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LITTLETON

News Items.
George C. Durkee is reported as somewhat improved in health.

Samuel Reed's little girl is very sick at the hospital withitis if any hope of recovery from spinal meningitis.

Little William Stapleton, four years old, fell on the ice Wednesday and cut his head which required a few stitches.

Mrs. LeRoy Jewett visited her husband at Clinton hospital Thursday. A cousin, Mrs. Lizzie Mead, is staying with Mrs. Jewett and her daughters while Mr. Jewett is under treatment.

At the annual meeting of the board of trade Monday evening the officers and committees of last year were re-elected.

Mrs. Bliebe, housekeeper for Dr. Cross in Newton, has a severe hemorrhage Wednesday which left her very weak. Conditions are favorable at time of writing.

The meeting scheduled in the Woman's club calendar for Monday, January 22, will be omitted by vote of the club to give the ladies opportunity to attend the W. C. conference in West Acton next Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. W. Turner of Milford, N. H., visited the H. F. Proctor's this week.

A new building for tools and storage has recently been erected near the barn on the H. J. Harwood estate.

Deaths.

The many friends of Miss Alice Marion Wright were silenced and deeply grieved at the news of her passing on Wednesday afternoon. She had been ill for two weeks or more and pneumonia had developed a week previous to her death. This was the sixth attack of that treacherous disease she had experienced and her body, worn

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Crane 126, R. A. Priest 175, H. E. Hume 176, E. D. Kendall 172, Milton Robbins 155. Members qualified under the regular militia rules are: Expert, J. H. Remick, 218; sharpshooter, J. W. Ames, 206, and F. B. Priest, 199. A five man team is shooting in the indoor tournament of the Massachusetts Association of N. R. A. clubs. The total score for the three matches in the first period, which closed January 6, was 2651 points out of a possible 3000. On Saturday, January 7, a five man team shot against a team from Clinton, the result of the match being as follows: Clinton—Plaskett 153, Palmer 167, Crane 126, R. A. Priest 175, H. E. Hume 176, E. D. Kendall 172, Milton Robbins 155. Members qualified under the regular militia rules are: Expert, J. H. Remick, 218; sharpshooter, J. W. Ames, 206, and F. B. Priest, 199. A club committee was chosen to use their influence with the committee who has this in charge at the state house and also to inform the various clubs through the state as to the progress of the bill. The plan of the school is to instruct its members in military methods, the proper handling and shooting of the rifle, etc., and would be similar to the work done at the Plattsburgh training camp in New York. The state is planning to take possession of all rifle ranges that are used by the militia in different towns and cities and give rifle clubs a chance to use them when not in use by the national guard.

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Entered as second-class matter at the
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WESTFORD

Center.
Grippe and colds are prevalent. Miss Grace Robinson has been among the shut-ins, but was able to return to her work in Lowell in the middle of the week. Postmaster J. Herbert Fletcher has been housed in with another attack of the grippe.

The January social under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church takes place on next Tuesday evening at the church. A one-act play entitled an interrupted proposal," a male quartet from West Chelmsford, beside other musical numbers, constitute the evening's entertainment, after which there will be refreshments and a social hour.

The storm of Sunday affected the attendance at the churches. The audience at the Congregational church was reduced to about thirty-five, but the attendance at the evening service was much as usual. Mr. Lincoln gave good addresses at both services.

Edward Clement had a narrow escape from serious injury on Monday evening while walking over the ice near the saddleback mountain. The machine completely overturned and when Mr. Clement was extricated he found considerable injury to the car, but fortunately was uninjured himself.

The dance under the auspices of Westford Grange—January 26—is in aid of the State Grange Educational fund. Hibbard's orchestra of Lowell will furnish the music for the dancing.

The ladies of the Unitarian church hold a food sale and whisky party Friday evening of this week.

Mrs. H. V. Hildreth and Mrs. E. Fletcher recently attended a Woman's club conference in Salem.

Club Meeting.

The second meeting of the Tadmuck club for January took place at the vestry of the Congregational church.

Misses Anna and Ethel G. Edwards, in charge of the household economy department; Mrs. Oscar R. Spalding, chairman; Mrs. Schuyler Herron of Winchester was the speaker and gave an address on "The value of the club to the homemaker." An address full of inspiration and instruction to the housewife and housemaker. Mrs. Percy J. Wilson, a soprano singer of Lowell, sang two songs of the day. Mrs. A. E. Lovett, wife of the Rev. Mr. Lovett, gave a splendid rendition of "The housewife's hymn" by Angela Morgan. Notice was given of the coming mid-winter meeting of the State Federation with the Cosmos club of Wakefield. Mrs. Harry L. Nesmith and Mrs. W. D. Pitkin were accepted into membership.

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Mr. Merritt had lived in Westford much of the time for over twenty years. He formerly lived on the farm now owned by Wm. E. Green and for the last eight years had occupied the Charles H. Fletcher farm, which he purchased eight years ago. This place was recently sold to William A. Robinson and about the middle of December he moved to Bedford.

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Many people in this village are ill with grippe colds, accompanied by a severe sore throat.

Mrs. William J. Healy has been ill at her home in this village during the past few days.

The members of Court Graniteville, M. C. O. F., are now making active preparations for the joint installation to be held in conjunction with Court Wannalancet on next Sunday afternoon in the town of North Chelmsford. It is expected that a large number from this village will attend.

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State Income Tax

Do you understand the new state income tax law? You are running the risk of severe penalties if you disregard its provisions.

In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the things you should know about it. These articles are written under the direction of the State Income Tax Attorney. Correspondence may be gladly answered by mail or in this column. If addressed to the State Income Tax Attorney, State House, Boston, it will receive prompt attention. No attention will be paid to questions on any other subject. Mention newspapers in which you read this. So far as possible, we will furnish a special article explaining this law to any organization or request. Save these articles for future reference.

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State Income-Tax Attorney.

**READ THIS AND
SAVE STEPS**

(Ninth Article.)

WHAT BLANKS DO YOU NEED?
The following blanks have been prepared. Examine the list carefully to see which form you need. It still in doubt call at the nearest District Office and look at the forms themselves and if need be enquire of your District Assessor or Deputies.

**LIST OF FORMS.
FOR INDIVIDUALS**

Form 1: For use of all individuals receiving taxable wages or salary, income from taxable investments, annuities, and excess of gains over losses in dealing in intangibles. This is the form for use in the ordinary case, and as preliminary to all returns on Forms 1A and 1B.

Supplementary Form 1A:

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Supplementary Form 1B:

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FOR FIDUCIARIES.

Form 2: For use of all executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, conservators, receivers and assignees, receiving taxable income, and also as preliminary to all returns on Form 2A and 2B where the use of these forms is necessary.

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Form 3:

For use by partnerships in all cases, as preliminary to their returns of business income on Forms 3A or 3B.

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For use of partners claiming family exemptions from business income, i.e., on account of wife or husband, children under 18 years of age or parents entirely dependent upon them for support.

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PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND TRUSTS (having transferable shares).**Form 4:**

For use by partnerships, associations, and trusts wishing to agree with the tax commissioner to pay any tax which may be due thereon, and thereby relieve the shares from taxation in the hands of shareholders. (See also Forms 6 and 7.)

SETTLEMENT OF TAXES BY FIDUCIARIES.

For use by fiduciaries desiring to close up estates before the tax has become due, settling the tax thereon, and thereby relieving the beneficiaries from returning such income in their individual returns.

LIST OF EMPLOYEES.

For use by individuals, corporations, associations, partnerships, etc., for return of employees to whom more than \$1,500 has been paid during the last calendar year.

INTERESTS AND ANNUITIES.

For use by corporations, and partnerships, associations and trusts having transferable shares, for return of interest on bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness.

Making the Little Farm Pay

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Wise marketing is the key to successful farming. This sums up the experience of J. J. Budlong, a Chicago man who has grown wealthy in agriculture. Mr. Budlong for many years has farmed several hundred acres of land and produces vegetables almost exclusively. The Budlong truck farm is the greatest of its kind in the middle west, and in some respects the greatest in the world. A pickle factory owned by this successful farmer handles a large part of the edibles raised on the premises. Table commodities are shipped by Mr. Budlong to every part of America and to several of the big markets in other continents.

Practically all the onions and cucumbers raised on this place are put up as pickles, and by this means they do not have to be marketed in any hurry or at any particular time. There are many other commodities which work into the scheme of canning and pickling. For instance, the cabbage crop pays well when turned into sauerkraut, and beans and peas pay best when canned. It is always best to produce a variety of staple products, so that if one or two of them are low in price the others are quite likely to pull up the average to a profitable basis. This is a common experience in all kinds of farming. Sometimes wheat

is raised to a greater extent than corn, and the same rule applies. In this case, however, the market for wheat is more stable than for corn, and the latter is more easily marketed. The definite activities and benefits of the public health nurse are outlined as follows:

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On the physician's report of any contagious disease, it will be her duty to go to the household where the disease exists, gather data to be used by this board in tracing the source of infection, and to establish quarantine, explaining the existing rules and the proper way of observing them. It will be her duty to suggest the best manner of safe guarding of the family, as well as the public at large. This is a direct service to the family itself, supplementing the work of the physician who is concerned primarily with the treatment of the ill person. During the continuance of quarantine she will be directed to periodically visit the household and inspect it exactly, as well as to see that proper isolation of the disease is maintained.

