve a salad and cold meat supper with mashed potato, fancy pies, rolls and coffee at the Sandy Pond schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, March 12, from six to eight o'clock.

Mrs. Thomas Stephens, with a friend from Providence, leaves this morning for New York, where she will make a study of the spring styles at the openings two days. The rest of the week Mrs. Stephens will spend with her husband's sister in Elizabeth, N. J.

The first and second degrees were conferred upon a class of nine persons at the grange on Wednesday evening. The ladies' degree staff worked the second degree with much dignity and grace. George Cash paid \$27.90 into the treasury from the institute dinner. A committee was chosen to confer with the selectmen about erecting a drinking-fountain at the West end a gift from the grange. This committee consists of Hon. Frank A. Patch, John A. Wright and Hugh McDonald.

Mrs. Calvin Howard visited her sister, Mrs. Davidson, in Stow, last week, going in time to attend the turkey supper and church fair.

Charles H. Yapp has been serving on the jury this week.

The Groton School orchestra and glee club have cancelled their engagement here for March 13, on account of the presence of scarlet fever in town.

Miss Ruth Thacher, of Lowell, is at home, entertaining three seminary friends.

The newly elected officers of the Ladies' Missionary society of the Baptist church are Mrs. Herbert Caulkins, pres.; Miss Emma Tenney, v. p.; Mrs. Joseph Dodge, sec., and Mrs. Della Martin, treas. The annual meeting was held with Mrs. Joseph Dodge last week Wednesday, and was attended by sixteen ladies. Mrs. Dodge served a delicious tea.

On Wednesday, March 13, the Ladies' Benevolent and Social club of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Millard. Plans will then be made for town meeting dinner.

The King's Daughters had a very successful meeting on last Tuesday afternoon. Work for the fair of

March 30 is progressing well. Several of the women are hoping to attend the K. D. county convention on April 25, in the First Congregational church, Summer street, Lowell.

Death.

Thomas Ryan, of Taylor street, a resident of Littleton for more than fifty years, was found by his daughter Elizabeth on Tuesday morning sleeping the sleep that knows no awakening. She had called him several times without hearing any response, when she entered his room and found him lying at rest in his bed, just as if he had lain down in pleasant dreams. There was no signs of suffering, and the end came just as he had wished, and as his physicians had predicted, practically without warning.

Mr. Ryan had been in failing health for more than three years, but had kept bravely and cheerfully about his usual occupations until five weeks ago when he experienced a severe attack of the grippe, from the effects of which he had not fully recovered. The immediate cause of death was hardening of the arteries.

Mr. Ryan was born in Ireland about seventy-five years ago, and came as a young man to this country, making his home in Littleton from the time of his arrival in America. Mrs. Ryan's death occurred just twenty-one years ago Tuesday. Since then he has lived with his daughter Elizabeth at their pleasant home in West Littleton. He has been a devoted father, kind neighbor, courteous gentleman, and sympathetic friend. Of his family he was justly proud, for all his children have grown to noble manhood and womanhood, and reflected honor upon his name.

Five children—John, of San Diego, Cal.; Andrew, of Dorchester; Sarah, (Mrs. John Corish) of Somerville; Mary, of Boston, and Elizabeth, at home; also, a little grandson, survive the deceased.

Mass was said at Ayer by Rev. P. J. Sheedy on Thursday morning, and the burial was in Lowell, beside the remains of his beloved wife, who was laid to rest just twenty-one years ago on Thursday.

Awarded \$1000.

The woman's astronomical fellowship of the Nantucket Maria Mitchell Association was awarded Thursday to Miss Margaret Harwood of Littleton. This fellowship award of \$1000 is made annually from a fund of \$25,000, completed last year by contributions from friends of the association, and a gift of \$15,000 from Andrew Carnegie. It is to be devoted to advance astronomical study and research work for six months on Nantucket Island, and six months at any large observatory, which the recipient may choose.

There were eight applicants this year. Miss Harwood is a graduate of Radcliffe college, and for the past four years has studied and assisted in the Harvard observatory. The meeting of the committee of the association to make the award was held at the Harvard observatory through courtesy of Professor E. C. Pickering.

HARVARD.

News Items.

Frank A. Houghton, town treasurer, is quite ill at his home with congestion of the brain. Although ill he is not at this time considered dangerous, by so, and will with careful attention be about in a few weeks at least. Miss Emily Hersey is assisting Mrs. Sawyer in caring for him.

Daniel Sheehan, Jr., who has been driving a large touring car in Canada with headquarters at Montreal for the past six months, is at home for a few weeks, the heavy fall of snow in the north recently making motoring practically out of the question.

Edward Sake, who has been with T. F. Dolan as farm manager the past year, severing connection with him this week, Saturday.

The steam fitters are at work on the new office building at Fiske Warren's. They are boarding at Mr. Remick's.

The annual supper and entertainment given to the gentlemen friends, by the Ladies' Picnic club will be held on Tuesday evening, March 12, instead of Thursday, March 14, as first planned. Members will note change of date.

The Evening Whist club met on Tuesday evenings at I. O. O. F. hall. There was the usual number out and all seemed to enjoy the general social time mingled with the special event of the evening. Miss Helen Barnard won the first prize for ladies and Henry Dickson the first for gents. Booby prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barry.

Reuben Reed and Walter Parnsworth are enjoying a week's trip to Washington, D. C.

The annual meeting of the Congregational Orthodox parish will be held on Monday, March 11, at two o'clock P. M.

Mrs. F. E. Hartshorn entertained the Ladies' Afternoon Whist club at her home on Wednesday.

Ormond Brown, a one-time resident of this town, now a farmer in the state of Vermont, is visiting this week with Wallace E. King.

On Friday evening, March 15, Thomas Brook Fletcher will lecture under the program of the Warner course on the subject, "Tragedies of the unprepared."

Robert Burgess has purchased a young Canadian chink for his farm work this season.

W. P. Farwell and George E. Hardy attended the big horse sale at Brighton on Wednesday.

The annual caucus of citizens of Harvard will be held at the lower Town hall on Saturday evening, March 9, at eight o'clock, for the purpose of nominating officers to be voted on at the annual town meeting to be held Monday March 18. All citi-

Clean-Up Sale

After Stock Taking

This Sale is the final Clearance Sale of the season of all our small lots and broken sizes and lines of goods in every department in our store.

We have just completed our Annual Stock Taking and we find many small lots and slow selling lines still on hand. We are determined to clean up as far as possible before our new Spring Goods arrive.

We do this as we have told you many times before in order to avoid carrying over to the next season any of this season's merchandise.

MEN'S SUITS		FURNISHING DEPARTMENT	
The sizes are broken; not many suits of a kind, but all sizes in something.			
\$10.00 Suits, make way price	\$7.47	All our 50c. Fleece-lined Underwear in Single or Double-breasted, our regular 50c. goods, price for this sale	39¢
\$12.00 Suits, make way price	\$8.47	All our 50c. Derby-ribbed Underwear in Blue or Ecru Colors, our regular 50c. goods, price for this sale	39¢
\$15.00 Suits, make way price	\$10.47	All our regular 25c. Fleece-lined Underwear for Boys, now reduced to	19¢
\$18.00 Suits, make way price	\$13.47	Gloves	
\$20.00 Suits, make way price	\$14.47	One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves and Mittens, worth 50c., price for this sale	29¢
\$22.00 Suits, make way price	\$16.47	One Lot of Heavy Working Gloves, a regular \$1.00 value, price for this sale	75¢
Also One Lot of Odd Suits for Boys, ages 15 to 19, now reduced to	\$2.47	One Lot of Jersey Gloves for Women, Boys and Children, reduced to	15¢, 2 pairs for 25¢
MEN'S ODD TROUSERS' SALE		Sweaters	
One Lot of Working Trousers in Fancy Worsteds and Cashmeres, the regular \$2.50 grades, now reduced to	\$1.98	One Lot of Men's Coat Sweaters, regular 75c. and \$1.00 goods, price for this sale	43¢
One Lot of Fancy Worsteds Trousers, our regular \$4.50 and \$5.00 grades, now reduced to	\$2.98	One Lot of Boys' Plain Gray Coat Sweaters, now for	43¢
One Lot of Fancy Worsteds Trousers, our regular \$5.50 and \$6.00 grades, now reduced to	\$3.98	One Lot of Women's Blouse Sweaters, the regular price when they were in style was \$2.50 to \$3.50, now reduced to close to	69¢
One Lot of Heavy Olive Brown Corduroy Trousers, a regular \$3.00 quality, now priced at	\$2.39	BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS	
MEN'S FANCY OVERCOATS		Every coat now at a cut price. Ages 8 to 16.	
Every overcoat in stock now goes at a cost price. All new, up-to-date styles. Sizes 32 to 40.			
\$10.00 Overcoats, make way price	\$7.47	\$5.00 Overcoats, now reduced to	\$3.47
\$12.00 Overcoats, make way price	\$8.47	\$7.00 Overcoats, now reduced to	\$4.89
\$15.00 Overcoats, make way price	\$10.47	\$8.50 Overcoats, now reduced to	\$6.47
\$18.00 Overcoats, make way price	\$13.47	Ages 4 to 10	
Black Kersey Overcoats		\$5.00 Overcoats, now reduced to	\$3.47
\$10.00 Overcoats, make way price	\$7.47	\$6.00 Overcoats, now reduced to	\$4.47
\$15.00 Overcoats, make way price	\$11.47	CHILDREN'S SUITS	
\$20.00 Overcoats, make way price	\$15.47	Ages 6 to 16	
SHOE DEPARTMENT		\$3.50 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now	\$2.47
We have many odd pairs and discontinued lines of Shoes for Men, Women and Boys, which we have put upon the Bargain Counter for this sale. Such well-known makes as Queen Quality Shoes for Women, W. L. Douglas and J. O'Donnell are included in this lot.			
\$10.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now	\$2.89	\$5.00 Knickerbocker Trouser Suits now	\$3.47

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\$1.50 Caps for Men now	Men's Police Brace, the 50c. kind	One Lot of 50c. Four-in-hands now
25c. Caps for Boys now		now
50c. Caps for Boys now	One Lot of Men's Blue Ribbed Hose, Heavy Wool, a regular 25c. quality, now	One Lot of 25c. Button-on Ties, now
Misses' 50c. Angora Tams, now		One Lot of 15c. Bows, now

zens interested in affairs of the town should be present.

The Unitarian Ladies' Sewing circle will hold the annual business meeting on Thursday afternoon, March 14, at 2.30 o'clock, in the church vestry.

The overseers of the poor have engaged Harris Steele and wife of Littleton as warden and matron at the town farm. They will take charge April first. Mr. and Mrs. Steele are young, energetic people and come here well recommended as to ability and capability.

Miss L. W. Dyer is visiting this week with friends at Dorchester.

AYER.

Episcopal Notes.

At St. Andrew's church on Friday evening, at 7.30, Rt. Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, Bishop of Eastern Oklahoma, will administer the rite of confirmation.

The Women's Auxiliary meets on Friday afternoon at 2.30 at the parish room, to be followed at the same place at four o'clock, with the service of evening prayer and an address on "The church's work among the Indians."

Junior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church meets at Mrs. Bennett's on Monday afternoon at 2.30.

Sunday service will be at 10.45 a. m., morning prayer and sermon, Sunday school and confirmation class at twelve.

Monday evening, at 7.30, litany and address by the vicar at the church.

Sixteen choice cows belonging to George B. Clark, Concord, will be sold by public auction on Saturday, March 9, at 1.30 o'clock p. m. Otis H. Fortbush will cry the sale.

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WESTFORD.

Center.

The meeting of the Tadnuck club will take place on next Tuesday evening in the Unitarian church at eight o'clock. Mrs. Emma Abbot Kebley will give an illustrated lecture of her trip through Africa, taken last year. A full attendance of the membership is hoped for, and those not members will be very welcome by paying a small admission fee. After the lecture there will be a social hour and tea will be served. This meeting promises to be one of the most attractive of the club's calendar for the season.

Owing to sickness, Mr. Brackett, supervisor of drawing in the schools, was unable to give his second lecture at the Frost school on Tuesday afternoon as scheduled. The next will be given on Tuesday afternoon, March 19, at three o'clock.

The cozy dwelling house J. Henry Colburn has been building for himself and family, next to the town house, has been making good progress, but at present there is a pause in activities waiting for milder weather before plastering. A pleasant, sunny location, modern improvements and economy of space, especially in the staircases are some good features of this new house.

Miss Sarah W. Loker and Miss Mary P. Bruce expect soon to occupy the house of the late Mrs. John B. Fletcher, and they will be very welcome additions to our village life.

Mrs. A. H. Sutherland, who recently underwent a serious surgical operation, is expected to return home this Saturday. Her many friends have been glad of good reports since she has been away.

The Edward M. Abbot hose company held their regular monthly meeting with supper on Tuesday evening at their headquarters on Boston road. Supper was served in charge of G. E. Gould.

The Thimble club was very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher on Thursday afternoon of this week.

The regular monthly social and entertainment of the Congregational church will take place on Wednesday evening, March 13, at the vestry. This will be the "teachers' social," and the well-known successes of these young ladies in former seasons will recommend this coming social as an event not to be missed. Supper in charge of a very capable committee and a bran new menu will be served from 6.30 to 7.30. Robert Howes Burnham, of the Emerson School of Oratory, who has so cleverly impersonated and read before for Westford audiences will be the entertainer of the evening, assisted by some of our best home talent.

John Feeney, jr., who has been taking the short winter course in agriculture at the state college at Amherst, finishes the course this week and is expected home at the week-end. A number of the members of Westford grange attended the monthly session of the North Middlesex Pomona grange, which met with Tyngsboro grange on Friday of last week. The attendance was large and the program reported one of the best of the season.

About Town.

James Raphson reports seeing the tracks of a beaver in the woods around Durress pond. Possibly it was the tracks of "Teddy Bear," as he is busy making tracks most everywhere. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting of the Congregational church was held with Deacon Osmond on Main street.

Young deer leaped and skipped through open fields and orchards on the farms in the Stony Brook valley last week, heading towards the woods on Francis hill.

L. W. Wheeler, nominated for tax collector at the caucus on Tuesday evening, has been elected for several years. It is the unanimous verdict that he has proved the most efficient collector the town ever had. The vital question before the voters is this: Shall we vote to continue this efficiency? The town chose him to collect the money due the town. He has performed this duty, and the town as a government is well satisfied with its servant. That there are individual sore spots there is no doubt; it is ever thus with faithful, impartial duty.

Mrs. Matthew Smith, of Brookside, entertained the Aero Whist club last week Friday evening. The club came on the seven o'clock electric car. The prizes announced were a square piano, and a hooby prize of a chaffing dish. The final score showed that Charles Atwood had won the first prize and he was presented with a miniature piano to the merriment of the company. Fred Daniels, formerly of Westford, drew the hooby prize.

Samuel Ogley, superintendent of the Brookside mills received a badly lacerated hand while working on a machine last Saturday afternoon. Dr. Varney performed the eight-stitch act on his hand.

Charles Byard, quarry foreman for H. E. Fletcher on Oak hill, has returned from a several-weeks' vacation at Winterport, Me., and is busy getting the quarry ready for the season's business.

Miss Luanna Decatur has been spending a few days at her home on the Lowell road and attended the Unitarian church on Sunday. She is a successful teacher in a Somerville school.

The Brookside mills are running full time and will have a full quota of help as soon as the machinery can be changed from carpet yarn to fine yarn for ladies' dress goods, for which they have orders for months to come. The help comes mostly on the electric from Lowell.

The W. C. T. U. have started the school savings bank in the schools of the town. The sum of twenty-eight dollars was the first collection. Charles O. Prescott has taken charge of these funds for investment.

The next Farmers' Institute held by Middlesex-North will be held in Wilmington on Wednesday, March 13. Mrs. James F. Adams, of West Tisbury, will give the morning address. Her subject will be "Poultry for the farmer's wife." In the afternoon Chas. W. Mann, of Methuen, will speak on "Small fruits." Dinner will be served at 12.30 by the ladies of the Wilmington grange. Music will be given by the Titania orchestra, and short after-dinner speeches will be given.

Six names were registered at Granitville on Monday evening. The last chance to register before town meeting will be on Saturday, March 9, from noon until ten o'clock at night, at the town hall.

Timothy Prescott returned home on Saturday from St. John's hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis recently.

The W. C. T. U. held their last meeting with Mrs. Clara Grogan, and twenty members were present. Miss Gladys Fletcher entertained with song and instrumental music. Of course it goes without printing that any club gathering the convenes at the Greigs is sure of a full hospitality and the W. C. T. U. found everything of this order of entertainment.

