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TOWNSEND

Major Jones is spending several weeks in Worcester.

employ of the B. & A. D. Fessenden Co. Last Saturday he moved his household goods to the Center, where

to the St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua TOWNSEND

to the St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, to be—treated for an—afflicted gar, to be—treated for an—afflicted gar, Nearly three weeks ago Miss Addie was taken with the grippe and later an abscess developed in the ear. Acting upon the advice of the physician, Miss Addie was taken to the hospital and placed for treatment under the care of Dr. Kittredge, an ear special ist. Miss Addie is doing well and her is the so-called Harlan Greene house. On Wednesday Addie Conant went

and still are victims of the grippe. They too have suffered from sores in the head; but are gradually recovering. Other members of the family have also had hard colds.

The names of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Searles are on the sick list. The former, a victim of the grippe, is delirious much of the time and is in a critical condition. A nurse and housekeeper are in attendance, also a male assistant to help care for Mr. Searles.

Carl Liddell, who underwent an op-eration for appendicitie at the Bur-hank huspital. Fitchburg, returned home Monday. The operation was very successful.

Mr. Bolse, a former teamster at the leatherboard mill, has again entered the employ of J. Spaulding & Sons Co., where he will fill his former position.
Mr. Bolse with his family moved on Thursday into the west tenement in the house opposite the mill.

The first of the week Mrs. Hagurwent to Boston for a few days to be with her daughter, Miss Carrie Hagar, who on Monday morning underwent a successful operation for the removing of the tonsils. On Thursday Miss Hagar had so far recovered as to go out to Winthrop to her aunt, Mrs. Gilson.

Daniel Spofford is under the doc-or's care for a lame back.

Mr. Noyes, a grippe victum, is bet-er. Owing to a severe cough Mr.

Yoyes for a few nights was unable to Mrs. Ransom Adams, who also has been under the doctor's care, is much

Arthur F. Adams of Concord Junction made a flying visit on Thursday afternoon to the home of his uncle, Horace Searles.

One of the latest grippe Mrs. Betsey Mitchell.

On Wednesday George Cummings attended the poultry show in Wor-Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher has nearly

recovered from a grippe cold. George Fessenden and family have moved to West Groton and their formis now occupied by the new Mr. and Mrs. Wallace of

HARVARD -

News Items.

Honry Turner Bailey, who lectures in the Warner course on Friday afternoon, February 2, will be well remembered by the Harvard people, both as an interesting lecturer and a member of the State Board of Education. Although this tecture will be given at the Bromfield echool, in accordance with a suggestion in the will of Mr. Warner, it is not only for the pupils but for cil citizens of the town and provides a splendid-opportunity to show appreciation by a large attendshow appreciation by a large attendance of these two generous gifts to the town—the Bromfield school and the town—the Bromfield the Warner lecture course

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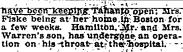
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By the will of Harry F. Whitney, who died on January 5, an estate of \$18,000 in real and \$2000 in personal property has been filed for probate. Miss Ruth G. Whitney, his daughter, will receive \$1,000 and the residue is left to his wife. Harriet F. G. Whitney. Mrs. Whitney is named as the executrix of the will.

Reports from Mrs. N. A. Dill late this week, who is recovering from ar operation at a hospital in Boston, give her as getting along very comfortably

Willard Bagster, and Paul Sheehan left on Wednesday for Detroit, where they will enter an auto training school, working day times and and attending evening school. They will make a stop-over of one day in Columbus, Ohio, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wetherbee. Wetherbee.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Murray of this town at the Clinton hospital on Wednesday.

the Clinton hospital on Wednesday.

Mrs. Kennieth-MacLennan, arranged a house party on Wednesday, evening in honor of her husband, who was just returned from his stay atolythems, Greece, where he has been doing electrical work at the Queen's Palace. It was a surprise party for Kenneth, but he proved equal to the occasion, entertaining the triends and neighbors with pictures and stories of his experiences while abroad.

Mrs. Bemis will entertain at the home of her brother, Henry Crossley, over the week-end and Sunday, Miss Carrie Crossley, of Middleboro, and Miss Josephine Diskey, of Springfield.

The young people of the C. E. so-

Miss Josephine Disternor Springfield The young people of the C. E. so clety of the Congregational church gave a social at the church parlors of Thursday, evening. Miss Priscil Shores had the entertainment.

Shores had the entertainment, in charge, and Miss Carrie Houghton attended to the refreshments.

Mrs. Gertrude Cobb, president, and Mrs. H. D. Stone, vice president of the Woman's club, went to Concord last week to attend a club meeting.

Still River.

Chester Willard, Frank Sprague and others have this week been filling their lechouses with splendid ice, about fourteen inches thick, from Still River. "Mr. Holland, the mail carrier, is laid up from his duties owing to slipping on the ice last week and badly sprain-ing his knee so that he cannot walk upon one limb at all.

Eleanor Haskell and Edna Flanders ittended the installation of the officers of the Eastern Star lodge in Ayer on Yednesday evening.

Willard Hudson, of Winchester, was a caller upon his grandfather, Luthe Willard, this week.

Auto Accident.

The worst accident ever known-in this vicinity occurred at the railroad station crossing here last Sunday afternoon, when an automobile containing five people was struck by a locomotive, and three of the occupants killed instantly, and the other two so hadly injured that they died that evening and the next morning.

The party consisted of Dr James F. Ferry, 52 years old; his brother, Richard J. Ferry, 64 years old; Miss Ethel Ferry, 28 years old, who were instantly killed; Miss Esther Ferry, 18 years old, of Harvard, who had been taken into the auto at Harvard in pilot the party to the Shirley school, where Dr. Ferryhad a son, who they were going to call

Station Agent Haynes were at once notified and made quick time to the station, where an awful sight met their station, where an inful sight mot their eyes. The automobile, a complete wreck, lay across the track, and nearby lay the three local bodies, and the injured lady on a stretcher, and Mr Howard breather heavily, and that was all. An automobile was secured as soon as possible and the injured lady taken to the Clinton hospital, where she died about 6.45 the next New Advertisements.

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morning. Dr G L. Tobey, medical lists to come to a stop before entering examiner, was called at once and came upon a railroad crossing.

examiner, was called at once and came with Mr. King, undertaker, and took, Mr. Howard to the hospital, he only living until about nine o'clock, and never recovering consciousness.

It was a terrible happening and was a great shock to those who had anything to do about the station. As no one is alive who knows the particulars it is of course impossible to tell just how the auto came on the track, but it would appear that, like many another auto driver, they came onto the track without taking any precautions, and lit should be a warning to all auto-and lit should lit should be a warning to all auto-and lit should lit

South Lancaster, was also a cousin, Funeral services were held on Wednesday morning, in King's undertaking rooms, Clinton, and burial was in the family lot in Boylston.

one who really knows. Accuracy, even

in advertisements, has the same at-

For instance, when the seltzer bottle

in an electrical sign on Broadway is

filling the empty glass the level de-

scends as fast in the bottle us it rises

in the glass, yet the bottle is five times

as big. It couldn't possibly be, accord-

Still worse is a picture of a plane

with a pair of hands striking certain

keys. Fortunate it is indeed that that

pinno can't sound, for the particular

keys struck would be a jangling dis-

Why couldn't the artist

chord among the infinite offerings of

Odd Numbers.

ber of eggs to be hatched. Why? There.

is no reason at all except superstition.

Salutes from warships, forts, etc., are

always given in odd numbers, yet no

valid reason can be adduced. It is a

remnant of the old "odd numbers are

Vergil records all sorts of charms and

spells practiced round odd numbers-never even ones. Seven is the favorite

Biblical number, and old divines taught

that it held a mystical perfection. It

is an odd number. Falstaff, in the "Merry Wives," is en-

trapped for the third time. He him-

self said, "They say there is a divinity in odd numbers," because of the old

-Physicians of other days-always in-

sisted that "breedings" should be in

odd numbers-one, three, five, etc., and

The "Ear of Dienysius."

A cunningly constructed prison cav-

ern, consisting of a large chamber con-

nected with one of smaller dimensions

situated near Syracuse, Italy, has gone

into legendary history with the title of the "Ear of Dionysius."

The smaller chamber was unknown

to the prisoners kept in this under-

ground dungeon, and the tyrant by whose name it is known had a habit

of secreting himself there to listen to

the conversation of the convicts; who

An ingenious device constructed at

thus enabling the suspicious

the smaller end of the larger chamber

ruler to hear even the whispered con-

Scotsmen Are French Citizens. Every Scotsman is a French citizen

with all the rights and privileges of

such, if he chooses to claim them. In

other words, every Scotsman born in Scotland is also a Frenchman and is

thus possessed of two nationalities,

surely a unique position.

After his coronation at Rheims in

lish and made his coronation possible

Scotsmen were for all time to be considered free citizens of France.—Lon-

Business Instinct.

gaged in cutting up potatoes. "Why, Mary," said the astonished mother,

what are you doing that for?"

-New York Times.

is-an artist.—Ru**skin.**..

+ to the doctor.

póssible.

Mary's mother found her busily en-

Pausing a moment in her task, Mary looked up and replied, "I heard the man over at the store say that there

was money in potatoes this year, mam-

ma, and I was just looking for some.

Steep Farming.

A slope in the valley of the Ollan-

taytambo, Peru, with an angle of about

45 degrees, or steeper than the roofs

of most houses, is covered with trans-

verse ridges, showing that the entire surface was cultivated in former times

Parts of the same slope are still culti-

vated .- National Geographic Magazine.

Makings of an Artist.

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Infantifé Paralysis.

The first symptoms of infan-

+ head, back and limbs. One 4 should be suspicious if intesti- *

tile paralysis are usually a fe- & ver, vomiting and pains in the *

kind are associated with a stiff 🍫

* Known exposure to other cases *

+ of the disease should cause sus- *

picion, and suspicion should by
all means be followed by a visit

+ things to be done to prevent the 4

There are several important &

disease. First of all, one should +

cases of the disease. Flies of all # * kinds should be absolutely ex- * cluded from the house and from *

all food. Persons, cats, dogs 🌣

should be avoided. Sick cats * should be especially avoided. *

The mouth, teeth and nose +

should be washed several times & daily. Finally, keep just as &

+ strong, robust and healthy as

+ and pets who have been in any + way exposed to the disease +

don Answers.

were mostly political offenders.

versations of his "suspects."

never an even one -London Mail.

A hen is always given an odd num-

music?-Wall Street Journal.

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belief in old numbers.

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Saturday, January 27, 1917,

WESTFORD-

Up to the time of Mr. Burbeck's death on Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Bicknell had been flaving a hospital on a small scale at their home, having three sick people with three trained nurses in attendance. Mr. Burbeck had here in ill health for a long time with more or less for a long time with more or less chronic bronchitis, but at the last was sick with pagumonia. The second patient is a Mrs. Jones, of Lowell, ill patient is a Mrs. Jones, of Lowell, ill with the grippe, and reported as doing nicely. The third patient is Edward Ling, who works for John C. Abbot. Mr. Ling is quarantined, with scarlet fever. It is reported as a fairly mild case, although the first few days he was pretty sick, but is now reported as doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Day were in sices of the closing day of the Billy Sunday campaign in Boston last Sun-day and report great audiences and much enthusiasm.

Last Sunday, at the Congregational church, Mr. Lincoln gave two excellent addresses. The morning topic was "The feasibility of an ideal," and in the evening on "Perfection," conin the evening on "Perfection," con-trasting old testament and new testa-ment standards of perfection. Mrs Charles H. Wright was much missed in the choir, but was out of town for a few days. On Sunday evening the C. E. service and the church evening service will be merged into one and will be in recognition of C. E. day.

The next meeting of the Tadmucl The next meeting of the Tadmuck club takes place next Triesday evening at the town hall and is the annual guest night. A very clever presentation of the Greek play, "Pygmalion and Galatea" is being prepared under the direction of Mrs. Harold W. Hildreth and Miss May Balch. There will also be music by home talent. After the entertainment refreshments and a social hour will be enjoyed in the lower hall. An attendance of two hundred is expected for the evening.

The senior class of the academy are preparing to be given later a three-act comedy-drama. "The voice of charity." There are seven girls and one boy in the cast. This enterprise is to help meet the expenses of graduation for the senior class.

At a meeting of the republican town committee Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen chairman; Alfred W. Hartford, sec.; Julian A. Cameron, treas, At this meeting arrangements for the

Middlesox-North Pomona Grange will hold its next meeting in Odd Fol-lows' hall, Bridge street, Lowell, Fri-day, February 2. Entertainment by in the morning. Din-d Grange. Afternoon, pracut Grange in the money by Westford Grange. pen, address on dairying by state exrts on dalry bureau.

Hon. Arthur W. Colburn, senator from this district, has introduced a bill on petition of one of his constituents for a closed season for five years on fish and game.

Mr. and Mrs. Ablet J. Abbot leave February 1 on an extended trip, first crossing the continent to San Francisco, and embarking from there for Honolulu. After a stay in the Hawaiian Islands they will take another steamer for the Fiji Islands and also go to Samoa from there they will to steamer for the riji islands and also so to Samoa; from there they will to New Zealand and Australia, and on their return to San Francisco by another route, they will visit Tahiti, considered one of the most interesting islands in the South Pacific ocean.

First Parish Church.

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The annual meeting of the First Parish church was held last Saturday evening. H. V. Hildreth was chosen moderator; Abiel J. Abbot, clerk; Charles O. Prescott, col. and treas.; Abiel J. Abbot, tone Edward Fisher, Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, parish com. A continuation of the meeting was carried over to the morning service last Sunday, when a report of the Woman's Alliance were read. During the twenty-five years of its existence it has raised \$4,956.06. During the same time it has paid out \$4,824.20. From the Eliza L. Herrick bequest for the sick and needy, it has paid out since 1902.

\$286.62. A cheerful letter report from Mrs. George T. Day showed a wide range of helpful and hopeful correspondence during the year. The Sunday school reports the following on the cradte roll: Huntington L. Wells, Richard O. Wells, Barbara Fisher, Helen Fisher, William Wallace Wright, Richard L. Hildreth, Helen P. Greis, Donald F. Greig, Evelyn M. Mills.

The "in memoriam" during this time in the Alliance have been Miss Eliza A. Babbitt, Mrs. Amanda T. Fisher.

and a special order of service will be carried out.

Mrs. V. C. Bruce Wetmore, who has been ill and under the care of doctor and trained nurse, is now convales-

Mrs. Adelaide M. Seavey and Mrs. Jo-sephine M. Barnard.
At the parish meeting proper reso-lutions on the death of Col. Edward
D. Metcalf were adopted and thanks expressive of his remembrance of the old First Parish by a substantial be-quest were also unanimously adopted.

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will also be music by home talent.
After the entertainment refreshments
and a social hour will be enjoyed in
the lower hall. An attendance of two
hundred is expected for the evening.
The social for January in the series
for the winter took place at the vestry
of the Congregational effurch Tuesday evening with over 100 in attendance. Musical talent from West
Chelmetord assisted in the entertainment. A quartet consisting of Albert
and Clarence Bruce. Anthony Anderson and Joseph Peters were heard in
several pleasing selections. Albert
Bruce also contributed a solo. Miss
Marjon Marshall was the accompanist. Misses Julia H. Fletcher and
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time knitting and making rugs. Thus Birthday Anniversary.

Miss Colburn. A one-act play, "An well preserved and is husy in ye old time knitting and making rugs. Thus Mrs. D. L. Greig. Mr. and Mrs. Lahouteley and Mrs. Joseph E. Knight. The various characters were given with spirited delineation and were much enjoyed. Refreshments of cake and cocoa, with social hour, were enjoyed after the entertainment. The committee in charge were Mrs. W. R. Taylor. Mrs. Charles L. Hildreth. Miss Edith Wright and Mrs. D. 4. Greig.

The senior class of the academy are

William H. H. Burbeck died at the home of Charles H. Bicknell, Main street, Monday, after a brief illness of bronchial pneumonia. He was a native of this town, being one of six children charity." There are seven girls and one boy in the cast. This enterprise is to help meet the expenses of graduation for the senior class.

The first meeting of the community sing was held at the congregational church on Thursday evening at 7.30. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these meetines. The new song blooks have arrived and can be procured of Mrs. W. R. Taylor. The community sing will be given under the direction of the music committee of the Tadmuck club.

Mrs. Lauretta Tyler, the aged aunt of the late Walter J. Merritt, has met this tragic death with wonderful forth that the first tragic death with wonderful forth the shock of his death in her aged and first condition was serious to meet the horse of the late Walter J. Merritt, has met the shock of his death in her aged and frail condition was serious to meet the first tragic death with wonderful forth the shock of his death in her aged and frail condition was serious to meet the first strain and adaptile gare of hir his say and includible gare of hir his say and ministrations of frieds and neughbors.