On the recovery of the case, she will be sent to see that healthful conditions are restored, all matters concerning disinfection being placed in her charge. No case, therefore, will be turned loose on the public, or on the rest of the quarantined family, until the condition of everything connected with the case is such that further contagion is minimized.

The foregoing work that the public health nurse will do cannot be done by this board as it is now organized. Owing to the lack of a trained agent in such matters, we are forced to rely on the intelligence of the family aided by the voluntary suggestions of the attending physician for the proper isolation of the patient. It is exactly during this time that health organizations should do their most effective work in combating the spread of contagious disease, by establishing and maintaining proper isolation within the home.

THE CABBAGE CROP PAYS WELL WHEN TURNED INTO SAUERKRAUT.

or corn will pay enormously, but if raised as exclusive money crops there will be years of total failure. Thousands of industrious farmers have been ruined by sticking to the single crop idea-on farms too large for their equipment and capital.

Canning, preserving and pickling enable any farm family to double the price which it would otherwise obtain for such things as sweet corn, peas, cucumbers, onions, peppers, berries, currants, plums, cherries and a dozen similar commodities. This plan enables one to charge full retail prices and so make the farm return high profits.

Nearly all farmers know how to produce crops, but few of them are skillful at selling. This is the main difference between the Budlong success and the many failures which have been recorded. Mr. Budlong himself says that, as a general thing, he does not get better crops than other people. The land he uses is not as good as the average Cook county soil, but he buys many carloads of manure from the city and keeps the ground in a fine state of fertility. The fertilizer is plowed in every fall. Sometimes he has green crops, like peas, soy beans or clover, to work into the soil in the fall. There is a scientific reason for handling land in this way, especially the plowing in of an abundance of stable and green manures, but without pretense of scientific attainments nearly all farmers know how to keep up land, although they frequently neglect fall plowing.

While it is true that Mr. Budlong irrigates his farm by pumping water from the drainage canal, he does not attribute his success to this control of the water supply, for he was successful long before the drainage canal was built. In brief terms, his first step toward success was the upbuilding of soil fertility, and then when the big crops came he made his own market for the bulk of the products, getting all cash that was possible to obtain from the commodities raised. He keeps close records of all crops and knows exactly what any given line of produce costs him. He can tell what proportion of the expense each acre should bear, what the labor is worth and what dividends are paid by each particular unit of land every season. From long experience he knows that diversity of production is better than to risk everything on a single crop. It is probably true that if the whole enterprise hung to one product his success would be much less pronounced than it is.

THE EAR ROW TEST.

It is well to mark off the ground of the ear row test with stakes and to omit a row of corn around the ear row tests between it and the general field.

The ear row test plot can thus be cultivated just like the general field and at the same time without extra attention in that regard. The chief amount of extra work will be caused by the necessity of harvesting the separate rows of the ear row test separately.

AYER**A Public Health Nurse in Ayer.**

The board of health will request at the coming town meeting an appropriation of \$100 for the employment of a public health nurse under the provisions of the acts of 1911, Chapter 17, sec. 4, as follows:

"Towns are hereby authorized to appropriate annually a sum not exceeding \$2000 for the employment of district or other nurses. The said sum may be expended directly by the town through its selectmen, or under the direction of the board of health authorized to do so by the secretary."

It is the intention that the public health nurse, if employed, shall act under the direction of the board of health, especially since the greater part of her work will be distinctly board of health work.

In order that the appropriation may be intelligently considered in town meeting, it is important that everyone should know the necessities that the appropriation is designed to meet, and should appreciate the following benefits to be derived from the proposed service. It should be understood that the establishment of a public health nurse, acting under this board's direction, will enable your board of health to meet all its responsibilities as they should be met, and that the service will be one of direct advantage to every person in town. If these two points are thoroughly understood, we feel sure that the appropriation will be granted.

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OTHER SERVICE.

It is the intention of the board of health to establish an office in the Town Hall and to have the public health nurse there at certain hours of the day. At these times she may be consulted on any matter that lies within her field of work.

As another benefit to be derived from her services, it must be remembered that in pursuing her definite duties as outlined before, the public health nurse will be brought into very close contact with general town conditions, and through her board of health will be informed of any that require attention.

Such then are the definite activities and benefits of the public health nurse. There are also many other services employed by communities-contagious disease, tubercular, school, infant hygiene and social welfare. Some communities employ none, others utilize the services of all. Our public health nurse, with the activities before outlined, will be a combination of all these types. That is, she will be active in contagious diseases, in tubercular work among the school children, in infant hygiene and social welfare. Some communities employ none, others utilize the services of all. Our public health nurse, with the activities before outlined, will be a combination of all these types. That is, she will be active in contagious diseases, in tubercular work among the school children, in infant hygiene and social welfare, which latter means simply an activity designed to bring about more healthful living conditions.

We most earnestly hope that our request for this appropriation to be spent in establishing this health service, will be granted, as we feel it will be, if real consideration is given to the far-reaching value of such service.

SCHOOL CHILDREN.

At present, the school physician, under the direction of the school committee, is maintaining a very effective oversight of the health of school children, with the principal purpose of preventing contagious diseases in the schools. Any child who shows signs of being ill or who has been absent from school for any length of time is brought for his attention. In this way and also through his examinations which he makes for the purpose of locating many unhealthy conditions he finds many cases of children suffering from defective teeth, or hearing, or from some other defective condition. Beyond writing a note to the family of the child advising them of this condition, he can do no constructive work.

The following is of great interest in this connection: If a child is absent from school for any length of time, it is difficult to keep him from effectively following up such cases, and it is right here that the real constructive work should begin. It is the intention that such cases will be reported to the board of health by him and by them placed in the hands of the public health nurse for her attention. She will personally report the condition of the child to the mother and will act in an advisory capacity when suggested action is taken.

In cases where the family is unable to furnish the medical attention necessary, she will assist in bringing the child in touch with those organizations where treatment may be obtained at minimum charges.

It is not necessary to enlarge on the value of this service, especially nowadays, when it is becoming more and more clear that such defective conditions among children, as mentioned above, are not only a cause of physical illness, but the cause of a general deterioration of stamina resulting in a loss of efficiency not only in school work, but in every activity they attempt.

It is needless to state that without such a trained agent to follow up these cases, no work can be attempted in this important field.

INFANT HYGIENE SERVICE.

According to statistics of that area of the United States that is recorded, 25% of all deaths are of children under five years old. Of these nearly 18% are of infants not one year old. According to the children's bureau of the U. S. Dept. of Labor, at least one-half of these deaths are due to preventable causes.

Citizens' concern this week Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the Queen of Greece at her home in Athens, has had some very interesting experiences.

Charles Newton P. Abbott gave a piano recital on Tuesday, January 16, before a very appreciative audience under the auspices of the Women's Club of Pepperell.

Brownfield school opened Wednesday afternoon to allow the children to install a new heating plant in the old one being inadequate to the task during severe weather. School will be resumed on Monday.

Owing to weather conditions there was no service in the Congregational church last Sunday, and only one was present at the Congregational church.

Citizens' caucus this week Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the town hall.

On last Tuesday evening the Bird Club and a visiting party from the Granite City, the entertainment being in charge of Frank P. Abbott, lecturer for Mr. Backus of Ayer, game warden for this district, gave a very interesting talk on the protection of game birds. Eben F. Corey, president of the Bird Club, gave a talk on the feeding habits of wild birds. Miss Beryl S. Bigelow told in a very pleasing and instructive manner about the nesting habits of wild birds. Stanley Turner read a paper giving some facts regarding the habits of our feathered friends. Frank Abbott prepared a large chart of fifty-four life-size pictures of the wild birds of Massachusetts and offered prizes for those who could correctly name the most. Miss Anna Scorgie won first prize with 46 varieties; Miss Anne Reed, second, with 21, and Mrs. Austin Peters and Stanley Turner tied for third place with 26 varieties.

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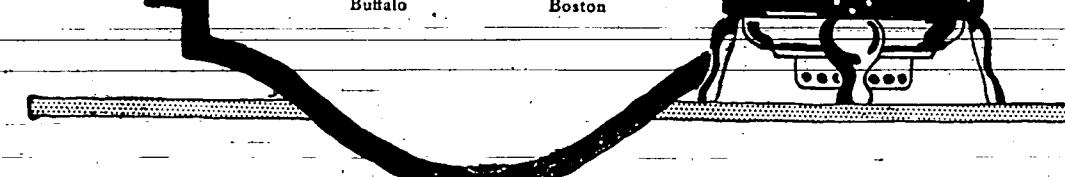
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GROTON

News Items

Mrs. Ella P. Woolley left town last week Thursday for a ten-days' visit with relatives in Waltham and Worcester.