Caucuses.

The democratic caucus was held on Monday evening. Edward Fisher, chairman of the town committee, called the meeting to order, and J. M. Fletcher was elected to serve as chairman and Joe Wall as secretary. The following candidates for town offices were nominated:

Edward Fisher, clerk; Andrew Johnson, selectman; William L. Woods, assessor; Harwood L. Wright, treasurer; Emory J. Whitney, collector; William E. Taylor, auditor; John A. Sullivan, Charles Brooks, constables; J. Arthur Wilson, Charles O. Prescott, Albert H. Wall, school committee; John A. Healy, cemetery commissioner; Julian A. Cameron, Dexter E. Coggeshall, library trustees; John Spiller, tree warden; Joseph Wall, overseer of the poor.

There was somewhere in the vicinity of twenty-five present.

The republican caucus was held at the town hall on Tuesday evening. Alfred W. Hartford, secretary of the town committee, read the caucus call. Capt. S. H. Fletcher was chosen as chairman and Edward T. Hanley as secretary. The following nominations were made:

Edward Fisher, town clerk; Andrew Johnson, selectman; William L. Woods, assessor; Arthur H. Burnham, overseer; Leonard W. Wheeler, collector; William E. Taylor, auditor; J. Arthur Wilson, Charles O. Prescott, Thomas Dannis, school committee; John A. Healy, cemetery commissioner; Julian A. Cameron, Dexter E. Coggeshall, library trustees.

The entertainment at the town hall on last Saturday evening for the benefit of the Unitarian church, was in all respects "your money's worth," and much besides. The entertainment was furnished by R. G. Smith, of Boston. Prof. J. W. Maynard, the blind pianist and Thomas Loudon, humorist. They all in their several ways kept the large audience entertained with wit and song. At the conclusion dancing kept every one busily entertained for an hour. About twenty-five dollars was realized. The committee in charge were Misses Grace and Mary Burbeck, Miss May Balch and Mrs. A. H. Sutherland.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, March 18. The warrant has been posted and contains thirty-nine articles, only a few of which call for special mention.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to accept Section 42 of Chapter 49 of the Revised Laws, authorizing the selectmen to establish and grade sidewalks and assess one-half the cost upon the abutters.

Art. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the construction and grading of sidewalks in the several villages.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of lights established by the vote passed at the last meeting, or authorize a new contract to be entered into with the Lowell Electric Light Corporation in place of the one executed under date of June 21, 1911.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to purchase and install a set of platform scales and appropriate money therefor.

Article 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the purchase of playground apparatus.

Granitville.

Both masses were celebrated in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. Edmund T. Schofield, who spoke very interestingly on the reception held in honor of Cardinal O'Connell in Lowell, recently, and incidentally brought to the attention of his parishioners, particularly the men, the importance of participating in the town meeting that will be held in Westford town hall on March 18. Fr. Schofield said that he was a strong believer in liberty and did not feel like telling any man what he should do, but for the sake of the boys and young men he sincerely hoped that the citizens of Granitville and Forge Village would vote "no" on the license question at the coming election.

The people here who have been having so much trouble and inconvenience of late, caused by frozen water pipes, now feel like breathing more natural for all the necessary repairs have been made, the work having been done in the early part of the week by the Westford Water Co. Owing to the frozen condition of the ground the water company has given orders to let the water run and keep it running for it is found to be much cheaper to waste the water than to thaw out the

pipes, even if electricity is used, which has been the prevailing custom this winter.

Mrs. Julia Wall, Mrs. Elizabeth Harrington and Mrs. Maria J. Wall attended the union class initiation held under the auspices of the officers' association of Eastern Massachusetts in Faneuil hall, Boston, Sunday, March 3. This order is well known as the Companions of the Foresters of America and during the ceremonies over one thousand new members were initiated into membership in the order. The success of this affair was due in a great measure to Mrs. McGary, grand right guide, who was chairman of the committee of arrangements. A banquet followed the class initiation and the delegates who attended from here were well repaid for their trip for all had a very enjoyable time.

Forge Village.

Services at St. Andrew's Mission will be held next Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Lenten devotions will be held at the Mission on next Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wilkinson announce the engagement of their daughter, Della, to Mr. Chester Leroy Watson, son of Mrs. M. A. Watson of Worcester. Mr. Watson is employed as fireman on the Boston & Maine Railroad and resides in Ayer. Miss Wilkinson is one of the village's most popular young ladies. The wedding will take place in the near future.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

Mrs. Harry Barteaux and three youngest children have scarlet fever in a light form.

Roland Fletcher, draftsman, who has been working in Hyde Park since his graduation from Lowell Textile school, has a new position in Laconia, N. H.

William F. Conant, of Arlington Heights, has given up his position in P. F. Bonney's store, Boston, to accept a more promising offer from the Filene Company, of that city.

William L. Kimball, of Concord, N. H., was in town on Sunday, looking after the interest of his property at the West end.

Benjamin Conant, of Harvard university, was at home over Sunday, bringing his little niece, Dorothy Conant, from Arlington Heights, for a visit with her grandparents.

It is reported that Clyde Crane is to take Harris Steele's place as superintendent of the ice crew working for the Boston Dairy Company.

The standpipe on Oak hill has been completed and received one coat of dull red paint. Standing among the trees of equal height on the top of the hill, this reservoir is hardly noticeable to the ordinary observer.

Lester Griffiths is taking a course in civil engineering in Boston and making his home meanwhile with his sister, Mrs. Alice Kempton, in Waltham.

A side rod of the engine on an east-bound express train broke on Saturday evening near the station and delayed business on the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine railroad. The local grocers for a time became caterers and did a rushing business.

The ladies of the Backlog club give a leap year ball at Littleton town hall on Saturday evening March 15. Thayer's orchestra will furnish the music. The plan is to make this one of the social events of the season.

Mrs. G. F. Wilde spent several days last week in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, of Greater Boston, were week-end and Sunday guests of their brother, Paul L. Brown.

The auction at George H. Chandler's was not especially well attended on last Saturday. Consequently prices did not soar generally. The Chandler family, excepting the two oldest daughters, moved this week to the new home in Amherst, and Herbert Bradley, of South Acton, immediately moved into the town farm house. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradley, of South Acton will join the son and family soon, and together they will carry on the place.

Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence attended the funeral of her uncle, David Slade, in Wakefield, last week. Mr. Slade was a well-known business man, commonly called "the spice king." His death occurred at the age of ninety-one years, in Everness, Fla., early last week.

Warren Green's dancing school for children, closed with a reception and ball last week Friday evening. The ushers were Curtis W. Drew, Daniel H. Woodbury, Charles F. Johnson and Joseph N. Murray. The patronesses were Mrs. Walter Kimball, Mrs. Frank Priest, Mrs. Curtis Drew and Mrs. Joseph Murray. Green's orchestra furnished music which was much enjoyed by spectators as well as the younger people who had possession of the floor. Ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. Robert Roberts during the intermission.

Rev. Herbert Caultkins, Rev. O. J. Fairfield and Rev. H. L. Packard attended the annual meeting of the Ministers' Union at Ayer last week Tuesday. Revs. Packard and Fairfield were among the speakers.

On Monday afternoon, March 11, the Woman's club will hold an "at home" in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Flagg and Miss Fannie A. Sanderson. The ladies are invited to bring their needlework and thimbles. There will be an exhibition of tapestry, Japanese embroidery and other fancy work to which all the ladies are invited to contribute. Miss Tenney and Mrs. Houghton will play a duet, Miss Mildred Flagg will render a violin solo, and Mrs. Charlotte Tenney a piano solo. Tea will be served by Mrs. Emma Abbott and Mrs. Amelia Wakefield.

The subject of the C. E. meetings tomorrow is "Christian testimony that counts."

Special Town Meeting.

A special town meeting was held in the town house on Monday evening, March 4. The meeting was called to order and the warrant was read by

C. A. Kimball, town clerk, who appointed the selectmen as tellers. N. B. Conant was chosen moderator.

Voted, to authorize the board of water commissioners to extend the water pipes of the present system along such streets as will show a reasonable profit on the additional investment.

Voted, to authorize the board of water commissioners to petition the legislature of 1912 for an act authorizing an additional \$10,000 for the purpose of supplying itself and its inhabitants with water.

At a citizen's caucus held on the same evening, the secretary, Charles F. Johnson, recorded the following nominations:

Charles A. Kimball, town clerk; Harold W. Conant (declined); Nahum H. Whitcomb, George H. Barker, selectmen; Alex. H. McDonald received a very complimentary vote. Walter H. Titcomb, Nahum H. Whitcomb, George H. Barker, overseers of the poor; Edward P. Sheehan, assessor for three years; Charles W. Hunt, collector of taxes; Charles W. Hunt, treasurer; M. William Leahy, highway surveyor; Fred A. Hosmer, Edwin H. Priest, auditors; Fred C. Reed, Albert E. Hopkins, Willard O. Gibson, constables; Charles F. Johnson, school committee for three years; Fred S. Kimball, school committee for two years; Frank A. Patch, trustee of Reuben Hoar library for three years; Josiah H. Thacher, cemetery commissioner for three years; Albert E. Hopkins, tree warden; Joseph N. Murray, board of health for three years; Charles F. Johnson, Charles A. Kimball, Walter H. Titcomb, Nahum H. Whitcomb, George H. Barker, town committee for 1913.

Voted, that the present town committee have power to fill all vacancies for the town election.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday March 25.

Brief Address.

In response to a personal invitation to the parents of children above the age of fourteen now attending the public schools of Littleton, nineteen people assembled at the town hall on Thursday evening of last week and listened to a brief address by Rufus W. Stimson, a special agent for agricultural education in the state. In the afternoon Mr. Stimson looked over the high school building as a possible plant for an agricultural department in that school. If fifteen children, three of whom might be girls, could be found to take this course, Mr. Stimson felt that the department would be recommended by the State Board of Education. The state pays two-thirds of the expenses of instruction.

As a part of this course, if adopted, it is proposed to give an agricultural extension course of several weeks to the farmers of the community. Lectures and demonstrations to be given in the room provided by the town for the high school agricultural department.

SHIRLEY.

The meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening was well attended. A short business meeting was held at 7.30, after which the doors were opened to the public. The lecturer's hour proved to be a decided success and much credit is due the lecturer, Miss Elsie M. Holden, for providing so enjoyable an entertainment. The first number on the program was a piano selection by Mrs. J. Walker Ward, followed by a short sketch entitled, "Marinomial advertising," by Lenton Ward and Ora E. Holden. The remainder of the hour was given up to a lecture on the "Business of market gardening," by Prof. Yeaw of Amherst college. The lecture proved very interesting and the professor showed a thorough understanding of his subject. He said the secret of successful market gardening was small and well-worked pieces of land. He gave in addition some valuable advice in regard to spraying and other matters connected with his subject. After the lecture the professor answered questions for the audience. A short social hour was held, during which refreshments of cake, sandwiches, coffee and pickles were served.

The men's degree team held a reception in the town hall Thursday evening in preparation for the next meeting of the grange, when the first and second degrees will be worked.

The following members of Shirley grange attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona grange held at Littleton on Thursday of last week: Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cummings, Hazel Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Merrick W. Carey, N. Otis Colburn, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

TOWNSEND.

Alice Seaver will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting Sunday evening and the topic is "Christian testimony that counts."

Rev. J. H. Cox, who has been visiting friends in town, returned to the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. M. Steele, last Saturday, and is soon to start for his home in Maine.

Mrs. Emily J. Loes has been on the sick list for the past week, suffering from a severe cold.

Quite a number from here, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman, E. A. Craig and William Lawrence, attended the automobile show in Boston this week.

The meeting of the L. B. B. S. will be held at the home of Miss M. Ellnor Tower next Wednesday.

LITTLETON.

Reception and Ball. Friday evening, March 1. Warren Green gave a reception and ball for his dancing class. The members of the class were presented to the matrons, Mrs. J. N. Murray, Mrs. Frank B. Priest, Mrs. Curtis Drew and Mrs. Walter Kimball, by the ushers, Miss Faith Fairfield and Master Warren Hartwell. The march, led by John Fairfield and Miss Esther Ramsdell, was very skillfully executed and was followed by a varied order of dances, including waltz, two-step, gavotte, lancers, Virginia reel and military two-step, in all of which the children showed the results of careful, painstaking instruction. Following the children's program, there was general dancing with music by Green's orchestra.

tra. The ushers were Charles Johnson, Dr. J. N. Murray, Curtis Drew and Daniel H. Woodbury.

Death.

The following nearly verbatim account was neatly penned by Orman Ewings, our oldest resident, now in his ninety-fifth year.

Luther H. Ewings, aged 67, son of Orman Ewings, died in Van Alstyne, Texas, February 22, from the effects of malaria contracted in the Civil War, where he spent nearly four years in the 33d Regiment. He was wounded at Atlanta, Ga., in Sherman's raid and carried the bullet in his arm to the grave.

Mr. Ewings was a member of the Baptist church and was well known in Littleton before and after the war. He spent a few terms at school in New Warren's instruction.

He had a great desire to go South to live, and taught school one term in Georgia, then went to Texas, where he taught schools for over twenty-five years. Schools in Texas are managed by the state. The state school commissioners build schoolhouses, appoint teachers and maintain and support schools where they are needed.

Mr. Ewings was a very forcible and effective temperance speaker, and was in constant demand to give temperance lectures through Texas counties.

In that state license is managed by counties. If a county votes license all of the towns in that county can license. The deceased leaves a son and three grandchildren in Denver, Col., a wife and two young daughters in Texas.

In 1892 Mr. Ewings bought a tract of land of ten acres in a newly settled town in the southern part of the state. In his leisure from teaching and lecturing he planted a large part of the land, with the aid of colored help and their mules, with peas, beans, beets, tomatoes, Irish potatoes, squashes, melons and other garden vegetables. The old Texas rangers would come a long distance to see what a northerner could do with Texas soil where nothing was expected to grow but cotton and sweet potatoes.

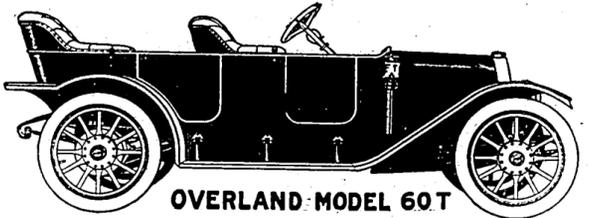
Mr. Ewings built a house on his land and had it all paid for. At twelve o'clock at night his house was struck by lightning and he and his family with difficulty saved themselves in their nightclothes. Luther nearly lost his life in saving his mother's Bible, the only thing rescued from the flames. His friends made up a purse of \$325. With the gift of clothes, bedding and household furniture he commenced housekeeping in Van Alstyne.

In a recent letter from him to see his great ambition in life was to see Texas a temperance state. He hoped his desire would soon be granted.

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| 8c. Egg Cups 4c | 5c. Machine Oil 2 for 5c |
| 10c. Lemonade Cups 5c | 15c., 25c. Dog Collars 10c, 17c |
| 20c. Creamers and Spoon Holders 10c | 10c. Household Lubricant 7c |
| 5c. Tooth Pick Holders 2 for 5c | 50-ft. Clothes Lines 15c |
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| 10c. Vases 5c | \$1.49 Food Chopper 98c |
| 10c., 15c. Iridescent Ware 5c | \$1.39, \$1.25 Wash Boilers 98c |
| 50c. 3-qt. Pitchers 35c | \$1.50 Pump Oil Cans \$1.10 |
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SHIRLEY.

News Items.

Mrs. E. C. Pevear, of Saanapscott, in company with young daughter Ruth, are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Conant.

Mrs. J. O'Neill has gone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Flynn for a few days.

Mrs. Bertha Sargent spent the week-end with relatives in Ware and Springfield.

Roy Brown and family, of Townsend, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. N. J. Brown.

Joseph H. McClellan spent the week-end in Boston with relatives and friends.

The board of registrars will meet in the engine hall on Saturday, March 9, from three to six p. m., and will also meet in the same place on Wednesday, March 13, from seven to nine p. m. The last session of the registrars will be held at town hall on Saturday, March 16, from twelve to ten p. m.

The following went to Boston on Monday and received their final naturalization papers: Joseph, Charles, Joseph E. James, Frank X., Louis Albert, Roger, Olea, William and Felix Gionet, Richard John and Frank Cormier, Fred E. Smith, John J. Chaisson, Phillip Leger, Emile Carter, George Sibby.

Miss Emma Knowles started on Monday for a visit with old school friends in North Abington and will return home on Saturday.