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The reaching care of the late with the first ways as spare hand known and frail condition was been to Mrs. A fifth facility of the kind and capable gare of hir his say and the shock of his death in her aged and frail condition was serious to meet the first ways as spare hand many man. In political affliations he was a loyal and staunch adherent of Andrew Jacksonsm democracy. His charity was of the "Let not your right hand known was in the open was unmistakable exiduation to the home of Mrs. V. H. Sutherland e. This law afternoon of the ways as constant attendant at the Unitarian church of the swap and sawmill at Westford can be afternoor and frail condition was serious to meet was a large rural territory. After the firm of the board of assessors, where his marked good and frail condition was serious to meet was a system of the board of the town. In political affliations he

Sutherland of Thers lay afternoon of this week

Wednesday afternoon was a happy time for Mister William Carver, it being the fifth accidence of this event a bordeday pritty wes first to Mrs. Carver to a group of her sor's little friends and a normy afternoon was the result. Games were emerged daring the afternoon, followed by a both day supper at which a borthday cake had the place of honor, accompanied by other good thinks appealing especially to little folks. The favors were footballs filled with candles. The genial little host of the afternoon was the receipent of pretty gifts and remembrances. Those present were Roger Hildreth, Elizabeth Wells, Kenneth Wilkh, Betty Prescott and Evereth Wilks. Edna Hamilia and Alice Heywood were the others invited, but were unable to come on account of sickness.

About Town.

At a meeting of the republican town committee Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher was chosen chairman; Alfred W. Hartford, sec.; Julian A. Cameron, treas, At this meeting arrangements for the

was chosen chairman; Alfred W. Hartford, sec.; Julian A. Cameron, treas. At this meeting arrangements for the caucus to nominate town officers was agreed upon Monday evening. January 29.

The democratic caucus to nominate candidates for town offices will be held at the town hall on Tuesday evening. January 30.

The annual collection for the American Unitarian association will be re-

ceived on Sunday at the First Parish church. There will be a service of song in the evening and Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn will speak on "Leading hymns and writers."

The next meeting of the Grange, on Eebruary 1 will be an opien meeting, entitled "An evening with Simon B. Harris, president of the Lowell Rod and Gun club." Everybody come that believes in a preservation of fish and game that finds the rod and gun any bright and as warm as at any place;

came and found the runshine to be as bright and as warm as at any place; came and found faith and humanity as good as the best, and linked them all together in a simple, quiet life, and an honored and abiding memory."

The deceased leaves two sisters. May and Eliza, in Portsmouth N. H.; a brother Charles in California, and many nephews and nieces in Westford, Lowell and other places. Burlal was in Fairview cemetery, beside the wife of his never-forguten loyality and was in Fairview cemetery, beside the love. The bearers were Oscar R Spalding, Charles O. Prescott, Charles H. Pickering, John Burbeck.

There were no sessions held in the Sargent school here on Monday as this day was allotted to the teachers

Many people from this village went to Forge Village on last Sunday to watch the harvesting of the annual ice crop that is being done by the Gage Ice Co. of Lowell.

The Abbot Worsted ('o. is building a cottage house on First street. P. Henry Harrington has the contract.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dailey McNally o this village died at St. John's hospital Lowell on Monday night after a brie illness, aged nineteen years. Beside her husband, James McNally of North her husband, James McNally of North Chelmsford, she leaves a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dailey, two sisters, Mary and Alice, and one brother, Edward Dailey of this village. Deceased was well and favorably known and had a wide circle of friends. She was a member of Cameron circle, C. F. of A. and also of Westford court, M. C. O. F.

Westford court, M. C. O. F.

It is with deep regret that the Graniteville, people heard of the passing away of Mrs. Mary A. Larkin, widow of the late John Larkin, who died at her home in North Chelmsford on last Sunday. Mrs. Larkin was a former well known resident of this village. She was the mother of Henry Provost here. The deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family in their affliction. their affliction.

Westford has been a recent guest Miss Helen Furbush in this village. F. Russell Furbush is now spending the winter months in Palm Beach, Fla George Reese, who has recently returned home from a Lowell hospital after a severe illness, is now improving in health.

Harvey C. Barnes, superintendent of the Westford town farm for the past five years, has resigned his position to take effect April 1. Mr. Barnes during his term of office has made many improvements at the farm and the grounds and buildings were never in better shape. After April 1 Mr. and Mrs. Barnes with their son, Percy R. C. Barnes, will leave here for Shrewsbury. Vt., where Mr. Barnes will have charge of a large modern farm. charge of a large modern farm

Miss Isabella Chandler of Billerica-has been a recent guest of Mrs. Clara-Gray in this village.

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BEST MAN AT A WEDDING.

Laughable older is in illustrated advertisements at noten apparent to the thinking manye t makes one wonder Time Was When He Used to Assist In Abducting the Bride. why the designers of the ads. don't get -Do you know why the bridegroom's their information first hand from some attendant at the wedding is called

"hest man" and how he happens to be such an important factor at a society wedding? He is supposed to look after the ushers, the carriage, the wedding ng and a host of other things that the fortunate lover-could not be expected to concern himself with at such a time. But there was a period in the history of the human family when th best man had other duties than these to perform. It was when there was n church ceremony and when primitive people had come to the conclusion that tharriage within the tribe was not goo for the race. Then it became the fash ion for the young man of marriageable gone to a musician for a pleasing age to go forth in quest of a bride, the daughter of some neighboring tribe.

Perhaps the girls were not entirely unwilling to be captured, but no girl, either ancient or modern, would admit for a moment that she had wandered away from the protection of her male relatives for the actual purpose of being abducted. Even if there was no brother at hand the girl was likely to put, up a game fight, and the prospective bridegroom had need of the assistance of a strong muscled friend to aid him in subduing her. There was very little to the ceremony once the girl had been taken to the home of her future lord, but the "best man" was always a honored-guest-in-her-home, especially if the marriage turned out well. In many mountainous parts of the civilized world where old customs obtain the "best man" still pretends to assist in abducting the bride.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

EATING TO LIVE.

Rules by Which Good Health May Be Gained and Retained.

Herewith I give a few general sug gestions for those who desire health, writes Edward B. Warman, A. M., in be Nautilus:

No one can have health who eats too much. No one can have health who eats too often. --

No one can have health who eats too many kinds of food at the same meal.

No one can have health who eats

when tired, hurried, worried, anxious or excited. No one can have health who transmitted the sounds through the

late, gulps down a hearty breakfast and then sprints for the car. When you have eaten do not wonder if it will agree with you. When you begin to wonder trouble begins. Say goodly to it, not expecting to hear from it again. If you fear it do not eat it; if you cat it do not fear it.

Be cheerful at your meals. A sour countenance will give you a sour stom

Praise your wife's cooking-if you an conscientiously. If you go home with a grouch leave it out of doors, where the dog will get 1429 Charles VII. promulgated a de-

t-then shoot the dog. cree that, in return for the assistance The majority of people do not know rendered by the Scottish soldiers to how to live until they are ready to die. Joan of Arc. who defeated the Engand then they are not ready to die-because they have not rightly lived.

Genesis of the Playhouse.

Thespis in 536 B. C. acted his plays in a wagon. In 499 B. C., during the time of Aeschylus, creator of drama. the perfermances took place upon temporary wooden scaffolds, one of which having collapsed during a representation, the Athenians were induced to build the great theater of Dionysius, calling it the Lenalon, which was the first permanent stone structure of its kind. It required 100 years to erect it: There was no scenery, but the scene was decorated so as to represent the locality in which the action was going n. Roofless was his structure, bu round the building were porticoes, to which the people retreated during rain-storms. Sometimes awnings were used o ward off the sun's heat.

Card Playing.

Card playing began in India in the ninth century. It was introduced into Europe by orientals some time prior to the thirteenth century. Saracens He who works with his hands only is a mechanic; he who works with popularized the amusement in Spain hand and head is an artisan, and he and Italy. The taste for the game who works with hands, head and heart afterward spread to Germany, where it commenced to be indulged in about 1275. Its appearance in France was mentioned in the records of that country in 1393. Heraldic cards were first known in England in 1660.

Genuinely Dry.

Autofagasta, a scaport of Chile, on Morena buy, a great shipper of metal ores, horax and nitrate, is obliged to pipe its drinking water several bundred miles from the Andes. The city nal disturbances of almost any * is one of the driest spots in the world kind are associated with a stiff ϕ though a deep water port. Beyond it neck, drowsiness and fever, ϕ lies the great Ataoamo desert.—Argo-

> Lucky Youth. "Young Seadds is an absolute nincompoop. He doesn't know anough to come in when it rains."

"He doesn't need to. With all his money he can afford a new umbrella avoid all known or suspected ◆ every day in the week and also a man
 cases of the disease. Files of all ♣ to carry it ◀or him."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Her Jewels.

Mrs. Subbubs-I wonder where little Willie and Davis are. Did you see anything of my jewels as you came along Mr. Nexdore? Nexdore-Yes; I did ma'am. Your jewels are in soak. I saw, them swimming in the river.-Boston Transcript.

Those who are readlest to criticise are oftentimes the least able to appre ciate.-Joubert.





Once more the management of Page last. Those who have seen these two Hall-theatre, Ayer, is keeping in the stars on the screen in the past have front ranks of the best motion picture houses of the country by securing the great serial recently released, "The Great Secret." Two stars well-known to local theatre-goers, Francis N. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, who are very popular here, will be seen as the feature characters in this wonderful story of thrilling adventures and situations that is sure to keep the audience interested from the first episode to the bill.

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Ladies' Hatter

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-tate of WILLIAM H. MANSFIELD late of Pepperell in said County, deceased. Whereas FRANCIS G. HAYES the ad-ministrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased, has pre-sented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased. You are hereby cited to annear at a

of said deceased.
You are hereby clied to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fifth day of February A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to

you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esauire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of January in, the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

319 F. M. ESTY, Register.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has been duly appointed administratify of the estate of GEORGE F. STONE late of Littleton in the County of Middleeex, deceased, intestate; and has taken upon herself that trust by giving bond, as the law directs.

directs.

All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to LIZZIE A. STONE, Admx.

Littleton, Mass., January 17, 1917.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in a family of two adults. Public Spirit Office, Ayer, Mass.



Alice Worcester Weeks

Teacher of the ART OF SINGING

Windsor Ave. West Acton, Mass. Telephone Connection host Book.—In accordance with Chap. 590, Sec. 40 of the Acts of 1908 and amendments thereto, notice is hereby given that Rook No. 13780 has been lost and application has been made for the issuance of a duplicate book.

NORTH MIDDLESEX SAVINGS BANK, Ralph L. Hastings, Treasurer

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Ayer, Mass., Jan. 12, 1917. 3119

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To ail persons interested in the estate of JOHN B. JEWETT late of Pepperell in said County, deceased.

Wherear, DAVID E. WESTON the executor of the will of said deceased has presented for allowance the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fifth day of February A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause. If any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested—in the, estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one-day-at-least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court. Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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1916

His Own Counsel

By ALAN HINSDALE

I am a mechanic, and my specialty is ale locks. I was sent one day to open the safe of Aaron Farnsworth & Co., the only person who knew the combination being at the point of [Prepared by United States department of death and it being necessary that cer. agriculture.] death and it being necessary that cer tain funds be got out. It is unwise to force a safe lock if there is any other way to open it, and I questioned those for whom I was to do the job with a than the sick person knew the combination. Edgar Sharpley, the assistant of Robert Wendell, the financial man of the concern, admitted that he had known the combination, but had for-

Thinking I might help him to remember it, I suggested that he make a trial at recalling it by turning the knob. He placed himself before the safe and began to make the turns, but nothing came to him. I listened for a sound within the lock while he was doing so; but failed to hear any indication of anything dropping. He seemed to me be nervous, and I noticed that his hand trembled.

Failing to elicit anything from him. I went to work and in the course of a couple of hours opened the safe. There was no one in the room where I was when I finished the job, and after opening the safe door and shutting it I went out into the main office to report what I had done. I returned with the junior partner, who was two or three yards behind me.

In a corner beside the door through which I entered was a stationary washstand, over which hung a mirror. As I passed into the safe room something prompted me to glance aside. In the mirror I saw a reflection of Sharpley. He was standing with his hand on the knob of a door opposite the mirror looking into the room. As I entered he closed the door softly, thus shutting himself out of the room.

It was evident to me that he did not know that I was aware of his pres-This I knew, not only by the expression of his face, but by the care he took to make no sound in closing the door behind him. However, I thought little of the matter. I had not been out of the room a minute, and Sharpley had been intrusted with the combination of the lock. This indicated that he was trustworthy; indeed, if he had wanted to take funds from the safe he could have done it long ago:-

I turned the opened safe over to the junior partner, and, being told that when my further services were wanted I would be sent for, I gathered up my

tools and went away.

That evening when I was sitting down to supper with my wife and kids two men came in and one of them. showing the badge of a deputy sheriff arrested me. They not only searched me, but searched the house. Astonished. I asked them what was the charge against me, but they gate me no answer. When they took me away from my weeping wife and children I assured them that a mistake had been made, and they had nothing to fear for me. In going out I caught sight of my troubled face in a mirror in a rack standing in the hall.

The face of Sharpley as I saw it when he was about to shut the door of the safe room was recalled by my reflection. By one of those singular undefined connections in the train between incidents, I saw an explanation of my arrest. It did not come to me by degrees, but flashed upon me suddeniv. It was this

Money had been missed from the safe I had opened. Sharpley had taken advantage of my being at work on the pear that I had been the thief. If cast. there was no evidence against me other than my having had access to the safe, there was none in my favor, for my word that I had seen Sharpley's reflection in a mirror when he was leaving the safe room would be worth-

I was locked up in default of bail and during the night, instead of sleeping, thought upon a plan of springing pon-him that I had seen his reflection in the mirror as he left the safe room In the morning I asked permission to tell Aaron Farnsworth my story, - I was taken to his office and before beginning my defense asked that the whole office force be admitted to hear it. This of course included Sharpley When all were present I asked him if he was not in the safe room when i left it to announce that I had opened the safe. He replied in the negative He stammered that he could not re-

I asked the partners to adjourn to the safe room, and when there I placed Sharpley at the door as I had seen him. it being partly open, with his hand on the knob. Then I asked Mr. Farns worth to enter the room from the main office as I had entered it and glance aside into the mirror as he came in. He did so and saw Sharpley's image, now. pale as a ghost, for he knew that I had seen his reflection before he closed available the plant food aircady in the

"That is all the defense I can make," said. "When I returned from announcing that I had opened the safe I saw Mr. Sharpley reflected in the mirror as I have just placed him."

Sharpley was arrested, the missing funds found between the mattreses of his bed, and he confessed all on the same day. I was returned to my home and family.

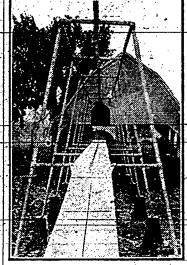
I was told by lawyers that I had handled my case beautifully. I doubt watchword, and there is no better if I could have saved myself in any place for him to start than by stop-

Scientific **Farming**

COMPOST AND GREEN MANURE

Anything of Vegetable or Animal Ori gin Can Be Made a Fertilizer.

Composting manure is not usually economical where general farming is done. It fequires too much labor. Besides, the manure will ordinarily give viow to discovering if some one else better results when scattered directly on the ground and plowed or harrowed in. It is advised only where coarse materials need to be put in better condition. It is especially advisable for



MANURE SHED CONNECTED WITH BARN BY A CARBIER AND TRACK.

truckers and gardeners. These farmers may multiply their available manure many fold by means of the compost heap.

It should be remembered that anything of vegetable or animal origin has calue as a fertilizer if put in proper condition. The compost heap is one means of doing this. One ton of leaves contains fifteen pounds of nitrogen, 3.2 pounds of phosphoric acid and six ounds of potash, and at ordinary values for these substances is worth nearly \$3.46. Straw similarly is worth about \$3 per ton. These values are based on their total percentages of fertilizing constituents. In actual practice it is safe to assume that half of these are available, and this only after the materials have undergone decom-

Locate the compost heap in an old shed or build a shed with any kind of cheap material for a roof. Spread on the ground a layer of stable manure 8 by 10 feet six inches deep. Over this spread 100 pounds of acid phosphate or ground phosphate rock. The phosphate rock is less expensive than the acid phosphate, but is not so effective. Continue these alternate layers until the manure is used up or until the pile has become inconveniently high. To these layers might be added straw, leaves, mold or other litter, adding 100 pounds of ground phosphate rock to each ton of material used. Be sure to wet all thoroughly. When the compost heap is completed cover it about four inches deep with good loam or with forest mold.