A bill to license cats has been introduced in the Massachusetts legislature on the petition of Mrs. William Wharton.

Members of the Grange are busy rehearsing the play "The Time of His Life" to be given later in the season.

Mrs. A. G. Kilbourn and her son William are in Toronto, making a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Kilbourn's mother.

It is understood that negotiations have been completed for the building of the state highway between Littleton and Groton by the Massachusetts Highway Commission.

We learn of much sickness in town.

Heavy colds and grippe are prevalent.

The music section of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Charles B. Ames at the parsonage on Wednesday evening, January 24, at 7:30 o'clock.

George Meyet and John Sheedy have been drawn as jurors. They began their duties in Cambridge on Monday, January 8.

The annual town meeting will be held on Monday, February 5.

The next regular meeting of the woman's club will be held on January 26.

Chairwoman of education, Mrs. Julia W. Shaw, chairman, Mrs. W. S. Ripley, Jr. of Wakefield, will be the speaker, subject "Practical educational work for the Woman's club."

Phineas Harrington has arrived home after having enjoyed a visit of several weeks in East Boston.

The guest night of the Woman's club will be held at the lower town hall on Friday evening, February 9, at eight o'clock. Miss Erdine Cowshaw will give an attractive program of three one-act plays by popular modern writers. Bertram Fenton of Boston, the man talked of as a tone, will render vocal solos. Guests may be obtained from Mrs. Burton, the custodian, at the next club meeting, January 26, or at her home the following Monday and Tuesday, January 29 and 30. Members will be admitted on presentation of their own club ticket.

Last Wednesday afternoon young Malcolm McGregor had taken his mother and the younger members of the family to the Baptist church, it being the day of the annual roll-call and dinner and visit on his birthday. For the father, one of the bats which fastened the shafts to the sleigh gave way letting them down onto the heels of the five-year-old horse which he was driving. The horse became frightened, ran and jumped the hedge enclosing Mrs. Needham's lawn, then ran down across the railroad track where he became entangled with the reins, and finally fell. He was caught by John Kennedy, who is employed by John Sheedy, and taken to Mr. Johnson's stable. The which was damaged somewhat and the horse received some cuts about the forelegs. Young Malcolm escaped without injury.

Mrs. E. K. Marshall of Townsend was in town this week to attend the firemen's ball, being entertained by her sister, Mrs. George E. Lawrence.

Mrs. Loretta Dresser, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. George L. Boynton, is sick in bed and under the doctor's care.

It is understood that Miss Bagley, who is housekeeper for Lawrence Brooks, plans to go to Florida in February.

The Groton Alliance will hold a neighborhood meeting in Odd Fellows' hall on Thursday afternoon, January 25, at three o'clock. Rev. A. R. Hussey of Lowell will be the speaker. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to be present, and any friends interested are invited to attend the meeting.

Fred H. Terrey has been confined to the house with an attack of the grippe during the past week.

Mrs. James Bailey, Mrs. Charles Ames and Mrs. Frank Torrey left Wednesday noon to attend the quarterly meeting of the New England Associate Alliance, held in Providence, R. I., Thursday, staying in Boston Wednesday night, and returning Thursday on the evening train.

George W. Whitcomb and Harry S. Parker of Littleton, were among the guests of the selectmen on Saturday, January 6, at Granby Inn. After partaking of a hearty dinner all were invited to the selectmen's room, where board and machinery were ably discussed.

The Graton Band History will be omitted for a few weeks, owing to the limited time we have in getting out the different town reports we have contracted for.

"Paul's benediction" will be the subject of the morning service at the Wo-

man's club will meet at the home of Miss Boutwell on Saturday, January 20, at three o'clock. Shakespeare reading beginning the play of Hamlet on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

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On Sunday morning Rev. Charles B. Ames will deliver the second in the series of sermons on "Fundamental methods of Unitarianism."

Mrs. Almon Gauthier, of Concord, N. H., spent yesterday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Blood.

The officers of Middlesex Reckless Lodge, I. O. O. F., were installed Tuesday evening by State W. D. Donley, master and suite of Coppercliff Lodge, Pawtucket, deputy marshal assisting in the ceremony. The retiring noble grand, Alice M. Woods, was presented with a past grand's collar. Refreshments were served after which dancing was enjoyed.

Tuesday, Mrs. Frank M. Blood received the sad news of the death of her brother, Eugene Shattuck, who was recently killed in an automobile accident in Portland, Oregon. He was a graduate of Oregon. Besides

Mrs. Blood leaves another sister, Miss Eliza Shattuck, who will be well remembered by many Groton friends, as she lived with Mrs. Blood four years, attending the Groton High school, where she graduated.

The monthly meeting of the social circle in the Chicopee district was held as usual at the schoolhouse on Monday evening, January 15, when thirty-two assembled for pleasant enjoyment. In place of the usual entertainments were individual contributions by the ladies, consisting of boxes each containing all the tempting viands that her ladyship could prepare. These boxes were each numbered. Slips of paper with corresponding numbers were drawn by the gentlemen who found their partners for lunch by hunting up the number word present. Three tests were given, an entertainment consisting of Victoria selections, several readings and solos. Later games were played. The members of the committee chosen for the February party are Mrs. Rowell and the Misses Floyd.

Martin Kennedy of this town received the sad news of the death of his brother, who died this week of pneumonia. He leaves a widow. He was horse trainer for Barnum & Bailey.

Howard Wheelock is spending a few days in town at his home on Chicopee Row.

Dr. and Mrs. EverSOLE left town on Friday afternoon for a tour of Florida, where they plan to remain several weeks. They will leave Boston Friday accompanied by Mrs. EverSOLE's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown of MerriO. Their destination is St. Augustine.

The members of the Cunningham family have been having severe colds. One of the children is sick with the croup at the time of writing, requiring a physician.

Mrs. Bertram E. Tucker has been ill the past few days with neuralgia.

Miss Eliza Corwin left town last week Friday, staying over the weekend with friends in Derry, N. H. She expects to go to Athol soon for the remainder of the winter to be with friends who are sick with the grippe.

J. E. Adams with his men was called to go to Medford this week for a load of firkins, also a large number of boxes, one of the pair of mares which he valued at two hundred dollars. While the men were eating their dinner in Medford they noticed that the gray horse had fallen. They removed him to a shed near by, where he soon died.

The Neighborhood club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Harriet Gray. The secretary's report was read as usual. The afternoon was spent on comfort slippers for the French wounded. During the two meetings twenty-five pairs of slippers were finished. After the sewing was put aside daintily refreshments were served.

H. A. Dugas from Greenfield spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Adams.

The interesting and instructive lecture given by Hon. Edward H. Thompson, who was twenty-five years U. S. consul at Yucatan, on the subject "Adventures in the jungles of Yucatan" in the town hall Tuesday evening, January 16, was well attended.

He was at the head of the research department of Harvard college in that locality for a number of years. The lecture was well received throughout the evening, which was marked while he was relating his personal experience and adventures.

Their snappy playing of the "Yacht Club" march, although not presented so much for its musical value as to demonstrate what may be accomplished in the short time of three months from raw recruits, was received with great interest by our Groton boys, who, like the average in grammar, the fundamentals of music and ensemble playing.

The band wishes to thank E. B. Gorish, G. E. Hodgman, Louis Sheedy, Fred Porter and others who helped in the vocal chorus of the Hunting scene. Also, to thank the townspeople for their support and appreciation of the efforts of the organization.

May we bring again to the public attention that a new bandstand is needed, a more attractive structure, somewhat lower than the present one, with roof and proper acoustical construction built of cement, such a bandstand would last practically forever. What could be more fitting in our town square than a tribute to the love of music, especially of school interests.

of a historical town? In summer small children could gather on sunny days with their toys and enjoy perfect safety. As mentioned to some persons connected with Groton, such a bandstand could be more appropriate and no organization more worthy to receive it than the Groton Cornet band, founded more than a half century ago. Drawings, specifications and approximate price of bandstand may be had by application to the manager of the band.

Boy Scouts.

The members of Troop 1, R. S. A. held their regular meeting on last Tuesday evening. The meeting was conducted by Harold Barton, scribe. After the opening exercises the boys received their ranks for the month and were given their places in the troop. Senior patrol leader, Roy Bennett, 106; assistant senior leader, Gerald Breckenridge; No. 1 senior scribe, Harold Barton, 106; Wendell Cook, 104; Robert Jacobs, 102; Clifford Pecking, 101; Addison Ballou, 31; Archie McGovern, 88; Dennis Pecking, 76; assistant patrol leader, Fred Gate, 82; Alfred Gas, 88; Lowell Souther, 56; Theodore Ware, 55; Lloyd Randall, 51; Lester Carkin, 65; Myron Breckenridge, 62; Charlie Murphy, 56; Burton Robinson, 50; Associate scouts, Oscar Forbes, Henry Bradley and Sydne Crankin; Honorary member, R. Prescott Leonard. The troop are planning to serve the week of February 8-15.

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News Items.

