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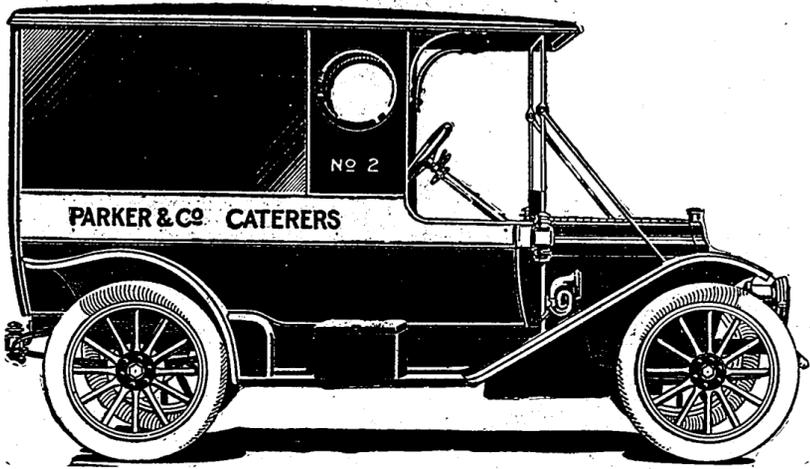
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LITTLETON.

News Items.
Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Chauncy, N. Y., industrial school, have been in town this week getting their house ready for occupancy.

W. H. Smith of Woodroyd Manor, Lightcliffe, England, is a week-end visitor at Mrs. Grace M. Lawrence's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner W. Prouty are expected home from Atlantic City today. Mr. Prouty is making rapid improvement. He walks a distance of two miles with comparative ease and no unpleasant effects.

Waldo E. Conant has been confined to the house with a severe cold and hoarseness. Albert F. Conant, who is suffering from heavy cold, is also in care of a physician. Benjamin Peabody and his daughter Ella, Horace Amsden and Mrs. Franklin Pingry are all recovering from the same disease that has proved itself so stubborn as to require the services of a doctor.

Detective Bradley of the Boston and Maine railroad, has been in town recently seeking for a clue to the station and postoffice breaks and thefts.

The King's daughters are in need of more old cotton cloth. They have frequent demands for it and the supply is getting low. All contributions will be thankfully received at the center store.

The ladies' quartet were guests of the Pepperell Woman's club Tuesday, reciprocity day, and rendered well appreciated music for Littleton's part in the program. The ladies report a most delightful reception and literary and musical entertainment, one of the very best they ever attended on such occasions.

Miss Julia McCarthy of South Acton visited friends in Littleton Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Adams, who were married in Littleton last Saturday evening, returned shortly afterwards to their new home in Concord Junction, where they surprised their many friends by arriving so early. Their townspeople, however, were ready for the bridal couple and greeted them with an uproarious serenade.

Mrs. Alta Hollis and daughter Lucille of Ayer have been in town this week, calling on former neighbors.

A herd of seventy-five small Irish cattle arrived at the United States quarantine Monday. They are the property of a western cattle fancier, J. B. Higgin, who at the age of ninety-two years is actively engaged in business.

Miss Maria Fletcher of Boston spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Theodore Fletcher.

Mrs. Everett Kimball was a week-end and Sunday guest of friends in Boston and New Bedford. Part of the time she spent with her daughter Gladys, who is making good progress in her training at St. Luke's hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Ryan plans to go to Boston, where she will make her home, in the course of a few months.

The members of the Baptist choir are receiving weekly training in music with Mrs. Leslie A. Hager as instructor.

The biennial meeting of the Improvement society will be held at the home of J. M. Hartwell next Thursday evening when the election of officers will take place and the disposition of the good sum now in the treasury will be discussed. A large attendance is desired.

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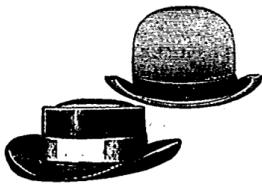
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WESTFORD.

Center.

The school savings bank system, which the W. C. T. U. were instrumental in starting at the Frost school earlier in the season has prospered and proved an excellent plan no doubt in teaching the children the value of thrift. Over fifty dollars has been gathered and deposited with one of Lowell's well-known banks. Any amount from a penny up is taken by the teachers and kept account of in a little book, but the child must have a dollar to his credit before he can have a regular bank book. Even the few pennies thoughtlessly spent may by this means be saved and thereby teach the child the value of a dollar and of saving, and the possible forming of a nucleus of a competence in after years.

Master Clarence Colburn has been among the shut-ins for a week with a serious attack of bronchitis.

Mrs. Jennie Fifield and her grandsons, Clifford Woods, are visiting relatives in Nashua.

The William E. Frost school closed last week Friday for the spring vacation of two weeks, and the academy closed this week Friday for one week.

The meeting of the Tadmuck club on next Tuesday afternoon at Library hall at three o'clock, will be a continuation of the season's special topic for study of South America, when Miss Grace Lawrence, of Forge Village, will present "The Valley of the Amazon." Miss Lawrence always gives a studios and interesting paper and a good attendance of the membership is hoped for.

The Henry M. Wrights, of Quincy, were over Sunday guests of Harwood L. Wright this last week.

John Feeney, jr., who has recently returned from attending the short winter course at the State Agricultural college, has returned to the Brigham farm to work.

Mrs. Thomas Fisher, of Lowell, entertained very pleasantly the members of the Thimble club for the day at her home on Wednesday.

The J. V. Fletcher spring is undergoing its regular spring cleaning and renovating.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnes, from Draut, are the two people who have been engaged to succeed Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Boynton at the town farm when the two last named leave the first of next month. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes come well recommended and the board of overseers has selected them from the various applicants for the place after careful consideration. A third number of their family is an eighteen-year-old son. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes certainly have a standard of efficiency to maintain as established by Mr. and Mrs. Boynton in their seven-year term of service.

Miss Ethel Richardson is convalescing from an operation performed on her throat by Dr. C. A. Blaney as physician, and Miss Annie Harris, who is an aunt of Miss Richardson, as nurse.

Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, as a member of Gov. Foss' council, and Edward Fisher, as a member of the house of representatives must have regretted that town duty came before state duty on Monday, and were unable to be present at the state house to see and hear President Taft. Mr. Fletcher was the moderator at Monday's town meeting, and Mr. Fisher was in his place as town clerk.

The academy lecture course will give their second lecture on Tuesday evening, April 2, at the town hall, when Rev. A. T. Kempton will present his excellent lecture on "Hiawatha."

Forge Village.

On Monday evening, a large number from this village attended the Lenten services at St. Andrew's church, Ayer, where they gathered to welcome Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, their former pastor. Mr. Fisher preached an eloquent sermon which was thoroughly enjoyed by all his hearers. After the service a reception was held in his honor at which many of his former parishioners took the opportunity to renew friendships. Mr. Fisher was deeply touched at such a welcome and was heartily pleased to see again the familiar faces of his loved ones. Mr. Fisher is now rector of St. Mark's church, Leominster.

A large party of parishioners of St. Catherine's church journeyed to North Chelmsford on Sunday evening to attend the sacred concert in honor of St. Patrick, held in the town hall, at which much local talent was heard.

Miss Edith Foster, of Westford, and Emerson De-Roobin, of this village, received the sacrament of confirmation at St. Andrew's church, Ayer, on last week Friday evening.

Miss May Lord, of South Framingham, is home for a short vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lord. Miss Lord, who is in the hospital training school, has been on the sick list and has come home to recuperate.

The employees of the Abbot Worsted Company have been granted an increase in wages, which went into effect on Monday. The actual increase is not as yet known.

Miss Gladys Daley has accepted a position as clerk in the office of the Brookside mills, Brookfield.

Miss Ellen McMurray, a patient rheumatic sufferer for many years, is now quite feeble. She is being cared for by Mrs. Robert Orr, of Pond street, her niece.

Lenten devotions will be held on next Wednesday evening at 7.30 at St. Andrew's mission.

Mrs. Chester Blodgett, Mrs. Charles Blodgett and Mrs. William Blodgett and families, of Groton, visited at the home of Mrs. Joseph Mason, in Lowell recently.

One of the Easter week attractions in Abbot hall will be a benefit entertainment given by the Forge Village Dramatic club. Entertainment will be in the form of a comedy in one act, entitled "A tacna among the roses." Dancing will follow and ice cream and cake will be served during intermission. It is hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance as the affair is for a worthy cause.

Miss Sarah Precious is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Hans Dege and son, of Billerica, spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Catchpole, of Central street.

The fife and drum corps, organized a short time ago by some of the young men of the village, appeared for the first time in public last Saturday evening, when they formed and paraded the different streets. Considering the short duration of its existence, they made a good showing, and much credit is due them for the able manner in which they played. The band leader and organizer is John Edwards. It is hoped that in the near future the village will be given another chance to hear these young musicians.

Mrs. Harriet S. Randall spent Wednesday visiting friends in Tyngsboro.

Wedding.

A very quiet wedding took place on last week Friday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal church, Graniteville, when Miss Della Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wilkinson, of this village, became the bride of Chester Leroy Watson, of Ayer, son of Mrs. Emma A. Watson, of Worcester. Rev. Louis Harvermale, the pastor, officiated at the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Wilkinson, and Joseph Orange acted as best man. Miss Wilkinson looked very becoming in a traveling suit of blue broadcloth, and her sister also wore blue. The happy couple left on a short wedding journey and will reside in Ayer on their return.

Grantville.

The Men's club of the M. E. church held an entertainment in the church vestry on Monday night that was well attended.

Alfred Prime, with his mother, Mrs. Caroline Prime, have recently returned from Portland, Me., where they went to attend the funeral of a near relative.

T. A. Riney, of Camden, N. J., made a short visit here recently when he came on to attend the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Caroline LeDuc.

Mrs. John V. Downing, of Shelburne Falls, with her little daughter Zelia, is now visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Catherine Espie, with her little grandson, John Drummond, of Fitchburg, have been recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wall.

Deaths.

Mrs. Ida Grant Lumbert, wife of S. James Lumbert, died at her home here early on Monday morning, after a lingering illness, aged fifty years. Beside her husband, she leaves one small son Albert, and the following children of a former marriage: Levi, Jennie, Lizzie, Daisy and Fred Grant, several brothers and sisters in Cloverdale, N. B., and another sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Doucette, of this village.

Mrs. Caroline Perrin LeDuc, a highly esteemed woman, and the wife of Hyacinthe LeDuc, died at her home in this village early Friday morning, March 15, after a brief illness, aged 59 years, 4 months. The deceased was well and favorably known and her husband she leaves four sons and four daughters—Gideon P., Ferdinand J., Henry, J. O. LeDuc, of this village; Mrs. T. A. Riney, of Camden, N. J.; Miss Dora and Miss Rebecca LeDuc and Mrs. James H. Payne, of Graniteville; also, two brothers, Louis Perrin, of St. Anne des Champs, Manitoba, Canada, and Adolph Perrin, of Cape de la Madeleine, Quebec, Canada. One brother, Adolph, arrived here shortly after Mrs. LeDuc had passed away.

The LeDuc family come here from Canada some seventeen years ago, and have resided in Graniteville practically ever since. The family is well and favorably known, and the sympathy of the village people is extended to the bereaved family at this sad hour, in the loss of a loving wife and a good, true, tender hearted mother.

The funeral took place from her late home on Monday morning at 8.30 o'clock. At nine o'clock a funeral mass was celebrated in St. Catherine's church by the pastor, Rev. E. T. S. Goff. The regular choir was in attendance and sang the Gregorian chant, Miss Mary E. Hanley presiding at the organ. At the offertory Miss Hanley sang "Pie Jesu," and as the casket was being borne from the church "De profundis" was sung by the choir. The bearers were the four sons and J. H. Payne and T. A. Riney. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

About Town.

Mrs. Hill is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert E. Fletcher.

Daniel H. Sheehan is saving a large lot of lumber for Capt. Wilson, of Carlisle, on his lot at West Billerica. When this is finished, Mr. Sheehan has a large lot in Lincoln.

Thomas Sheehan, who died recently in Chelmsford, was well-known to the farmers on the Stony Brook valley, being an uncle of our own farmer, manufacturer and lumber sawyer, Daniel H. Sheehan.

The writer acknowledges with happy feelings of friendship the receipt of interesting papers from the Halls at Los Angeles. If unable to go there you can look there with these papers.

The overseers of the poor have engaged Harvey W. Barnes of Draut, as superintendent of the town farm. Mr. Barnes has had experience on town farms elsewhere and is well recommended.

"Oak farm" as presented Monday evening at Marshall's hall by the West Chelmsford, Westford corner dramatic

club was humorous and instructive and was by the frequent applause, satisfactory to the audience, which numbered nearly two hundred. For amateurs, several of whom made their first appearance before an audience, they made a well earned hit. The following is the names of those who took part: Ralph E. Bickford, Harold H. Fletcher, J. George Rudkin, Charles S. Edwards, James Dwyer, William Newbold, Anthony Anderson, Mrs. Alice Robarge, Janet H. Brown, Mrs. Alice A. Holt, Esther A. Reid. Dancing and ice cream followed the play. Music was given by the Imperial orchestra of North Chelmsford.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting was held on Monday and proved to be one of the quietest meetings the town has held for several years. The meeting was called to order by town clerk, Edward Fisher, after reading the warrant. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was elected moderator. The following were appointed ballot clerks and tellers: Charles M. Griffin, Alonzo H. Sutherland, Frank A. Healy, Frank P. Jarvis, Walter J. Merritt and William H. H. Burbeck.

For town officers 282 votes were cast against 204 last year, which is some surprising considering there were several sharp contests. The following is the list of those elected:

Town clerk—Edward Fisher.
Selectman—Andrew Johnson.
Assessor—William L. Woods.
Overseer of the poor—Arthur H. Barnham, Joseph Wall, Joseph E. Town treasurer—Harwood L. Wright.
Collector of taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler, 148, Emery J. Whitney, 121.
Auditor—William R. Taylor.
Constables—Charles T. Brooks, John A. Shiban.

Two for school committee—Charles O. Prescott, T. Arthur E. Wilson.
School committee for two years, one—Thomas E. Panto 150, Albert R. Wall 127.

Two trustees of library—Julius A. Cameron, Dexter E. Coggeshall.
Committee of burial grounds—John A. Healy.

Tree warden—Harry L. Nesmith 160.
John Spinner 14.
Field drivers—William E. Wright, Dr. C. A. Blaney, T. Arthur E. Wilson.

Fence viewers—Almon S. Vose, Edwin H. Wall, Charles A. Blodgett, Joseph E. Ginehy, Horace E. Gould, John A. Healy, Charles T. Brooks, Thomas E. Symmes, Oscar H. Spaulding, Joseph E. Knight, Charles A. Blodgett, Alonzo H. Sutherland, William H. Beebe, W. W. Johnson, David Desmond, Almon S. Vose.

Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?—No 142.

The following sums of money were voted without counting opposition: Library \$1000 and all that is coming by way of dogs, burial grounds \$100, roads \$2700, extension of North street \$300, town debts \$6500, poor \$1200, and \$500 for new pair of horses, schools \$9700, high school \$2800, salary of superintendent \$850, motes \$830, fire department \$400, Memorial day \$150, playground apparatus \$200. The town by a vote of 30 to 16 voted to accept the sidewalk law and \$300 was appropriated to be expended in Westford, Forge Village and Graniteville. The town will increase the territory for electric lighting and \$2900 was raised for that purpose. The town being without platform scales they voted \$300 to install them and this complies with the law. The wear, tear and fashion of text books in the public schools had its usual allotment of \$600 to renew them and \$600 for repairs on school-houses.