When applying two tons per acre of ess the best results can be obtained by putting the compost in the furrow and bedding out on it. Be careful not to bury too deep, especially on clay soils. When using more than two tons per acredit is better to scatter broad-

It is safe to say that by using compost supplemented with cowpeas, velvet beans or other legumes the productiveness of the average 100 acre farm can be materially increased and simply at the cost of a few tons of acid phophate and a little labor.

Green Manures.

·It has been found beneficial to plow under green crops on depleted soils or soils deficient in humus. Crops suitable for this purpose are cowpeas, velvet beans, clover, buckwheat, rye and lespedeza. Ordinarily the crops should be allowed to reach maturity before turning under. It is not good practice to turn under a heavy green crop immediately before planting another crop, especially small grain.

A cover crop is usually sown late in the season, after the main crop is out of the way. 'Oats, rye and crimson clover are most commonly used for this purpose. They are sown in the cotton or corn at the time of the last working and make some growth during the autumn and early spring. They serve the double purpose of adding humus and of preventing soil erosion. The cover crop should be plowed under at least two weeks before the time for planting the next crop. Green manure crops are helicul in improving the mechanical condition and rendering soil, and if a leguminous crop like the cowpea is used as green manure the soil also gains in nitrogen as a result of the power of such plants to fix the nitrogen of the air. With barnyard manure and with the cowpea at his service to save and gather nitrogen for him, the average farmer does not have to buy so much nitrogen in commercial fertilizer when he can easily produce about all that his land needs upon his farm. Economy should be his

ping the waste of nitrogen.

VALUE OF BORIC ACID.

Center.

its Use as a Disinfectant and as a

ple call it, boracle acid. It is exceedingly efficient, safe and economical. doctors have ever discovered.

while it is a disinfectant it is not a healing remedy at all, as it is acid in reaction and stimulating rather than realing to wounds.

action, promotes rapid healing of wounds, can be used as a dressing powder or dissolved in water as a cleansing solution. Boric acid in solution makes an excellent gargle for sore mouths or a lotion for sore eyes, and as it is not at all expensive a pound ox of it should form part of the doc supplies of every family.

"Always remember that boric acid is conpoisonous in any ordinary quantity usually used, while bichloride of mercury and carbolic acid are exceedingly

WHEN A WHALE BLOWS.

t is Steam, Not Water, the Cetacean Spouts Into the Air.

Since a whale breathes air when it is elow the surface the breath must be held, for if water-should be taken into the lungs the animal would drown. Thus as soon as a cetacean comes to the surface its breath is expelled and fresh supply inhaled before it again goes down.

The breath which has been held in the lungs for a considerable time under pressure is highly heated, and as it isforcibly expelled into the colder outer air it condenses, forming a column of steam. A similar effect may be produced by any person if on a frosty morning the breath is suddenly blown from the mouth.

That whales spout out of the blowholes water which has been taken in through the mouth is probably more widely believed than any other popular misconception. As a matter of fact, such a performance would be impossible, because a whale's nostrils do not open into the back of the mouth, as do those of a man, and the animal is not "breathe through its mouth," as can ordinary land mammals.—Roy Chapman Andrews in New York Independent.

Origin of the Gas Jet.

William Murdock, the inventor of the gas jet, first burned the gas simply as a flame from the end of a pipe. One the illumination. Hurriedly looking around for something, Murdock seized his wife's thimble and thrust it over the light, which was immediately extinguished.

There was a strong odor of gas, however, says the Popular Science Monthand the experimenter applied a light to the thimble, discovering that itwas full of holes, through which tiny jets of flame appeared. tance of the result was that the illumination from those two or three tiny jets was much brighter than had been given by the great flare from the end of the pipe. Acting on the principle which this chance discovery revealed, he constructed what was known as the Cockspur burner.

Eyes of a Giraffe.

No matter from what direction you may approach the giraffe, the top heavy looking animal is sure to discover you. It has been called the original "rubberneck." It is not generally known that nature. because of the height of its eves from the ground, has supplied it with a this week. talent peculiarly its own for making observations. As a matter of fact, a giraffe can see in all directions at the ame time without moving its head. The eyes are large and prominent and so placed at the side of the head that, by Mrs. MacKean in the absence of bulging out as they do, they are capable. bulging out as they do, they are capable of seeing backward as well as forward

Origin of the Word "Farm."

The origin of the word "farm" is as follows: In the Saxons' time the estates which the lords of manors granted to the freemen were at first but for a term of years, with a render of a rent, which in those days was of corn and other products. The leases so made were called fermes or farmes but times ensuing turned the produce into money and terms of years to terms of life and inheritance.-West minster Gazette.

A Marvel of Chemistry.

One of the most marvelous things is the burning of a jet of hydrogen gas in liquid air. The smoke that arises from the combustion floats off in the air as pure snow, a flame burning brilliantly n the midst of a liquid, with snow given off for smoke!

Unwittingly Kind.

Cholly Ayres-Yes, since the Parkers lost their money I have stopped calling there. Miss Keen-That is very kind of you. It ought to cheer them up s whole lot .- Baltimore Sun.

Good Impulses.

A mere good impulse that does not result in good works is rather worse than uscless, for if not carried out in deed it has a reaction instead of an action as its outcome.

Happiness at least is not solitary. It joys to communicate; it loves others. for it depends on them for its exist-

TOWNSEND

Healing Remedy.

A physician writes to Farm and Fireside saying "that the very best issinfectant known to science does not seem to be known to some people at all.

If allude to boric acid or, as some people call it, boracic acid. It is exceedingly efficient issafe and economical. It is a white powder and makes the best dressing for wounds that modern chine which would be of such value in cottors have ever discovered.

"In using peroxide or hydrogen it is thou with the composition of the composi

Piper, Odd Fellows.

At a meeting of the Congregational parish hold in the vestries last Saturday afternoon, Henry B. Hiddreth was chosen as moderator, and these officers were elected for the ensuing year. Albert S. Howard, tierk, T. J. Harvey, treas.; Albert S. Howard, tierk, T. J. Harvey, treas.; R. G. Fessenden, W. A. Russell and A. K. Tyler, ex. board; T. J. Harvey, ex. officier; G. L. Whitcomb, H. B. Hildreth, W. E. Bruce, fin. com.; G. L. Whitcomb, agent for rental of sheds; Albert G. Seaver, Mrs. B. H. Savage, Mrs. Vernal Barber, music committee.

Roy. Joseph MacKean expects to occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church next Sunday if his health permits and will take for his topic in the morning. "What is a christlan" and in the evening. "What should a christian do." The C. E. will be conducted by Ian Rusk on the "Fruits of the C. E. tree."

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The regular monthly business meeting of the C. E. was held at the home of Ian Rusk Wednesday evening and after the usual report of committees votes of thanks were given to the retiring officers, to Ian Rusk for the use of his home for the business meetings and to Miss Stella Tucker for the sum of money contributed from the sale of calendars. Five new members were added to the associate member's list and one name transferred from the associate list to the active list. It was voted to attend the raily at the Rollstone church in Fitchburk February 2 and it was voted that the next business meeting should be held at the vestries, date to be announced later, and should be followed by a social with light refreshments, games and music and the Center society be invited.

The grippe has claimed a number of

The grippe has claimed a number of victims this week, most of whom are under the doctor's care. Among them are Mrs. George Upton, Marion Boufelle, Miss Clara Hosley, Rev. Joseph MacKean, Mrs. William Sheldon, Mrs. George King, Mrs. G. M. Ery and her little son Milton, Mrs. Warren Elliott and Mrs. Mary Robbins. nd Mrs. Mary Robbins. Mrs. E. J. Lees has returned from

pending two days in attendance at the nid-winter convention of the Equal Suffrage association as a delegate from he Townsend society. Mrs. Abbott Hodgman has returned

rom a few days' visit to relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Patrick Burns has left the employ of Damon & Richardson company, where he has been employed for the mast six months.

Lewis Bachellor, the boy evangelist, eft Monday for his home in Malden and on Tuesday commences a series of meetings in National Commences.

Frank Adams of Boston has been pending a few days at his susmmer tome on Bayberry hill

Mrs. Winchester has returned to the Squannacook Inn after a visit to her Squannacook inn after a visit to her nome in Taunton

The Eclipse Engine company will meet on Monday evening to hold their annual election of officers and com-

The pipes at the Belgrade Rug company mill at Josselynville froze on Tuesday and the mill closed for most of the day on account of the extreme

A pleasant little neighborhood party

the orchestra was present so dancing was enjoyed most of the evening. Louis Welch is suffering from in-juries to his foot caused by working on the ice filling one of the icehouses

The cottage prayer meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lawrence the home of Mrs. Lacy A. Lawrence Tuesday evening was well attended and much enjoyed Fourteen were present and the server was conducted

Frank D. Parsons and Frank Bou-tellle and two of his children who have been quite ill with the grippe are able to be out again

A progressive whist party and social dance will be given cook hall by Mr. and Mrs. Winchester
Friday evening. Masse will be violin
and piano and a gase time is anticipated by all who are planning to 50 fold only child of Samuel Reed, after

Mrs. Albert H. Wilson was elected as vice president in Mrs. Lovering's place. It was voted to hold the remainder of the meetings in the afternoon instead of in the evening, the hour being 2.30 and the place of meeting the reading-room unless otherwise designated. The next meeting, which will be held at the reading-room next Monday afternoon will be in charge of Monday afternoon will be in charge of Mrs. R. S. Ely and Mrs. Charles Hodgman on the "Calling ports of the British Islos, France and the islands

W. A. Boutwell and Justin C. Hodge man have been filling their icehouses

Little Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Charles Hodgman, is one of the recent grippe victims. The election of officers of the frothwas held on last Sundiff, with

the following results: Frank Boutelle, pres.; Warren Elliott, v. p.; Herman L. Stickney, sec.; Ashbel Streeter, treas.; pres; Warren Emott, N. P. German G. of the work to be done by the local Rickney, sec.; Ashbel Streeter, treas.; Rev. Joseph MacKean, teacher; Duncan Rusk, special committe on mid-week prayer meetings; Dr. R. S. Ely, Dr. Henry B. Boynton, Henry B. gratulations on the birth of a son that

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STANDARD BIL COLOUN Y

Mrs Justin C. Hodgman has return few days' visit with rela-

ed from a few days' tives in South-Acton, George Upton, who has been quite ill with the grippe, is recovering and able to be about again.

able to be about again.

Lewis Bachellor, the boy evangelist, closed his three-weeks' campaign on Sunday evening, preaching to a large audience on the topic, "The last prayer meeting." His morning topic was "The sword of the spirit." The Y. P. S. C. E. meeting was conducted by Mrs. Charles Hodgman on the topic, "Seeing the good in people," and a pleasing feature was a duet by Mr. Rachellor and Miss Ina Wilder of the Center.

Miss Lucie Reynolds, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is much better and able to be about the house

Mrs. Alden Sherwin and little daughr Dorothy returned Saturday from six-weeks' visit with relatives in

Fred Howard, who has been con harles Morgan with the grippe. returned to his home in Stoneham Josephine Ross, who has been con fined to her bed with the grippe for more than a week, is recovering.

LITTLETON

first claimed a place in the family on Mediceday, January 24. The joy of the parents can easily be imagined, especially when we recollect that two years ago on December 25 they lost their only child, Carol Dorothea, at the age of six days.

We are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Libby of Washington, D. C. January, 19

January 19. Hon, C. A. Kimball with the rest of Hon, C. A. Kimball with the rest of the agricultural committee from the senate went to Amberst Wednesday for the annual inspection of the state college which always prepares a full program of two and a half days' dura-tion for the enlightenment and amuse-ment of these solons.

Mrs. George W. Canney contracted pneumonia the first of the week and

s in care of a nurse. is in care of a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore and daughter, Mrs. Boardman, are under subjection to the grippe and another daughter. Mrs. Harris, of Lowell, is

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moore, jr. are also sick with the influenza, F. S Kimball's family have recovered from heavy colds and Grorge H Kimball's little daughter Faith has been sick, but is somewhat better.

W. L. Pickard's family are all get-ing up from grippy coids? Christine Oddy had a relapse last week, but is now reported out of langer.

Julian Lovegov had a samer exer-

Julian Lovejov had a corner exerting experience in connection with his work on the wireless equipment in his grandmother. Whiteomless attice has week Friday. A spatk flow into a tank of ktrosene oil and fromoe followed mained attily. Julier promptly throw the rank out of the whole what upon removing his gloves, the skin of his hands came off. In Hopkins, who was lost passing the heart was lost pa ook hall by Mr. and Mrs. Whiteness.

Friday evening. Mose will be violing and piano and a root time is anticipated by all who are planning to 50%.

Mrs. Charles Patch is one of the latest victims of the crippe which is so prevalent in this vicinity.

Mrs. Thomas Matth of Ayer is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. D. Winship, Richard Rusk is confined to his home with a severe color for a few days.

The postponed treating of the Ladies' Study club was held on Monday afternoon at the reading-room with ten present. Mrs. Oscar Lovering was elected preside to a place of Mrs. Ffenry B. Hathaway who recently resigned on account of ill health and Mrs. Albert H. Wilson was elected as Mrs. All regular attendants at any studying his books brought by his studying his books brought by his studying his books brought by his studying his books brought by his

of the church services are invited.

A good attendance and a lively interest has marked the recent Sunday used, with an evangelistic aim the Sunday tabernacle hymn book being used to some extent with good, effect. The young people conduct the service but all are cordially invited to attend. Frank Piper is doing excellent service as famitor.

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with possible of their son. Mrs. Love by will remain butth his able to wait upon himself. Meanwhile Julian is studying his books brought by his father from Tufts college and so keeps up with his class. His condition is fart improving.

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Mrs. Robert fermosts, asker feet and the conference of the conference o "Shakers and Shakerism" will be discussed by Miss Alice M Howard at the regular meeting of the Woman's Alliance in the Unitarian vestry Fridday afternoon, February 2 Music will be supplied by Barbura Priest.

At the Thursday meeting of the war relief association held in the Unitarian vestry a nurse from Boston was present to give new directions for some of the work to be done by the local organization.

Mr. and Mis. George W Brewn.

Newtown and Nashobah farmers

Mrs, George Newcombe has enter-ained her father-and mother-who have from their home in Fitchburg this week.

G. E. Prouty's cellar for his new house at the Center is made and the superstructure is beginning to materialize.

On the land bought two years ago by Mr. Wood of G. H. Kimball and bordering Fort pond is an imposing bungalow, the property of John Allies of Watertown, manufacturer of the J. A. cigar. A Concord Junction contractor is doing the work. Beside this fully equipped summer residence there ully equipped summer residence there vill be a garage that will accommodate our automobiles and serve is frequently conveyed in one of his immusines to his future home, the building of which he personally di-rects.

Miss Osenia Bonnell of Melrose ited her brother, George Bonifell, and family of Russell street over the week-

Alex. Gregory's sorrel horse was

Alex. Gregory's sorrel horse was taken sick last week and had to be killed. His place is taken by a newly purchaesd horse.

Rathi Hill, of Southbridge was at home for Saturday and Sunday. Many weekends no is unable to return to Lattleton on account of rehearsals with crious meiscal organizations of which is an active member.

The school and the church is to be he subject of the Sunday evening algeting in the Cor and Principal M. L. the leader. He wil orgregational church

and the con-to be present. A sector, Mrs. Hemphries, and a recession from New York were guests of Mrs. Cherics H. Yappelles week

At the Congregation of Sunday school as: Sunday morning a vote of thanks was extended to the retiring superiorities of faithful service. C.K. Houghton as the new assistant superiorities.

Mrs. Grace Lawrence is preparing to leave town the first of the week for Florida. She will remain in New York for a short time and while there will be located at the Waldorf

tertained at a dinner party last week Thursday seven of their present and former Newtown friends

Mrs. Newcombe's father and mother

isited her this week, driving from heir home in Fitchburg.

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GROTON

The hot cocoa served at the Boutwell school is meant for such children as use the barges or live at such a distance from the schoolhouse that going home for dinner is impossible. Children living in the village or near enough to go home at the noon hourare not supposed to remain for cocoa. It is hoped that parents of these children will kindly bear this in mind and thus give the teacher in charge of the building more time for rest at the noon hour. noon hour.

Mrs. Grace Bruce of Fail River, sister of Mrs. Roy Cunningham, has recently purchased the Dr. Priest house on Main street. She intends moving her family to Groton in the near future. Roy Cunningham will occupy part of the house.