The case of John Czaplita came up before the grand jury at Lowell on Monday. Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, with five other witnesses, were present to give testimony. Czaplita was the Polander arrested a few weeks ago in connection with the stabbing affray at a Polander wedding at the Phoenix.

The Altrurian club will hold its next regular meeting at the clubroom, March 14, opening at three o'clock. The program for the afternoon is in charge of Mrs. Alice L. Wright, chairman, with Mrs. Nellie W. Holbrook, Mrs. Mary E. Lely, Miss Lura A. White.

The president and five other members of the Altrurian club attended the reciprocity meeting held at the Congregational vestry, Ayer, Wednesday afternoon, by invitation of the Ayer Woman's club. It was a very enjoyable meeting and the ladies felt well entertained.

Miss Rose Buckhelm spent the week-end with friends in Wollaston.

W. Lloyd Allen, of Boston, spent the week-end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen.

Shipley W. Ricker, of New York city, has joined his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harris, for a vacation. Mr. Ricker, who holds a position in the New York public library, will return to New York in company with his wife about the middle of this month.

John H. Logue, in company with Michael Shucrowe, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee at Fall River. They also visited friends in Boston.

Miss Elsie Knowles spent the week-end with friends in Clinton.

Miss May Wadsworth spent the week-end with friends in Sterling.

Miss Sarah Knowles spent the week-end with friends in Revere.

Willis Nelson, of Waltham, a former resident, spent the week-end visiting friends in town.

Mrs. A. A. Bronson returned from Keene, N. H., to attend the special services at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Miss Rena Churchill spent the week-end with friends in Boston.

Fourteen from this village attended the leap year party last week Thursday evening at the Center.

J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its next regular meeting on Monday evening, March 11. A smoke talk will follow. A good attendance is requested.

Miss Gertrude McNally spent the week-end with friends in Boston.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conant arrived from Chicago, where she spent three weeks visiting her daughter, Miss Edith Conant, last week Friday evening. Miss Conant was delighted with her trip and is much pleased with the splendid work she is doing as manager of the welfare department of Montgomery Ward & Company, of that city.

Given a Hearing.

Charles H. Hewes, who met with a severe injury to his left arm while working in the laundry of the State Industrial school for boys at Shirley on August 1, 1910, and who recently petitioned the legislature through his counsel, David I. Walsh, for the sum of \$10,000 as compensation, has been recently given a hearing by the committee on public charities, and after a full discussion of every phase of the case by the committee in executive session, they voted to recommend the payment to Mr. Hewes of the sum of \$2500. The report to the legislature will be made this week and in all probability will be accepted by the legislature and payment made to Mr. Hewes from the state treasury of the committee.

Fatal Consting Accident.

Louis Surdam, aged seventeen years, an inmate of the State Industrial school for boys, received injuries while coasting in the vicinity of the school on last Saturday which proved fatal. It appears that young Surdam was steering a double runner down an adjoining hill and ran into a post. He was rendered unconscious and the school physician, Dr. T. E. Lilly, was sent for. The boy was taken to the hospital, where he regained consciousness after treatment. However, his condition was such that on Sunday he was taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston, and upon his arrival an operation was performed, which disclosed the fact that his intestines were torn apart. He rallied from the operation, but gradually began to sink until death claimed him on Tuesday morning.

Death.

Died, on Sunday, March 3, at the age of fifty-two years, Mrs. Dina

Heroux Joyal, wife of Alphege Joyal. Mrs. Joyal has been in failing health for the past four years from the effects of a paralytic shock, which was last week followed with another one, and lapsed into a state of coma, remaining in that condition to the end.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, with services in St. Anthony's church at nine o'clock. Rev. J. H. Cote officiating. The bearers were Joseph Joyal, Mathia Joyal, Ovide Parenteau and Narcisse Heroux. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery.

Mrs. Joyal was born in St. Guillaume, P. Q., and has been a resident of Shirley for the past three years. Besides her husband she leaves two brothers, Gadorf Heroux, of Canada, and Narcisse Heroux, of Shirley, one sister, Agnes, of Canton, Me., and eight daughters, who are Misses Oringa, Cozanna, Mary, Evain, Jane Annise, Amanda, Antonia, and one son, Herman.

The following were present at the funeral from out of town: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Joyal, of Woonsocket, R. I.; Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Joyal, of Woonsocket, R. I.; and their son, Joseph, of Keene, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Ovide Parenteau, of Shirley; Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton saw a herd of forty-one deer one day last week in the field in back of their home on Center road. This is an unusually large herd of deer for this vicinity, especially since the two open seasons in the neighboring county.

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Eta M. Holden visited friends in Leominster this week and last week.

The young people of Shirley grange held a leap year party in the town hall Thursday evening, February 29, which proved to be a complete success. There was a large attendance from surrounding towns, and the affair proved to be very enjoyable. Music was furnished by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell. Refreshments were served.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus of Ayer preached a fine sermon on "Prejudice," at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth at the North received a visit from Mrs. William Berger and son Raymond of Fitchburg last week.

Misses Merle and Ruby Crockett of Lunenburg spent Thursday with Ruth M. Graves in order to attend the leap year ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton have closed their home on Center road and returned to their home in Brookline.

The Girls' Sewing guild of Trinity chapel, which was to meet on Saturday afternoon, March 9, at the home of Mrs. Henry F. Groat, has been postponed for a week on account of John W. Farrar's auction, the same day.

The Matron's Aid is expected to hold its next regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, March 12, at the home of Mrs. John W. Evans.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Miss Lucy Phelps of Bellows Falls,

the official insignia of the order. Mrs. Allen, although greatly surprised, thanked the chapter in her usual happy and enthusiastic manner.

Mrs. Hobbs then entertained with a talk on her visit to Rome, making the members all see the interesting places she visited. Miss Gertrude served refreshments, assisted by Miss Annie P. Holbrook.

Center.

Mrs. Henry L. Farnsworth has sold all the unfinished baskets and basket stock connected with her basketshop at Woodville, to Mr. Shepherd, of West Mansfield.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ward, of Townsend, were guests of Mrs. Ward's aunt, Mrs. Ardie A. Adams, recently.

Ruth M. Graves and Marion L. Holden returned to Fitchburg State Normal school on Monday after enjoying a ten-days' vacation at their homes.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman and little daughter Marion spent the week-end at Northampton.

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The young people of Shirley grange held a leap year party in the town hall Thursday evening, February 29, which proved to be a complete success. There was a large attendance from surrounding towns, and the affair proved to be very enjoyable. Music was furnished by Thayer's orchestra of Pepperell. Refreshments were served.

Rev. A. L. Bumpus of Ayer preached a fine sermon on "Prejudice," at Trinity chapel last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Edward Farnsworth at the North received a visit from Mrs. William Berger and son Raymond of Fitchburg last week.

Misses Merle and Ruby Crockett of Lunenburg spent Thursday with Ruth M. Graves in order to attend the leap year ball.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton have closed their home on Center road and returned to their home in Brookline.

The Girls' Sewing guild of Trinity chapel, which was to meet on Saturday afternoon, March 9, at the home of Mrs. Henry F. Groat, has been postponed for a week on account of John W. Farrar's auction, the same day.

The Matron's Aid is expected to hold its next regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, March 12, at the home of Mrs. John W. Evans.

LITTLETON.

About Town.

Miss Lucy Phelps of Bellows Falls,

Vt., and Dr. Draper Phelps of Worcester were guests the first of the week at the Davis home, also Mrs. Carrie (Phelps) Gardner and little girl of Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. Lucy Pickard joins a party of friends later on for a trip to Washington, D. C., and vicinity.

Thomas Ryan was found dead in bed Tuesday morning.

The cards are out for the King's daughters' sale in Baptist vestry on Saturday afternoon, March 30, from two to five o'clock.

John Phelps, who has done the new plumbing in the Phelps house, also the W. H. Davis house, is putting in the Unitarian parsonage set tubs to be connected with the town water.

Mrs. J. M. Hartwell will speak before the guild on the topic, "Our positive faith—what it is."

Mrs. Mention, who stayed with Mrs. E. K. Adams while she lived, is now at P. M. Harwood's.

E. H. Priest has the lumber on the spot ready for a new house, soon as the cellar can be put in.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of JOHN H. SHATTUCK late of Pepperell in said County, deceased:

Whereas, SARAH M. SHATTUCK, administratrix of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at private sale, in accordance with the order named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Pepperell Clarion-Advertiser, a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be published one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3124 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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To all persons interested in any of the real estate of FIDELIA C. BIRCHENS late of Pepperell in said County, deceased, intestate:

Whereas, FRANK H. BIRCHENS of Pepperell in the County of Middlesex has presented to said Court a petition, representing that he as the husband of said deceased, is entitled to take five thousand dollars and one half of the remaining personal, and one half of the remaining real property of said deceased; that the personal estate is insufficient to pay the said five thousand dollars and that the whole amount of the estate of said deceased does not exceed in value the sum of five thousand dollars over and above the amount necessary to pay debts and charges of administration; and praying that the whole of the real estate which is described in said petition may be assigned and set out to him by the Court according to law, to provide for said deficiency, at a value of two thousand dollars, or at such other value as may be fixed by said Court.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one cannot be so found, by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, once in each week, for three successive weeks, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3124 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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

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To the heirs at law and all others interested in the estate of EPHRAIM M. BURGESS late of Harvard in said County, deceased:

Whereas, ADELINA M. BURGESS executrix of the will of said deceased has presented to said Court her petition for license to sell at public auction or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Worcester, in said County, on the nineteenth day of March, A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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Saturday, March 9, 1912.

Interesting Document.

Miss Lydia Stowbridge, of Peacham, Vt., has a letter that is a relic of interest. It was written home from Crown Point, N. Y., in 1745, by Ephraim Wesson, who was a soldier in the early French and Indian wars that were raging at that time. He was from Groton; that part of Groton once Pepperell. The letter is in good condition now. Ephraim Wesson was great-grandfather of Miss Stowbridge. He was one of the first settlers in Haverhill, N. H., and was a selectman and first moderator in that town. He was also a revolutionary soldier from Haverhill.

After 1790, he removed to Groton, Vt., and died there in 1815, aged ninety-three years. His son-in-law, Edward Clark, built the Congregational church in Peacham, Vt. 1806, now in use. His grandson, Ephraim Wesson Clark, became a Congregational minister and was one of the first missionaries, in 1828, in the Sandwich Islands and was the first pastor of the Congregational church in Honolulu.

William H. Lynds, Lowell.

Note—A brother of William H. Whitehill, of Groton, is married to Miss Stowbridge's sister, and is principal of the high school at White River Junction, Vt.

An Historical Sketch.

In 1732, an emigrant ship came to America, and a young Irish girl by the name of Margery Brown, came as a passenger. She was to work for her passage. Some one asked her what she was going to do when she got to America when on the way. She replied that she would raise governors for the colonies. There was also another passenger on the same ship, a young Irishman, who fell in love with her, paid her passage and married her. They settled in Berwick, Mass., now Maine, on a farm. He remained loyal to the faith of his fathers, and lived to be 105 years old. His family living in protestant surroundings, became protestants (Episcopal). One son, John Sullivan, became a lawyer and major-general in the revolutionary war, president of the state of New Hampshire before 1790, and when the title was called governor, he was elected governor of New Hampshire.

He lived in the city of Portsmouth, and was then first grand master of the grand lodge of Masons of New Hampshire, where there were only three lodges in the state in 1790: St. John's No. 1, of Portsmouth, St. Patrick's No. 2, Portsmouth, and Rising Sun No. 3, Keene. He became attorney general of New Hampshire as also did his son and grandson, John Sullivan Wells. Another grandson, Samuel Wells, became governor of Maine in 1852, and lived in Hallowell. He was also a Boston lawyer, Samuel Wells, of Boston, whose wife, Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, died a few weeks ago, was a son of Gov. Samuel Wells, of Maine.

Another son of John and Margery (Brown) Sullivan, James Sullivan, born in 1744, in Berwick, Me., (or Mass. then) became a lawyer and was elected governor of Massachusetts in 1807 and died on December 10, 1808, while in office. His home was near the park called Sullivan square, in that part of Boston called Charlestown. Sullivan Square Terminal of the Boston Elevated Railway takes its name from the same square. So the mother of the above governors proved what she said she would do when on her way to America.

James Sullivan was also a prominent Mason as his brother, Gov. John Sullivan, was.

The writer took a walk a while ago in the old cemetery in back of Park Street church in Boston. On the rear side, near the grave of Paul Revere, is another grave with a tablet flat over the grave that reads that Gov. Richard Bellingham, who died in 1673, is buried here. Above it is another tablet with posts at the corners that reads that in 1808, the town of Boston granted this grave to Gov. James Sullivan, who died on December 10, 1808, aged sixty-four. Gov. Bellingham's home was in Chelsea, and was governor nine years in all, prior to 1673. He was one of Massachusetts' arbitrary governors. He wanted a change in wives while he was governor. There was at that time no laws that any one could obtain a divorce, so he made a decree that he made answer for a divorce between himself and wife.

William H. Lynds, Lowell.

GROTON.

News Items.

Some of the women on Main street, north, were much disturbed Monday night by seeing a man sprawled out, face down and arms extended, lying full length on the roadway. They cautiously approached but couldn't tell whether he was alive or not. It seemed inhuman to leave him there, so a telephone summons soon brought Chief Riley, who quickly found out the trouble and took care of him. Had the man been left there he stood a good chance of being run over or still closer chance of being frozen to death. There's a sense of safety, when there is any trouble, in having a Chief Riley to call up.

While a party of young people were coasting down Gibbet hill Monday night, the double-runner broke and George Folkins sustained a serious accident, breaking his leg in two places. He is a son of Odber S. Folkins of Station avenue.

The Reading club met with Mrs. Francis G. Lawrence Wednesday afternoon instead of with Mrs. A. G. Kibbourn, as was at first arranged.

Mrs. Caroline R. Bancroft was taken ill a few days ago and is not as well as usual.

Miss Bertha Swallow is at present assisting at the post office.

There were twenty-two from Groton attended the Pomona grange at Littleton last week.

Miss Bertha Clarke is spending the week with relatives at Hyde Park.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Howe are entertaining their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Howe, who arrived at the parsonage Monday evening.

Miss Charlotte Grant, who has been ill with sciatic rheumatism, will soon be able to resume her duties as acting district nurse, during Miss Killey's vacation.

Owing to the alarm felt about the spread of scarlet fever, the numbers attending the Sunday School of the Congregational church were much depleted last Sunday. There will be no session of this Sunday School next Sunday.

The D. R. met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood, Mrs. Henrietta Chase read a paper on "Acadia, land of Evangelism."

Miss Annie P. Floyd gave up her position at the postoffice last Saturday. She has worked there as assistant for four years and seven months, giving the public a faithful and courteous service, which has been greatly appreciated. She will be missed with regret.

Dr. D. R. Steere has moved all his household goods to Providence, R. I., and has himself gone there to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Register and family of that city. Mrs. Register is Dr. Steere's favorite cousin and is a very estimable woman.

There will be no meeting of the Sewing School on Saturday March 9.

The morning services at the Baptist church tomorrow will be conducted by W. E. Wilder of West Townsend and in the evening by Deacon H. H. Gay.

Mrs. Theodore Perkins and children are visiting relatives in Chelmsford.

We hear that Fred C. Tuttle is to make repairs on H. P. Tainter's house, and the work is already begun.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist church has lately sent a barrel of clothing, etc., to the Boston Baptist Bethel.

Rev. H. A. Cornell is spending a few days with friends in Providence, R. I., and vicinity.

Howard D. Bowles has sold his place situated on the Ayer road to a Mr. Hatch of Shirley.

Quite a number of Groton people attended the Automobile Show in Ayer last week, held by Robert Murphy & Sons, agents for the E-M-F and Flanders cars.

There will be a meeting of the Groton Village Improvement Society Monday, March 12, at 3.30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. F. W. Mansur.

The Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association will hold its annual meeting in Horticultural hall, Worcester, Wednesday and Thursday, March 13 and 14.

George W. Cummings, Mrs. Felton Stone's son, got a bad cut on his face Wednesday morning while coasting. Several stitches had to be taken.

Miss Aria Cooper of Clinton visited her aunt, Mrs. A. Wood, last week. Miss Ella Blakney went to Boston Tuesday to attend the millinery openings in that city and to be the guest of Mrs. A. W. Reed at Winter Hill.

People of all ages have been enticed by the fine coasting, to try the double-runner and single sled. Among the children of older years were noticed Charles Murphy, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Meison, Mrs. Emmeline Smith, Mrs. Wilson, and others too numerous to mention.

Maj. M. P. Palmer went Wednesday to attend the meeting of The Royal Legion, at The American House, Boston, returning home Thursday night.