The town elected the following as a finance committee for 1912: George T. Day, Julian A. Cameron, Herbert V. Hildreth, Wesley O. Hawkes, Enbert H. Flagg.

Several of the yearly routine articles were voted affirmatively "until conditions make a change necessary," so that the articles relating to the enforcement of the liquor law, the selectmen acting as agents of the town in law suits and the offering of rewards for the conviction of any person setting fires, having all been voted will not appear annually in the warrant.

The article relating to the manner of collecting taxes on motion of Capt. Fletcher, the town will hereafter pay the postage on all received tax bills where necessary.

LITTLETON.

Warrant Posted.

The warrant of the annual town meeting has been posted in the usual places. Forty-three articles are to be under consideration on Monday, March 25. The first twenty-five articles relate to usual subjects, such as election of town officers, reports of town officers, appropriations, establishing salary of town collector and treasurer, etc.

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to straighten the curve in Harwood avenue south of Foster street.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to paint or otherwise decorate the walls and ceiling of the town hall, appropriate money for the same, etc.

Art. 28. To see if the town will discontinue the present dumping ground near the almshouse and authorize the selectmen to establish a new location for the same.

Art. 29. To see if the town will request the assessors to make a revaluation of the property of the town and have the same printed.

Art. 31. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer, on orders of the selectmen, to deposit in the Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, subject to the drafts of the town treasurer on orders of the board of water commissioners, such sums of money as are required to pay the semi-annual interest on Town of Littleton Water Bonds, and for the bonds as they become due.

Art. 32. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer on orders of the selectmen, to deposit in the Old Colony Trust Company, of Boston, subject to drafts of the town treasurer on orders of the board of electric light commissioners, such sums of money as are required to pay the semi-annual interest on the Town of Littleton Electric Light Bonds and for the bonds as they become due.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1200 for electric street lighting.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to renew the note of \$1,000 now held by the trustees of the Reuben

Hour library, for three years from March 1, 1912, at 4 1/2 percent interest per annum.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75 for furniture for the children's department in the Reuben Hour library.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to organize a paid fire department, appropriate money, etc.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for fire apparatus and hose.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for hydrant service for the ensuing year.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to install an electric lighting service in the town hall, raise and appropriate money.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to install an electric lighting service in Houghton Memorial building, raise and appropriate money.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to authorize the electric light commissioners to execute a contract with the Lowell Electric Light Corporation, Ayer Electric Light Company, or any other corporation for the purpose of furnishing electricity for light, heat and power for the town and its inhabitants.

Article 42 calls for an appropriation of money for the introduction of water into the town hall for the school children, and article 43 relates to the provision of suitable toilet facilities in town hall basement.

News Items.

J. H. D. Whitcomb sold a cow last week to a party in Alabama.

The leap year party given by the ladies of the Backlog club last Saturday evening was attended by a large company and was considered very successful. The hall was prettily decorated. The stage was converted into a garden of evergreen trees and yellow jonquils, where icee frappé were served throughout the evening. The unique favors for the German consisted of small green silk flags with gold harps for the gentlemen and green shamrock pins for the ladies. Thayer's orchestra furnished excellent music. The entertainment was ably managed by the committee in charge to whom much credit was given.

Rev. H. L. Packard attended the conference of Congregational ministers held at Ayer on Tuesday afternoon.

The lecture and musical entertainment given in town hall on Monday evening drew an audience of good size and genuine satisfaction. Rev. H. L. Caulkins gave a brief but admirable lecture on "Athletics," and the ladies' quartet, assisted by Miss Ruth Prescott, sang very acceptably. Donald Hanson, the young baritone singer from Lowell, again delighted his audience by his marvelous voice so rich in quality and of wonderful range and expression. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the high school athletic association.

Kenneth P. Smith, John Hardy, Jr., Thomas Stephens and William C. Baker are newly registered voters.

"The saloon and its allies," is the subject of the Christian Endeavor meeting tomorrow evening, 8 o'clock, at the church.

Rev. William Channing Brown occupied Rev. Chester A. Drummond's pulpit in Somerville last Sunday in the absence of the pastor through sickness.

The Littleton Woman's Alliance is invited to the neighborhood Alliance to be held at the Unitarian church at Groton next week Thursday.

Mrs. Fairfield learned the latter part of last week of Mr. Chambers' death in Columbus, Ohio, and went to Medford on Saturday evening to assist her aunt, Mrs. Chambers, in making funeral and burial arrangements. Mr. Fairfield, on Sunday afternoon, left for Columbus, Ohio, to carry those plans into execution. He will probably visit his mother, who is in failing health, before returning east.

Miss Smith, who has been in the Fairfield home for the last two months, left for her home in Springfield a week ago.

Miss Jennie Sawyer, telegraph operator, spent Sunday with friends in Hawley.

Misses Lucy and Emily Adams spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Nahum Whitcomb. They witnessed the marriage of their brother, John Adams, of Concord Junction, to Miss Kate McRitchie, of the same town, at the Unitarian parsonage, on Saturday evening by Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield. Mr. Adams has recently built a new house in Concord Junction, where he and Mrs. Adams will reside upon their return from a wedding trip.

Eustis Fitz, of Wakefield, was a recent guest of his cousin, Mrs. Grace E. Lawrence. He will be in town again in three weeks to demonstrate automobiles and auto trucks. His visit last week was in the interest of the automobile business.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bailey, of Cambridge, on Friday, March 15.

Mrs. Adeline W. Knowlton has been chosen a delegate to the International Convention of King's Daughters to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, in May.

The King's Daughters' annual Easter sale will be held in the Baptist vestry on Saturday, March 30, from two to five o'clock. In recognition of the very generous and valuable service rendered by this organization there should be a hearty and free response to their invitation to attend and patronize the sale.

Walter Boireau, of Worcester, Benjamin Conant, of Cambridge, and Randolph Godfrey came to Littleton for the leap year party on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prouty, of Somerville, spent Sunday at the Prouty home, coming on Saturday in time for the dance.

Malcolm Priest and his room-mate from Boston Technology, were at F. B. Priest's over Sunday, and attended the leap year party.

John Smith, clerk at Conant & Company's west end store, has been visiting relatives at Dollar Bay, Mich., for two weeks.

The town committee has asked John H. Hardy, Jr., to accept the nomination on the school board, and it is expected that Mr. Hardy will give his consent.

The Woman's club will not meet on March 25, on account of the town meeting, which several of the members attend. But on Monday, April 1, the club will hold the musicale scheduled for the above date. The music committee will have charge of the entire program, including tea. Beware of April first deludeces! Ethelbert Nevin is the composer whose music will be rendered on that occasion.

On Friday, March 23, at nine o'clock a. m., sharp, Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction 21 cows, one bull, 3 horses, all the wagons, sleds, carts, sleighs, farming tools, blacksmith's tools, hay and fodder together with quite a variety of household goods, the property of Peter Pilkington, North East Sudbury.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. The board of registrars held its final meeting at the town house...

The A. O. U. W. class initiation committee held its meeting last Sunday afternoon in the rooms of the Rollstone lodge, Fitchburg.

The mission sermons preached in St. Anthony's church last week by Rev. L. Bedard, of Lowell, came to a close last Sunday afternoon.

W. A. L. Crockett, of North Shirley, has accepted a position in the leather department of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., and assumed the duties of his new position on Monday morning.

Walter Birchstead, of Leominster, has accepted a position in the boxing department of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., succeeding Mr. James. Mr. Birchstead commenced his new duties on Monday morning.

Wilfred Hache, of Athol, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Chaisson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Arsenault, of Leominster, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bolger on last Sunday.

Ex-Mayor Fosdick, of Fitchburg, will address the Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church in the vestry on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Leo O'Neill has accepted the position of chauffeur for Mr. and Mrs. George O. Evans.

Harding M. James has rented the house owned by Conant Bros. on church street, vacated a few months ago by the C. H. Miner family.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a salad supper in the vestry of the church next Wednesday evening at six o'clock.

Jerry Mushrael, of Gloversville, N. Y., a former resident of Shirley has accepted the position of day watchman at the factory of the C. A. Edgarton Mfg. Co., succeeding Timothy Hurley.

John H. Will has rented his cottage house on Harvard road to Fred Saboll.

Alvin Lawton has recently purchased a pen of Ancona fowls which were raised from prize-winning stock.

A freight train of fifty cars eastward bound had four of its cars derailed at Shirley at a point known as Diamond Rock, about two miles and a half west of the depot on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Simonds, of Ayer, a former well-known and respected resident of Shirley, died on Wednesday night at nine o'clock at the Woman's Charity club hospital, Roxbury.

At a meeting of the Brookline Historical society held at the Edward Devotion house, Harvard road, Brookline, on Thursday evening, March 21, Mrs. Charles K. Bolton, so well and favorably known in Shirley, read a paper entitled "Farm life one hundred years ago."

Entertainment. The social supper and entertainment at the Universalist church on Wednesday evening was a very pleasant affair.

Play To Be Produced. The date for the staging of "The colonel's maid," by the Altruistic club will soon be announced.

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Pleasantly Entertained. Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Neill tendered a birthday party at their home on Front street last Saturday evening in honor of their daughter, Mrs. J. A. MacMillan, of Lowell.

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"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 more or less. Being the same premises formerly owned by Milo Russell late of Groton deceased."

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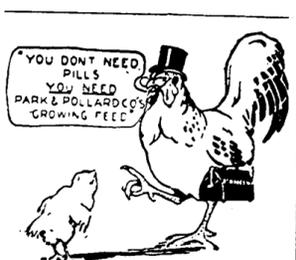
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Page's Block, Ayer. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law and all others interested in the estate of JOHN R. 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 offer 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 all persons 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 twentieth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3126 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to THOMAS F. MILLIN of Ayer in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the second day of April, 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing postpaid a copy of this citation to the next of kin of said deceased seven days, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve. 3127 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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GROTON.

The students attending Lawrence academy during the principalship of Rev. Nathan Thompson, now of Laurel, Maryland, are to have a reunion at the academy on Commencement day next June. This reunion will be informal, having no dinner, etc., by themselves but falling in with the regular Commencement dinner and other Commencement exercises of the day. Any other students will be welcomed whether connected with their class or of earlier or later years. Rev. and Mrs. Thompson will arrange to be present and a full attendance of old friends and companions is hoped and expected.

Miss C. E. Wood returned to town last week after several weeks' absence on a visit to relatives in Belmont, also visiting relatives in Waltham, Watertown, Boston and Needham.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Taylor, whose birth on March 12 was mentioned in this column last week, has been given the sweet and well-wearing name—Mary Isabel—the combined names of her two grandmothers.

The three year lease which Herbert W. Taylor had of the place now occupied by himself and family expires in April and Mr. Taylor does not care to renew it. They will move to Ayer next month, having rented a place on Grove street in that town.

The Neighborhood club met very pleasantly with Mrs. Nowell of the old Ayer road last week Thursday afternoon. All but one of the members were present. The reading of Pickwick Papers was continued. The hostess contributed violin selections and Miss Mabel Miner of Shirley, a guest of Mrs. Joseph Graves, who was present, gave selections on the piano. The usual social enjoyment with appetizing refreshments was the closing part of the afternoon's program.

Howard D. Bowles and family vacate their place, recently sold to Mr. Hatch of Shirley, about April 1. They will move to Ayer where they have rented a place.

John Moyle, jr., came home last week Friday from Amherst Agricultural college.

Samuel H. Raddin had the misfortune to lose one of his best team horses from colic Monday.

In order to give a small amount of coal to consumers, the dealers were allowed last week to draw on the supply of coarse coal stored at the town house.

Darwin P. Keyes has been poorly for the past week or two, not able to do his accustomed work.

Howard L. Gilson is down with the grippe. G. Fay Sampson is helping him out on his farm work for a few days. Meanwhile W. H. Boynton is driving on the express route for Mr. Sampson.

The Reading club met this week Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Everett B. Gerrish.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson Evans is so much improved that her folks feel quite encouraged over the prospect for recovery.

Miss Ethel K. Bruce, of Ayer, announces her spring millinery exhibit on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 28, 29 and 30.

Tonsillitis has been quite prevalent in town. Miss Edith Waters was one of the latest sufferers from it.

The housekeeper and four children of Julian Coolidge are at Groton Inn.

Mrs. Mary D. Boynton, the recently installed noble grand of the Middlesex Rebekahs, is carrying out the work with her accustomed earnestness. They are rehearsing new marches and music. The noble grand has appointed Edwin A. Shattuck, degree master in place of G. A. Durant, who has been ill.

J. H. Trayne bought a ton of coal recently and sent it to Groton by express. The cost of the express and the cost of coal being about equal.

Flocks of blackbirds arrived last week and bluebirds also were in evidence. Not many robins are reported seen.

There was a field and grass fire running over about five acres down in the old scapstone vicinity on Wednesday. Set by sparks from locomotive.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harrington of Hollis street entertained the whist club Tuesday night. The members of this club are Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rockwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Rockwood.

Patrick Ryan is taking the position at the flag shanty vacated by Mr. Fisher.

Mrs. William A. Goble entertained the whist club Friday afternoon.

Miss Genevieve Hodgman will not be home for the Easter vacation. Instead she started this week Friday with an excursion party going to Washington, D. C. While there she will improve the occasion and call on a married classmate whose home is in that city. On her return she will stop over at Philadelphia for a visit to her college friend, Miss Helen Adair. Miss Adair has visited Miss Hodgman at her home here.

Mr. Fisher and family, who have lived on Station avenue, sailed on the Megantic from Boston Tuesday, returning to live again in England.

Amory A. Lawrence is having electric lights installed in all his buildings.

James Bywater, at this time of writing, Wednesday, is at the hospital in Nashua, where his other eye was operated on last Saturday. His friends heard Tuesday night that he was doing as well as could be expected.

The Groton Branch Alliance of the First Parish church holds a neighborhood meeting next week Thursday afternoon at the church parlors. The visiting Alliances will be from Shirley, Fitchburg, Ayer, Littleton and Pepperell. Rev. Robert Leavens of Fitchburg will be the speaker of the afternoon.

The W. R. C. held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon with good attendance. Mrs. Nellie Libbey of Lynn, the department president, was a visitor and was an easy and interesting speaker. Mrs. Norman Shattuck and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leroy Shattuck, were visitors from Leominster. A program commemorating evacuation day, consisted of piano selections by Mrs. Sherwin and Miss Barrows, songs by Mrs. Gibson, historic readings by Mrs. Parkhurst and Mrs. Sherwin and piano selections by Miss Barrows and Mrs. Sherwin. Light refreshments were served.

William Channing Brown, field secretary of the Unitarian N. E. association, will preach at the First Parish church next Sunday morning.

Thomas Starr King will be the subject before the Young People's society of the Unitarian church next Sunday evening with Miss Christine Rockwood leader.

The pulpit of the Baptist church will be supplied Sunday by W. E. Wilder of Townsend. Topic, "A great robbery." Young people are specially invited to be present. Rev. Andrew Gibson will conduct the evening service.

Dr. Samuel A. Green, ex-mayor of Boston, observed his eighty-second birthday on Saturday, March 16, and he was remembered by beautiful gifts of flowers that he found piled on his desk in the rooms of the Massachusetts Historical society, being the librarian for the past forty years. He received many letters, telegrams, telephone messages, besides calls from many of his acquaintances.

Mrs. Alice Barnard with little Elizabeth is visiting her mother, Mrs. Needham.

Miss Thekla Huebner is visiting in Clinton and Fitchburg.