Mrs. Michael Denahy has been sick with the grippe during the past week. Mrs. Solon Dodge went to Westford last week, after receiving word of the death of her aunt. Miss Emma Sher-born, who passed away Sunday, Jan-uary 14. She was sixty-three years of

At an early hour on Saturday evening a party of fifteen young people from town and the Chicopee neighborhood assembled on what is called i Williams' pond for a few hours of winter sport. The moon was not out. The stars were shining brightly, making the property of the p the purple shadows, which rested un-der the hill, very noticeable. To make the scene a little brighter a fire was kept burning on an islet in the middle of the pond around which skating was greatly enjoyed by all present. The ice was in excellent con-dition, which afforded an evening of much pleasure.

It gives us much pleasure to correct the item in last week's edition in regard to the supposed death of Eugene Shattuck of Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Frank M. Blood received a letter from the west last week Frienches they the report was false day stating that the report was false and that her brother is living.

Mrs. Edizabeth Totten of Reading, formerly of this town, has been entertaining Mrs. Allen Woods, who expects to visit with friends in Boston before she returns.

Several parents and friends of the pupils of the high school availed themselves of the opportunity to hear the rhetorical exercises which took place in the high school building on Thursday afternoon at one o'clock. It is carnestly hoped that as time goes on more townspeople will attend these exercises and thereby show an these exercises and thereby show an interest in and give encouragement to the teachers and pupils in their effort to do good work. By these exercises pupils gain much that is of benefit to them—self-control and self-assurance.

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Maud E. Trayne exhibited six of her Japabese silkies at the Boston Poultry show and was awarded the following prizes: First and second prize hens, second, cock, third cockerel and fourth and sixth pullets. She also received a special prize for best silkie hen from the New England Bantam club of which she is a member. hich she is a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Torrey of Concord were in town-last week Tues-day to attend the joint installation of the E. S. Clark post and corps.

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To the surprise and alarm of Principal Clough and students of Lawrence academy, a member of the day students gave the alarm that the main school building was on fire. It was about 10.30 Tuesday morning when the fire was noticed, which was supposed to have started by overheated steampipes. In a short time, thanks to the day students and Mr. MacCohen, the fire was extinguished, which went from the second floor to the third, causing some little damage to one of the halls.

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The Command the other a few hours meeting on Wednesday aftermoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. B. A. Durant. There were twelve members press in, each being prepared, with a quotation. The aftermoon was very pleasantly spent in a social way plainty r-freshments were served. The next meeting will be on Wednesday aftermoon. February T. when Mrs. Peterson will entertain.

One of the large pair of horses belonging to Kennie Fletcher was taken suddenly and seriously ill at the string Tuesday morning when Mr. Fletcher was about to start home with a load of coal, and with some difficulty he was successful in getting the horse will recover.

At the Baptist church Sunday morning the subject of the serimon will be "The certainty of belief." Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service at seven o'clock; subject "The christinn's faith." Regular prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30.

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Kennie Fletcher is filling his ice-

Kennie Fletcher is ninng his lec-houses at Cady pond this week. The ice is of good thickness and is ex-cellent in quality. Others who har-vest ice for their own use have taken advantage of the improved sledding and are rushing the work along.

Eber Keirstead, who was recently nurt in an electric car accident in worcester, has been visiting with riends in town the past week.

The district Equal Suffrage associaon will hold a meeting in the lower own hall on next week Friday aftertown hall on next week Friday aftermoon at three o'clock. The speaker
of the afternoon will be Mrs. Lewis
J. Johnson, who is a very forceful and
interesting speaker. She is the congressional chairman of the association. Her husband is a professor in Harvard college. A large attendance is desired. It is understood that Miss Ethel Bruce plans to go to New Jersey in the near future to make an extended visit with relatives.

Charles McNiff, of Ayer, died at the hospital last week Friday

Kenneth Sawver was kicked by week. He was fortunate not to have any bones broken. Arthur Mason is spending a few days

in town. It is understood that he has Groton Cornet Band: been offered a position as traveling salesman for the Akron Rubber Co. Soon after Christmas William Boynton, of New York city, formerly of Groton, fell and sprained his ankle. It has been causing him a great deal of trouble, compelling him to use

Tuesday evening was Ceres' night at the Grange. There was a good at-tendance. There were three new applications for membership considered. An itemized report of the building committee was read. The program for the evening consisted of readings by Miss Claribel Vickery from Hiawatha and Mrs. George Knapp read an interesting paper on "Blessing the cornfields." Recipes of corn foods were given. The first and second degrees were taken by a class of seven. Popcorn, cornballs and apples were served by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith, Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. W. M. Tyrrell returned Wednesday night from a delightful visit of a week with her two daughters. Hall in Hartford, Conn., and the remaining days with Miss Irene Tyrrell of Springfield. Hall in Hartford.

The senior class of the Groton High school will hold a food sale Friday afternoon, February 2, at three o'clock in Miss Woods' room. It is hoped that in Miss Woods room. It is hoped that the townspeople will make an effort to patronize these young peaple, that they may accumulate a good sum toward the expense of the trip to Washington, which they are planning to take later in the year.

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Albert Blood, of Flichburg, was suddenly killed on the railroad near the station in that city last week Thursday. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin and Caroline (Woods) Blood, who left Groton for New Ipswich, N.H., in 1855.

Phineas Harrington, who will be nine ty years of age next July, called at our office on Thursday morning. He is a very active man for one of his years and bids fair to live many a year yet, He is one of our olders subscribers, having taken the paper for over forty years.

The New England rally of the Woman's American Baptist Home Missionary society will be held on Thursday, Pebruary I, at the Park street church, Boston.

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were covered with a deep snow, quite unlike Thursday, which was ideal in every respect, the mercury reaching as high as 45°.

Mrs. Souther joined the Batplist church during Rev. F. C. Whitney's pastorate and has been a regular attendant when her health would permit.

Mr. and Mrs. Souther have three children—William N., Souther of Groton and two daughters as above mentioned, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Sincere wishes that the worthy

couple may live to celebrate many more anniversaries were fully given by all. The sociability and general good cheer made this a most delightful event for Mr. and Mrs. Souther and for all attending

Familiar Character Gone. Horace-L. Whitney, who for ten or more years has lived in town, was found dead Sunday morning, where has lived alone near Chicopee row. "Horace," as he was called by all who "Horace" as he was called by all who knew him, was best appreciated by those who knew him best and what faults he may have had were not of the kind to trouble his neighbors of those who did business with him. He was perhaps the most industrious man in town, among the best to pay his bills and give value for what he got. He was also very generous with the products of his labor and sarden, often giving away the first and best that grew. Although past seventy and troubled with heart disease, of which he died, he has kept himself along with what he could earn and a left sufficient means to keep clear of any cost to others. He left two sisters in Boston.

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May we bring again to the public at-tention the fact that a new bandstand tention the lact that a new bandsamines is needed.

A simple, attractive structure, somewhat lower than the present one, with a roof and proper accoustical construction, built of cement, such a bandstand would last practically for town could be more atting in our town square as a tribute to the love of music, hospitality and social intercours of a historical town? In summer small children could gather there we same days with their toys and enjoy per fect safety. As a memorial to some person or persons connected with Groton nothing 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. children could gather there on sunny

Bird Club Meeting.

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About 150 attended the illustrated lecture given by T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary of the National Association, of Audubon societies, under the auspices of the Groton Bird club on Monday evening, January 15. Before showing the three reels of motion pictures Mr. Pearson briefly reviewed the history of his association, and the leading part which it has played in the fight for bird protection in North America. He described the early Audubon movement which was chiefly a rather loosely organized attempt to stop the wearing of bird plumage as

In addition to this accomplishment the National association has procured the enactment of many laws forbidding sale of the plumage of protected birds, has guarded the breeding colonies of birds such as egrets, gulls and others of large size and showy plumage which require the constant protection of wardens, and is now advising the general public as to the best methods for attracting and increasing useful birds of all kinds. The association has also taken part in the movements for the better protection of the game birds and has played a very large part in securing recently the passage of the federal bird law and the ratification of the treaty with Canada, both of which have for their object the protection of migrating birds throughout North America under uniform regulation.

birds throughout North America under uniform regulation.

The pictures shown were mostly taken during the past summer and many were the first of their kind ever taken. The nesting and feeding habits of our familiar birds were strikingly and graphically depicted. Song sparrows, wrens, swallows, thrushes and many others fed their young apparently within arm's reach of the audience. The perpetual hunger of the nestlings and the great amount of insect food which the latter consumed, were impressive lessons in the value of birds as insect destroyers.

Clipping.

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The many friends and acquaintances of Frank E. Spaulding, who resided in Groton many years, and who was a graduate of Lawrence academy, will be interested to learn of the position which he has recently accepted. The following is a clipping taken from the Boston Evening Transcript of January 17:

A salary of \$12,000 a year, with a four-year contract and a promise of a four-year contract and a promise of a free rein comprise, the magnet which is supported by the provisional Company has been divided into permanent squads, the first plateon now being constituted as follows: Lieut, Ayres, Sergts. Shaw, Richards, and Johnson.

First quad: Corp. Sabine, Privs. Blood, ..., Gilson, Harrington, Sheedy, W., Tordoy, Tyrrell, Whight, C.
Second squad: Corp. Wharton, Privs. Anderson, C., Denahy, M., Donahue, L., Forcino, S., Mackell, Peterson.

Third squad: Corp. T. G. Smith, Ames, A., Ames, C., Bywater, T., Follows, Grish Huebner, Mason.

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leave as it is recognized that he is one of the foremost educators in the country.

"I congratulate Cleveland," declared President H. N. Leighton of the local board. "The loss to Minneapolis and her schools is great. Only those who have worked with Dr. Spaulding and have an appreciation of his constructive policy cap know what a loss it is to have him go at this time. Dr. Spaulding's term here expires on July 31. The term of the present superintendent in Cleveland does not end until August T. Dut the board there is anxious to have Mr. Spaulding go there at once so that he can make his plans for the next school year. It is possible he will be released from his contract here as soon as a successor can be obtained."

The election of Dr. Spaulding by the

The election of Dr. Spaulding by the Cleveland board was not a sudden af-fair. About six weeks ago, after the resignation of Dr. James Frederick. resignation of Dr. James Frederick, the Cleveland, school board began looking for a successor. Several men were considered. Among them were men who had made names for themselves in educational matters in all sections of the country. One lone director held out for Dr. Spaulding. At his own expense he came here to question the Minneapolis mentor. Dr. Spaulding was loath to accept the place unless he was the unanimous choice and did not give the Cleveland choice and did not give the Cleveland man a direct answer. The Cleveland man a direct answer. The Cleveland member returned and later other members came here to interview Dr.

When the Cleveland directors finally when the Cleveland directors many met to decide upon a choice, opinion was divided, but upon the second ballot Dr. Spaulding was unanimously chosen. It had been given out here that the new Cleveland superintendthat the new Cleveland superintender that the new Cleveland superintender that the Minneapolis board of education meet that figure, an increase of \$2,000 a year. But two members of the board, both elected at the recent election, were strongly opposed to Dr. Spaulding because of some of the principles which he had advocated here. No decision was received here but soon the Cleveland officials voted to raise the salary to \$12,000. When informed that there was a division of opinion in Minneapolis and that the salary had been raised to \$12,000 a year in Cleveland, Dr. Spaulding at once accepted.

To the Editor!

The Groton High school does not at present have the certificating privilege. It has never asked for it though it is probably qualified to receive it. This certificating privilege it.

The conditions on which this privilege is given are not always the some for all colleges nor for every year. If the graduates of a high school do not do well in college or normal school the privilege of certificating may be withdrawn. The conditions laid down by the various colleges and normal schools for granting this privilege are too elaborate to be stated here in full. In general we may say that a school too enauorate to be stated here in full. In general we may say that a school must be well equipped with teachers and apparatus to fit the pupils for further study in higher institutions. Its students must be well prepared in further study in higher institutions. Its students must be well prepared in order to do the work of the college or normal school when they get there. The question may well be raised whether a high school averaging eighty pupils and sending a half dozen or so to higher institutions each year, should plan its course and work mainty so as to meet the wants of these few, or whether it is not better to count of greater importance the needs of the seventy-four other pupils who are fitting for an earlier tussle with the great world, when their high school course ends. Is not our high school doing a great work in training so many of our young men and young women to be efficient citizens and workers in the great, world?

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Groton has no reason to be ashamed of its high school. It is better equipped with teachers, books, apparatus and rooms today than it ever has been before in all its history. Twenty-five years ago the chairman of the committee at that time wrote of the building in which the high school is housed: 'In this magnificient building of the town our people may well take pride. The external architecture of the structure is retarded by visitors as one of the finest and most beautiful in the commonwealth, and its internal arrangement and division is happily adopted to the uses for which it was constructed.' (Col. Daniel Needham, school report 1892). This remark may be repeated with even greater force today, because the high school now has the use of the whole of this building, with improvements over the original plans. Our school has five excellent instructors, good laboratories, running water, gas and electricity, and a good commercial department.

It is the hope of the superintendent of schools and the principal of the high school to obtain for our school in the near future the certificating privilege.

Groton Military Training School.

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As time draws near to the annua As time draws near to the annial selection and election of the necessary town servants and officials, a lordable ambition for any citizen to aspire for and yet not all fitted or available for its duties. At the coming town meeting there are three running for selectman. Is it not a timely opportunity to give one of our-native farmer critizens a chance or preference for this office? One who is at the proper to the farmer town his services. One who is in touch with the farmer's life and needs. Is this not an opportune who is in touch with the farmer's life and needs. Is this not an opportune time to honor our native talent? His available inherited assets for the office are not always attainable for the position. While the office is one of honor yet it is one of many duties.—The vicissitudes of the farmer's condition make it important to have one of our selectmen a man who understands the use of the economical safety brake. This is a commendation for the candidate. Cannot we show our appreciation for the past services to the union, state and town, and his to the union, state and town, to the union state and town, and his most generous donation to Groton Historical society, for the present and future generations, who has carried the marks of his country's honor and good in his body for fifty years?

Let us give him in his closing days a token of esteem by considering for one of the selectmen. Frank M. Palmer, son of our Honorable Captain M. P. Palmer. Citizen.

West Groton. Mrs. Bliss and her daughters, Ethel and Lida, spent Thursday in Fitch-

Mrs. Marian Hale is visiting frien

Mrs. Liacos.

Willard Perrin met with a painful accident on Monday forenoon. As is his custom, he was sitting for a time in the blacksmith shop of L. G. Strand. He attempted to rise and fell, fainting. ective it. This certificating privilege is in the observations and by the state normal schools and by the colleges of New England. except Harvard and Dartmouth. It enables a graduate of a school to enter a normal school or college without examinations, on the certificate of the principal of the high school or other preparatory school. This certificate may be given for part of the subjects required or for all.

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He is doing as well as could be expected.

Unpleasant weather conditions provented the autor ride to Townsend that the boy scouts intended to take in revented the autor ride to Townsend that the boy scouts intended to take in response to Dr., Chariton's invitation. Four of them went, however, and were cordially greeted and most pleasantly antertained. The Townsend scouts and campe fire Girls have accepted an invitation to a hockey game in West Groton, the date not yet announced. The scouts here are being coached in hockey by the captain of the Groton hockey team. They played a game at the school last Saturday affection will be a game at the school last Saturda

....Mrs...Frank...Worster,-of Fitchburg. was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. G. S. Webber was among the grippe sufferers last week, but is now out again.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. A. W. .amb.

TOWNSEND

Center.

The Townsend Monday club were pleasantly entertained on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carrie Struthers. The afternoon's program consisted of current events by Mrs. Annie Bliss, song by Mrs. Lillian Ross, plano solo by Miss Estelle Farrar, progress of the European war by Miss Alberta Barber, and reading by Mrs. C. F. Worcester. A social hour followed with the serving of refreshments by the hostess.

At the Grange on Monday evening

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evening is anticipated. . Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Woods at-tended the Rebekah installation in Ashby on Tuesday evening.

At the Congregational church on Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' topic will be "Service, the law of life." C. E. evening topic, "Fruits of the Christian Endeavor tree"; leader, Gertrude Higgins.

Mrs. Hattie E. Misner, district dep-uty president, and suite, of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge, installed the officers of Acoma Rebekah lodge of Pepperell on Tuesday evening. Mrs. G. Walter Brown, of Manchester, N. H., is visiting her mother, Mrs Fidelia Barber, of Townsend hill.

This week Priday evening Mrs. Folkins and suite from Groton will install the officers-elect of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge. After the installation a supper will be served in the Oddfellows' banquet hall in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller. charge of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller.

The C. E. of the Congregational church will entertain as guests next Tuesday evening the C. E. society of the C. C. church of Flitchburg. A supper will be served and a social time enjoyed. Weather permitting the delegation from Flitchburg anticipate a pleasant sleighride to Townsend.

lowed with the serving of refreshments by the hostess.