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Mrs. Nina B. Lovejoy, of the local W. R. C., installed the officers of Charles H. Stevens W. R. C., on Saturday evening. The joint installation of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. At the close of the installation Mrs. Lovejoy was presented with a beautiful cut glass dish from the W. R. C.

The Gun club has elected these officers: Ell W. Carley, pres.; Harry R. Draper, v. p.; Thomas J. Ryan, sec. and treas.; William H. Reynolds, field capt.; Ell W. Carley, Harry R. Draper, Thomas J. Ryan, William H. Reynolds; William J. Pelletier, Walter A. Blodgett, Everett C. Sabine, governing good quality ice.

The Boston Ice Company began cutting Monday, filling cars to be sent to Ayer. The company expected to begin filling its houses soon, providing the weather continues favorable. The ice on Sandy pond is over twelve inches thick.

The Rifle club has elected the following officers: Frank A. Cash, pres.; William J. Pelletier, v. p.; Arthur G. Downing, ex. officer; Harry A. Morse, sec.; Berkley T. Larrabee, treas.

Patriot Powers is off duty as transfer man at the local transfer station, owing to a painful injury to his left foot, which was received while at work. He is at his home in Pepperell.

The joint installation of the officers of Harbinger Lodge, K. P., and Harbinger Temple, Pythian Sisters, takes place on Monday evening in their rooms in Hardy block.

Those who wish to have their names on the official ballot for town meeting at the polls for office must have their nomination papers filed with the town clerk on or before Thursday afternoon, January 25, at five o'clock. This is the last hour allowed by law for such action.

Berkley T. Larrabee opened his restaurant on Merchants' row on Sunday morning, in the place formerly occupied by Gould & Langevin. The place has been improved and put in first-class condition. For the present the restaurant will be open every day from seven in the morning until seven in the evening. The Palace Café will be run in connection with the restaurant.

The alarm of fire from box 17 at the corner of East Main and Pine streets last week Friday evening, was for a chimney fire in the house occupied by Nicholas Murray and family on the Groton and Harvard road. The damage was slight. While going to the fire the Palace house carriage landed on the icy street near the East Main street, breaking a wheel. A telephone pole, which plainly bears marks of the collision. There was no one hurt. The firemen had a decidedly cold run in the near zero temperature which was made worse by a strong breeze.

Miss Lena Pluff, of North Dana, began work for Berkley T. Larrabee in his new restaurant Monday morning.

"The sins of mothers" the New York Evening Sun's \$1000 prize film drama, in five parts, featuring Anita Stewart and Earle Williams, whose famous screen star is the big leader this Saturday afternoon and evening at the Bijou picture show. Two reels of the Beatrice Fairfax series and the International News in pictures showing the world in motion will complete the great bill. On next Wednesday evening comes Emily Stevens, the famous actress, in a Metro wonderplay of distinctive quality in five parts, entitled "The wager." Besides there will be two farce-comedies and international news. Show and evening, as usual. "The Great Seer" with Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, the crowned king and queen of the motion picture world, a serial in fifteen parts, starts at this theatre on January 27. This is the best of serial plays that has been released of recent date and is now playing in Boston to crowded houses. These two stars are popular here and their best work is shown in this recently released serial.

A food sale will be held at the Unitarian vestry on Saturday afternoon, January 27, at 2:30 o'clock by the Ayer Branch Alliance.

The members of the Ayer Alliance are invited to return to a neighborhood meeting on Thursday afternoon, January 25, at three o'clock in Odd Fellows' hall. Rev. Alfred R. Hussey, of Lowell, will be the speaker.

Do not fail to attend the grand concert of the Ayer Musical Association on Tuesday evening, January 23, in the town hall. It undoubtedly will be the musical event of the season. The association is entirely a local organization, which after hearing the men of the town, should be greatly pleased. Show your appreciation—your talent by your attendance—you cannot be but well repaid. Tickets are now on sale by members and at George H. Brown's store.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held on Thursday evening, January 11. Rev. J. W. Thomas presided. The following officers and committees were chosen:

Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, clerk; Mrs. Carrie Lowell, treas. and coll.; Mr. Frank Preble, supt. Sunday school; Herbert H. Pillman, and superintendent; Mrs. John H. Johnson, Mrs. Alice Lowell, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, music com.; Mrs. George E. Felch, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, Mrs. H. H. Pillman, cradle coll.; Mrs. Alta H. Hollis, home department supt.; Mrs. Geo. E. Felch, Mrs. Geo. Hatch, visitors.

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John H. Atwood, formerly of Ayer, a brother of Judge Warren H. Atwood, and a prominent lawyer in Kansas City, Mo., has written a series of special articles bearing on the European war for the New York Evening Mail, two of which recently appeared in that paper and which attracted considerable attention. These articles were written at the request of S. S. McClure, a well-known publisher, who directs several publications, including the above paper. Mr. McClure became interested in the writing of Mr. Atwood some time ago and was so well pleased with them that he personally requested him to contribute the articles recently published in the New York paper. The famous publisher made no remark saying that he doubted if there were more than half a dozen men in the United States who could write so well as our former townsmen.

Preaching in the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10:45 by the pastor, subject, "Profitableness of godliness." Sunday school at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening; subject of sermon, "Prophecy fulfilled."

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. J. W. Thomas at the parsonage on Tuesday afternoon, January 23, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. J. W. Thomas is visiting her daughter in Cambridge this week.

Mrs. Lillian Baker, who has been employed at the Ayer Variety store, commenced work this week Friday morning as assistant in the office of the Ayer Tanning Company.

At the meeting of the Middlesex Union Association of Congregational Ministers, in Fitchburg on Wednesday, Rev. J. S. Strong was chosen a member of the executive committee for three years.

Miss Lena Pluff, a waitress at Berkley T. Larrabee's restaurant, is a sister of Harold Lockwood, the famous moving picture actor, and a sister of Miss Anna, a young picture actress. She is in the preparation of a play in which an automobile in which she and a female companion were riding, and which formed a part of one of the scenes, plunged over a cliff, killing both occupants of the machine.

At a meeting of those interested in the no-license campaign, which was held at the Board of Trade rooms on Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. Selden Strong, Rev. Frank B. Crandall and Charles H. Hardy were chosen a committee in charge of the work incident to the campaign. The work will be carried out along the same lines as last year.

Oliver Proctor, of Townsend Harbor, a prominent citizen of that place, died there last Saturday morning. He was the father of Edward O. Proctor, of Ayer.

The members and their families are invited to the installation of officers of the McKinley chapter, O. E. S., by Mrs. Louise G. Crafts, associate and deputy grand matron, assisted by Mrs. Alice E. Wallace, deputy grand marshal; Edward A. Richardson, of Ayer, treasurer; and Mrs. M. Ciccone G. Saxon, officiating grand marshal on Wednesday afternoon, January 24, at 4:30 o'clock. Banquet served at 6:30. A short entertainment will follow the installation exercises.

Mrs. Lillian Brooks, of Tomahawk, Wis., with her daughter Marion, arrived here on Monday evening, coming on to assist in taking care of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Brown, who was sent for very sick, but who is on the way to recovery from her illness. Word was also given to her other daughter, Flora Verrill, who resides in California, and is on her way to take the place of Mrs. Brooks, who has to return to her home in about a week. As soon as Mrs. Brown is able to travel she will return with her daughter Flora to her home in California.

The condition of L. Grant Dwinell, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is reported this week Friday to be very favorable.

Nomination papers are in circulation for Guy B. Remick for town clerk and for Albert B. Downing, for town warden.

Daniel W. Mason spent this week at Centre Harbor, N. H.

Mrs. Joseph Graves is visiting in Springfield.

The Cellset Brush Company, of Fitchburg, is one of the newly incorporated concerns under the laws of Massachusetts. John H. Trayne of Groton, is president of the company; August Beck of Fitchburg, is treasurer; and with E. W. Carley of Ayer and Daniel L. Chandler of Fitchburg, formerly of Ayer, make up the board of directors. The company has a capital stock of \$100,000 divided into 10,000 shares of a par value of \$10 each.

Ayer Council, R. C., will hold a military whist party in their room on Thursday evening, January 25.

The Boston Ice Company started filling their houses at Sandy pond on Wednesday. Later, the men struck for more pay. The matter was satisfactorily adjusted and all went back to work on Thursday.

Louis H. Cushing attended the meeting of the New England Street Rail road club at the Copley Plaza hotel in Boston on Thursday evening.

But one name was added to the voting list at the annual work of the registrar of voters on Thursday evening, that of John C. Guthrie.

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The following letters remained uncashed for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending January 15. D. C. Bailey, Fred D. Bell, F. E. Bell, Fred Holt, Fred A. Hood, Stephen W. Nickerson, George Sargent, Bomstead Thayer.

District Court.

Morris Schwartz was found guilty in the superior court in East Cambridge on Tuesday of maintaining a liquor nuisance in Ayer and was ordered discharged. Schwartz was tried in the local court for the above offense and for keeping and exposing for sale intoxicating liquors and for an illegal sale several months ago. The two last named complaints were filed and he was held for the first for the higher court. Chief Beatty appeared for the government at the trial on Tuesday.