Mrs. Edward Perry of Clinton was a recent visitor of her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Wood, and Mrs. Leonard Parker of Clinton, who hasn't been over for two years and Fred A. Sanderson with wife of Lancaster were recent visitors of their mother, Mrs. Sarah Wood at Arthur A. Wood's.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Converse are to move from tenement on Hollis street into the house on Station avenue, vacated by the Fisher family.

Town meeting is a week from next Monday, which is April 1. At present there seems to be little or no excitement over coming elections or acts to be voted on.

A. F. Bates and Elmer E. Sawyer are drawn to serve on jury at the superior court sitting on Tuesday, April 2, at Lowell.

James R. Hawkes is at the Groton hospital, coming on Tuesday of this week, as a patient for observation.

The next social at the Unitarian church will be on Thursday evening, April 11.

The next regular meeting of the W. R. C., which would come on April 2, is to be omitted in order to give the members an opportunity to attend the W. R. C. convention held that day in the Shawmut Congregational church at Boston. The next regular meeting after coming on April 16 will be held late in the afternoon with patriotic observation and entertainment in the evening.

Mrs. W. A. Lawrence invited the women of the Groton Branch Alliance to take tea Thursday afternoon and enjoy a "Lady Baltimore cake," which had come from a southern Alliance and for which the Groton Alliance had subscribed.

George F. Bancroft is on from Omaha, Neb. Later when returning west he will be accompanied by his wife and daughter who have been staying for several months in Groton.

Mrs. Catherine Coughlin will hold an auction at the old home place, recently sold to Mr. Toomey on Thursday afternoon, April 11, commencing at one o'clock.

Largest Gathering.

Those who attended the meeting of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' association at Worcester March 13 and 14 report the largest gathering since its existence and increasing interest in apple growing. Dr. F. E. Gilson, H. H. Gay, W. P. Wharton, F. D. Lewis, Geo. S. Knapp, Lewis M. Knapp and S. H. Raddin were in attendance. Thursday the meeting was held in connection with the Worcester county Horticultural society, which offered six prizes for best collections of five varieties of apples. Mr. Knapp won first premium in this class. This was the only class open to competition to those outside of Worcester county. Some gratuity prizes were given and Mr. Lewis won one on his plate exhibit.

Deaths.

Stephen Gilson, a resident of this town for a number of years, died Friday, March 15, after an illness of fourteen months of paralysis. He was born in Dunstable January 12, 1834, the son of Asabel and Louise Pecker Gilson. He leaves a wife and three children—George C. Gilson and Mrs. Laura M. Carlin of Groton and Mrs. Anna E. Shattuck of Pepperell, also four grandchildren. The funeral was held at his late home Monday, March 18. Friends and relatives were present from Lowell, Lawrence, Pepperell and Groton. There were many beautiful flowers. Burial was at Dunstable.

Mrs. Jane (Ready), widow of Michael Sheedy, passed away at her home on Station avenue Friday afternoon, March 15. She was born in County Clare, Ireland, over eighty years ago. When a young woman, some sixty years ago, she came to Groton and a few years later was married.

Mrs. Sheedy had lived for the past fifty-six years in the same house where she died, where two of her three children were born, and where several years ago their only daughter, Elizabeth and the husband and father died.

Mrs. Sheedy was a retiring woman, known more particularly as a faithful and loving wife and mother.

The funeral with high mass, Rev. C. A. Finnigan celebrant, was held from the Sacred Heart church Monday morning. Beside the family there were present friends from the village,

Ayer and other places. The bearers were Mr. Kinsella from Newton and the three grandsons—Harold, Winthrop and Louis Sheedy. There were beautiful floral offerings. The interment was in the family lot at Ayer, where Rev. P. J. Sheedy offered the committal service.

Mrs. Sheedy leaves two sons—Michael, jr., and J. H. Sheedy, both prominent citizens and business men of this town, also five grandsons.

To the Editor:

May I, through your columns, briefly explain one of the articles appearing in the town warrant for town meeting? This article reads somewhat as follows:

"To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to file with the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game a petition requesting said commissioners to stock Baddacook pond with food fish under the provisions of Chapter 285 of the Acts of 1911."

The experiment of stocking Baddacook pond with brown trout begun seven or eight years ago has not proved a success. Plantings made in other similar waters throughout the state have almost uniformly failed, and the conclusion seems reasonable that these fish will not succeed in localities where such predaceous fishes as pickerel and perch thrive. Profiting by these experiences, the Fish and Game commissioners are to devote a new hatchery to rearing the coarser varieties of food fish, which seem better adapted to our ponds, especially the white perch and the pike perch, sometimes called wall-eyed pike. These have already been successfully introduced into several ponds in the state, I understand. The commission is also conducting a survey of the inland waters of the state to determine how they can be brought to a higher state of efficiency as fish producers.

Under these circumstances it would seem desirable that we in Groton should secure the cooperation of the commission in improving the ponds and streams where many of us like to go and catch a reasonable string of fish occasionally. Baddacook pond because of its depth, the coldness of its water, the varying character of its bottom and other natural advantages, seems well adapted to stocking experiments with the types of fish above referred to. Either variety, if it became established, would prove a very desirable addition both to the pleasure of a day's fishing, and to the frying pan at the end of the day.

In order to have a great pond stocked, the law provides that either a public hearing must be held by the selectmen, or a vote be passed at a town meeting, after which the selectmen may file a petition requesting the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game to stock such a pond. The commissioners shall then comply with the petition of the selectmen, and shall "prescribe, for a period not exceeding three years, such reasonable regulations relative to fishing in the pond and its tributaries, as they deem to be for the public interest."

Some objection has been made to the regulations which have been made under the provisions of this act, inasmuch as they have prohibited winter fishing. If, however, we are to have the stocking done, we must allow the commission to do what it considers best for the protection of the fish in it. Although fond of fishing through the ice myself, I would be willing to forego that pleasure in so far as Baddacook pond was concerned, provided there was a prospect of improving general fishing in the future.

It is to be hoped that we may have a general expression of opinion on this matter two weeks hence, in order that the selectmen may feel that they have secured the opinion of the town as a whole.

William P. Wharton.

West Groton.

J. T. Shepley is away this week on a business trip to Sheldon, Vt.

A subscription paper is being circulated through the village for the purpose of obtaining funds to install electric lighting in the Christian Union church.

Joshua Bixby is confined to the house in care of a professional nurse from Worcester. He is reported as doing well. Lee Bixby is taking charge of his milk route.

Born in Ayer, on March 14, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Avery Hartwell, of this village.

Despite pouring rain and miniature rivers in place of sidewalks last week Friday evening, more than fifty people availed themselves of the opportunity of partaking of a Ladies' Aid supper at the hall. The tables were loaded with the usual good things, in greater variety than has been seen for some time. Exact figures have not been learned, but it is thought that about nine dollars was netted. The social in the upper hall was enjoyed by those who had the courage to brave the weather in order to attend.

The primary department of the Tarbell school closed on Friday for the usual Easter vacation. Ruth Bixby and Frank Belyea of the grammar department have been out some weeks with whooping cough.

It is understood that Harrison Hatch, of North Shirley, is to occupy the house in Groton recently sold by H. D. Bowles.

Henry Adams, of Groton, is making good headway on the second of the two houses which will occupy the site of his house and barn which were burned some years ago.

An entertainment, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society will be given in Squannacook hall on Friday evening, March 29. The principal feature will be a farce, entitled "The top-landing." There will also be music on piano and singing by Miss Susan P. Hill. Ice cream and cake will be on sale during the social which will follow the entertainment.

Rev. J. P. Trowbridge attended the Middlesex Union Ministers' meeting in Ayer on Tuesday, and found it of unusual interest.

"Fanny Crosby, in song and story," will be the subject of the meeting in the chapel on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. As many of the "Old Folks"

choir as it will be possible to obtain will be present. There will also be readings from the poems of Miss Crosby, and a short sketch of her life and work. This meeting is to be held in honor of the ninety-second birthday of the blind author, whose songs have added so much to our religious literature, and which are so well-known to those familiar with the hymn books in customary use. All are cordially invited to be present.

HARVARD.

News Items.

The trustees of the Warner lecture fund announce the date of Friday evening, March 29, for the lecture on "Era of conscience," to be given by Ex-Gov. Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri.

The Unitarian Ladies' society held their annual business meeting in the church vestry on Thursday of last week and re-elected Mrs. J. E. Maynard, pres.; Mrs. H. H. Gale, v. p.; Mrs. A. H. Bigelow, sec.; Miss C. C. Hapwood, treas. The society voted to be a part of its accumulated earnings in re-decorating the church.

Miss L. F. Sawyer, who was kept at home a week by an attack of mumps, returned to Worcester last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Preston were in town the fore part of this week arranging to have their household goods moved to Somerville, where they are to locate.

John Harlow, assistant postmaster at Peterborough, called on Postmaster West on Tuesday last. He was visiting for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace King.

Joseph Clements and family moved their goods on Wednesday to the so-called Ellis Wetherbee farm. They take charge of the affairs there for Dr. E. B. Neilson, of Boston, the present owner.

Owing to other arrangements, there will be no meeting of the Choral club on Monday evening. It is now almost definitely arranged to give a public concert in early May. This means lots of work and members should make an effort to be present at every rehearsal from now on.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Unitarian church will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. Arthur H. Turner on Thursday, March 28.

Bills are out for the auction sale on Monday, March 25, of the cattle and general farming equipments of Wallace King. Sale at 12.30. Otis Forbush, auctioneer.

Joseph H. Nixon, formerly of this town, as chauffeur for Dr. Paul Thorndike now at Winston-Salem, N. C., has recently accepted a challenge of a wealthy man in that place to drive a touring car backwards from there to New York city. The prize to be gained in the event of success is \$2000.

An over-heated chimney started a blaze in the second story of the residence of Horace Pattee, near McLaughlin's sawmill, early last Tuesday morning. The alarm was given and aid was promptly sent from the Center, but occupants of the house succeeded in putting the fire under control after some fast work. Damage was not very heavy.

The next meeting of the Choral union which was postponed from Monday will be on Thursday evening at town hall, March 28.

On account of the very bad travelling on Friday evening, March 15, only a small audience had the pleasure of listening to one of the most brilliant and impressive lectures of this season in the Warner lecture course. Thomas Brooks Fletcher spoke for two hours on the subject, "Tragedies of the unprepared," his splendid and magnetic manner of presenting his subject keeping his listeners deeply interested throughout the entire lecture.

Peter Peterson, whose health has been in a rather critical condition since his operation at Clinton hospital a year ago, died last Thursday night at his home on the Still River road.

George F. Dyer visited this week with his sister, Miss Leo Dyer.

Death.

Joseph Lee Domina, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Domina, died at his home, 1 Brown avenue, Winchendon, March 12, aged 11 yrs. 5 mos. and 15 days, after an illness of two years with rheumatism. Being confined to his bed seventeen months. He was an unusually bright little fellow, beloved by all who knew him. He bore all his sufferings with most wonderful patience, never complaining, which made it a pleasure for those who cared for him.

Besides his father and mother, he leaves one brother William J. and three sisters, Gladys E., Katherine A. and Margaret H. Domina to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held Friday morning, March 15, at nine o'clock in St. Mary's church. A requiem mass was celebrated by the pastor, Rev. John P. Hackett. The bearers were Frank Foley, Rupert Reason and Donald Foley of Keene, N. H., and Harry Freeman of Bellows Falls, Vt. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Following the services the body was taken to Keene, N. H., for burial in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. Domina was formerly Miss Margaret E. Lee of this town.

Town Meeting.

The annual meeting of the town of Harvard was held on Monday, March 18. Warren H. Fairbank was chosen moderator. The result of the ballot for town officers was as follows:

Selectmen, 3 years—Charles H. Haskell, Town clerk—James L. Whitney.

Treasurer—F. A. Houghton. Overseers of poor—George E. Hardy 3 yrs., Thomas McNiff 2 yrs.

Assessor, 3 years—Ralph G. Whitney. Tax collector—Isaac P. Baker.

School committee, 3 years—Herbert A. Thayer. Surveyor—Benjamin J. Priest.

Constables—A. D. Parker, William Hanna. Cemetery commissioner, 3 years—J. E. Maynard.

Park commissioner, 3 years—Arna W. Robinson. Board of health, 3 years—F. W. Bateman. Warner lecture commissioners, 2

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Tree warden—George C. Maynard. Auditor—William C. Haskell.

Surveyors of lumber—H. D. Stone, E. J. McLaughlin.

Surveyors of wood—A. W. Robinson, H. P. Mead, E. J. McLaughlin.

Field drivers—Frank Ford, Guy Green.

Fence viewers—E. P. Cleaves, A. W. Bryant, G. E. Hardy.

Licenses—No. 72, Yes 13. Last year—No. 80, Yes 13.

Appropriations were made as follows: town officers \$1130, schools \$3500, library \$100, highways and bridges \$2250, poor \$500, street lighting \$500, moth \$900, repairing the depot \$1600.

Voted \$300 for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Voted \$200 for the protection of the ponds.

Voted to repeal the by-law relative to the taking of pickerel from the waters of Bare Hill and Hell ponds.

Voted not to purchase a sprayer for moth work.

Voted \$200 to be used in removing ledge and widening road near residences of Abel Willard and Willard S. Dudley.

Voted to pass over the article to repair the Powder house (so called).

Voted to establish the price of four dollars and fifty cents for work on highway with two-horse team and driver and two dollars for a man per day of nine hours by a vote of 35 yes, 34 no.

Voted to take the case to court of the suit of Michael F. McMahon now pending against the town.

Voted \$350 to be used by the school committee in transporting the scholars of the Bromfield school.

Voted to leave with the selectmen to make the best arrangements they could on the petition of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division, Boston and Maine railroad, in regard to abolishing the grade crossing at the milk shed near Harvard station.

Voted \$450 for the purpose of wiring and installing fixtures in the town hall for electric lighting.

Voted to leave in the hands of the selectmen to widen or otherwise to improve the road at the corner opposite the west end of the road that passes the house of O. A. Fairbank.

Voted to pass over the article to repair the old culvert or construct a new one near the residence of F. L. Avery.

Voted to pass over the article to expend a sum of money for grading and repairs on road leading from the junction with the Still River road, past the residences of Arthur H. Turner and James Madigan, to the Prospect hill road.

Skill Rival.

There was a good number at the so-called and supper given by the Ladies' Benevolent society on Tuesday evening. After the supper a miscellaneous program, consisting of piano solos by Luanna Webster, singing by Master Raymond Whittemore, readings by Miss Laura A. Brown, singing by Warren Harrod, mandolin solo by Madeline Russell and short readings by Alice M. Harrod and others. Over six dollars was cleared.

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Next Thursday evening the annual supper and business meeting of the Baptist society will be held at the vestry.

Chester Willard is still a very sick man, and is a great sufferer and can get no rest from severe pain, only as he is under the influence of morphine. The two children have been taken by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hunter, as Mrs. Willard needs all of her time to care for Mr. Willard.

Mrs. Susan M. Read was very low the first of the week and it seemed as if she could not live, but she rallied, and at this writing she seemed brighter and stronger than for some time.

Alfred McClintock, who has worked for Chester Willard the past year, will conclude his services this week and will move to Lancaster, where he has a situation on the Thayer farm.

Charles H. Haskell, of this village, was elected as selectman at the Harvard town meeting last Monday. It has been quite a number of years since there has been a selectman from Still River.

Mrs. C. L. Russell returned home last week Friday evening after a three months' visit in New Comertown, Ohio, with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Sheafe.

George H. Chase is refreshing his house by taking off shingles from the ell that had been on for sixty-three years. The roof was perfectly tight and had never been patched. The shingles were Michigan shaved pine, and were in good state of preservation, excepting that the butts were nearly as thin as the tips. We think that people would be willing now to pay a big price if they could get shingles and nails that would last for sixty-three years.