At the Grange on Monday evening a debate of much interest took place on the subject, "Does preparedness promote peace?" T. E. Flarity, Alfred N. Fessenden, affirmative; Dr. A. J. Atwood, G. L. Whitcomb, negative; the question being decided in favor of the negative. A general discussion followed by members of the Grange, The closing number on the program was a plane sole by Albert G. Seaver.

Mrs. John Morse, of Townsend hill, was called away on Wednesday to Rockport, Me., by the illness and death of her mother. Mrs. Babbage, Her sister, from Brockton, accompanied her. Mrs. Babbage will be pleasantly remembered as a sweet and venerable lady, she having spent last winter in town with Mrs. Morse.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning Dr. Chariton's theme will be

"An interpretation"; evening "An interpretation." Next week-Friday evening the Epworth league will entertain in the church hall the members of the Fitchburg Circuit league. A pleasant evening is anticipated.

Ward Collins. She was of a very quiet nature, a loyal wife and devoted mother and is held in loving remembrance by her many friends.

The funeral is to be held Saturday at two n m. from the Congressions.

at two p. m., from the Congregational church an Advent clergyman is expected to officiate. Interment at Center cemetery. Besides-a husband and
parents, Mrs. Collins leaves two little
girls, Hazel and Elizabeth, and a
young son Omar, one sisten, HazelRichardson, and one brother, Harry
Richardson.

New Advertisements

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to all those who, by expressions of sympathy and kind acts, assisted us during our recent bereavement; also, for the floral tributes received.

Ella F. Wright,

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"Tie to the Pen and Press we mortals All we believe and almost all we know."

Saturday, January 27, 1917.

AYER

News Items. This Saturday, from twelve noon to ten in the evening, is the last time for registering voters prior to the annual town election. The meeting of the registrars of voters will be held in registrans of voters will be held in the selectmen's foom; town hall build-ing, as usual, or this purpose at the above hours.

The alarm from box 5 at 12.45 last Safurday morning was for a slight fire on one of the locomotives in the south yard, when a curtain on the cab caught fire. The light from the blaze loomed up so big as to give the impression that the engine house was on fire. A telemessage was sent to town, statsuch was the fact, and reing that such was the fact, and requesting that an alarm, be sounded. The loss was practically nothing. The "all-out" signal was sounded ten minutes after the alarm had brought the firemen out in the keen, frosty air, but

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. George Cole, Grove street, on Friday afternoon, February 2, at three o'clock.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting in the vestry of the Baptist church on Friday afternoon, February 2, at 2.30. A full attendance is requested that mill be the last results be a second or the second of the seco this will be the last meeting before the annual town meeting. The medal contest will be given under the direction of Miss Clara Thomas.

At the motion picture shows this Saturday afternoon and evening will be shown "The badge of courage." Saturday afternoon—and—evening—will
be shown "The badge of courage,"
an emotional drama by Cyrus Town—
send Brady, featuring George Holt,
William Duncan—and—other—eminent
screen stars, in six big acts. "The
great secret," the million-dollar-serial,
featuring the king and queen of the
screen, Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, will begin at the Saturday shows. In this famous play you
will see Mr. Bushman and his part—
ner at their best; a serial—with the
most daring actions ever filmed:
usual International News, showing the
world in motion, will also be shown,
making a big show of two and a half
hours. On next Wednesday comes the
screen favorites, Harold Lockwood
and May Allison, in a big five-act feature, "The big tremaine," which will
be followed by a farce-comedy, "Luke's
preparation," and a comedy cartoon,
"They do it every day"; also, the International News. Matinee and evening show as usual.

The Lodies' Auxiliary will be installed a
sundy Auxiliary will be installed as sunday afternoon in A. O. H. hall.

Through service between Fitchburg
and Ladles' Auxiliary will be installed as sunday afternoon in A. O. H. hall.

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and North Chelmsford was put in opteration by the Fitchburg and Lowell to
Street Rallway Companies Monday. In
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The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met with Mrs. J. W. Thomas on Tuesday, afternoon and the following officers were elected for the following year: Mrs. Lutie Sprague, pres.; Mrs. Blanche Whitney, v.p.; Mrs. Mabel Murphy, treas; Mrs. Viola Cole, sec.; Mrs. Ada Pillman, Mrs. Ida Preble, Mrs. Carrie Lowell, Mrs. Jennie Chaffin, work committee.

The paster of the Baptist church will speak Sunday morning upon
"Power from on high." Sunday school
at twelve. Mrs. George Brock, of the Telega mission, Kanigiri, India, will sections by an orchestra composed speak in the evening at 6.30.—It is hoped a large number will be able to hear Mrs. Brock, who is a most interesting as well as pleasing speaker. The increasing number of young people who are joining the choir have made it necessary to enlarge the platform.

There will be a meeting of the executive board of the Woman's club on Friday evening, February 2, at 7.30, at the home of the president, Mrs. Bassett Dickerman, Nashua street. The literature committee will meet with Mrs. George H. Hill on Wednesday afternoon, January 31, at three o'clock. At the Federated church on Sunday morning the pastor will speak on

At the Federated church on Sunday morning the pastor will speak on the subject. "Three parables of responsibility." The Sunday school will meet at noon. "Fruits of the Christian Endeavor tree" will be the topic for the C. E. meeting at six o'clock. At the evening service the pastor will speak on the subject. "What we should be most aware of." The annual supper and roll call of the Federated church will be in the vestry on Thursday evening. February 1, at 6,30. All those who share in the work and worship of the church are invited to be present on this occasion.

The democratic town committee has

The democratic town committee has organized with these officers: M. E. Markham, chairman; James E. Mc-Guare, sec.; Joseph Walsh, treas.

Benjamin R. Pollock, general maner of the Boston and Maine and add, made an inspection of the rail-ad property in town on Tuesday. He road property in town on Tuesday. He left for Fitchburg on a similar

Miss Natelie B. Bigelow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bigelow, visited her parents last week, later returning to her studies at the Framingham Normal school.

Alfred Maynard, who is employed in ashua, N. H., moved his family there

Ellsworth L. Read began work on last week Friday morning as night engine despatcher in the engine house in the south railroad yard.

Miss Alice C: Leahy concluded her duties at Mrs. E. F. Chandler's millinery last Saturday. Mrs. Edith C. Lyon takes her place.

Mrs. Mary L. Brooks and Mrs. Ida C. Boutwell entertained the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Federated church on Tuesday afternoon. A large number was present and at the close

The Special Aid society held its sociond meeting for First Aid last week Friday afternoon in the lower town hall. The special subject was "Bandages." The class is very interesting and very practical. The lessons are what everyone should know The class is increasing in membership and more applicants have been received since applicants have been received since a special states. ipplicants have been received since he beginning of this study and more re still coming. The class is in hurge of the First Aid committee of clety of which committee Mrs Edith Hassam is chairman.

The Ayer Branch Alliance will med in the Unitarian vestry on Thursday afternoon: February-1; at 2.30 o'clock Mrs. W. S. Beckford, Mrs. L. H. Cushing, Mrs. R. F. Murphy, Mrs. C. A. Normand and Mrs. C. E. Sherwin will Normand and Mrs. C. E. Sherwin will be the hostesses. The food sale under the auspices of the Alliance will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 27, in the vestry at three o'clock. The following Alliance ladies attended the neighborhood meeting at Groton—on Thursday afternoon: Mesdames Barker, Bigelow, Butterfield, Cushing, Fillebrown, Dunckles, Farnsworth, Fisher. A young buck deer was killed by the care at Gilson's crossing, near the Groton line, last week Friday night. Edward L. Backus, Jr., game commissioner, was notified and took charge of the animal.

Thursday afternoon.

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Mrs. Jennie E. Kittredge has sold her millinery business to Miss R. M. Graham, who has been in the same business in Phelps' block. The new owner takes possession Thursday owner takes possession Thursday February 1... Miss Minnie Evans, who has been employed by Mrs. Kittredge since she started in business here, concludes her duties Wednesday night. Mrs. Kittredge will re to help Miss Graham. will remain for a time

inter the alarm and brought the fremen out in the keen, frosty air, but thankful it was no worse.

S. Howard Chace, superintendent of schools in Beverity, who formerly held schools in Beverity, who formerly held evening schools in Massachusetts. Was the indirect means of saving the large two-tenement house of Mrs. Mel-ville Woodbury from total destruction by fire last Saturday. Mr. Chace and Roland C. Patch and their families occupy the house. While Mr. Patch and this wife were absent in Boston Mr.

The warrant for the prints Grand. Frank C. Johnson. superintendent of schools, was one of the speakers at one of the series of conferences at one of the speakers at one of the series of conferences to print of schools, was one of the speakers at one of the series of conferences on the speakers at one of the series of conferences on the series of se

cupy the house. While Mr. Patch and his wife were absent in Boston Mr. Chace discovered that their part of the house was afire and promptly pulled in an alarm. A large amount of the furniture was saved.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Winslow on Tuesday morning.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. George Cole, Grove Techniques. Pelvagry and on the state of the article is to see if the town raise or horrow and appropriate \$5500 road. The article is to see if the town raise or borrow and appropriate \$5500 or any other sum of money for that purpose. Article 12 calls for action on the proposition to raise and appropriate \$1000 for the employment of a district_or_other_nurse. Article 13 is to see if the town will amend the byizing the selectmen to appoint an ad-visory committee for the considera-tion of any and all municipal ques-

The officers of Division 7, A. O. H., and Ladies Auxiliary will be installed Sunday afternoon in A. O. H. hall.

The Palace Café team defeated the The Palace care team detected the Ayer Machine Shop live in a very exciting three-string match game at the howling alleys on Thursday evening. But seven pins separated the victors from the vanquished.

The polls will be opened on town meeting day. Monday. February 5, at 5.45 in the morning, and may be closed at four in the afternoon.

The selectmen have appointed Robert H. Irwin as a measurer of leather.
Franklin Lawton, who has been sick for several weeks, is much worse this week Friday.

formerly of Ayer.

William J. Donlon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Donlon met with a very unfortunate accident last Saturday morning, when his left leg was broken by a fall on the ice at the house if E. O. Proctor on School street, where he had been delivering groceries. He is reported as resting comfortably this week Friday morning.

The latest report rave that the Rossian

ONE DOLLAR AND FIETY CENTS through an accident while at work in dition to the present engine house, the PER YEAR IN ADVANCE the engine house in the railroad yard changing of the coal elevator and other improvements in the south rail-

George Le, Wilson has announced that he is a candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention, running in the twelfth Middlesex representative district. Mr. Wilson was a can-didate for representative in this dis-

Below is given the full list of nominations of candidates for the annual town meeting. February 5, as filed with Guy B. Remick, town clerk, up to five o'clock Thursday afternoon, when the legal limit for filing papers ended: Town clerk, Guy B. Remick; selectmen and overseers of the poor Douglas C. Smith, Lyman K. Clark John D. Carney, Harry E. Fisher treasurer, Elisha D. Stone; assessor three years, George L. Osgood, Charles W. Mason, tax collector, Eli W. Carley: school committee, three years, Edley; school committee, three years, Edward A. Richardson; water commissioner, three years, Edward O. Proctor; board of health, three years, Edward E. Sawyer, Henry L. Brown; auditors, Thomas J. Ryan, John B. Leahy, George O. Fillobrown; trustee Ayer library, three years, Edward A. Richardson; constables, Frederick T. Auld, William F. Fitzgerald, Lyman J. Taylor, A. A. Fillebrown, John M. Wallace; park commissioner, three years, Thomas P. Mullin; tree warden, Douglab C. Smith and Albert B. Down-

ng.
There are no nominations for some of the minor offices, including fish commissioner, three years; commissioner of sinking fund, three years; fence viewers, pound keeper and surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood and bark.

Douglas C. Smith and Albert B. Down

A Treat for Music Lovers.

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The music-lovers of Ayer enjoyed a rare treat on Tuesday evening in the grand concert given in the town hall by the Ayer Musical association. Anticipated long with pleasant expectation, the realization was not disappointing. There is a good deal of fine musical talent among our people and some acquisitions of unusual merit have lately come to us. W. B. Robinson was conductor of the concert, Mrs. Lena G. Graydon, planist, and Mrs. W. P. Sargent, soprano soloist.

The program included the part songs, "Tell me Flora," Pinsuti; "Madeleine," Rocckel, and "Love and

songs, "Tell me Flora," Pinsuti,
"Madeleine," Roeckel, and "Love and
summer." West, by the association;
"Rock-a-bye," Neidlinger, by the female voices; "Breeze of the night."
Lamothe, by male voices; quartet,
"Country dances," Farmer, by Mrs.
Sargent, Mrs. Frank-Brown, Howard
Stone and W. B. Robinson; "Inflammatus," a chorus and solo, by the association and Mrs. Sargent; "Image of
the rose," Reichardt, by the male

at the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division crossing in the interest of safety, and to report the departure of west bound cars. Mr. Kendall works days and Mr. Hurley is on night duty.

The inquest on the death of William I. Woodleigh, who was drowned at Sandy pond last Saturday, was held in the district court-room on Wednesday, Judge-Warren H. Atwood-presiding. The court finds that the said Woodleigh came to his death through accidental drowning. Medical Examiner Frank S. Bulkeley attributed death to the same cause.

A military whist party and entertainment was given under the direction of Ayer Council, K. C., in their rooms on Thursday evening. The entertainment consisted of instrumental selections by an orchestra composed of Misses Jane, Gettrude and Gladys

An interesting Match.

At the local bowling alleys on Tuesday evening there was a match game between the Boston at Maine rail-road team and the Gun club team which was a game worth taking in. The high string totals of the two teams were a revelation to the local bowling that the subject of much comment. The Gun club lost the three string total by one pin—1501 to 1500. The result of the three string total for either team was in doubt until the last ball had been bowled. The game ended so close it seems no more than fair that the losers should have a chance to come back at their opponents, man for man, and if a game is afranged there should be a big crowd on hand. The following is a detailed summary of the match:

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James C. Chandler, formerly of Ayer, died in New Ipswich, N. H., on Thursday, January 18. Mr. Chândler had been in falling health for several

Some are willing, and even argue, that the fighters should be left to fight it out to a finish." But we would not allow dogs, or any other animals, to do the same thing, in any public place,

public place,
Can any man look on indifferent,
when the weitare of humanity is at
stake, without peril to his own soul!
We have indeed kept out of war
thus far ourselves, while we have
made banks full of money by selling
munitions, at a high price, to those
who are struggling for their life. But
what christian thing, that was adequate and worthy of us, have we
done to help bring all this to a rightcous end: eous end!

A meeting of ministers is desired to be held at Ayer soon, open to all deminarious and all nationalitie for free speaking. Such a meeting, if held, will hope for the attendance of the public in the afternoon, Further notice to follows: Rev. W. J. Batt. Well Qualified to Serve.

Nomination papers are being cir-culated in Ayer and other towns comprising the twelfth Middlesex repre-sentative district for Edward A. Richardson, of this town, as a delegate to the constitutional convention for which delegates will—be elected on May i. 1917, throughout the state. The discrict is comprised of the towns of Ashby, Ayer, Dunstable, Groton, Pepp perell, Shirley and Townsend. No better selection could be made of the nomination of Edward A. Richardson as a delegate to the constitutional convention. Mr. Richardson has held the office of selectiman for several years, one year as chairman; a trustee of the public library; a trustee of the North Middlesex Savings Bank, and clerk of the board; a member of the school committee; past master of Caleb Butter of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter; of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter; of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter; to f Bancroft Royal Arch chapter Royal Royal Royal Royal Royal Rancalling of Royal Royal Royal Royal Royal Royal Royal Royal Roy ardson, of this town, as a delegate to he constitutional convention for which

sition. Drowned.

William L. Woodleigh, of Somerville, an employee of the Boston fee Company, engaged in the work of assisting the company in cutting its annual supply of fee at Sandy pond, was drowned last Saturday morning about 4.30, in thirty feet of water a short distance from the whore. The facts as to how I me Flora," Pinsuti; from the shore. The facts as to how Roeckel, and "Love and the unfortunate man met his death

will never be known.

He and some fellow workmen began work groving on the pond at two o'clock, as is the usual custom, in order to prepare the large cakes of ice called "floats" for movement along the carel to the less boyers when the men canal to the ice houses when the mer who do this work appear later in the

matus," a chorus and solo, by the association and Mrs. Sargent; "Image of the rose," Reichardt, by the male thorus and Mrs. Sargent; bass solo, "The happiest land." Mr. Robinson, a charming number, which responded to an encore. The second part was a grand motett, "Gallia," Gounod, by the association and Mrs. Sargent as a grand motett, "Gallia," Gounod, by the association and Mrs. Sargent as soloist. This was enthusiastically encored and responded, although it was the last number.

The town hall was well filted, the audience was very appreciative; and audience was very appreciative; and the concert a great success.