A number of large old elms, condemned by the tree warden and others as unsafe, were cut down last week. One of the largest, an old landmark which must have been at least a century old, stood near the residence of George Prescott, who was sorry that it must go. Another was near the residence of E. O. Collier. These old trees seem almost like old friends or sentinels of the families, but it was a wonder that they withstood the recent gales without falling or breaking off. Another elm near the Unitarian church was cut down.

Charles B. Shattuck has taken out nomination papers for the office of park commissioner.

Mrs. Mesely Gilson returned on Wednesday from a week's visit among friends in Littleton.

Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, master of the Ladies' Degree Team of Groton, Grange, meets with the team for special rehearsal, tonight (Saturday) and again Monday night at Grange hall. The rehearsals are preparatory for the work coming at the next Grange meeting, Tuesday night of next week.

Arthur A. Wood is putting in a new bath room at Amory Lawrence's.

Mrs. George H. Woods and daughter, Miss Hattie Woods attended the North Pomona Grange at Tyngsboro last week, Friday. Dr. Twitchell from Maine was the interesting speaker of the afternoon.

Alfred Workman, coachman for Mr. Gardner, returned Monday from the Massachusetts General Hospital, where he went two weeks before for an operation on his knee. The injury was caused by a kick from a horse some time ago, and this was the second or third operation. It was entirely satisfactory. Mrs. Workman remained in Boston while her husband was there and returned home with him Monday night.

The Neighborhood club met last week, Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. H. D. Bowles. All the members but one were present. The reading of Dickens' works was continued and the usual sociability enjoyed with instrumental musical selections rendered by Miss Edna Bowles. Refreshments were prettily served on small separate tables in the dining room.

All public schools close on March 29, for a week's vacation.

Zerbois Clark, the son of C. E. Clark, Lawrence Brooks' coachman, died at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Boston, Tuesday night, March 5. He was a youth of 17 years and had been out of health for some time. He was taken by automobile to the hospital some two weeks ago.

The Misses Lottie and Hattie Woods, daughters of George H. Woods, who are milliners at Pepperell, spent three days this week, from Monday till Wednesday night at the millinery openings in Boston.

One hundred and nineteen dollars has gone into the treasury of The Farmers' and Mechanics' club, the net proceeds from the recent minstrel show and dance held in town hall on February 16.

The Groton Historical society held its meeting for March on Tuesday evening, with Frank Lawrence Blood in the chair. No especial business was transacted. Mrs. M. V. Parkhurst read an interesting and well written paper on Mrs. Mary Washington and Mrs. Martha Washington, the mother and wife of our first president.

The W. R. C. held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon with a good attendance. Mrs. Maria Bowers, patriotic instructor, had prepared what she called "Friendship Cards." These, on which were written friendship sentiments from different authors, were passed around for reading aloud among the members. Mrs. Sherwin and Miss Barrows helped to entertain with a piano duet.

Mr. Gillet, whose home is with his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Durant, suffered a shock last Saturday. Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Meyet, both of this town, are also Mr. Gillet's daughters.

Miss Thekla Huebner was quite badly hurt on Tuesday night while coasting. The doctor found no bones broken, but she was shaken up and scratched badly, and was kept in bed, but is getting over it all right now.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson Evans is getting along very comfortably. Mr. Evans had the misfortune on Wednesday to cut open his toe while using an axe. It was necessary to have it dressed by the doctor.

Wolcott Cressey, a scarlet fever patient, is getting along very nicely, and is up now and about the room.

Prof. Holcombe, of Amherst Agricultural college, is to preach at the Unitarian church on Sunday. Prof. Holcombe was at one time the Unitarian minister at Tyngsboro.

Born on Wednesday night, March 6, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cook.

The Groton Improvement society will meet with Mrs. F. W. Mansur on Monday afternoon, March 11, at 3.30 o'clock.

Those who did not contribute last Sunday to the collection taken at the Congregational church for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, can do so on Sunday in the usual way.

From the Boston Globe of Thursday, March 7: Miss Alice H. Ames of Groton through her attorney, John M. Maloney of Ayer, has filed papers at the East Cambridge court in a suit for \$10,000 for alleged breach of promise against Ralph C. Whitney of Harvard. Mr. Whitney is employed by his father, who is a commission merchant in Boston. Miss Ames alleges that Whitney promised several times to marry her.

Entertainment.

The entertainment for the Benefit of The District Nurse Association, at Mr. Gardner's Pleasure Dome Groton School, on Saturday afternoon, March 2, was very pleasing and successful and yielded fifty dollars for the treasury of the association.

The program was as follows:
Prelude—Miss M. Peabody
The Robbers' Heir
A play in five acts
By Gynne Abbott and Susan Sturgis
Persons in the play:
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Princess Sylvia—Miss Elizabeth Abbott
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Wife of chief—Miss Marjory Peabody
Flora, their daughter
Miss Susan Sturgis
First advisor—Miss Dorothy Peabody
Second advisor—Miss Dorothy Griswold
Third advisor—Miss Katherine Griswold
Executioner—Master Somers Sturgis
Old hag—Miss Gynne Abbott
First maid of honor—Miss Dorothy Peabody
Second maid of honor—Miss Dorothy Griswold
Pages—Miss Katherine Griswold
Attendant—Miss Susan Sturgis
Act I. The forest.
Act II. The robbers' cave.
Act III. The council chamber.
Act IV. The secret way.
Act V. Home again!

Musical
Violin solo, "Angel's serenade"—Braza
Song, "The tribe of Tezumat"—Kipling
A. Sturgis
Meditation, "Thais" violin solo, Miss Lawrence
The following ladies, from the team, went over to the school to this entertainment and all found it charming. They were: Mrs. Needham, Miss Annie Riley, Mrs. G. W. Shattuck, Mrs. Fanny Sampson, Mrs. H. B. Priest, Mrs. L. W. Kane and Mrs. W. A. Lawrence.

Clipping.

The Boston Globe of March 3 gives a picture and sketch of the career of William Thomas Brennan. This picture is a snap shot from an ancient portrait now the property of The Groton Historical Society. The portrait was given the Groton Society by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parker and Mrs. Frances M. Berger, now living here on Hollis street. They are nieces of the above and are the last living members of the family. William Thomas Brennan was an officer in the Texan navy, when Texas was fighting for its independence, before its annexation to the United States. Mrs. Amelia Shattuck and Mrs. M. E. Estes late of Charlestown, were his sisters. Their father, Stephen Brennan, was said to be of Spanish descent, was formerly a tailor in this town and moved from here about 1840. This son, William Thomas, whose portrait is given was referred to as Commodore and Admiral Brennan.

Lawrence Academy Notes.

The public meeting of the Gamma Beta society comes this Saturday evening, March 9, in the school chapel at eight o'clock. The question for debate is "The Initiative and Referendum." Hallagan and Keenan have the affirmative, Miller and Wallace the negative. The judges are: Frank Lawrence Blood, esq., Rev. G. M. Howe, Prin. J. H. Manning, Miss Margaret Clough will give recitations. The public is cordially invited.

The Senior class will give a dance Monday evening, March 18, at the town hall. Music by Thayer's orchestra.

Dougherty, who was in Lawrence a short time last year, won the mile race at the B. A. A. meet.

Vesper service will be held Sunday, March 10. Rev. J. P. Trowbridge of West Groton is the speaker.

A Letter.

Mrs. Samuel Morse Felton (nee Clara L. Stone), formerly of Ayer, who has recently gone abroad with her husband, will tour Europe and also visit some of the principal cities of South America, expecting to return to this country in about two years. The following is an extract from letter written from London to a member of her family:

Yesterday we saw their Royal Majesties King George and Queen Mary, February 14, is the opening of parliament and the king and queen will open the session. The royal procession starts from Buckingham palace. On both sides of the street all way, about three feet apart, soldiers in gorgeous uniforms with "Busby's" on their heads, all big, strapping fellows standing like statues.

First in the parade comes the royal groom in white wig and elegant uniform mounted on a black horse. Following him are the horse guards in silver armor, gold helmets and swords riding such beautiful horses, then the state royal coach drawn by eight cream colored horses with gold trappings and purple trimmings, out riding etc. The coach is one solid mass of gold leaf impossible to describe, the driver in purple and gold wearing cocked hat, knee breeches, two footmen behind, gotten up in same style. Inside are their royal majesties. The queen looked beautiful in her royal robes and crown. She is a very haughty, stately looking person, with most wonderful blue eyes and such a complexion. They bowed to the right and left but never smiled.

The king is a small, very ordinary looking man. We stood very close and got a splendid view when they passed. Every man removed his hat, and scarcely a sound was heard. Following came all the lords and ladies of the royal family and all the ambassadors and foreign ministers. The coaches were gorgeous affairs. The ladies were all in black, as the court is in half-mourning for the Duke of Fife, the king's brother-in-law, but such a display of jewels.

When they arrived at the parliament building there was a royal salute of one hundred guns. It was the most imposing spectacle I ever saw—such dignity and profound respect for the king. The crowd was enormous, yet got a splendid view when they passed. He is not so popular as King Edward they tell me. The people worshipped him and Queen Alexandra. They rave over her now.

We stood in the crowd for one solid hour, but it was well worth it. Now I want to tell you about "The Miracle." It is going to be produced in America, so they say, and if ever you have the opportunity don't fail to see it. There are two thousand people in it, a trained chorus of five hundred voices, an orchestra of one hundred pieces, music by Humperdink. It is produced here in the Olympia, a building on the order of Mechanics, but much larger. It is arranged for this production like a huge cathedral and is beautiful. The lighting effects are wonderful. The girl that takes the part of the young girl is the most lovely creature I ever saw. She is a Russian. I just sat there and cried my eyes out, and men and women were weeping all around there. There are forty thousand people here daily, so you see what a hold it has on the public.

The fire scene alone is wonderful. I am sending you a little circular that gives an outline of the story. Am having a grand time. Will continue the story in my next letter.

West Groton.

Mrs. M. F. McGowan returned on Friday of last week from an enjoyable visit with a cousin in Jamaica Plain.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lamb entertained guests on Sunday.

Mrs. C. R. Dudley's sister, of Danvers, who had been with her for some days, left on Wednesday. Baby Carolyn is doing well.

W. F. Lane attended the automobile show in Boston on Thursday.

Mrs. M. F. McGowan was called to Boston on Thursday by the death of an old friend.

Miss K. A. Tarbell is visiting her sister in Jaffrey, N. H., and is in the professional care of her brother-in-law, Dr. Frank Hamiston.

The Ladies' Aid society will give a supper in the lower hall on Friday evening, March 15. Chairman of committee, Mrs. E. K. Harrington. A social hour, with marching and games in charge of the literary committee, will follow in the main hall. All are cordially invited.

Rev. John J. Walker, treasurer of the Massachusetts Missionary society, spoke in the church on Sunday evening in the interests of that society, his subject being "The place of the church in the community." The address was received with marked appreciation by one of the largest audiences which has been seen in the church for a long time. The singing of the chorus, under the direction of Miss Susie P. Hill, was an attractive feature of the evening exercises. The solo by Miss Hill was greatly enjoyed.

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Center.

There will be a Curiosity Kermes at Memorial hall on Friday evening, March 15, for the benefit of the Senior class of the high school to aid them

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on their Washington trip. There will also be a supper at six p. m. The entertainment will be varied and there will be fortune tellers, etc.

Clarence Parker, who is about twenty years old, died at the home of Reid Hall, Thursday morning, March 7, of consumption. He has been in poor health for a year and last spring went to Nova Scotia to recuperate, but he has gradually failed since returning. The funeral is to be held this Saturday afternoon.

A supper and entertainment under the auspices of the L. B. S. was held at the Congregational vestries on Wednesday evening. The program consisted of a piano solo by Violet McKenzie; song, Miss Myrtle Gray; tableaux, "The small boy's explanation"; piano solo, Beth Haynes; song, Stella Farrar; a farce entitled "The automatic servant girl." The parts were taken by Mabel Bliss, Charles Howard and Harry Winchester. Mrs. Emma Seaver was in charge of the entertainment.

Robert Copeland was operated upon for appendicitis Thursday by Dr. Maurice Richardson, at a Roxbury hospital.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Miss Ethel Mead has gone to Waverley to spend the rest of the month with her sister, Mrs. Frank Dodge.

Harold Priest has left the employ of Albert Littlefield and is going to work in Stow for C. D. Wetherbee.

Arthur Nelson visited the automobile show in Boston on Monday and Tuesday and was accompanied by his father, R. Y. Nelson on Wednesday. They are visiting the show in the interests of the Overland car, which they are agents for.

Because of the recent winds the telephone lines have been in such a condition that one part of the town has been entirely cut off from the other.

Miss Florence Moore visited last week Thursday at R. Y. Nelson's.

Miss Mary Hager returned last week but was called suddenly to Westford, so that her home is again closed.

R. Y. Nelson and family, and Mrs. Amy Nelson Lawrence attended the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. Nelson's brother, Robert Yapp, in Allston on Wednesday evening.

We are sorry to learn that Lewis Richardson does not seem to improve. At the present his mother is also quite sick.

Mrs. Josephine Labbe spent last week Wednesday and Thursday in Boston, and going while there to Dorchester to see Mr. Libbie's mother, who she found very much improved.

Oliver Shattuck is to spend the week-end in Worcester.

News of the death of Mrs. Susan (Wetherbee) Brigham, who passed her 107th birthday about a month ago, has been received recently. She was born in Boxborough, in accordance to all accounts, and was descended from a long lived family.

Word has just been received of the death of Daniel Hager, the last of that generation of the Hager family, in Orange, on February 20, aged eighty-three years. He was the father of Esther Hager, who cared so tenderly for her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Hager, so many years.

Hazel Morse has been quite sick the past week with tonsillitis, but is now able to return to school.

Dr. Henry R. Roberts and Arthur Weaver, of Boston, spent a very pleasant week-end at Sunshine farm.

HARVARD.

Still River.

On Friday evening of last week, Mrs. L. H. Morse was called to Worcester on account of the sudden death of her sister's husband, William A. Newgent, who died that morning from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Newgent and wife were occasional visitors at the parsonage, and Mrs. Newgent has the sincere sympathy of her Still River friends in this bereavement.

Miss Edna Flanders is substituting for one of the teachers at the school in West Boyiston. She goes back and forth daily on the train.

On Tuesday, William B. Haskell, A. A. Hutcherson, Charles Haskell and Howard Stone attended the automobile show in Boston, and on the same day, Mrs. William B. Haskell went to Waltham to see her cousin, William Stone, who is very sick.

We are glad to report that Mrs. M. A. Farnsworth is much better and everything looks favorable for her recovery to her usual strength.

Warren Houghton is very sick and the outlook for his recovery is very small.

Mrs. Susan M. Read is very sick with heart trouble, and owing to her age and frailty, her recovery is very doubtful. Her son Samuel, of Springfield, came on Tuesday to help care for her.

Miss Alice Harrod is sick with bronchitis, but is now getting better.

Luther Willard has been quite ill with acute indigestion, but is now fast on the mend.

Helen E. Stone went to Fitchburg on Thursday to help her cousin, Mrs. Harry Atwood, pack her furniture to move to Worcester, where Mr. Atwood has just built a new house. Mr. Atwood is assistant registrar of deeds at Worcester, and found it hard to live so far from his work, in Fitchburg, so has built a home in Worcester.

Mrs. Grasse, of Leominster, came on Wednesday to care for her brother, Warren Houghton.

Walter Haskell is serving at Fitchburg on the superior civil court jury. Owing to the rush of freight business on the Boston and Maine railroad, they had to place over sixty cars on the track that runs to the brick yard at Still River last Friday for storage, until they can haul them west by the way of the Fitchburg division. The cars are all "empties."

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AYER.

News Items.

The registrars of voters will meet this Saturday evening in the selectmen's room from 7.30 till 9.30, for the purpose of registering those who are otherwise qualified to vote at the coming town election on Monday, April 1.

Rev. Eugene M. Grout, of Wilton, N. H., occupied the Unitarian pulpit last Sunday and gave a very fine sermon with a message. In the evening at the Y. P. R. U., the leader was Miss Mona Kittredge, the pianist Miss Myrtle Smith and Mr. Grout gave the address. Mr. Grout has been abroad three times, and he is a fine speaker and knows very well all he has seen. In the limited time allowed him on Sunday evening he confined his talk to the story of Venice, a little of the Vatican and a description of mosaics. He stayed nearly an hour after the meeting answering questions that were put to him.

Rev. George F. Piper, of Bedford, will preach in the Unitarian church on Sunday.

The Y. P. R. U. will meet on Sunday evening at seven. There will be a musical program.