Clipping.

The following taken from the Worcester Telegram of March 20 will be of interest to Harvard and Still River readers of the Hillside: "The will of Edward W. Houghton, Harvard, filed yesterday, gives to Mary E. Cumming of Harvard \$5000, providing she remained with him during his life; to Evangelical Congregational church, Harvard, \$1000, to be known as Anna G. Houghton fund, the income for support of Evangelical preaching; his home farm to Mary E. Cumming and Mabel G. Sprague; his pew in Congregational church to D. Mabel G. Sprague; the wing pew to the church. After a few small bequests, any residue of personal property to Evangelical Congregational church to be added to Anna G. Houghton fund. The executors named are Della Mabel G. Sprague, Mary E. Cumming and Arthur H. Turner."

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AYER.

News Items.

The third annual social dance given by Court Napoleon Bonaparte, F. of A., will be held Easter Monday evening, April 8, Music, Roderick's orchestra, of Lowell.

The Groton Alliance invite the members of the Ayer Alliance to a neighborhood meeting on Thursday afternoon, March 23, at 2:30 o'clock, in their church parlors at Groton. Rev. R. F. Leavens, of Fitchburg, will address the meeting. The members will leave here on the one o'clock train.

A nine-pound daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester P. Perrin, of Washington street, on Monday afternoon, March 18—Muriel Stewart. Miss Oliver, a nurse from Worcester, is caring for her during her illness.

The Cunard Steamship Company will celebrate the advent of the new steamship Laconia, who makes her first trip from Boston for Liverpool on Tuesday, March 26, with an inspection of the ship and a lunch on Saturday, March 23, to which all the agents of the Cunard Company have been invited. Patrick Donlon, who is the local agent of the company in Ayer, will attend.

Born on March 17, to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur D. Stroud, a boy, tipping the scales at 9 1/2 pounds. Both mother and baby are doing well. Mrs. Stroud is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Andrew.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Felch returned last week Friday from Florida, where they go annually to spend the winter months. They are very much pleased with that part of the south as a winter resort, and all the most important resorts are crowded with northern people.

Mrs. Frank W. Balcom returned the middle of last week from the Woman's Charity Club hospital, Roxbury, where she had been for two or three weeks, and where she underwent a surgical operation. She is getting along nicely.

George H. Wood, of Groton, has the outside of his two-story house fronting Prospect street nearly completed. On the lot adjoining he has the cellar dug for another house, similar to the one he is now working on, and which he intends building as soon as the present one is completed. The two lots of land he purchased of Benjamin Taft. Both are to have the modern conveniences and they are centrally located that they will readily rent.

Superintendent L. H. Cushing, of the Lowell and Fitchburg railway, attended the annual banquet of the New England Street Railway club at the Somerset hotel, Boston, on Tuesday night. President Taft delivered an address and several distinguished guests were present. It was "federal" night.

The Handy Dandy Mfg. Co., organized here by John H. Trayne, two or more years ago, has plans to enlarge its Worcester plant by the addition of ten more machines to make sanitary tooth brushes.

Miss Ethel K. Bruce, of Ayer, announces her spring millinery exhibit on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 23, 24 and 25.

A special communication of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be held on Tuesday evening, March 26. Work—Royal Arch degree. A lunch will be served after the work.

Two bales of hay were stolen out of a carload on the side track at Lawrence's grain store some time Sunday night or early Monday morning. Chief Beatty was notified and so far no clue has been found as to the identity of the robbers.

Conductor Mitchell, on the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston and Maine railroad, has a pass that was issued by the Worcester and Nashua railroad, and it is dated September 24, 1875, to Mrs. H. Steel, and was from Nashua to Rochester. It was a written pass and made out by the late Aaron King, who was for years a very popular conductor on that road and will be remembered by the older people who were patrons of the road at that time.

Ralph W. Brown, of Lynn, will speak to the men of Ayer at the Congregational church on Thursday, March 22, at eight o'clock. He will inaugurate the Men and Religion Forward Movement among us. Lunch will be served during the evening.

Miss Margaret and Elizabeth Sullivan, teachers from Rhode Island, spent the week-end with their mother, Mrs. Dennis Sullivan, accompanied by T. F. O'Brien, principal of Pascoag high school, in that state.

William Mullin, of Roxbury, spent Sunday with his uncle, Oliver Mullin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barrington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stratton for a few days, returning to Deerfield on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Whidden, of Lowell, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Clark.

Miss Lillian McMahon, after a vacation of a few days at Vese, as guest of her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie McMahon, returned last Saturday.

Mrs. Michael Griffin slipped on a piece of ice last week Friday and broke one of her ribs. She was attended by Dr. Hopkins.

Miss K. E. Lynch and Sylvia Phillips have returned from Nashua, N. H., where they spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lynch.

The spring meeting of the Middlesex Union of Congregational churches will hold its spring meeting in the Congregational church of Christ, North Leominster, on Wednesday, April 17. The union includes the local Congregational church. Each church is entitled to be represented by pastor, clerk, Sunday school superintendent and three delegates.

The Ayer division of the Massachusetts Sunday School Union will hold its annual meeting in the Congregational church on Thursday, March 23.

The fire department were called out late Sunday night in response to an

alarm from box 17. The fire proved to be a very slight one in the house occupied by the family of Arthur G. Wentworth on East Main street, caused by the ignition of gasoline. The blaze was put out before the arrival of the firemen.

Edward S. Dwyer and Milan P. Cole have been drawn as traverse jurors and will report for duty at the session of the superior court which begins at Lowell on Monday, April 1.

The officers of Emerson Council, Royal Arcanum, were installed last week Friday evening by W. J. Jewett, d. g. r., of Leominster, who was assisted by W. A. Look, d. g. g., of the same town. The new officers of the council are: Clarence Beard, regent; Oscar Shafter, v. r.; T. F. Rynn, p. r.; A. A. Fillebrown, col.; J. M. Maloney, treas.; E. H. Bigelow, sec.; W. A. Wright, chap.; C. A. Scruton, guide.

Past commander in chief, Fred Balton, of Dorchester, is expected to give an address before a union meeting of the Sons of Veterans camps to be held here on April 25. The camps in Lowell, Leominster, Townsend and Fitchburg will be invited. The local camp will have a smoke talk and lunch Thursday evening, March 23.

Thomas Lapointe, who is employed at Phelps' mill, had several bones of his left foot broken by it being caught between two timbers last Saturday. The injury will lay him up for some time.

John A. McDonald, who is employed as a blacksmith at Mr. Whitney's shop has rented the old brick house on Park street. The house is now being renovated by Waldo Blood. After the work is finished Mr. McDonald will run it as a boarding house.

Alfred Yates received word on Tuesday of the death of his father, William Yates, at New Bedford, who died after an illness of several weeks of heart disease. Mrs. Yates accompanied her husband to New Bedford.

Rev. Thomas L. Fisher, a former vicar, preached last Monday evening at St. Andrew's church and there was a fairly sized audience present. After the services at the church those present were invited to the vicarage and Rev. and Mrs. Bumpus entertained them. The choir and others from the mission house at Forge Village were present and took part in the service. Mr. Fisher was warmly greeted by his former parishioners.

The house of Capt. Palmer on Fletcher street built by George H. Woods, will be completed when two floors are laid. It is all plastered. Work was commenced on it last November. Mr. Palmer owns the lot clear through to Third street and later will have a house built on that street. Mr. Palmer has, all told, nine or ten houses in town.

The friends of Miss Emma Coté and Edward Proctor, fireman on the Boston and Maine, called upon them on Wednesday night and gave them a tin shower, and a good time was had by all present. After lent they are to be married.

Dewey Downing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Downing, last Saturday evening was surprised by about a dozen of his schoolmates of the seventh grade and they presented him with a very pretty signet gold ring. They had a very enjoyable time, light refreshments were served and a good part of the evening was spent in the playing of games. Dewey is confined to the house with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Daniel J. Lefevre (English Bean), a former resident here, but now of Ashburnham, who has been in town a week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Downing and other of her many acquaintances, leaves for her home this Saturday. Her husband is an engineer on the Fitchburg division, running from Ayer to Williamstown.

At the regular meeting of Ayer Circle, C. O. F. of A., held on Thursday evening, March 21, Mrs. Hannah Curran, chief companion, was elected a delegate to the state convention to be held in Worcester on June 4 and 5. Miss May Coughlin, sub chief, was elected as alternate.

Miss Marion Farnsworth, daughter of Charles L. Farnsworth, is home from Northfield seminary with a schoolmate for the Easter holidays.

Grades five and six in the Washington street building and the Shirley street school closed last week Friday. The other schools closed on Friday of this week. All the schools will reopen on Monday, April 1.

At a regular meeting of St. Paul lodge F. and A. M. Monday afternoon, in Masonic hall, the E. A. and F. C. degrees were worked. A banquet was served in the hall used for that purpose before the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha D. Stone and Mr. Stone's brother Walter J. Stone, and wife, of Waltham, went with them on Friday afternoon on the 1:42 train to Boston and from there to Washington, D. C., where they will spend a week.

Charles J. Ball, a former clerk in the store of L. Sherwin & Co., who has been with the theatrical company presenting Ben Hur in the large cities of the middle states, got through last week Saturday and arrived home in Brookline last Sunday night, will start with his brother-in-law, Lauris Jenins, a frequent visitor here in town, with the Savage family the first week in April for Alberta, Canada, where they expect to each take up a grant of land and raise wheat.

A daughter weighing 3 1/2 pounds, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bigelow at the Montague hospital on Monday, March 18. Mr. Bigelow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, and resides in Greenfield.

Frank Stanton, a member of the Harvard Shakers, went to the Waltham hospital a few weeks ago for treatment for appendicitis, and last Saturday he underwent an operation for the third time. Had he at first promptly attended to it, it would not in all probability caused him so much trouble. He is as well as can be expected under the conditions.

The warrant for the annual town meeting is posted and contains fifteen articles, the smallest number in years. The articles are all practically

the same as those embodied in the warrants in previous years. The polls will open as usual at 5:45 a. m., and may be closed at four p. m.

Services at the Baptist church tomorrow will consist of preaching by the pastor at 10:45. Sunday school at twelve. Praise service at seven in the evening.

Chester L. Watson, of this town, and Miss Della Wilkinson, of Forge Village, were married last week Friday by Rev. Louis Havermale, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Graniteville. Miss Annie B. Wilkinson, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Joseph Orange was best man. After the marriage ceremony the wedded couple left on their wedding journey. Upon their return they will make their home in Ayer.

Dennis J. Flaherty returned on Tuesday after having spent the winter at his former home in Baltic, Conn., and New York city.

The members of Division 7, A. O. H., received communion in a body last Sunday. Rev. Walter M. Brown, of Maynard, who was expected to deliver an address in the afternoon, was unavoidably absent. The address will be given later.

The freight wreck between Shirley and Lunenburg on Wednesday, by which five cars were derailed, caused considerable inconvenience in regard to the movements of trains. The wreck though small, blocked both main line tracks, and the passenger trains were obliged to go around through Clinton.

At the meeting of the W. R. C. on Tuesday evening, three candidates were initiated. Lunch was served. James I. Mills, fish and game warden, went to Springfield last Thursday and attended a meeting by invitation of the game warden of that city and he returned the following day. The invitation extended to all the game wardens of the state and there were a large number present. It was a notable affair and was presided over by the mayor of that city. All the game wardens were highly entertained.

The following pictures are to be the features at the moving picture show this Saturday evening: "Taking his medicine," "What brace heritages," "Heroine of the meeting," "Rub it in," "The poor relation." The singer is to be Mr. Kelehan, of Boston. Slides and choruses are to be shown also.

Archie Messenger, who has recently returned from his southern trip with "The girl of the golden west," expects to play this summer either at Atlantic City, N. J., or Coronado Beach, near San Diego, Cal.

These last rhetorical of the season were given at the high school on Friday afternoon:

Selection, high school orchestra: "The victor of Marengo," Stephen J. Ryan; "Jean Valjean, the convict," Dorothy A. Robbins; "D'ri and L," Wallace G. Kittredge; "The Lincoln and Douglass debate," Percy W. Fowler; "The fox brush," Pauline M. Sherwin; "The teacher's sleigh ride," Elizabeth A. McGuane; "The pathway of fate," Edith E. Neelan; "The home coming," Mildred A. Sanders; "The last of his name," Charles T. Mullin; "The ball of Atri," Evelyn D. Glynn; "William's psychic disturbances," Hortense E. Sawyer; selection, high school orchestra.

Letters remaining uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending March 18: Pietro G. Gardiner, Edward McGurn, Miss May O'Meara.

Death.

Mrs. Hannah E. Simonds died on Wednesday evening at the Woman's Charity Club hospital, Roxbury, from the effects of an operation for the removal of a fibroid tumor, performed last Saturday, aged forty-eight years. She improved after the operation, but pneumonia set in, and in spite of all that could be done for her, she failed rapidly until the end. Mrs. Simonds was a native of West Ely, P. Q., where she spent her early life. She came to Lowell twenty-five years ago and married Fred Simonds, now of Ayer, in that city, in 1890.

They afterwards moved to Shirley, where they lived fourteen years where Mr. Simonds conducted a fruit and tobacco store. Three years ago they moved to Ayer. Mrs. Simonds was a member of Vesta Rebekah lodge, I. O. O. F., of this town, and of the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church of Shirley. She was a very estimable woman, was much devoted to her home and had a wide circle of friends who were greatly saddened on hearing of her untimely death.

Mrs. Simonds leaves beside her husband, three brothers, Richard Solomon, of Auburn, Me., and Robert Solomon, of West Ely, P. Q., Samuel Solomon, of Melbourn, P. Q., and two sisters, Mrs. Reuben S. Marston, of Warden, P. Q., and Mrs. George W. Mudd, of Granby, P. Q.

The funeral will be held from the Congregational church this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Entertainment.

The members of Robert Burns lodge, I. O. O. F., their families and friends, were the guest of Vesta Rebekah lodge at the regular meeting of the latter society on Wednesday evening in Odd Fellows' hall. There were violin and piano selections by George C. Peterson and Miss May Peterson, vocal solos by Mrs. Edith C. Wilson of Fitchburg, a piano solo by Miss Myrtle B. Smith and readings by P. S. Authier. An original poem, written by George W. Stuart, a member of Robert Burns lodge, was read by S. N. Lougee. Light refreshments were served during the social hour that followed the evening's entertainment.

Ayer's Oldest Woman.

Mrs. Mary Priest was taken to the town farm last fall, and during her stay there became unmanageable and it was deemed advisable to have her removed to the hospital for the insane at Worcester, where she was taken the middle of last week.

Before going to the town farm, Mrs. Priest had resided in her house this side of Woodlawn cemetery for eighty-seven years. Her husband, Hartwell Priest, died about eighteen years ago.

Mrs. Priest was born in the Sumner Graves house on the road to Groton. When she was about five years

of age she came to this part of the town with her parents, who occupied the house for one year, now the home of Charles H. Stone, just beyond Woodlawn cemetery.

This house of Mr. Stone's, is the oldest one in town, and was built about two hundred years ago, according to the data in possession of its present owner, and where he was born and came into the possession of the Stone family soon after it was built, and James Stone in 1729, occupied it, 183 years ago.

Mrs. Priest's father was Timothy Stone, and she was born on January 10, 1821, and has passed her ninety-first birthday.