John Mellin, who committed the robbery at the home of Mrs. Martha G. Lyon here several weeks ago, was arraigned in the superior court in Salem on Monday on complaints for committing several larcencies in Fitchburg before visiting Ayer, he being held by Judge Winn of Fitchburg, for trial in the superior court in the former city. Chas. Beatty appeared to the trial in Salem at the request of the Haverhill chief of police, who had charge of the government's cases against Mellin in that city. Mellin was given a year's sentence in the house of correction for the Haverhill breaks.

John Mellin was arraigned on the Ayer break in the superior court in East Cambridge on Monday evening. Chas. Beatty appeared as a witness for the government. A sentence to the Concord reformatory was imposed, which will take effect upon the expiration of the one-year term in the Salem jail, which he received on Monday. The police of Hartford, Conn., and Nashua, N. H., where Mellin is wanted for breaks, will, it is said, prefer charges against him later.

John Powers, of Leominster, was in court on Wednesday on a charge of larceny at Harlow & Parsons' market on August 12. He was found guilty and the case was filed on the payment of expenses of the case.

Henry Waterman was found guilty of illegally shooting a pheasant in Ayer on September 13, and was discharged Monday morning. The trial of the case has been delayed until this time through variety of causes, including the inability of counsel on the part of the defendant to get together because of previous engagements in other courts.

The defendant, often seen near the Harvard Inn in this town, The complaint was made through Edward L. Backus, Jr., fish and game commissioner for this district. Mr. Backus testified to being in the vicinity of the shooting on the day named in the complaint. He heard a shot and started in the direction of the shooting. He saw Waterman running and called upon him to stop in the name of the law, stating that he was an officer. Backus denied having a hunting license and was not issued one.

The game commissioner said the gun used in killing the pheasant was recently discharged. Going back a hundred yards over the path traveled by the defendant and himself, Backus found a freshly killed pheasant. It being the close season on this variety of game and against the law to kill it, he called the defendant against the defendant was made out.

The defendant denied killing the pheasant. He said that he and several others were in the vicinity looking for ducks; that there was more or less firing during the time they were there by everyone and that somebody else must have killed the pheasant.

Judge Atwood said the evidence was insufficient for a verdict of guilty and ordered the discharge of the defendant. John M. Maloney appeared for the defendant and Francis G. Hayes of Groton for the plaintiff.

Collin McInnis, of Townsend, was found guilty of assault and battery on Eugene Labonte in that town. The case was filed on the understanding that the defendant paid the plaintiff \$1000 to settle the case.

Carrie Bigelow, Mrs. Edna Kidder, Mrs. Madolin Whitney, Mrs. Ida L. Preble, Mrs. Jennie P. Chaffin, Mrs. Nellie Brown and Miss Clara Thomas, a brief social hour closed a long, delightful evening. The occasion will pass into history as of equal interest with many fine predecessors in the club.

There will be a meeting of the literature department on Wednesday afternoon, January 24, at three o'clock.

Accidents.

As a result of the collision of a shifting engine and a caboose in the south railroad yard on Monday night three men were injured and the caboose in which two of the men were riding was badly wrecked. The names of the injured men and their injuries are Walter Widmer, of Nashua, N. H., the farmer on the farm on which the accident occurred, and a son of Walter Widmer, of North Middlesex Savings Bank, who was driving the caboose.

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SHIRLEY

News Items.

The Brotherhood of the Congregational church held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening in the church vestry. An oyster supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of L. B. Nelson, chairman, assisted by Joseph H. McMillan, J. Albert Dearborn, Augustus B. Cran, Charles H. Miller, the pastor, and the deacons. The survivors were Mrs. I. Nelson, daughter Ruth and Mrs. Alice L. Wright. At eight o'clock the meeting was opened to the public, when Henry N. Andrews, assistant to the income tax deputy, gave a very informal talk on the new income tax law which was decidedly instructive.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding James attended the funeral last Monday of Mrs. James Luther, Henry J. Addison, of Somerville, who passed away after a brief illness with pneumonia. Entombed in the Woodlawn Cemetery. Mrs. James went at once in answer to a call, telling her of the serious illness of her father, but arrived too late, as he had passed away just before she reached the home.

The following are candidates for town office: Fred D. Weeks, selectman 3 years; Lewis Bradford, town clerk; Frederick W. Holden, treasurer; Dr. Warren E. Bryant, overseer of the poor, 3 years, and unexpired term of Charles H. Weare, Jr., 2 years, on school committee; A. C. Evans, fire warden; Ralph S. Wheelwright, tax collector; Clayton G. Dunn, assessor, 3 years; Arthur G. Dunn, auditor; Mr. and Mrs. C. R. White, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Clark, Mrs. Josephine Boden and family of North Leominster.

Installation of Officers.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah Lodge installed officers for the ensuing year at its regular meeting on last week Friday evening. The installation exercises were performed by Nora T. Folkins, d. i. p., and suite of Groton. The officers installed were Jennie S. Folkins, president; Boston, moderator; Alice F. Howe, sec.; Francis Harwood, treasurer; Agnes M. Holden, warden; Beulah Brill, cond.; Margaret J. Brockelman, r.s.n.g.; Lotte Greenleaf, l.s.n.g.; Louise Baker, i.g.; E. Louise Adams, o.g.; Ella F. Lawrence, r.s.v.g.; Alice Birchfield, l.s.v.g.; Gertrude M. Harris and Etta Holland, altar bearers. The deputy and her suite did good work making the ceremony effective. The dining room was filled with Rev. Ernest Eisner, was presented with a past noble grand's collar, the gift of the lodge, for services rendered passing through the several chairs of the lodge. Brief addresses were made by the deputy and her suite. A tray-lunch was served under the direction of Gertrude Harris, Helen McCoy, Evelyn Miner, Flora Sheppard, Beulah Brill and Margaret J. Brockelman. The chairman, Helen McCoy, was absent owing to illness, but will be installed at some future meeting.

The ladies of the Solodity of St. Ann will receive communion in body on Sunday morning at the eight o'clock mass in St. Anthony's church.

A freight train bound east, passing through Shirley at one o'clock Wednesday morning was held up for five hours, owing to a pair of trucks being thrown off the tracks, caused by the dropping down of a brake beam.

At the Congregational Sunday school last Sunday following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss Alice F. Howe, sec.; undreas; Miss Sarah S. Stevenson, librarian; Miss Gladys Phelps, pianist.

Miss Annie B. Hunter left on Tuesday morning with a lady friend from Somerville, who has been visiting at her home, for a trip south, going by steamer to Savannah, and then by rail to Jacksonville. Miss Hunter and her friend will return home in about a month or so.

Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday, and will preach in the morning on "The carpenter of Nazareth." In the evening, at 6.30, the pastor's subject will be "The serpent of Arabia."

The vacant store next to H. O. Peasley's green house was rented by Mr. Passier to a Fitchburg tailor, who will open the same with a full line of gentlemen's furnishing goods.

C. K. Bolton has been made a trustee of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

A royal family, in five acts of exquisite photoplay, featuring the charming stage star Ann Murdoch, is the feature Manager Pouliot offers for Monday evening at the motion picture show. There will also be shown two reels of the famous Beatrice Fairfax series.

The Franco-American club have elected these officers for the year 1917: John J. Chaisson, pres.; Ernest Michaud, v. p.; Michael Giron, Sylvester Thomas, treasurer; Smith Oscar Silber and the Gendron, auditors. The stated meetings of the club have been changed from Friday to Tuesday. In the future the regular meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month.

The entertainment given in Odd Fellows' hall last month for the benefit of the Shirley Hospital Fund, was a financial success, netting the sum of \$3,34. About fifty dollars worth of jellies, provisions, handbags, etc., were brought to the hall, the sum of the entertainment for the Union hospital fund was received the next day at the hospital in Mr. Ballou's auto truck. Mrs. H. Allen, secretary of the board, accompanied the driver of the truck and in behalf of the Shirley Hospital Board presented the miscellaneous contributions which were very acceptable.

Mrs. Bessie Collier and the Misses Nita Holbrook, Flora Sheppard and Ruth Knowles made a trip to Boston on Wednesday afternoon to hear Billy Sunday. Miss Ruth Knowles remained in Boston to spend a few days with Mrs. M. J. Johnson.

"Clover Farm," a popular comedy will be staged in the Phillips' hall on Wednesday evening, January 21. The play will open early in Ayer before a large audience. Reserved seat tickets will go on sale at the state of Brockman's this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The play is to be given at the expense of the Misses A. Livermore Rebekah lodge.

Owing to a wreck on the Boston and Maine railroad in Concord on last Wednesday the 19th, we did not arrive here until 2:15, consequently the pupils attending the Fitchburg high school did not get to school until three o'clock.

Mrs. Henry Brockelman is in Worcester for a few days where Mr. Brockelman's father, brother and sister are ill.