The Unitarian Woman's Alliance met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, who was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. A. M. Spaulding and Mrs. W. E. Beckford. Two appeals were answered by appropriations of money and articles. The program included a piano solo by Mrs. Avis B. Fisher; vocal duet, Mrs. Bigelow and Mrs. Beckford; address, "Benjamin Franklin," Rev. A. Judson Rich, of Belmont. At the close of the program refreshments were served during a social hour by the hostesses, assisted by Misses Natalie Bigelow and Doris Fletcher.

Judge Atwood returned on Wednesday from Dr. Codman's private hospital, Boston, where he recently underwent an operation. He is getting along very well and was able to be at his office for a time on Thursday.

A very pleasing entertainment was given by the boys' class of the loyal temperance legion at the Baptist vestry Monday evening. There was a good attendance.

Ruel P. Lougee was examined last Saturday by Dr. Bulkeley and a slight surgical operation was performed for a lung trouble. He is rapidly recovering and was able to be dressed yesterday. Miss Oliver, a nurse of Worcester, is caring for him.

The literature committee of the Women's club will continue the Dickens' readings at Mrs. Hill's Wednesday afternoon, March 13, at three o'clock. Club members are welcome.

Miss Ethel Bruce left Wednesday for New York city to inspect the spring styles of millinery and will return the first of the week. At her millinery rooms she has a final markdown of trimmed and untrimmed hats to make room for her new spring goods.

The supreme judicial court has affirmed the decree of the superior court dismissing the plaintiff's bill, Hannah Curran et als. to Julia O'Meara.

These rhetorical were given at the high school Friday afternoon:

Muscle, trio: "The cruise of the mystery," Madeline Carlson; "Benjamin Franklin," Frank Donahue; "The city reporter," Owen Keegan; "Wanted, a matchmaker," Mary E. Leahy; piano solo, Charles Mullin; "To save the command," Nathan Miller; "Solomon and the bees," Mabel Sanborn; "The Indians," Edward McGuane; piano solo, Mary E. Leahy; "Madeline Verchers," Bertha Walsh; "A Welch preacher," Stephen J. Ryan; "Uncertain and unreliable," Kathleen M. Hackett; "Mrs. Willin's stroke," Gertrude Carrigan; music, trio.

Grades 5 and 6 on Washington street and the Shirley street school will close for the spring vacation on Friday, March 15. All the other schools will close Friday, March 22. The schools will re-open on Monday, April 1.

Miss Emma G. Gowan, of Boston, will speak at the union meeting to be held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening, March 17, at seven o'clock, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The baked bean supper which was served in the vestry of the Baptist church Wednesday evening was well patronized and everybody had a very pleasant time.

Lyman J. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor went to North Adams Thursday and returned Friday morning. Mr. Taylor, while in that city, attended the roll call of the North Adams lodge Knights of Pythias.

Miss Eva Taylor left Wednesday for Northampton, where she has secured a position in a silk mill.

William Murphy and Alfred Yates are attending the automobile show in Boston this week.

The remains of Thomas Ryan of Littleton were brought here Thursday morning where a requiem mass was said at St. Mary's church. The body was taken to Lowell for interment.

After the regular business session of the grange Wednesday evening there was a leap year party. Cake and cocoa were served. Four applications for membership were received.

Chief of Police Beatty, Deputy Sheriff Fillebrown and Officers Mullin, O'Connell and Smith raided the premises of Charles A. Barrett last Saturday night and found three empty quart bottles, one empty pint bottle and nearly eight quarts of whiskey in fifteen bottles. On the same evening these officers searched the premises of Morris Schwartz on Mer-

chants' row, but nothing was found. The Park hotel was also searched on the same evening for intoxicating liquors, but none was found.

The feast of Purim was observed by the local Jews last Sunday in common with their countrymen all over the world. The day is one of rejoicing and marks the deliverance of the Jewish people from death through the designs of Haman, the favorite grand vizier under King Ahasuerus. The deliverance of the race was the result of the intercession of Esther, the Jewish wife of the king, as recorded in the Book of Esther. The feast is preceded by fasting. Elaborate ceremonies are held in the synagogues in commemoration of the day, the Book of Esther being read as a part of the religious service.

George H. Brown left last week Friday for a trip to the Bermuda Islands and expects to be away three or four weeks.

The services at the Baptist church tomorrow will be the same as usual, with preaching at 10.45 a. m., Sunday school at twelve and praise service at seven in the evening.

Daniel W. Mason, moth superintendent, finished work on the moth nests on Tuesday night. There is quite a little more to be done, but as the appropriation for this purpose was spent it was necessary to stop the work.

Regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge on Monday evening, March 11. Work—M. M. degree. Lunch after work.

The ladies of the Sandy Pond Schoolhouse association will have a supper in the Sandy Pond schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, March 12. All are invited.

The regular business meeting of the Ladies' Social Gathering will be held in the Unitarian church parlors on Tuesday afternoon, March 12, at three o'clock.

Saturday evening, March 9, the moving pictures in Page hall, by the Poullus Bros., will be well worth seeing and some of the films very interesting as well as amusing. The Poullus Bros. spare no pains to please their large audiences that have crowded the hall for a long while. The brothers are popular with the people.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending March 4: Pietro Carano, Drympos Gnomar, Mrs. Jennie Moore, James Phillips, Thomas Randles, Norman Ross.

Seventeenth Anniversary.

The seventeenth anniversary of the organization of the Ayer Current Events club was quietly observed at the home of its vice president, Mrs. N. E. Sanderson, on Monday evening. The program included music both vocal and instrumental, readings and recitations. Much credit is due to the young ladies, Miss Pearl Carley and Miss Evelyn Sanderson for their very acceptable contributions to the enjoyment of the evening in the songs sung and recitations given. The piano solo by Miss Pearl Carley was warmly applauded.

It was very pleasant to listen to the humorous reading from Myrtle Reed on "Parliamentary law," by Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, whose return to the club is heartily welcomed. The closing musical number was given by Mrs. Carley, who preceded it by an interesting story of the pathetic origin of beautiful song she sang. Following the program, refreshments of sandwiches, cake, cocoa and ice cream were served, and a social hour closed the evening.

Home Party.

Miss Harriet S. Hume, together with about twenty girl friends, gave a very pretty party at her home on Monday evening to Miss Edith L. Perry. It was a handkerchief shower and one of the enjoyable features was the complete surprise which it was to her. There was much fun and merriment over the original lines of poetry attached to each gift and suggestive of its usefulness. There were handkerchiefs in all shapes, plain and dainty jobs, aprons and bags, and Miss Perry greatly appreciated being so nicely remembered by her friends. Delicious refreshments were served and at the close of the evening each and all pronounced Miss Hume a splendid hostess.

Smoke Talk.

Another milestone in the history of Robert Burns Lodge, I. O. F., was reached on Tuesday evening last, when about seventy-five brethren, some from Shirley, met in the lodge-room. It was a card party, and the brethren evidently enjoyed themselves to a good degree as was evidenced by the peculiar exhibition of the characteristics of Odd Fellowship brotherly love, so seldom seen outside this order.

After the formal closing of the lodge the doors were opened and accompanied by an enlivening orchestra, entered and after a few words of welcome asked the brethren to consider this an informal gathering, and he hoped all would make themselves at home and get all the good cheer they could out of the pleasures of the evening. Noble Grand George C. Peterson was accompanied by an orchestra of which he was first violinist and leader. Misses Madeline Carlson and Pauline Sherwin, 2d violins; Miss Doris Corner, trombone; Wallace Kittredge, cornet; Miss Mae Peterson, pianist.

The frequent applause that greeted their playing showed that their efforts were appreciated, and they were entitled to the applause they received. In due time a lunch was served and this with the music had a tendency to make all forget that the hour was approaching tomorrow. As it is the usual custom with Odd Fellows to keep proper hours, the pleasures of the evening came to a close, except in memory. Such gatherings are sunny spots in the journey of life, and let us hope will be productive of good to all who were fortunate enough to be present.

Deaths.

William Moore, proprietor of the Globo hotel, died suddenly early last

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Sunday morning of angina pectoris. He had been unwell at times for several months. Last Saturday night, at midnight, he complained of being sick. Dr. Bulkeley was sent for and although everything possible was done for him, he rapidly failed until his death.

Mr. Moore was born in Milford on April 10, 1861. He came to Ayer in 1891, and opened a restaurant in what was known as the Truda building on Merchants' row. Later, upon the death of Peter Crowley, who then was the proprietor, he took charge of the Globo hotel, of which he was the proprietor up to the time of his death.

He married Miss Mary Feeley, of Hopkinton, in 1889. He leaves a widow, five children—Mark, Ellen F., Mary Agnes and William Moore, a sister, Miss Annie Moore, of West Upton, a step-brother, Thomas C. Moore, of Ayer, and a step-sister, Mrs. Eva Beland, of Milford.

The funeral was held on Tuesday morning, a requiem mass being said at St. Mary's church by Rev. P. J. Sheedy. The members of Division 7, A. O. H., and Ayer Junction Aerie F. O. E., marched in a body. Representatives of the Lowell lodge of Elks, and of Court Ayer, F. of A., all of which the deceased was a member, also attended the funeral. The bearers were John C. Daffy, Martin Scullane, James H. Elmer, all of Ayer. James Feeley, of Somerville, Michael Collins, of Providence, and William Collins, of Whitman.

The funeral was very largely attended, many coming from out-of-town. The interment was at St. Mary's cemetery, where Rev. Sheedy performed the committal service. The contributions of flowers was beautiful and included the following:

Pillow, F. O. E. No. 1610; cross, Division 7, A. O. H.; large pillow, Lowell Elks; large wreath, F. of A. No. 48; pillows, Richard Davey and hotel employees; harp, boards of hotel; piano, Miss Annie Moore, Mr. Mrs. Feely, of Beland, Milford; wreaths, Mrs. Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. P. McCurdy, Providence, R. I.; Miss Kath. E. Connor, Leominster, and Mrs. H. B. Parmenter and family, Lancaster; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer, Mrs. Katherine Ryan, Mrs. Alice Moore and family, Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. P. Collins, Whitman, Mr. and Mrs. P. Donahue and family, Miss Della Ryan, Mrs. Mary Davis and family, Mrs. Cullen and family, Martin Tilleran, Natick.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Chamney) Firmin, formerly of this town, died at her home in Worcester last Sunday of cancer, from which she had suffered for over two years. Mrs. Firmin was born here on February 29, 1864. She spent her early life here and graduated from the Ayer high school in 1884. After graduation she taught school here and in Harvard. She married Henry F. Firmin here, on December 18, 1887, and after living here for two years, moved to Worcester, where they have since made their home.

She leaves her husband, three children—Mabel E., Ruth L. and Stanley K. Firmin, and two sisters, Mrs. Flora L. Carmichael, of Ayer, and Mrs. Ella J. Bartlett, of Holliston.

Funeral services were held at her late home in Worcester on Wednesday morning. The remains were brought here on the 12.40 p. m. train the same day and the interment was at Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Firmin was very much devoted to her home and family. The many beautiful flowers showed the love and esteem of her neighbors and friends.

Mr. Firmin, while a resident in town, was employed in a furniture factory here and left for Worcester twenty-two years ago, where he and his family have resided ever since.

Exhibition.

The gymnastic exhibition under the auspices of the Civic club, in the town hall Thursday evening, attracted a large audience.

The list of events on the program was very good and received well merited applause.

The local gymnasium classes were assisted in the exhibition by the Leaders' corps, consisting of 10 members of the Fitchburg Y. M. C. A., whose fine work was much appreciated.

The club swinging exhibition by James Cookson of Fitchburg was a fine piece of work for which he received loud applause.

Joseph Hurley won the three standing jumps, with Leonard Bowles second and J. H. Howley third.

Hurley also won the snails in the potato race, with Victor Fillebrown a close second.

The other contest are to be settled on a percentage basis, which makes it necessary to do considerable figuring, so that it was impossible to get the results for this week's issue of this paper, but they will be printed next week. The gymnasium games by the Junior classes furnished much amusement and the little fellows deserved much credit for their work.

For the efficient instruction given his pupils and the painstaking care which he has always shown in his work. This exhibition marks the close of the gymnasium season, which has been a creditable one from all points of view.

The program follows: Free hand drill, junior and senior classes; bar bell drill, seniors; potato race (trial heats), seniors; mazarika dance, Y. M. C. A. Leaders corps; dumbbells drill, juniors; wand drill, Leaders' corps; three standing broad jumps, seniors; single dumb bell drill, Leaders' corps; mat exercises, horse exercises, juniors; horse work, Leaders' corps; club swinging, James Cookson; oxen dance, Leaders' corps; potato race (finals), seniors; pyramids, Leaders' corps; gymnasium games, juniors; "Skin the snake," seniors and Leaders' corps; parallel bars (competition) seniors; parallel bars, Leaders' corps; Caskey dance, Leaders' corps. Referee and starter, Wm. M. Forbes. Judges: James Cookson, James Fitzpatrick, Dr. L. D. Sullivan, Timer and scorer, John Mullin.

Enacted.

The following sections of an act, recently enacted, relative to the taking of black bass, cannot but be of interest to all fishermen hereabouts:

Chapter 129. An act relative to the taking and selling of black bass.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to take, sell, offer for sale, or have in possession a black bass or any part thereof, between April first and June twelfth following; both dates inclusive; and it shall be unlawful at any time to have in possession a black bass less than eight inches in length, unless such bass was taken by a person lawfully fishing and is immediately returned alive to the water whence it was taken.

Section 2. Upon written application to the commissioners on fisheries and game a license may be granted to any person to buy and sell or have in possession, at any season of the year, black bass artificially propagated and maintained, under such rule and regulations, approved by the governor and council, as may be made from time to time by the commissioners. A license so granted may be revoked at any time by the commissioners.

Section 3. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be subject to a fine not exceeding ten dollars for each fish in respect to which the violation occurs.

Woman's Club.

Reciprocity day in the Woman's club came on Wednesday. The audience room was well filled and guests were present from West Acton, Littleton, Shirley, Groton, Pepperell and Westford. The program was very varied and of unusual interest. The first number was a report of the Federation meeting held at Park Street church, Boston, by Mrs. Avis B. Fisher, followed by the report of the meeting of the Council of Jewish Women, held in Temple Israel, Boston, by Mrs. A. M. Sargent. This included an interesting description of the temple. There were readings by Mrs. H. N. Tower, of Pepperell Woman's club; Miss Brown, of the West Acton club, and Mrs. Hollis, of Ayer current events club; a paper, "Trip through Nova Scotia," Mrs. Woodward, of the Pepperell Woman's club; piano solo, Miss Knowlton, of West Acton; vocal solo, Mrs. Mae Carley, of the Ayer Current Events club, the story of the song being first read by Mrs. Bigelow, Miss Pearl Carley, accompanist.

The Altrurian club, of Shirley, was represented on the program by Mrs. Hazen and Mrs. Grout, who read selections from their club magazine, which were original and very good, especially the article "Puritan and pie." At the close of the program refreshments were served by the program committee, during a social hour. The guests were met at the trains by a special committee from the hostess club.

In Memoriam.

Whereas, in view of the loss we have sustained by the untimely death of our friend and brother member, William Moore, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to him; therefore, be it

Resolved,—that it is but a just tribute to the memory of the the departed to say that in regretting his removal from our midst, we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved,—that we, the members of Division No. 7, A. O. H., sincerely condole with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased divine Providence to afflict them, and commend them for consolation to him who orders all things for the best and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved,—that this heartfelt testimonial of our sympathy and sorrow be forwarded to the bereaved family of our departed brother.

Resolved,—that these resolutions

be spread upon the records of our Division, and a copy thereof be transmitted to the Ayer Public Spirit.

C. A. McCarthy, F. B. Sullivan, James J. Horan.

District Court.

Robert McClellan, of Pepperell, was arraigned last Saturday on a very serious charge. Probable cause was found to believe him guilty and he was held in \$1000 bail for the grand jury. Being unable to furnish these sureties, he was committed.

Harry Hudson, of Pepperell, was held for the grand jury in \$1000 last Saturday, the court finding probable cause to find him guilty of a serious offense. He was unable to furnish bail and he was committed to the Lowell jail to await the action of the higher court.

The complaint against Charles Littlefield, of Pepperell, for assault and battery, was dismissed on Tuesday morning.

The case of Harry Fisher, for killing a pheasant in Pepperell contrary to the law, was heard on last Saturday morning. After the evidence had been heard the court had the further hearing on the case postponed until Monday, March 11.

Alvah C. Stacey of Pepperell was found guilty Thursday morning of larceny and sentenced to the house of correction for six months. He was ordered to recognize in \$1000 for his appearance before the superior court, on his appeal which he took from the above sentence.

