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HARVARD

News Items.

George Kavanagh has raised the ell of his house, adding a second floor, and is to put in an extra chamber and bathroom.

George Ryan has hired the north tenement of the Lucie Patch house on the little common and will keep his wagons and horses at William Hanna's barn.

The law which requires that all roads leading out from the center of towns shall be wide enough for two autos to pass is a good one. The encroachment of lawns on the highway may be to the eye of the landscape artist, a thing of beauty, but as a "safety first" idea it is not so practical.

Miss Betty Bacon, of Albany, N. Y., was the guest over last Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Royal.

On last Saturday evening a Packard six, coming up the Littleton road, failed to see the turn owing to the blinding snow and drove over the curbing on the common, narrowly missing one of the large elms on the common. In dropping over the opposite curbing the pan was damaged and other parts deranged, necessitating the leaving of the car in town. The couple, who were from Lowell, hired another car and proceeded to Worcester, their destination.

About seven couples from here attended the annual complimentary ball given at the armory, Clinton, by the Clintonians on last Wednesday.

H. A. Thayer sang at the Apollo club concert in Symphony hall, Boston, Tuesday evening. Besides the regular club there were fifty past active members of the club, 140 members of the Harvard alumni chorus and the Harvard Glee club of thirty-five, making a male chorus of over 300 voices. The Apollo club was the first of the male choruses organized in this country and is considered one of the finest singing bodies of men in the world. Mr. Thayer was a member for ten years.

In response to many requests for information concerning the "other side" of the suffrage question, the Harvard Branch of the Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women has placed in the reading-room of the public library a scrapbook of pamphlets, files, newspaper clippings, etc., showing the "anti" side of the movement. This book will be added to from time to time and in it will be found supporting opinions and arguments by such women as Ida M. Tarbell, Jeanette L. Gilder, Mabel T. Boardman and others.

The guest night of the Harvard Woman's club proved a very delightful affair. In arrangement and decoration the hall was at its best and over 200 were present at reception and entertainment, all seeming to fully appreciate "Ye Olde New England Choir," who so charmingly entertained during the evening with their varied and artistic program. The songs and costumes seemed to so completely blend that all were carried

back to "ye olden days." The reader who accompanied them proved most clever in her line and held the audience spellbound through her various sketches. Dainty refreshments of cream and cake were served by the hospitality committee and the club colors, green and white, appeared in the cream as well as in the whole color scheme of the evening. For all efforts that made this an evening of delight to all the club is extremely grateful.

At the recent annual meeting of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Providence, R. I., F. W. Moses was elected president to fill the vacancy made by the death of Joseph T. A. Edgely. This is a large industrial company and carry only dwelling house insurance.

The next regular meeting of the Harvard Equal Suffrage league will be on Wednesday, April 14, at three o'clock, in the Memorial rooms.

Miss Margaret Bell of Arlington is a guest this week with Mr. and Mrs. George Maynard.

Mrs. Wellington and her daughter of Newton, friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Thayer, who have been by Mrs. Ripley's, left here for their home on Thursday.

Next Sunday morning at the Unitarian church, Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the U. S. A., will conduct the regular service of worship.

The U. S. C. will hold an all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. K. M. Bigelow on Thursday, April 15.

Guests this week at Mrs. Ellen Montgomery's are Miss Carolyn of Jamaica Plain and Miss Loretta Desmond and Miss Cotter of South Boston. They are here for a week.

Mrs. Mary D. Sherman is quite ill. She has a special nurse caring for her.

In spite of the fact that other social affairs were in progress on Tuesday evening the Grange held a very interesting meeting with a good attendance. The program was a piano duet by Miss Reed and Miss Swan, song by Mr. West, current events by Miss Reed; question, "Is the keeping of live stock essential to the successful growing of fruit." It was very ably discussed by Luther H. Mead, the Grange critic. R. A. Reed gave some very concise points on the conduct of the meeting. The committee on public entertainments report a minstrel show, under rehearsal, to be given April 23.

Harold D. Bigelow employed with the Boston Plate Glass Co. is home for a two weeks' out-door rest.

James Riley is working with H. A. Stillings for the day.

A double birthday party was celebrated at the home of Mrs. W. S. Dudley on Prospect hill on Tuesday last, the honors going to Miss Edith Dudley and Mrs. John Dickinson, her cousin. Relatives and friends attended. Mrs. Dudley served a birthday dinner to the party and in the afternoon gifts were presented and music and games passed the time pleasantly. Dickinson came Saturday last and is spending this week at the Dudley's. Dr. and Mrs. Dickinson are planning now to return to Alaska in May.

E. T. Alling, who has been for the past few months in Boston, where he has been enjoying the comforts of the city home during the winter, returned to his daughter's home here, Mrs. H. A. Thayer, for the summer season.

Work on the cellar of the new Edgerton house on the Bolton road is being pushed. Mr. Kittredge of Ayer has the contract.

It will be interesting to people here to know that the Massachusetts Highway commission will grant the sum of \$5,000 to be put with the \$5,000 voted by the town to build a stone road between Harvard and Still River.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Willard start for home from Florida next week.

Roswell Davis went to Worcester on Thursday to visit his daughter, Mary Davis, who is quite ill at the Memorial hospital, where she is employed as a nurse. It was at first feared an operation would be necessary, but later this is not considered necessary.

Church Notes.

With the display of Easter finery omitted on account of the very disappointing weather the attendance at the church services was above the average on Sunday morning. The account of the service at the Congregational church of Miss Parker, soprano, it was necessary to omit the anthems arranged for. Mr. Mason gave one of his very interesting sermons, taking thoughts from the story of the resurrection. At the Unitarian church the music was very successful in spite of the fact that the storm made conditions such that two numbers were omitted from the service. Rev. Mr. Lawrence, of Boston, who supplied the pulpit, remarked that it was the best sermon he had ever heard. Mr. Thayer will sing "The ninety and nine."

The usual services for public worship with preaching will be held at the Congregational church on Sunday morning. The theme of the pastor's sermon will be "Boomerangs." The chorus will sing "Awake thou that sleepest." The bible school meets at twelve o'clock.

From April to October the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock. On Sunday evening the subject of the meeting will be "Conquering discouragement," with scriptural reference. Mrs. Olive Bryant will be the leader. There will be special music.

An special offering for the Ministerial Aid society will be taken on Sunday morning. Envelopes for this offering will be furnished in the pews.

The Unitarian Men's club held its regular meeting on Sunday evening and listened to an exceedingly interesting and instructive lecture on "Insanity—its cause and prevention," by Dr. Frankwood C. Williams, who proved to be a clean-cut and plain speaker. The next meeting of the club will be on Sunday evening, May 2.

Still River.

The snow storm of Saturday made the worst drifts of the winter and made bad traveling for Easter Sunday and only a small number went to church in the morning. The church was prettily decorated with potted plants, several Easter lilies and other flowers were ordered to be delivered Sunday morning, but owing to snow the florist had to cancel the order. There was special music in the morn-

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WESTFORD

Center. Miss Ruth Fisher's many friends were glad to welcome her back in town recently, having spent several days with Miss Eva E. Fletcher.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Blodgett are moving to Malden and the tenement vacated by them will be occupied by Mrs. Nellie E. Carlin and son Warren.

Miss Hickey and Miss Smith, who taught at the academy last year, were in town Monday visiting friends. Miss Hickey is now teaching in Chelsea and Miss Smith in Concord.

Severe colds and grippe are pretty prevalent, keeping the doctors busy. Among those confined to their homes this last week have been Miss Emily F. Fletcher, and Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher.

Next Tuesday afternoon the program for the Tadmuck club will be in charge of the music committee of the club. Miss Mary Eddy, chairman of the music section of the Middlesex Woman's club, Lowell, will be present and give a lecture on Edward MacDowell, illustrated with both vocal and piano selections from the works of this composer. The music teachers of Westford, Graniteville, Forge Village and West Chelmsford and their pupils will be especially invited to attend this afternoon. Other guests will be welcome by the payment of the customary fee.

Announcements have been received this week by the Westford friends of the marriage of Miss Jeanette Evelyn Sutherland to William Herbert Christie at the Episcopal church, Malden, Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Christie will be at home to their friends after June first at 115 Lexington street, Westford.

Mrs. Edmund Baker has been among the shut-ins all winter with illness.

Mrs. Ida Cummings Allen's Westford friends enjoyed her millinery opening at the home of Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher, Monday, Mrs. Allen certainly understands all the clever devices of the milliners' art and her different models were attractively individual and conservatively tasteful.

Word was received by the relatives here Saturday of the death of Percy Rockwell, the seventeen-year-old son of Guy L. Rockwell of Lowell. The young man died after a brief illness of pneumonia. The funeral was held from his late home in Lowell, after which the body was brought to this town for interment in the family lot in Fairview cemetery.

Owing to the unusually stormy weather of Easter in Westford, services arranged for last Sunday at the Congregational church were postponed until this coming Sunday, when the special musical program previously outlined will be given. Both morning and afternoon service will be given. At the evening service Miss Young will give appropriate readings.

The car men on the branch line will have occasion to be in Bedford for this year's Easter Sunday not too pleasantly. While making the Saturday evening trip the car got off the tracks about a mile from the center on the home trip and the passengers were obliged to walk to their homes. Regular trips were not resumed until the following afternoon.

Social. The social at the Unitarian church vestry Tuesday evening proved a most enjoyable and original affair. Notwithstanding the damp, cloudy weather a large attendance were present to enjoy the attractions of Bayland park. This pleasant old vestry lent itself admirably to this transformation, being copiously decorated with pine and hemlock, flowers and many informing signs. There was every attraction of a well-appointed park with candy and lemonade booths, restaurant, theatre, a fine menagerie, souvenir booth, fortune teller, etc. The menagerie was well-merited at attention early in the evening for it was then that the animals were especially on exhibition. Alfred Tuttle was the keeper of the zoo and Edward Fisher was a pretty interesting looking park officer and policeman in his uniform. The little people who impersonated the menagerie in their unique costumes were as follows: Marion Fletcher and Ruth Johnson; rooster, John Fletcher; white hen, Mildred Fletcher; chicken, Wallace Johnson; tortoise, Gordon Seavey; seal, Merrigay and Merrigay; Elizabeth Wells, Elizabeth Carver and Alice Heywood; monkey, Everett Beneauit; tiger, Clifford Johnson; bear, Fred Robinson; buffalo, Alice and Freda Johnson.

Also, early in the evening, "Ouida," the fortune teller, who somewhat resembled Mrs. Frank Miller, was kept busy plying her art. Some spirited Victrola music was furnished by Mrs. Tuttle. The vaudeville entertainment in the theatre began at eight o'clock and each number was well carried out.

First came a piano overture by Freda Johnson, followed by a pretty one-act comedy entitled, "Rubber boots," acted by Gertrude Hamlin, Marjory Seavey, Grace Robinson and Frank E. Miller. These three young ladies carried out their girlish parts most attractively and Mr. Miller, as the intruding tramp was excellent. Next came "Merrigay and Merrigay" who in natural life were Miss Mary G. Balch and Miss Mary G. Currier. They presented two very enjoyable sketches original with Miss Balch, called "Photography" and "At the Ball game." Miss Balch's clever and original work as an entertainer is too well known to need enlarging upon, but she was especially versatile in her portrayal of a dear old lady who helped take the tangles out of the pretty little schoolmarm's romance and as the devoted and enthusiastic baseball fan at the same time, her best gift in both of which Miss Currier charmingly supplemented Miss Balch. Many were heard to express the wish that these two sketches might be re-

peated at some future time. The closing number was a medley of songs and bright hits by "Jondru and Kanaroo," otherwise Edward Blodgett and Frank Johnson. Miss Gertrude Hamlin accompanied.

Those in charge of the entertainment were Miss Mary G. Balch and Miss Gertrude Hamlin; in charge of the zoo, Miss Mabel Drew and Miss Grace Burbeck. Others who assisted with decorations, refreshments, etc., were Miss Hamlin, Mrs. Wells, Miss Mary Burbeck, Miss Agnes Balch, Miss Grace Bennett, Mrs. Ruth Bennett, Mrs. H. V. Hillgroth, Mrs. Edward Fisher and other willing helpers who cooperated in every way to make the affair the success it was. Fully thirty-five dollars were realized for the church treasury.

Deaths.

The death of Arthur J. Tatno, conductor on the Nashua and Acton railroad, was reported at Pine Ridge last Saturday. This death seems especially sad as it is the third conductor that has died within about a year on this line, the first one being Charles MacDuffie in January, 1914, and the second one, Frank Norris, in November, 1914.