The children's ball, under the direction of Mrs. C. R. White, takes place on Friday, January 20.

Ashert S. Burnham died at his home in Revere on Wednesday morning at the age of sixty-four. He has held many public positions of honor and distinction. The Burnham family have spent their summers in Shirley Center, where they own a residence, for many years past, and are greatly esteemed by the people of Shirley, who sympathize with them in their loss. Funeral services will be held at his late home in Revere on Sunday.

Howard Fuller is a candidate for the office of selectman and will contest the office with Fred D. Weeks. Mr. Fuller's nomination paper will be filed with the town clerk at the end of this week.

Death.

Marion Ann Stebbins, aged 16 years and 10 months, daughter of George and Mary A. Stebbins, passed away at her home on Fredonian street last Saturday morning of tuberculosis after a long illness. The deceased was a native of Shirley and was highly re-

spected throughout the town. Funeral was held on Monday morning with high mass of requiem being observed in St. Catherine's church at eight o'clock. Rev. Rosario Richard, pastor, officiated. The survivors were Christopher, the son, and Camille, the former an uncle and the three latter cousins of the deceased. There were many nice floral tributes. Burial was in St. Anthony's cemetery. The survivors are her parents and six sisters, Edith, Agnes, Lena, Christine, Blanche and Beatrice Stebbins; also, three brothers, George, Alexander and August.

Mariette was buried in her own home, where she will be greatly missed by all, where she was tenderly cared for during the three years of her illness, taking her bed on new year's day. All efforts to keep her with them seemed futile.

Among the beautiful floral tributes were a large cross from Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Glonon of Roxbury; wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. C. R. White, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stebbins, Mr. and Mrs. George H. B. Clark, Mrs. Josephine Boden and family of North Leominster.

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The report of the commissioners was read and accepted. The report of the auditor, William H. Wilbur, was read and accepted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles H. Weare, Jr., commissioner 3 yrs.; William H. Wilbur, aud.; Harry H. Lynch, clerk.

It was voted to levy a tax of \$10 for the year 1917; that taxes shall be due and payable October 15, and interest at the rate of six percent be charged after November 1.

Center.

The next regular meeting of the Matron's Aid Society occurs on Tuesday, January 22, and will be held with Mrs. Lida Wood at Woodsville.

Charles E. Bradford is confined to his home with an attack of the grippe.

The registrars of voters will hold a meeting for the purpose of adding new names to the voting list in the town hall on Saturday, January 27, from twelve o'clock noon until ten in the evening. This will be the last meeting of the registrars before town meeting of the girls' Sewing Guild held its regular meeting on last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. W. Longley.

The alarm was sounded last Saturday morning for fire at the home of Howard Fuller. The fire, which was confined to the chimney, was quickly put out; no damage being done. The fire department made record time in coming up from the village, arriving in the scene a few minutes after the alarm was sounded.

E. Bradford's automobile truck was overturned last Thursday on the hill near the home of Thomas Manketow. The accident was due to the icy condition of the roads, which caused the machine to skid, breaking a wheel, and overturning the machine.

Lewis Bradford, who was driving the machine, and Harry Stone, who was with him, both escaped injury. The produce which made up the load of the truck was only slightly damaged, and was taken to Boston where the machine had been righted and the broken wheel replaced.

Earl Graven is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

Three tickets for the town warrant were circulating about the Center for the past week. One of these provides for the care of the Center committee for the current year; another provides for the purchase of a public dumping place for the Center, and the third asks for a water supply at the town hall. Anyone who has occasion to use the town hall will realize what a handicap it is to have no water supply. As regards the purchase of a dump, the controversy which arose last spring, a weighted common is on the part of the Center meeting and George A. Cook filled the same office at the parish meeting.

The United Workers have sent two barrels of clothing to needy people in Alabama.

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The next social attraction scheduled in the church calendar is a valentine party in charge of the young people. The date of the social is February 14.

In 1884 Charles J. Davis, then living in Baltimore, had an account with a savings bank, but intending to move to Cecil county, drew most of his money, leaving a balance of 11 cents. He thought no more about it until a few days ago, when he found the bank book. Out of curiosity he wrote to the bank and received a check for \$3.13.

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The lyceum will bring its 87th consecutive season to a close on Tuesday evening with a program given by home talent. Members of the High School will furnish a part of the program, musical and literary, and other numbers will be given by others of our students who never fail to interest and please. A short discussion of the important topic, "America's attitude toward world peace," will close the program, after which the annual business meeting will be held. Tickets need not be shown at this number as the doors are to be open to all.

The annual Newtonian night of the Backlog Club comes next Thursday evening and is to be of the nature of an old-fashioned pound party, with plenty of fun and enjoyment. Cost for admission will be charged, but for each person is asked to bring one pound of something to eat. The committee will furnish hot coffee and a warm welcome.

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State Income Tax

Do you understand the new state income tax law? You are running the risk of severe penalties if you disregard its provisions.

In this column there will appear each week a brief explaining the things you should know about the new state income tax law? Questions will be answered by mail or in this column. If you have a question, write to Tax Attorney, State House, Boston. If reply by mail is desired enclose postage. Attention will be paid to questions in which you read this. So far as possible the state will furnish speakers to explain this law to any organization or association. Save these articles for future reference.

JOSEPH E. PERRY,
State Income Tax Attorney.**BROOKLINE, N. H.****News Items.**

Mrs. Clark Barnaby entertained Mrs. Hodman and Miss Sawyer of Townsend, last week Monday.

The Congregational church announced that they have met their benevolent portion of sixty dollars for this year.

There has been quite an epidemic of colds and sickness through the town the past week. Among those who have been confined to their homes and under the doctor's care were Mrs. William Hughes, a daughter of Charles Gibson, Willis Bush, Mrs. Whiston, and little William Bailey. Of these, all are now on the road to recovery with the exception of the little Bailey boy, who is still very dangerously ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Arthur Brown, who has been very ill for several weeks, is gaining a little each day.

Mrs. Viella Dodge has recently returned her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Telfer, of Leominster, Mass.

Mrs. Sarah Coburn, mother of Mrs. Grace Campbell, with whom she makes her home, celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday last Sunday.

George Whitcomb and daughter, of Keene, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Whitcomb last week Tues-

day. The mid-week service which for many years has been held Thursday evening, will, for the time being, at least, be on Friday evening at 7:30, instead of seven as formerly, as it will better accommodate Mr. Whiston, who is now a student in the Theological Seminary in Boston.

The entertainment at the town hall last week Friday, opened by the high school girls—first pupils from the seventh and eighth grades, was most successful in spite of the weather. A very bad storm raging all the evening and late into the night. Almost every one in town enjoys the school entertainments and will attend the even-

if weather conditions are most unfavorable and those who are unavailing.

The program included plays, "Scenes from Pickwick" and "The Christmas Carol," from Charles Dickens, interspersed with music from the piano and violin. The parts were well taken, the text thoroughly com-

pletely natural, some of it being very funny.

The water problem is up again for consideration of Lunenburg people. J. L. Bryne, a contracting engineer of Boston, has been engaged to make over with the committee, and it has been decided that he might make a canvass of the Whalom district, between now and February 6, as it is proposed to discover how many there would take the water, make his estimate as to cost, material, etc., and report at a meeting to be held Tuesday evening, February 6. Now that a plentiful supply of water has been secured, it is time to move forward to be good and pure wells driven and much other work done, and expense incurred, it does seem wise to let it drop.

The Woman's club are planning to give a play in the town hall on February 23. The proceeds are to be used in raising money for the district nurse fund.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. White are moving to Fitchburg for the winter, and will live at 124 North street.

Mrs. Katie Chisholm, who has been staying at Mrs. George P. Grant's home, left town on Wednesday morning, to find a new place in Leominster.

A son, Richard Haskell, was welcomed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner A. Gibson on Wednesday, January 16. A little daughter, weighing 8 1/2 lbs., came to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Merrill on Saturday evening, January 13.

George A. Smith of Wilmington, came to town to speak at the demonstration school in the town hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24. He is said to be the ablest speaker on poppy matters and every thing pertaining thereto. His long ex-

perience as a breeder qualifies him to give information and advice in regard to any and every point that may be troubling amateurs or even older peo-

ple. He comes well recommended by Worcester County Farm Bureau.

Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck.

A pleasant gathering of the Loyal Workers took place at the Seaver homestead on the afternoon of January 10. The work of reorganizing and choosing officers for the present year was carried as follows: Mrs. George Parker, president; Mrs. Mabel Gilson, v.p.; Miss Josephine Scott, sec.; Mrs. Harrie Stiles, treas.; Mrs. Lillian Pope, Miss Mabel Popple and Mrs. Chisholm.

William Hughes has secured a position in Ayer, working for the Boston and Maine railroad.

Mrs. Hattie Bennett, of Plympton, Mass., is spending the winter with Mrs. Mary Gerrish.

Miss Sibyl Storer, of Nashua, is spending a few days with her aunt,

Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck.

