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LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Woman's club will meet next Monday afternoon. The program will include a vocal solo, report of home economics committee and current events. The speakers are Rev. O. J. Fairfield, Miss Julia S. Conant, Mrs. Fannie P. Woodbury, Mrs. Augusta W. Esten, Mrs. Maud K. Caulkins and Mrs. Helen P. Whitcomb.

M. E. Somes has been out of his shop for two weeks because of blood poisoning in his hands. He is improving, but not yet in normal condition.

Miss Gladys Kimball, who is training at St. Luke's hospital, New Bedford, through her efficient and faithful service, holds a position next to the head nurse in ward A, a position offered only to a well qualified student. The hospital ranks among the best in the state, having always retained its place in the A rank, which is the highest class. Inspection is made each year and every hospital is ranked in the A, B or C class, according to its condition. As might be expected the training furnished the students is also classified as A. Miss Kimball hopes to receive her diploma next June, but will remain until October in the hospital to complete her three years of training.

A practically unanimous vote was taken at the morning service of the Baptist church last Sunday in approval of the proposed prohibitory amendment to the constitution of the United States.

The boys of the Franklin class acquitted themselves very creditably at their supper and entertainment in the Baptist vestry last Monday evening, serving the tables themselves. A program entirely by the members was rendered as follows: Piano solo, Allan Giles; recitation, Eliot Piper; exercise, "Aunt Peggy and the woodpile," by the class; recitation, Foster Kimball; piano solo, Whitney Caulkins; recitation, Oral Higgins; piano solo, Whitney Caulkins.

The C. E. mission study class will have for its subject "The new immigrant communities in America," the second chapter of the text book "Immigrant Forces," in the Baptist vestry on Sunday evening at six o'clock.

Eben Fletcher, with other members of the New England Fox Hunters' club, has been in Bedford this week for the semi-annual meeting and sport, but he isn't telling any thrilling stories of luck or loss. The heavy fall of snow interfered somewhat with his fun and made his hunting season shorter than usual.

A party of Littleton people hired the Proctor automobile of Ayer and rode to Clinton on Tuesday night to attend a complimentary ball.

E. W. Maxwell, Irving Smith, Thomas Stephens, James Neagle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hume and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbard went to the exhibit of poultry in Boston.

Grange.

The grange had a very enthusiastic meeting on Wednesday evening. The program was opened by Mrs. S. W. Prouty, who played a piano solo. The subject, "Community service," was discussed by several members of the grange. Hon. F. A. Patch suggested the opening of roads, construction of more cement sidewalks, better provision for public dumping places and a new town fence between the brook and George A. Cook's barn on King street.

Rev. H. L. Packard recommended a general cleaning up of loose papers, pasteboard boxes, etc., found in gutters, on sidewalks and further improvement of lawns. Supt. Hill advocated school grounds equipment for exercise and recreation; also, the beautifying of school grounds by the addition of landscape gardening. He referred to the improved conditions in ventilation at the Center school-room.

Mrs. Wilcox urged the cleaning and freshening of the townhouse walls. Mrs. C. A. Kimball spoke on increased efforts in flower mission work, distribution of literature in charitable institutions and the material needs of some in our own community; also, the demand for more literature in the children's department at the library.

Dr. Christie advised the improvement of shrubbery in the public triangle. R. T. Burroughs and W. L. Pickard voiced the sentiments of not a few in suggesting the introduction of children's vegetable and flower gardens with prizes awarded for best results. Mr. Burroughs presented the subject of a general community fund to help carry out suggestions already offered.

George A. Cook told of the improvements made in sanitation and ventilation in the townhouse basement. C. A. Kimball offered hints for the grange's part in the 1914 celebration. Mr. Patch also spoke on the coming farmers' institute. G. A. Cook explained and sang two solos, "The blacksmith of Gretna" and "Bandoliers," Mrs. Prouty accompanying at the piano.

Annual Meeting.

The dinner held in the Congregational vestry last Saturday was one of the most appetizing ever served and the able committee in charge of it added much to their previous credit in meeting the needs of the inner man.

Promptly at the hour appointed the church meeting was called by J. William Dodds, clerk, and opened by prayer by Rev. H. L. Packard. Mr. Packard was chosen moderator. Reports of the various officers and committees were read and approved. These were indeed gratifying as they represent the church and its different organizations in a healthy, prosperous and promising condition religiously, socially and financially. The officers and committees chosen by the church were as follows:

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The parish meeting was called and the warrant read by the clerk, Frank Gregory. George A. Cook was chosen moderator. Reports of the treasurer, W. E. Conant, were very encouraging as were those of the trustees of funds and other officers. The following officers were chosen:

Frank Gregory, clerk; W. E. Conant, treas.; declined; F. S. Kimball, declined; W. E. Conant, G. V. Flagg, G. K. Houghton, parish com.; Miss F. A. Sanderson, Mrs. C. A. Kimball, F. H. Hill, music committee; J. P. Thacher and C. A. Kimball, collectors of Sunday morning contributions; Geo. H. Kimball, Harold W. Conant, alternates; H. W. Conant, G. A. Cook, Stanley Conant, Frank Gregory, ushers.

The meeting was characterized by peace, harmony, fellowship and increased church loyalty.

TOWNSEND.

Harbor.

The friends of Herbert Cummings, who a few years ago accepted the position of chemist for the Sutherland Medicine Co., Paducah, Ky., will be pleased to hear of his success. Since his connection with the company Mr. Cummings has done much to make successful the chemical composition and purity of the numerous products of the concern, being one of the foremost in the industry. Cummings is at present day. During the absence of last month Mr. Cummings left for Cuba, Costa Rica, in the interests of his company. Before returning he stated he will spend a month or six weeks at each of the plants owned and operated by the Sutherland Medicine Company in the south, to superintend the making up of the stock of medicines for each of the big branch houses. Before returning Mr. Cummings will take a trip to the Panama canal and return by the way of Tampa and Jacksonville, Fla.

BOXBOROUGH.

News Items.

Franklin Dean attended the reunion of his company in Boston on Tuesday. There are thirty-six members now living.

It is reported that Milton Hager has sold his farm known as the Ferguson place. Mr. Hager has never occupied and is now living in Fitzburg, having a position with the Massachusetts road commission.

Mrs. George Burroughs entertained the grange literary committee on Monday evening.

Austin Lawrence lost a valuable horse this week. Much sympathy is expressed for him as this is the second time since painted and varnished. It was a fine pair.

Several of our fire fighters spent most of Sunday night at the garage fire at West Acton.

Quite a number from here attended the poultry show in Boston last week. Linwood Richardson bought one of the prize turkeys.

Mrs. Evelyn Bailey, who lives just over the Acton line, intends to move to Springfield this week. She is a member of our grange and her singing has given much pleasure and been a great addition to social entertainments here and elsewhere. Her mother has been with her since the death of her husband.

There was no school at No. 3 on Wednesday on account of the storm.

Mrs. Arthur Nelson is visiting in Silver Hill.

Mrs. Irving Clark spent Sunday in Brookline.

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You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of February A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each of you fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing a copy thereof to the State Board of Insanity, seven days at least before said Court.

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WESTFORD.

Center. Miss Amy Buckhead of Ludlow, Vt. who is a student at the Worcester Domestic school, was an over-Sunday guest at Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher's this last week.

One of the latest results of the cruel cold of last week was the freezing of the contents of James Spinner's greenhouse. The boiler apparently worked all right but the heat failed to circulate in the return pipes and the frost got in its devastating work. Mr. Spinner never had a finer stock of carnations and other plants and his loss is a very vital one to him. His local patrons much regret his loss for they had taken much enjoyment and satisfaction in a village greenhouse.

The everybody-at-church Sunday this last week proved a real success and had the weather been a little less severe more living at a distance would have come out. At the Congregational church there were included the organ boy just 125, Miss Hazel Elliott, and a choir of fourteen young people sustained the musical part of the service. Mrs. Cyril A. Blaney sang a well-rendered offertory solo and the other solo parts were given by Misses Lillian Sutherland and Pauline Wallace, Arthur Walker and Charles Roby. A beautiful bunch of carnations and other flowers adorned the pulpit. Mr. Wallace preached an earnest sermon emphasizing the value of an alive church in the community and of the individual's responsibility to the same.

Rodney Tabetts of Farmington, N. H., has been the guest of his cousin, J. Herbert Fletcher, this week and together they have been for the greater part of the week at the Bedford Hunt club fox hunting.

Rev. David Wallace read a paper, "The spiritual message of Robert Browning," at the minister's meeting in Ayer Tuesday of this week.

Flocks of pine grosbeaks have been observed by the bird students this week, which indicates weather of unusual severity further north.

The second in the academy entertainment course took place Friday evening of last week. A good-sized audience listened to Clark E. Wallace in impersonations, ventriloquism, banjo playing, etc.

A group of young friends and schoolmates gave Edward Blodgett a surprise party Saturday evening at his home. Whilay was the name of the bountiful collation was served by Mrs. Blodgett.

Many reports come in of the unusually hard times various families had with frozen water pipes last week. A. H. Sutherland's services were very much appreciated. The pipes of the new drinking fountain burst well under ground and many gallons of water escaped, making plenty of ice in the vicinity.

The next meeting of the Tadmuck club will be held this coming Tuesday afternoon in the Congregational church vestry. The committee has been invited to give a social hour. It is hoped that every member of the club will be present and extend the courtesy of an invitation to some friend to accompany them by the payment of the customary small fee.

Wallace Johnson and his men are a busy group these days getting the annual ice harvest at Burgess pond. The ice is of good thickness and excellent quality.

Miss Miranda G. Luce remains very seriously ill at her home.

Mrs. Albert W. Heywood underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Lowell General hospital on Thursday morning of this week.

Pleasantly Entertained. Mr. and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher extended the use of their pretty home on Wednesday evening of last week for a pleasant evening of whist for a group of the young people. Miss Smith and Miss Hickey of the nearby town of Samoset and Miss Craig, who have been engaged in town for some time on vital statistics work, were the hostesses for the evening and looked after the details of the game, the refreshments and the entertaining generally. There were four tables of whist. Miss Hazel Hartford making the highest score for the ladies and Arthur Walker for the gentlemen. The prizes awarded were a pretty sterling silver hemstitch and a nice pair of beds in the case. Delicious refreshments were served and later the party gathered about the piano and enjoyed some good singing. In return for their generous thought for the young people Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher said they had one of the jolliest of good times and were royally entertained themselves.

Will Be Sadly Missed. Mrs. Nellie Carlin and her son Warren Carlin, are mourning the loss of their little dog "Duke". He had been an esteemed member of their household for over thirteen years and was a faithful and affectionate homesteader. He was devoted to his master and while he was away at work was a great deal of company for Mrs. Carlin, who was especially fond of another household pet—a young kitten, and it was no unusual sight before cold weather to see Duke asleep in the sunny dooryard with this small kitten perched on his back fast asleep in his shaggy coat. At the same time another cat and two parrots in the household received from him only a dignified toleration. He had suffered much the last few weeks and was put to rest Tuesday while under other administered by Dr. Wells.

"Snowbound."

Clearing and pleasant weather was the prediction for Wednesday's weather issued by the weather bureau. Instead of that the first hard snowstorm of the season came. People awoke in the morning to what Whittier called in his immortal Snowbound "a universe of sky and snow." There was fully a foot of snow on the level and still snowing hard. The first electric made a plucky attempt to make time, but could not get its passengers to the first train. Road Superintendent McDonald got busy with four horses and plough and before noon the school barges made their trips and the teachers were ready for duty at the appointed time only to find that so few scholars reported that the children were sent back in the barges and no sessions were held. The farmers' Institute was wisely postponed for one week, even though every last preparation had been made for it. This snow replenishes the roads for runners and good sleighing seems promised for awhile.

About Town.

While coasting near Westford station on Thursday forenoon of last week Nathaniel Phillips, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Phillips, collided with a wall mostly of stone, lacerating his head and face. Dr. O. V. Wells was called and administered seven stitches' worth of skill and useful advice and the lacerations are disappearing.

Wallace W. Johnson, the Burgess pond ice supply man, has harvested 4,000 tons of ice from twelve to fourteen inches thick.

Under the auspices of the Alliance of the Unitarian church of the Young People's Dramatic club of the M. E. church, Lawrence street, Lowell, will give the humorous play, "Red Acre Farm," in the town hall, Westford, on Friday evening, January 30.

Kendrick Reigler, the four-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reigler, died on Monday at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Smith, Brookside. The burial was in Fairview cemetery on Tuesday.

Zero had his own way last week Wednesday evening and Wednesday of it. So did everyone who attended the monthly sociable of the village church at West Chelmsford the same evening in charge of Mrs. William C. Edwards. The attendance was large, the program was lively and everybody had a large time to be remembered. Talent from the village church, Grantville, under the direction of Henry Smith, was the event of the evening worth the chilly obstacles of zero conditions to glimpse it in. Among those who had good goods to sell and made good sales were the Misses Edith Edwards, Mary Anderson, Jessie McNaughton, Clara Anderson, Lowell, North Chelmsford, Westford and Grantville were represented at the pleasures and profits of this monthly sociable.

Charles E. Walker has been spending a few days in assistance at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clara Littlefield, at Fitchburg. Mr. Littlefield recently received a slight shock of paralysis.

Mr. Herbert Coffin, of Berwick, Me., has been a guest recently with her uncle and aunt, Charles E. and Miss Belle Walker, at the old Walker homestead.

The farmers' institute which was to have been held last Wednesday at Westford, was postponed on account of the storm until Wednesday, January 28, town hall, Westford. As announced, Prof. S. T. Maynard, of Northboro, will give the address in the forenoon at 10.30 on "The growth of tree fruits, and in the afternoon will talk on "Small fruits for the home garden." Dinner at 12.30 by the ladies of the Congregational church. Music will be furnished by the Truant School band, of North Chelmsford. As a side issue the following after-dinner speakers have been invited: Hon. Edward Fisher, Rep. Charles A. Kimball, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher, Revs. David Wallace, Lyman E. Weeks, A. H. Kernahan. A humorous reader will add another phase to the day.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly club will be held at the Wright schoolhouse, Groton road, Friday evening, January 30. Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher has volunteered with his usual generous nature and will present stereopticon views of "The ancient and modern people, climates and industries." The title of this lecture and the generosity of the speaker should fill the house to the packing point.