Mr. Tatno had been baggage master on this road for twelve years, and after being appointed conductor, was only able to serve in that capacity for two months when he was taken sick. He was sick for several months suffering greatly with abscesses of the lungs and having submitted to four operations for relief, but at the last succumbed to acute Bright's disease. His home was in Nashua, where he leaves a wife and four children. He was fifty-four years of age.

About Town.

Those spread rails seem to be doing business enough to keep some of the unemployed busy in these days of unemployment. Such is the case with the electric car on Wednesday from Westford to Brookside on the Lowell road, a few rods west of the residence of Frank C. Drew. After getting the car back to the depot, the driver and motorman were driving new spikes to hold the rails. The ties were non-resistant.

The assessors are making a new valuation of the town and are after those liable to taxation with an automobile.

Arthur M. Winslow and sons, of Ayer, are doing the plastering on the new residence of W. R. Taylor.

Otis and Albert Day, Cold Spring and Graniteville roads, have a healthy brooder in incubator chicks. The brooders are modern heat and of the movable pattern. The chicks are White Rocks and Rhode Island Reds.

The Middlesex-Northwest Temperance Union will hold its quarterly meeting in the Congregational church on Thursday, April 15.

The hurricane snowstorm of Saturday sent in a terrific swing at the silo of William Pollock on the Cold Spring road which sent it down for the count. The silo was in an uncompleted stage of construction with the staging still around it. No damage was done except the expense of rebuilding.

The Fletcher Cold Spring farm are in a plowing hustle beginning Wednesday near the Cold Spring road.

The F. W. Banisters have a hot bed on the hustle with tomatoes that began to startle the Stony Brook farmers with surprises in early tomatos.

Charles W. Whitney is carrying milk to William J. Burbeck, Lowell, from the following farms: David L. Greig, William C. Drew, William Peacock, F. W. Banister, Joseph Cote, Guy R. Decatur, Amos Polley, Mrs. Charles W. Whitney and Samuel L. Taylor.

The W. C. T. U. held its April meeting at the home of Mrs. Quincy Day on Wednesday afternoon. The principal work of the afternoon was the tying of a quilt which is to be sent to Lewesack lodge in Bedford. The quilt was contributed by Mrs. Emory Whitney and Mrs. Emma Day got it ready for the quilting. The union plans to make a trip to Bedford this summer and see the lodge which are doing such a good work. Mrs. Kernahan and another member from the newly formed union in Graniteville were present for the meeting. It was with regret that the union heard that Mr. and Mrs. Kernahan would be assigned to another place.

Rev. Charles Anderson, of Virginia, formerly pastor at the Graniteville Methodist church, is the home of Mrs. Anderson in the village of Westford for the summer and live on the Blood farm which they bought a short time ago.

E. P. Myers, of Lawrence has moved onto the Loren A. Griffin farm on the Flagg road.

An afternoon fire started last week Friday on woodland of Oscar B. Spalding, a little west of a former evening fire in that vicinity. Recently Harry Nesmith, forest fire warden, was on the Lowell road about a mile off and was first to discover the fire. At the same time the Robins' Mill fire alarm rang in the village. The Stony Brook fire company left their cornfield plantings and headed their feet toward the fire. After threatening to burn over all Sandy Plain farms it was kept in check by a heavy easterly of Stony Brook road.

Hon. Grafton D. Cushing will address the Young Republican club at the town hall on Friday evening, April 23.

The next social meeting of the West Chelmsford Benevolent society will be held in the vestry of the village church on Wednesday evening, April 14. Mrs. Charles Byard, of Whidden's Corner, will have charge.

An East Chelmsford farmer planted three bushels of peas about three weeks ago. Last year he raised \$300 worth of peas, the first picking being on June 9. The writer had peas three feet under a snow drift Monday. This don't look much like June 9.

William Clement, of Brookside, has been engaged by the cemetery commissioners to help preserve the aesthetic side of Fairview cemetery.

A. G. Lundberg, who has made a local reputation for himself through his skill in making monuments, has leased part of the Dunn place at Brookside, where he can carry on this line of work.

The funeral service of Percy L. Rockwell, who died in Lowell last Saturday, was held from the home of his father, Guy L. Rockwell, in that city at one o'clock on Monday. Rev. Charles H. Davis, of the Highland Methodist church, conducted the service. The family will be remembered as former residents of Westford and Forge Village. The mother, who is an adopted daughter of Al Bicknell,

died about a year ago and this death of the oldest child at sixteen years of age is a double affliction. The bearers of the funeral were Frank Arthur Goodall, Roger Hayward and Dwight Barnard. There were many beautiful flowers from friends and the soloists, from basses and alto teachers in the Lowell high school and from the overseers in the U. S. Cartilage Co. The burial was in the family lot at Fairview beside the mother. Aside from the father the young man left two younger brothers, M. Webster and M. Clifton Rockwell.

There was an unexpected change in the plans for Sunday service at the village church, a change made necessary by the sudden summoning to Wilson, N. C., of Rev. Julian R. Pennington on account of the death of his mother. Mr. Pennington had just returned a visit with his mother and the sad message was unlooked for. The sympathy of the townspeople goes out to him. In his absence Rev. William T. Locke conducted the Easter services. He gave an interesting sermon on the subject "There shall be no more sea." Mrs. Harry Saxon, of Whidden's Corner, was the soloist. The choir were Maude Robinson, Marjorie Seavey, Edward Blodgett, Frank T. Johnson and of course it was refreshing to see Henry Smith back on duty. He was absent Sundays of absence on account of illness. Mrs. Bryant, of Lowell, was organist after a lapse of several years. He departed the place vacated by George R. Smith.

The next meeting of the Grange will be held on Thursday evening, April 15. This will be inspection night, Deputy Brown, conducting the inspection.

The snowstorm last Saturday upset all fire calculations and also upset the running time of the electric car from Westford to Brookside. The late Saturday night car got stalled at one o'clock on the Lowell road near the John H. Decatur place and remained there until the dawn of the Sabbath. It started up, ran a rod and got detached. After several attempts to get time in a backward and forward onto the track movement they started for Westford, run to the sharp curve at Banister's Corner, when the car became deranged and was wedged in the rail. It required several hours of the same movement of the previous experience to induce it to the rails. At three o'clock in the morning the first regular car since the Saturday night installment plan.

Mrs. Mary Moore, wife of the late Edward Moore, was buried in Fairview cemetery Sunday afternoon. After a long illness at the home of her sister, Mrs. Tyler, Haverhill, she passed on to "the great beyond" Thursday, April 1. Mr. and Mrs. Moore lived in many years in Lowell. Mr. Moore having charge of the mill of his brother, George C. Moore. Mrs. Moore was a woman of great refinement and gentility and a most loyal worker for the Methodist church in West Chelmsford. She is survived by a son, Clifford C., who lives in Lynn; two sisters and three brothers, James, Lincoln and William Reddick.

The funeral was held in Haverhill on Easter Sunday. Friends and relatives came from there in automobiles, the body coming in an automobile hearse for the coming to the Westford cemetery. The burial was in the family lot beside her husband.

The case of Frank C. Drew, of Westford and other Stony Brook farmers against Joseph H. Boardman, of Somerville, milk contractor, tried in the district court at Ayer last week Thursday before Judge Worcester. The court found for the plaintiffs. Edward Fisher represented the plaintiffs.

Pomona Meeting. At the last meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Grange last week a resolution was introduced instructing the regular meeting on Monday night in this Pomona to vote for the bill appropriating \$200,000 annually for five years for improvements at the Agricultural college.

The orator of this Pomona for voice culture which led to arguments warmer than the weather. After the opponents were pushed to the ropes for the question of \$200,000 worth of improvements, it was also voted to have an excursion on August 6 and a field day some other time. Commended by the orator was the question for discussion, "Should popular songs be censored?" brought out much that was strictly individual in opinion.

The afternoon was given over in part to singing of the Glee club boys of Carlisle under the direction of Frank Wilkins; readings, Miss Spalding of Billerica; violin solo, Miss F. Carlisle, and an address by Hon. Charles E. Ward, of Buckland, a member of the Board of Charity and Insanity. Mr. Ward served several years in the state and senate and is a bright and active man, and his address was very much like himself. It sparkled with gold dust ideas.

Forge Village. The sympathy of the village is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn and family in the loss of their little daughter Mary, who died last week.

St. Andrew's mission held a large congregation on Easter Sunday morning, although the heavy snowstorm prevented many from attending service. There was special music by the vestry choir and a large and interesting sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Ford. There were also floral decorations.

The condition of George Cougle, who was stricken with a shock while at work over a week ago, remains unchanged. His two sisters, Miss Clarissa Cougle of Boston, and Mrs. Wilfred Morton of Bridgeport, Conn., are at present assisting Mrs. Cougle in the care of her husband.

The children's Easter carol service is to be held on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at St. Andrew's mission. The children will arrive at the usual time and potted plants will be distributed after the service. The usual church services will be held at 4.30 o'clock.

The many friends of Chester Blodgett, of the Ridges, who severely injured his leg last January, will be pleased to hear that he has improved to such an extent that he is now able to go about with the aid of one crutch, instead of two, as he has used formerly.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the stricken family of Mrs. Louis Boudreau, of Graniteville, who with her baby daughter, died at her home on last week Friday morning.

Mrs. Fred A. Swett has recovered from her recent illness.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., head master of Groton School, conducted the Lenten services at the mission chapel on Holy Thursday evening, as-

isted by Rev. W. M. Ford. Holy communion was administered.

Much praise is due Stephen Healy, teamster for Abbot & Co., for his thoughtfulness in driving the snow plow early Sunday morning. The act of kindness enabled many people to attend church service who otherwise would have been unable to attend. In many places the snow was very deep and sleighing was good in the morning.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson is recovering from her recent illness.

Graniteville. The glorious festival of Easter was fittingly observed in St. Catherine's church last Sunday morning, when two masses were celebrated by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell. Low mass was celebrated at 8.45 and at 10.30 a high mass was celebrated during which the choir, under the direction of Miss Mary P. Hanley, rendered a very interesting musical program which was given in the usual capable manner so characteristic of St. Catherine's choir. The soloists were Miss Rebecca Boudreau, Miss Christine Lottier, Mrs. Mary G. Charlton, Mrs. Sadie Smith Kelley, James Byrnes, Henry LeDuc.

The blizzard of last Saturday was one of the worst storms of the year and there was sufficient snow to ground to insure fair sleighing during the early morning hours on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Monahan have been on the sick list during the past few weeks, owing to their illness the house party that was planned to take place this week has been postponed for the time being.

The members of the A. R. Choate home company held their regular meeting in their house on last Monday night. Business of a routine order was transacted, after which a social hour was enjoyed.

There is considerable sickness in the village at the present time. James M. Sargent is not quite ill with a trained nurse in attendance, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sargent are also on the sick list. F. G. Sargent has been under the doctor's care for some time with a trained nurse in attendance. Aside from the above there are several cases of scarlet fever among the children. Little Mary, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. LeDuc, is ill with diphtheria, but is getting better.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church met with Mrs. William Smith on last week Thursday afternoon, and at that time the annual election of officers took place.

Frank Healy and Edward Hiney are serving on the jury of the superior court in Lowell.

Deaths. Little Mary Prinn, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn, died at the home of her parents here after a brief illness of bronchial trouble on Friday, April 2. Her death was unusually sad as she was a bright little child and beloved by all. Besides her parents she leaves two sisters, Carl and Elizabeth, and one brother, William Prinn.

The funeral took place from the home of her parents at one o'clock last Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Many were present from out-of-town. A prayer service was held at the home and was conducted by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell, curate of St. Catherine's church. The services were impressive and Mr. Mitchell spoke words of deep consolation to the bereaved family. Seldom has a death of so young a person caused such a general regret as this passing away of little Mary Prinn, and people in large numbers called at frequent intervals to offer their condolence to the bereaved family.

The funeral was held in Haverhill on Easter Sunday. Friends and relatives came from there in automobiles, the body coming in an automobile hearse for the coming to the Westford cemetery. The burial was in the family lot beside her husband.

The case of Frank C. Drew, of Westford and other Stony Brook farmers against Joseph H. Boardman, of Somerville, milk contractor, tried in the district court at Ayer last week Thursday before Judge Worcester. The court found for the plaintiffs. Edward Fisher represented the plaintiffs.