Mrs. Ellen L. Foster of Townsend was adjudged insane Thursday morning and ordered to be committed to the Worcester insane asylum.

Basketball.

The Tri-mus defeated the Ayer high school team at Leominster last Saturday evening in one of the closest and most exciting games ever seen in that town by a score of 24 to 21. The game was a hard contested one from the beginning to the end of play, when the Leominster team managed to win by the narrow margin of three points.

At the end of the first period the Ayer high school boys led by one point, the score being at that time 12 to 11. The Leominster players came back strong in the second period and managed to get sufficient points to win the game.

Wiley and Burdett played well for Leominster and Briggs and Fillebrown did the best work for Ayer. The summary:

TRI-MUS AYER HIGH
Burdett, lb. Hurley, rb.
Wiley, rf. Brown, lb.
Hardy, c. Fillebrown, c.
Smith, lb. Briggs, rf.
Bowler, rb. Miller, lf.
Score—Tri-mus 24, Ayer high school 21. Goals from floor, Briggs 4, Fillebrown 2, Hurley 2, Burdett 6, Wiley 4. Goals from fouls, Wiley 3, Burdett, Bowler 4, Briggs 1, Referee Lane, Timer, Harris. Time, 20 and 15 m. period.

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Current Events.

On Wednesday evening, February 28, at the grange, nine articles from the town warrant was discussed. Those taking part in the discussion were C. R. Russell, W. J. Bailey, S. Barnaby, A. T. Pierce, Clara E. Russell, Lucretia Martin, Fred A. Hall, Della R. Hall. A piano selection was given by Miss Mada Nye; recitation by Miss Esther Farnsworth; serial story, chapter 3, Miss Blanche Hall; historical story, Clara E. Russell; farce, "Crystal gazer," Mrs. Florence O'Connell and Mrs. Clara E. Russell, ending with a geographical march. Two applications for new membership were received.

Ralph Nye has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Winnie Nye, the past week.

Rev. and Mrs. James N. Seaver will soon move to a new field of work, where it is hoped they will meet with success. They will be greatly missed in town.

Oscar Elliott went to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, on last Saturday to be treated for a trouble in his head.

Mrs. Fannie Popple, Miss Isabel Popple and Mrs. Cora Seaver were recent visitors in Boston.

Mrs. Lillian Stephenson and little son Laurence, of Groton, Mrs. Lawrence and son William, of Pepperell, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey.

Miss Mary Brown, of Waltham, and Miss Grace Whitcomb, of Fitchburg, Mass., enjoyed a week of their vacation at home, returning to their school duties on last Saturday.

Miss Marion Stiles, of Nashua, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Josephine Stiles.

Arthur Goss has begun work on the old West schoolhouse, remodeling it into a modern dwelling-house, for J. M. Hern, a former resident of this town. Mrs. Hern was here recently, giving final directions for the repairs to be made. Mr. Goss took the job by contract.

Mrs. Samuel Fuller was a recent guest at Nashua, Mrs. Estella Hughes attending to her household duties while she was away.

Nathaniel Hobart, enjoyed his nineteenth birthday anniversary on Saturday, March 2. Mr. Hobart enjoys good health and is interested in the topics of the day same as ever.

Mrs. Ellen Sweatt is suffering from rheumatism.

It is reported that Fred A. Hall and family will move to the cottage on Canal street recently occupied by Charles Wilkins.

Communion was observed at the Congregational church on last Sunday. Alexander N. Taylor was received into membership.

The Loyal Workers will meet on March 13, with Miss Josie Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles.

Mrs. Mary Smith has returned home from a visit with Mrs. Arthur Barber on Townsend hill.

Edward M. Temple, who passed away so suddenly at Nashua last week was a nephew of the late Mrs. Harvey Hall, of this town. Mr. Temple was paymaster at the Jackson Corporation at Nashua and had been employed by that firm for forty years.

Enjoyable Meeting.

The Loyal Workers were entertained on Wednesday afternoon of last week by Mrs. Almond Shuman and her daughter, Miss Olive Shuman. The prevailing distemper in town prevented many attending, though a good number were present. The work was all upon aprons and many pretty patterns were displayed. Miss Shuman completed a dainty apron for a child; then there were several patterns of large work aprons; also of white laced trimmed aprons and tea aprons. As the needles flew, the line of sociability and good cheer did not flag. During the afternoon the beautiful oil paintings and water color work of Mrs. and Miss Shuman were much admired; also, an old-fashioned clock in miniature burnt work, which preserves the watch of Miss Shuman.

The genial hostesses served a fine lunch of hot coffee, fancy cakes and assorted rolls.

"Jack" was the guest of honor and enjoyed the repast as much as any one and enjoyed the repast as much as any one and obeyed his mistress in performing tricks. At 3:30 all left with good wishes for the Shumans.

Mrs. Ella Nye is reported as very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Nye, at Sandown. The Loyal Workers sent her a shower of post-cards with good wishes.

News Items.

Mr. Perley Todd and son of New Boston, N. H., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges.

There will be a school meeting at the Grammar school, Saturday afternoon, March 9, at two o'clock.

Peter Bouchard and wife were called to Nashua this week by the death of Mrs. Bouchard's brother-in-law.

Miss Grace White of Boston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Cady.

Ralph Nye, Mr. Harry Powers and others are in Boston this week attending the automobile show.

Town Meeting.

All inhabitants of Brookline are hereby notified to meet at the town house on Tuesday, March 12, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles:

1. To choose necessary officers for the year ensuing.

2. To choose a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention to be held at Concord, N. H., June 2, 1912.

3. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of the poor, paying the just debts of the town and all other legal purposes for the year ensuing.

5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the repairing of highways and bridges.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary to secure state aid for the permanent improvements of highways under the law passed at the January session of 1905.

7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting brush along the highways or take any action relating to the same.

8. To see what action the town will take in relation to destroying the brown-tail moths and raise and appropriate money for the same.

9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to hire a competent engineer to investigate what it would cost to obtain water for town purposes or act anything in relation to the same.

10. To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate fifty dollars to repair state roads or take any action relating to the same.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise the sidewalk between the store of H. A. Brown and Bond street corner. Raise money for the same or act anything in relation thereto.

12. To see if the town will raise or appropriate one hundred dollars to finish in repair sidewalk between old town house and West Primary school or take any action in relation to the same.

13. To see if the town will vote to buy a new fire engine, raise and appropriate money for the same or act anything relating to the same.

14. To see if the town will vote to paint the old town house, raise or appropriate money for the same.

15. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to borrow what money is needed for the financial year and pay the same back from taxes when collected or act anything in relation to the same.

16. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount on taxes for the year 1912.

17. To see what action the town will take in regard to observing Old Home week, raise or appropriate money for the same.

18. To see if the town will vote to accept one hundred dollars from Mrs. Sanborn for the perpetual care of her father's (Daniel Sargent) lot in the South cemetery, or act anything in relation to the same.

19. To see if the town will vote to accept fifty dollars from the estate of Carolyn Peterson for the perpetual care of her husband's (Nathaniel Lund) lot in the South cemetery, or act anything in relation to the same.

20. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to fence the new part of the South cemetery, or act in anyway relating to the same.

21. To see what action the town will take with reference to the purchase of the apex of the South cemetery triangle.

22. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of twenty-five dollars for Memorial Day expenses, or act anyway relating thereto.

23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to reconstruct and extend the sidewalk beginning at the old town house and running to the West Primary school.

24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the improvement of Brookline park.

25. To see what action the town will take as to how the inventory blanks shall be distributed for the ensuing year.

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

Mrs. F. D. Rogers went to Portland, Me., last week for visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. M. S. Powers, who was elected delegate from Hollis church, to attend the installation of Rev. C. H. Davis over the Second Parish church in Portland, Me., went last week Wednesday, returning the following Monday.

At the recent meeting of the Anna Keyes Powers chapter, D. A. R., delegates were elected to attend the National congress in Washington, D. C., in April. The delegates were: Miss Minnie A. Colburn and Mrs. Harriet Hazard; alternates, Mrs. Mary S. Powers and Miss Emma L. Van Dyke.

An epidemic of measles is slowly but surely gaining ground in Hollis. Quite a number of families have one or more victims. The intermediate and primary schools are closed this week, so many of the scholars are suffering with the disease.

Mrs. Anna Stark of Somerville, Mass., visited with Mrs. Flora Hardy this week.

Henry Leslie, who was taken suddenly ill in Worcester four weeks ago, came to his home in West Hollis last Sunday. He was conveyed in a large touring car and stood the journey nicely.

Miss Dorothy Farley was taken with severe pains in one ear last week on Thursday. Two doctors from Nashua were called and found an abscess on the base of the brain. She was removed to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, Saturday, where it is feared an operation will have to be performed.

Rev. Henry H. Noyes of Island Falls, Me., occupied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon and evening. He preached a most excellent sermon, which gave universal satisfaction.

The Hollis Woman's club met Wednesday afternoon with Miss M. A. Hardy. After reading of the minutes of the last meeting by the secretary, current events were given in response to rollcall. This was followed by a very interesting paper on "Japanese as servants," given by Mrs. Bena Farley. After an intermission for a social time, a reading was given from a Japanese artist by Mrs. F. W. Dudley. This was followed by reading of a Japanese poem by Miss Minnie Colburn.

Perry M. Farley, one of Hollis' aged residents, is very ill and he has a trained nurse in attendance.

LUNENBURG.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting on Monday passed off very harmoniously. The nomination at the caucus some

two weeks before practically decided the election. The following officers were elected:

James Hildreth, moderator; Stillman Stone, town clerk; Sidney H. Francis, treasurer; John Woodbridge, Ernest Proctor and Emerson Baker, selectmen; Hiram B. Houghton, assessor for the year; Thomas Aker and Charles L. Allen, auditors; Frank B. Carr, school committee; Sherman Sanderson, collector of taxes; James L. Harrington, constable; Myron E. Harvey, tree warden; J. A. Litchfield, John Woodbridge, trustees for Public Library; Augustus Taylor, highway commissioner for three years; Myron E. Harvey, highway commissioner for two years; William R. Proctor, Jr., highway commissioner for one year.

The license vote was yes 17, no 116. The following were the appropriations made:

Support of poor \$1600; support of schools \$5500; highways, bridges and railings \$2500; snow expense \$400; town officers \$100; inspection of cattle and meat \$400; general expense \$1200; soldiers' relief \$100; enforcement of laws \$500; cemeteries \$150; Memorial day \$150; library, the dog fund and \$400; removing moths \$50; state and county tax \$2000; state highway repairs \$210; street lights, the street railway tax; school physician for season \$100; waiting station for school children \$50; and the selectmen were instructed to have it done as soon as possible. Play-ground \$500; band concerts \$100; Old Home week \$100; new seats for town halls \$500; for repairing town hall and clock \$250; for treatment of elm, and other shade trees, \$150; for fire alarm service at Whalom \$100.

Sherman Sanderson was chosen agent to attend to the appropriation for band concerts. Fred Smith, a son of a veteran, was made agent in charge of the Memorial day fund, and the hiring teams for the transportation of children on Memorial day.

Five hundred dollars was appropriated for repairing the bridge near the No. 4 schoolhouse and other repairs on streets were left to the highway commissioners to be taken from the appropriation for that purpose.

Several new street lights asked for were left in the hands of the electric light committee.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union served a nice hot dinner in the lower hall, which was well patronized by the voters and others.

News Item.

The F. H. Moore farm on Flat hill has been sold to a party from Shirley who will probably take possession soon. The household goods and furniture of the former occupant were shipped to Athol on Tuesday by electric express.

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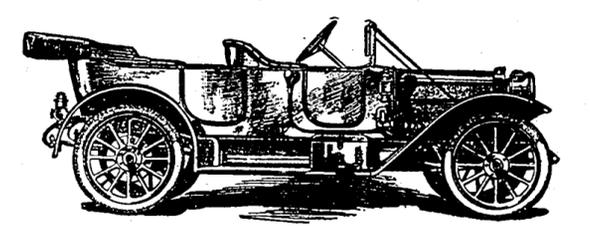
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Center.
 Miss Florence Copeland and friend Milo Spaulding have been visiting at Miss Copeland's for a few days. Miss Copeland celebrated her eighteenth birthday Saturday, and it was also Mr. Spaulding's sixteenth birthday.
 Arthur Bliss has accepted a position in a grocery store at Needham. He will probably move down there later.
 A. E. Wheeler of Nashua, N. H., was in town this week, calling upon friends.
 Joseph Searles died Tuesday night at his home in Townsend Harbor from lung trouble caused by an attack of pneumonia, contracted last year, from which he never thoroughly recovered. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Mr. Searles has lived on the "Old City" road until within a short time, when they moved to the Harbor. He leaves a wife, mother, two sons by a previous marriage, Clarence and George, and also one small child. Mr. Searles was a cooper by trade and worked in the shops here when he was able.
 The Monday Club met this week at the home of Charles W. Hildreth, Mrs. Angie Lang and Mrs. Bertha Drake acting as hostesses. The afternoon was devoted to "Dickens" and the roll call was answered by selections from that author. Also several of his family characters were impersonated by the club members and the history of his life given. Mrs. Ellen Howard had charge of the literary program. Little Miss Drake gave some recitations.

Town Meeting.
 The morning session of the town meeting was opened by G. A. Wilder, J. Harveytown clerk, at 10.30, and T. E. Flarity was chosen moderator, and F. J. Piper and T. J. Harvey elected as tellers. Officers elected were as follows:
 G. A. Wilder, town clerk; John A. Arlin, Ed. A. Craig, E. B. Morse, J. C. Fessenden, J. C. Joseph, Stephen W. Keefe, Charles A. Monilton, G. P. Sherwin, H. L. Whitcomb, John E. Whitcomb, N. J. McGuire, A. F. Stickney, H. L. Whitcomb, Charles A. F. Stickney, F. W. Stickney, fence viewers; Joseph C. Clarke, E. B. Morse, William Lawrence, E. B. Morse, Charles Monilton, C. P. Mudgett, R. H. Savage, A. F. Stickney, Charles A. Stickney, Charles B. Stickney, Charles W. Wallace, John Stuart, A. P. Blood, surveyors of wood, bark and lumber; Fred W. Fitch and W. A. Wheeler, Albert H. Burnstead, committee on the proposition of illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.
 Article 21 was then taken up and on the motion of D. L. Whitcomb, the town voted to adopt the by-laws provided for the appointment of an advisory board, or finance committee. Under this motion the chair appointed a committee consisting of G. L. Whitcomb, G. A. Proctor, Jeremiah Donovan, F. M. Warren, George A. Sawyer to retire and bring in the names of nine citizens to constitute this finance committee, who shall serve without pay. The names submitted by the nominating committee and voted by the meeting were William Lawrence, G. A. Proctor, G. L. Whitcomb for one year; E. E. Campbell, A. H. Burnstead and J. W. Eastman for two years and Clarence Stickney, Dr. A. J. Atwood and T. E. Flarity for three years. The following is some of the appropriations made:
 Taxes and licenses, abatement of taxes, general government, salaries, selectmen \$375, assessors \$200, town treasurer \$150, town clerk \$50, registrars of voters \$35, auditors \$25, 25 day department \$25, election officers \$27, moderator \$5, tax collectors \$225, office and general expenses \$500, memorial hall, \$125, Memorial hall, insurance, \$100, town officers' hall \$100, printing town reports \$250, 100, protection of life and property, police department, salary chief \$225, police work \$100, suppression of illegal sale of liquor \$200, fire department, salary chief \$225, salaries and care at the Centre \$180, salaries and care at West Townsend \$225, incidentals \$25, forest teams to fires and practice \$70, forest fires \$75, lighting engine hall \$100, poll tax of firemen \$100, insurance \$25, forestry department, moth suppression \$528.84, tree warden \$100, health and sanitation, inspection of animals and meat \$100, inspection of school children \$50, highways and bridges, street repairs \$2100, snow roads \$200, snow paths \$1175, watering troughs \$18, insurance \$5.64, charities, maintenance of almshouse \$1100, support of poor \$50, support of farm \$1000, soldiers' benefits, military aid \$36, soldiers' relief \$100, education, teachers' salaries \$400, superintendent's salary \$485, incidentals \$120, transportation \$150, repairs \$20, insurance \$156.09, public library \$163.81, recreation, Memorial day, \$125, band concerts \$200, park commission \$75, interest on town notes \$400, town debt \$1800, for grading approach and rebuilding the engine platform at West Townsend \$100, for purchase of fire extinguishers for Dixon Hill district and other parts of the town \$100. The total for the last full year was \$21,538.51 and for the last full year month they were \$12,295.95.