These were the members not mentioned above: Miss Caroline Brown, Mrs. Mabel Turner, Miss Hazel Scrulton, Misses Gladys and Gertrude y Briggs, Elizabeth Patterson, Abbie Robinson, Gladys Pillman, Marion Felch, Mrs. Miller, Ellis, B. Harlow, the Robinson, Gladys Pillman, Marion Park, Harlow, George H. Brown, Harold Pillman, Norman Gutterson, Dr. B. H. Hopkins, Bassett Dickerman, J. Howard Pillman, Richard McCarthy.

An Interesting Walch. deceased leaves a widow. His age was 29 years, 7 months, 6 days.

Unitarian Church Notes.

Sunday service-Regular offic morning prayer with sermon at 10.45 Music, prelude, "Offertoire in G." Batt man; "Sevenfold amen." Stainer nan; "Sevenfold amen," Stance, venite in G." Solly; "Te deum," in Martory solo, "Hea "Venite in G." Solly; "Te deum, in B flat, Stainer; offertory solo, "Hear me, O thou great Jehovah," Shattuck, Mrs. Beckford; postlude, "Air fantastique," Goate, Freacher, Rev. D. R. Child, Church school at twelve.

The musical setting of the offertor; st's own compositions. The congregation will be favored of Sunday by a visit from the minister of the First Parish church, Pepperell

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lahan and Uriah Knox of Littleton. The interment was in St. Mary's cemetery.

Joint Installation.

The annual joint installation of the officers of Harbinger lodge, K. P., and Harbinger Temple occurred on Monday evening in their rooms in Hardy's block in the presence of members of both organizations and their friends. The ceremonies of installation were perfectly carried out and at the close of the exercises the installing officers and their suites were given due credit for their work by well deserved ap

for their work by well deserved applause.

I. B. Nelson, the energetic chancellor commander of Harbinger lodge, and who was installed for the second term, called the meeting to order. After the usual preliminaries the officer of the lodge were installed. The installing officer for this work was Frank L. Paine, d.g.c., of Cambridge, who was assisted by John W. Dryden, acting grand vice chancellor: Scott E. Sanborn, acting grand prelate; Clar-Sanborn, acting grand prelate; Clarence E, Akerstrom, acting grand keeper of records and seals; Joseph Cohen, acting grand master-at-arms, and Harry Kline, acting grand inner guard. All the installing officers are past chancellors of University lodge

hour.

the banquet-hall. An orchestra under the direction of Frank J. Perry, and including Mrs. Perry and George Barrows, furnished music curring the evening. The following officers were installed:

Harbinger lodge—I. E. Nelson, c.c.; Frank B. Harmon, v.c.; Joseph Howarth, p.; Charles W. E. Force, k.r.s.; Levi B. Tuttle, m.w.; Oscar C. Rand, m.f.; John C. Davenport, m.e.; John M. Wallace, m.a.; A. W. Blanchard, i.g.; Charles H. Harris, o.g. Harbinger Temple—Lucy Prescott, p.c.; Alice Fleet, m.e.c.; Elsie Force, e.s.; Lucy Morse, e.j.; Alice King, m.; Minnie Fowler, m.r.c.; Mary Howarth, m.f.; Evelyn Cunningham, p.; Mabel Davenport, g.

nport, g.
These committees of Harbinger lodge were appointed: Walter C. Winslow, B. Young, Max Pentaskey finance; Douglas C. Smith, D. E. Hewes, Herbert Blanchard, auditing Oscar C. Rand, James King, Frank Oscar C. Rand, James King, Frank B. Harmon, entertainment: Charles W. E. Force, press; Joseph Howarth, flower; I. B. Nelson, Frank B. Harmon and Joseph Howarth, relief.

O. E. S. Installation. The annual installation of the of-ficers of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., took place in Masonic hall on Wed-nesday evening. This occasion, al-S, took place in Masonic hall on Wednesday evening. This occasion, always interesting, was of extreme excellence. The installing officer, Mrs. Louize G. Crafts, associate and deputy grand matron, was thoroughly master of the situation and did the part with a peculiar charm. She was ably assisted by Mrs. Mary A. Lawrence, member and past matron of this chapter, who, called upon at noon of that day to take the place of the expected marshal, who was ill, did the marshal's duty with an excellence that won for duty with an excellence that won for

duty with an excellence that won for her special admiration. Edward—A. Richardson was officiating grand patron and Mrs. Eileen G. Sawyer officiating grand chaplain, both of whom added dignity to the work.

The exercises were preceded by a banquet served by Mrs. E. H. Bigelow and enjoyed by 150 members and their families, who were guests.

At the close of the formal exercises Mrs. Alma L. Brown, the new worthy matron, took charge of the meeting. There were brief addresses by Mrs. Crafts, Edward A. Richardson, Mrs. E. G. Sawyer, Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Mellssa Cook the first grand matron of the order, who was a guest of honor.

Sunday by a visit from the minister of the First Parish church. Lepperell the exchange minister for January.

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A musical entertainment with readings followed. This was by these artists: Miss Januar Bings of Wiss Harel Clark of Boston the violinist, Miss January of Exitent Miss Harel Clark of Boston the violinist, Miss Ada C. Wilcox, planist, of Fitch-burg, and Miss Ada C. Wilcox, planist, of Fitch-burg, January in the officers for the concurs war are pacity on last week Friday evening the officers for the concurs vear are Miss Alice Miss Alice Merithy, Miss Glidlys Green and Miss Helen January and Miss Alice Merithy, Miss Glidlys Green and Miss Helen January and Miss Alice Merithy, Miss Glidlys Green and Miss Helen January and Miss Alice Merithy Miss Glidlys Green and Miss Harel Salay Solid, Miss Harel Salay Solid, Miss Harel Salay Solid Miss Harel

Christian Science Society of Aver. Service every Sunday have to in G A R hall at 10.30 Sible for Sun-lay, January 28 "Frich" Sunday school at the same hour A treater hally invited.

The German department of labor catistics recently reported that at the end of June last, 140 industrial enterprises were employing 112,974 work people, compared with 516,552 in June last year, a decrease of 53,550, or 14,22 percent.

Potash is being made by a West Virginia company from the waste stems of tobacco plants.

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yon takes her place.

St. Paul lodge, F. and A. M., conserted the second degree at its last needing.

William Burnham has been laid up the second degree at the second degree at

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News Items. The cast in "A rose o' Plymouth town," a romantic comedy in four acts, presented by the Woman's club in the

uary 1, will-be composed of the fol-Juny 1, will be composed of the following persons: Mrs. Alice W. Cleaves. Mrs. Ruth Webber, Mrs. Cordelia H. Putnam, Misses Dorothy and Ruth M. Peters, Josephue N. Baker, Anna M. Scorgle and Harriet B. Thayer. The sale of tickets for Oak hill and Bare will districts by charge of Mrs. Geo. hill districts is in charge of Mrs. Geo. F. Cobb and Mrs. D. W. Sheehan, for the Littleton and Cak hill section, Mrs. A. S. Branson; for the Ayer and depot section, Mrs. Austin Peters and Mrs. F.O. Ryan; for the Still River E. O. Ryan; for the Still Itiver sec-tion, Ellia Bateman and Mrs. Frank Spiague, and for the Common, Miss Helen Dickson. The play is recom-mended to be one of the best ever given by the Woman's club, and with an all-star cast should be a winner.

The Ladies' Benevolent society will hold an all-day sewing meeting at the home of Miss P. E. Hersey on Tuesday of next week.

Born on last Sunday, a baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin M. Hines.
Roswell C. Davis has sold his farm property on Oak hill to Arthur W. Bryant, including hay and farming

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dadwill be grieved to learn of the us illness of Mrs. Dadmun at a hospital in Boston, where she has un-dergone surgical treatment.

Mrs. N. A. Dill was taken to the hospital last Tuesday for treatment for a complication of internal troubles. Her friends hope for a speedy re-Death.

Miss Annie Kerley, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is at the Baptist hospital. Somerville, where she will remain for treatment.

Irving Taylor is laid up with a severe attack of the grippe. Mrs. A. T. West spent last Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Worces-ter and Westboro.

Jere Jones is laid up from his work at Tahanto farm with his old foot trouble, which seems to affect him dur-ing the cold weather.

Both L. K. Savage

a filled their houses this wear

4- and 16-inch ice of first-class quaity.

The annual jown meeting to be held on Monday, February 5, promises to be well sapplied with contests and thrills. The contests center around the selectman's office, where S. M. Frynsworth and John E. Maynard are the nominees. The office of constable has a three-cornered fight on between William Hanna, Foswell C. Davis and George, E. Hardy. The choice of assorts lies, between Edw. J. Mc. The immediate survivors are five sons and a daughter—Henry W. and Frank C. of Shirley, Benjamin of Leominster, Edward L. and Herman W. of Lancaster. and Elizabeth of Lancaster. Laurhlin and Frederick J. Wrangham, while the chance of highway surveyor is being held out to Frank O. Ryan and Benjamin J. Priest. B. J.
Priest is up for overseer of the poor,
with no opposition. H.—C. Merrill is
the nominee for school committee,
with no contest. Town treasurer, town
clerk and auditor will go to Arthur
H. Turner, James L. Whitney and W.
C. Haskell populates without once. ... Haskell, nominees, without opposition. The contest for town modera-tor is between Percy A. Atherton and

ing in which an entire auto party of lve persons lost their lives, brings nome very forcibly that too much care

At the next postular meeting of the Woman's club Monday evening, January 29, at eight o'clock, F. A. C. Smith, of the Massachusetts Agricultural colage will give an allustrated lecture on "How to make and keep our town more beautiful." Mr. Smith visited here during the past summer and took photographs, waich will form the basis of many of his illustrations. It will be temembered, too, that Mr. Smith spoke before the Men's club a few weeks ago. A conditi invitation is extended to the public to attend this lecture, which is feet to all. It is hoped that there of the a large attendance half meeting before town meeting of the public to attend this lecture, which is feet to all. It is hoped that there of the a large attendance half meeting before town meeting the public to attend the condition of the condition of the public to attend the condition of the public to attend the condition of the condition o

master workman, served under the direction of John H. Will, who was assisted by Charles Steblins and John Seymour. The following and While, on account of his duties; ing officers were installed: Sylvester Chesbrough, p.m.w.; John Gilmartin, m.w.; William (ilmartin, o.; Walter Knowles, rec.; John H. Will, fin.; Chas. W. Wolff, trous.; John Simpson, g.; Fred Smith, i.w.; Russell Jones, o.w.; Albe L. Annis, trustee 3 years. The foreman, Morton E. Lawrence, was urable to be present, owing to illness. unable to be present, owing to illness, and will be installed at some future meeting.

D. Chester Parsons attended the Episcopalian club dinner at the Cop-ley Physa hotel, Boston, Monday eveing.

Miss Grace Tewksbury has been transferred from the Shirley Electric Light office to the Pepperell office of the same company.

Trueman Nickerson, who has been III for sometime, has gone to relatives in Athol.

Christopher Brockelman, eighty-nine years of age, a veteran of the civil war, assed away at his home in Lancaster in Monday morning at eight o'clock,

on Monday morning at eight o'clock, from the effects of a general and final breaking up incidental to old age. Mr. Brockelman has been a resident of Lancaster for over half a century, going to that town from Germany when a young man, and for a number of years was employed as a weaver in the Lancaster mills. In Soptember, 1882 Mr. Brockelman enlisted in the he Lancaster mills. In September, 1862, Mr. Brockelman enlisted in the 1882. Air. Brockelman enlisted in the 'Srd' infantry regiment which was mustered in at Camp Stevens, Mitchel-ville, and was mustered out at Camp Stevens in 1863. Mr. Brockelman was a man of integrity and sterling char-acter of the pioneer type of citizenship which is always a power for good in any community.

A special committee of Shirley chapter, D. A. R., has arranged for two prizes for the eighth grade of the grammar school. One of these, a prize of \$5, is offered by the chapter, and the other, a prize of \$3, by the com-mittee. The \$5 prize will be awarded tor Is between Percy A. Atherton and Clifford L. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Turner are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Earle Turner in Brooklyn, S. Y.

Mrs. Catherine Fairbanks returned on Tuesday after a flive-weeks' stay with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Barry, in Schenectady, N. Y.

The terrible accident which occurred on fast Sunday at the Still River crossing, in which an entire auto party of Mrs. Elmer H. Allen of the constitution. Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, of the constitution.

Layonne Edgarton.

Mrs. Elmer H. Allen, of the conservation committee, has offered two prizes for the two best bird houses constructed in the manual training shop by any of the school pupils of grades two six an armose manual training strong two six and constructed in the manual training shop by any of the school pupils of grades two six and conservations. home very foreibly that too much care cannot be used at railroad crossings.

Just how the accident happened will state of the school pupils of probably never be known. It is generally believed that the lack of chains will be awarded for workmanship, of the auto and the icy condition of the Still River that prevented the safe control of the car. An inquest will be a first prize of \$2 and a second prize of \$1.

"Peathertop" an interesting drama, by Paul M. Bryan, featuring Marguerite Courtor, will be the leading Feature of the neal, on picture show this Saturday evening. There will also be a Weekly and a contedy.

Center.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Adams, Henry F. Grout, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cummings attended the meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange in Groton last week Thursday, when in Groton last week Thursday, who Miss Sybil Storer returned this week to her home in Nashua after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Marsh.

evening for the legistration of voters and approving of nomination papers.

The Altruric clab will observe guest night next week Thursday evening in the vestry of the Congregational church at eight o'clock, and will be in charge of the social committee.

Rev. Douglas H. Corley will occupy his pulpit at the Congregational church on Sungay, the subject of the morning sermon being "The vision of God." Evening service at 6.30 in the vestry; song service, and sermon by the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnson, of Boston, with son, M. Itan, are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles, parents of Mrs. Johnson.

J. C. Ayer lodge A. O. U. W., installed officers for the ensuing year at its regular meeting last week Friday evening. The ceremony was finely executed by Edward H. Harlow, d.g., m., and suite, of Leominster. The re-

Sylvester weeks ago at a Boston hospital. the shrough was presented with a survived by his widow, Mrs. Eudora Jeweled P. M. W. badgo-for-services rendered in the passing through the several chairs. A buffet lunch was several chairs. A buffet lunch was several under the direction of John H. Mr. Burnham has owned a summer

The Farm Bureau demonstration school opened here on Tuesday morn ing and during the day and evening was well attended, but the audience meeting.

The feature for Monday evening's was well attended, but the audience was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower woman loves," with the Metro star, Emmy Whelen in five parts.—The Beatrite Fairfux series will be discontinued and two farce comedies will be shown in the flace.

Arthur C. Annis and Stanley Wells attended the funeral of Albert S. Burnham at Revere last Sunday.

D. Chester Parsons attended the Episcopalian club dinner at the Coperating were busily engaged in the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved. The lower was not so large as the program and the speakers deserved the lower had have deserved the speakers deserved the lower had ha and serving several very fine. The his school girls were busily engaged in the afternoon Mi taking notes. In the afternoon Mis Caroline E. Nourse, of the Girls' Trad Dr. Warren E. Bryant has installed School. Worcester, gave a demonstration of home sewing, use of patterns

ctc.
The upper nall was occupied by the men, and able speakers talked upon soil improvement, fruit growing, dairying, poultry raising and general items of interest to every farmer or garden-

In the evening a concert was given by Worcester Polytechnic boys which was very much enjoyed by all, every number receiving hearty applause and several encores, to which the boys very several encores, to which the boys very generously responded: Following the concert was an illustrated address by Rufus W. Stimpson of the State Board of Education, upon "The best product of the farm." This closed the pro-gram for Tuesday. On the next day a program equally as fine as the day

before was given: Just as the audience was leaving the Just as the audience was leaving the hall for their homes the cry of "fire" was raised siriking terror to the hearts of eyeryone. It proved to be in the Congregational parsonage right in the center of the town, now occupled by Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner. The fire warden and a large force of helpers were soon there and with the ald of extinguishers the fire was soon under control. The blaze originated in a defective chimney and it was necessary to break several large holes in a defective chimney and it was necessary to break several large holes in partitions to get at the fire. A few repairs will be needed and everyone is thankful that it was no worse.

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Littleton, Mass., January 24, 1917.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Middlessex, ss. Probate Court.
To the devisees, legatees, and all other-persons-interested in the estate of GEORGE W. BROWN. late of Ayer in said County, deceased, testate.

Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration with the will annexed, on the estate of said deceased not already administered, to FRED O. WEISH of Hudson in the County of Middlessex, without giving a surety on his official bond, or to some other suitable person.

Middlesex, without giving a surery on also efficial bond, or to some other suitable person.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-ninth day of January A. D. 1917. at nine o'clock in the forenoon. to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court, and by mailing post-paid, or delivering a copy of this citation to all devisees and legatees named in said will, seven days at least before said Court, this fourth day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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J. Merriman.