Pomona Meeting. At the last meeting of Middlesex-North Pomona Grange last week a resolution was introduced instructing the regular meeting on Monday night in this Pomona to vote for the bill appropriating \$200,000 annually for five years for improvements at the Agricultural college.

The orator of this Pomona for voice culture which led to arguments warmer than the weather. After the opponents were pushed to the ropes for the question of \$200,000 worth of improvements, it was also voted to have an excursion on August 6 and a field day some other time. Commended by the orator was the question for discussion, "Should popular songs be censored?" brought out much that was strictly individual in opinion.

The afternoon was given over in part to singing of the Glee club boys of Carlisle under the direction of Frank Wilkins; readings, Miss Spalding of Billerica; violin solo, Miss F. Carlisle, and an address by Hon. Charles E. Ward, of Buckland, a member of the Board of Charity and Insanity. Mr. Ward served several years in the state and senate and is a bright and active man, and his address was very much like himself. It sparkled with gold dust ideas.

Forge Village. The sympathy of the village is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Prinn and family in the loss of their little daughter Mary, who died last week.

St. Andrew's mission held a large congregation on Easter Sunday morning, although the heavy snowstorm prevented many from attending service. There was special music by the vestry choir and a large and interesting sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Ford. There were also floral decorations.

The condition of George Cougle, who was stricken with a shock while at work over a week ago, remains unchanged. His two sisters, Miss Clarissa Cougle of Boston, and Mrs. Wilfred Morton of Bridgeport, Conn., are at present assisting Mrs. Cougle in the care of her husband.

The children's Easter carol service is to be held on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at St. Andrew's mission. The children will arrive at the usual time and potted plants will be distributed after the service. The usual church services will be held at 4.30 o'clock.

The many friends of Chester Blodgett, of the Ridges, who severely injured his leg last January, will be pleased to hear that he has improved to such an extent that he is now able to go about with the aid of one crutch, instead of two, as he has used formerly.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the stricken family of Mrs. Louis Boudreau, of Graniteville, who with her baby daughter, died at her home on last week Friday morning.

Mrs. Fred A. Swett has recovered from her recent illness.

Rev. Endicott Peabody, D. D., head master of Groton School, conducted the Lenten services at the mission chapel on Holy Thursday evening, as-

Glenwood advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman holding a cake and a large stove. Text includes: 'The Range that "Makes Cooking Easy"', 'Sooner or Later you'll have one', 'Now if you knew what it Saves', and 'J. J. Barry & Co., Ayer'.

Miss Laura B. Chase, teacher of the West grammar school, has been this week with a party to Washington, D. C., and in her place Miss Olga Hoffman, of Lowell Normal senior class, has taught.

Encouraging news has been received from Allan Stiles, who is at the Bay State hospital, Bay State road, where he had a decayed bone removed from his forehead last week Thursday. It is hoped that the cause of his physical ills has been removed and that his health will improve rapidly now.

Roy Jewett and family are living with his father at the Center and Mrs. Jewett is attending to the affairs of the house.

The funeral of Miss Sarah M. Elliot, who died at her brother's, Thomas H. Elliott, March 30, of myocarditis, was held at his home on Fairview street, Lowell, last week Thursday afternoon. Services were conducted by Rev. Charles T. Billings, pastor of the First Unitarian church. Appropriate selections were sung by the Mendelssohn male quartet. The bearers were Robert H. Hierford, N. and Maurice Elliott and Charles E. Dane. Burial was in the family lot in Lowell cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Boudreau, wife of Louis Boudreau, died under very sad circumstances early last week Friday morning after giving birth to a baby girl, the infant and child dying within a few minutes of each other. Mrs. Boudreau was forty-three years of age, and besides her husband leaves eight children, the oldest being nineteen years of age. It was really a very sad case and the sympathy of the village people is deeply expressed to the bereaved family.

The funeral took place at eleven o'clock last Sunday morning and was attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The body was taken to St. Catherine's church, where after the funeral services the committal prayers were recited by Rev. Edward C. Mitchell. The bearers were Conrad Richard, Joseph Carpenter, Rudolph Richard, Gibson P. LeDuc, Amadeo LeDuc and Charles E. Dane. Burial was in St. Catherine's cemetery.

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HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items. Miss Mildred French returned on Tuesday night to Wheaton college.

The W. R. C. will hold its regular meeting in Grange hall on Tuesday, April 12.

Miss Daisy Woods is ill with laryngitis. Her school begins on Monday.

Mr. Lathrop, who formerly worked for G. J. Bell, now working on a milk team in Nashua, is threatened with pneumonia.

Hollis people will be glad to know that Miss Mary Hardy sat up for the first time last Saturday.

Arthur Strong spent the week-end in Waltham, Mass. His wife has been there for several weeks.

Arthur Eberhardt, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is doing as well as can be expected.

Henry G. Cameron has rented his house to Mr. Baxter.

James F. Gerold has taken a letter from the Congregational church of Hollis to the St. Mark's church, Minneapolis.

Mrs. Mary Ann Riley, formerly of this town, died on Wednesday, March 23.

Mrs. Helen Powers and an aunt are spending the Easter vacation with Mrs. M. J. Powers.

Miss Ruth Hills spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. James Hills, and returned on Monday to Stinson college.

Scott Farley returned to the University of Vermont on Monday.

Arthur Wright is spending a few days in town.

The cooking class has been postponed until April 13.

Mrs. Leonard Lawrence has returned to the cottage where she lived last summer.

Mrs. Lewis Wood, of Groton, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh.

Mrs. Addie Clark has returned to her home on the depot road. Her daughter Lotta is spending the Easter vacation with her.

On Easter Sunday the church was decorated very prettily with flowers.

A beautiful bouquet of pink snapdragons adorned the table in front of the altar.

On the altar were an Easter lily and a bouquet of carnations and a red rose decorated the organ.

On the table on the platform was a pink begonia and below, on the floor, white geraniums and green plants.

A very small congregation was present.

Mrs. Francis K. Sweetser is at home for the Easter vacation.

The teachers have returned and on Monday morning schools began.

William J. Mills has returned home after spending a good part of the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Fields, of Amherst.

Eugene Wheeler has been ill with the grippe cold. Mrs. Wheeler has also been ill with laryngitis.

Harvey Guehling was home the first of the week.

Last week Thursday the Y. P. S. C. E. gave an April fool's social, supper and entertainment.

There was quite a good number present and a good time was had by all.

The following program was given: Piano duet, Miss Lillian Lovejoy and Elwyn Wheeler; piano solo, Hazel Locke; recitation, "Doubting Dick," Ellen Clark; piano solo, Bernice Holmes.

The fire department held its annual election of officers on Monday night.

Resulting as follows: Leslie Locke, steward; M. J. Powers, clerk and treasurer; Eugene Wheeler, president.

Archie Colburn, 1st lieutenant; Charles Bolton, 2d lieutenant; chemical company—Harold Hardy, captain; George Robbins, 1st lieutenant; Francis Cave, 2d lieutenant.

Mrs. Georgiana Kimball was in town the first of the week.

Mrs. Louisa M. Hinkley is very ill. She has been unable to see anyone for a week.

As there was a small attendance at the Grange on Tuesday night it was voted that the matter of whether or not it should be best to have a fair was postponed until the next meeting.

All members are requested to come and give their names for the next meeting. The meeting was rather poorly attended on account of the weather and much illness.

The deputy, who was expected, did not come on account of the weather. The entertainment was as follows: Paper, "Hints and helps of the household," Mrs. Walter Flanders; paper, "Bread makers," Mrs. Marcellus Powers; paper, "Labor saving of fireless cookers," Miss Lillian Lovejoy.

Refreshments consisting of cake and coffee were served and a social time was enjoyed.

Shown. A shower was given Miss Helen Powers last Saturday at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Hardy.

The weather was very fine and very few were expected, but about fifty attended.

Miss Powers received many pretty and useful presents. The first part of the program was conducted by Mrs. Hardy's Sunday school class and consisted of a piano solo, Clara Wright; piano duet, Misses Clara Wright and Beryl Reed; piano duet, Mrs. Leonard Lawrence and Miss Clara Wright; chorus singing by the class. This was followed by a reading, "Diffidence," by Mrs. F. Leo Meennis.

After the inspection of the presents the guests were invited to attend a mock wedding ceremony. The wedding company was composed of Miss Helen Powers, Miss Louise Hardy, Mrs. Marcellus Powers, Mrs. Doris Lovejoy, Miss Elizabeth Worcester, Beryl Reed, Ellen Clark, Carrie Brown, Frances Goodwin, Lois Brown, Mrs. Robert French performing the ceremony.

comfort in making his farm one to be proud of. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow; a daughter, Mrs. Keyes; a son, Arthur; a sister and two grandchildren, besides other relatives.

The fact that his son Arthur was seriously ill with pneumonia and that the time of his father's sickness and death seemed to make it doubly sad for the family, and the son had not awaited his father's return.

Miss Lucy Patch has been ill with an attack of laryngitis the past week.

Miss Maria Hill, at the North End, has been ill with one of the prevailing hard colds.

Perley A. Lund has purchased a farm on Proctor hill, formerly owned by Fred Campbell, and is making repairs and putting it in readiness for further occupancy.

Arthur W. Lund was recently presented with a farm in Dunstable, recently owned by George H. Whitcomb. Arthur had some time ago worked and lived at the home of Mr. Rideout in Dunstable.

Mr. McGuire is on the meat cart with a bad ankle which he hurt in attending a fire.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items. On Monday, March 29, a son, Malcolm Verne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bailey.

Francis and Jessie Farnsworth, who attend a private school in Merrimack, Mass., are home for their two-weeks' Easter vacation.

Dr. Charles Holcombe was a visitor in Boston last week Wednesday.

Edward Pierce attended the meeting of the Hillside County Pomona Grange in Litchfield last week Friday.

Mrs. Leda DeCoste, of Somerville, Mass., was the guest last week of Mrs. Nellie Duprey.

Mrs. Vernal Wright, who has been visiting with Mrs. Mary Gerrish for the last three weeks, has returned to her home in Worcester.

Mrs. Peter Bouchard, Jr., and son Wilfred, went to Pepperell to spend Easter with her mother, Mrs. John LaBeau.

Mrs. Emma Bolduc, of New Bedford, Mass., has returned to her home after a two-weeks' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Michael Dumais.

Albert Pierce took a combined business and pleasure trip to Nashua on last week Friday.

The whist party at the hall on last week Friday evening, was very well attended and much enjoyed.

On Saturday evening, at her home on Mason street, Mrs. Nellie Duprey and Jean LaBounty, of Townsend, were united in marriage.

John Holden, who has resided with his aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Riordan, all winter, has returned to Melrose, Mass.

Joseph Moreland was a visitor in Lowell, Mass., on last Saturday.

Isabelle Wheeler was the guest last week of her grandparents in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilson, assisted by their nephew, Mathew Durke, are to conduct the boarding house formerly run by the late Mrs. Samuel Fuller.

Mrs. Richards, of Pepperell, was a visitor in town last week Wednesday.

Silas Wheeler, entertained his brother last week, Alvin H. Wheeler, of Lyndeboro.

Patrick Shaughnessy has returned to town and wishes to go to work at the ice plant soon.

With about fifteen inches of snow covering the ground, not many were able to get to the Easter services at the church, consequently the children will repeat their Easter concert on Sunday.

Fred Campbell had to use a team of horses and a large punk with which to deliver his papers with last Sunday.

LUNENBURG

News Items. The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church and election of officers was held on Wednesday, March 31.

Reports were read showing the society in good financial condition and proving that a large amount of work had been done during the year, both for the church and individuals.

Officers were then elected as follows: Mrs. John Kenney, pres.; Mrs. Oscar Weston, v. p.; Miss Esther Dudley, sec. and treas.; committees—Mrs. Alfred Noon, pres.; Mrs. W. Peabody, Mrs. Herbert C. Eaton, Mrs. George H. Whitcomb, entertainment; Mrs. James L. Harrington, visiting; Mrs. Oscar Weston, Mrs. Edward A. Washburn, work.

The society will serve dinner in the chapel on Wednesday noon, April 21.

All the schools in town opened on Monday morning after a two-weeks' vacation.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Athletic association was held on Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Marian Warren.