Several of the appropriations caused some little discussion. The salary the selectmen asked for was reduced \$75.00, to equal the amount paid for the last full year. Police work was

reduced \$75.00 and tree warden \$25.00. Other appropriations were slightly increased in some instances. The road and sidewalk appropriations were thoroughly discussed.

The several committees on the water articles gave in their reports and the town water supply committee reported that they had submitted a printed report which was in the hands of the voters. The town voted to accept the report of the committee, excluding the recommendations carried in the report and a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the committee for its services.

The license question went 99 no and 18 yes, under article 20. Supt. E. L. Haynes stated the attitude of the State Board of Health in regard to a water supply for the school building. He also gave in three suggestions for a source of water supply. Voted to appropriate \$1000 from the surplus revenue account for procuring a water supply, the money to be expended under the direction of the school committee.

West.
 Miss Ruth Hayward died at her home on Bayberry hill, of hemorrhage of the lung early Tuesday morning, February 27, after about a year's illness. Funeral services were held on last week Friday afternoon, the Universalist minister from Fitchburg, officiating. A large gathering of friends and schoolmates of the young girl gathered to take a sad farewell of their young friend and the casket was buried in a profusion of beautiful flowers. The remains were placed in the tomb at the Center, awaiting burial. She leaves a father and mother, brothers and sisters to mourn her loss.

Ralph H. Willard, of Boston, spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willard.
 Miss Bertha J. Boynton conducted the Y. P. S. C. E. on Sunday and the topic was "Patience." At the business meeting following the question of providing new singing books for the choir was discussed and it was planned to hold a supper in the near future and use the funds for that purpose.
 An alarm of fire was sent in at noon on Sunday for a chimney fire in Richard McElligott's tenement on Elm street caused by an over-heated stove. The department responded with the chemicals and it was soon extinguished with but slight damage.

Mrs. Ellen Pratt, who has been spending several months at the home of her son in New Jersey, returned on Saturday evening to her cottage here.
 Morton Campbell, of the Center, is a guest at the home of His sister, Mrs. Frank Farnsworth.
 The total number of books distributed from the library reading-room for the month of February was 152.
 Miss Ruth Hayden has resumed her duties at the Fitchburg Normal school, going back and forth upon the train every day.
 Mrs. E. R. Branton, from Providence, R. I., is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Harbor.
 Miss Mary Adams is visiting relatives in Lowell.
 Mrs. Lillian Iten was in town over Sunday.
 Oren Ball, who has been sick for several weeks, is more comfortable. Mrs. Turberfield is night nurse.
 Leverett Keddy of Nova Scotia, who has been visiting his cousin, Adney Gray, left town last week.
 Mrs. Strout is visiting in Needham.
 Four painters from Boston are renovating the house on the estate recently purchased by Mr. Ball, formerly known as the Kelly place. The workmen board with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown at the old hotel.
 The four men who have been hauling ties from the Dutton lot in the edge of Lunenburg to this village have finished their contract and left town the early part of the week.
 Mr. Noyes of Everett was a guest at Seven Pines Wednesday.
 Mrs. Warren Seaver of the Center visited at Pinecroft Tuesday.
 On Tuesday evening Joseph Searles died of tuberculosis at his home in this village. The funeral was Friday at two o'clock.
 On Saturday of last week Fred Taft with his little son Leonard, went to South Framingham to visit his parents, returning on Monday. While away has also visited Mrs. Taft's relatives at Framingham Centre.
 Instead of the regular time, the Harbor Monday Club met with Mrs. Florence Conant on Saturday. A novel feature of the entertainment was coasting by several members of the club.
 Coasting, the finest sport for several years, has been a prominent feature of out-door exercise for several weeks past. Nor has this sport been confined to the younger children alone. One of the men at the Cape rigged up an ideal double "ripper" by taking the runners of a punt and fixing them on a wagon seat with cushions and then inviting his wife to come out and share the fun. On account of evasive expressions from some of his neighbors the owner of the double runner has promised to arrange for a larger party next time.
 On last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams entertained their neighbors at whist. According to custom the players progressed every four hands. The rather remarkable scores of 12 to 0 and 10 to 0 were made consecutively at the head table of the same parties. At the close of the game Mrs. Conant and G. A. Proctor had the highest number of points, 52 and 53 respectively, while the hostess and Walter Brown won the least number. Serving of refreshments followed the cards.
 Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. Frank Conant with little Ralph spent Monday and Tuesday in Boston and vicinity. They found Will Wharf, who is still at the St. Elizabeth hospital, improving rapidly. In behalf of the whist club, of which the convalescent is a member, the ladies presented their fellow player with cut flowers and

fruit. The hospital physician thinks Mr. Wharf will be able to come home by the tenth.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Fannie Adams entertained at her home the ladies, with their escorts, of the Harbor Monday and As You Like It Clubs, who presented the playlet in Memorial hall on the evening of the banquet of the Club Union. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and son and Miss Myrtle and Willard Gray. Games, cards and music, followed with dainty refreshments filled the evening with enjoyment.
 Mr. Cummings has purchased of Mrs. Henry Spaulding the estate now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright. It is rumored that Mr. and Mrs. Wright will move into the west tenement of the house opposite the Harbor hall.
 Eleven of the boys of this village and vicinity have formed what is to be known as the Townsend Harbor Athletic Association with the following officers: Cornelius Keefe, president; Harold Gray, secretary; and Louis Josselyn, treasurer. Meetings will be held on Saturdays in the Engine house.

GROTON.
 A Poem.
 The following original poem was read at the regular meeting of the W. R. C., held Tuesday afternoon, February 20, in observance of Lincoln's birthday:
 ABRAHAM LINCOLN
 By Mrs. E. A. Barrows
 In the home of a log cabin
 Where the little Abraham came
 It was doubtless scripture reading
 Gave parental choice of name.
 Perhaps thoughts of future greatness
 Were of minor importance
 And they fancied faith's devotion
 Mirrored in the tiny face.
 He grew strong in rude surroundings.
 Minds are not confined to place,
 In an environment but longing
 Lights the spark of mental grace.
 Time forbids my dwelling longer
 On childhood's alluring plan,
 But oftentimes we turn and wander
 To the anxious careworn man.
 In the "History of Lincoln"
 This is the noblest part
 Always in life's highest station
 Was the lowly kindly heart.
 Living not with wonderful memory,
 But with noble surface plan.
 Well qualified for president,
 Loved and respected by man.
 His was a time of enemies
 With the loyal he must share
 While putting down the rebellion
 Was the object of his care.
 In each inaugural address
 The United States must stand
 For all citizens to the union.
 Was the price of this demand.
 Slavery's galling chains were broken.
 Peace was gained through sacrifice,
 Just as he saw his victory.
 An assassin closed his eyes.
 But his name will live through ages.
 One great hero of his time.
 Washington, our country's father,
 Lincoln, second in the line.

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COLLECTOR'S OFFICE
 Townsend, Mass., March 6, 1912.

The owner and occupant of the following described parcel of real estate situated in the Town of Townsend, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the public are hereby notified that the taxes thereon assessed for the year hereinafter specified, according to a list committed to me as collector of taxes for said Townsend by the assessors of taxes, remain unpaid, and that the smallest undivided part of said land sufficient to satisfy said taxes, with interest and all legal costs and charges, or the whole of said land if no person offers to take an undivided part thereof, will be offered for sale by public action at the Selectmen's room, Memorial Hall, in said Townsend on Monday, April 1, 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the payment of said taxes with interest, costs and charges thereon, unless the same shall be previously discharged.
 The tax above referred to was assessed to S. R. Crammins of Leominster, Mass., for the year 1908 and amounts to \$10.20, with interest thereon amounting to \$2.60, making a total of \$12.80.
 The real estate on which said tax was assessed is described as follows:
 "A certain tract of land situated in the northerly part of said Townsend, in that part thereof known as West Hill on the road leading from the Allen Place to the New Hampshire state line bounded: Northerly by land formerly of Joseph Baxter; westerly by last named land and land formerly of A. D. Fessenden; South by U. S. Adams containing sixty (60) acres more or less including the highway passing through said premises."

Mortgagee's Sale
 In pursuance of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Virginia A. G. Russell to George S. Gates, dated June 19th, 1893, and recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, libro 2205, folio 202, will be sold at public auction upon the premises hereinafter described, on Monday, April 8th, 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, namely:
 "A certain parcel or lot of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Groton Centre on the northerly side of the road leading from the Baptist Meeting House to Farmers Row, and bounded as follows:
 Beginning at the Southeast corner of said premises at a stone bound at said road and at land of Henry W. Whiting. Thence Southwesterly by said road to a stone bound at land of said Gates. Thence Northwesterly by land of said Gates and land Grace Richardson to land of James Fitzgerald. Thence Easterly by said Fitzgerald's land to land of Lydia K. Davis. Thence Southeasterly by land of said Davis and by land of Henry W. Whiting to the first mentioned bound." Containing about two acres by the same more or less. Being the same premises formerly owned by Milo Russell late of Groton deceased.
 Terms made known at time and place of sale.
 GEORGE J. BURNS,
 Executor of will of George S. Gates,
 Mortgagee.
 Ayer, Mass., March 6, 1912. 3t25

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
 To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of RUTH E. BURGESS late of Ayer in said County, deceased.
 Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by HATTIE A. LONLEY who prays that letters testamentary may be issued to her, the executrix therein named.
 And she hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the eighteenth day of March A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
 And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in the "Public Spirit" a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be on one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days at least before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
 3t25 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

Messages of the Presidents (Continued)

During Monroe's term General Jackson invaded Florida, which was then Spanish territory, and took possession of it. He was officially rebuked, but publicly applauded. The purchase of Florida was afterward completed for the sum of \$5,000,000 in 1821. The important settlement known as the Missouri compromise was agreed to in 1820. This period was known as the "era of good feeling." A treaty was made in 1824 between this country and England for the suppression of the slave trade. The same year General Lafayette made his celebrated visit to America as the guest of the nation on invitation of the president and at the request of congress, and as a reward for his friendship and assistance to the United States during the Revolutionary war he was presented with a section of land and \$200,000.

John Quincy Adams was distinguished by great learning. He favored internal improvements, prophesying that future generations would be more grateful to the founders and builders of the government on account of expenditures for that purpose than for any other.

The state papers of Adams are rich in historical facts, lofty in style and most entertaining to peruse. In Jackson's second election the national convention appears for the first time in the political history of the United States.

Jackson was regarded as the father of the "spoils system," though it did not strictly start with him. The entire number of removals by all the presidents prior to Jackson were only seventy-four. Jackson removed 2,000 in one year. The "spoils system" got its name from an utterance of Senator Marcy of New York in the United States senate in 1831, "To the victors belong the spoils." Jackson was a strict constructionist and opposed to national banks. It was during Jackson's administration that occurred the famous Webster-Hayne debate, in which Hayne contended that the federal government was a compact entered into by sovereign states, while Webster maintained that the constitution was an instrument of the government created by the sovereign people of the United States, which established the national ideal. This national ideal was supported by Jackson, for when South Carolina attempted to nullify the tariff by refusing to collect duties at the port of Charleston, Jackson threatened the state with force.

The Mormon church was established by Joseph Smith. The encyclopedic index contains an interesting article giving the history of Mormonism through its various legal difficulties. In 1831 William Lloyd Garrison looked into prominence as an abolitionist. Jackson had to deal with Indian troubles in the Black Hawk war and in the second Seminole war.

In 1836 Texas rebelled against Mexico and established an independent republic.

In the compiler's sketch of Andrew Jackson due stress is laid upon the fact, too often overlooked, that Andrew Jackson had attained distinction in civil as well as military life before he was nominated for the presidency.

A metropolitan paper in reviewing this work said: "We take leave of this invaluable collection of the messages and papers of Andrew Jackson—the first ever given to the world—with an extract from his farewell address, which, as few readers, we imagine, will dispute, deserves to be treasured by the side of Washington's farewell address."

Van Buren inherited the panic of 1837, which had resulted from wild speculation during Jackson's administration and precipitated by Jackson's Specie Circular. Right here, in passing, we may call to the attention of readers the splendid article on panics in the encyclopedic index volume, and a catalogue of all the panics, with their causes, is given from the first panic of 1816.

In 1837 the independence of Texas was recognized by the United States.

It was during the administration of Martin Van Buren that the Smithsonian institution was founded at Washington, and the article under that title in the encyclopedic index is commended to our readers.

The campaign of 1841, in which William Henry Harrison was elected to succeed Van Buren, was marked by the novelty of stump speaking and processions. The attempts to belittle Harrison on account of his humble origin were taken up as catchwords, and the "hard cider and log cabin" campaign became the "political hurricane of 1840."

Harrison's short term gave him little opportunity to distinguish himself. His death was supposed to be due to the annoyance of office seekers who believed in the Jackson spoils system. Tyler as vice president under Harrison succeeded to the presidency on Harrison's death.

An important boundary dispute was settled by a treaty known as the Ashburton treaty, negotiated by Lord Ashburton of Great Britain and Daniel Webster.

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Saturday, March 9, 1912.

PEPPERELL.

Current Events.

Alfred V. DuRoche and wife, of North Standbridge, P. Q., spent a few days last week with Mr. DuRoche's cousins, Silas M. Nokes and Mrs. J. B. Flynn. They went from here to Lyndonville, Vt., to visit their daughter on Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Murphy, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Messer, of this town, during the winter, visited with her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Rand, of Ayer, last week, returning on Monday.

Miss Edna Kittredge went to Rindge, N. H., where she was formerly employed, on Saturday, returning on Monday. Mrs. Alice Bartlett took her place in Mr. Rowell's office during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poyzer, of Alameda, Cal., have been visiting their niece, Mrs. J. B. Andrews, of River street, the past week. They go from here to visit relatives in South Boston and vicinity, and about April first go to New York, from which place they intend to sail for England.

Charles Pillsbury was confined to the house the early part of the week by an attack of tonsillitis. He was able to be out and about his work again on Thursday.

J. B. Hingley went to Nashua on Wednesday after his little daughter Maude, who is convalescent after an operation in the hospital here, for trouble with the ear. She will probably stay with an aunt in Dunstable and return here with her mother on Monday of next week.

George W. Pierce went to Somerville on Wednesday for a short visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Herrig. Miss Laura Herrig accompanied him, and will remain over Sunday.

Oscar Kittredge is at home from Watertown, where he has a position with the John T. Connor Co., as he is somewhat on the sick list. He injured the nail of his thumb some days ago, and blood poisoning took place.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold a meeting with Mrs. H. C. Thurston, High street on Wednesday, March 13, at three o'clock. All committees and those interested in the Easter sale, to be held about the last of this month, are requested to be present. All are cordially invited.

Services at the Methodist church will be held as usual. In the morning at 10.45, the pastor will preach on the subject, "The greatest question in the world." In the evening, at seven o'clock, there will be a revival service and the subject will be "Confessing Christ before our fellowmen." All will be cordially welcomed.

Mrs. Olive Boland, housekeeper for F. S. Whitney, on the South road, met with an accident on Monday. While driving down the hill on Mt. Lebanon street, just beyond the residence of Elijah Reed, some part of the sleigh hit the horse on the heels, causing it to run. Mrs. Boland was thrown out, but not seriously injured. The sleigh was rather badly demolished.

Spring movings are still in progress, if the thermometer did register ten below on Wednesday morning. Andrew Pillsbury moved his family on Tuesday night from the tenement of I. J. Rowell's, for whom he had worked for a long time, to the double tenement house near the Popperell card shop, formerly owned by Charles J. Parker. Mr. Pillsbury is working for Jerry Jordan, who has recently taken the contract for teaming the coal of the Nashua River Corporation from their dump on Mill street to the boiler rooms.

The family of Mederie Archambault, on Province street, are in quarantine as the result of a case of smallpox in the family the past week. A child of fourteen months was taken ill on Tuesday of last week, and the board of health was notified of the nature of the sickness on Thursday morning. All necessary precautions were taken both by them and the attending physician to prevent the spread of this dread disease. The child died on last Saturday. No other cases have made their appearance up to the time of writing on Thursday.

C. F. McCormack, formerly of this town, but now residing in Fitchburg, was in town Thursday, attending to the moving of his goods. These have been stored here, at his former residence, since last fall, as rents were almost impossible to obtain. Mr. and Mrs. McCormack have been boarding with their daughter, Mrs. Forrester.

Mrs. Mary J. Shattuck, widow of the late Jonas Shattuck, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Tucker, after a long illness, on Wednesday evening. Her age was eighty-seven years. She leaves three daughters, of whom two are in the town, Mrs. Tucker and Miss Clara Shattuck.

