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LITTLETON

News Items.

Mrs. Emma K. Lemley, of Boston, was the mid-week guest of her brother, A. T. Kimball.

Mr. Turnbull, of the Common, is taking initiative steps in hours building on his lot of land on New Estate road, which he purchased of F. C. Hartwell several months ago.

Desirable parties have been in town this week looking for a sixty-acre farm within the water and electric lighting district and containing land adapted to peach raising. One of our large milk contractors has sought in vain recently to hire a hundred-acre farm in town. Not all people of means are seeking the tax dodger's paradise it seems.

The subject of an electric line from station to common and connection with Ayer and Lowell was revived by the Board of Trade at its first meeting and the increasing call for such a convenience is arousing discussion. People at the coming auto trips to Lowell in large numbers every pleasant Saturday. They shop and attend the moving picture shows and then return home. Were there an electric line direct to the city the supposition is that the business would become an increasing practice with our townspeople, and the expense that bars some now would be much less than auto fares.

A reminder—the Philathea sale in the Congregational vestry on Wednesday afternoon, April 26, from two to five o'clock. Food, fancy and useful articles, candy, Misses Tech '16, has accepted a position in Meriden, Conn., and left home last Sunday. He has accepted a position with an opportunity for advancement.

Schools were closed on Wednesday for the holiday, and the children enjoyed various out-of-door sports. F. W. Chase of the Union Tea service, has given up his position here to the regret of many patrons and friends in Littleton. He has accepted a position as superintendent of the Burbank hospital farm in Fitchburg.

A bird talk will be given in the Unitarian vestry next Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock by James Peters, of Fitchburg. He has just returned from San Domingo, where he has been on a survey for the Harvard college museum. He is very conversant with the subject of birds and will interest his audience. Men, women and children are all invited.

The Boston Post of April 19 contains a short story of merit written by our librarian, Miss Julia S. Conant.

John E. Gardner and Miss Elizabeth W. Thacher were chosen delegates to the Congregational conference in South Framingham on Wednesday.

A good delegation of young people went to the E. Union conference in South Framingham on Wednesday. The attendance at the morning service of the Congregational church on last Sunday surprised all of our special meetings in thirteen years—135 in number.

From Clarence D. Kingsley of the Massachusetts Board of Education, Supt. Hill has received the following communication just taken pleasure in informing you that the Littleton high school has been approved for the privilege of certification to state normal schools for the year 1916, and has been placed in Class A on the ground that, in my judgment, it meets the requirements for high schools in Class A as given in the enclosed circular of information.

The superintendency district meeting was held at Supt. Hill's on Wednesday evening. B. E. Hall of Acton, C. G. Prescott of Andover, J. C. Woodbury of E. H. Woodbury and A. B. Conant of Littleton were present. B. E. Hall was re-elected chairman of the district committee, and Charles O. Prescott was chosen secretary. In which capacity he has served since 1909.

Mrs. Lewis Peterson returned Monday to her home in Portland, Me., after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. F. H. Hill.

The home credit system adopted in Littleton schools a month ago is doing much to assist in the accomplishment of daily tasks at home.

Rehearsals for the May festival will begin soon. Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Tazewell will assist in preparations.

Several from Littleton attended the N. E. conference in Concord on Thursday.

A very pleasant party was held by the Back Log club in town hall Wednesday afternoon and evening. There was a large number present and the music for the dancing was thoroughly enjoyed. As usual a splendid supper was served and every feature was well carried out.

King's Daughters' Convention. The Middlesex County organization of King's Daughters held a most successful convention in the Unitarian church Thursday. Many, but not all the circles of the county, were represented and gave in interesting reports on their activities. The state and county officers were present and took the parts assigned them on the program. Mrs. Helen A. Whitcomb, president of the Portland circle, cordially welcomed the company, a reception committee attended to their comforts, and an able committee served a toothsome lunch to seventy-five ladies at 12:30 o'clock. Mrs. Swardson, ex-president of the county organization, in tracing the rainbow, discussed the various interests that claim and receive financial support from our circles, dwelling particularly on the object for which the county should concentrate thought and efforts—the fund for a home for aged couples to be established in our country, and several pledges toward the fund were made. The Forget-not circle contributing fifty dollars.

Former officers were re-elected and Mrs. Swardson was chosen to fill the vacancy on the board of directors.

Death. In the early morning of Monday, April 17, Jeremiah Tuttle Warren closed his earthly career and joined the multitude who have entered into the heavenly reward. Repeated persistent efforts to restore the body to health proved of no avail; the heart was weak and unequal to longer service. This life was complete, and the spirit fled to seek its new abode.