Mrs. James Hildreth, at Westford station, celebrated her ninety-sixth birthday anniversary on Wednesday. For many years her home with husband and family was on the cozy, snug farm at the upper waters of Long Sought pond. She still preserves much of the youth of girlhood days and could give points in eyesight, memory and mental alertness to those her junior by four score years and more. She has five children, Martha, with whom she makes her home; Mrs. J. Frank Chandler, of Tyngsboro; Mrs. Clark, of Tilton, N. H.; Samuel Hildreth, of Lowell; and Francis H. Hildreth. Her husband died several years ago.

James H. O'Brien is hauling oak logs from the Francis hill viewpoint of the Old Oaken Bucket farm to the Hugo T. Page saw mill on Keyes brook. These logs were sawed into inch boards and used to cover bldg. hatches to prevent the blind from falling into them.

The Nashoban farm were exhibitors of Black Minorcas at the recent poultry show in Boston. They were handsome birds and drew attraction if not a prize, which the writer is not informed on.

Henry A. Fletcher, of Oak Hill, has gathered in six foxes and he is still gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren J. Ellinwood, of West Chelmsford, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a fine boy Sunday, January 18—Harold Winship Ellinwood by name.

The Crescent orchestra, Walter Steele manager and promoter, will furnish music for the entertainment at the town hall next Friday evening when "Red Acre farm" will be presented.

The Hugo T. Page saw mill is now sawing lumber like as though they were doing business under the "new freedom" dispensation.

Grange. At the last meeting of the grange the question: Resolved, "That we owe more gratitude to the farmer than to the mechanic" started up a lively whirl of words and sparing. Leonard Wheeler, Rev. David Wallace and John P. Wright led off for the farmers—they were all leaders. They thrust the starvation argument without the farmer home with rapid assault on the entrenched negative with such accurate aim that it looked as though the negative represented by

A. H. Sutherland, W. M. Wright and S. L. Taylor would have to face starvation, but weak as they were from being starved out they led off with a straight dash at the forks of the affirmative and warded off the starvation thrust with the counter thought that the mechanic was doubly equipped in that he was skilled as mechanic which the farmer had not and the farmer's own tools. History was brought out and tossed around as lightly as though it had no weight. The negative showed game when suffering from starvation. The audience took a vote "in grateful remembrance of the farmer" and the negative came the wireless act for help.

Westford Represented.

Hon. Edward Fisher, John A. Healey, Alec McDonald and Samuel L. Taylor were representatives of the Westford Board of Trade at a meeting of the public service board of the Lowell Board of Trade at Lowell on Monday evening to listen to an address by Percy Parker Hooker, chairman of the New Hampshire Highway commission. His subject, "Gravel roads for rural towns" was in part as follows: Drain roads before graveling or the gravel will soon be called worn out when it is only forced too deep in the mud. It will pay to haul good gravel a mile or more under favorable circumstances. Never all roads prior to a prospective rain. Do not make hills a uniform percentage of grade. Team will haul more and easier and less expense of grading the hill if short strips are comparatively steep. Newly graded roads on hills should have gravel treated to a binding of clay or marl to prevent washing; if not a small water break bar should be constructed on one wheel track and the same intervals, but not applied on the other wheel track. The old fashioned stone inverted is preferable to the modern drain pipe. Since the use of road scrapers the roads almost everywhere have become narrower. With the coming of the automobile back to the "ditch" is not for safety. Other reasons and the reason for these reasons may, if in order, be explained next week.

Forge Village.

"Everybody-at-church Sunday" brought out a large number to the services at St. Andrew's mission on last Sunday. The church was well filled and all enjoyed the service very much. The sermon was preached by the pastor, Williston M. Ford, who also announced that Bishop Lawrence would administer confirmation in this parish on March 16. He also publicly thanked Ingias Wetmore and Hugh Ferguson for their services in wiring the mission house. Services will be held on Sunday at 4.30 in the afternoon.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle held their regular meeting in Recreation hall on Thursday afternoon.

The Groton School orchestra are shortly to give their annual concert here for the benefit of St. Andrew's mission.

Mrs. J. H. Jones, of Worcester visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett, on Saturday and Sunday.

Albert Normindy is entertaining his brother, Omer Normindy, of Sherbrooke, Canada. This is the first time the brothers have met for fifteen years. Omer is the oldest of sixteen children, all of whom are living and married. He has three sons and three children, sixteen of whom are living and intend locating here.

It is reported that the Stony Brook line is to be affected as well as other lines of the Boston and Maine by the taking off of a couple of trains. It was reported that the Boston and Maine case as it will seriously affect the village people, not only those who patronize the line, but also the mail service.

John Hill, who has been spending the Christmas holidays at his native home in Fitchburg, returned to Westford on Thursday. He was accompanied here for a stay of two years.

Miss Eva F. Pyne, of Pine Ridge, entertained Miss Abbie Blaisdell, of Wampanoag, on Thursday.

Sessions were held at Cameron school every day during the cold spell. The janitor, John Spinner, did not spare any coal to keep the building warm.

The Middlesex County Training school held a most enjoyable concert in Abbot hall last week Thursday evening. The affair was held for the benefit of a worthy resident of North Chelmsford, who has many friends here, and the hall was filled to its utmost. The young people certainly deserve great credit for the excellent music given and they can truly be classed as fine musicians. The glee club also were repeatedly encored.

Members of the leadership of James P. Larkin. The glee club has fourteen members and is conducted by Albert Edmund Brown. After the concert all the members were served with sandwiches, cake and coffee by the members of St. Catherine's church choir.

Four of the pupils who attend the academy at Westford were not notified on Wednesday of last week that owing to the severe cold weather no session would be held, and as usual made the trip to school only to find the doors closed.

Grantville. On last Sunday evening the members of the Holy Name society went in a body to North Chelmsford, where they participated in the services of St. John's church and boarded a special car were conveyed to St. Michael's church, Lowell, where the special union services of the Holy Name society were held. The services were very impressive and the members from here felt well repaid for their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conture have recently returned from a very enjoyable visit spent with friends in Fall River.

Mrs. Annie Casey, of Salem, has been visiting friends here for the past few days.

Many from here attended the horse trotting on the ice on the Merrimack river near North Chelmsford on last Saturday. As the races at that time were for Lowell horses only, J. Austin Healy, with his fast stepper "Dolly C." did not compete in any of the races. It is expected that some races will be pulled off at Forge pond in the near future.

The special meeting of the Westford Board of Trade on Thursday evening at the town hall was well attended. The principal business was the discussion of the discontinuance of trains on the Stony Brook branch of the Boston and Maine railroad.

Death. James Collyer, the oldest man in town, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Welsh, in this village Friday morning, January 16, aged 89 yrs. 10 mos. 11 days. He

had enjoyed good health up to a few months ago when he was stricken with illness. Although he recovered for a time and was able to be about and resume his usual walks, of which he was so fond, he was taken ill again a short time ago and this "grand old man," as he was familiarly called by his many friends here, was unequal to the strain and he passed to the great beyond peacefully and quietly. He leaves three daughters in Australia, one in England, also two sons in England, besides another son William of Haverhill and another daughter, Mrs. William Welsh, in this village.

There was a kindly old man and deeply religious and a great student of the Bible. The funeral took place from the home of his daughter here on last Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Aside from the many present from the immediate vicinity there were many relatives and friends in attendance from Lowell, Ayer, Groton, Haverhill, North Chelmsford and Milford. The services were conducted by Rev. A. Earle Kernahan, pastor of the M. E. church, who spoke words of deep consolation to the bereaved family, a quartet composed of the Misses Mattie and Myrtle Blanchard, Albert Blanchard and William DeRoehrn sang very effectively, "Abide with me" and "The christian's good-night." There were many beautiful flowers which bore testimony to the deep sympathy expressed by a wide circle of relatives and friends. The bearers were George Prinn, Samuel Blodgett, George Gilson, Isaac Hall. Burial was in Fairview cemetery, Westford, where the committal service was read by Rev. A. Earle Kernahan.

Boys in Blue

When the comrades have departed, When the veterans are no more, When the bugle call has sounded, When they've faded from the story, When life's weary march is ended, When the camp-fires slumber long, Who will tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone?

Who will tell about the marching, Who will halt, and wait, and listen, When they hear the reveille, Who will join to swell the chorus of the old Grand Army song, Who will tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone?

Who will talk of Appomattox, And the glory that they won, When defeat was on their banner, Who will tell of the march to sea, What in prison pen they suffered, How they watched and waited long, Who will tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone?

Who will tell about enlisting, Of three hundred thousand more, How they raised the war banner, How they sent it to the fore, How they crushed that horde of wrong, How they fought against the wrong, Who will tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone?

Who will tell of Abraham Lincoln, When he held the wheel of state, Who will rise to act his greatness, Who will tell of the words he said, Who will tell of Grant and Sherman, And that patriotic throng, Who will tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone?

Will our children's children tell it, Will they tell of our brave men, That their grandfathers met in battle, Fought so many years ago, Will the cherishes dear Old Glory, Will they tell of the love they long, Will they tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone?

We must tell the story sisters, Just as long as life is spared, We must never be unmindful, We must hold aloft the banner, We must hold aloft the banner, For its spended laurels won, You must tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone.

Sons and daughters of this nation, Will they tell of our brave men, When on earth our work is ended, And the veteran claims his own, You must cherish dear Old Glory, You must tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone.

By that flag, our country's emblem, You must pledge allegiance new, To its glorious, splendid mission, To its heroes, dead and true, That the nation will be protected, 'Gainst injustice and all wrong, You must tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone.

You must keep each star unblemished, You must tell of our brave men, You must keep the veterans' places, And repeat their roll of fame; You must keep our country's honor, You must tell the world the story, When the Boys in Blue are gone.

New Advertisements. HAY FOR SALE—Price \$18.00 per ton in the barn. H. A. THAYER, Harvard, Mass.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of HERBERT MILLS DICKSON late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas, ERWIN HERBERT LIVERMORE the executor of the will of said deceased has presented for the settlement 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 eleventh day of February, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said executor is ordered to serve the citation on all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said court, or by publishing the same once in each of 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, or 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 twentieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Fitchburg National Bank at Town and in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 13, 1914.

Table with Assets and Liabilities columns. Assets include Loans and Discounts (\$220,170.53), Overdrafts (\$252.46), U. S. Bonds to secure circulation (\$100,000.00), Bonds, Securities, Furniture, and fixtures (\$76,972.88), Due from approved Reserve Agents and Taxes paid (\$1,000.00), Checks and other Cash Items (\$15,789.29), Notes of other National Banks (\$343.00), Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents (\$48.04), Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie (\$8,602.00), Legal-tender notes (\$6,000.00), Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation) (\$5,000.00). Total Assets: \$438,107.02.

Table with Liabilities columns. Capital stock paid in (\$100,000.00), Surplus fund (\$20,000.00), Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid (\$15,152.24), National Bank Note Outstanding (\$100,000.00), Dividends unpaid (\$261.00), Individual deposits subject to check (\$187,693.75), Bills payable, including obligations for money borrowed (\$15,000.00). Total Liabilities: \$438,107.02.

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss. I, Henry A. Hill, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. HENRY A. HILL, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January, 1914. E. Alonzo Blood, Notary Public. Correct—Attest: Clarence Stickney, Chas. B. Stickney, J. W. Eastman, Directors.

The Osteopathic Method of Treatment is now represented in Ayer by DR. WHITAKER an assistant of Dr. Ellis of Harvard. Dr. Whitaker has a temporary office at the home of Howard D. Bowles on Highland Avenue, Monday and Thursday Afternoons two to five o'clock. 13

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of HARRIET W. TAFT late of Ayer in said County, deceased. Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by BENJAMIN TAFT who prays that said testamentary may be issued to him, the executor therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the eleventh day of February, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twentieth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3120 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of THOMAS F. HACKETT, late of Ayer, in said County, deceased.

Whereas, a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, has been presented to said court for probate, by CATHERINE HACKETT, the praying party, and the same has been admitted to probate, and letters of administration with annexed may be issued to her, without requiring a surety on her bond, or of any other suitable person, no executor being named in said will.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the tenth day of February, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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Whereas, JOSEPH A. LORRING administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said court his petition for license to sell at private sale in accordance with the provisions of said petition, and upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of certain parcels of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Henry Lahti to the Fitchburg Co-operative Bank, dated Sept. 21, 1911 and recorded with the Middlesex South District Deeds, book 3636, page 137, and for breach of the conditions therein contained will be sold at public auction on the premises on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, A. D. 1914 at three o'clock in the afternoon

all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage deed, viz:—a certain tract of land with the buildings thereon, situated in the Southern part of said Townsend, and bounded as follows, viz:—

Beginning at the Northeastly corner thereof at a chestnut tree at land formerly of William Pratt; thence West-erly by said Pratt land and crossing the road to a stake and stone; thence Northerly by said road to land formerly of Solomon Green; thence West-erly by said Green land forty (40) rods to a stake and stone; thence Southerly by said Green land to a stake and stone; thence Westerly by said Green land thirty (30) rods to a stake and stone; thence Southerly by land of one Clement to a stake and stone at the end of the wall; thence Southerly by said Clement land to a stake and stone by a barway at said road; thence Easterly crossing said road forty-one (41) rods and eleven and 1/2 (11.5) feet to a stake and stone at land formerly of Robert Jeffs; thence Southerly by said Jeffs land to a corner of his land; thence Easterly by said Jeffs land to the road; thence Northerly by said road and crossing said road by said Pratt land to the place of beginning. Containing forty-nine (49) acres, more or less.

Terms: \$100. down at the time and place of sale and the balance on delivery of the deed within ten days from sale at the Banking rooms of said Bank, Main Street, Fitchburg, Mass. The premises will be sold subject to any liens for taxes or assessments. 3118

FITCHBURG CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Mortgage

By Warren M. Allen, Treasurer. Fitchburg, Mass., Jan. 5, 1914.

Bailey & Bailey, Attorneys for the Bank.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items. Rev. George A. Ralston, of Salem, and Rev. J. H. Cote, of Amesbury, were guests at St. Anthony's parochial school on Tuesday.

A daughter was born to Mrs. Melaine Bulger on Tuesday. Mrs. Bulger is the widow of the late Alex. Bulger.

The St. Jean Baptiste society will install officers for the year 1914 in St. Anthony's parochial school on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. It is earnestly requested that every member be present.

Miss Nan Love, in company with her friend, Miss Alice Frazier, of Lake George, N. B., left town on Thursday morning for a few days' visit with friends in Boston and vicinity.