Thirteen new members were admitted. The following officers were elected: Miss Isabel Allen, pres.; Miss Blanche Laney, v. p.; Miss Eleanor Harley, sec. and treas.; committees—Misses Allen, Barter and Harley, athletic; Misses Warren, Wilbur, and Peabody, refreshments; Misses Alexander, old home day; Miss Warren, Mrs. Arthur W. Scott, Misses Blanche Laney and Margaret Grant, Frances Harley, Beatrice Archibald, ways and means.

The George H. Winchester place on West street has again changed owners, it having been sold to Oliver J. Carter, of South Fitchburg, who has taken possession. It is also reported that the Stephen Adams place, so-called, has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Peabody, who buy for a home.

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Memorial association will be held in the town hall on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The union service at the Methodist chapel on Good Friday, conducted by John H. Frye, was well attended by all denominations, nearly every seat being filled. It was a very impressive service.

On Sunday, despite the heavy storm of the day before, the churches were very well attended and all were pleased with the floral decorations and special music.

The Easter concert at four o'clock was a heavy program of the day before, the dialogue by Miss Margaret Blatter, as it was beautifully given by the members of Miss Bryant's class.

The Easter service, featuring the close of the service beautiful potted plants, lilies, tulips and others, were carried out and given to the sick people in town.

Easter visitors in town were Miss

Pauline Wallace of Westford with Miss Nellie Jones, Miss Jennie Ellis of Boston with Mrs. Ralph Blackford, Miss Lilla Lancy of Ridgewood, N. J., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Larson, of West Groton, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burrage last week.

Mrs. Robert A. Bryant went to Pawtucket, R. I., on Monday morning to spend the week with her daughter.

Miss Lilla Lancy returned to her school duties in Ridgewood, N. J., on Monday.

After a long and painful illness, Mrs. Maria G. (Litchfield) wife of Robert T. Whitcomb, passed away on Wednesday morning, March 21, aged 77 yrs. 4 mos. 3 days.

She was for many years a member of the Methodist church in Lunenburg, which membership she retained until her death.

She was a worthy woman who will be greatly missed by her family, neighbors and friends.

Survived by her aged husband, one son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Friday afternoon of last week and the burials were four of her grandsons, Howard and Ralph Whitcomb, Clement and Otis Elliott.

Woman's Club Meetings. The Woman's club meeting was held in the chapel of the Methodist church on Thursday, April 1, and was well attended by members and their invited guests, nearly every seat being filled.

After the usual business preliminary the presiding officer introduced Prof. Courtney Langdon, of Brown university, who for an hour and a half entertained the audience with the reading of the great French play, "Chanticleer."

When finished he was given hearty applause and a rising vote of thanks.

The hostesses were Mrs. Frederick C. Cross, Mrs. George P. Grant, Jr., Mrs. Mary E. Ewing and Mrs. Arthur O. Scott, who served refreshments of hot coffee and sandwiches.

The next day, Friday, April 2, the club held a meeting in the lower town hall to interest the children of the town in gardening.

Last summer they did some fine work and raised some splendid flowers and vegetables. The committees, hoping they will do even better than last year, engaged Prof. Gardner Boyd, of the State Agricultural college at Amherst, who gave them a fine talk upon gardening, how to prepare, what to plant, and the pleasure which can be had with undivided attention.

The Woman's club have offered prizes for the best garden, appearance, productiveness, etc., and it is hoped there will be interest shown. The committees chosen are Mrs. Frederick L. Francis, Mrs. Nettie J. Barter, Mrs. Frederick C. Cross, advisory; Miss Blanche Allen, Mrs. A. S. Mills, Miss Blanche Whitcomb, distributing; Mrs. George H. Wakefield, Mrs. T. A. Archibald, Mrs. George T. Greenwood, inspection; Mrs. C. E. Woods, C. E. Grant, Jr., Mrs. William B. Hayward, fall exhibition.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlesex County, Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of MARY ANN WRIGHT, formerly MARY ANN CRAIG late of Troy in the State of New York, deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased, to HARRY A. WRIGHT, of Ayer in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at a Probate Court to be held at a Probate Court on the twenty-seventh day of April, A. D. 1915, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petition is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixth day of April in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. 3131 W. E. ROGERS, Register.

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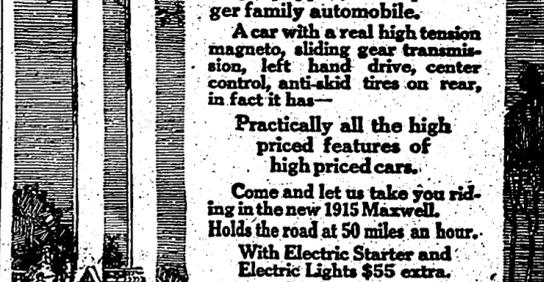
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Saturday, April 10, 1915.

GROTON

News Items.

The holy week services of last week were of great interest and well attended. The Easter Sunday services were somewhat affected by the effects of Saturday's blizzard, but were all excellent and uplifting.

Miss Vinnie Holmes has been ill this week with pleurisy. The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Baptist church held a very successful food sale in the lower town hall, Tuesday afternoon. Everything was sold.

"Teddy, or the runaways," is to be given by the senior class, Groton high school, on Friday evening, April 23. Those who remember the great success of "The Rustle Romeo," which was the last play given by the high school senior class, will await with eager anticipation the presentation by the class of 1915. Miss Fannie E. Wood, who will direct the play, has as coach will drill them for a success. Tickets will go on sale Thursday afternoon, April 15, at two o'clock at Bruce's drug store. The cast follows:

Jean MacLean Irene Peabody
Alice Cleary
Christine Rockwood
Victoria
Max Juniper
Alonso Willing
Sheriff Jim Larrabee
Leslie Blood

The mortgage sale advertised to take place last Saturday by M. P. Palmer did not come off, the business having been satisfactorily settled a few days previous.

Thomas F. Donahue, Jr., our new postmaster, took possession of the position of the office on Monday.

Dr. Kilbourn and family are getting settled in their new home residence on Pleasant street. Walter Sargent, son of William M. Sargent, of Ayer, returned home from the Groton hospital this week.

D. Wyman Gibson came home last week on a vacation from Dartmouth college.

Henry A. Johnson has a new six-cylinder Buick automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Wharton have returned from their stay in the south.

Mrs. Helen Eddy Christensen was operated on for appendicitis at the Groton hospital last Saturday and is doing as well as can be expected.

A letter from Rev. C. W. Turner, former pastor of the Baptist church, states that seven members were received on Easter Sunday. Among the names were his daughter, Mrs. Susan and Dorothy. This makes twelve new members added to the church since his settlement in North Bennington, Vt., six months ago.

Rev. John B. Lewis, of Pepperell, will occupy the pulpit of the Congregational church on Sunday morning in exchange with the pastor. Members of the church, who on account of the inclemency of the weather were not able to attend last Sunday morning, are requested to present their Easter envelope offering Sunday morning.

The forty-ninth annual commencement of Massachusetts Agricultural College will occupy the Groton hall on Tuesday morning for a two-days' session. Comrades Chas. H. Berry and E. S. Higley attended on Wednesday as delegates from E. S. Clark post, Groton.

The April meeting of the Groton Bird club will be held on Monday evening, April 19, at eight o'clock. The place of meeting will be announced next week. Charles E. Boyd, vice president of the Brookline Bird club, will talk on "Wild ducks."

The Village Improvement section of the Groton Woman's club will be held with Mrs. Fred W. Mansur on Monday afternoon, April 12, at 3.30. The public schools reopened Monday after a week's vacation for the spring term.

The fire alarm on Thursday afternoon was for a brush fire on the Riverdale farm, F. L. Howe's place, on Farmers' row.

Prof. Scott of Tufts college and Coolidge Corner, Brookline, is visiting his sons on Chicopee row.

Rev. G. M. Howe, H. H. Gay and perhaps others from Groton churches and Sunday schools attended the Sunday school convention in Ayer on Thursday.

Miss Hannah L. Parmenter passed away early Thursday morning at her late home on Court street. Miss Parmenter was seventy-one years of age, born in Wayland, but has lived in Groton for about thirty years past. She had been out of health for a long time, but had only failed perceptibly a few days before her death. Her long confinement to her home she was pleased to receive her friends and was interested and kept well informed on all that pertained to town and church affairs. Miss Parmenter had for many years belonged to the Baptist church here and to that elsewhere previous to uniting with the Groton church. The funeral will be held from her late residence on Court street, Saturday forenoon, Rev. William Breckenridge officiating. The interment will be in Wayland. She was an aunt of Mrs. George T. Stevens of this town and of Mrs. Mary Parmenter, teacher in one of the Groton schools. Her nearest relative is a brother.

Mrs. Ellen Roache Blakeney, wife of Burpee Blakeney, died at her home on Tuesday, April 6, of bronchial pneumonia after a fall. Mrs. Blakeney was born in Ireland seventy-one years ago. Funeral services were held from the Catholic church on Friday, April 9, with interment in Ayer. Besides her husband she is survived by one son by a previous marriage, Edward A. Roache, of this town, also several grandchildren, three living in Groton and one in West Groton.

The remains of Mrs. Green, who formerly lived on West street with her brother's family, were brought to town for burial on Wednesday at three o'clock in the forenoon of April 9th. Samuel Lawrence was at the ploughing in the field near his home (the very field of this William Peabody farm) when his neighbor, Gen. Oliver Prescott (who lived where

The supper is under the charge of James A. Bailey now lives) rode up and shouted: "Samuel, notify your men that the British are coming." That was the general's horse the young farmer rode at the utmost speed, calling out the minute-men in his circuit which comprised the southerly part of the town now included in the township of Ayer. After riding a distance of seven miles in forty minutes he returned to his father's house and afterward joined his company at the church."

All this and much more concerning Maj. Samuel Lawrence took place 140 years ago. The house from which he went was Mrs. William Peabody place just burned down.

It is of further historical interest that this same Maj. Samuel Lawrence, who was established the Samuel Lawrence Homestead on Farmers' row, the home of the late James Lawrence. According to F. M. Boutwell's book on some old Groton homesteads, the William Peabody house, which was burned was built in 1770, 155 years ago.

A Word of Appreciation. It is just and but it is proper that a few public words of appreciation should be said of the long and always faithful service of Fred H. Torrey, our ex-postmaster, recently retired from the charge of the Groton postoffice. He was appointed by President Roosevelt twenty years ago, and has continued in uninterrupted and perfectly satisfactory service since that time. About eleven years ago Fred H. Torrey was employed on a large farm in Amherst. He considers that he has been fortunate in securing so quickly the kind of position he occupies.

Mr. Flarity had obtained work on the railroad and leaves Ayer each morning at six o'clock. It is reported also that Mr. Malley is employed on the B. & A.

The uncertainty that has been felt concerning the building of the leatherboard is ended. The new mill larger than the old, and of brick construction, is to be erected in the very near future.

Spaulding spent Wednesday in Boston.

George McCurdy, of Dorchester, was in town this week. The Boy Scouts will be coached for baseball by a student of Groton School. They will meet on the usual hour at four o'clock on Friday afternoon, April 9th, for their first practice this spring.

Mrs. M. P. Lane, who suffered an illness some weeks ago, is now able to walk with but little assistance, and is again spending her days in warm weather approaches.

Miss K. A. Tarbell is entertaining a friend, Mrs. Mary Peckquint.

Frank Powell has been employed at the Lowell General hospital as fireman. A report not verified, is that he will change to a position in Leominster.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. G. I. Woolaver.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb is entertaining a guest from Walpole.

The first annual club closed for the season with gentlemen's night on Wednesday evening at the hall. Members, substitutes and guests, thirty-six players, were present who passed a most enjoyable evening. Each player first prize, a bouquet of pinks, was won by Miss Lizzie Jarvis, while H. Spaulding captured first prize for mcn. a pack of cards, ice cream, cake and punch. "Well" he'll be the victor, assisted by A. P. Bates and G. H. Bixby.

The wind blew and snow flew on last Saturday, but the Boy Scouts met as usual on the usual hour. The scoutmaster could not be with them that was "moving day" at the doctor's and there was much to do and help was scarce and right here the noisy shouting of the doctor out, each and every loyal scout, and away they hiked to Groton. They brought and carried and lifted, cut brush, picked up and various and rendered assistance in the various ways, and it was a jolly time which the doctor attended a hospital case. The barn proved an ideal place for wrestling and various sports. The boys' hearts were wrapped in fur coats and robes, and bundled one and all into the doctor's auto they were taken, each scout to his home. The boys' scoutmaster, a happy climax to one of the many happy times experienced by West Groton Scouts.