From the late home a beautiful service was held on Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Warren's body was borne to a Fairfield, officiated, reading scriptural passages especially appropriate.

Crossing and reading and one of Lowell's sonnets, and paying a just and worthy tribute to his memory. Mrs. J. M. Warren, in a beautiful voice, sang at the opening of the service. There were many choice floral tributes, given in expression of sympathy and high esteem of neighbors and other friends.

In the family a Westlawn cemetery all that was mortal was laid to rest beside the two wives and two children who had blessed the home.

Mrs. Warren is survived by a daughter, Miss Cora Warren, of Boston, who ministered lovingly and untriflingly to the comfort of her father. Two sisters mourn a distinct loss. Mrs. Arthur W. Drew of Littleton, and Mrs. Eibert P. Flagg, of Westford.

Mr. Warren was the son of Luther and Martha (Tuttle) Warren. He was born in Littleton in 1846, and lacked

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be chiefly in the interests of the employing class, serves to clear up the situation and any young man of ordinary sense who is thinking of enlisting, ought to be greatly encouraged to go ahead—that is if he feels the safeguarding the profits of these patriotic gentlemen is a cause worthy of the sacrifice of his life. It will be somewhat surprising if the workmen when they understand the sacredness of the cause do not fall over each other in their efforts to reach the nearest recruiting station, "but you can never tell." V. T. E. That it is more easily cleaned is the claim of the English inventor of a fork with tines diamond shaped in section instead of flat.

but little over six months of attaining his three score and ten years. He spent practically his whole life in Littleton and in his old years was engaged in the business of the county. He was twice married: first to Miss Lullie Stevens, of Nashua, N. H., whose untimely death occurred in 1874, and afterward to Miss Emma Bent of Stow, who passed away in 1907. In the lot by their respective mothers two little boys were laid away, one at the age of two days, the other at the age of five months.

For several years Mr. Warren's household has been in the care of his cousin, Mrs. L. A. Dickard, who has been most faithful to her trust and responsibility. The subject of this sketch justice is the small space allotted is impossible. He was one of the best of husbands, father, neighbor, friend. Faithful, loyal, devoted, and exceedingly thoughtful. It seemed as though he left no good within his power undone. He was an opportunity for his neighborly act. He promptly rendered his willing service in letting his left hand know what his right hand doeth. At the church and Sunday school he was always in his place, and his character and life reflected the teachings to which he attentively listened.

As a good soldier he endured the hardships that came to his lot and uncomplainingly met the misfortunes of life. In the fortune smiler he was ready to share its joys and in hard circumstances he was the same calm, honest, and unselfish man. He was a man of a noble character. He did everything in the square, and trusted everybody to do the same by him. It was beneath him to utter a harsh word or stoop to an unmanly act.

The neighborly and community of such a man is beyond words to express, but his gentle influence will remain with us to bless a memory always.

Missionary Conference.

The semi-annual meeting of the North Middlesex Branch of the Woman's Board of Missions will be held in the Congregational church, North Littleton, Tuesday, April 25. The following program merits a large attendance: 10:00, opening devotions, Mrs. Virginia L. Tewksbury, Concord; 10:15, singing of annual meeting, Mrs. E. W. Wiman, Shirley, sec. treasurer; 10:30, Mrs. Julia S. Conant, Littleton, report on the work of the money boxes; Mrs. E. P. Miller, Fitchburg; 10:50, missionary address, "Conquest of the South," Mrs. J. C. Ayer, Littleton, president; 11:15, luncheon, usual price; 1:15, devotional service, Rev. W. C. Leominster; 1:30, roll call of auxiliaries, Mrs. F. H. Vets, cor. sec.; 1:50, "Our share in the golden anniversary gift," golden gift committee; solo, Mrs. H. W. Dole; 2:00, "Our share in the Jubilee," Mrs. W. E. Enos; 2:15, business; 2:30, roll call of auxiliaries, Mrs. F. H. Vets, cor. sec.; 2:50, "Our share in the golden anniversary gift," golden gift committee; solo, Mrs. H. W. Dole; 2:00, "Our share in the Jubilee," Mrs. W. E. Enos; 2:15, luncheon, usual price; 2:30, business; 2:50, roll call of auxiliaries, Mrs. F. H. Vets, cor. sec.; 3:10, "Our share in the golden anniversary gift," golden gift committee; solo, Mrs. H. W. Dole; 3:20, "Our share in the Jubilee," Mrs. W. E. Enos; 3:35, closing hymn. Notice of the Aloha banquet at 6:30 in the evening in the fraternal Congregational church of Fitchburg, on the same date. This is for all our girls and young women.