The Ladies Aid society of the Baptist church will serve a baked bean supper in their vestry on Wednesday evening, January 28, from six until eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pomfret, of Hudson, spent the week-end and over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pomfret.

The King's Daughters met on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Collier.

The Ladies' Circle of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon, January 28, at the home of Mrs. John G. Conant.

Miss Ella F. Tewksbury, of Lexington, was a guest the first of the week of Miss Gertrude L. Conant.

Miss Eliza F. Tewksbury, of Lexington, was a guest the first of the week of Mrs. Fred W. Washburn at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Conant.

All the public schools of the town, with the exception of the high school, were closed on Monday.

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2:30 o'clock Monday morning. The unfortunate man was frozen stiff and apparently had laid in the bushes the greater part of the time after his two brothers had left him.

The Leominster police station was at once notified and also Chief of Police Harrington of Lunenburg, and in the meantime Dr. Thomas E. Lilly, of Shirley, had been summoned and arrived on the scene, but he could do nothing for the man who had been dead for several hours and advised the calling of F. H. Thompson, medical examiner. The latter viewed the body and ordered it turned over to Undertaker Richardson, of Leominster, and it was then conveyed to the rooms of Mr. Richardson in Leominster and later to the home on James street.

The wife of the dead man is prostrated, his death leaving her with five small children to support.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the voters of the Shirley Village water district was held in Engine hall on Monday evening.

Frank H. Wheeler was chosen moderator of the meeting and John E. L. Hazen was re-elected clerk for another year. J. P. Tolman, commissioner, gave the report of the water commissioners which was as usual a volume of statistics, giving every detail of the service and finances of the past year.

It was voted unanimously to accept the report.

The report of the auditor, Frederick W. Holden, was read and accepted. The election of a commissioner for a term of three years was then in order and much to the disappointment of all present J. P. Tolman absolutely declined to be a candidate for reelection.

Mr. Tolman has been a member of the board of water commissioners since the installation of the water works in Shirley eleven years ago and has rendered to the town of Shirley valuable service which has all been given gratis. It is considered a distinct loss to the water district to lose his services which is a source of regret to the townspeople.

Charles H. Wear, Jr., was chosen water commissioner for three years, succeeding Mr. Tolman.

Mr. Tolman's business interests are now utilizing so much of his time that he felt he could not assume the responsibility any longer, and Mr. Wear's engineering experience will make him a good successor and his choice is considered a wise and practical one.

Frederick W. Holden was elected auditor for one year.

The vote relative to taxation was as follows: That a tax of one thousand dollars shall be laid for the year 1914, the same to be payable not later than the 15th day of October and on all taxes remaining unpaid after the first day of January next, a surcharge to be charged at the rate of six percent per annum from the 15th day of October.

The act relative to compensation for injuries to employees of the water district was put to a vote and rejected.

Before the meeting was adjourned a rising vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Tolman for his eleven years' services as commissioner of the water district.

The following is some of the more important and interesting facts taken from the report of the commissioners:

The commissioners reported that during the year notes had been paid amounting to \$1900, leaving amount of outstanding loans \$38,400.

During the year the number of services had increased by six, with a total number of 247 services now connected.

All of these except the watering trough were supplied through meters. Water pumped in 1913, 24,172,800 gallons, an increase of 3.37 percent over the previous year.

Total cost to date, \$56,284.68. Water supplied to the State Industrial school for boys in 1913, 5,764,033 gallons.

Receipts. Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1912 \$792.96 Received on construction accounts: Main pipe - from town to 29.63 Service pipes - for services 57.58

Installed operating accounts: Taxes, account 1912 175.26 Taxes, account 1913 1,032.94 Water rates 1,211.63 Hydro-pneumatic rentals 1,211.63 Repairs of meters 15.14 Management 5.53 \$7,053.39

Payments. Notes payable - Paid notes: No. 1, loan of 1909 500.00 No. 2, loan of 1909 500.00

Paid on construction accounts: Main pipes 36.49 Service pipes 204.81 Tools 47.35 Motors 1.23

Paid on operating accounts: Interest 1,120.50 Taxes (on shop) town 16.32 District 1.92

Taxes assessed and collecting: Account 1912 28.65 Account 1913 1,201.98 Management 1,288.74 Renewals and repairs 65.00

Cash balance Dec. 31, 1913 \$7,053.39

Center. Mrs. Herbert Sweetser and little daughter Elizabeth are visiting relatives in Gloucester this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mc Masters, who had been spending a week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Bradford, left on Friday, sailing from Boston on Saturday for their home in Kingston, N. S.

The Girls' Sewing Guild held a pleasant meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. E. Barnard. The next meeting will be held with Miss Ethel M. Holden on Saturday, January 31.

The meeting last Saturday it was decided to hold what parties every other Saturday evening during the winter. These parties will be held at the home of Mrs. H. F. Grout, the first one being on Saturday evening, January 24.

Small prizes to be given and a small donation will be charged. The proceeds from these parties will go toward the amount pledged by the Sewing Guild to the hospital fund.

Allen Tracy, who has been visiting at the home of his parents at the North, has returned to his home in New York.

Earl Graves returned home last week after a visit of several days with relatives in Boston and Peabody. He was accompanied on the visit by his uncle, George Taylor, of Lunenburg.

Ralph Emerson jammed one of his fingers badly one day last week. He held what parties every other Saturday evening during the winter.

Mrs. Ellen G. Adams returned home this week after spending a week at the home of Mrs. George Taylor, in Lunenburg.

A great part of the pipes of running water and heating system at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow were frozen last week during the extreme cold weather. Several days were required to put the system in working order again. Work was suspended at

the portable mill for two days during the cold weather.

It is reported that Horace Harris, the local R. F. D. carrier, has lately received an appointment as railway mail clerk, the examinations for which were taken some months ago.

Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker of the Universalist church at the village conducted the services at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow last Sunday.

Services will be held every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock during the winter months at the home of Mrs. Grace E. Winslow. These services are denominational and all friends and neighbors are welcome.

The service last Sunday was conducted by Rev. C. A. Knickerbocker. Sunday, January 25, Rev. Robert Leavens, of Fitchburg, is expected to conduct the services.

LITTLETON.

News Items. Rev. John H. Wilson of Wilton, N. H., will be the preacher at the Unitarian church Sunday morning in exchange with Rev. J. M. Hartwell and Mr. Wilson is the son of Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the Unitarian association, and those of this parish who remember the devotional service conducted by him at the conference in Wilton Center last spring will be glad of an opportunity to hear him here.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield is to give an address on James Whitcomb Riley this afternoon before the Milford, N. H. Woman's club, and tomorrow is to preach at Wilton and Milford in exchange with Rev. John H. Wilson.

Born on Wednesday, January 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Leander Fisher, a fourteen-pound son.

Owing to the heavy snowstorm on Tuesday night and bad travelling the next morning there was no school on Wednesday and young America took this snow shower for a school savings bank.

Mrs. Stedman Stuart is wrestling with the gripe and present prospects indicate that she will eventually win out.

Miss Louise Martyn, who has been very ill with bronchitis the last two weeks, is reported better. Much credit is due to her physician, Dr. C. V. Wells, of Westford.

The 1914 celebration committee met with Hon. F. A. Patch on Saturday night and discussed plans for the celebration. The date for the same is generally favored is the last of July or the first of August, and it is proposed to continue the celebration throughout three consecutive days and furnish a variety of entertainment during the celebration.

Rev. H. L. Packard will give a lecture with stereoscopic views on Buddhism, the pessimistic religion Sunday night. Time seven o'clock. Place, Congregational church. Everybody is welcome.

The prayer meeting on Friday evening was held at George W. Canney's, Littleton Center.

William Brown, Henry Murphy, D. G. Houghton, C. V. Plagg, Herbert Prouty, George Newcomb, F. A. Patch and Hartwell & Hosmer have been harvesting ice this week.

E. P. Whitcomb took a party of merry school children on a sleighride last Saturday afternoon.

The G. M. Lovejoy family, of Hartford, Conn., spent the week-end at Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jacobs attended the firemen's ball in Groton on last Friday evening. On Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hartwell and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hartwell, of Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcomb, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Woodbury attended the complimentary ball in Harvard and had the usual good time.

Thomas Stephens has been housed with a heavy gripe cold which necessitated the services of a doctor.

Richard G. Harwood received several prizes at the reception and Boston last week and has some fine specimens in Worcester this week.

Everyone interested in the subject is invited to hear Miss E. E. Tenney's talk on the Fletcher method in music teaching to be given in the Baptist church at Littleton on Saturday evening. She will explain the method, show the apparatus used and play some of the selections composed by Fletcher method pupils.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Kimball and Mrs. F. B. Bartlett were among the guests at the gunnery company's party ball in East Armory given last week Friday night in honor of Gov. Walsh and Lieut.-Gov. Barry by the Ninth regiment, known as the "Fighting Ninth" in the Spanish war. All the need of the regiment was met out of respect to the pope's decree.

Death. Mrs. W. C. Baker and family have the sympathy of Littleton friends and former neighbors in the death of Mrs. Baker's mother, Mrs. Anna A. Hall, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Baker, in Westford on Thursday afternoon, January 23, at 3:30 o'clock, after an illness of five days of bronchial pneumonia. She was taken suddenly ill on Sunday and in spite of all that medical aid and the faithful ministering of her loved ones could do, failed rapidly. On Thursday, as the bereaved children gathered around her bed, she passed quietly away.

The deceased was seventy years and one day old. She leaves to mourn her death four children, Mrs. W. C. Baker and Miss Bessie A. Hall, of Westford; Mrs. Ethel Joslin, of Fitchburg; and Herbert A. Hall, of Peterboro, N. H., besides six grandchildren—George W. Collins, of Montreal, Canada; Ernest L. Collins, of Fitchburg; Mrs. C. W. Smith and Mrs. R. J. Lamb, of Westford; George Courtney, of North Chelmsford, and Harold Baker, of Westford, and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home of Mrs. E. Houghton, and was accompanied to the cemetery by her son-in-law, W. C. Baker.

Home Talent Night. The 1914 spirit asserted itself on Tuesday evening when a hall full of loyal townspeople braved the storm and took seats to hear the last entertainment of this season in the lyceum course. Home talent night always means a crowded house and this proved no exception.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield announced the program which opened with two brilliant numbers by the Choral society under the able leadership of Mr. Carter, of Cambridge.

Rev. H. L. Caukins gave an interesting address on the Indian settlement of Nashobah Plantation, 1654, and later under Apostle John Elliot. The life of the aborigines and particularly their development as "praying Indians" had an influence not lost in this community.

Judge George A. Sanderson, of Ayer, a native of this town, spoke inspiringly of the settlement of the whites, the separation from neighboring towns, the incorporation of Littleton in 1714, when fifteen roofs sheltered the settlers, and pointed out a few of the characteristics of those times and the people are in evidence among the descendants today.

The probable origin of the name relates to the comparatively small area of the town, rather than to Lord Littleton, who was but a lad of sixteen years when the name was first adopted.

Frank B. Priest, who revels in attic laden treasure and possesses innumerable choice pieces of china, furniture, bric-a-brac, etc., came with his arms full from his old curiosity shop. He explained the significance and use of curious objects exhibited, weaving in many an entertaining incident by the way.

Miss Evelyn Woodbury, a high school girl of fifteen, recited the narrative poem on Mary Shepard, of Nashobah hermitage, of her own age, who was captured by the Indians during King Phillips' war and made a marvelous escape.

Rev. O. J. Fairfield, in his paper on the Littleton of today, gave a just picture of the town as we know it, with its diversified scenery, smiling farms, well equipped schools, well attended churches and aspiring people.

Eon, Frank A. Patch, the last speaker, adjusted himself to the time left and named the committee chosen to arrange for an appropriate celebration of Littleton's 200th anniversary. It consists of Hon. F. A. Patch, Rep. H. C. Kimball, J. M. Hartwell, J. M. Hartwell, F. B. Bartlett, H. C. McDonald, E. A. Cox and A. F. Conant. The date has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be the first of August.

Mr. Patch outlined the program which will require about three days.

The Choral society sang at the close of the meeting, reflecting much credit on its conductor, the Rev. O. J. Fairfield. The annual business meeting of the Lyceum reports were given and officers were re-elected. To the executive committee were added two persons, C. A. Hartwell and Mrs. F. C. Hartwell.

Thus closed a most successful year in our grand old organization, the Lyceum, which enters its eighty-fifth year next season.

To Samuel and the Baby. Friend Taylor's enthusiastic defence of the oil trust makes me suspect he must be the owner of a block of Standard Oil stock.

Twenty years ago such whole-hearted support would not have been a place on the legislative council at a good salary. So John D., the acknowledged original brains of the Standard Oil is only getting a fair remuneration for the use of his brains in utilizing "the by-products."

The Standard Oil of New Jersey is the largest of the Standard Oil companies, with a net income of \$229,000,000. The amount paid for the services of the rulers of Europe and the presidents of North and South America, twenty-two countries in all, for the same period was \$362,449,780, hence John D. must have more brains than the whole bunch of potentates.

E. P. Whitcomb, a wonder, has a tank car to carry his brains to Harvard. As a matter of fact it is most probable that the men of brains who made the discoveries worked for modest salaries and J. D. merely raked in the millions.

What a waste of brains! We would not for a moment maintain that brains are not required to make a millionaire, but the quality used by Lincoln, Webster or Sumner in the public service, but a mixture of the same of brain used by John D. and the hog in their struggle for existence.

Now to the railroad question. The astute gentlemen who engineered the roads and sandbagged the government into granting untold millions of acres of the public lands in aid of their construction had first to control a sufficient number of congressmen to carry out their scheme.

If the American people decide to take over the railroads from the gentlemen now in control of the railroads and the government they will have to control a sufficient number of congressmen to carry out their scheme.

They do that they can control the operation of the railroads easily enough. No private enterprise that I know of, with an equal number of employees, is operated with greater efficiency than the railroads.

For twenty or more years the express companies owned enough senators to prevent the passage of a parcel post bill, but it passed at last and everybody seems satisfied but the express people.

As to the St. Paul railroad affair probably the same methods were used as the New Haven pursued in getting our Massachusetts commission to issue the \$300,000 bond. The supreme court has just declared illegal.

If the government owned the railroads that sort of thing would be cut out altogether.

The great fortunes are not made in carrying passengers and mail, but in freight, but by the manipulation of the stock market, which in the case of government ownership would necessarily cease as there would be no stock to gamble with.