A. W. C.

The Ayer Woman's club met in the vestry of the Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon. The program included the following: Songs, pupils from Miss Caroline Brown's school; readings, Miss Natalie Bigelow and Doris Fletcher; interesting and instructive talks were given by F. C. Johnson, superintendent of schools, and E. M. Gleason, principal of the high school. The closing number was a trio with Miss Pauline Sherwin violinist, Miss Flora Cole pianist and Roger Lawrence cornetist.

The program committee of the club are making arrangements for a cafe chantant in Page hall on April 9. The play, "Cricket on the hearth," will be recited by request at the same date.

The executive board will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. Carrie B. Bigelow, Friday, March 23, at three o'clock. The president invites the members of the board to bring their work and spend a social hour after the meeting.

Readings from David Copperfield will be the program of the literature meeting at Mrs. Clara Hill's on Wednesday, March 27, at three p. m.

Youthful Wanderer.

Thomas Fitzsimmons, of Lowell, aged twelve years, came into town on a freight train on Wednesday afternoon from that city. When found by the trainmen the little fellow was suffering considerably from cold and hunger. He was turned over to Chief of Police Beatty, who kindly cared for him. The chief called up the Lowell police station by telephone and in that way succeeded in locating the boy's parents. The chief learned that the young wanderer was in the habit of jumping on freights with other boys in Lowell and riding as far as North Chelmsford, where they would get off and walk back. On Wednesday the freight which the boy jumped was a fast one and did not slow down at North Chelmsford so the boy was carried through to Ayer.

A brother of the missing boy came here on Thursday morning and took the youthful wanderer home. The brother said that the latter was away from home for two or three days past and his folks were much relieved when they received word that he was in safe keeping here.

Grange.

A very interesting meeting of Ayer grange was held on Thursday evening. After the routine business was finished, Mrs. Susan Fitzgerald of Boston, the noted woman suffragist leader, spoke on her favorite subject of giving the ballot to women. Her discourse on the subject was very interesting and called for the closest attention of her listeners. Mrs. Fitzgerald is a charter member of the Ayer grange. Her address was followed by an address by Charles M. Gardner, of Westfield, state master, who gave one of his enjoyable talks on the work of the granges throughout the state and country. His address was necessarily shortened by the lateness of the hour, and it is hoped that he will visit the grange again when he has more time to discuss grange matters.

A quartet composed of Mrs. C. E. Stone, Mrs. O. C. Band, E. W. Carley and Leroy C. Smith, rendered two vocal selections which were well received, and Mr. Smith and Miss Marion Winslow each gave a reading which received applause.

Extension of Time.

Town clerk, Guy B. Remick, received official notice on Monday that the time for filing nomination papers of candidates for town office has been extended from Thursday of this week till next Monday at five p. m. The filing of papers with the town clerk will cease at that time. When the notice was published last week, stating the time for the filing of nomination papers ceased on or before Thursday, March 21, at five p. m., it was not known officially here that the law had been amended extending the time. So that those who may desire to get their names on the official ballot for town election and have as yet failed to do so have a few more days to file their nomination papers. The extension of time included in the amendment to the law will be for this year only.

Interesting Union Meeting.

A well attended and interesting meeting in the cause of no-license was held in the Baptist church last Sunday evening. It was a union gathering and held under the auspices of the local branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The meeting opened with singing by the choir and congregation. The next in order was a song by the children connected with the Loyal Temperance Legion. Rev. J. W. Thomas, the pastor of the Baptist church gave the invocation followed by songs by ladies of the choir. Rev. John Whitley of the Congregational church read passages of scripture appropriate to the occasion and Rev. Paul E. Secrest, of the M. E. church, offered prayer. The speaker of the evening was Miss E. G. Gowan, of Boston. She is a most interesting speaker and held the close attention of the congregation till the end of her extended address. The meeting closed by the congregation singing "America."

A Prominent Structure.

C. H. Hardy, carpenter and builder, is hard at work with his men finishing the hall in the second story of his building on Central avenue, which is 40x50 feet. When completed it will

be a hall superior to any in town in many ways. It will be steam heated, electric lighted, and will have perfect ventilation with the system he has adopted in Boston. With the hall there are two ante-rooms, a toilet room and a banquet hall 20x24. We understand that the hall has already been spoken for by one of the largest organizations in town.

This building of Mr. Hardy's is well and substantially constructed and with the basement is really a three story building. In the basement is the heating apparatus, rooms for the plumbing department, and Mr. Longley rents a large portion of it for the manufacture of cement blocks that he has been making and storing the past winter. In the rear of the office and the harness shop Mr. Hardy has spacious quarters that he utilizes as a paint shop.

Death.

Oliver W. Mead, of West Acton, and well-known here, died suddenly in Tampa, Fla., Wednesday from the effects of a shock in his eighty-ninth year. Mr. Mead was a native of Boxborough and came to Acton seventy years ago, and has ever since made his home in that town.

He was three times married, the surviving widow being known before marriage as Miss Lucy Emery, of Jaffrey, N. H. He also leaves three sons—Hobart E. Mead, of Acton, for several years cashier of the local national bank; Dr. Julian A. Mead, of Watertown, and Dr. L. G. Mead, of Boston, and one daughter, Mrs. G. Sumner Wright, of Watertown.

Mr. Mead was a director of the First National bank since its establishment in 1883, and a trustee of the local savings bank since its incorporation in 1885. He has been the owner of the brick block which bears his name on Main street for many years, and was frequently here in connection with his business interests. He was a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, in which organization he held various offices, and the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange. He was a member of Acton lodge, I. O. O. F., and Concord lodge, F. and A. M.

For some years Mr. Mead had spent the winters in Florida. This year he was accompanied by his wife and his nephew, Albert Lowe, of Fitchburg, and Mrs. Lowe, both of whom remained with him all winter. The body will be brought home for interment. The remains will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, and they will be met in New York city by Mr. Mead's son, Dr. L. G. Mead, of Boston. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral.

Mr. Mead, with his brothers, Adelbert and Varnum B. Mead, raised vegetables and took them to the Boston market, and from that gradually came to enter the wholesale produce business.

The brothers' first store was a big, canvas-covered wagon, much like a prairie schooner, from which at a stand on South Market, about where they sold their farm produce. About fifty years ago, however, they opened a store on North Market street under the firm name of A. & O. W. Mead, and Mr. Mead continued as a member of this firm until 1900, when he retired.

Ministers' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Middlesex Union of Congregational ministers was held in the parlors of the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon. The order of exercises included a sermon by Rev. W. J. Batt, of Concord Junction, an essay on "The permanent value of the old testament," by Rev. Edgar Crossland, of South Acton, and an exegetical paper by Rev. S. N. Adams, of Concord Junction, which was followed by a symposium.

The subject of the reduction of the number of meetings was discussed and it was finally decided to leave the matter in the hands of the executive committee, consisting of Rev. George A. Tewksbury, of Concord, Rev. Geo. M. Howe, of Groton, and Rev. E. C. Hayes, of Acton. This committee will report on their action at the next meeting here in May.

There were seventeen clergymen present. In addition to those mentioned above those who attended were: Rev. A. L. Struthers, Townsend; Rev. F. H. Viets, Boxborough; Rev. R. W. Drawbridge and Rev. A. R. Paul, Pepperell; Rev. H. L. Packard, Littleton; Rev. B. N. Pennock, Acton; Rev. David Wallace, Westford; Rev. J. P. Trowbridge, West Groton; Rev. James Chalmers, Fitchburg; Rev. A. F. Newton, Leominster, and Rev. F. P. Wood, Acton.

To the Editor:

I am one of the many citizens of Ayer who desire to ask a few questions through the columns of your paper about Mary Priest.

Before the coldest weather Mrs. Mary Priest was taken to the town farm and relatives and friends alike felt it was for her best good.

I am told Mrs. Priest was taken to the State Insane hospital and these are a few statements made:

The doctor who took Mrs. Priest to the town farm said there had been talk of taking her to the insane hospital, but that he had advised her to stay at home.

The lady who had charge of her at the town farm stated after Mrs. Priest was taken from that place, that she was no worse than she was when brought there, only that she had talked of killing herself.

Now, Mr. Editor, is it in reason to expect any human being who has never learned self-control to begin to do so who is in her ninety-second year?

At the town farm Mrs. Priest was locked in her room for days for her ungovernable disposition, and is it a wonder she talked of killing herself? The lady also stated that she was not worn out caring for her and was surprised she was taken. She said Mrs. Priest thought she was going to her own home when they took her and she was so happy. She had not the heart to tell her where she was going.

Think, I beg one and all, if Mrs. Priest was your own mother, what would you do, knowing these statements true, as I do? A Citizen.

Episcopal Notes.

Sunday at 10:45 a. m., morning prayer and sermon. Sunday school at twelve. Monday at 7:30 p. m., litany and address by Mr. Bumpus. Friday at 2:30 p. m., Woman's Auxiliary at the parish room, to be followed at four with evening prayer and address on "The church's work in Hawaii and the Philippines." Rt. Rev. T. P. Thurston confirmed at St. Andrew's church last Friday, Mrs. Alice Meade, Misses Nina Phillips, Gertrude and Louise Briggs and Charlotte Sanderson, of Ayer; Miss Dorothy Peters of Harvard, Lawrence, Bergquist, of Groton; Miss Edith Forster and Elmer Koehn, of Forge Village.

New Advertisements.

Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction at the well-known farm of G. H. Wass, Sterling, 25 cows, one bull and one horse, sleds, harnesses, plows, harrows and a variety of all kinds of farming tools. The sale will be held on Monday, April 1, at ten o'clock.

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We wish to thank the members of the fire department, neighbors and all other kind friends who gave or offered assistance at the fire that threatened the destruction of our home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Manion, Littleton, March 21, 1912.

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TOWNSEND.

A Pleasant Affair.

The curiosity kirmess, which was held at Memorial hall last week Friday afternoon and evening was quite a success both socially and financially in spite of the inclement weather, and although we had one of the worst rain storms of the season, quite a number braved the weather to help out the senior class of the high school for whose benefit the kirmess was held. The booths were tastefully trimmed, and candy, ice cream, fancy articles, etc., were sold. There was also in the selectmen's room objects which represented different books, etc., and a lecturer to explain them. There was a well, where refreshing drinks could be obtained and the teachers' table had a very tempting display of fancy food upon it.

Supper was served in the banquet room at six o'clock in the afternoon, and in the evening the following program was given by the high school students, assisted by a few others: Piano solo, C. B. McKinnon; reading, Maria Hamblett, vocal duet, E. Estella Farrar, M. Alice Welch; piano solo, George Hayward; reading, Mrs. Clara Farrar; piano solo, D. B. McKinnon; two farces ending the program entitled "His lordship the burglar," and "Courtship with variations."

A social time and promenading ended up the evening.

Largely Attended.

There was a large attendance at the meeting of the Monday club this week, the meeting being held at the Congregational church vestries, Mrs. Abbie Barber, Mrs. Noah Wallace and Mrs. E. L. Haynes acting as hostesses. The meeting was on library work and Mrs. Evelyn Warren planned a rare treat for the club members and invited guests by procuring Miss Zadie Brown, agent of the State Library Commission to speak upon library work. All clubs of the Club Union were invited; also, the school officials, teachers and library assistants.

Mrs. Warren introduced Miss Brown, who gave a most interesting and instructive address. After the literary program refreshments were served and the annual food sale held. The food and candy tables were in charge of Mrs. Joseph Smith, assisted by Mrs. A. N. Fessenden and Miss Wilbur Bruce and everything was quickly sold. The tables looked very pretty with their variety of food and candy, and the vestry was tastefully decorated with green and white paper roping and with potted plants artistically placed upon the piano and stands. The program: Piano solo, Beth Haynes; recitations, Master John Moshier and Little Louise Drake; song, Mrs. Greenwood, of Worcester; address, Miss Zadie Brown; song, Mrs. Green.

West.

Mrs. Mary Foster is soon to move into the tenement in the house occupied by Mrs. Cutting and Mrs. Tucker, from which Mrs. Tucker will move into Mrs. Blood's house in Josselynville.

A driver on one of the log teams of Thomas Smith fell from a load of logs to the road in front of J. A. Willard's last Saturday afternoon, cutting and bruising his face quite badly. He was taken into Mr. Willard's house and a physician summoned. It was found that his injuries were not serious and Mr. Smith sent a man to care for the team and convey the man to his home.

Twelve members of the two clubs, Study club and the Ladies' Literary and Social circle, attended the meeting of the Monday club in the vestries of the Congregational church at the Center and enjoyed the lecture by Miss Zadie Brown, of the State Library Commission on Monday afternoon.

Twenty-six were present at the meeting of the Brotherhood at the vestry on Sunday afternoon and enjoyed the services. Two guests, one from the Center and one from Waltham, were entertained.

Arthur Smith, of Waltham, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Perry W. Sawville. He is soon to take up his residence here.

Clarence Jodery is spending part of his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. George Ball, of Concord Junction.

Mrs. Frank Warren, librarian at the public library, accompanied by Miss Zadie Brown, of Boston, agent of the State Library Commission, visited the West Townsend reading-room on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. C. F. Worcester and little daughter were also of the party.

Mrs. Susie Aldrich, of Ayer, has been a guest of her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Seabon, this week.

Miss Alice Seaver has been on the sick list the past week, and Miss Emma Adams has also been confined to her home for several days.

Mrs. George Crozier, of Boston, was at the home of her father, K. E. Morgan, last week Friday, and his sister, from Milford, N. H., and brother, from Fitchburg, are assisting in caring for him during his illness.

Miss Mabel Patch is ill at her home, threatened with slow fever, and Miss Abbie Green is caring for her.

Miss Sadie Bell has returned from a visit with friends in Greenville, N. H., where she spent the past week.

Mission Sunday will be observed at the Baptist church tomorrow and Rev. F. J. Bradshaw, a missionary to China, who is at home on a furlough, will preside at both services, and a very interesting day's services are anticipated. Special collections will be taken in the interest of missions.

Mrs. Phillips, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Mrs. Duncan Rusk, returned on Saturday to her home in Albany, N. Y.

Ralph H. Willard, of Boston, spent Sunday at his home here, and Carl Willard also entertained Harry Winchester of the Center for the day.

Mrs. Frank Hardy, who has been spending the winter with relatives in Vermont, has returned and opened her tenement in Mrs. I. B. Richards' house on Bridge street.

Miss Mabel Patch is quite seriously ill at her home here with typhoid fever, and Mrs. Smith is caring for her.

Miss Inez Munroe is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. D. Ringrose.

Walter E. Wilder, of Josselynville, again occupied the pulpit at the First Baptist church, of Groton, last Sunday.

Alexander Willmott, who has been with relatives in Boston this winter, is in town.

Mrs. E. T. Davis, who has been ill with an attack of pneumonia, is rapidly recovering and is able now to dispense with the services of the trained nurse.

Mrs. Alexander Reed is spending a few days with friends in Fitchburg, and Kenneth Reed is visiting relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Joseph Hornig and little daughter from Ayer visited Miss Emma Adams on Tuesday.

Meeting.

The Ladies' Study club met in the Reading-room on Thursday evening of last week for the study of the life and works of Charles Dickens. Owing to the absence of the president, the secretary, Mrs. Fred Patch, presided, and Miss Alice Seaver had charge of the program. Eight were present and Mrs. Clara Craig, from the Center, was the guest of the evening. After quotations, Mrs. Joseph Thompson read an account of the recent attack on Bierut by the Italian gunboats. A literary program was then followed out. It was voted to accept the invitation with thanks of the Monday club, and Miss M. Elnor Tower was appointed to take charge of the next meeting, on Thursday afternoon, March 28, when the synopsis of each book read will be given by the members.

Entertainment.