The grammar grade pupils and their teacher, Miss Anna Griggs, gave a reception to the parents Friday afternoon in the schoolrooms. A pleasure program had been arranged for their enjoyment which included musical selections from the Victrola, a finely written paper by Richard Powell on "Our national extensions" and an original Colonial story of much credit, written by Edward Lancey, entitled "The warning bell." Sup't. Herman L. Wright spoke on what was done at the Home Economics club, at which the children served tea and sandwiches to their guests.

Friday evening a party of eight attended the meetings at West Townsend that are being conducted by Evangelist Lewis H. Bachelder at the Baptist church.

Harry Corey and his mother, Mrs. Elva Corey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goss, attended the installation of officers at Townsend Grange on the evening of January 8, and on January 24, to which all are invited who are interested. It is hoped that many more names will be enrolled as members.

A number of ladies in the south part of the town have organized a Ladies' Soc'y club and the first meeting was held last week Thursday at the home of Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck, who was chosen to act as president of the club.

Many friends, neighbors and visiting patrons from all nearby towns were present on the evening of January 10 at the public installation of the officers of Townsend Grange. Clarence Russell, installing officer, did his work in such a way as to break his right leg between the hip and knee. He was taken to his home in time attended by Dr. Boynton, who came first and then he was taken to Burbank Hospital.

At the installation an excellent oyster supper was served in charge of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Arlin.

Friday evening of last week Dr. Charlton had charge of a prayer meeting held at the home of Mrs. Martha Wells, Old City.

George Hallsey employed by the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. on their har-
rel team met with a painful accident Saturday morning when a load of barrels on which he was riding fell in such a way as to break his right leg between the hip and knee. He was taken to his home in time attended by Dr. Boynton, who came first and then he was taken to Burbank Hospital.

Mrs. Blanchette, wife of Boston spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Hildreth.

The many friends in town of William E. Chamberlain, who was recently employed by Mrs. A. D. Fessenden and S. A. Woods as will be sure to learn that his father, who lives in Chelsea, received word Saturday evening that he was wounded in the British war either in the hospital at Boulogne or in a trench at Vimy Ridge, which is a name more often mentioned than the British war itself. He was in the ranks of the British army and was decorated with the British military crosses for officers and recommended for the Victoria cross for his gallantry at the battle of Somme. It certainly seems very sad that his career as a soldier should so suddenly cut short, but hopes for his recovery though maimed for life, are expressed by all.

The deepest sympathy is expressed by friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Harvey of Danvers, formerly of this town, in the loss of their little daughter, Priscilla, who died at birth at the Waverley Hospital on Sunday, January 14, Interment at Danvers.

Fred N. Davis of Boston spent over Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davis, and while home was taken ill with the grippe.

Over one hundred and fifty cases of grippe and hives are reported in town, the largest number sick at one time, for many years.

At the Methodist church Sunday evening the Seward Brook patrol of Boy Scouts held anniversary exercises in the vestries of the church at which time Dr. Charlton, their scoutmaster, presented the membership certificates for the new year. A trombone solo was played by George Woods, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Farrar, also singing by members of the Campfire Girls and Miss Mabel Clement. Members from the West Groton patrol

scouts were present as guests. At the close of the meeting hot coco and cake were served by the Campfire Girls, assisted by Mrs. Herbert Stearns.

Charles Benson of Worcester, a converted drunkard and gambler, spoke at the evening service at the Congregational church last Sunday, telling of the wonderful transformation in his life after he became converted at the Bethel Mission. His drink, gambling, tobacco and opium habits had become worse. His personal talk and testimony brought serious thinking to the minds of his hearers.

West.

Among those coming to their homes with the grippe are Ernest G. Wilson, Mrs. George Adams, Mrs. Geo. A. Seaver, Mrs. Herman L. Stickney, Mrs. L. L. House, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook, Mrs. A. D. Winslow and son Alfred, Mrs. Clara Webster and Fred Howard of Stoneham, who is taking an enforced vacation at the home of Mrs. Charles R. Morgan, where he came to spend the week-end with his wife, who is with Mrs. Morgan for the present.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph MacLean spent Monday evening at the Beth Eden church in Fitchburg, where Mr. MacLean delivered an address at the Brotherhood meeting.

Long Bachelor, the boy preacher, concluded his engagement here Sunday evening and occupied the Baptist pulpit morning and evening, making for his morning sermon, "The sword of the spirit" and in the evening his topic will be "The last prayer meeting."

The C. E. will meet at the usual hour in the vestry and will be conducted by Mrs. Charles Hodman on the topic, "Seeing the God in people."

Mrs. Mary Foster, who has been visiting her grandson in Cambridge, returned last week from her visit.

George Upton, who has been sick with a severe attack of the grippe, is improving.

The Ladies' Mission circle met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lucy Lawrence for their regular monthly meeting and the program was on the topic, "Foreign missions," in charge of Mrs. Lawrence.

A chimney fire at the home of William Shattock caused a little excitement on Wednesday morning, but was easily extinguished without any damage.

Mrs. Fred A. Patch is spending a few days with relatives in Boston this week.

Virginia, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown, is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwindell of Connecticut motored to town on Sunday and have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wise.

Abbot Hodman has been on the sick list for a few days and is now under the doctor's care with an attack of the grippe.

Billie, the pet cat belonging to the G. A. Seaver family, was poisoned this week and died Tuesday evening.

A jolly party of about fifteen of the employees of the Elfrete stores in Boston were guests of Mrs. Clara Kirby at the Vacation camp at Vinton pond for the week-end and had a most enjoyable time.

The Ladies' Study club will hold their postponed meeting on Monday afternoon at three o'clock instead of 7:30, as arranged at the reading room, commencing at 2:30. The subject, the first meeting being in charge of Mrs. Joseph MacLean on the topic "The great trans-Atlantic steamship lines."

LITTLETON

How Will It Work?

Although the movement toward peace started by Germany and encouraged by President Wilson does not seem to be getting ahead very swiftly, it seems to me that the general atmosphere of the world is becoming more peaceful at some time than others, we must take into account that we are the most powerful neutral nation, and make a prominent part in the proceedings.

We have often wondered what sort of a figure this nation is going to cut in view of our recent abandonment of our time-honored usages and the adoption of a strong militant program.

From the statements issued by warring nations of Europe on both sides of the Atlantic, the main issue of one of them will be the prevention of future wars and it seems to me generally conceded that general limitation of armament will be one of the most important measures offered the peace conference to bring about that most desirable result.

This country, having just embarked on the most extensive and expensive program of militarism in the history of the world, and actively supporting the propaganda of universal military training, are attempting to convince Europe that we are sincere advocates of universal peace. We are actively pushing the same policies that have been worked to the limit in Europe for years and that doubtless helped to bring on the present war.

Having had their own bitter experience and knowing the whole game from start to finish it is not reasonable to suppose that the countries of Europe are going to submit while the United States is continuing a military and naval program of the rate of eight hundred thousand men per year.

We may protest that we are prepared only for defense,

Saturday, January 26, 1917.

PEPPERELL

News Items

At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Congregational church, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Horatio N. Tower, pres.; Mrs. John E. Lewis, first vice pres.; Mrs. John E. Lewis, sec.; Mrs. Mary Woodcock, treasurer; Mrs. E. E. Taylor, sec.; Miss L. R. Qua, treasurer. The trustees, nine in number, are: Mrs. George H. Shattuck, Mrs. A. F. Parker, Mrs. E. H. Blais, Mrs. Charles H. Miller, Mrs. M. C. Lane, Mrs. Fred Bancroft, Mrs. A. A. Peiton, Miss Ellen Miller and Mrs. E. S. Durant. On the report of the treasurer, the sum of forty dollars was added to their fund for charitable work, and the sum of \$175 was voted to add to the organ fund. Total amount given to the church for this latter fund, "This amount is to head a paper which is to be drawn up by the trustees for the organ fund of the church."

H. E. Hobart was in Franconia, N. H., on business last week, connected with the cutting off of some timber lots where a portable mill has recently been placed.

Clarence Keith and wife, from Swanscott, came last Saturday to visit for over Sunday at the home of their father, B. A. Keith.

Donald Rivers returned from South Cushing, Me., last week, where he had been with his family for a short time, and will probably remain here until spring.

The basketball game between the Hollis A. A. and the Park Hill five of Fitchburg at the Opera House on Friday evening of last week brought out a goodly number of spectators. There was a display of good team work on both sides, but the Fitchburg team showed themselves to be well trained and thoroughly drilled, making them difficult opponents to meet. The score was 32 to 12 in favor of the Fitchburg team. Dancing was enjoyed until midnight with music by Thayer's orchestra.

A tract of timber land of about sixty acres on the H. D. Shattuck estate, lying east of West Street, has recently been sold to F. O. Dutton of Chelmsford. Mr. Dutton is a member of the same militia unit on a lot near the South end, and moved his mill and other appurtenances to the Shattuck lot last week, and commenced cutting. The lot contains some valuable oak and pine timber; also, some chestnut growth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Smith have been in Boston several days of the past week, at their son Fletcher, who has been somewhat out of health, is at present under observation and treatment at a hospital in the city.