Friend Taylor is in error when he assumes that the physical valuation of a railroad has necessarily any relation to the amount of the capital stock. It may be a little more difficult to see now, but the good old government was as easy to issue \$300,000,000 of stock on a railroad costing \$100,000,000 as a less amount. That is the kind of stock we are asked to pay dividends on.

Friend Taylor really means what he says he has given a powerful pen picture of himself. By his own hand he seems to proclaim himself a dollar worshiper who delights to pay his tribute to the various trusts, a laborer on whom a Parry or a Peabody, nothing, a vigorous supporter of things as they are and a thick and thin adherent of class legislation for the benefit of capital only.

For the third consecutive time Friend Taylor has taken pains to organize labor. We would like to tell him just what we think about it, but as we have no grandson to call time and space is limited we refrain.

W. T. E.

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Otis H. Forbush, auctioneer, will sell by public auction twenty-five head of cattle and twenty tons of hay, the property of Dr. C. C. Rich, of Shirley. The sale will be held at the Lincoln Tavern, Southboro, on Saturday morning, January 24, at 10 o'clock.

New Advertisements. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Ayer, at Ayer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, January 13, 1914.

Resources. Loans and Discounts \$458,347.47 Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 92.90 U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 20,000.00 U. S. Bonds to secure Postal Savings 5,000.00 Bonds, Securities, etc. 89,735.00 Due from approved Reserves 62,253.77 Agents 990.00 Notes of other National Banks 990.00 Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents 95.16 Lawful Money Reserve in "Bank Note" 330,650.30 Legal-tender notes 3,000.00 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 percent of circulation) 1,000.00 Due from U. S. Treasurer 1,200.00 Total \$664,394.60

Liabilities. Capital stock paid in \$75,000.00 Surplus fund 50,000.00 Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid National Bank Notes outstanding 19,400.00 Due to other National Banks 921.33 Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers 3,417.24 Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks 37,191.61 Individual deposits subject to check 435,711.06 Deposits on certificates of deposit 2,530.28 Cashier's checks outstanding 441.00 Postal Savings deposits 2,732.73 Total \$664,394.60

State of Massachusetts, County of Middlesex, ss: I, Charles A. Norman, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. CHAS. A. NORMAN, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January, 1914. Warren H. Atwood, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: Thomas L. Hazen, E. W. Fletcher, Oliver K. Pierce, Directors.

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 MARY B. DONOVAN 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 JEREMIAH DONOVAN 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 said Court in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of January A. D. 1914, 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 publish this citation once in each week for three successive weeks, in the 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 sixth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3115 F. M. ESTY, Asst. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law and all other persons interested in the estate of GRANVILLE FAIRBANKS late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas JOSEPH A. LOVERING administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his petition for license to sell at private sale in a summary way the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the whole of three certain parcels of the real estate of said deceased for the payment of debts, and charges of administration, and for other reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-seventh day of January A. D. 1914, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate of said deceased, or by publishing the same once in each week for three successive weeks in the 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 third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen. 3115 W. E. ROBERTS, Register.

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Saturday, January 24, 1914.

GROTON.

News Items.

The track on Shumway field, Lawrence academy, is finished and the boys are now using it.

"Trinkle Belle," the orange-colored Persian cat owned by Robert Leonard, and exhibited at the cat show in Boston last week, was a prize winner. "Blue Boy," his other Persian cat, would also have taken a prize but was taken away too soon.

Millard S. Sawyer's horse dropped dead as usual, driven on Monday morning along Main street near J. H. Sheedy's store. It is supposed that the cause of the animal's death was heart disease.

A son was born one day last week to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray, of Farmers' row.

The Fremonts concert and ball of last week Friday evening was a very successful and nice affair, largely attended. Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro, furnished a grand concert up to nine o'clock, when the hall was cleared for dancing. There were seventy-five couples in the grand march, led by Foreman and Mrs. Arthur Wood. There were many pretty dresses worn and the fremens were in uniform, the whole making a brilliant scene. Many were present from out-of-town. The excellent turkey supper gotten up by the members of the fire company and Mrs. George Badtman was very satisfactory and well patronized.

Mrs. Frank Lawrence Blood is at Groton hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis last Sunday by Dr. Bowers, of Clinton, and Dr. Kilbourn, Dr. Priest, of Ayer, etherizing.

Miss Mary Benedict, of Harvard, was a recent visitor at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Arthur W. Shattuck.

The body of a man was found on Sunday morning on the railroad track between Groton and Pepperell, where he had been run over on a killing at night before. By orders of the selectmen, Undertaker Rockwood took charge of the body, which was placed later in the receiving tomb at Groton cemetery. There was no money found about him or any papers to give a clue. It is reported that the remains have been identified as Thomas Ryan, of Belmont.

The friends of the late Joshua Young, D. D., former pastor of the Unitarian church, will be interested in the announcement of the betrothal of his granddaughter, Hester Emily Young, Wellesley 1912, daughter of Henry G. Young, of Brookline, to R. Charles Thompson, of Winchester, a graduate of Technology 1913. The engagement was announced at a family dinner on Christmas day.

Winthrop L. Sheedy is at the Maryland Casualty Insurance Company's school, Boston, established by the casualty company for college graduates. He likes the work very well.

Mrs. Margaret Whalen, of Station avenue, has bronchial pneumonia and is very low. Her recovery is not expected.

The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Woods was informally observed at their home on Saturday, January 10. They were the recipients of a number of pieces of silver. A beautiful bunch of twenty-five pinks was another remembrance.

W. V. Bixby, of West Groton showed his public spirit and neighborly kindness by bringing over a two-hour load of people to the last two Luther Blood lectures, those previous to that of this week.

Abel Lawrence is very poorly at present.

Miss Edna Keyes is ill with the measles.

Rosamond, the three-year-old daughter of Principal Smith, of the high school, is ill with bronchitis.

Mrs. Donahue, of Court street, is a very sick woman. The outlook for recovery is not good.

A daughter was born on Sunday night, January 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Patterson, of Hollis street.

Mrs. Perry, of Clinton, is staying for two or three weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Wood, and Mrs. Sarah Wood at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Shattuck.

Miss Ella Vickery is visiting her sister in Arlington.

Mrs. I. M. Mansur is ill and under the care of her physician.

A number estimated at 125 enjoyed the very best of suppers given Tuesday night by the Middlesex Rebekah lodge, to which the Groton lodge of Odd Fellows had invited. The supper was served at the parlor of the Congregational church. There was a short business meeting of the Rebekahs at Odd Fellows' hall on Hollis street, and this was followed by an entertainment, of which the program was as follows: Piano solo, Fred A. B. Farwell, songs, Miss Lillian Tuttle and the Woman's club chorus, readings, Miss Margaret Clough. Afterward all that wished enjoyed whist. The entertainment was given in Odd Fellows' hall.

William H. Hunt, U. S. consul at St. Etienne in the southern part of France, sent combined Christmas and new year's greetings to friends here, which reached them a week or so ago. Consul Hunt is a graduate of Lawrence academy, a student here under Prof. A. O. Tower for a number of years.

Mrs. Millard Sawyer has been having a siege with carbuncles and boils on different parts of her face, but is over the worst of it now.

At the meeting of the Groton Historical society last week Thursday evening the same officers as last year were elected, the only exceptions being that of Mrs. Ellen M. Needham who was elected treasurer in place of Miss Lillian Kane, who has been an efficient treasurer, but is much of the time out-of-town. Miss Kane is on the executive committee.

Miss Elizabeth Gibson returned on last Saturday from her visit in St. Louis.

Born on Tuesday, January 20, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Morton A. Souther.

Rev. P. H. Cressey exchanges with Rev. Dudley R. Child, of Pepperell, on Sunday.

Albert P. Warren returned on last week Thursday from his visit to Washington, D. C. He reports a grand time—"the best ever."

Mrs. Beacie Sherwin will lead the Guild meeting on Sunday evening. Subject, "The appreciation of time."

The question to be discussed at the next meeting of Groton grange, Tuesday evening, January 27, will be "Household and home as well as farm and field." It is hoped that every member will contribute something concerning the topic. The committee is composed of Mrs. E. A. Collier, Mrs. Susie Knapp and Mrs. Edith Smith, and they are anxious to make this meeting the best one of 1914. Every member of Groton grange do your best.

A large load of Groton people went over to the West Groton church supper and entertainment on Thursday evening. The Neighborhood club were among those attending.

The paper on "The Monroe Doctrine," read by Mrs. E. F. Nutting at the D. R. meeting last week, was written by her father, the late Rev. Lucius E. Smith, D. D. and read by him before his club at Newton many years ago. It seemed singularly appropriate for this time of so much discussion on the doctrine.

The ladies' room at the Unitarian church was well filled on Thursday afternoon at the Alliance neighborhood gathering. Several were deeply interested in the talk given by Frederick N. Williams, who spoke from personal experience on "Egypt and the Nile." After the close of this interesting "journey" in the city, refreshments of hot chocolate, sandwiches and cake were served with attending sociability, the whole making an enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Harriet L. B. Darling of Brookline will give a lecture in the town hall on Thursday afternoon, January 29, at 2.45 o'clock. She comes under the Household Economics department of the Woman's club. Her subject will be "Short cuts in house work." They are quite an expense to get Mrs. Darling here and a small admission fee will be charged to members of the club and outsiders.

The Bird club will meet in the lower town hall this Saturday evening.

The Boy Scouts and Camp-fire Girls are to give an exhibition at West Groton and Groton. The date has not yet been fixed.

The current events department of the Groton Woman's club meets with Mrs. Frank D. Lewis on January 30.

Mrs. Barron, of Manchester, N. H. is visiting her brother, S. P. McKean and family, of Chicopee row.

All interested in the Boy Scout movement should attend a lecture to be given in the town hall on Saturday evening, January 31, by Harold Feabody, one of the leading scoutmasters of the Boston Boy Scouts.

Mr. Peabody is a nephew of Rev. Endicott Peabody, of Groton School, and of Mrs. John Lawrence. At this meeting the secretary of Boston Boy Scouts will also be present and show a number of slides illustrating Boy Scout life.

Deaths.

Charles Rufus Keenan, twenty-one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Keenan, of 553 Massachusetts avenue, Lexington, died of pneumonia on Friday, January 16, in his rooms at Lehigh college, South Bethlehem, Pa., where he was a prominent member of the sophomore class. Young Mr. Keenan fitted for Lehigh at Lawrence academy, studying here for three years. He graduated from Lawrence in the class of 1912. His funeral was held at Lexington on Wednesday, Principal A. J. Clough and three of the academy boys, Robert Joseph Rowan and Ernest Palmer, the latter acting as pall bearer, attending. Others also attended from this town who knew him when a student here. The students at the academy contributed liberally and sent a handsome set floral piece. The news of his sudden death was startling to all his Groton acquaintances.

Miss Mary Ella Greenwood, daughter of the late William and Catherine Greenwood, passed away on Friday afternoon, January 16, from the effects of a paralytic shock endured about a week previous. Miss Greenwood had not been in sound health for a long time. She had been well kindly treated by those who cared for her and many friends assisted. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the vestry of the Baptist church, of which she had been a member for many years. Her age was sixty-four, the day she died being her birthday. An aunt and nephew and cousins are the nearest relatives. Rev. William Breckenridge officiated at the church services and also at the committal service at Groton cemetery.

To Be Placed on Exhibition.

The silver cup awarded the children and youth of Groton for best work in agriculture by the State Board of agriculture, is soon to be on exhibition at the State fair, and also shown at the schools. Finally it will be placed in the Groton public library rooms. The twenty-five dollars awarded the Chicopee and Moors schools was placed in the hands of the school committee, who have decided to make use of it in broadening the work along these same lines of study. They have engaged Miss Elizabeth S. Hill, supervisor of nature study and school garden work, to give lessons an hour each week for two weeks at the Chicopee and Moors schools. This will set a standard for other schools in Groton and in other towns. These lessons will continue until the time arrives for out-door work.

Served a Luncheon.

The girls in the first class of the cooking school held under the domestic science department of the Groton Woman's club gave a luncheon to the teachers, six in number, last week Friday afternoon. Following is the menu: Tomato soup with croutons, potato salad, cheese fondue, hot cream of tartar biscuits, coffee jelly and whipped cream, tea. The table was laid daintily and in the most approved manner and the serving by the young ladies was of the best. The appetizing luncheon, perfectly prepared, was most heartily enjoyed by all. It was a credit to the teachers and to the pupils who entered into the work of cooking with an earnest enjoyment, bringing in the best of results. The names of the girls who prepared and served this toothsome treat are Misses Gertrude Crowley, Mary Folkins, Hazel Bates, Mary Clark, Muriel Molsom, Miss Eva Blodgett is a member of this class, but was not able to be present.

West Groton.

Webster Harrington attended a social function in Boston on Tuesday evening, remaining until Wednesday as the guest of his abnt, Mrs. Samuel Richards.

Mrs. C. Bixby spent several days last week at Wellesley, going on Friday of last week.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb accepted an invitation for Tuesday and Wednesday from friends in Boston, attending the theatre on Tuesday evening.

A number of West Groton people, including Mrs. E. K. Harrington and her daughter, Mrs. Briggs, attended the theatre in Boston on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. Kimball, the station agent, is to occupy the Kemp house on Main street recently vacated by Mr. Shores. L. C. Roy, after spending several days of a week's vacation out-of-town, entered upon his duties in the Bixby-Webber store on Monday morning. It is understood that he enters the business as third partner.

Mrs. F. L. Blood has safely passed the crisis of her illness and is now well on the road toward recovery. Her nurse, Miss Kitzinger, was able to return after a few days' rest.

Mrs. A. L. Harrington is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Williamson, of Walpole.

Elliott Blood is taking an automobile course at the Y. M. C. A. school in Boston. Richard Lawrence is taking a mechanical course, returning home each night.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge and the Misses Bixby, Lawrence and Harrington attended the Sabbath school convention recently held in Townsend.

The next regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid society will be held with Mrs. L. G. Strand on Thursday afternoon, January 29.

An entertainment will be given in Squannacook hall on Thursday evening, January 29, at eight o'clock, under the management of E. K. Harrington and A. F. Bates, by the Duna-way Concert Company in the artful and artistic creation, "The lady of the seaborne," medley program songs, and character eliminations from the poems and prose of today. After the entertainment dancing.