LITTLETON

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hill, Miss Hazel Wright were among the number of those who went to the Grange meeting in Groton Thursday.

Mrs. Arthur Wright, of Allston, was a visitor at William J. Dodds' this week.

Mrs. Henry A. Robbins, of New-Town, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. S. Whitcomb, the first of the week.

Mrs. Thompson, of Fitzwilliam, N. H., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Bertrice Blodgett, of Harwood avenue.

Frank Hubbard, instructor in Cornell university, and lance were mid-week guests at his father's on Foster street.

William Hubbard, of New York, was an over Sunday guest of his father, S. B. Hubbard.

Rev. H. B. Drew, former pastor of the Baptist church in Littleton, has recently accepted a position as pastor in Morristown, N. J., Baptist church.

The Easter concert given by the children of the Baptist Sunday school deserves a good word for all who were responsible for its marked success. The music, the speaking, the exercises, and the pastor's talk combined to make a splendid program. Miss Ruth Robinson, Sunday school superintendent, whose efforts are so constant and successful, again manifested her interest and thought for the welfare of the Sunday school by presenting a contribution to all the younger members and most of the older persons in the school, and much credit is due her for the excellent concert.

The Misses Sanderson are taking the bound trip lately, coming from Chicago to Cincinnati, then up through the Allegheny and Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, and to Philadelphia, from which they last received intelligence of their travels.

Mrs. Leighton, of Hollis, N. H., was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Dodge, of King street.

The E. L. Woodbury family is out of quarantine at Mr. Woodbury and his children have returned home. Beatrice Woodbury has been staying at Everett Kimball's since her return from Washington.

The high school honors have been announced as follows: H. H. Morse, Laurice Flagg and Faith Fairfield.

Ralph Libby, a pupil in Amherst grade schools, has been at home for the spring vacation.

Tony Malles, who works as section hand on the Boston and Maine railroad tracks, had his ankle badly injured by the handcar Thursday afternoon, giving Dr. Christie another of his long series of accident calls.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Conant have the prevailing grippe colds.

"Willowdale," the drama given by Ayer Grange was certainly a splendid performance given before a very appreciative but not crowded house. It can truly endorse the words of commendation published in the Ayer column in regard to the cast and their very clever work.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Proctor are enjoying a box of ripe fruit recently received from relatives in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barker, who have been sojourning in St. Petersburg, Fla., arrived a few days ago in Washington, D. C., in a snowstorm. They are now having delightful summer weather. They attended Easter services at the president's church, where President Wilson and his daughter, Monday, the White House lawn and a concert by the Marine band, were evidently enjoying the beautiful city.

The minstrel show on Monday evening is progressing on its way to the big event of the season, Lots of music, funny sayings, jokes, etc.—everything up to date and original. The local hits are also worked up to date with new features.

On Tuesday evening is the café chantant which is causing considerable speculation as to what it is, followed by a musical performance by the orchestra of Marlboro. An entertainment with unusual features, during which time ice cream, tonics, etc., will be served.

The church sermon at the Unitarian church tomorrow morning, Rev. O. Fairfield will, by request, preach a doctrinal and denominational sermon on the need of a sane and sweet faith in religion, explaining why Billy Sunday thinks he hates the Unitarians so. There will be no evening service.

Herbert Whitcomb is a member of the cast in the Tech show, "Getting across," which will be twice presented in Boston Opera house next week Saturday for the first time. The performance will be repeated in Malden and at Smith college, Northampton.

The Misses Farnam and Gertrude Sanderson are expected home the last of this week or the first of next week.

Miss Dorothy Blodgett, of Concord high school faculty, is at home for the Easter recess this week; also, Evelyn Woodbury, of the freshman class in Concord.

Miss Marion Whitcomb, of the Wheelock kindergarten training school, is spending her vacation at the old homestead.

A company of about twenty members of the United Workers attended the missionary meeting at Mrs. George A. Cook's on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Elizabeth Houghton, vice president of the meeting, and after the brief business session, following the report of Miss Susie Robbins, secretary, she presented the leader, Mrs. Thomas Blodgett, who took charge of the devotional and called upon Mrs. J. C. Alvord and Mrs. Carrie G. Leland, both of whom gave valuable and very helpful talks on "The child at worship," arousing their own ideas and experiences and adding much to the subject of christian training of the child. After the repetition of the Lord's prayer in union the ladies enjoyed a brief social.

The studio reception slated for April 14, has been postponed to Tuesday evening, April 20, and will be held at the congregational vestry as previously planned.

Mrs. Carrie G. Leland's Sunday school class of boys met at the parsonage with their teacher on Tuesday evening and spent an hour or two playing the game of checkers. The finger game introduced by Mr. Alvord, and this resulted in a tie between Gordon Love and Howard Kimball. The boys have taken the name of the Nashobah class.

A church calendar from All Saints' church of New York gives the order of four services for Easter Sunday. "One of the chants was the composition of the organist and choirmaster, P. C. Edwards, of New York and Littleton.

The public are looking forward in high expectation to the minstrel and vaudeville entertainment to be given Wednesday evening at the Groton society in the town hall on April 12 and 13. Flyers and posters are everywhere, the managers have done some clever work by way of preparation, and from their wit and witticisms, as well as their fine chorus practice, we have reason to anticipate a first-class entertainment.

The Odd Fellows have been fortunate in making arrangements with the management of the Shirley industrial school to have the boys of the school give one of their famous minstrel shows in the town hall on Tuesday, April 13. The boys have rehearsed all winter for this entertainment.

Mrs. Lawrence left Florida April 4 and arrived home the middle of the week. Her sojourn in the "Sunshine South" the past five months has been very delightful.

Roland Fletcher spent Easter with his home people. Richard G. Conant, of Passaic, N. J., was also welcomed into the home circle on Sunday.

Miss Cora Warren, of Boston, is resting from her school duties for a week and is at her father's for the vacation.

Reciprocity day will be observed at the Varnum club on Monday afternoon and members of clubs in the neighboring towns have been invited to be present and take a part in the program. The Varnum club will observe the second and fourth Mondays of each month during the club season the meetings are usually every other week, but sometimes they are three weeks apart. As is the case this year. A not few of our club ladies were planning to attend last Monday since the last meeting was two weeks previous to that day. A glance at the club directory will show the memory in regard to the club days.

Littleton was visited last Saturday by one of the worst storms this season. Snow plows were brought into service Sunday morning on roads and sidewalks. As is the case this year, who remember a snowstorm that totally eclipsed this in severity, which came thirty-nine years ago Monday, April 6, the storm which Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Drew were married. It was with serious difficulties in their attempts to pass through the driving

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Geo. B. Turner & Son and drifting snowstorm to the home of the bride, where the wedding was solemnized. John Howard was at work trimming trees in his father's orchard last week when he fell to the ground, a distance of ten feet, and dislocated two bones in one foot, necessitating the use of a plaster cast. Willard A. Munson has received his appointment as farm agent for Norfolk county and has already begun his work. The family will probably move to Dedham. During their residence in West Acton, Mrs. Munson have taken a genuine interest in the community and given freely of their services for the good of its various organizations. They carry the best wishes of a host of sincere friends. Al Gilmore, the well-known horse trader of West Acton, has moved into summer quarters at the trotting park, Russell street. The funeral of the late Myron Goings, of Somerville, will be held in the Unitarian church, Littleton, Saturday afternoon, April 10, at two o'clock. Burial will be in the Mt. Pleasant River hospital. He and Mrs. Goings, who was Maria Taylor, daughter of Henry Taylor, were residents of Littleton many years during their early life. Burial will be in the Westlaw cemetery, beside Mr. and Mrs. Goings' only child, Bert, who was stricken down in mature manhood a few years ago. The Odd Ladies will hold a food sale next week Saturday afternoon in the Baptist vestry, beginning at two o'clock. Dancing lessons will be resumed this afternoon by Mrs. White in the office early in January, and who is still at large, is another victim of being about ten thousand dollars behind and bonded by the same company. With a responsible company to pay judgments against these owners of jitneys no doubt they would be the victims of designing passengers who would bring many accident cases. Regarding the foot and mouth disease this state has been practically immune though there was one case of shipment of blooded stock shipped from Wisconsin to Spokane during the winter that were condemned, killed and cremated in that city. The loss of \$25,000 was shared equally by the state and the owner. No other cases have been reported in this state. The commercial and booster clubs throughout the coast are very active in soliciting tourists to the fair to look over their bargain counters of farm-and city property. The State of Washington, besides appropriating generously for a building and exhibit, will spend \$50,000 in advertising literature if Governor Lister's recommendation materializes. The entire coast hopes to profit from the big fair which will be indicated by the means of investment of eastern capital in various parts of the coast. D. H. FELCH, Cheney, Wash., March 11, 1915.

AYER To the Editor: During a strike of street railway employees in an Arizona city during the past winter, the automobile was pressed into public service. So successful was this method of transportation that they soon appeared in many of the cities of the Pacific coast as competitors of the electric lines. As these jitney busses did much of the short haul passenger service their material loss of income to the corporations. About one hundred were doing business in Spokane. While the city council was considering an ordinance imposing bonds and restrictions upon their operators the state legislature passed an act covering the subject and requiring a \$2500 bond to protect the public. Without doubt this will materially restrict the number as the surety companies must exact a heavy premium for such risks. These bonding companies have been meeting heavy losses of late in these parts. The National Surety Company was behind the state treasurer of Idaho, who was defaulter to the amount of \$50,000. The county clerk of Spokane, Wash., who went out of office early in January, and who is still at large, is another victim of being about ten thousand dollars behind and bonded by the same company. With a responsible company to pay judgments against these owners of jitneys no doubt they would be the victims of designing passengers who would bring many accident cases. Regarding the foot and mouth disease this state has been practically immune though there was one case of shipment of blooded stock shipped from Wisconsin to Spokane during the winter that were condemned, killed and cremated in that city. The loss of \$25,000 was shared equally by the state and the owner. No other cases have been reported in this state. The commercial and booster clubs throughout the coast are very active in soliciting tourists to the fair to look over their bargain counters of farm-and city property. The State of Washington, besides appropriating generously for a building and exhibit, will spend \$50,000 in advertising literature if Governor Lister's recommendation materializes. The entire coast hopes to profit from the big fair which will be indicated by the means of investment of eastern capital in various parts of the coast. D. H. FELCH, Cheney, Wash., March 11, 1915.

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AYER

News Items.

Chief Beatty received notice from Natick, his home town, last week that he had been drawn as a juror for the civil session of the superior court which opened at Lowell last Monday morning.

The hearing on the petition of the telephone company and the Ayer Electric Light Company for permission to set poles for their joint use on Jackson, Groton, Main, High and Bond streets took place before the board of selectmen in their room in the town hall building on Wednesday evening.

William C. Doherty, of the firm of Doherty Bros., Lowell, informs us that he had \$28,000 insurance on his partners and other property which was burned in the fire on machine shop at the big fire on March 25.

George H. Brown has returned from his trip to Washington and New York. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Downing, Prospect street, that was born on March 29, died on April 3, a little over a week old.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas L. Fisher, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Leominster, will be in town on Monday and will occupy the summer residence of Judge Sanderson for a few days. Mr. Fisher was the former vicar of St. Andrew's church here.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tarbell, wife of Abel Putnam Tarbell, son of Peter Tarbell of this town, died at the sanatorium in Pembroke, N. H., of pneumonia, where she had been for treatment for three weeks. The remains were brought here on Wednesday for burial in Woodlawn cemetery, which is to take place on Saturday afternoon, April 10. She was born in Houlton, Me., and was married in New Bedford eight years ago to Mr. Tarbell. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Nedau.

Charlotte Sanderson, daughter of Judge and Mrs. George A. Sanderson, who was here over the Easter holidays, returned this week Tuesday to Walnut Hill school in Natick. Her mother, Mrs. Sanderson, returned to Yale college on Wednesday.

Llewellyn T. Savage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville L. Savage, who came to his home here Tuesday of last week to spend the Easter holidays, returned to Worcester academy to resume his studies on Wednesday of this week.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Heers on April 9.

Miss Pearl Carley left on Tuesday for a six-weeks visit in Philadelphia and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry and son from Edgewood, R. I., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cushing. Those intending to take part in the military which given next week Thursday evening in the town hall by the McKinley chapter, O. E. S., are requested to make an effort to be present at eight o'clock sharp, as the schedules for the parade are those coming later will not have an opportunity to play.