The registrars of voters will hold their last meeting before town meeting in the town half on Saturday, January 27 from twelve o'clock noon to ten in the avening.

tended to the public to attend thisecture, which is free to all. It is hope of that there is the a large attends and the third of the large attends and the street of the large attends and in the street of the large attends and interest of the street of the large attends and interest of the street of the large attends and the large attends and the street of the large attends and the street of the large attends and the street of the large attends and the large att

of Brookfield in the County of Worces-ter without giving a surety on his hond.
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And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Fublic Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of January is the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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NAILING AN IMAGE.

Curious Custom of the Natives of the . Kongo Country.

Among the curious objects in the home of the Royal Geographical so-ciety at Kensington Gore, in London, is a fetish that was captured in 1865 from river pirates on the Kongo river. It is a wooden figure with mica eyes that glisten unpleasantly in the dark. A number of heavy nails have

been driven into its body.

According to Mr. T. A. Joyce of the British museum, the practice of driving nails into images has two purposes. One is simply to get a favor granted. In that case the worshiper on paying the fetish man a fee is permitted to drive a nail into the figure while uttering his notition. The oth er purpose is to injure an enemy. In that case the applicant pays a heavy fee and drives his nail into the figure in the belief that his enemy will fall ill and die.

A man who falls ill goes at once to the fetish man and makes inquiries, and if he finds that an enemy has driven a nail into the idol with him in mind he bribes the fetish man heavily to remove it. That, he thinks, insures his getting well.

The principle underlying the practice is quite different from that underlying the old practice of making a wax, image of an enemy and driving pins into it. The wax figure represented the victim, who in some oc cult way felt in his own person the abuse lavished on his effigy. The nail driven into the wooden figure, on the contrary, is to remind the god to perform the wishes of the petitioner It is, as it were, to the a string round his finger.-Youth's Companion.

LEGEND-OF THE VAMPIRE

Beliefs That Cling About This

Old World Superstition. The vampire, according to the belief of eastern Europe, is the physical body of a dead person, male or female, that maintains itself in a sort of balf life in the grave by returning to its forme haunts and-nourishing itself on the blood of living persons. This superstition is characteristically Slavonic.

The vampire superstition is strongest in White Russia and the Ukraine, though it also pervades the popular be lief in Poland and Servia, among the Czechs of Bohemia and the Slovaks of Hungary and is to be traced as far as Albania and Greece. Comparative philology proves it to have origin with the equally hideous legend of the were wolf, a human being who could at will assume the appearance and ferocity of a wolf, which if wounded in its nocturnal pursuits in the head or limbs could not efface its injuries or escape detection when it returned to

its human form. The vampire is to be detected during his visits to the haunts of man by his extreme pallor, his unnaturally and pointed canine teeth and his fetid breath. The vampire also throws no shadow either upon the ground or on a looking glass and is never seen to eat or drink. How he leaves and re-enters his grave is an undecided point, beno one is ever supposed to have had the courage and address to see, butthe belief is that locked doors and closed windows are no bar to his movements.-London Globe.

Trial of a Dead Man. Charles de Bourbon, high constable of France, died in conquering Rome, which his leaderless soldiers straight way sacked. For this crime it was necessary to find a scapegoat, so "on July 26, 1527, in the presence of King Francis I., on his seat of justice, as sisted by the neers of France and the assembled chambers, Jean de Surie, first usher of the court, called Charles de Bourbon three times—at the bar of readily in standing water. the parliament, at the marble table ported that the said De Bourbon had not appeared. The sentence was drawn up, then selemnly read. The conneta ble de France, dead, was condemned, his goods returned to the crown, and the door of his palace by the Louvre was painted yellow."

Teeth Tell Sheep's Age. A lamb has eight small first teeth on the lower jaw. When the animal reaches the age of about one year the middle pair are replaced by two permanent teeth; at the age of about two the teeth on either side of these permanent teeth are also replaced with a permanent pair; at the age of three the next tooth on either side gives way to a permanent tooth, and at the age of four the last or back teeth are replaced in like manner.-Farm and Home.

Grievously Disappointed. "Have you found out why Jinks is looking so depressed these days?"

"It seems that a friend of Jinks was in financial difficulties and Jinks offer

"His friend took him up."-Richmond Times-Dispatch. Pugnacious Doves.

Peace lovers had better find another bird to become symbolical of their ideas, for the dove is not a bird of peace, but is one of the most pugnaclous little fighters. In fact, the dove fights a large part of its waking hours -Washington Star.

His Ressons.

"They say the widower who has jus married again was all-broken up when his first wife died."

"That is why he was so anxious t be repaired."—Baltimore American.

Crueity and fear shake hands togeth

HOW =

To Destroy Troublesome Insect Pests In Your Home

OACHES.—Coal oil is one of the -best-agents-for-the-destructionof roaches and their eggs. It should be sprayed freely by means of a machine oil can into the cracks and crevices of the floors and other woodwork where they breed. Powdered borax mixed with a little sugar is also a good remedy, but in the presence of other food borax is not very effective. It is suggested that crucks and crevices, which are their hiding places, be closed up with putty or paint. Since these pests hide by day and go forth at night to feed, it is essential that all foodstuffs be kept under cover and crumbs carefully swept from the floor. The kitchen sink should be kept scrupulously clean, while the kitchen closets should be thoroughly scrubbed from time to time. Ants.-These little busy workers may readily invade the home.

easily be destroyed by tracing them to their nests and pouring into them gasoline, benzine or coal oil. When using these substances remember that they are highly inflammable. Fleas.—Human fleas, dog-fleas-and cat fleas are familiar household pests: the latter being the most prevalent. The larvae or embryo young of fleas tings and in the corners and cracks of floors. Since cats and dogs generally-bring these pests into the home, care should be taken that these animals be

kept -thoroughly clean: - Special rugs should be provided for them to sleep upon and the dust from the rugs hurn Hot water, soap and the scrut brush are very effective in destroying the pests which hide in the crevices of the floors. Here again gasoline is one of the best destructive agents. Carpets and heavy draperies should be dis. pensed with during the warm weather.

Bedbugs.-Their presence does not always reflect upon the housewife, as they may be found in very carefully kent homes. A good way to destroy them is to spray their hiding places with a solution of corrosive sublimate (one ounce to a pint of alcohol). This substance is poisonous and should be so marked. Gasoline is one of the most efficient agents used in the extermination of the bedbug and should be sprayed freely in cracks and crevices with a machine oil can. Turpertine and kerosene are less efficient an leave oily stains after their use.

Moths.—These are very destructive in clothes when not properly protected. Furs and wookens are particularly susceptible to the influence of moths Thoroughly brush and clean the clothes before they are put away for the summer. Pack them in large paper bags or boxes, which should be made air tight by sealing the edges with strips of paper. Wardrobes should be free of dust and thoroughly cleaned. Moth preventive or tar balls should be freely distributed in trunks. closets and in the pockets of clothes. It is also a good plan to unpack these clothes occasionally during the mer and give them an adequate airing in the sun.

Flies.-Keep the garbage pail cover ed tightly. Fly paper freely distributed will be a great help in destroying them A solution of potassium bichromate (one tenspoonful to two ounces of sugared water) or a few drops of for-malin in sweetened water will kill files when placed where they can drink.

Mosquitoes.-Burning a pyrethrum powder or sulphur will stupefy them. They then fall to the floor and can be burned with the sweepings. Do not allow any water to accumulate in barrels pans, buckets, on the roof of any part of the house, as mosquitoes breed

THE SHARK INVASION.

Why These Dangerous Fish Have Left

Their Old Haunts. Apropos of sharks, says a contributor to the New York World, in the opinion of many of the merchant marine officials the present influx of them to our shores is due to several reasons: First. disturbing conditions attributed to the war in Europe, whereby they are driven from their native baunts and seek new quarters. The large number of horse ships attract them, the sharks following them often for days. When a ship loses, say, fifty horses in one voyage, one can easily see the reason for this. Emboldened by noninterference, they have made their appearance in large numbers off the coast of France and even in the Mediterranean sea, a thing unheard of hitherto.

These remarks are the summing up of many British officers in the merchant marine service engaged in carrying large cargoes of supplies for the

Under the circumstances it would seem reasonable to expect these monsters to appear on our shores just as long as the cause of their presence ex ists, and, while it may interest the learned scientists to offer many interesting reasons for it, the fact still remains the same.

How to Protect Grapes From Birds and Insects.

Grapes may be protected from birds and insects by tying up the clusters in paper bags. Ordinary bags from the grocery store are sufficient, one being slipped over each bunch of grapes and made fast with soft twine. Perfect grapes can be grown in this way, and they will ripen a little earlier than otherwise. Bees are sometimes held responsible for damage to grapes, but they are falsely accused. Birds make the holes, and the bees simply feed on the juice that is exuded.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Ayer Farmers' Co-Operative Exchange will be held at Hardy's Hall, Central Avenue, Wednesday, January 31. Business meeting at 10 A. M. Lunch will be served and the afternoon devoted to farm discussion. Interesting and instructive talks will be made on spraying and fertilization. The farmers in this and surrounding towns are cordially invited to be present. Interesting surfaces to be present. Interesting speakers from Amherst will be in attendance. AYER FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE

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Registration of Voters



The Board of Registrars of Voters will be in session in the Sciectmen's Room, Town Hall Building, for the purpose of registering voters and corresting the list of voters.

Thursday, January 18, 1917, from 7.30 to 9.30 P. M. Saturday, January 27, 1917, fron

12 M. to 10 P. M. Registration will close at 10 P. M. Saturday, January 27, and no names will be added to the voting list after that dote until after the next election except the names of voters examined as to their qualifications between the preceding 30th day of April and the close of registering, or to correct a clerical error or mistake.

Persons wishing to register should bring a tax bill or a notice from the Collector of Taxes to show that they have been assessed for the year 1916 Naturalized citizens wishing to register must show their certificate of aturalization.

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of Littleton in said County, deceased.

The profit of the said County of County in the conment of said deceased has been presented to said Court, for Probate, by
JOHN H. HOLDHTON, who prays that
him, the executior therein named, without giving a surety on his official bond.
You are hereby clied to appear at a
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a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate, seven days
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COMPULSORY RETURNS - HOW MADE Returns may be filed by mail or in person. The advantage of filing in person lies in the economy of time where corrections are necessary. Re-turns must be under oath, and may he sworn to before any Income Tax Assessor or Deputy, who will make no charge for the service, or before any Justice of the Peace. Notary Public, or Special Commissioner authorized to take oaths.

COMPULSORY RETURNS MUST MAKE THEM.

Returns must be made by every in-dividual inhabitant of Massachusetts, ncluding_every_partnership, associa

tion or trust, receiving .-1. Any (no matter how little) income taxable at the six per cent rate (i. e. interest from bonds, notes, money at interest, and all debts due the person to be taxed, and dividends on shares of stock in corporations or partnerships, associations and trusts except such of the fore-going income as is expressly exempted—(see earlier discussions in this series of articles).

2. Any income from annuities; 3. Any excess of profits over losses from the purchases or sales of intangible personal property whether or not securities so bought or sold are otherwise taxable or are "non-taxotherwise taxable or are "non-tax-able" and whether or not the taxpayer is engaged in the business of dealing in such property; and finally,

4. A return must be made by an inhabitant whose income from all sources in the entire calendar year 1916 exceeded \$2000. The return must filed even though no tax is paya. In this latter class, however, the return need not set forth the income derived from the sources expressly set forth as—being—exempted. (See earlier in this series of articles.)

5. Every executor, administrator trustee, guardian, conservator, trus tee in bankruptcy, assignee for the benefit of creditors, and receiver, other-than-a-receiver of a corporation organized-under-the-laws-of-Massa chusetts, and every other person re-ceiving income taxable under this law must make the required annual re

6. Every employer—individual, partnership, trust or corporation—being an inhabitant of, or having a place of business in, Massachusetts, must also file each year a return giving the names and addresses of all regular employees residing in Massachusetts to whom such employer has add to whom such employer has paid wages, salary or other compensation in excess of \$1800 in 1916. 7. Every corporation, partnership,

association or trust doing business in Massachusetts and whose dividends are taxable under this law must also file with the tax commissioner a list of the names and addresses of all its shareholders—or at least those residing in Massachusetts: and all such corporations, partnerships, associa-tions or trusts—even though—their re-FREDERICK WHITNEY port the names and addresses of all into the charge. "The evidence whom they have paid annuities or been given only taxable interest except where the pay-Union Cash Market

| Cash Market | Interest except where the payments have been by coupens payable to bearer. On request, the respective amounts so paid must also be stated.

Treasurers of cities, towns and counties and the State Auditor must file lists of all employees to whom they have paid over \$1800, in 1916. While all the other returns are to be made by March first, returns of public employees must be not later than April 10th.

COMPULSORY RETURNS—BLANKS OBTAINABLE WHERE AND OF WHAT KIND.

The state cannot undertake to mail blanks to each taxpayer and will not attempt to do, so except as the tax-

COMPULSORY RETURNS - LAST AND MOST IMPORTANT.

If in doubt about how to fill out There I felt comparatively safe, but Assessor or his Deputies without expense. Don't wait till the last moment. Keep your temper. Don't be dismayed—when you get your return blank you will probably find that though it looks formidable, it is so because it has to cover all the cases of all the people, but the small part of it that concerns your particular case will be easy to fill out. Full instructions accompany each blank—read them all carefully and thereby save trouble and expense for yourself and the Commonwealth. Even if you safe and examine the return blanks to make sure, otherwise, you assume knowledge of him it possessed." your return, consult your Income Tax There I felt comparatively safe, but to make sure, otherwise, you assume knowledge of him it possessed." the risk.

A STORY OF HUNGARY

By EVERETT P. CLARKE

The map of Europe has been changng ever since there has been any historical record. There have been times when changes have been expected that have not occurred. One thing is notice. able no nation in Europe has thrown

Sixty years ago Hungary was in a position of antagonism to Austria Louis Kossuth came to the United States, which was in those days the mecca of all peoples who desired to be made free, to raise funds to prosecute a revolution against the other wing of IMPORTANT the dual empire. He was treated liber ally by the treedom loving American the dual empire. He was treated liber neople and returned to Hungary What became of the money raised at that time I do not know. What every body does know is that Hungary is still a part of the empire of Austria-Hungary.
I am of Hungarian parentage, but

was born in America. My father was in sympathy with the movement to achieve independence for his father land and was a member of a revolu tionary-society organized for that pur pose. This story which I am about to relate he told me when I was a boy, "The society to which I belonged "was organized for the pur pose of bringing about a rising of the Hungarian people against the Austrian government. Of course we were a se cret body. I determined to learn the Hungary, and to do this I offered my services to the prime minister as a spy on the revolutionists, revealing to him that I was a member of a circle whose object was to achieve the independ once of Hungary, and I had joined the society with a view to obtaining their plans. I succeeded in winning the minister's confidence and anticipateo getting much valuable information.

"The danger in all this was that un less I made known to the circle my intentions I was likely to be considered a traitor to them. If I told them what I was doing I was liable to run against some one among them who was en deavoring to accomplish for the gov ernment what I was desirous of doing for the circle. If so I would be immediately arrested and shot by the

"I concluded to place in the hands of one member of the circle-Shimsky was his name I was working in the interest of Hungary, but charged him not to produce it till I should eall upon him to do so Indeed, it consisted of papers in a sealed package the nature of which he did not know. He and I had long been friends, and I felt sure that he was true to Hungary.

"Through the prime minister-I learned just what provision had been made by the government to suppress any rising on the part of Hungary and, more than is, what prominent Hungarians were playing false to the Hungarian cause. Then suddenly I met with a misfortune. Shimsky was arrested as a plotter against the Austrian government. And a second misfortune followed immediately. A few days after Shimsky's arrest our society held a meeting. and I was not only accused of being a traitor, but of having given the in-

formation that had caused his arrest. "It happened that another member of the circle was playing the same game I was playing. One Raminye, pretending to be working in the interest of the government, had learned that I was in the confidence of the prime minister. Raminye at once reported the matter to the society. They constituted themselves a court

"The evidence of my true position had been given only to Shimsky, and he had been arrested and his papers confiscated. If he had placed mine with the others I was surely lost. I could not convince the circle that I was true to them, and the government would have conclusive proof that I had been

Hungary with Shimsky. If the gavernment was not in possession of them and they could be found, I was saved If not, the government would put me

out of the way.