A Boy Scout lecture will be given in Groton on Saturday evening, December 31, instead of in West Groton as was first intended. The lecturer is Harry Peabody, chief of Boston scoutmasters. The Boston secretaries will also be present and will illustrate his talk by lantern slides, showing the scouts at their work and play. We are glad to announce that Miss Eva Blodgett has promised a future evening for West Groton.

Improvement Society.

Tuesday evening was decidedly unpleasant, but in spite of the weather a goodly number assembled for the monthly meeting of the improvement society. Following the routine business the meeting was in charge of the outlook committee. The chairman, A. F. Cottrell presented an able and very interesting paper on the immediate needs of the village, from the viewpoint of an interested observer.

These needs, as enumerated, were as follows: More light at various points on the highway, fresh coats of paint on many houses, largely those rented to mill operatives, lawns in need of attention, the awakening of public opinion to the need of a high school education for all instead of a few of our children, a belief in assistance given to Polanders in learning the language and customs of their adopted country, repairs greatly needed in the Mill building, a change needed in the method of electing road commissioners, the speaker strongly advocating the one man method, the one man to be experienced in road construction, and lastly, strongly emphasized the need of a better organized company of their training and ability that prospective house builders may be assured of protection.

Mr. Cottrell did not discredit the ability of the present firemen, but claimed his right to know if all other property holders knew if the department is trained to the quick and efficient service which every taxpayer has a right to expect. These various points aroused some comment but very little discussion, the consensus of the opinion being that an outlook committee had observed with unerring vision.

W. V. Bixby gave an interesting talk on the setting out of trees as an investment. The subject of a bird class was discussed, and left in the hands of the executive board, and after a profitable and very enjoyable evening the meeting was adjourned to the third Tuesday in February.

On Exhibition.

The Groton town cup won by the school garden children is soon to start on its rounds and for a time will be a much admired ornament of the Tarbell schoolrooms. After each school is shown it will be placed in the town to remain as a memento of the garden work of Groton pupils, 1913.

The cup offered by Mr. Gardner, of Groton School, to the school obtaining the greatest number of points, was won by the school garden, and will be placed in their room, and will be placed in the school year in 1916, they have held it against all competitors in the town, it becomes permanently the property of this school. They will retain it until the result of the 1914 competitions shall be known.

The prize of twenty-five dollars won by the rural schools of Groton is to be used in placing nature study in those schools—Moors and Chicopee—a new view of extending the work throughout the town. In all work of this kind Tarbell schools have done well and it is hoped that even better work in the future will make them deserving of the best the town can offer them along this line.

Entertainment.

Owing to the concert to be held in Groton on Friday evening the supper and entertainment held by the L. A. society were given on Thursday evening instead of on Friday as advertised. The evening, though cold, was beautifully clear and led to the number of forty-four were welcomed from Groton, many of them being members of the Neighborhood club. At the request of the entertainment committee Mrs. Wiggin and Miss Bixby repeated their readings from Dickens, illustrated by tableaux as given before the Woman's club. There were also violin solos by Matthew Robinson, Mrs. Earl Sleeper accompanied, and a piano solo by Mrs. Wiggin. Those who substituted in the various tableaux were Mrs. Sleeper, Mrs. Cottrell, Miss Lawrence, C. L. Roy, A. W. Lamb, Mrs. E. K. Harrington and little Stanley Robinson as "Tiny Tim."

HARVARD.

News Items.

Thirty-three couples from here attended the annual complimentary ball given by the Clintonians at the town hall, Clinton on Tuesday evening, January 20. A glorious time is reported.

Mrs. J. E. Morse is spending a few days with relatives in Peterboro, N. H.

Miss Hartshorn closes her dancing school with a reception and dance on Thursday evening, January 29.

Miss Harriet Thayer is confined to the house with a light case of diphtheritic sore throat. She is getting along very comfortably.

Harry F. Whitney returned home on Wednesday from his trip to Florida. He went with a party of Boston market men, visiting places of interest en route and reports a very pleasant trip. They visited as far south as St. Augustine.

S. M. Farnsworth, H. F. Whitney and Fred T. Whitney filled their ice-houses this week from the reservoir with twelve inch ice of fine quality.

Geo. E. Bagster is grooving and scraping his ice at Hell pond and expects barring bad weather to fill his house this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Wetherbee received the congratulations of their friends on Thursday, January 22, the event being their forty-sixth wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Forsaith of Watertown were guests last week at Groton Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dickson.

Robert M. Grey of Boston university will conduct the services as usual at the Congregational church on Sunday. The morning worship with preaching is at ten o'clock and is followed at twelve o'clock by the Bible school. The Endeavor society has a missionary program for the evening service in the form of an illustrated lecture, "In the heart of Angola," with popular hymns thrown on the screen as an introductory service. This service at 8 o'clock and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to all interested.

Unitarian Church Notes.

At 10.45 worship with sermon by the pastor, Chas. S. Bodwell. Music under the direction of Herbert A. Thayer. The ladies' chorus will sing. At twelve Sunday school. Copies of the Sunday school paper, The Beacon, are to be distributed each Sunday to all of the children.

The annual meeting of the Worcester conference of Unitarian and other christian societies is to be held in the South Meeting house, Unitarian church of Worcester January 28 and 29. Six delegates have been appointed, but all interested are invited. The Harvard delegates are Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Turner and Mrs. W. F. Dickson.

At the morning service at the Unitarian church last Sunday the pastor introduced to the church the resolution and article now before congress, presented by Congressman Richmond F. Hobson, to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquors for sale in this country of intoxicating liquors. This resolution would give congress the power to provide for the manufacture of such liquors for medicinal purposes, for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the church society here in regard to this resolution with the following results: Voting by ballot—present 61, voting 45. In favor of the resolution 29, undecided 13, no 3.

Complimentary Ball.

The twenty-seventh annual ball given by the complimentary club to their friends on Thursday evening, January 22, was a decidedly a success. Weather conditions could not have been more ideal and ninety couples, representing the clubs from Ayer, Littleton, Lancaster, Clinton, also friends from other towns, availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy one of the best dances of the winter season. Music by the Salem Cadet orchestra gave tone to the party, as only first class music can. The grand march formed at nine o'clock, led by Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. Fairbank, after which came an order for general dancing. Supper was served in the lower hall by the ladies of the Unitarian society and needs no comment. It was certainly up to the standard of excellence.

H. W. C.

The miscellaneous program presented at the meeting of the Harvard Woman's club, January 19, proved both entertaining and instructive. The business session was followed by a parliamentary drill with which the members entered into heartily. Selections on the Victor and the dog le quartet, composed of Mrs. Alice and Lillian Cleaves, the Misses Stone, Reed, Chadwick, Baker and Thayer, furnished a musical treat enjoyed by all. Mrs. Jennie Willard, through the channel of current events, took us around the world and showed us many of the noteworthy and marvelous things being done in this wonderful age of ours.

It was hoped that Rev. H. B. Mason would present the subject of Boy Scouts at the next club meeting, February 2, but on account of his recent illness will be unable to do so and Rev. Charles Bodwell has kindly consented to take his place.

Still River.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will give a supper and entertainment in the vestry next Friday evening.

Last Friday afternoon the ladies of the Benevolent society met at the parsonage. In the evening the men came and supper was served, about fifty covers being laid. After the supper the annual business meeting was held. The old dues were re-elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Mrs. L. H. Morse, pres.; Miss Helen E. Stone, sec. and treas.; L. H. Harrod, collector. It was voted to furnish a free supper at the annual church meeting in March and to pay the rental of the telephone line for the parsonage for the year. After the business was transacted a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Chester Willard completed the filling of his icehouse with ice from Cranberry pond this week.

Mrs. L. H. Morse has been visiting in Newton this week.

AYER.

Congregational Notes.

An excellent program has been arranged for the prayer meeting Friday evening at 7.30. The subject is "Sociability." Come and be sociable with us.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock, choir practice. Morning worship at 11.45. Subject, "Paul's hymn of love," an exposition of I Corinthians, 13.

Sunday school at twelve noon. The young people's class studying social conditions meets in the main auditorium.

Y. P. S. C. E. meets at 5.45 in the evening. Subject, "The perils that threaten our nation." Leader, missionary committee.

Evening worship at 6.30. Subject, "Pitching tents and building altars."

Because a page in a hotel brought him a telegram which did not belong to him, F. C. Waldman, of Sydney, Australia, looked up the man whose name resembled his. He found that it belonged to his brother, who had been given up as dead many years before.

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TOWNSEND.

Center.

An alarm for fire at the house of John Madison was given Tuesday and the firemen and assistants went by auto with extinguishers to the scene. It was not much of a fire, only a few clothes near the stove being damaged.

Will Heselton stepped upon a rusty nail while getting wood from the wood pile in the shed on Monday night and had taken his shoes and went out in his stockings. The injury was quite painful.

Warren Green's dancing school, which has been discontinued lately on account of the concert given by the band and the coopers' ball, will start in again on Friday evening at Memorial hall.

The Coopers' annual concert and ball given at Memorial hall last week Friday evening drew a very large crowd in spite of the fact that there were dancing parties in nearly all the surrounding towns that same evening. 120 dance tickets being sold that admitted a gent and two ladies. It was estimated to be the second largest party since these parties have been held. The concert furnished by picked players from Ashby, Worcester and Fitchburg was an enjoyable high and they gave a variety of selections. The grand march was led by Harry Felch and Mrs. Mark Colby and reached around the hall and there were many couples who did not arrive until later. Dancing was enjoyed until twelve in the morning. A fine oyster and meat supper was served at intermission, about 275 people being served.

Landlord Farrar entertained a large sleighing party of the Fitchburg Gas Company employees and friends at the Park hotel on Wednesday night.

The firemen announce their annual concert and ball to be held on Friday evening, February 13. Music—Salem Cadet Band orchestra.

Hallet Misner, of Sharon, and William Cromble, of New Rochester, N. Y., were guests in town last week. Both formerly roomed here with Harry Winchester at "The Haldene."

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bollivar, of East Ware, were at Ayer last week. The Bollivar children, who have been so ill with pneumonia, are holding their own. Mr. Bollivar being slightly on the gain.

West.

There's an odd little church in Boston called the Morgan Memorial, which believes in practical charity and uses in its work everything that is sent to them, even to the last scrap of discarded clothing, shoes, etc., that is sent them, and is heartily grateful for all such offerings. Bags are provided different societies, organizations and individuals in any community desired and Mrs. Alexander Reed, of this village, has charge of one, and will thankfully receive any donations of clothing, shoes, etc., and will see that they reach their destination as soon as the bag is filled. Just at this season, with the hundreds out of work and suffering in the large cities such help will be of great benefit and those many will respond to this appeal.

A sleighing party from Lunenburg composed of the pupils of the high school and some of their young friends visited this village last week Friday evening and were entertained at the Seminary hall by Miss Ruth Harrington, teacher of the primary school. A most enjoyable evening was passed and Miss Harrington accompanied the party on their return, spending the week-end at her home in Lunenburg.

During the severe cold spell of last week Tuesday and Wednesday a stubborn chimney fire at the home of Mrs. William Robbins broke out twice, causing some anxiety.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Parsons have returned from a visit to Boston and vicinity.

George Lovering, who has been visiting in Loominster, has returned and resumed his work at the cooper shop.

Mrs. Robert Kaddy and her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Hodgman, are visiting relatives in Groton.

Charles Thayer, of Josselynville, has returned from a visit to Ayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hodgman, from Lewiston, Me., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Justin C. Hodgman.

Eight members of the Ladies' Whist club enjoyed a sleighride to Fitchburg on last Saturday afternoon to attend the matinee of the William Grew players. The party was conveyed by Justin C. Hodgman and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed.

The Ladies' Study club will hold their fortnightly meeting on Monday evening at the Reading-room, the topic being "Three English poets," under the charge of Miss Ruth Harrington.

The Ladies' Literary and Social Circle met with Mrs. Charles E. Patch on last week Friday afternoon with five members present. The discussion of current events composed the first part of the program. After a continuation of the reading of "Miss Gibbie Gault," refreshments and a social were enjoyed. The club will be entertained next Friday afternoon by Mrs. Albert H. Wilson at the home of Mrs. Josephine Boynton, her mother. Mrs. Josephine Boynton, the no-school, was on account of the storm for the first time this season.

Rev. F. A. Robinson, from Worcester, who delivered the address at the Sunday school rally on last week Thursday evening, occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church at the mid-week prayer meeting last week Friday evening and was greatly enjoyed by the audience present. He was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Patch.

Miss Emily Orr, who has been assisting Mrs. Allen at the town farm, has returned to her home.

W. A. Boutwell has arranged an ice house back of his residence which he had filled last week, the work being done by Messrs. Farnsworth, Hathaway and Piper, the ice being cut on the river here. Ice is also being drawn from Walker pond to the town farm.

Mr. Hathaway had a narrow escape from losing his team and taking a plunge in the icy waters himself on Tuesday morning at Walker pond, when a number of feet of ice broke and went down, giving away directly under the front runners of his sled which was heavily loaded with ice. At the crack of the ice and the warning cry from the men the horses sprang for the shore and succeeded in dragging the load from the ice just as it went down. Mr. Hathaway, who was at the rear of the team, was submerged in ice water half way to the knees, but considers himself very fortunate in escaping from a serious accident.

Rev. Mr. Peakes was entertained at the home of Miss Nellie M. Tower over Sunday.

Perry W. Sawtelle, Mrs. Fred A. Patch, Mrs. Herman W. Lawrence and Miss Alice Seaver attended the Sunday school convention of the Ayer district at the Center as delegates on last week Thursday afternoon, and in the evening a large load went to the meeting and rally of the Townsend Sunday School Field Day association.

Rev. Mr. Peakes, of Everett, occupied the Baptist pulpit as a candidate on last Sunday, preaching in a manner most acceptable to his audiences both at the morning and evening services. His topic in the morning was "The joy of the gospel" and in the evening "Courageous christianity." Ian Rusk conducted the Y. P. S. C. E. service at six in the evening with twenty-one present.

The infant son of Mrs. William Robbins was quite seriously ill with acute indigestion Wednesday night.

Sumner Lawrence, of Concord, N. H., has been a recent visitor at the home of his mother, Mrs. Fannie Lawrence.

Mrs. Elbridge Hapgood and Mrs. Benjamin March, of Ashby, were called to Revolve last week by the death of their sister.

LUNENBURG.

News Items.

A merry barge load of happy young people took a sleighride over to West Townsend on Friday evening of last week.

The dinner gotten up by the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church last week was well patronized in spite of the forbidding weather. The society netted about ten dollars.