The Sunday morning service at the Unitarian church at 10.45 will be held in the church auditorium. The pastor will take for his subject "The creation of the world." This will be the first in the series of sermons on the following subjects: "The creation of the world," "The creation of man," "Man meets temptation," "Man learns to live in his environment," "Man's ultimate goal."

The civics class met yesterday afternoon at the high school. The subject was a general review of government as related to the United States. The speaker was Mr. Peck. It was a meeting of unusual interest. The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 15, and will be on the subject "The change in Massachusetts." Dr. Beie is promised for the next time.

Mrs. A. M. Sargent is the guest for a few days of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie S. Whitcomb, in Winthrop. She will attend some club meetings with her daughter.

The Unitarian Sunday school opened a series of Easter concerts last Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The program included music, bible work and recitations by Beryl Proctor, Irene McClester, Gladys Proctor, Dorothy Carman, Margerie Fletcher, Elizabeth Proctor, Cleo Baker, and other piano solo by Marion Dwinell, a story by the superintendent, Mrs. Barker, and brief address by the pastor, Rev. L. W. Sanford. The church was very prettily decked with green plants and flowers by the Girls' club.

Mrs. Susan M. Barker attended the health conference of the State Federation held last Saturday in Boston in the rooms of the New England Woman's club.

At the Sunday morning service of the Congregational church the pastor will speak on the subject, "The heroic Christ." The subject for the C. E. meeting will be "Getting ready for the next life." The evening service will be omitted on account of a union meeting at the M. E. church. Beginning with April 13, the time of the evening service will be seven o'clock instead of 6.30.

There will be a union meeting at the M. E. church on Sunday evening at seven o'clock. This is intended as a farewell service in honor of Mr. Wischmeler, who closes his pastorate in Ayer on that day. A general invitation to be present is extended to the public.

The Unitarian Social Gathering will meet at the home of Mrs. A. C. Perkins on Tuesday, April 13, at three p. m.

The future plans of the Chandler Machine Company, whose plant was destroyed by fire on March 25, are at present unsettled. The company intends soon to occupy temporary quarters in the Sigabee Company's building on Central avenue. The company intends to begin work in about two weeks. In the account of the fire we were misinformed about the controlling interest in the company, as it is a stock company.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Stroud, with two children, of Ipswich, came here on an visit to Mrs. Stroud's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Andrews. Mr. Stroud leaves this Saturday and Mrs. Stroud will remain two weeks longer. Mr. Stroud is a well-known former pastor of the Methodist church here. He is meeting with notable success in his present pastorate. Last Sunday fifty-eight new members were added to his church and more are expected.

E. D. Martell and Francis Lovejoy attended the G. A. R. convention in Boston this week as delegates from George S. Boutwell post. James J. O'Brien, past commander of the post, also attended. Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Lovejoy held the positions of aids to the national commander. Ruel Scruton and Holden C. Harlow represented Capt. George V. Barrett camp, 5 of V. Past commanders E. E. Sawyer and John C. Davenport also attended as delegates, it being the rule that past commanders are by virtue of their position entitled to sit in the conventions with all the powers of duly accredited delegates. Miss M. O'Brien is the delegate to the department conference of the W. R. C. from George S. Boutwell corps. Mrs. Mary A. Beverly, of Ayer, and Mrs. Abby Wells, of Shirley, also attended.

A stranger has been about town recently trying to pass checks on the town hall building on Wednesday evening. There were no remonstrants and the hearing closed.

Webster Harrington, of West Groton, has accepted a position as driver of the order wagon and clerk in I. G. Dwinell's store. He takes the place of Leon Briggs, who concludes his duties this Saturday evening. Mr. Briggs leaves in about a week for Los Angeles, Cal., and later will visit other points of interest in that state.

Charles F. Worcester, associate justice, has given a decision in favor of Frank C. Drew, of Westford, the plaintiff in a civil suit tried here recently. The action of contract brought by Drew was against Joseph H. Boardman, a milk contractor, of Somerville, whom the plaintiff alleges failed to pay him for milk delivered by him.

There were six other suits brought against Boardman by residents of Westford. A writ of habeas corpus was granted for the case of Drew against Boardman should be tried and what the outcome, the plaintiffs in the other suits should be governed accordingly. The following are the amounts awarded by the court: Frank C. Drew, \$134.13, Amos E. Polley \$19.75, Guy R. Deaneur \$39.84, Frank W. Banister, \$18.83, Arthur J. \$25.92, Samuel L. Taylor \$21.64, Chas. H. Whitney \$19.64.

Chief Beatty had ten wayfarers as lodgers at the police station on Wednesday night. This is the record for the year in numbers. They were arraigned in court on Thursday morning and their cases were filed.

Charles W. Mason returned Monday after the winter's sojourn in Seminole Heights, Fla. He says that the winter there was unusually cold for that section and not a day passed but that it was necessary to wear an overcoat for comfort. Although the temperature there was not very low the dampness of the air makes it feel colder than the thermometer indicates.

The Baptist Y. P. U. will hold a social this Friday evening at 7.30 in the church vestry.

Thomas A. Martin, of Ayer, and Miss Ruth H. Hayden, of West Townsend, were united in matrimony at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Winship, Monday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock by Rev. S. D. Ringrose, pastor of the Unitarian church in Fitchburg. The singing service was used. The bride was attended by Miss Rae Lowe, of Shirley, and the groom's brother, George Marston, of Fitchburg.

The groom is a well-known and popular lineman of the telephone company with headquarters in Ayer.

The assessors, Charles W. Mason, Warren R. French and Charles E. Wood, are making their annual rounds looking up assessable property. They do not intend to slight anyone.

George S. Pouliss & Company have prepared a plan for the use of a new store in Brookline. The truck was put into commission on Friday of this week.

"Every inch a King," in two parts, featuring the famous actor, N. B. Bushman, the famous actor, will be the leader in the moving picture shows this Saturday. "Everything against him" will be another good one. "Little Miss Make Believe," the comedy which was shown in Kalem film, and a two-reel Keystone comedy will comprise the remainder of the bill. Matinee at three, evening at eight.

We notice that in the surrounding towns the state fish and game commission is having the ponds stocked with fish every year. So far Ayer seems to be entirely ignored in this regard. It is thought that the limit of the town it seems only fair that they should receive at least some attention from the state commission.

The hearing on the petition of the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company for the extension of its tracks from its western terminus on Main street to the eastern terminus of the Fitchburg and Leominster Street Railway Company on the same street over the present location of the Worcester and Nashua railroad crossing was held in the selectmen's room on Tuesday evening. Charles F. Pouliss, of Fitchburg, attorney for the company, spoke in favor of the granting of the petition and described the location of the proposed extension on a plan which was prepared for the purpose. There were no remonstrants and the selectmen took the matter under advisement.

The Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church will hold a meeting in the parlor of the church on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30. Work will be ready.

At the annual meeting of the Middlesex Country club held on Tuesday evening, April 6, the following were the officers elected for the ensuing year: Howard M. Beverly, pres.; Holden Harlow, v. p.; Eugene S. Barry, sec. and treas.; Kenneth Clark, John Traquair and after the low, governing com.; John Traquair and Walter Winslow, grounds com.

A large number of the members and guests of the Ayer Woman's club attended the meeting on April 7, to hear Miss Laura A. Brown, of West Acton, speak on Indian basketry. She explained the symbolism of the different weaves and patterns in a very interesting way and showed the audience a number of baskets of her own weaving which were made of such materials as raffa, meadow grass and porcupine quills. The Barry trio furnished music before and after the talk and responded to encores. Children's day will be observed on Saturday afternoon, April 10, at 2.30 in Hardy's hall. An enjoyable program

has been planned for their entertainment under the direction of Mrs. Frank Bennett and Mrs. Lois Porter. The literature class will meet with Mrs. Clara F. Hill on Wednesday afternoon, April 14, at three o'clock.

E. A. Whitney received a new lot of western horses this week. They are an extra fine lot.

Ayer, in common with the rest of the eastern section of the country, suffered from the storm, coming at this time in years last Saturday. The snow drifted badly in places and walking was extremely difficult. The snow was driven from the northeast wind which added much to the other disagreeable conditions. Snow plows were out on both electric lines keeping the tracks clear, an unusual sight for April. The storm, coming at this late season, caught everybody unprepared, which added much to the general discomfort.

One of the most singular cases of assault ever committed here occurred at the home of Dr. L. D. Sullivan, of Pleasant street at 8.45 on Wednesday evening. At that time the office door was open and when Mrs. Sullivan, the doctor's wife, was in the kitchen house at the time, opened the door she was struck in the face by some unknown person who quickly escaped.

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Walter C. Sargent returned from the Groton hospital the first of the week where he recently underwent a surgical operation. He is able to be out.

A son was born to Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Wylie of the Clinton hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. John F. Lentz, who was recently operated upon at the Groton hospital for appendicitis, is expected home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Briggs of West street, attended the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gardiner, of Lowell, last week Friday.

"Kitty's nightmare," in five acts, was presented by the Ayer Dramatic club in Page hall on Thursday evening, under the supervision of Lucius Fairchild, with the following in the cast:

Fred W. Burrill, Izora M. Kellerman, Evelyn N. Fairchild, Thomas A. Kirtledge, Blanche D. Whitney, Harvey C. Wood, Arthur W. Cotton, Luigi C. Fairchild, Arthur W. Nutting, Herbert G. Scruton, John J. Dugas, A. Double, John J. Dugas, George Burrows, Mildred Sanders, Daisy Bedford, Alice Sanderson.

Sunday will be the last Sunday of the present conference year and also of the present pastorate at the Methodist church. Sunday school will be held at ten o'clock, preaching at eleven and evening service at seven and eight o'clock. Opportunity for baptisms and for uniting with the church will be given.

A regular communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, April 12, at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Fellow Craft degree.

Dr. Norbert Wiener of Cambridge will soon establish another Harvard record, that of being the youngest member enrolled on the college board. The Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences has just authorized the appointment of the twenty-year-old savant to give a course of lectures on "The theory of numbers" during the first half of the academic year, which starts in September. Dr. Wiener's matriculation at eleven years in Tufts college was widely commented on at the time he received a Bachelor of Arts. After his eighteenth year he was awarded degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy. This is his second year as a holder of a Sheldon travel fellowship and his college year was to have been spent in Cambridge college, Eng., but for the war. Dr. Wiener is a member of the Harvard Club of the department of Slavic languages and literature at Harvard. He is a graduate of Ayer high school.

An Easter carol festival service for the children of Ayer will be held on Sunday afternoon at twelve o'clock. "The story of the resurrection" will be sung by the school and the girls of Miss Elizabeth Sabine's class. The choir will sing "The story of the resurrection" and the girls of Miss Elizabeth Sabine's class will sing a special carol. Works in blossom will be given out. All members of St. Andrew's are invited to this bright service. There will be no morning service, but Sunday school will meet at twelve o'clock as usual.

The following rhetorical were given at the high school this week Friday: "The Dog and the Camel," Elizabeth Murray; "The Race," Kendall V. Pierce; "Was the Man Killed?," Geneva M. Richards; "The Power of Song," George M. Crowley; "You Never Can Tell," Mason F. Williams; "Angela's Missionary Offering," William W. Drew; "The Jester Condemned," Irene G. Haggam; "Piano Solo," Harold A. Griffin; "A Shaker's Romance," Harold A. Griffin; "Cutting from Quincy Adams Sawyer," Merrill L. Webb; "In the Governor's Office," Ruth E. Zoller; "The Gate of Society," Paul W. Carrikan.

Contests Half-Brother's Will.

Mrs. W. H. Atwood is contesting the will of her half-brother, Theodore M. Davis, of Newport, R. I. Mr. Davis was a noted Egyptologist, and his will makes specific bequests of \$200,000. Mrs. Atwood, under the will, would receive a part of a trust fund, and she has not yet stated the reason for her contest.