The officers of Acorn, Rebekah Lodge, will be installed on Tuesday evening, January 23, by Mrs. Hattie Stewart, master of district, and Mrs. G. E. Spaulding, Rebekah Lodge, Townsend.

Members of the New England Fox Hunter's section who attended the winter meet of the club in Bedford last week were H. W. Hutchinson, the president, and Dr. Raymond Carter, E. L. Tarbell and John Kerin. They returned home on Thursday evening of last week and report only one fox for the party, which was shot by Mr. Kerin. On the preceding evening, Wednesday, a banquet was held in the Bedford town hall, about 150 members of the association attending. Mr. W. Hutchinson was toastmaster, and among the speakers were Dr. Pfleiderer, John Conley, two of Bedford's specimens; also, A. M. Tucker, of Lexington, ex-president of the club. The evening's entertainment also included selections by a town orchestra, piano and Herbert A. Clark entertained with comedy and songs. It was suggested the club to hold their next fall meet in Pepperell, October 29 to November 3, inclusive.

Mrs. Jerry Annis, returned the latter part of last week from Warner, N. H., and is sufficiently well so that she was able to resume her dressmaking work this week. Mrs. Mahel Robbins is stitching in the sewing.

A. G. Pike received his appointment as army public last week.

Mrs. J. N. Andrews returned home on Friday of last week from Little Harbor, N. H., where she was summoned a few weeks ago by the death of her mother. Her sister, Miss Kate Forbes, returned with her for a visit.

The regular meeting of the East Village Social Club, which was to have been held on Wednesday afternoon, January 24, will be postponed until Wednesday, February 7, as many of the members would be unable to attend an earlier meeting.

Mrs. Charles Beolis received the sad intelligence of the death of her brother, Samuel Davis, at Bradford, N. H., on Sunday. This marks the second death in her own family within a short time, as she was called to Warner, N. H., recently to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Rogers. Also, Mrs. Beolis has sickness in her own home at present, as her little granddaughter, Phyllis Bartlett, who is visiting here with her mother, has been quite ill with bronchitis, which made it impracticable for her to leave home.

Mrs. C. F. McCormack came from West Groton the first of this week to care for her daughter, Mrs. Alice Fulton, who had an attack on Tuesday.

Gran Palmer and Mrs. Heber, his sister-in-law, spent Tuesday in Worcester.

An epidemic of severe colds is prevalent, while families being afflicted. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Baldwin and children and his father, George Robbins, were quite ill and all confined to the house at one time last week.

A small delegation from Prescott Grange, including Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Stewart, Mrs. Hattie Stewart and Miss Ellen Miller, improved the fine warm evening and good sleighing of Wednesday evening of last week, to drive to Brookline, N. H. The occasion was the public installation of the officers of the Brookline Grange. The visitors report a pleasant evening, the work of the installing officials being performed in an interesting manner, and the literary program which followed most entertaining.

Henry Wilson, who went to Needham to work the first of the month, was obliged to return home to assist about his home, owing to his father's illness.

A library social will be held next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Lawrence Library. All are cordially invited to attend.

Little Evelyn Malinian returned on Monday from the Memorial hospital at Nashua, where she recently underwent such a critical operation, and is reported as gaining, at her home on Park street.

The January committee of the O. H. I. society, the Misses Eleanor Gelger and Dora Rice, with Raymond Gas-kill, had a very gay crowd of young

and old at their box party at the hall on Monday evening. The choosing of their evening partners in this fashion made much merriment, as well as a financial success. Dancing

was afterward enjoyed until a late hour, the various members of the society who are musicians, officiating at the piano.

Andrew J. Woodward, after a long and lingering sickness passed away at his home on Park Street, Sunday, January 14, aged 73 yrs. 5 mos. and 11 days. The funeral services were held at his late home on Wednesday forenoon, January 17, at ten o'clock and the remains were taken to Worcester for burial.

Friends of the District Nurse association are asked to reserve Monday evening, January 29, for the annual meeting, which is to be held in Central Hall. Aside from the business, including election of officers, there will be a special feature, which will be an address by Rev. Francis E. Webster of Waltham. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Arthur Bartlett and little daughter Mary went to Gardner on Wednesday for a short visit and will bring back the older child, Genevieve, on their return.

A communication from the niece of Miss Fannie Shattuck, following the arrival at the Boston hospital, indicate that Miss Shattuck is finding her surroundings pleasanter than she anticipated. With a present of money and attention, and an abundance of reading material, very content, and is permitted to see callers at any time, which her Pepperell friends are asked to remember if they are in the city. The necessary treatment had not been decided upon at the time the letter was written.

Mrs. M. E. Swasey returned to her home on Hollis street Wednesday after a few weeks' visit with her niece, Miss Annie Gibson, to recuperate after her recent illness.

Charles H. Chapman, of Brookline street, although not an exponent of the recent poultry shows of New Haven and Boston, made a good showing in size and weight from his flock of Plymouth Rocks. He recently killed a nine-months-old chicken which dressed 84 pounds, and two others which weighed sixteen pounds. Some money in poultry raising at this rate.

The all-day meeting of the Branch Alliance, First Parish Church society, was well attended at the vestry of that church on Friday evening of last week. A business session occupied the forenoon, lunch being served at noon, from the direction of Mrs. Edith Chase in the afternoon, just prior to an address on the part of the Morgan Memphis, particularly, A. South. After the service, a social hour was held.

Miss Emma Willoughby, who has been assisting in the household of Dr. E. D. Howe, was taken ill last week and went to St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, for observation and treatment.

Miss Vida Patch spent Saturday last with her cousin, Miss Jessie Shattuck, at Groton.

H. N. Tower spent a few days this week in Boston and Roxbury with his daughter, Mrs. Albert Everts.

Miss Delta O'Neal, who went to Maynard to her parents soon after the birth of her son, still remaining there with her mother, Mrs. Alfred O'Neal, as Mrs. O'Neal has been ill and at one time in a hospital.

George Jordan was called to Boston the first of the week by the illness of an older married daughter. He has returned and reports her somewhat better.

W. E. Chapman finished cutting ice at Burkinstown's pond and commenced at Blake's pond on Thursday. The ice there now is from 13 to 16 inches in thickness.

Miss Anna Sartelle was welcomed back to her position at Tower & Cook's by the patrons of that store this week.

Frank G. Kennedy returned from New York last week. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy will probably remain at Pinehurst some time longer and expect to entertain a houseful of young people next week, coming for the firemen's ball on January 26.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Koch are at Maynard at present with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. O'Neal. Mr. Koch is working in South Acton and they may move there.

Miss Thomas Byrnes—of Derry, N. H., with her little son, visited at the home of her parents this week.

A party of ladies met with Mrs. George Newhall, Townsend street, on Wednesday afternoon, in the interests of the home economic department of the Farm Bureau association. Mrs. Leon Richardson, one of the directors of the bureau in this town, met with them, the meetings being intended to excite the interest in this recently organized association in various sections of the town.

George A. Moulton, formerly drug clerk in Nashua, and for the last six months engaged at the Quimby pharmacy, has a new position in Peterborough, N. H., and will remove there with his family.

Mrs. Margaret Thompson, widow of the late Lorenzo P. Blood, died at her residence on Townsend street Friday morning, January 19, aged 87 years, 8 months. The services will be held at her late home on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. D. B. Child officiating.

Mrs. Thomas Parker, of Ashland, Wis., arrived here on Wednesday afternoon for a visit at the home of her son, Mrs. Mrs. Parker, Sherwood, She came home from Hartford, Conn., where she had been visiting other relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Child went into Boston on Thursday to attend the meeting of the life members of the American Unitarian association, held in Ford hall. They remained over for the banquet which was held in the evening. One of the chief speakers was ex-President Eliot of Harvard College.

The regular meeting of the Pepperell troop, Boy Scouts, will be held in their rooms at the town house on Wednesday evening, January 24.

S. Thompson Blood, was in town yesterday to see his mother, Mrs. L. P. Blood, who is not in her usual health. She is now confined to her bed and her daughter, Miss Margaret, assisted by Miss Hattie Kendall, is caring for her.

A library social will be held next Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Lawrence Library. All are cordially invited to attend.

Little Evelyn Malinian returned on Monday from the Memorial hospital at Nashua, where she recently underwent such a critical operation, and is reported as gaining, at her home on Park street.

The January committee of the O. H. I. society, the Misses Eleanor Gelger and Dora Rice, with Raymond Gas-

kill, had a fine miscellaneous program at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, the 23rd, which was participated in by many. The whole made a very successful evening's program and it is hoped may be repeated.

Henry Wilson, of Dover, came to visit his brother, Herbert S. Wilson, Brookline street, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Susie W. Dorr, district deputy grand dame, and her suite, Mrs. Gertrude Tarbell, deputy grand marshal; Mrs. Hartie Shaw, deputy grand warden;

Mrs. Kate Dunlap, deputy grand secretary; Mrs. Millicent Richards, dep-

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