The pupils of the graduating class of the Townsend high school repeated their entertainment of last week at Seminary hall on Wednesday evening with a fair-sized audience in attendance. The program was excellent and well worth the price of admission and the parts were each one well taken. The program consisted of piano solos by George Hayward of Bayberry hill a very talented young musician; two recitations, "The life boat," and "Mary's little lam," given by Miss Marion Mamlett, who proved a most acceptable elocutionist; a solo, "My native land," by Miss Alice Welch, a great favorite in this section; a vocal duet between Miss Welch and Miss Farrar was one of the best given for years. The high school orchestra also did good work and rendered two selections in a manner which won great applause. Two farces, "His lordship, the burglar," a bright and amusing little performance was ably presented by Alice Welch, Louis Smith and Clifford Lancy and the other in the nature of a dialogue was "Courtship with variations," and was given by Edna Haynes and Carlton Farrar. At the close of the program ice cream and homemade candy was on sale and a social promenading was enjoyed by all.

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BROOKLINE, N. E.

A special meeting by order of G. H. Nye, noble commander of the U. O. G. C., is called for Tuesday evening, March 26, to choose a delegate to the grand commandery that will meet at Nashua, April 3, at B. P. O. E. hall, Beason block, and any other business that may come before the meeting.

Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Perkins, friends of Mrs. Burke, of Boston, attended her funeral service here last week.

Brookline grange held their regular meeting on last week Wednesday. The first and second degrees were conferred on a class of two, and other applications were read. The literary program was in charge of Clara E. Russell, lecturer, and was as follows:

Vocal selection, Misses Esther and Mabel Farnsworth; select reading, "Troubles of papa," George Cady; serial story, chapter 4, Hattie E. Pierce; vocal selection, Edward B. Pierce; reading, "The Jones' prescription, or a cure for laziness," Mrs. Jennie Goss; historical story, Clara E. Russell; vocal and instrumental selections, Mrs. Louise Brazier, Starr Barnaby and John Babey. They responded to an encore and also furnished music for the gratulant march.

Frank H. Corning of Reed's Ferry is the district deputy for the local grange this year and it is expected he will visit Brookline in April.

Mrs. Walter Parker and Miss Eliza Parker, of Lowell, Mass., were a four piece the past week.

Mrs. Arabella Gould, of Townsend, was the guest of Mrs. Clara Seaver last week.

The Methodist Conference will be at Nashua on April 2.

Forty years ago March 17, William H. French, Henry Shattuck, Ferdinand Lancy and William Shattuck were cutting ice three feet thick at the lake to fill their icehouses. William Shattuck's face and ears were frozen it was so cold at that time. The snow was also very deep and the sleighing was fine.

Mrs. Lucretia Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shattuck, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss, and others, about eighteen in all, attended the Pomona meeting at Milford on last week Wednesday.

Funeral. The funeral service of Mrs. Thomas Burke, of Boston, Mass., took place at the Congregational vestry on Thursday afternoon, March 14. Rev. W. L. Noyes having charge of the service. Mrs. Jennie Boutelle and Mrs. Minnie Holcombe rendered appropriate vocal selections. Many beautiful flowers were on and around the casket, among which was a pillow from the husband, a large set piece, Mr. and Mrs. Will Rockwood, and a garland of forty-six pinks from the sons, emblems of the love of many friends.

Mrs. Ella Foster Burke was the wife of Thomas Burke, of Boston, and the only daughter of the late Miles Foster and wife, of Brookline. She was born here and resided in town all of her life, until she removed to Boston a few years ago. She was forty-three years old and beside her husband leaves three sons and a daughter,

who have the sympathy of their many friends. The burial was in the family lot at the West cemetery.

Meeting.

The Loyal Workers met on Wednesday, March 13, with Miss Josephine Seaver and Mrs. Hattie Stiles. The weather was stormy and it was bad traveling, but all was bright and cheerful in door. Not as many as usual were present, but those who did attend felt well repaid. After the work was laid aside all were invited to the cosy dining-room, where a tempting lunch of chicken sandwiches, cake, wafers and nice hot coffee was served at the table. Miss Olive Shuman pouring the coffee. A social time with selections on the gramophone by Mrs. Stiles, with cards, books and pictures for inspection made the afternoon one of pleasure and thanks were extended the sisters, Mrs. Stiles and Miss Seaver, for their hospitality.

News Items.

Richard Hardy from Durham college has been visiting recently his mother, Mrs. Lila Hardy.

Henry Hall of West Somerville was guest of Mrs. Maria Hall and Mrs. Winnie Nye this week.

Mrs. May Pingree of Fitchburg was a recent guest of her aunt, Mrs. Minnie Corey.

The many friends of Mrs. Horace Nye will be pleased to hear that she is much improved in health.

Miss Jessie Corey is detained at home by sickness.

The many friends of Herbert Boulette of Leominster will regret to hear of his death last week.

Miss Ethel Taylor is assisting at the home of Mrs. John Martin for a few weeks.

HOLLIS, N. E.

News Items. Miss Dorothy Farley, who went to St. Joseph's hospital three weeks ago, returned home March 16, while still quite feeble. The doctor was able to help her, so no operation was necessary, for which her friends are glad.

Perry M. Farley, whose illness has been reported, is falling and he is very feeble.

Walter B. Stickney, who has been suffering from an attack of the grippe, is better, and on Monday took a walk around his door yard.

Miss Belle Gilman, of Nashua, was at her home on Tuesday and Wednesday on a visit with her mother.

Miss Lizzie Holden, of Nashua, came home to her mother's on Tuesday to attend the meeting of the grange, which initiated a class into the fourth degree that evening with a harvest supper.

Rev. T. C. H. Boynton, of Hudson, supplied the pulpit last Sunday forenoon and evening.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Mary S. Hildreth on Tuesday afternoon.

Quite a large number from Hollis availed themselves on Tuesday of the opportunity to see and hear President Taft on his visit to Nashua.

Club Meeting.

The Woman's club met on Wednesday afternoon with the vice president, Mrs. Sanders, and after the reading of the records of the last meeting, current events were given by the members present in response to roll call. This was followed by a paper given by Mrs. G. F. Hale, subject, "St. Petersburg and its founder." This was followed by a letter from Miss Van Dyke, who is spending the winter in California and contained a report of a Spanish dinner to which she recently attended.

A paper was then read on "The present ruler of the Russian court," written by Mrs. Willis Hardy, and read by Miss Rogers. After a short intermission a letter was read by Mrs. C. H. Davis, who is now located in Portland, Me., followed by a paper written by Mrs. Davis on "The common people of Russia," after which the meeting adjourned.

Littleton.

The ladies' quartet went on Tuesday afternoon to Pepperell to sing before the Woman's club there.

Last Saturday evening, under the backing auspices, the leap year party in charge of Mrs. J. M. Hartwell, with a dozen efficient aids, was a large, very social and pleasant affair, about sixty couples being present. Thayer's orchestra assisted the ladies in doing the honors, eliciting much commendation, while the gentlemen thoroughly enjoyed the courtesies shown them. Frappé was served throughout the evening. The hall was prettily decorated with yellow shades, combined with the shamrock, while the stage was banked with evergreen.

The books loaned to the library here from the agricultural college, Amherst, have arrived and are ready for distribution.

Word has been received here that a little son was born last week Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Bagley in Cambridge. She was formerly Miss Helen Harwood.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conant start on Tuesday for a southern and western visiting trip in Georgia with his brother George Conant, and sister, Mrs. Eugene Parker, going to Aurora, Ill., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Lucy Cooley, and then to Chicago, to see their son, Ralph W., and wife. They expect to be absent for several weeks.

During the past week Mrs. Jennie Eaton, of Malden, has been a guest at the Hosmer home.

"Floating hospital work," will be the topic upon which Miss Jessie Smith will speak before the Guild meeting on Sunday evening.

Roland Houghton, from Cushing academy, and Roger Priest, of the New Hampshire Agricultural college, have been at home for a few days.

A. P. Gardner, of Jamaica Plain, was in town last Saturday looking after the interests of his renovated property here.

DUNSTABLE.

News Items.

On Sunday occurred the funeral service of James Harold, infant son of Charles E. Tully. Rev. B. H. Weston officiated.

The interment to Stephen Gilson, formerly of Dunstable, late of Groton, took place on Monday.

Some of the townsmen availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing President Taft at Nashua on Tuesday.

About noon on Tuesday an alarm of fire was rung in. Mr. Pier's barn on the Peppercell road was burned and Mr. Clarke's buildings were threatened, but the latter escaped with the exception of the milk house which caught fire.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of CHARLES T. JENNIFERSON late of Townsend in said County, deceased, Intestate. Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to E. ALONZO BLOOD of Townsend in said County, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the fifteenth day of April 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 the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

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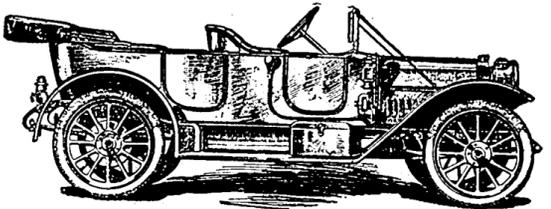
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LUNENBURG.
News Items.
 On Friday evening, March 8, the Lunenburg Brass Band held their annual concert in the town hall. Owing to the muddy state of the roads and the rain which began just in time to prevent the expected barges with their loads from adjoining towns, the attendance was not so large as usual. A fine program was rendered by the band. After the concert the floor was cleared for dancing to the music of the band orchestra.
 The schools in town entered upon their spring vacation on last week Friday, the high school for one week and the grammar and primary schools for two weeks. Miss Wilda Vose, of the Center grammar, and Miss Lucy Brooks, of the primary school, will spend their two weeks with one of Marster's excursion tours, on a trip to Washington, Philadelphia, New York, and will return to town on March 30.
 At a recent business meeting of the Congregational church, John H. Davidson was chosen deacon, and Mrs. Nettie Barter examining committee to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Warren, resigned.
 On March 12, Mrs. Barbara (Friedrick) Boehm, wife of Nicolas Boehm, died of creeping paralysis, aged 71 years, 8 days. Her aged husband survives her. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon of last week, at 77 Franklin street, Fitchburg, and interment was in that city.
 Miss Edith Lamb, of Vermont, visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Paige, but was called home on Friday by the serious illness of her mother.
 Miss Emma Burrage had a very pleasant party on Saturday evening in honor of her birthday, which this year came on Sunday.
 The Fitchburg Local Union of Christian Endeavor, will hold its next meeting at the First Baptist church in Fitchburg, March 29. William Shaw, general secretary of Christian Endeavor, will give an illustrated address entitled "Christian Endeavor around the world." A banquet will be served at seven o'clock. Tickets for the same may be procured from the secretary, Miss Jennie Ellis, or from Miss Nellie Jewett. This gathering bids fair to be most interesting and it is hoped a large number will attend.
 The High School Athletic club have engaged the Y. M. C. A. minstrels of Fitchburg to give an entertainment in the town hall here on Monday evening, March 25. They will be under the direction of Percival Coleman. Tickets are on sale at the store of W. Lewis & Co.
 Among the sick people in town at present are Mrs. A. W. Watson, Mrs. Julia E. Stone, Mrs. Jennison, C. H. Cooke and Samuel Emerson. Some are quite seriously ill, but others are convalescent.

Pleasantly Surprised.
 A surprise tin shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Elwin R. Bemis Saturday evening, March 9. They were invited to spend the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Scott, one of their near neighbors. They had been there but a short time when mysterious looking packages began to arrive addressed to Mrs. Bemis, and as they were frequent tinkles of the door bell continued to bring other packages each one of which was found to contain some useful household utensil, it became quite evident to their minds that they were the victims of a very pleasant surprise.
 A goodly amount of bright, new tinware was brought in by the make believe expressmen, which will come in quite handy in their housekeeping, as they are about to move into the nice new bungalow just being completed for them.

Japanese Social.
 The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held a very pleasant and entertaining social in the vestry of the Congregational church on Friday evening, March 8, in the form of a pink tea and Japanese social. The room was very prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and sunshades, each electric light being encased in a pink shade which shed a delicate, rosy glow over everything, and gave an additional touch of beauty to the pretty Japanese costumes worn by the young ladies who had a part in the program. A very enjoyable program was given during the evening. An interesting address was also given by Fred A. Shattuck, principal of the Pleasant Street grammar school, of Fitchburg, on Japan, where he was a teacher for eight years in a boys' school. Refreshments were served and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

Farewell Reception Tendered.
 On Tuesday evening, March 19, in response to a general invitation, the townspeople of Lunenburg gathered at the town hall for the farewell reception to a beloved pastor and his family. The hall had been transformed, in the hands of the skillful committee, until it had lost its public look and had the appearance of a well furnished parlor in a comfortable home. Beautiful art squares and rugs covered the floor, while easy chairs, sofas and couches tempted the weary ones to sit down and rest. Across one corner, pine trees ranged, forming a beautiful background for the guests of honor. Across another corner, more of the beautiful fragrant trees concealed the orchestra, which discoursed pleasant music throughout the evening. On the left of the entrance, a very pretty booth was constructed of laurel, where sherbert and cake were served. In graceful festoons around the hall was draped green and white bunting, while the pillars supporting the ceiling were wound around with the same pretty colors. Here and there were potted plants and blooming flowers, which added brightness to the very pretty scene.
 In the receiving line at the right of the hall were Rev. and Mrs. Kempton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney H. Francis and Mrs. Chas. L. Sands—Mr. Allen and Mr. Francis

of the executive committee of the church, and Mrs. Sands, chairman of the reception committee.
 The ushers were C. C. Lane, F. L. Francis and E. L. Bemis. About forty people came from Fitchburg, twenty-five from the Highland Baptist church, where Mr. Kempton was the pastor before he came to Lunenburg. Others were from Rollstone church and other societies. Three members of the Broadway church, of Cambridge, Mr. Kempton's new charge, were present and were cordially welcomed by the Lunenburg people, as all were glad to see them.
 During the evening, a little box, containing thirty dollars in gold, was presented Mr. and Mrs. Kempton by the Congregational church and society and Mrs. Kempton also received huge bouquets of English violets and Jonquills; also, from the Baptist church a beautiful basket of Rollstone garnet and a magnifying glass attached to it with white ribbon were cards and manuscript conveying the kindest wishes and loving remembrances of the donors.
 During the years that Mr. Kempton and family have lived in this vicinity, eight years in Lunenburg, and nearly as long in Fitchburg, they have made many warm friends who sincerely regret his departure, even while they rejoice at his good fortune in receiving so pleasant and flattering a call. They have been of so much help here, in the church, in the choir, in all the various societies connected with the church, in the schools, having been a member of the school board for six years, on the lecture course giving his own illustrated lectures, and securing many a possible to obtain, in short of such valuable services everywhere that it will be difficult to find his successor.
 What is loss to Lunenburg, will surely be gain to Cambridge, and the best of wishes and tender, loving memories will go with him end each member of his family to their new home and duties in Cambridge.

TOWNSEND.
Center.
 George Tytherleigh has purchased a two-story house and small piece of land at Kennebunk, Me., and is making preparations to move there at once.
 Robert Copeland has returned from the N. E. Baptist hospital and is convalescing from his recent operation for appendicitis.
 The high school entertainment was repeated at the West Village on Wednesday evening and the night and traveling was much better than when it was given here. Quite a little was added to the prize guess cakes at their show here. Roy Brown won the gold ring and Prof. A. G. Seaver the fountain pen for guessing the nearest on weight.
 T. E. Flarity, d. d., inspected the Northboro grange on Tuesday evening.
 Mrs. Marion Miller, of Quincy, was at her mother's, Mrs. A. D. Fessenden's, this week.
 James Woolley of East Boston was in town this week, getting in readiness his summer home.
 Rev. B. A. Willmott, wife and son, of Lowell, are at their summer home here this week. Mr. Willmott preached his farewell sermon at Lowell on last Sunday and has accepted a call at the Congregational church at Quincy, where he will preach the first sermon of his pastorate on Easter Sunday.
 Rev. Granville Pierce was in town this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Wetherbee.