A contest over the will of Theodore M. Davis, the Egyptologist, is indicated by the filing of a bill in equity by his widow, Mrs. W. H. Davis. The will came up for probate in Newport, R. I., but the bill acted as a stay. The qualification of Thomas L. Manson, of New York, as executor is the only official progress in the case. There probably are not sufficient funds in the state to dispose of the \$200,000 in personal bequests of Mr. Davis, and it is probable that some part of his famous Egyptian collections, including the mummy and the gold-lined tomb of Amenhotep IV., Egypt's "heretic king," and other treasures, are being cavated under Mr. Davis' direction, was conditionally bequeathed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York. One condition was that, should the estate prove insufficient to meet the several other bequests, the collection, or part of it, should be sold. In her bill in equity Mrs. Davis seeks to purchase the entire collection, turn the funds into the estate, and represent the valuable antiquities to the museum as the gift of Mr. Davis. In another proceeding which she has announced she will soon begin she seeks to establish the existence of an agreement with her husband by which she

would receive \$1,000,000 in lieu of dower rights. The will gives Mrs. Davis \$100,000 and joint occupancy of "The Reef," the Davis home here, with Mrs. Emma E. Andrews of Washington, D. C. The latter, who for many years was a member of the Davis household as companion for Mrs. Davis, is given \$50,000 outright, all the contents of the Davis home, the gardens and meadows adjoining.

Easter Sunday. The following program was given at the Baptist church on last Sunday evening at 8.30 by the children of the Sunday school, and was in charge of Warren L. Preble, superintendent of the school:

Songs, school; responsive reading and prayer; recitations, Helen Whitney, Frank Harmon, Cora Curtis, Edna Moshier, Dorothy Chandler, Gladys Whitney, Carrie Prescott, Marguerite Lucille Hollis; song, primary department; exercises, Gladys Whittman, Helen Whitney, Carrie Prescott, Marguerite Rand, Edna Curtis, Cora Curtis, Dorothy Preble, Edna and Evelyn Whitney, Lillian Lyon, Edna King, Edna King, Chandler Moshier, Evelyn Whitney, Edna Whittman, remarks, pastor; benediction.

At the Methodist church this program was given and was in charge of H. J. Webb, superintendent of the Sunday school. The exercises beginning at seven o'clock:

Songs, choir; recitations, Evelyn Whitney, Charles Frost, Doris Farrar, Ann McLaughlin, Doris McLaughlin, Annie Ladd, Edna Green, Evelyn Taylor, Edna McLaughlin, George Miller, Edna McLaughlin, Edna McLaughlin, Marion Davis, Alfred Yates, Carrie McQuarrie, Stella Taylor, dialogue, Evelyn Whitney, Edna Whittman, Edna King; hymn; benediction.

The following program was given at the congregational church at five o'clock:

Opening chorus; responsive reading; prayer, pastor; song, school; recitations, Margaret Marshall, Freddie Cobb, Donald Webb, Ruth Stone, Edith Winslow, Isabelle Traquair, Laura Pray, Robert Winslow, Donald Winslow, John J. Dugas, Helen Stone; school; song, primary class; song, Barbara Dickman; dialogue, Evelyn Whitney, Edna Whittman, Edna King; hymn; benediction.

Sunday School Association. The annual meeting of the Ayer district Massachusetts Sunday School association was held in the Methodist church on Thursday. The program of the day was carried out as announced in this column last week and was very instructive and interesting.

These officers were elected for the coming year: H. J. Webb, Ayer, p. r.; Jennie M. Morse, Still River, v. p.; Mrs. Jennie M. Morse, Still River, sec. and treas.; secretaries—Miss Helen Hardy, Ayer, elementary division; Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst, Groton, teen division; Mrs. William Pepperell, adult division; Rev. W. M. Ford, Ayer, teacher training; Miss Altie F. Howe, Shirley, home dept.; executive committee, division secretaries, A. S. Howland, Shirley, and Mrs. H. H. Howland, Groton; Mrs. Hiram Sawyer, Littleton. The district comprises seven towns, containing 20 schools, 225 officers and 152 scholars. 8 home departments, 40 church members, 293 rolls, 293 members. There are seven towns in the Ayer district, including Ayer, Groton, Shirley, Littleton, Hardy, Westford and Fitchburg.

Dinner was served in Hardy's hall by the ladies of the Ayer churches. About 150 were present.

New Service Plan. The Studebaker systematic service plan has been rapidly taken up by Studebaker dealers in the populous automobile centers. While local conditions cause certain variations in it, in the main it is everywhere the same. The car is brought to the dealer on the appointed day and gone over carefully. It comes in twice the first five months every 30 days thereafter.

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have to overcome past traditions and prejudices regarding this question. The great argument in favor of votes for women, Park said, was that where it was tried it was a success. Today, said the speaker, the movement has spread to many states, most of them in the West, which together with Alaska, which is also equal suffrage territory, compose 49% of the territory in the United States. The rapid spread of the movement in this territory was a still stronger proof of its worth. In a word, "an ounce of experience was worth a pound of theory."

The granting of suffrage to women does not necessarily imply that women would be candidates for office to any great extent. Experience has shown that in the equal suffrage states very few women hold office and fewer still hold the principal offices. The public positions held by women are as a rule of a less important grade and women are not particularly anxious to hold office, but they do ask that they be allowed to express by their own opinions of matters concerning welfare of the state and the candidates for office, who, if elected, should enforce the laws for the benefit of all.

Mr. Park handled her subject in an able manner and at the close of her address she was given applause. She answered many questions which were asked by those present and her always ready replies showed that she was entirely familiar with her subject.

Several of the Suffrage club committee, of which Mrs. Theodore W. Barry is chairman, attended the meeting. To Mrs. Barry is the credit due for procuring such an excellent speaker as Mrs. Park. The usual lunch was served.

District Court. The inquest on the death of Henry Creighton, who was killed in Townsend on Thursday, April 1, was held on Thursday morning, Judge Atwood presiding.

Dr. Frank S. Bulkeley, medical examiner, of Ayer, the first witness, testified that he went to the E. & A. D. Fessenden cooper shop in West Townsend on the night of the accident and viewed the body. He found that the dead man had his skull fractured and his head partially crushed. Death was due evidently to the fall of the elevator which resulted from a broken chain. The doctor arrived on the scene at 2.45 p. m., and from the examination which he made ascertained that the man had been dead for several hours. The injuries noted above were responsible for the death of Creighton.

Thomas F. Mullin, probation officer of the local district court, testified as to an investigation made of the accident and drawings made of the premises by direction of the court. Charles A. Packard, the chief engineer of the shop for eighteen years, stated that he last saw Creighton alive at 3.15 p. m. on the afternoon of the fatal day; was familiar with the elevator and the machinery about the building. The elevator dropped because of a weak link in the chain on one side.

The remaining witnesses, W. S. Whitlock, the blacksmith; W. T. Hesselton, foreman of the yard, and A. A. Wood, all employees of the firm, failed to throw any material light on the case. The court reserved its decision.

Hot Store Club. Members of the club are hereby notified that the presence at the meetings is earnestly requested in order that the business can be properly transacted. There are several important questions to be settled and more are added to the list every few days. The importance of holding regular meetings therefore is plainly apparent. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to call attention to this matter again.

In answer to inquiries as to why the meetings are held so often the club would offer this explanation: The club will either disband when warmer weather arrives or else change its name, which of course will be inappropriate when the hot store season has begun. In order to have all the doings of meetings recorded under the present club name the necessity compels the club to rush matters along. The future of the club will be disclosed later if a quorum can be obtained.

A short routine meeting was held last week. In the social hour that followed two of "that random me" stories were told. One of the members told a story of his boyhood days when the family were obliged to economize on food. One of the staple articles of diet was rye bread which was usually hard to eat. One morning he was served a piece of the bread, its nearest rival for hardness being stone. In order to try to procure the crust with his teeth he went to the back door and threw it at a large ox standing outside. The bread struck the animal in the head, killing him instantly. Several skeptics were outspoken in their belief that the story was slightly exaggerated, but the member said he could prove it. The proof, however, has not yet been produced.

The second story related to a discussion between a "drummer," otherwise called a traveling salesman, and an old settler in a rural railroad station not many miles from Ayer. An argument started. It is said, on political matters and in a few minutes the discussion grew pretty hot. For several minutes the subject was argued and on with neither having any apparent advantage. It was therefore agreed to call it a draw. The drummer then asked the old settler how far it was from the railroad station to the business section of the town, to which the latter replied: "About a mile and a half up the road." "Why on earth didn't they build the railroad station nearer the town?" inquired the drummer. The old settler grinned and said: "I don't know why the railroad station was not built nearer the town, but I suppose the reason was that they wanted to have the station near the railroad." There was nothing further said.

During the social hour the meeting was disturbed by a boy upstairs who was trying to do a "stunt" by shouldering the spirit of mortal be proud." No one seemed able to answer him because he kept repeating the question over and over again. Finally a committee of two, consisting of the sergeant-at-arms and one private, decided to make investigation. It was found that the boy was rehearsing a well-known piece of poetry written by a man named Knox or some such

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name, who lived at one time in Littleton or Harvard, the place being uncertain. There was talk of bringing the boy to court for disturbing the peace, but such action was frowned upon as the poor boy was only doing as he was told and meant no harm. The meeting then adjourned.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Ayer, Mass., April 5, 1915. Notice is hereby given under Chapter 100 of the Revised Laws that WILLIAM BROWN has applied for a license to sell intoxicating liquors as a druggist of the Sixth Class at No. 12 Page's Block, Ayer, Mass., first floor, and basement for storage. JOHN D. CARNEY, Chairman of Selectmen.

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SHIRLEY

New Items. Albert H. Sherman, game warden, received last week Friday from the state fish and game commission six cans of white perch which he distributed as follows: One can in Robbins' pond, one can in Dead pond, one can in White mill pond, one can in Paper mill pond and two cans in Bessy's pond.

owing to the change in the town meeting. The following clipping was taken from the New York Journal relative to Miss Glonet, a former well-known resident of this town: "After one week's lay off Miss Alma Glonet will return with George M. Cohan and Willie Collier in 'Hallo Broadway' at the Astor theatre, Boston's biggest hit. Boston week of April 26."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Bolton and sons, Stanwood and Geoffrey, of Brookline, are spending a few days at their summer home on Center road. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton have recently purchased an automobile.

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LITTLETON

New Items. The announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith of the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Sylvia, to Luther W. Smith, Jr., of South Acton, on Monday, April 5, in Boston.

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TOWNSEND

Center. An alarm for a stubborn brush fire on the Thompson lot on Bayberry hill was given last week Thursday afternoon. After the brush fire squad arrived on the scene it was found necessary to give a second alarm. An area of about twenty acres was burned over. Great credit is given the fire fighters in protecting adjoining property.

About thirty were present last week Thursday at the meeting of the Birthday Club held at the home of Mrs. L. C. Jeffs, with Mrs. Bertha Drake, Mrs. Everett Borneman, Mrs. Levi Richardson and Mrs. Jeffs as hostesses. At roll call the members responded with quotations from Longfellow. Readings were given by the president, Mrs. Flora I. Atwood, Mrs. Lilla Seaver and Miss Alice Seaver. During the social hour there was guessing contest as to the number of seeds in a grapefruit. Mrs. Helen Jeffs received the prize, guessing nearest the correct number. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander C. Jeffs and Mr. and Mrs. Franklin R. Jeffs attended the funeral in Fitchburg of the late Charles H. Blood, held from five to seven o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Blood was a nephew of Mrs. Leander C. Jeffs.

Rev. B. A. Willmott, of Bethany Congregational church, Quincy, a social hour here was guessing his resignation at the close of the service last Sunday evening. The resignation will take effect on May 1, when he will assume the pastorate of the Episcopal-Walnut avenue Congregational church, Roxbury. Mr. Willmott has been in Quincy for three years.

Fatally Injured. On Thursday afternoon, April 2, about three o'clock, a sad accident occurred at the B. & A. D. Fessenden Company's mill, when Harry C. Creighton lost his life by the breaking of the chain of an elevator used in hoisting staves and wood in one of the storehouses. There had been a brush fire that afternoon and in response to a second alarm the mill was shut down and the men sent to the fire. Mr. Creighton was at work alone on the upper floor, sawing staves, running out the wood and staves into the storehouse. At about eight o'clock in the evening the engineer, C. A. Packard, noticed that the motor was running in the dry house and upon investigation Mr. Creighton was found pinned between the car and the side of the elevator well. With the breaking of the elevator chain the car tilted, pinning him against the side, fracturing his skull, causing instant death.