Men's Snapper.

The men's supper which was given at the Methodist vestry on Thursday evening, March 7, was fully up to the standard, but owing to the inclemency of the weather that evening, and the unusual amount of sickness about town, some of the people who would have attended, and the workers, were not present. The vlands

were pleasing, and the service rendered by the masculine waiters, very satisfactory.

Those who happened to reach there a trifle early for the seven o'clock supper were well entertained by the piano solos rendered by Miss Wallace.

The after supper program consisted of piano solos, a violin solo by Miss Ethel Hall, which was much enjoyed, a piano solo by Miss Gertrude Cherry, showed her, though young, possessing a fine idea of expression as well as accuracy. Andrew Anderson gave two of his whistling solos, which everyone enjoys, as he is so thoroughly master of that art. Mrs. Georgianna Kimball, in her recitations, was inimitable, in both selections. The solo by Mrs. Elsie Copp was as thoroughly appreciated as her songs always are.

Altogether the committee feel pleased with the result of their work, as it was success socially as well as financially.

Slight Shock.

William H. Mansfield, the well-known Railroad square druggist, sustained a slight shock on last Saturday evening. F. H. Parker went into the store at about six o'clock and found him in an unconscious condition, and alone, as his clerk had just gone to supper. A physician was summoned, who pronounced it a slight shock of paralysis, as one side seemed affected, and he was taken to his apartments in the house occupied by E. M. Dunton. His brother, H. A. Mansfield, was advised of his condition, and arrived from Washington, D. C., on Monday morning. His condition was much improved by that time and during the day he was able, although against the advice of his physician, to walk to his store. The shock to his nervous system was at this time the worse feature, and it was thought advisable for him to spend a short time in the Nashua hospital. Latest reports from there of his condition are encouraging.

Items of News.

A special meeting of the Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., is called to meet with Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald on Saturday afternoon, March 16. A meeting of the executive board will be held at 2.30 o'clock to choose the nominating committee to prepare the ballots for the annual meeting of the chapter in May. Chapter meeting will be at 3.15 o'clock, when it is expected each member will report for the guests they have the privilege of inviting for gentlemen's night, to be held on Wednesday evening, March 20, with Mrs. E. L. Tarbell. As this meeting is of importance, the regent would like to have members very prompt.

No services will be held on Sunday as Rev. D. R. Child leaves on Saturday for a week's vacation.

The Babidge Guild of the Unitarian church will hold a costume party and dance in Central hall on Friday evening, March 15. All are requested to appear in some kind of costume. Music will be by Miss Helen Robbins, piano; Edward Frost drums. Ice cream and cake will be served.

The item appearing in this paper two weeks ago, that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, of Heniker, N. H., is not so, but was given at the time by a member of the family and was supposed to be correct.

A lecture will be given in Saunders' hall on Tuesday evening, April 2, under the auspices of the Woman's club, by Miss Ellen Paine Huling. The subject will be "Labrador, through a woman's eyes." Miss Huling has for the past four summers traveled in that far northern country. In the fall of 1908, she succeeded in reaching Hudson Straits, penetrating farther north on the Labrador coast than any other American woman. Her lecture will be very interesting and full of valuable information concerning that far distant land. This lecture is open to the public and we hope all will avail themselves of this rare opportunity.

Mrs. F. D. Cook, of Nashua, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Richardson on Wednesday.

The Pepperell Woman's club held a very interesting meeting on Tuesday afternoon. The address was given by Mrs. Georgie A. Stickney, of Milford, N. H., and her subject was "Sir Walter Scott," and was given in a very enjoyable manner. Current events were given by Mrs. Minnie E. Qua. Club tea was served by the hospitality committee to the number of about sixty members.

Reciprocity day will be observed by the Pepperell Woman's club on March 19, at Central hall. Guests are expected from Littleton, Shirley, Ayer and Milford clubs.

Mrs. Abbie M. Shattuck attended the Past Noble Grand's association held in Lynn on Monday, March 4.

Mrs. Lucy P. Saunders celebrated her nineteenth birthday on February 29, in a very pleasant occasion, long to be remembered. Mrs. Saunders is seventy-six years old.

Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. N. M. Gutterson, Mrs. W. A. Kemp, Mrs. Abbie C. Woodward, Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. P. J. Hayes visited the Ayer Woman's club on Wednesday, it being reciprocity day. A very fine program was listened to. Club tea was served and all enjoyed the afternoon very much.

Albert A. Lawrence will be a candidate for tax collector.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Brigham on Wednesday afternoon, March 13. The subject will be "The lives of noble women."

A successful meeting of the town conference was held in the Main Street grammar school on Friday evening of last week. Officers were chosen and a good deal of interest was manifested. On Monday evening the officers met at the home of Nelson Tower and chose their members of committees. A very busy evening was passed and the object is growing.

The tramps on the snow crust enjoyed by Pepperell residents are worthy of note, as it is seldom we can boast of snow crust of sufficient strength to allow tramps the delightful pleasure of miles uninterrupted. Coasting has been largely indulged in by old as well as young people,

and the good old-fashioned sports have been much in vogue. While our winter has been extremely cold, health has been less impaired and plenty of fresh air is a fine tonic for everyone. Let us build ourselves in mind and body. We can improve if we will.

Walter H. Drury has consented to become a candidate for the position of selectman to fill the unexpired term of F. G. Hayes, who has resigned. It is not expected there will be any opposition to Chas. H. Miller's re-election and if Mr. Drury is elected it is a well-known certainty the town's interests will be well taken care of by such a strong array of smart men.

Through the efforts of Kemp & Bennett the Jerome Nutting place on River street was recently sold to Mrs. Margaret Sylvester, Kemp & Bennett buying Mrs. Sylvester's homestead. They also negotiated the sale of the Phillips place, so-called, on Park street to William M. Rheem of Roxbury, who will take possession soon. This property was owned by Thomas Graham.

Organized.

Several meetings have been held by those interested in the general welfare of the town. The committee appointed to submit a plan of organization and purpose, submitted a constitution to the meeting held in Main Street schoolhouse on March 1. The constitution was adopted. The organization is to be known as "The town conference." By provision of the constitution all residents of the town twenty-one years of age and over are active members with privilege of voting. All persons under twenty-one years of age are associate members. A governing board was elected:

Rev. Dudley R. Child, pres.; Rev. Robert W. Drawbridge, Thomas J. Drummy, Mrs. Nathaniel W. Appleton, vice pres.; Mrs. Mary L. P. Shattuck, sec.; Mrs. Horatio N. Tower, treas.; Frederick H. Parker, treas.; Walter H. Drury, Otis A. Merrill, directors.

The next meeting of the Town Conference will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall, Saunders' Corner, on Monday evening, March 18, at eight o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to become acquainted with the town warrant.

To the Editor:

Since you received my last letter, each day has been pleasantly passed by us and we are doing all the sight-seeing we can. I intend to write a letter on Orlando to you, for there are factors there that are working wonders for the wonderful development of this inland city. In my last letter to you I mentioned that we were to take in a land sale on February 22. The crowd gathered in front of the postoffice and we got there in time to take in the whole of the proceedings. The faces around us were a study—the tourist, the sickly northerner, the aged investor and the shrewd native—the band of musicians and the empty autos.

Presently a figure of a man on horseback riding a beautiful horse, with apparent satisfaction to all, came upon the scene. We learned that it was the noted Col. W. Hill, Forest City, who had said: "If William Jennings Bryan did not capture the presidential chair he would never cut his hair or shave again." You can imagine what the results are.

Just before the time for the procession to proceed to the sale, Col. Hill was made over into George Washington by pinning up his soft black hat into the continental shape, and the eugenic blue ribbon, and the lock of his hair tied with a bow of eugenic blue ribbon. It was a becoming and catchy sight to say the least. The band then got into marching order and proceeded up the street, the autos formed into line, and all followed the famous George on his fifteen-thousand-dollar horse out to that part of the city known as Lake Minnie, where the lots were sold. Everyone who wished, went in an auto and were brought back free. Besides the sale there was a race, a spelling-bee and a prize drawing. The auctioneer was a typical southerner, and it made no difference whether he sold flat low or a piece of the kingdom come. When any one would raise a bid he would say: "The Lord bless you."

It was a beautiful locality—the soft gray sand, the knoll from the street covered with bearing orange trees. There were twenty-four lots—three lots to the acre—and the first corner lot brought \$295, and one on a hill \$390, outside of the town and without any improvements. The lowest priced lot, very damp, brought ninety dollars. These lots were bought mostly as an investment.

Saturday evening, February 24, found us in St. Petersburg, on the western coast of Florida. Here they told us there were no rooms to be had, but after visiting at least sixty places, we were fortunate in obtaining a couple of rooms at Hotel Poinsettia. These rooms had been vacated by parties who had located friends elsewhere.

On Sunday we went out to Pasagrille, a seaside vacation colony, where wealth lingers and time is whittled away under the cocoanut palms, listening to the soft lap of the waves of the Gulf of Mexico as they break on the white sands under a tropical blue sky. After a short stroll about the island, where a month later the oceanist will garland the walks, we went back for a fish dinner to "the only place that have crabs today." We had several dishes different than I had ever tasted before and all were very good. We find no butter here. It is either butterine or straight "oleo," and some places have a card displayed stating that "We use oleomargarine." Van Camp's cream is also used to a great extent here. For those who have never seen an ostrich, the St. Petersburg Ostrich Farm would be an interesting sight for them.

Sunday evening we went to the Indian Shell Mound, where the Indians used to hold their council fires. It is said that there were four others here, but that they have been all destroyed by the march of civilization. The wonderful shell house the old man built fifty years ago is falling into decay, and the owner is eighty-two years old. I think it would

be a wise thing for the town to purchase it, renovate it and preserve it for the generations to come.

Florida is wide-awake on every hand, in the town or city, to catch the visitor who is impressed with its glorious winter months. White muslin dresses for the ladies, and light wear for the men is just comfortable. The grass here is sowed in drills, as we sow onion seed at home, and can hardly catch at that.

The streets here are very wide, being from seventy-five to one hundred feet in width, and it has everything to make it most beautiful in years to come. As we were riding on the cars recently on our way to Gulfport we saw several handsome varieties of roses growing. We leave for Tampa this evening at eight o'clock (Monday, February 24). They say it is impossible to obtain rooms there but we hope we will be as fortunate there as we were here.

MRS. L. E. STARR.
St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 26.

To the Editor:

As it is near the time when the citizens of our town get busy selecting new town officials and re-electing the old, the following should be of interest to all and is from one who was born and has lived in Pepperell all her life:

The Protest Meeting.

Every one has heard of the "protest meeting" which took place in Pepperell, at the office of the superintendent of schools, May 29, 1911. So much has been said, with regard to this meeting that it seems only fair to all parties, that the substance of what was said should be given to the public. If errors, or important omission appear, those who were present will make the necessary corrections. The meeting was opened by the reading of the petition for the re-appointment of Miss Baker, as teacher of the Oak Hill school. H. F. Hobart arose and said: "We have come here this evening to learn why Miss Baker is not appointed as teacher of the Oak Hill school, and to argue the case in a good-natured way."

The presiding officer was Dr. S. R. Qua, chairman of the school board, who ruled as follows: "We cannot enter into any discussion, and we will not promise to answer any questions. It would be a great injustice to a teacher to state in a meeting as large as this, the reasons for her non-appointment. If the teacher herself asks for the reasons, they will be given here. We will listen to any reasons which you may give as to why Miss Baker should be reappointed, and we will give them due consideration."

The following testimonies in regard to Miss Baker's strong moral influence, her maternal qualities, and the fact, emphasized by all that her pupils always "passed" and did well after promotion. When this part of the program was over, Dr. Qua said: "If no one has anything further to say I will consider the conference closed."

Mr. Hobart rose and said: "I wish to ask Mr. Paul a question. I wish to ask why Miss Baker has been employed as a teacher in this town for twelve years if she has not been satisfied?" Mr. Paul replied: "I don't know." Mr. Hobart continued: "I will ask you a question which you do know. I will ask why Miss Baker was not appointed this year?" Mr. Paul replied: "Because I consider Miss Baker a very inefficient teacher. If our chairman will allow me, I will repeat what I said to the school board: The very poorest work done in any school in town has been done in the Oak Hill school."

Mr. Hobart returned: "Is not Miss Baker as good a teacher this year as she was last year?"

"I did not ask if you had seen improvement. I will ask you why you say that Miss Baker is a less good teacher this year than last year?" "I don't know that I will say that." "Last year you re-appointed Miss Baker, if she is as good a teacher this year as she was last, why is she not re-appointed?" No reply.

Mr. Hobart resumed: "I wish to ask you Mr. Paul, if you expect as good results in a school with six grades as in a school of one grade?"

Mr. Paul answered by saying: "It certainly is not so easy to teach a school of six grades as a school of two grades, but it can be done, we have another school of six grades, and I have contrasted the two."

Mr. Hobart then stated: "I have consulted the music teacher and she says no better work in my department has been done in any school in town than in the Oak Hill school. I have also asked the teacher of drawing and she says some of the best work in my department has been done in the Oak Hill school, furthermore, Miss Shattuck, principal of the grammar school, in response to my inquiries says, only a few days ago, Miss Aldrich, (first assistant) and I were speaking of this very matter, and we agreed that no better prepared pupils had come from any school than from the Oak Hill school."

Mr. Paul said in response: "I beg leave to differ with Miss Shattuck." Mr. Paul continued: "How do the scholars from Oak Hill compare with those from other schools?" Mr. Paul ejaculated: "I have made no comparisons."

"Wasn't it your place to make comparisons?" exclaimed Mr. Hobart. "Wasn't it your duty to make comparisons?" "How can you tell which teachers are doing the best work if you make no comparisons?" No response.

Otis Merrill arose and said: "I perceive Mr. Superintendent, that you judge a piece of work, not by the finished product, but by some technicality in the process. I have been reminded this evening of an incident which occurred when I was in business. Two men brought forward machines for approval, one man told in detail what his machine would do, the other said, my machine will do all that the other one will do and a few things more. I think that it has been shown that Miss Baker does all that the other teachers do and a few things more."

The chairman again said: "If no one has anything further to say, I will consider the conference closed."

Again Mr. Hobart arose and said: "I wish to ask Mr. Paul a question. It is common talk in the street that you said when you visited Miss Baker's school, that you were unable to render her the assistance which you might otherwise have done, because of her nervous condition you feared a relapse. Did you say that?" "I did not word it just so," replied Mr. Paul.

"If," Mr. Hobart resumed, "Miss Baker is in such a condition, why is she permitted to teach even one day? No one knows what a person in such a condition may do. She might kill some of them."

"I said Miss Baker trembled and seemed frightened."

Mrs. Maxwell said: "When you visit the school, Mr. Paul, you watch every word that Miss Baker speaks, and every motion that she makes. She is conscious that you are watching her and criticizing her, even if her back is toward you."

Mr. McCord said: "I am a book-keeper, and I believe my work is satisfactory, but if my employer stood over me watching every letter and figure, I think that I would tremble, and I suppose it is easier for a man than for a woman to control such a feeling."

S. C. Blood remarked that he had been trembling during the conference, later others acknowledged that they had trembled, and it was the opinion of some present that the worthy superintendent turned pale and trembled.

Mrs. Maxwell asked the school board if a girl who was able to attend school was not able to conduct herself in such a manner as not to disturb the discipline of the school, and received an emphatic assent. Mrs. Maxwell then asked Mr. Paul if he considered it a wise thing, a kind thing, to go to people who were unfriendly to Miss Baker and criticize little personal peculiarities and hold them up to ridicule.

Mr. Paul murmured: "I only expressed what I thought." "You will not always find it a wise thing, to express all that you may think," was Mrs. Maxwell's parting admonition.

Finally, for the third and last time, Dr. Qua declared the conference ended and the protestants passed out. S.

Items of Interest.

Despite the fact that they seldom see a cow, the inhabitants of Greater New York consumes 1,388,000 quarts of milk a day.

John Jacob Astor was the only man in New York in 1830, who was worth \$1,000,000. The entire Astor estate is now approaching the billion mark.

There is being built for the personal use of the Czar of Russia a bullet-proof automobile of high power, designed especially for quick trips between St. Petersburg and the country palace.

On May 1, 1851, the collection of statistics of Irish emigration was begun, and in the fifty-three years since then the number of emigrants has been 3,997,913. The highest annual emigration was 190,332, in 1852, and the lowest 32,241, in 1898.

A story comes from Uganda to the effect that a lion attacked a white man and bit him, but the beast's teeth went through a bottle of whisky which the man was carrying in his pocket, and this gave it such a shock that it turned tail and fled.

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