Prizes for speaking in the school aggregating ten dollars have been offered by the High School Alumni—five dollars for the first prize, three for the second, and two dollars for the third. The eight pupils making the highest number of points at the try-out will be considered eligible for the contest which will probably take place some time in February.

Miss Helen M. Jewett conducted a very interesting meeting of the C. E. society on last Sunday evening at the subject "Ambitious Endeavorers." The society voted to adopt the plan for "C. E. week," as proposed by the local union of Christian Endeavor, for the first week in February.

The Dixie Minstrels are to give an entertainment, minstrel show, promenade and dance in the town hall on Friday evening, February 6, for the benefit of the Lunenburg Brass band. It will combine all the features of an old-time minstrel show with twenty or more voices in the chorus, and there will be solos, duets, quartets, both vocal and instrumental. Dancing will follow the program and there will be a special car to Fitchburg at the close.

Miss Fannie Peabody took a trip to Westwood on Tuesday to visit her niece, Mrs. Herbert Lithgow.

The committee for Old Home Week winter festival met on Saturday evening. James L. Harrington was chosen chairman; James A. Litchfield, secretary, and Warren Lewis, treasurer. It was voted to hold the festival on Friday evening, February 20. Miss Ethel Emerson and John Woodruff were authorized to arrange for a play for that evening and Frank E. Lancy subcommittee on music, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Marshall for the sale of ice cream, and Arthur H. Scott will have charge of the advertising.

The W. W. club of the high school met last Wednesday and gave the following interesting program: Essay, "What Lincoln would do with the negro today," John Souler; vocal solos, William Adams; riddle and jokes, Albert Rockwood; freshmen class prophecy, Dwight Magovern; current events, Beatrice Archibald.

The Hattie D. Stone tent, D. of V., held a public installation of officers in the town hall on Tuesday evening which was well attended by veterans and others in town; also a delegation from D. of V., of Townsend.

A party of thirty-five high school pupils and others, including Professor Gray, took a sleighride over to West Townsend on Friday evening, January 16. At West Townsend they were welcomed by Miss Ruth Harrington, one of the Lunenburg young ladies, who is teaching school there. A reception committee also escorted them to the hall where they were served with hot chocolate to accompany the contents of their baskets. On their way home, while descending a long hill, the big sleigh "slewed" sideways and most unceremoniously "dumped" the whole party. As no one was injured the little incident was regarded as a jolly joke. The funny things that happen on a jolly sleighride and all reached home at 2.30 in the morning, tired but happy.

The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Fred L. Francis on Friday afternoon of last week for the annual meeting. Mrs. E. C. Cross presided. The officers for the coming year were elected: Miss Annie Bailey, Mrs. Nettie Barter, Mrs. M. Noon, Mrs. Edwin C. Smith, Mrs. Edward E. Spencer, Mrs. Nellie L. Brown and Mrs. F. C. Cross. Mrs. E. E. Spencer then gave a humorous reading and Mrs. C. E. Woods, and Mrs. Nellie L. Brown a piano duet. The retiring committee then served refreshments. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Edwin C. Smith. The subject will be "German art." Mrs. Fred L. Francis will have charge.

The High School Improvement league held a meeting on Friday afternoon of last week before which Miss Lucy Proctor gave an eight minute lecture upon "Madame Montessori and her teaching methods," and Miss Mary Keith upon "Madame Ida Kailinski."

Grange.

The officers of the grange were the entertainment committee last Wednesday evening and observed "Officers' night" with the following program: Reading, "Experiences of George's wife," Mrs. J. W. Rowland; reading the funeral parable, Edwin S. Marshall; recitation, "Deacon Slocum and the oxen," Secretary Rockwood; songs, "The parting of my childhood," Mrs. J. W. Rowland; reading, "That dog of Murchison's," William A. Warren.

Owing to the length of the program the part to be given by the remaining officers was deferred until this week.

The following committees have been appointed by the master of the grange for 1914: Florence J. Lowe, Ethel E. Emerson, Nellie F. Brown, literary; Fannie C. Grant, Mrs. Cook, recitation; Mrs. Nellie L. Brown and Mrs. F. C. Cross, Mrs. M. D. Pillsbury, George A. Billing, Mrs. Rosa E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hayward and Mrs. Julia E. Stone, visiting.



Economy Hints

A penny saved is a penny earned.— Benjamin Franklin.

How to Use Leftover Meats.

The greatest economy in the home menu comes with the knowledge of making over meat into a dish that is both tasty and nourishing and a dish that does not proclaim too loudly the fact that it is a leftover, says the Modern Priscilla.

However, there are many ways in which the remnants may be clothed and adorned so that the original dish is not recognized.

Chicken, lamb or mutton may be freed from the bone, heated in its own gravy and used as follows: Make a small pan of biscuit dough and when it is baked split it open and pour on the biscuit on top and pour over all the thickened gravy.

Slices of meat of any kind may be heated in a portion of the gravy and canned mushrooms added. Add butter, thicken with flour and serve on toast.

Pork may be cooked until the meat falls to pieces; then remove the bone, add seasoning, a little thyme, boiling water and thicken with cornmeal to make a stiff mush, boiling a half hour. Turn out into a bread mold, and when cold it is sliced and fried. It is known as scrapple.

Beef Loaf.—Use a cupful of cold beef that has been run through a chopper. Mix with a half cupful of breadcrumbs, some grated onion, a little melted butter, one egg and the thick pulp of canned tomatoes. Season well, mold in loaf form and bake in oven until brown. It should be basted occasionally with hot water and melted butter. Tomato sauce may be served with it.

Another form of using cold beef is to chop it fine, add one egg to a cupful of the meat, a little grated onion and breadcrumbs to thicken. Heat all together, cool and form into tiny balls. Dip these in egg and crumbs and fry in smoking hot fat. Drain on paper and serve.

Hash.—There are many forms of hash, and it may be made to taste and look very appetizing.

Cold corn beef perhaps is the most desirable meat to use. To one cupful of the chopped meat add two cupfuls of chopped raw potatoes. Cold boiled potatoes may be used, but they do not give the same taste that the raw ones do. Cover with cold water and cook until the potatoes are tender. Season well and thicken with cracker dust, adding a lump of butter. Cover and allow to set until a crust forms on the bottom of the mixture and then fold like an omelet. It may be garnished with parsley and rings of pepper. If it does not brown readily it may be shifted to another frying pan with hot butter, and it will brown quickly.

ENTERTAINING FAD.

How to Give a Unique and Popular Card Party.

Any game of cards may be played that the hostess prefers or that is popular in the town. Request the guests to dress in costumes representing either the face or suit cards. For instance, have two five of diamonds—one a lady and one a man—so that when all have arrived partners may be chosen for the first game. The prizes may be a handsome deck of cards in a case, a book on card games, ferns growing in a pretty jar, a bit of brass or a piece of pottery.

The score cards may be cut out of cardboard in the shape of diamonds, hearts, clubs and spades. The markers may be of these same figures, cut out of thin colored paper and gummed a few days before they are used, so they will be dry.

Serve hot bouillon in cups, patties of chicken and sweetbreads, salad, orange sherbet, small cakes, coffee, nuts, bonbons. If ice cream is preferred use the brick cut in thin slices, ornament with tiny hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades cut from citron and candied cherries.

How to Keep Baby Covered.

An old side garter solves the problem of kicked off bedclothes without the torn sheets that safety pins always perpetrate. To each side of the crib, around one of the side bars or sewed to the mattress by the elastic, fasten one of the clasps which held the stockings. These should be placed so that they come just to the fold of the bed clothes on each side. After the baby is laid in fasten the clasps to the sheet and one blanket on each side as if they were stockings.

How to Make Photographers' Paste.

This formula for making photographer's paste will be found very satisfactory:

One cupful flour, one dessertspoonful alum, half a cupful water. Mix this to a smooth paste, add two and a half cupfuls more water and let come to a boil. After it is boiled heat in 5 cents' worth of formaldehyde and a few drops of oil of cinnamon.

How to Make Perspiration Powder.

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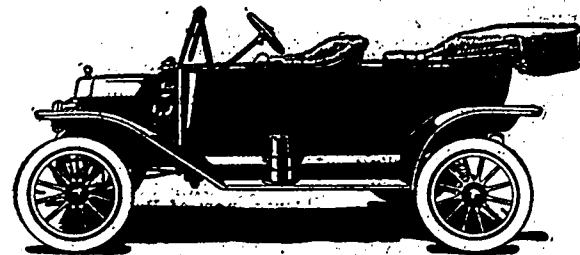
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HOLLIS, N. H.

About Town.
Miss Hattie B. Hayden was ill the past week with an attack of tonsillitis.

The Woman's club did not meet on Wednesday afternoon on account of the storm, but will meet next Wednesday at the home of Miss M. Arvilla Hardy.

George E. Muzzezy spent a few days in Watertown and vicinity last week.

Miss Florence Muzzezy spent a few days at home for a few days while her mother makes a short visit with relatives in Watertown and vicinity.
A fox strayed into the carriage-house at the home of George A. Hale on last Saturday. It was a fair-sized red fox which had in some unknown way broken its leg. The animal was killed and sold to Fred Pierce.

Mrs. Nathan Willoby, who resides at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy, was on the sick list last week.

The snow storm of Tuesday and Wednesday, which was the heaviest of the season, caused the snow rollers to be used for the first time in the last few years.

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting was led by Miss Hazel Marshall. The topic was "Ambitious endeavors." On Wednesday evening, January 22, the meeting will be led by Miss Ethel Goodwin. Topic: "The perils that threaten our nation."

Miss Grace Hardy of Keene, N. H., was at home on Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Hardy.
George W. Kelley of Pine Hill, who recently underwent a very serious operation for varicose veins, is reported as steadily improving.

The initiatory was given to several candidates Wednesday evening at the lodge rooms of Aurora lodge, I. O. O. F.

Those who attended the installation of Brookline grange last week Friday evening from Hollis were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith, Mrs. Mabel Hinckley and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilshire. Mr. Wilshire also gave a recitation.

Frederick Cook, a pupil in Miss Lucinda Read's room, had the misfortune of breaking his collar bone on Monday while sliding with some of his schoolmates. He went to Dr. Hazard's office where the bone was set, and his mother, who is employed at the home of Frank Twiss was telephoned to and she came and took him home. The break was reported as a bad one but the patient was bravely enduring it.

Mrs. William Pierce received word of the serious illness of her mother in Concord the past week.

A chimney fire occurred at the home of Daniel W. Hayden last week Thursday evening, but with no serious results.

Arthur Patch has completed his work at C. J. Bell's and is chopping at present.

Mrs. Nellie H. P. Hale received and accepted the invitation to install the officers of C. W. Lull W. R. C. in Millford on Friday evening, January 23. Mrs. Hale has had the honor of installing officers in this same corps several times in recent years.

Mrs. George W. Hardy was in Boston on Monday.

Richard Hardy returned home on last week Thursday from Littleton, where he had been testing milk for a few weeks and left on the next day for Concook, where he is to perform the same duties.

A seven-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Hayden on Saturday morning, January 17, and was named Robert Newton.

The high school basketball team will play the Antrim high school in Hollis on Friday evening, January 30. This should prove a very interesting game, as the Antrim team has a very fast record.

Programs are out for the big minstrel show which is to be given on Saturday evening, January 24, by the young men of Hollis for the benefit of the church improvement fund.

The game with the Hampstead high school team in the town hall last week Friday evening, which was won by Hollis 14 to 14, proves beyond a question when given fair treatment by the umpire they are a match for the best of them. It was a hard-fought game from beginning to end, but Hampstead was out-classed at every point. The features of the game were the fast playing of Reed, who is without doubt one of the fastest boys in the game, and also the playing of Brown, a substitute, who played in Spalding's place. He got two goals from the floor, despite the fact that his opponent was a fast man and much heavier. The many admirers of Willis Spalding were disappointed when they found he was out of the game with a bad cold.

Mrs. Christie (Caldwell) Hayden passed away at her late home on Monday evening, January 19, at 10.30 o'clock. On Saturday morning she gave birth to a son and on Sunday evening she was operated upon for appendicitis, from which she now rallied. The attending physicians were Drs. Smith, Kittredge and Wallace, of Nashua, and Dr. Hazard, of Hollis. Her husband and family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the home.

Installation.
Last week Thursday evening the officers of John H. Worcester W. R. C. and Charles E. Farley camp, S. of V. met in Grange hall and held a joint installation. The officers of the W. R. C. were installed first and the installing officer was Mrs. Nellie H. P. Hale, assisted by Miss Kate Hurd. The officers installed were:
Miss Hattie B. Hayden, pres.; Mrs. Bessie W. McEnnis, s. v. p. (absent); Mrs. Angeline Muzzezy, J. v. p.; Mrs. Harriet A. Hazard, treas.; Emma Greenleaf, chap.; Mrs. Addie Hale, sec.; Mrs. Millie Richards, pat. inst.; Mrs. Mary G. MacMaster, press. cor.; Mrs. Florence C. L. Ladd, music; Miss Mabel L. Hinckley, con.; Mrs. Clara M. Smith, asst. con.; Mrs. Ellen Wetmore, guard; Mrs. Sarah E. Messer, asst. g.; Mrs. Joseph P. Lund, Mrs. Nellie H. P. Hale, Mrs. Edna Lund, Miss Kate Hurd, color bearers.

Mrs. Hale performed her duties as installing officer in a very fine manner and then the S. of V. proceeded to install. The work was conducted by Messrs. Manning and Robertson of Millford. Those installed were:
Henry A. Wilson, com.; Lester J. Hayden, s. v. c. (absent); William W. Worcester, J. v. c.; William E. Lund, sec. and treas.; M. L. Richards, Harold E. Hardy and Irvin Messer, camp coun.; Raymond Lund, guide; Fred Muzzezy, g.; Jacob Reed, o. g.; Leslie B. Locke, pat. inst.; Walter Converse, color bearer; Walter Hayden, chap.

A beautiful supper was served under the supervision of Mrs. Angeline Muzzezy, Mrs. Millie Richards, Mrs. Edna Lund, Mrs. Mary MacMaster of the W. R. C. and M. L. Richards, W. S. E. Lund and Irvin Messer of the S. of V.

News Items.

Robert Leslie recently purchased a pair of black horses to use on his team for logging. He has recovered his health.

The young ladies who met at the parsonage last week and made plans for Camp Delta met again Saturday to complete the plans.

William Pierce suffered another sick attack Monday. He was very sick for awhile.