Monday Club Meeting. The Monday club met on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elmer Wallace, with Miss Clara Sheldon and Mrs. Wallace as hostesses. The program of the afternoon was in charge of Mrs. Angie Lang and consisted of the reading of "newest bits" domestic science and inventions" by the club members; "The thunderstorm bugaboo," Mrs. Abbie Barber; paper, "My trip to the southland," written by Mrs. Sylvester P. Robertson, an honorary member of the club, read by Mrs. Lang; and humorous readings by Mrs. Louise Tenney, entitled, "The great day when the Millid voted." At the conclusion of the program delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses. Guests of the club were Mrs. J. Swicker, Mrs. Nellie Whitcomb, Miss Helen Dolson and Mrs. S. Sheldon of Ashby. The next meeting will be the annual meeting, to be held with Mrs. Albert S. Howard on April 29.

West. Rev. Joseph McKean will occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church on Sunday.

Rev. Joseph McKean returned on Tuesday evening from Springfield. He was accompanied by his daughters, Miss Georgiana McKean, who will remain during the rest of her vacation, and Mrs. Smith, who with her little son, will remain for the present.

Clarence Stickney is quite seriously ill with pneumonia at his home on Foster street. At last reports he was reported as comfortable as could be expected.

Miss Mabel Thompson is enjoying a brief vacation from her duties in Boston at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Patch.

F. H. Ormsby and family, from Winthrop, arrived at their summer home in Josselynville this week.

A son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Robbins on the old road to the Center Tuesday morning.

Mrs. James Willard, who has been spending the winter in Dorchester, has arrived at her home here and was accompanied on her return by her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Tyler and son Elliot. Her son, who has been boarding at the Center, has also returned to his home.

The public schools commenced on Monday after a fortnight's vacation. Miss Florence Blaisdel returned on Saturday morning from Worcester to her boarding place at Dr. Boynton's, and Miss Bertha Hild returned on Sunday afternoon from her home in North Reading to Miss J. Ellnor Tower's.

Mrs. Andrew J. Manchester, of Josselynville, has been on the sick list for a week with the grippe, as has also John Campbell and Mrs. Sarah Dodge.

Quincy Adams is quite ill with the grippe at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Welsh and family have moved from the Wilder cottage in Josselynville to the cottage on the grounds of the Beirade Company.

Edward Morey, who has been stopping at the Baptist parsonage for a few days, returned on Monday evening to his home in Worcester.

Mrs. G. E. Walker and little daughter Una have returned from a visit with relatives in Waltham.

Clarence Stickney is quite ill with the grippe at his home.

Mrs. Herman Wood and little daughter Ella have returned from a visit in Boston and are again at the Spaulneok house.

Funeral.

The funeral services of Mrs. Ida E. McKean, wife of Rev. Joseph McKean, pastor of the Baptist church, who died early Wednesday morning of last week of heart failure, were held at the church at two o'clock on last week Friday afternoon and the body of the church was filled with the large gathering who had met to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead and of sympathy to the sorrowing mourners. Rev. A. L. Struthers, of the Congregational church at the Center, was the officiating clergyman and a visiting pastor, Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose, from Fitchburg, offered a tender and sympathetic prayer. Some of the selections, "Some day the silver cord will break" and "Faintly light" were rendered by the choir.

Mr. Struthers, in his address, drew the portrait of noble christian womanhood as exemplified in the life of her who had been called to the higher life beyond the portals we call death and it was a solemn and impressive sight as the long line of people filed past the silent form peacefully sleeping among the beautiful blossoms she loved, and many tears were shed as they took their last farewell of one, who during the few months she had lived in this community, had in her quiet way won the hearts of many.

The casket was covered and surrounded with a most beautiful display of floral tributes from relatives and friends and the bearers were Justin C. Holzmann, Abner Hodgman, George A. Seaver, Henry B. Hathaway, Walter E. Wilder and Fred A. Patch. Saturday morning the body was taken to Springfield for burial.

Those attending the service from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Swift of Springfield, Miss Georgiana McKean of Brattleboro, Vt., Peter McKean of Woburn, R. I., Mrs. Belle Nason of Abingdon, Fitchburg, and Edward S. Morey of Worcester, Miss Alice M. Wheeler, Miss Angie T. Woodbury and Mrs. James H. Miller of Winchendon, and Rev. S. D. Ringrose and friend from Fitchburg.

Mrs. McKean was born in Pawtucket, R. I., fifty-nine years ago in January and was the daughter of S. F. and Mary E. Townsend Coombes. Her childhood from the age of five years was spent in North Billerica, where her parents moved to their ancestral home, and in that town and at the Framingham Normal school she received her education. In June 1876 she was married to Rev. Joseph McKean, of Caryville. During his twenty-nine years of faithful and successful ministry she has performed a true and devoted helpmeet. Efficient and conscientious in all her duties, endowed with a tactful and kindly spirit, she has won a host of friends in every field where she has been called upon to labor. In the ladies' organizations of the various churches she has been exceptionally successful. A thorough bible student, she was very popular as a Sunday school teacher. Her influence has left its mark for good in many lives and in many hearts will linger tender memories of her who was laid to rest in the beautiful Eastertide, awaiting the glorious resurrection of the saints.

A loving and devoted wife and mother the home is indeed left desolate without her loving presence. A noble christian worker, the church and Sunday school deeply feel her loss, and her winning smile and sympathetic word will long be missed by her friends. Her quiet influence has left its mark for good in many lives and in many hearts will linger tender memories of her who was laid to rest in the beautiful Eastertide, awaiting the glorious resurrection of the saints.

The floral remembrances were as follows: Sprays—Pink carnations, Rev. Joseph McKean and Miss Georgiana McKean; pink sweet peas, Sunday school; pink and white snapdragons, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Swift, of Springfield; pink and white snapdragons, Mrs. Belle Nason, of Abingdon; pink and white snapdragons, Mr. and Mrs. John Morey and Edward Morey, of Worcester; pink tulips, Mr. and Mrs. William Morey and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Morey, of Worcester; Easter lilies, F. and A. M. Blazing Star Lodge, Townsend, Vt.; pink carnations, R. D. Phillips and family, Townsend, Vt.; white carnations, Miss Laura Ware, Townsend, Vt.; pink roses, Leland & Gray, semi-trail, 1910, Townsend, Vt.; snapdragons and sweet peas, Mrs. S. Land and Miss S. L. Grosvenor, Hartford, Conn.; pink tulips, Ladies' society, Fall River; pinks, Miss Edith A. Francis, Fall River; roses and violets, Mrs. Elizabeth Hild, Boston; carnations, from the teachers and calla lilies from friends in Brattleboro, Vt.; Easter lilies and pinks, friends in Winchendon; from West Townsend were white carnations, Baptist church; white carnations, Baptist school class; calla lilies, Brotherhood; Easter lilies, Ladies' Baptist Benevolent society; lavender sweet peas, Y. P. S. C. E.; pink tulips, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stickney; pink and white snapdragons, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ely; wreath of magnolia leaves and roses, Ladies' Liberal Aid society; pillow of pink and white flowers, R. S. Ely; wreath of lilies, carnations and roses, church at Townsend, Vt.

Wedding. A very pretty home wedding took place on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sarah Winslow, when her daughter, Ruth Hazel Hayden, was united in marriage to Thomas Clyde Martin, of Haver, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose, of the Highland Baptist church, of Fitchburg. The single

ring service was used and the bride was attired in her traveling costume of Belgian blue with a hat to match. Besides the family the only guests present were George Martin, a brother-in-law, and Miss Rae Low from Shirley, Mrs. Arthur Jones of South Acton and Miss Alice Welch of this village.

At the close of the ceremony a dainty luncheon of ice cream, cake and punch was served and the happy couple left by auto for Ayer, where they will reside on East Main street, after being generously showered with confetti and old shoes. The bride has been for the past two years a teacher in Greenville, N. H., graduating from the Townsend high school and the Fitchburg Normal school. The groom holds an excellent position in Ayer as an electrician. The young couple were the recipients of many pretty gifts in cut glass, china and linen, and they have the very best wishes of the community for a long and happy life together.

Harbor Items.

The following items were received after our paper was printed last week: Miss Flora Farrar of Woburn, R. I., was an over-Sunday guest at Mrs. Ida Brown's.

Tuesday of last week Ellyer Kilbourne, who is living in Montclair, N. H., called upon friends at the Cape.

Mrs. Gilson and daughter Frances and Miss Katherine McNeal spent the week of last week with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cummings at the Cape.

Mrs. Strout, who has been with her mother a greater part of the winter, has reopened her house in this village.

Mrs. Oren Ball remains about the same. She is able to walk a little while each day and although her mind is weakened and she is partially paralyzed, she can partly feed herself.

William Robinson was elected a delegate from Anson D. Fessenden school, to attend the meeting of the Sons of Veterans held in Boston this week.

Last week Monday evening Esther Bagley returned from East Boston, where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Cummings has so far improved as to be able to take some of her lighter household duties.

One of the cars recently loaded with lumber from Proctor's mill was bumped into so forcibly by the freight train that it required reloading.

Mrs. Tamlyn has almost wholly recovered from her operation at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Burbank of Chelsea, Mass., were recent guests at Christ Church, where Mr. and Mrs. Keefe, Mrs. Burbank is a sister of Harry Atwood.

Mrs. A. A. Cheney, who has spent a larger part of the winter with her sister, Mrs. Keefe, has left for Pasadena, Cal., there to remain several months. On her way back Mrs. Cheney will visit the Panama exposition, arriving at Christ Church next fall.

Mr. Knowlton of Chelsea, who has purchased the household of the late George Brown, will take possession in the near future. Mrs. Ida Brown and family have not yet matured their plans. There will be no auction as much of the farm equipment, including the tools, go with the place.

Last week Monday morning Herbert Cummings left for Winona, Minn., where he will enter the employ of the Watkins Medical Co., one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world. Later Mr. Cummings will have charge of one of the branch stores.

Mr. Frank Conant spread some hay that he had bought lately on the floor of several of his henhouses. In less than twenty-four hours seven pullets died. As soon as Mr. Conant was notified he immediately moved the hay. In all he has lost twenty fowls. Whatever it is, the disease acts quickly, the combs turn black and the birds drop dead. The hay was removed and the barn before it was fully dried.

Coming on Friday, Dr. E. D. Peters, Miss Cushing and Miss Adams spent Easter at their summer home, Hickory farm.

Miss Dorothy Smith returned to her studies at Cushing academy Monday.

The Monday club met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Harvey.

George H. Jones has received the contract for erecting a barn and several large henhouses at Dr. E. D. Peters' place. Myron Harvey of Lunenburg has the contract for the cement work for the same.

Mrs. R. B. Adams, who is under the doctor's care for tonsillitis, is slowly improving.

Clifford Blake, who has been spending the past week with his brother Ralph at Hickory farm, returned to his home last week Friday on his motorcycle.

Mrs. Ralph B. Brooks and son, of Boston, are guests at Dudley Bagley's.

Miss Ellen Harvey, of Verona, N. J., came on last week Friday to spend her usual week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harvey.

Herbert Harvey and family came from their home in Boston by auto on Monday to spend the week with the former's parents.

Among the new ones added to the sick list this week are Miss Strout and Joel Cook.

Walter Foley, of East Boston, has commenced work at Mr. Bagley's.

LUNENBURG

News Items. George Winchester has recently returned from Florida, where he has spent the winter.

C. P. Dickinson and son Porter returned recently from Miami, Fla., where they have been spending the past few weeks. Mrs. Dickinson and daughter Anna were obliged to remain in Miami for several months on account of the illness of the latter with typhoid fever. She is reported as resting comfortably as may be expected under the circumstances.

The aged black cherry tree on the front of the Congregational church lawn showed such evident signs of age and decay that it was considered unsafe during the high winds of spring and was thought best for public safety that it should be removed. This has been done and it will now make fragrant fuel for the parsonage fire.

James Robbins, recently of Ashburnham, a former resident of this town, died at the Burbank hospital last week Monday morning at the age of sixty-five years. He had been in failing health for several months and on the advice of his physician in Ashburnham, went to the Burbank hospital, where he gradually failed until he died. He leaves three brothers and one sister. The funeral was held on last week Thursday and interment was in the family lot in the North cemetery, Lunenburg.

Charles Page and family have moved from the Northfield road to their new home near the Fitchburg line on the road to Fitchburg. Henry Kelly and family have moved from the hunting house, so-called, to the cottage recently vacated by Gustave Rosen on the Fitchburg road.

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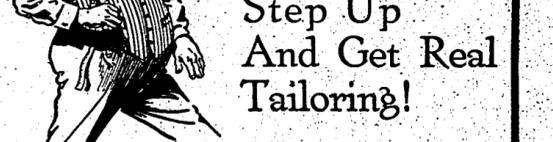
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