An excellent program of after-dinner speakers is planned, with Aloha songs and cheers. Mrs. Stanley Emrich, Mrs. Phyllis Kennedy and Miss Elizabeth Pullen of Norwich, Conn., will speak, and the evening will close with the singing of "Voices of the Women." Tickets at popular price will be sent in advance to all our churches.

Encouraging the Boys.

When it becomes necessary for the president to come out and warn the public through an announcement in the newspapers of the country not to believe the stories sent out from the Mexican front as they are mostly gotten up by interested parties who desire and have been long working for intervention in this country, there is something mighty "rotten in Denmark" and is also strong circumstantial evidence that whole Villa's raid was inspired and financed by the same interests. If this is not treason, what is it? Many a man has been executed for less.

Whatever may be the president's failings making careless and unwary patriots try to force the country into war for the sake of increasing their private income. Could anything show up more clearly the inherent rottenness of the capitalist system that makes such things possible?

The president must have the proof to back his statements or he would not have made them. Will he use it to punish these traitors to their country? We fear not. There is too much wealth involved and the persons concerned are too powerful because of that same wealth. While more gully than Villa, because they know more, they will probably go scott free and no soldiers or other officers of the government will bother them. If they were more working men they would be doing time in short order and get no sympathy from any one.

The president's warning, together with his declaration in his recent message to congress to the effect that if the patriotism of the young men of the country prompted them to enlist in defence of their country it would

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GROTON

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Those from the Groton Congregational church attending the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational churches at Shirley on Wednesday...

The Past Grand Rebekek association of this district met in Odd Fellows' hall on Tuesday afternoon at 7:30 o'clock.

The Groton sewing school closes this week Saturday afternoon for the season.

Mrs. F. F. Waters is away on a trip to Washington, D. C. going with a party of town friends.

The Grange will hold a sale in the lower town hall on Wednesday afternoon, April 26, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Alice Miller, who has been spending the winter with relatives in New Hampshire, has been ill the past three weeks with nervous exhaustion.

Mrs. Mary May of Willow Dale, who has been confined to her bed, is very poorly, being confined to her bed.

Edmund D. Collier and Francis, his eldest son, will see Mr. Collins' parents on Patriots' day.

Mrs. Wilson, principal of the Boutwell school, and teacher of the seventh and eighth grades, will see Mr. Collins' parents on Patriots' day.

The presidential primaries will be held next week Tuesday, opening at 1:30 in the evening and closing at seven o'clock in the evening.

At a meeting of the Groton Cornet band on last Saturday evening the following officers were elected: Charles Shattuck, Jr., manager; Henry Adams, sec. and treas.; Frank M. Blood, Geo. Blood, Amos L. Ames, executive committee.

Groton School is to take up tennis on a larger scale than in previous years and a schedule of six matches has been arranged.

The tennis committee, which has Mr. Griswold as faculty adviser, includes Willett, chairman; J. G. Gray, Dr. D. B. Steere, Dr. R. L. Wood, and calling on friends.

The W. B. C. met for their usual work on Monday afternoon, April 17, instead of on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. F. C. Bishop underwent an operation at the Groton hospital Tuesday for an abscess behind the ear.

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The Samson Cardage Works posted notices in its works last Saturday afternoon that a rise in wages of five and ten percent would be granted...

The afternoon session opened at 1:15 with praise service held by Rev. George A. Gordon of Lancaster.

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Harold Strand spent last Sunday at his home in West Groton.

Dr. Samuel Howthrop has returned to his home after a protracted absence.

Mrs. M. E. Williams, who has spent the winter at her home in West Groton, has returned to her own residence.

Miss Evelyn Fernald of Framingham is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Webber.

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The annual meeting of the Shirley Congregational church will be held on April 23, at three o'clock.

Mrs. Fremont W. Keyes, of Auburn, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest...

Mrs. Babb, who has spent the winter at her home in Shirley, is spending a few days with friends in Lynn.

The Ladies' circle will meet in the church on Monday afternoon, April 24, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bunch leave this Saturday for a week's vacation at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Babb, in Lynn.

Miss Hazel Roggier, of Topsfield, a former resident of Shirley, spent a couple of days this week at the home of Mrs. Gertrude L. Conant.