Mrs. Lester J. Hayden who passed away on Monday came to Hollis a little more than two years ago and has won the great respect of the people. She identified herself with the church at once and has ever been ready to do whatever she could for its advancement. She also belonged to the grange and W. R. C. Mrs. Hayden was a quiet, unassuming woman but ever ready to do her share. She is survived by her husband and son, likewise her mother and sister, also two half sisters. She was buried in the North cemetery Thursday.

Henry Blood lost a horse last week. It fell through the scuttle by kicking while eating. It was quite a valuable horse.

There was a promotion of the senior Sunday school class in the primary department last Sunday. They gave exercises in their class, singing and it was quite interesting. Mr. French gave each their diploma. Mr. Lovejoy, the superintendent, received the class for upstairs and made an address to them. It was quite an enjoyable occasion and many were present. Miss Hancock spoke to the class. It is hoped that Mrs. French will take the class.

New prints, percales and gingham. Stamped goods at 20% discount from January 24 to 31, at Needlecraft shop.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

The cold snap of last week caused work to be at a standstill. They were obliged to shut down at the icehouse and the lumber here are obliged to quit work for a time. The weather was terrible for man or beast to be out.

Recently a man from Cambridge, Mass., went to the icehouse to work. He was sent out on the lake to work and after the wind landed on him in the water. The man was rescued and was soon in a warm place and with a change to dry clothes seemed none the worse for his ducking.

Chief Willoby and his assistants fought a hard chimney fire at the home of Ralph Greeley one night last week. The timely discovery of the blaze prevented what might have been a bad fire.

The attendance at the "experience" social of the Loyal Workers on last week Tuesday evening was not very large owing to the cold snap which arrived that morning. However, about thirty-two braved the cold and passed an enjoyable evening. There were quite a number who were unable to attend that had quite an experience to relate in regard to earning their dollar. An enjoyable program of readings and music was rendered.

Miss Matilla Betterley enjoyed her sixteenth birthday anniversary last week.

Mrs. Sarah Colburn is visiting her only grandchild, Miss Helen Dobson, at Townsend, and on January 14 she passed her eighty-sixth birthday anniversary. Miss Dobson planned a little reception and in the afternoon the Townsend friends called to offer congratulations. Many cards were received; also, gifts as reminders of the day. Dainty refreshments were served by Miss Dobson. Mrs. Colburn is enjoying her good health and many returns of the day.

There were many visitors at the icehouse last Sunday watching the men harvesting the ice.

Grange.

It was expected that Allen Andrews of Hudson would install the newly-elected officers of Brookline grange on last week Wednesday evening, but in the afternoon of that day word was received by telephone that it would be impossible for him to be present. Mr. Andrews is the present master of the grange, was invited to do the work and with Mrs. Minnie Maxwell and Miss Blanche Hall to assist the work was finely done. The following were installed: Edward R. Pierce, m. m.; Mabel Perkins, o. g.; Alice Kendall, chap.; Myra Stanley, Pomona; Lila Barnaby, Flora; Lucy Marshall, Ceres; Hattie F. Pierce, sec.; Clarence Russell, treas.; Catharine F. Perry, lec.; Charles Fagan, stew.; Forace Hall, asst. stew.; May Pierce, l. a. s.; Matthew Burke, g. k.

After the installation an interesting program was given, including vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations. Thirty visitors from Hollis and Peppereil were present. A lunch of fruit, cake, pies and sandwiches, with hot coffee, was served in the hall by Mrs. Della Hall and her assistants. It was intended to serve supper in the usual way, but the weather was so severe the room could not be made comfortable. Two new names were proposed for membership at this meeting.

We have just received information that the Herkle Seed Company of Rochester, N. Y., wants lady or gentleman representatives in this town to sell all kinds of roses, shrubs, trees and seeds. They inform us that without previous experience it is possible to earn good wages every day. If you are out of employment write them for terms and enclose this notice.

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The newspaper which makes a record of its activities is never the same for it—but the reason is never the one that is given to the advertiser.

The Finding of Omar.

It was the late Mr. Bernard Quitch's father who published FitzGerald's "Omar," and, finding that the thing didn't sell, he relegated it to the penny box. Its subsequent success was due to a fortunate accident. Two friends of Rossetti came across the poem and thought it worth reading. Rossetti read it and recommended it to Swinburne. What followed Swinburne has himself told. "Having read it," he writes, "Rossetti and I invested upward of sixpence apiece—or possibly threepence; I would not wish to exaggerate our extravagance—in copies at that not exorbitant price. Next day we thought we might get some more for presents among our friends, but the man at the stall asked twopence! Rossetti expostulated with him in terms of such humorously indignant remonstrance as none but he could ever have commanded. We took a few and left him. In a week or two, if I am not much mistaken, the remaining copies were sold at a guinea. I have since * * * seen copies offered for still more absurd prices. I kept my pennyworth (the tidiest of the lot) and have it still."—London Chronicle.

Twelfth Century Football.

In the twelfth century football in England was a game for the streets. The chronicler of that period tells how after dinner the city youths "addressed themselves to football," and how the scholars of each school and the apprentices of particular trades would each have their peculiar ball. There were spectators, too, in those days—enthusiastic spectators. Fathers would come to watch their sons and "become as youthful as the youngest, their natural heat seeming to be revived at the sight of so much ability."

In later years one recalls a famous ball game played in Hyde park. In 1654, then, "there was a burling of a great ball by fifty Cornish gentlemen on one side and fifty on the other. One party played in red caps, the other in white." And—here the historical value of the contest—Cromwell was a spectator and applauded the "great agility of body" displayed.

Aldine Editions.

The introduction of the sloping Roman letters which are known to everybody as Italics was made by Aldus Manutius of Venice in the latter part of the fifteenth century. He was the most famous printer of Italy and perhaps of the world. The books he printed, known as Aldine editions, are much sought after by collectors. His first volume in the new type was a Vergil published in 1501 at the price of about 2 shillings of our money. Aldus, in fact, was the pioneer of cheap literature.

The Aldine mark is a dolphin twined about an anchor with the name "Aldus." If any reader, says Mr. J. A. Hill in the Imprint, finds a cartload of old books with this mark in his attic or lumber room, he is duly advised not to use them for lighting the fire. They would probably buy him a good annuity for the solace of his declining years.

How Koreans Advertise.

Although the Korean has stubbornly refused to adopt western ideas, he has always recognized the value of advertisement. When a Korean opens a new shop or has any particular wares he is anxious to dispose of or when a nobleman desires to convey a certain piece of intelligence to the people he seeks the services of the sandwich men. In the Hermit Kingdom, however, these men do not carry boards upon which the desired information is made known to all and sundry, but resort to the medium of picturesque flags, upon which the announcement is inscribed. Anything from one to a dozen flags may be requisitioned, and these are carried through the streets by boys and men, forming a picturesque moving advertisement.—Wide World Magazine.

Not His Fault.

One of the women belonging to the Mothers' club at the settlement house came to excuse herself from the meeting with her face swollen and highly discolored. She was hiding it with a shawl, and she explained earnestly: "He wouldn't have done it for anything, not for a hundred dollars. But he wasn't himself, and I said something that crossed him. Then he done it, but he's sorry. I black awful easy, anyway."—Everybody's.

Sunstroke.

Sunstroke is caused by invisible violet rays from the sun and hot by heat. The temperature to which stokers on Atlantic liners are exposed is far higher than the heat from the sun in the most tropical countries, yet the men are not affected in the same manner.

Woman's Two Ages.

Joan—Shakespeare told us all about the seven ages of man, but he didn't say anything about the two ages of woman. Joan—And what are the two ages of woman? Joan—The age she says she is and the age she really is.—Philadelphia Record.

Husband and Wife.

Husband means house bound; wife, weaving one; son is the cleaner; daughter is the milker; spinster is the unmarried sister of husband or wife, who is the spinner.

Scotland's Grouse Moors.

There are some 3,000 grouse moors in Scotland alone that are regularly let by their owners at an annual rental of about £1,000,000.

Always to think the worst. I have ever found to be the mark of a mean spirit and a base soul.—Bolingbroke.

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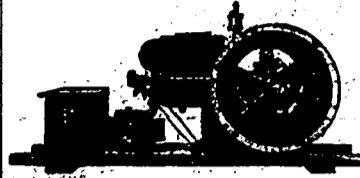
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PEPPERELL.

About Town.

Mrs. Ida Wheeler with her daughter Mabel visited her mother, Mrs. Florence Robbins at J. J. Willoughby's last week on Friday and Saturday, returning to their home at Smithville, N. H., Saturday night.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. William Holman, on Cottage street have all been afflicted with the prevailing cold and distemper and the youngest child has been critically ill with pneumonia.

There was omitted from the list of names of those who attended the Holman's grange meeting on Thursday, January 15, the names of Mrs. L. M. Greene, Mrs. Lucia Perry, Mrs. Geo. Stewart, Miss Muriel Robinson, Mrs. and Mrs. Percy J. Benedict and Richard Savage.

Mrs. Nellie Gutterson has closed her house on High street and is living with Mrs. S. J. Richardson, who is in rather poor health and not able to attend to the care of her house this winter.

The Champion International Card company are using as a storeroom for paper the lower part of the grain store recently leased to Mr. Rowell by E. E. Tarbell.

A. H. Harris was awarded third prize on White Plymouth Rock cock at the Boston poultry show last week.

About twenty-five of the employees at the Champion International Card shop chartered Driver Lorden with this span of blacks to take them to Nashua for a sleighride on Monday evening. An auto party also went and several smaller parties in single sleighs. The objective point of all was the Colonial theatre, where the play, "Bought and paid for," is being staged. All expressed themselves well repaid.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Wetherbee of Groton are soon to move to town, occupying the bungalow in the west part of the town owned by Prof. Williams, Mrs. Wetherbee's brother. It is understood that Mr. Wetherbee has sold his business in Groton.

Rev. Mr. Donald preached a very stirring sermon at the Congregational church last Sunday morning.

S. M. Nokes will begin operations on the new houses next week in good earnest. This is the fall of Tuesday night will add something to his preliminary work.

Henry Messer has finished working for John Sartelle at his mill at Merrimack, N. H., and is at home at present.

A son, the sixth child, was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. Willard Smith, in North Groton on Monday January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Nash contemplate leaving town this week and will close their house on Park street temporarily at least. Mr. Nash has received an offer from the Forbes Lithographing company at Chelsea to take his former position in their works and as his health is improving, he contemplates leaving the work there, he now hopes to be able to resume it for awhile. He will still keep his place on Park street in which he has become much interested and is looking forward to obtaining the same when he hopes yet to carry out there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nash will be much missed in town, particularly in the musical line.

David Kleinberg and his son Louis are doing a good fish business in the market formerly occupied by Mr. Drumme who purchased the business not long ago of J. H. Haley, but has not been able to make it a success.

The Kennedy house on Hollis street is now closed for the winter. Mr. Kennedy and family returned to New York this week and Richard Savage, who has been occupying a room there, has accepted a position at Walpole, N. H., and goes there this week.

Mrs. Pick, the dressmaker, returned to her rooms on Townsend street on last Saturday from a visit in Vermont and at Needham.

Mrs. Catherine Pierce started for Northampton, on Thursday morning, where she will make an extensive visit at the home of her nephew, Gerry Lawrence. She was joined at Fitchburg by her niece, Mrs. Gertrude Allen. Mrs. Pierce intends visiting Mrs. Thomas Reaveley, of Holyoke, and others in that vicinity.

Mrs. M. H. Johnson, since her return to Littleton, has had her summer residence on Oak hill, has been seriously ill. A physician and trained nurse have been in attendance and the latest reports are that she is convalescent.

The signal for no school in the lower grades was sounded Wednesday morning for the first time this winter. The weather was clear by noon, but the little ones would have had hard work to reach school in the morning, as several inches of snow had fallen and the paths were not all clear.

Mrs. C. I. Margeison recently received intelligence that her nephew, Capt. James Gould is at present in a paralyzed condition. He was captain of a port in Spain to the Trinidads, which with some others were reported lost about Christmas time. He was rescued and brought to this country.

Several of the members of the Ladies' society of the Unitarian Alliance in this town attended an Alliance meeting held at Groton on Thursday afternoon of this week.

The annual church meeting of the Congregational society and roll call supper will be held at the church on Thursday evening, January 29, at 6:30 o'clock. All who are interested in the church work, whether members of the church or not, are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Daisy Woods, of Hollis, N. H., has been engaged as teacher at the Oak hill school temporarily.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall closed their home on Pleasant street and went to Fitchburg on Tuesday. They will spend the winter there at the home of their daughter, Mrs.

Angus Cuthbertson, as Mrs. Marshall is falling in health.

Mrs. Fay Wilson has been taken to her home on Elm street, from an attack of pleurisy.

Mrs. Harry Hall, of Nashua, N. H., spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Sydney Smith, on Oak hill.

One of the popular invitations to the Jancos, will be held at Oak hill on Monday evening, February 2. Robbins' orchestra will furnish music as usual.

Warren Blood is still at Ebenezer with his son Milton, whose condition warrants a slight amount of improvement, as his physicians say he is holding his own, for the present, which is almost surprising considering his long illness.

Mrs. George Mahony returned to her home at Middleboro on Tuesday, leaving her brother, Thomas Murray, out slightly better.

Grayson Hardy and wife, from Boston, have been spending a few days at the home of his parents on River street.

Mrs. M. M. Richards, Mrs. F. B. Simmons and Miss Ada Whitney, attended the Pomona grange meeting at Fitchburg on Thursday.

At the recent meeting of the L. S. C. of the Congregational society the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Mrs. Fred Bancroft, pres.; Miss Ellen Miller, Mrs. Charles Miller, vice pres.; Mrs. R. H. Blood, sec.; Mrs. L. R. Qua, Treas.; Mrs. George H. Shattuck, Mrs. P. Hayes, Mrs. W. F. Denney, Mrs. E. L. Tarbell, Mrs. William L. Jewett, Mrs. A. A. Pelton, Mrs. Abbie Woodward, Mrs. J. C. Boynton, Mrs. J. A. Saunders, directresses; Mrs. George H. Shattuck, Miss Ellen Miller, auditors; Mrs. G. F. Harmon, Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. Gustav, representatives of the committee of distribution of the sum put aside for charity.

Accident.