Clipping.
 The following clipping from the Daily Reporter-Star, of Orlando, Fla., dated March 15, will be of interest to this town as it announces the marriage of Miss Maybelle Haynes, formerly assistant at the postoffice, to Clement Carrigan, of Boston, at her mother's Florida home. Miss Haynes is the daughter of Mrs. Albert Turner, of this town, and has since leaving the postoffice here been employed in the office of the Waltham Watch Co., and in other places in that vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan will visit here later when Mr. and Mrs. Turner arrive back from the south, and receive the congratulations of friends awaiting them.
 "A beautiful ceremony marked the wedding of Clement B. Carrigan, and Miss L. Maybelle Haynes, both of Boston, and this marriage is the consummation of a romance which began in the land of ice, and was rounded into perfect happiness in this land where the orange blooms make sweet the sun lit air.
 "Miss Haynes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Turner, of Townsend, Mass., who for several years have made their winter home here in their attractive residence, Massachusetts Villa, on Kuhl avenue.
 "Last evening, at seven o'clock, the two happy young people, accompanied by the immediate family of the bride, and a few friends, went to the parlors of the Methodist church, where in a few but impressive words Dr. Chapman tied the silken cord which made two fond hearts to be no longer two but one forever in love and fealty.
 "The bride was exquisitely gowned in a princess of Irish lace train, and beautifully trimmed with showers of lace, which was worn over an under dress of white satin that was like a fret work of snow under the lace. She carried a large bouquet of orange blossoms tied with tulle, and wore a very becoming picture hat of lace and lilies of the valley.
 "After the ceremony, the bridal party repaired to the San Juan where in the Red Room the wedding feast was spread. The table was a thing of beauty, and showed the house decorator had a full appreciation of the fact that a bride and groom were to partake of the delicious menu, for the sweetest of sweet flowers graced the board.
 "The snowy cloth had as a center piece a plaque of flowers,—asparagus fern made blue with violets,—and from the center of this was a tall vase of cut glass filled with pale pink roses and one or two calla lilies, that were like the fair bride herself in their adainty dress of snow.
 "Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan will remain here for a few weeks before going to

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 Respectfully represents your petitioner, Lena Slavsky, of said Ayer; that she made a contract with Eli Goodman, of said Ayer, on the 15th day of March, 1912, acting for one Elie Carter, otherwise known as Elie Marston, otherwise known as Elie Jones, on September 22, 1911, the said Elie Carter, should board, use care and diligence of and have custody of one saddle and bridle, in color and a saddle and bridle therewith, the property of said Elie Carter.
 And your petitioner further says that said Elie Goodman, acting for said Elie Carter, she did board, use care and diligence of and have custody of said horse, bridle and saddle, and that there is due and owing to her for the board, care and diligence used on and the custody of said horse, bridle and saddle the sum of seventy-three dollars and fifteen cents according to the account hereto annexed and marked "A".
 And your petitioner further says that said horse, bridle and saddle were given into her care, for board and diligence and custody as aforesaid, and still are, within the district of said court, and were the property of said Elie Carter, formerly of said Ayer, and are now the property of said Elie Carter, whose usual place of abode is unknown to your petitioner.
 And your petitioner further says that she has never given up the care and diligence of, board and custody of said horse, bridle and saddle since the time they were placed with her by the above mentioned Eli Goodman, acting for the said Elie Carter, and that she has never been given up her care and diligence of, board and custody of said horse, bridle and saddle, and that no notice or demand has been given before bringing this petition because the usual place of abode of both the said Elie Carter and the said Eli Goodman are unknown to your petitioner.
 And your petitioner further says that the money mentioned in the account annexed and marked "A," was and became due sixty days ago.
 And your petitioner prays, since the usual place of abode of the above named Elie Goodman, the owner of the above described property, and of Eli Goodman, both of whose usual place of abode is unknown, to appear at a time and place to be designated by this Honorable Court to answer to this petition, and she further prays that may be given in the publication, as provided under Revised Laws, Chapter 198, section 25.
 And your petitioner further prays that the Middlesex District Court, for the County of Middlesex, within the judicial district thereof at the session held for civil business on Saturday, the 13th day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to show cause why she should not be granted judgment in said petition should not be granted.
 And said petitioner is ordered to notify Eli Goodman, Elie Carter, otherwise known as Elie Marston, otherwise known as Elie Jones, and all other parties interested in the subject matter of said petition to appear and show cause as aforesaid, by serving upon each a true and attested copy of the petition and the order of the Court thereon at least seven days before said 13th day of April, or by publishing the same once a week for three successive weeks in the newspaper called Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer in said County, the last publication to be at least seven days before said 13th day of April.
 Witness Warren H. Atwood, Esquire, at Ayer, this 21st day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve.
 D. C. PARSONS,
 Ass't Clerk of First District Court of Northern Middlesex.
 A true copy of petition and order of Court thereon. Attest:
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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 the 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. Crimmins 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; Southerly by last named land and land of O. D. Fessenden; Easterly by land of U. S. Adams containing sixty (60) acres more or less including the highway passing through said premises."

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
 To all persons interested in the estate of MARY E. BAKER late of Pepperell, in said County deceased:
 Whereas, WILLIAM E. ANNIS, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the third account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the first day of April A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
 And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
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 Saturday, March 9, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.
 Thursday, March 14, 7.30 to 9.30 p. m.
 Saturday, March 23, 12 m. to 10 p. m.
 Registration will close at 10 p. m., Saturday, March 23, and no names will be added to the voting list after that date until after the next election, except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registration, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.
 Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the collector of taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1911.
 Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of naturalization.
JOHN L. KENNISON,
PETER B. MURPHY,
FRANK J. MALONEY,
GUY B. REMICK,
 3126 Registrars of Voters.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of MARTHA B. COOPER, late of the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate, and has taken upon himself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.
 All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are hereby required to exhibit the same, and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to
RICHARD N. WALLINGFORD,
 Administrator.
 2 Moody St., Waltham, Mass., 3126
 March 4th, 1912.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex ss. Probate Court.
 To all persons interested in the estate of MARY E. BAKER late of Pepperell, in said County deceased:
 Whereas, WILLIAM E. ANNIS, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the third account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:
 You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County, on the first day of April A. D. 1912, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.
 And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in a newspaper published in said County, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.
 Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.
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PEPPERELL.

Town Meeting.

At the annual town election on Monday, March 18, the polls were opened promptly at nine o'clock in the morning in the different precincts with E. F. Harmon, warden of precinct A, and John P. Kerin as warden of precinct B. The polls closed at 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon with the following results, the total vote cast being 532:

Town clerk—Parker J. Kemp.
Town treasurer—Edward L. Tarbell.
Selectman, 1 year—Walter H. Drury.
Selectman, 2 years—Charles H. Miller.
Assessor, 3 years—Harry F. Lawrence.
Overseer of poor, 3 years—Benjamin W. Parker.
School committee, 3 years—Horatio N. Tower, 233; Harry F. Hobart, 256.
Cemetery commission—Warren S. Wood.
Water commissioner, 3 years—Chas. S. Denham.
Highway surveyor, 1 year—Warren M. Blood, 222; Silas M. Nokes, 239.
Tax collector, 1 year—Luther G. Robbins, 402; A. A. Lawrence, 129.
Tree warden, 1 year—John F. Tinsie.
Two trustees library, 3 years—Arthur P. Wright, Dr. C. G. Heald.
Auditors, 1 year—Marshall Merlam, Arthur E. Barton.
Two constables, 1 year—A. A. Lawrence, George G. Tapbell.
License committee, Nos. 341, No. 192, majority for license, 112; 1911-12, Yes, 330; No, 193; majority for license, 137.

Items of News.

On page six, top of column, will be found the new advertisement of the millinery opening of L. D. and I. Woods, who are successors to C. A. Conant.

The nominating committee for the Pepperell Woman's club were chosen as follows: Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Mrs. Dudley R. Child to nominate officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Mary E. Belcher, wife of the late James M. Belcher, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Harrison, Lebanon, N. H., March 18.

The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Tully was held at their home on Hollis street, Dunstable, Sunday, March 17, at two o'clock, and was largely attended by friends and relatives. Floral tributes were many and beautiful. Rev. B. H. Weston, of Georgetown, officiated. Hymns, "Will the circle be unbroken," and "Nearer my God to thee," were rendered by Miss Jennie B. Menut and Miss Mabel L. Parker. The bearers were C. A. Menut, John Gardner, Herbert R. Tully, George E. Tully.

The East Village Social club will meet with Mrs. Ann Kendall Davis on Wednesday afternoon, March 27, subject, "Miscellaneous."

On Saturday, March 16, Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., met at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald and held an executive board and chapter meeting. Much business was accomplished. The nominating committee was chosen to prepare tickets for the annual meeting in May.

Flags were in evidence at half-mast and the time designated in memory of the battleship Maine and her heroes, and thus it shows the true feeling of patriotism has never been found wanting in the history of this old town when it was only a district in colonial days.

A green party will be given by the gentlemen of the Unitarian society on Thursday, March 28, at Central hall. Supper at 6.30. Dancing eight until ten. Robbins' orchestra.

The articles to be given away at the K. of C. bazaar will be put in the store windows on Main street the first of next week for display. The bazaar entertainment committee has engaged some high-class vaudeville talent for Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13. Thursday the bazaar will open with a minstrel show. Monday, April 15, the drama "Red Acre farm" will be put on by a well balanced cast. Tuesday, the closing night, a dance and prizes will be given away. A doll's taxi carriage and doll will be given away to the little girl getting the largest number of votes. Three little girls have already entered the contest.

In the M. E. church on Sunday morning and evening, March 24, Rev. George H. Sutherland, pastor of the M. E. church, Saugus, will preach. Mr. Sutherland is a son of the pastor of this church. He will graduate from Boston university school of theology this month. He has been successful in his work and a number of opportunities in this and adjoining conferences have come to him this past year.

Mrs. William Atkinson, of River street, went on Friday of last week to Lenox for her health. There is no doubt but cherry postcards from friends, graners and members of the Woman's club will be appreciated by her.

On Tuesday night, March 19, a fire burned the new barn on the Chapman farm on the edge of Dunstable. The barn was built a couple of years ago by George Pierce formerly a grain dealer, and was filled with hay and farming tools belonging to Mr. Pierce and Victor Geiger.

About nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, March 20, when Mrs. Abbie Shattuck on High street went to call her only son Leon, she found him quietly resting in the sleep that knows no waking. A few friends came to help the sorrowing mother who had lost the care of a sick child who was never well all the twenty-six years of his life. The funeral services were held at the house on Friday and the remains were placed in the receiving tomb.

Earl H. Farnsworth left on Wednesday, March 20, to fill his former position as butter maker at Norwood.

Many were glad to see Charles Boynton back as clerk in the C. D. Hutchinson store on Monday.

Several wondered who the big six-foot stranger was who helped harness up the horses at the Center on Wednesday for the Williams fire. He was once the champion ten-mile runner for Harvard college, and is the junior member of the law firm of Arthur P. Stone and Mason H. Stone State street, Boston.

Mrs. Stekney, of Townsend, has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Bert Durant, of Heald street.

Mrs. Mary Belcher, widow of James Belcher, late of this town, and the first master of Prescott grange, passed away on Tuesday, March 19, in Lebanon, N. H.

C. Baker, who went away about twelve years ago, joining the U. S. service for five years and spending the other seven in California, has come home to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Baker, of Oak Hill.

Miss Pierce and Mrs. Carter, of Elm street, are on the sick list.

Miss Bertha Farnsworth has a number of potted flowers for Easter.

The many friends of Mrs. L. H. Bean will regret to learn that she is ill at her home on Cross street since Monday and unable to attend the funeral of her husband, as she was confined to her bed.

Mrs. Albert Baker, of Malden, and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hall and son Leon, of Concord, N. H., were in town to attend the funeral of L. H. Bean on Thursday.

The Ladies' of the M. E. church will hold their annual Easter sale on Friday, March 29, afternoon and evening. There will be a sale of home-made candies, food, aprons and fancy articles and ice cream and cake. The evening's entertainment will consist of a farce entitled "The modern sewing society."

Miss Laura R. Herrig was the violin soloist at an afternoon tea given by a group from the Woman's club in Arlington last week.

The Sunshine club will meet on next Tuesday afternoon with Miss Doris Butler at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Kemp, Main street, at three o'clock.

The L. B. S. of the Congregational church will serve a dinner at the vestry on Monday, March 25, at twelve o'clock noon. This is the annual town meeting dinner.

Mrs. I. J. Rowell was suddenly called to Maine last Saturday on account of the illness of her aunt.

Reciprocity Day.

Reciprocity day in the Woman's club came on Tuesday, March 19, at Central hall. There were about one hundred present. Guests were present from Littleton, Shirley, Groton and Ayer. The program was varied and of unusual interest. The first number was a quartet composed of ladies of the Littleton club, Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. Priest. Much credit is due to the ladies of the Littleton club for contributing so much enjoyment to the afternoon's entertainment. A reading was then given by Mrs. Edith Johnson, of Ayer; remarks, Mrs. Allen, of Shirley; vocal solo, Mrs. Beckford, of Ayer; reading, Mrs. Ballou, of Shirley. The afternoon was a very enjoyable one. A social hour followed the program and club tea was served.

Obituary.

After months of patient suffering, Lewis H. Bean passed away at his home on Cross street on Saturday night from a complication of diseases, which terminated in abscess of the stomach. He was born in Deerfield, N. H., February 29, 1848, and came to this town at the age of twenty-one. He worked for a number of years in the Leighton Bros. shoe shop, but of late years, on account of failing health, he has been engaged in the poultry business.

Mr. Bean will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who will remember him as having a cheerful word for all. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow and two children, Harry J., of Boston, and Edna J., of Gillette, Wyo.; also, two sisters, Mrs. Austin Saunders, of this town, and Mrs. B. W. Hall, of Concord, N. H. The funeral was not held until Thursday afternoon, awaiting the arrival of his daughter, Miss Edna, from Wyoming.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the services, which were held at his late home, were attended by a large number of friends and neighbors. Rev. James M. Sutherland, of the M. E. church, was the officiating clergyman. The singing was by Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and Miss Laura Herrig, who very sweetly rendered the hymns, "Lead, kindly light," and "Abide with me." The funeral was in charge of Roland H. Blood, and the bearers were I. J. Rowell, J. A. Coffey, E. E. Handley and L. A. Johnson.

There was a beautiful display of flowers, consisting of:

Wreath of ivy and roses, wife and daughter; with wood, Father, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bean, American Beauty roses, Mrs. Sarah Baker, spray of pinks, Mrs. Austin Saunders and Mrs. William Houghton; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Hall, Concord, N. H.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jameson, Malden; Mr. and Mrs. Zimor Hanson, Ladies Aid society; Mr. and Mrs. Axel Paul Pike, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis G. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donnell, spray of sixty-four pinks, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Rey, pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Johnson, spray of roses, Miss Minnie Sprague and Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis, spray of sixty-four pinks, Winslow Chapter, Epworth League, spray of pinks and mignonette, W. C. T. U., spray of sweet peas, Mrs. A. K. Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin Gould, of Lancaster; spray of narcissus, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Andrews; spray of pinks and lilies, Mr. and Mrs. William Lackey; spray of pinks, Mrs. Helen Pike; spray of sweet peas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hall; pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond P. Maxwell; spray of sweet peas, Mrs. Louise Williams Lawrence.