The Perley Hoagland family has accepted the offer of Mrs. Babb, who has returned to her home in Shirley, to accept the position of chief of police of Shirley.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church will hold an Easter concert on Sunday evening at the usual hour.

The presidential primaries will be held on Tuesday, April 25, at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Timothy Thomas was taken to the hospital on Monday for an operation for pneumonia.

Mrs. Walter Knowles, who has been ill for some time, is somewhat better.

The spring meeting of the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational churches, held in the Congregational church on Wednesday, April 19, was a success.

Miss Ruth M. Graves comes home on Saturday for a week's vacation from her duties as school teacher in Lancaster.

Lewis H. Bradford, Horace C. Harris, Arthur H. Holden and Robert H. J. Holden, of Groton, will be in Shirley on Saturday.

Miss Florence Adams, instructor at the high school, has purchased a new automobile for use during the season.

Arthur H. Holden and William Freeman, of Groton, spent several days at home this week, returning to Frambleton on Thursday.

The center primary and grammar schools will be closed for vacation, opening again on Monday, May 1.

Neighbors from Shirley attended a meeting on Wednesday evening, when Townsends from the Groton and Shirley churches were present.

Mrs. Tanager, of New York, is spending a few days with her sister, Miss Elsie Kirby, in Shirley.

Earl Graves had the misfortune to have his bicycle stolen on Wednesday afternoon while he was attending the Grange meeting at Lunenburg.

The bicycle was not found, but no trace of the bicycle has been found as yet.

Mrs. Clifton Deby and little daughter, Leominster, are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wood.

Shirley Grange held a very interesting and well attended meeting on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Tanager.

Several cases of chicken-pox have been reported in Shirley. The cases are now located at Marigold cottage.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A warm blundering man does more for the world than a frigid wise man.

A man breathes about twenty times a minute, or 1200 times an hour.

The first railway in Montenegro was opened in 1908.

Two thousand five hundred square inches may be estimated as the surface of an ordinary sized man's body.

Experiments in lowland rice culture recently started in Porto Rico are arousing much interest there because of the chief food consumed in the island.

Porto Rico has spent approximately \$5,000,000 annually during the past four years for this grain and its products.

FOR SALE—Four good business horses that I have worked in my stable all winter. Will sell cheap for cash. As I have no use for them during the summer. ADAMS' STABLE, 1333 Main St., Lowell, Mass. 1w33

FOR SALE—Wish to turn into cash a New Essex Wagon, New Democrat Wagon, New Canopy Surrey, also Trap, Canopy Surrey and Truck Wagon that have been used and a few New Harnesses. If you intend to buy Farm Implements this season now is the time to order them, as you may not be able to get them later. F. B. FELCH, Carriage, Harness and Implement Dealer, Ayer, Mass. Telephone 116-2.

FOR SALE—One 4 spring Wagon with 12-foot body and side seats which can be put on, making a good open carriage, one covered horse trap Wagon with rolling side curtains. The above have been used by us in the grocery and grain business. Also, a Rubber-tired Goddard Carriage, a Rubber-tired Harness, All are in good condition. For further particulars, inquire of GALE BOGGS, Harvard, Mass. 4131

Have You Seen The New ALADDIN MANTLE LAMP? W. F. GLEASON, Agent Groton, Mass. A Demonstration will be given on request. 3m30

Seasonable Suggestions WATER GLASS (Full strength) 15c for Quart Bottle KREST An efficient disinfectant that should be in every home during the Spring Cleaning Season 40c for Pint Bottle RED CEDAR COMPOUND A moth preventative, the odor of which is more agreeable than that of moth balls. It is also cheaper in price and more economical to use. 15c the Package

FORMALDEHYDE SOLUTION This preparation is highly recommended as a preventative of 'scab' on potatoes. Soak your seed potatoes in a weak solution of this Formaldehyde and have good, clean potatoes next fall. One pint makes 30 gallons of solution. 50c for Pint Bottle

Wanted Party to hire and run in a first-class manner our fully equipped and modern boarding-house. Inquire of W. E. CONANT of Conant, Houghton & Co., Inc., Littleton, Mass. 2133 Main Street Ayer, Mass

BOXBOROUGH

News Items.

Nearly every evening on which the Grange has met since the new officers were installed has been stormy and on the last evening a heavy rain was an exception.

Wilfred Wheeler, of Concord, was to have given a lecture, but the weather conditions were so unfavorable that he thought best to postpone his lecture until another evening when he could come as there are no open dates at present.

On last Saturday afternoon a certain meeting of the Camp-fire Girls was held at the home of Miss Marion Burroughs.

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