Henry Letender received quite an injury by being thrown from his team Tuesday. He has been engaged in drawing the logs from the lot he is cutting off on the back part of the Jewett farm recently purchased by Mrs. S. J. Boynton. In company with another teamster, Andrew Ellsby, he was making one of the last trips that afternoon to the field where he is stacking the logs just below the cemetery on Head street. His forward sled was a little rougher on stone and Mr. Letender was thrown violently forward. The runner of the sled in passing struck his shoulder, stripping all his clothing to the flesh on that arm. He was also badly bruised so he kept rather quiet the next day, but is now about his work again, as no bones were broken. Mr. Letender intends putting up a portable mill when he has the logs drawn from the woodlot.

Accidental Death.

The body of an unknown man was found beside the railroad track between here and Groton on Sunday morning. The body was discovered by the brakeman on the 7:30 train and measures were taken to bring the body to this station on the return train at 8:20. The face and head were so badly mutilated as to make identification impossible, and there was nothing about the pockets of his clothing to identify him. A cap which was found near the body and a green sweater, still worn, were recognized by the American Express driver and some others as belonging to a man who had been seen about town on Saturday afternoon. From some of them he had asked the loan of his carfare to Ayer and some of the employees on the railroad think he was probably a man named Iyan who made his headquarters at Ayer and worked occasionally at odd jobs about the yard.

Officer Monteth was notified and proceeded to the scene of the accident to obtain measurements for use at the inquest. It was found that the body was a mile over the Groton line and the authorities of that town were notified.

After the inquest held by Coroner Buckley of Ayer the body was taken in charge by the Groton undertaker and measures are being taken to notify a sister, who, it is thought, works in Brookline.

Witnessed the man, who it is said was drinking freely in the afternoon, failing to get money for carfare, started to walk to Ayer, or jumped one of the late freights, will never be known. The accident evidently happened some time in the early part of the night, which was quite a cold one, judging by the condition of the body when found.

Old Files Discovered.

There recently came into the possession of the correspondent of this column a file of the old Pepperell Advertiser of the date of 1904. It was edited at that time by Frank T. Marston and contained beside the town news, which averaged about two columns, a column or so of news from Brookline, and the remainder of its thirty-two columns was devoted to advertising, associated press news and a short story or two. It retailed at three cents a copy.

Today the reader of the Advertiser, or in its present consolidated form, The Union Advertiser, for the sum of four cents a copy gets an average of twenty-eight columns of live news from correspondents in fourteen adjacent towns, beside much valuable reading in the twenty other columns.

This file also contains several papers of the date of October 15, in which is an account of the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Pepperell Farmers' and Mechanics' club.

The history of the club is also given, dating back to its organization in 1854 with a list of its twenty-three presidents from the first one, Samuel A. Jewett.

It would seem that these extra copies would be appreciated by some who are still interested in this organization.

Sad Case.

Mrs. William Piper was taken to the Cambridge Tuberculosis hospital on Monday by auto ambulance by advice of her physician and the town board of health. She has been ill and weak for some time, but for the past three months with this dread disease which lately has been making rapid progress. She has been kindly ministered to by the district nurse, several made her comfortable once and some times twice a day. The Village Aid society have contributed articles for her comfort and clothing for her three children. The Woman's club, also, have drawn from their tuberculosis fund to purchase warm, comfortable clothing, but it was so difficult to obtain an efficient caretaker and the elderly woman who was hired to remove her to this hospital, although it was much against her will to be separated from her children.

The freshman class expect to give their parents an afternoon's entertainment next Wednesday.

Almost time for report cards again. Glad to see some pupils using the town library to assist in school work. More of it could be done. When a new line of thought is opened up, follow it.

Mrs. Hunt spent the week-end with former Principal Bryant and wife.

The seniors are getting some good stuff in argumentation under Haywood.

Get out your snowshoes! Follow Ruth Ames for a mile and see if you can catch her.

Pass in your subscriptions for the high school paper. We are waiting for enough subscriptions to warrant expenses.

Seek Divorce. The following is taken from the Boston Post of Friday, January 23: Friends for twenty years, man and wife for three months, trial separation for two years and now a suit for divorce, is the love-history disclosed in the divorce papers of Alden Leon Lawrence against Mrs. Louise Hunt-Lawrence, both of Pepperell. The suit being filed yesterday in East Cambridge, the charges is desertion.

Mr. Lawrence, who is an instructor in the shoe department of the Concord reformatory, stated last night that he had never had an unpleasant word with his wife in the three months they lived together in Concord. "I believe that her family influenced her to leave me. I can see no other reason. She left our Concord home without a word of why or wherefore. When I returned home at night she was gone. Believe me, it was a shock. I loved her or we would not have been married. I wrote asking explanations. She replied, but gave no satisfactory reasons."

Mrs. Lawrence, who is assisting her family in their millinery business in Pepperell, said last evening: "Of course, I felt justified in returning to my family, but I will not go into details. I place no blame in any direction. I shall not contest the divorce."

They were married at Pepperell August 8, 1910. The date of her desertion is fixed by her husband as December 16, of the same year. Mrs. Lawrence declares she will remain at millinery work with her relatives. She is thirty-eight years of age. Mr. Lawrence is slightly older.

Methodist Church Notes. "The weapons of our warfare" will be the subject at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The evening service will be attended at 7:30 p. m. The men of the Methodist church will hold their annual chicken supper on Friday evening, February 27.

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Seek Divorce. The following is taken from the Boston Post of Friday, January 23: Friends for twenty years, man and wife for three months, trial separation for two years and now a suit for divorce, is the love-history disclosed in the divorce papers of Alden Leon Lawrence against Mrs. Louise Hunt-Lawrence, both of Pepperell.

The suit being filed yesterday in East Cambridge, the charges is desertion. Mr. Lawrence, who is an instructor in the shoe department of the Concord reformatory, stated last night that he had never had an unpleasant word with his wife in the three months they lived together in Concord.

"I believe that her family influenced her to leave me. I can see no other reason. She left our Concord home without a word of why or wherefore. When I returned home at night she was gone. Believe me, it was a shock. I loved her or we would not have been married. I wrote asking explanations. She replied, but gave no satisfactory reasons."

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Points for Mothers

Your Boy's Room. If you have two rooms to turn over to the boys I think they will prefer a den and a bedroom, the latter furnished with twin beds, two dressers or high shaving stands and one big chiffonier, said an interior decorator recently. The den should contain a broad couch without back, a large table with the shelving beneath partitioned off for reading matter, two large easy chairs—boys like morris chairs better than rockers—a bookcase, preferably the sectional style, a splendid reading lamp and if possible an open fireplace.

As to color schemes, on the north walls use either a golden yellow and rich yellow brown combination—the yellow in the bedroom, brown in the living room—or a red combination. Brown makes a splendid background for college trophies, pennants, banners, etc., and sporting prints, while yellow for the bedroom gives a good reflection for shaving, dressing, etc.

If you use red select a warm geranium pink for the bedroom and for the den a rich, deep red, which will be simply a deepening of the geranium pink, or dry pinkish terra cotta for the bedroom and a very deep, warm terra cotta for the den. And always have a plain cartridge paper when you can get it in the right shades or a fine satin stripe paper which is in a soft two tone effect.

If you use a border select for either the brown or terra cotta wall covering of the den a hunting or riding or skating design.

For rugs use as many skins as you can muster up the imitation rag carpet rugs, which clean and shake splendidly. Have plain Marseilles or honeycomb counterpanes and no shams. For bureau scarfs have plain hemmed strips of linen. Boys like lace turbans and ribbon bows.

I hear some mother of slender purse say that this is all right for the woman who can furnish a suit, but when you have only an attic room for the liddle—what then?

And again I say consult the boy. You'll be surprised at his resourcefulness. Here is what a mother and her boy living in a small town have done: She told the liddle of fifteen just how much money she could spend in his room when they moved into the new house. The attic was not plastered, and the boy bought plain tan colored building paper to cover ceiling and wall and make the room warmer.

This made a stunning background for his squirrel skins, high school banners, fishing outfit and all other boyish treasures that would hang.

He built a cozy corner of old boxes and burlap bags which his mother helped him to rip and dye a warm red. He painted his own floor, and he and his mother braided rugs at night. The girls gave him pillows for his cozy corner, and after he had repaired and painted a huge porch chair they made more pillows for that.

That room is beloved by every boy on the liddle's list of friends, and the little baby was in a box with them in a basket with the cat, but I had to change before I left Worcester. The little baby was lonesome and when her parents came and she was put in the box they chattered and the baby would not go to sleep until she had had twelve little eggs, but she laid out of doors under a bush and the liddle hogs would root around her and I took her egg every time I could, but I did not get two. When it came time for her to set she talked the matter over with her mate and as she always slept in the little box in the house, and she knew the willow, she went to her mother, still she told him that her duty was to make her home out there on the glass egg, she could not tell that.

One afternoon she had the egg going to stay. She did not come up for supper, and I went and got her and she had the egg with her. The next morning when I put her out she grabbed only a bit of her breakfast and went to the nest that was only a nest out all day she had the egg with her. She did not come up for supper, and I went and got her. Then she slipped back to the nest and the next day she had the chocolate candy box with some long pine needles and twelve little eggs. Lady Dainty did not understand it but she finally decided as the eggs were warm and as she would like with the others, that she would nestle down and on Sunday, January 12, she had a look for the little bird-like chicks. Lady Dainty and I stays in the kitchen near the back door, going out every morning and night for exercise. Very often I give her a crum of something from the table and when she has pancakes with butter on them she will eat a little of them with her tongue. Anyone can learn from a rowl by being gentle and kind. Lady Dainty knows her name as well as a child and I shall watch to find out how she calls to the chicken before it comes out of the shell or if it is piped.

There came into the neighborhood a woman from Georgia and she came over to see me. Her mother was a boarding-housekeeper in that state and she had been married when she was sixteen and when she was eighteen her husband left her and a week-old baby to get along as she could. She then married an American man from the south of this state and the child was between two and three years old, but she would not do a thing for the child and she moving about the little one had practically nothing to wear but clothing that was given the mother and clothing from town sales. This woman would stay by her man who would do nothing for her child because she could get her snuff, tobacco and drink and she was the looking woman of about twenty-two years, and while dressed in a clean white she ate and drank from the men's do and thought of her. They moved back down south. This was the first time that I had seen a woman chewing tobacco. There are practically no American women in New England that are chewing or smoking a pipe.

I shall tell you about the log rolling as I hope about a pork pileau next time. I am burning pipe-stems to take the chill off the crisp, clear air.

MRS. L. E. STARR.

For Playroom Floor. A good covering for the nursery playroom floor is cork carpet. It is thick and warm, is washable and does not resound with noise like hard boards or thin linoleum.

Correct—Attest: Irving J. Rowell, Thomas F. French, Arthur P. Wright, Directors.

PEPPERELL.

Florida As I Find It.

Here it is January 10 and I am going to write about what took place before Thanksgiving, and I am as far back in time as any. I don't know how any of the farmers have read about the new food vegetable, the dasheen, that is to take the place of the sweet potato in the southern and more sandy sections of the United States as a staple food. The government has been experimenting and has nearly laid up on the dasheen as a crop that can be depended upon and successfully grown in all sections of the south. I had heard of some tubers last year from the government, or rather the dasheen came after I had gone north. Mr. Moody planted them under soft conditions. We would say under most unfavorable conditions. The government furnished the dasheen tubers and seed and they turned out thirty pounds. Moody brought some over the day before Thanksgiving and we had some with our Thanksgiving dinner.

I know that the farmers will be more interested in this plant than any thing I could write of, as it promises to be a new introduction to our food plant for years. Root the dasheen in Urbana, Ohio, has devoted a good deal of space during the last year to this plant. The Glenside of the West. Curoto in the south and more sandy sections of the United States as a staple food. The government has been experimenting and has nearly laid up on the dasheen as a crop that can be depended upon and successfully grown in all sections of the south. I had heard of some tubers last year from the government, or rather the dasheen came after I had gone north. Mr. Moody planted them under soft conditions. We would say under most unfavorable conditions. The government furnished the dasheen tubers and seed and they turned out thirty pounds. Moody brought some over the day before Thanksgiving and we had some with our Thanksgiving dinner.

One day I cut raw, sweet Irish potatoes and I had some with my dinner (toes here) and also dasheen about one-quarter of an inch thick and as large flat pieces as could be fried them in bacon. Mr. Star did not find any difference between the dasheen and the white potatoes that we brought from Peperrell, until he had eaten all that was left of the dasheen. He said: "That last piece was dasheen." "I thought it was pluggy poor potato," I replied. Personally I like the dasheen in every way that I have used it only I do not think it will take the place of the potato any more than the turnip. The dasheen is a tuber growing more like the dahlia, is like a calcium, having beautiful leaves.

The Friday night before I left Peperrell I carved 150 pounds of turkey for the I. O. O. F. ball and in the last three years have cut up over 1000 pounds of turkey. I know something of the meat value of turkey as regards to individuals. It was my pleasure to have a wild Georgia turkey and I know that the proportion of the white breast meat was larger in proportion than in the tame domestic turkey. The drumsticks were practically all cords. The hip joints were no meatier than the usual good turkey. The hump of the turkey got fine birds here. I think right after Thanksgiving we had our henhouse completed and I put in twenty-two turkeys, a marmoset and a pair of Guinea fowls. These twenty-two hens have laid four eggs every day but one. Christmas eve we got the new fence up and they could not get in, so they staid in the swamp and we got no eggs. Only once have we had three eggs, and the duck that lays an egg with a greenish cast on the shell has laid every day for over a month without a miss.

There are those that said that a Marek was a better bird than the one that would turn black. Banque has been south over a year and he has not turned black. He lies out in the strong sunshine and sleeps in a box under a tall pine tree so he keeps his back wet through and has bleached out the feathers. He has a very thick coat of feathers. His fur is so much thicker than the southern cats that both he and the fleas are kept busy, and he does not seem to be bothered.

I have paid for my Blue Oprington ducks, and they were to come December 12, but they have not come. It has been so cold here that one feels like the first of winter when you have on July clothing and a chill plays tag up and down your back. The ducks had two light frosts that is retarding the opening of the roses, but not all places are the cold alike here, as the water in Peperrell when it is at Hutchinon's on the River road than at Hutchinon's store at the Center.

I am quite sure that poultry kept together communicate to each other, as my pair of Japanese Silkies were in the crate that went by boat and the little baby was in a box with them in a basket with the cat, but I had to change before I left Worcester. The little baby was lonesome and when her parents came and she was put in the box they chattered and the baby would not go to sleep until she had