Ninety-first Birthday.

Henry Blake, our oldest male resident of Pepperell, passed his ninety-first birthday anniversary on Sunday, March 17. A large number of friends called in the afternoon to greet him as it has been the custom of this household to observe this day and extend a cordial welcome to all, and the old home has seen many a festive occasion when Mrs. Blake was here to extend a hand which always gave a cordial welcome to young and old, and her smile and kind words are still remembered. Each year Mr. Blake looks forward to this occasion and this year has been no exception in his anticipations.

A delegation of Masons from St. Paul lodge, of which Mr. Blake is a member, were among the number

present and the honor from the lodge as also that of being made honorary member for life of the lodge a few years since, has touched Mr. Blake very deeply with a sense of great appreciation. Messages in the form of telegrams, letters, cards, gifts of books, plants, flowers, etc., were displayed in abundance, showing the esteem of the many who remembered the day.

Coffee and cake were served and the host enjoyed "eating, drinking and making merry" with his guests. Green predominated and at the entrance door floated the flag of Erin in honor of the day with our national colors.

Mr. Blake's paternal ancestors were among the early settlers of Boston, Dorchester and Milton. His father went to Chester, N. H., and married Susan Shackford Knowles, granddaughter of Robert Wilson of revolutionary fame. Several of the children, among them Henry, was born in Chester, N. H., at the age of two years went to Nashua, N. H., with his father and family to reside, after which the family moved to Springfield, where the father, Leonard Ward Blake, purchased land and engaged in business, becoming a useful resident, serving in city and state offices. On journeying north through Pepperell, he became greatly interested in the water power at East Pepperell, where he had stopped for the night, which resulted in his becoming its owner with large tracts of land adjoining to which he moved his family and here he passed his remaining years, passing away in 1865, in the midst of his usefulness.

At the age of ninety-one years, born in 1821, Henry Blake enjoys the best of health.

D. A. R.

The guest night of Prudence Wright chapter, D. A. R., was held at the home of Mrs. Edward L. Tarbell on Wednesday evening, March 20, when a large number of invited guests were present with the chapter officers and members. A fine musical program was listened to with Miss Laura Roby Herrig as violinist. Each number was well rendered and received fine applause. A social evening was spent and the company served with delicious refreshments.

Mrs. Heald presented the chapter with valuable documents in Prudence Wright's own handwriting and other valuable matter. Mrs. Harriet Howe Walworth, of Newburyport, sister of the late Dr. J. N. Howe, of this town, rescued the above from old papers; had one letter in Prudence's handwriting and church, framed and presented to Prudence Wright, chapter. A rising vote of thanks was given by the chapter to be extended to Mrs. Walworth. Mrs. Tarbell's spacious house was decorated with our national and chapter colors with flowers in evidence. Mrs. Edward L. Tarbell, Mrs. John Bennett, Mrs. Fred Bancroft served as hostesses, and the first guest night in the history of this chapter has passed successfully.

Disastrous Fire.

A great deal of sympathy is expressed for Orin Williams and family, whose home caught fire on Wednesday afternoon, and was destroyed. It is said that the fire caught near the kitchen chimney and was well under way before discovered. The telephone failed to work so that some one had to go to Mr. Carter's, the nearest neighbor, to ask Harry Hutchinson to ring in the fire alarm. The wind was blowing in the flames right into the barn. Seven horses, some harnesses, were saved, but three cows, seven hogs, the poultry, many tons of hay and the barn were the first to go, followed by the house and most of the furniture. The firemen made as good time as was possible, but the entire length of Park street was very heavy with deep mud and the farm was a mile and a half from the Center on Brookline street. Mr. Williams had an insurance of \$2000 and his loss over the insurance is considerably more than that sum.

Auxiliary Meeting.

The Auxiliary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, March 20, at Mrs. Waldo Spaulding's. Miss Charlotte S. Grant, the first district nurse of Groton, was the guest and speaker of the day. About ten years ago Miss Grant left Groton as a foreign missionary and spent most of her time at Aintab, Turkey, where she was a nurse in a hospital for some time. She contrasted Boston with foreign cities and how many years ago the Indian was looked upon as an American, then later on it became one of the English speaking people who had been here several generations. Now to be born and naturalized is American. Speaking of the mission work the speaker voiced the idea that one could do plenty of foreign mission work and not go out of this country.

Miss Grant had a suit case full of dolls to illustrate the styles of dressing in the land of the Sultan.

Town Conference.

The Town Conference met in Odd Fellows' hall on Monday evening. There were thirty-nine persons present. The purpose of the meeting was to talk over the town warrant. The most important article of these present fully discussed, many of these present entering into the discussion. Many suggestions were made of matters that it would be well for the citizens to consider.

Under the provisions of the constitution adopted at a previous meeting, the following persons have been selected as chairmen of the various sections: Town government, Edward P. Harmon; trade and labor, Joseph A. Saunders; education, John L. Boynton; recreation, William Merrill, M. D.; nature, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Heald; health, William Drumme; civic and social, Louis P. Shattuck. The meeting adjourned subject to call of governing board.

There are employed in the seven hundred shoemakers' shop of Canton, China, eight thousand men and twenty thousand women, who work from daylight until after dark and get from \$2.60 to five dollars a month, including their meals of rice and salt fish.

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The fire department was called on Wednesday to Thomas Manion's residence. A vigorous fire in one of the chimneys was threatening an outbreak in floors and partitions and neighbors and members of the fire department were promptly on hand prepared to meet the emergency, but the flames confined themselves to the chimney so that comparatively little work was required of the would-be helpers. Mr. and Mrs. Manion were very appreciative and grateful for the timely assistance of their friends.

A missionary meeting of unusual interest was held by the Ladies' Missionary circle of the Baptist society at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Caultkins, the president, received the guests with characteristic cordiality and at the conclusion of the literary program served light refreshments.

The ladies of the Baptist society will prepare the town meeting dinner Monday.

Miss Emma Tenney is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Peck, of Brookline. She will attend a music recital in West Newton, given by Prof. Loud, with whom she is studying. During her absence Miss Olive Flagg will play the church organ.

A small party was held at Elmar Flagg's residence Wednesday evening, in recognition of Mr. Flagg's birthday. Fourteen, including the family, Mr. Flagg's sister, Mrs. Wheeler, and son of Stow and other friends enjoyed a famous supper served by the hostess. Music furnished by Mr. Flagg's talented daughters was a pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment.

"Christ and the child" is the subject of the meeting at the Congregational church Sunday evening. Papers relating to the subject will be read by different persons.

Miss Ethel K. Bruce, of Ayer, announces her spring millinery exhibit on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 28, 29 and 30.

Grange.

More than one hundred persons attended the grange meeting in town hall Wednesday evening. A class of nine received the third and fourth degrees, the ladies' degree staff exempting the third degree. Much praise was accorded the ladies for their excellent work. They were all dressed in white and wore red carnations and asparagus fern, making a most attractive appearance. The room was fragrant with the beautiful flowers that decorated the different officers' tables, narcissus, carnations and ten weeks' stock being used profusely.

Visitors were present from neighboring granges, fourteen from Westford, five from Acton, and a few from Stow and Ashby. State deputy Elbridge Noyes from Newbury was present to inspect the grange and highly complimented the work done by this organization.

An excellent supper in charge of William Decatur and his daughter Elsie was served, consisting of mashed potato, cold ham, rolls, fancy pies, cake, coffee, apples and bananas.

Arrested.

Michael J. Eagan of Lowell, the well known boot and shoe merchant, who has enjoyed the patronage of many Littleton people in his frequent rounds, was recently arrested by the Lowell police, tried for horse thieving and held in the sum of five hundred dollars. His sister furnished bail for him and now the question arises, "Where is Eagan?" Detectives from Lynn and Boston have been in consultation with constable Fred Reed of this town the past week and have identified and claimed from James A. Ewins two carriages bought by Mr. Ewins of M. J. Eagan.

Investigation proves that Eagan had long been in the habit of spying out desirable horse flesh, vehicles, etc., while on his routes and that after capturing a horse he would get the animal boarded in Forge Village, Carlisle or some other convenient place for a week or more and then try to sell his prize. The last time he attempted a sale it happened that he unwittingly sought as a customer the very man from whom he stole the horse and thus he paved his way to the Lowell court. It is said by the detectives now searching for him that Eagan has stolen as many as twenty-five horses and that five were taken from the same hitching post in Lawrence. Other developments in this case are expected soon.

TOWNSEND.

Center.

William Bush was called to Pepperell this week by the death of his grandson, a son of Mrs. Abbie Bush Shattuck of that town.

Will Cowdrey, who recently returned from the Boston Homeopathic hospital, was obliged to return this week for a second operation. It is hoped that now he will soon be on the gain.

Harry Winchester and G. P. Estes were initiated into the Oddfellows on Wednesday evening. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presence of Mr. Estes' father, Eben Estes, who has not been in the hall before for fifteen years, being crippled so that he cannot get about. He was carried up to the hall and no doubt enjoyed the evening very much.

Helen Dobson has been quite ill with a severe case of chicken pox.

Harbor.

Samuel Dwyer has returned from his visit in Winthrop.

Mrs. G. McSorley is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Hollahan.

Miss Lawrence is visiting friends in Pepperell.

Miss Hazel Cummings has returned from Baldwinnville.

Miss Phelps of Waltham is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Spaulding.

Mr. and Mrs. Cummings are occupying their new home on Warren road.

Harry Knight has begun training for the approaching baseball season.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright have taken the house adjoining the Babcock estate.

On last Monday Mr. and Mrs. Adny Gray returned from visiting friends out-of-town.

Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Flarity attended the Pomona grange recently held at Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Adams returned to Edgewood today from visiting friends in Boston and vicinity.

Herbert Cummings of this village who went to Paducah Ky., last fall to accept a position as chemist writes that a short time ago the mercury registered 13° below zero.

Mrs. George Blodgett, who had a slight shock last week Friday, has sufficiently recovered to go to Lowell where she will remain with friends till she has regained her usual health.

From now on the Sunday services in this village will be held at the church at two p. m. Next Sunday, March 24, the sermon will be delivered by Mr. Struthers of the Center Congregational church. Sunday school at three. All are invited and cordially welcome.

Mr. King with his force of tree climbers has been at work on the fine elms on the lawn at Harbor Farm. In addition to the destruction of the brown tails all the decayed and unsightly limbs have been cut away.

It is reported that Timothy Murphy died at the state almshouse in Tewksbury last Monday. For several years Mr. Murphy with his bundle and cane, for he was very lame, has been a familiar figure to many families in Townsend and surrounding towns. He had no home but a round of places at each of which he worked for short periods. Although a great reader of the newspapers, Mr. Murphy once told the writer that he had never received a letter.

On March 18 Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Josselyn, Mrs. Bagley and Mrs. Harvey of the Harbor Monday club and Mrs. Gray, Miss Myrtle Gray, Miss Cruikshank, Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Oliver Proctor and Mrs. Morgan of the As You Like It club, accepted the invitation of the Center Monday club to listen to the address given by Miss Zaidce Brown, state agent of the Massachusetts Library commission.

Superintendent Groat of East Bridgewater recently tendered Miss Myrtle Gray the position of teacher of the seventh grammar grade in the schools of that city. Although the proposal was a flattering one, sufficient inducements were offered by the Townsend school board to decide Miss Gray to retain her present position.

Press Notice.

The following press notice is from a Huntington, West Virginia, paper: "The Grouch-Richards Company, banjosts and pianists, made their first appearance in Huntington last night, and to say that they delighted two audiences at the hippodrome is to put the case mildly. Each of this trio is an artist of unusual merit, and their playing in concert charmed as no other act of this kind that has ever appeared here."

About two years ago Mr. Grouch bought the Deacon Walter Haynes place and last summer on land adjoining this estate Mr. Richards built a bungalow. The families of both Mr. Grouch and Mr. Richards have made many friends here.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball are at present stopping in Concord Junction, meanwhile looking for a farm. Mr. Costello will soon take possession of Mr. Ball's former place.

Milton Hager has bought the Ferguson place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thurston (née Hattie Knight) have welcomed a baby girl in their new home in Bedford.

Richard Showe, who has been employed by Daniel Cobleigh for several months, has got quite a bad case of kicking. It is not known yet whether he will have to go to a hospital for treatment or not.

Mrs. Eva Davidson and daughter Marion spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright.

Schools close this week for the annual spring vacation.

Mrs. Nathan Smith, of Clinton, spent the week-end at J. R. Cobleigh's, and her son Ralph has spent the week there.

On last week Friday the Livermore family attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mrs. Livermore's sister in Watertown.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Mrs. John Whitcomb spent two days in Boston last week.

Wilbur Steele has been quite sick the past week with bronchitis, but at present is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence and family, of Silver Hill, spent the week-end at R. Y. Nelson's.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Myers, who have been sick all winter, are both very much improved.

The next meeting of the West Acton Woman's club will be held on Monday afternoon, Mrs. Florence Seaver Slocumb, who is the president of the Worcester Woman's club, will give a story-tellers' afternoon, giving a short sketch of the life of Hans Christian Anderson, and telling stories from his works. It is to be children's afternoon, and the West Acton school children are to be the guests. Mrs. Bertha Shattuck will entertain Mrs. Slocumb at her home.

Oliver Shattuck comes home today for six-weeks' vacation.

Town meeting was held on Monday and the following important officers elected: S. D. Salmon, Jr., R. E. Whitcomb, Albert Littlefield, selectmen for one year; M. L. Wetherbee, assessor for three years; Simon Hager, town clerk; Albert Hartwell, treasurer; C. T. Wetherbee, school committee for three years.

Entertained.

On Saturday evening last, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Libbe entertained at a

St. Patrick's and whist party. After spending a few hours at the whist tables, where the contest for the prizes offered by Mr. and Mrs. Libbe were hotly contested for, the guests were invited to the dining-room, which was decorated in green. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served with ice cream in high pastebord hats. The favors were miniature clay pipes mounted on place cards.

A pleasant hour was spent at the table and about midnight it was voted to adjourn. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Salmon, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bailey, Mrs. H. E. Taylor, Miss Lettie Farnsworth and Dr. Harry Roberts. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Salmon and Dr. Roberts.

SHIRLEY.

News Item.

At the meeting of Shirley grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were worked on a class of candidates. The first degree was by the Men's degree team with Carl Thompson as master. The work was done in an excellent manner and much credit is due the two teams for the way in which the work was carried out.

The English denomination of money known as a pound was once a pound weight of silver in its pure state.

New Advertisements.

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Milton Hager has bought the Ferguson place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thurston (née Hattie Knight) have welcomed a baby girl in their new home in Bedford.

Richard Showe, who has been employed by Daniel Cobleigh for several months, has got quite a bad case of kicking. It is not known yet whether he will have to go to a hospital for treatment or not.

Mrs. Eva Davidson and daughter Marion spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright.

Schools close this week for the annual spring vacation.

Mrs. Nathan Smith, of Clinton, spent the week-end at J. R. Cobleigh's, and her son Ralph has spent the week there.

On last week Friday the Livermore family attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mrs. Livermore's sister in Watertown.

Mrs. C. B. Robbins and Mrs. John Whitcomb spent two days in Boston last week.

Wilbur Steele has been quite sick the past week with bronchitis, but at present is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lawrence and family, of Silver Hill, spent the week-end at R. Y. Nelson's.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Knight and Mrs.