"The circle at once considered what attempt to do, so except as the taxpayer expressly applies for them, in
which case, they will be promptly
furnished. Application may be made
in person, by mail, or otherwise to
any Income Tax Assessor or Deputy
in any of the District Offices or to
the Income Tax Division, State
House, Boston. So far as the banking institutions and local city or town
officials are willing to co-operate, it
will be possible to obtain blanks from
them. Further detailed notice will
be given:

"The circle at once considered what
they had better do, but I was not per
mitted to hear their deliberations.
They decided that there was a strong
probability that the government had
the papers I had deposited with Shimsky, that I would be arrested and my
arrest would be very dangerous to the
society. I was called into the room
where the deliberations. which I was told I was to use in in mediate flight.

"I left the meeting within ten min utes of receiving this command and, in disguise, made my way into Italy,

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Mrs. Henry Bailey

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney, of South Brookline, entertained Mrs. Whitney's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan, of Kentville, N. S. last week,

Clarence Russell drove to Townsend first week Thursday and spent the day at the home of his brother, William Russell.

Eldridge Jewett, of Proposed substituting for Albort Pieter nester or at the town building for a fe the ice cutting.

The ladles Social club of South Brookline was entertained at the home of Miss. Lucien Farrin last week Thursday. The object of the club is Just what the name implies—a social gathering of its members on every Thursday afternoon, at which they sew or do other fancy work. The president is Mrs. Eldorus Shattuck; Mrs. Fred Rockwood, v. p.; Mrs. Lucien Farrar, see, and treas, Mrs. Fred Rockwood is to be the hosters at the next gathering. vednesday in Gardner, M.

ext gathering. The importance of being more accurate in one's speech, especially when alving information, was well demonstrated. strated one very cold day last week accompanied by children after walking here from Hol-

children after walking here from Hol-ils, missed the afternoon train by about three minutes. Until about two months ago, when the time was changed from 3.42 to 3.37, many were in the habit of referring to the train as the quarter of four, thereby mak-ing a difference of three minutes, a fact which caused many to either miss the train, or when accompanied by baggage did not have sufficient time for the checking. That the 7.12 in the morning does not go at quarter part seven and the 3.37 in the afternoon does not go at a quarter of four, or does not go at a quarter of four, or even at twenty minutes of four, is a fact that most people should try and

clans of the government concerning bridge, Mass., last week Thursday and

Amzi Alden, of Dedham. Mass., is spending a few weeks with Joseph

Swett.

An insane man made his escape from an institution in Gardner, Mass., list week and was found wandering about the ice plant here in a cold and hungry condition. He was taken in charge by the town authorities and taken care of until some one was sent after him and taken back to Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nye. accom-manied by Miss Ruby Ladd, went to Joston last week Friday, remaining mill Saurday, when they attended a July Sunday meeting at the taber-

Mrs. William Hughes, who has been ill for a few weeks, was last week Wednesday taken to St. Joseph's hos-pital in Nashua for treatment. A bad chimney fire occurred at the home of Mrs. Authenia Campbell on last week Wednesday. The firemen who responded applied chemicals and subdued the fire without turther dam-

Mrs John Whitcomb went to Garder last week Thursday, accompanied wher lutle nephew, Robert Wecks, he had been spending a few days

with her.

Miss Hazel Goss was home from Wilton over the last week-end.

Oscar Ellot went to Nashua a coup't of days last week to receive treatment from a specialist for his head trouble from which he has been a sufferer for Accord works.

There was an all-day session of th

Incre was an all-stay session of the Ladies' Aid at the home of Mrs William Hall on January 16. Each member brought a contribution towards the dinner and the meeting took the form of a quilting bee, two of them being completed before the meeting adjourned.

The condition of Mrs. Mary the condition of Mrs. Mary Cox, who underwent an operation for a concerous growth at St. Joseph's hospital in Nashua on last week Thursday, is reported as being very favorable, out her many friends are looking forward to a speedy and happy convalescence.

Warren Shattuck is in Lincoln, en. loyed in a lumber camp. Mr. and Mrs. John McPhail called to Worcester last week F on account of the serious illness of brothers.

A horse belonging to Harry liams, of the Elmwood broke th the barn floor last week Th from his perilous position, seemingly none the worse for his experience Ida and Edith Hoghes went to Nashua Lon Monday to visit the mother, who is a patient at St. J. sepathospital.

While working di Saturday William Shattack accidence by fell from the lader sustaining had shaking op and badly legals

have conclusive proof that I had been a spy on their movements. If I escaped the circle I would fall by the government.

"All I could say to the circle was that I had deposited proofs of my loyalty to Hungary with Mindell I had deposited proofs of my loyalty to Hungary with Mindell I had deposited proofs of my loyalty to Hungary with Mindell I had been had badly left is the constant of the circle was that I had deposited proofs of my loyalty to Hungary with Mindell I had been had badly left is the constant of the circle was that I had deposited proofs of my loyalty to the circle was that I had depos

HOLLIS, N. H.

News Items.

At the meeting of the Grang-week it was voted to have a lindles men's degree team, Harold Hard ing appointed as master of the degree team and Mrs. Walter Fig. degree team and Mrs. Walter Fig. 13 as master of the ladies degree for The program was as follows: Quest; "How can a farmer improve his smoothings?" George A. Keyes, M. Mary Powers; reading, Mrs. Har Frost; piano solo, Raymond Lever reading, Mrs. Haz "Marshall,"

The Y. W. S. C. met with Mrs. Held E. Hardy on last week Thursdarfternoon. The next meeting will to leld with Mrs. Gladys Wright on Westernoon. esday of next week.

Ernest Parker has been ill the lew days, but is much better. Mrs. George A. Laid spent a few lays this past week with her daughter a Concord. Mr. Grisbrook, of East Hartford

Corn., occupied the pulpit last sunday, The Whist club met at the Grange hall on Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Hardy, as host and hostess. There was a large attendance. The club will meet again on textured the texture of the club will meet again.

Franklin D. Rogers, who has been all for some time, passed away on last week Friday. Funeral services were held on Monday at the house. On Tuesday the remains were taken to Freeport, Me., Mr. Rogers' former home. He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. Weatherby, Misses Ruth and Mildred Rogers, and a grandlaughter, Mis. Ann. Weather. granddaughter, Miss Ann WeatherWilliam B. Simonds is ill with grippe cold, which is prevalent here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hastings, of Fitchburg, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward. Hastings. Sanday, and will remain for a few days.

on 1ast Sunday.

William Warren, of Keene, N. H., spent the week-ead with his parents and sisters, it being the first time he has been home since Christmas.

L. W. C.

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The Woman's club held its regular semitymonthly meeting an last week Friday afternoon in the chapel of the Methodist church. About thirty members were present, although the weather conditions were very unfavorable and traveling conditions very bad on account of the icy condition of the streets and sidewalks. The meeting was in sharge of Mrs. Alfred Noon and the subject for consideration, was "Current essays."

The first spoken of were from the pen of Miss Agnes Roeppiier, Mrs. Noon giving a brief sketch of her life, after which Mrs. F. L. Francis read her essay on "Woman and preparedness," and Mrs. H. C. Eaton read "The netwous strain" and "The condexeension of borrowers," and then Mrs. F. (C. Cross read "The use of hyperbole in advertising."

The second essayist considered was levy Dr. Samuel M. Crothers, of Cambridge, Mrs. Noon read his essay on "The ignominy of being grown up," and extracts from his "Meditations on votes for women"; also, a letter from Mr. Crothers in which he expressed liftinself as pileased to know that the Woman's club were to consider his

Mr. Crothers in which he expressed himself as pleased to know that the Woman's club were to consider his "Meditation on votes for women." They were nicely written and contained many good thoughts; but so carefully writed the world in the contained many good thoughts; but so carefully writed. fully worded, that like some of the speakers in town meeting it was hard to tell which side he was on or whether he was for or against female

part of the program. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed Two new members were added to the

Two new members were added to the club.

The next meeting will be in the Methodist chapel on Friday afternoon. February 2, and a detate will be held upon the question: Resolved, "That it would be better for the town to abolish its high school and send the pupils to Fitchburg schools." The affirmative will be taken by Mrs. Willie F. Tyler and Miss Ethel E. Emerson, while the negative will be supported by Mrs. Frederick C. Cross and Mrs. Edward E. Spence.

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WM. C. DHUINGHAM Clerk A true copy Affect ALBERT A PULLEBROWN.

The Home Economics club met on last week Friday in the ladles' parlor. Miss Bates talked mostly on home sani-

LUNENBURG

The brags band held their annual chowder dinner and reunion at their band-room on Sunday, January 14 Nearly every present member of the was in attendance, and other formerly belonged to it but are ow living in other towns were at the anquet by invitation. A very pleas

Miss Ruth Grant, who is attending school in Groton, visited her parchits on last week Friday, remaining over

Miss Annie Cameron then read Dr Crothers' essay on "The convention of books," which closed the literary part of the program. Refreshments

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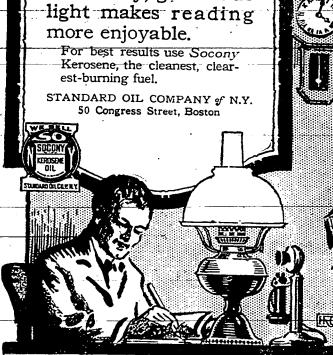
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hearing the parties at the fatt. Town Hall, in Latleter in Sur C. on Monday, February 26, 1917, at 10:15 o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the Town of Lit-tleton with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before gaid you and by nubber ing the same in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper printed at Aver, three weeks successively, the last publica-tion to be fourteen days at least before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Littleton fourtees days before said view; and that he make re-turn of his doings here, the said Comnissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing

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Saturday, January 27, 1917.

PEPPERELL

News Items. Dr. H. H. Cleveland and son Fred eric spent Friday and Saturday at their farm. "Hillcrest," returning to Welles. ley Saturday evening.

Verner and Audrey Bancroft. young son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Bancroft, Hollis road have been quite sick with the prevailing grippe cold. They are now reported gaining. Mr. Bancroft is also able to resume his work again, having been confined to his home for some weeks with an injured hand.

Walter S. Shattuck of Boston spen is week-end with his father, Nathan iel S. Shattuck, Park street.

The stereopticon lecture "From servitude to service," given by Rev. Mr. Lewis at the Congregational ves-Mr. Lewis at the Congregational vestry on Sunday evening, was very well attended and was well worth attending. The great advance in the education of the colored people of the South as well as in their general condition, was made clearly manifest by the excellent sides furnished for the carbier. The lecture was instructive subject. The lecture was instructive and interesting. Many views of the country were also shown. The lec-ture was repeated at Oak Hill hall on Monday evening

The first basketball game of the newly organized P. H. S. team was played at Prescott hall on Saturday The team was compos of Sullivan, captain, and Attridge, Horan, Lillis and Harney, with Durant and Shattuck as substitutes. Their opponents, were a team of the high-school alumni, composed of Harney. school alumni, composed of Harney captain, and O'Neal, Bancroft, At tridge and Lavalley. The score was 51 to 13 in favor of the P. H. S tgam. Dancing followed with musi-Shattuck, violin, and Nutting

The annual meeting of the Distric Nursing association next Monday evening at Central hall should draw crowd. The results of the past year crowd. The results of the past the will be worth hearing and so will the address by Rev. Mr. Webster of Wal-This meeting is open to every

Eugene Fletcher of Oak hill ha Eugene Fletcher of Oak fill has been trying to establish the war record of his father, Timothy Fletcher, who enlisted from Groton in the 26th.

Mass. Regt. Co. B. The record at Boston differs from that he received from Washington. If there are any members of the old company still living he would be very glad to hear from them. from them.

Mrs. Lizzie A. Sartelle spent last week with her sister, Mrs. L. J. Dow. who was assisting her with her sewing. She returned Monday to her du-- at the Peck forn

Charles L. Bemis from Cochituate spent a part of last week at his home in town.

Mrs. Elmer Weston, Mrs. John Mc-Murray, Mrs. M. M. Richards and Mrs. N. M. Gutterson spent Friday of last week in Boston, going to hear Billy Sunday in the afternoon. They were well pleased with him, as well with a support and a male quartet. as the orchestra and male quartet which filled the hour of waiting bethe service.

A party, including Percy English, foreman at Dr. Cleveland's farm, Raymond Boottwell and Frederic Dow drove to Brookline, N. H., on Sun see the electric apparatus by high the ice is being cut at Lake which the ice is being cut at Lake.
Muscatanipus this year. The machine
which is operated by power supplied
by the Connecticut Light and Power
company, takes the place of a dozen
men and twice that number of horses.
The French Pand Lee company were pin-The Fresh Pond Ice company were unable to secure enough men, atthough, it is stated, they offered free transportation to some of the foreign help around Boston.

Mrs. M. M. Richards visited her old friend and neighbor. Miss Fannie Shattuck, when in Boston on Friday at the Robert Brisham hospital. Miss Shattuck is nicely located and quite ntented and everything is being comfort and care.

Joseph Graham visited relatives Boston and vicinity the first of the week, going to Milford, Stonellem, Medford and Waltham before returning home on Wednesday.

Mr. Clark H. Realtes is something of the control of

The assistant at the barber shop of A. H. Gilbert for some years past, Mr. Lemay, finished work there on Thursday, and will go to Worcester, where day and will go to Worcester, where he has accepted a position with a lum-

ber concern in that city. . Frederic Wilson of Torrington, nn., came last week to spend the sek-end and Sunday with his par-

ents. S. M. Nokes commenced on his ice field on Tuesday, and if cold weather continues will fill his houses at the pond, the ice-being nearly a foot thick.

A. H. Raymond resumed his duties the Hayes' store this week, having been through the prevailing epidemic cold. Mrs. M. E. Letender, who last week was sufficiently improved so that her daughters returned to their homes in Leominster and Brockton, had an ill Leominster and Brockton, had an inturn on last Saturday. Her brother, O. B. Lawrence, of Hollis, had been staying with her to attend to her place, and on Monday Mrs. Nye was again sent for, and came with her husband and children. Mrs. Letender's trouble seems now to be neurolicial.

ralgia

Miss Lillian Holmes, of this town; who has been assisting Mrs. Edson, Hurd while she was in poor health, is now at the home of Mrs. Ralph Herrick, Hollis, N. H., for the winter.

rick, Hollis, N. H., for the winter.

Robert and Carl Deware, sons of Rainsford Deware, were recently at home on a vacation from their studies at St. Johnsbury (Vt.) academy.

At a meeting of the Odd Felolws' lodge of the Manchester Unity, held in West Groton on Thursday evening of last week, Charles Fuller, of this town, was elected vice grand.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert S. Durant and family went to Milford, N. H. Monday to attend the funeral service for Mrs. Durant's father, the late James M. Slickney, of that city. His death occurred on Friday evening. January 19, at his home on Union street. Although he was in his seventy-seventh year he carried on a blacksmith business up to about a year aro, when he ness up to about a year ago, when he etired-from-business on account of his health. He is survived by a widnis neatth. He is survived by a wid-ow; a daughter, Mrs. E. S. Durant, above mentioned, and two sons Louis N. and Ernest Stickney, both of Mil-ford, N. H.

Among those who attended the in Among thuse the stallation of the Pomona Grange of-ficers in Groton last week were Mrs. F. B. Simmons, of Prescott Grange, and Mrs. John Martin, of Brookling Grange, who resides in town. Their names were inadvertantly omitted

names were inadverts from the list last week. Mrs. Alexander Odette has been quite ill and under the doctor's care for the past weeks, a hard cold bringing on an attack of her chronic-heart-

Little Evelyn Hutchinson, who is well-known here from her frequent visits with her aunt, Mrs. Spurgeon Cuthbertson, had a narrow escape from a runaway horse at her home in Milford, N. H., on Friday of last week. According to the account in the Boston Traveler of Saturday the little girl. Traveler of Saturday, the little girl our years of age, was being drawn on a sled, at one side of the street, by on a sled, at one side of the street, by her mother, Mrs. W. E. Hutchinson. A horse attached to a heavy sleigh became frightened and ran. The forefeet of the animal passed over the child, just missing her head, and the rear feet struck the sled in such a way that both sled and child were hurled to one side, saving them-from being crushed under the sleigh. Mrs.

...Mrs. George W. Pierce visited in Somerville last week with her daugh-ter and granddaughter, and went to hear Billy Sunday while there. Frank T. Marston came from Charlestown to spend Sunday as usual with his family on Oak hill. Mrs. Mar-ston is somewhat improved in health.

but the two children are both victims of the prevailing epidemic colds. Rev. W. H. Beers and family were all afflicted with the epidemic of grippe colds the first of this week. Mr. Beers also having a touch of lum-

bago. Some of the former pupils of Prof. W. B. Robinson, of Groton, who taught music in this lown several years, ago, went to Ayer on Tuesday evening to attend a concert held by the Ayer Musical association, of which Mr. Robinson is now discours.

Announcements of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bryant, of Dover, on Friday, January 12, have been received by friends in town. The event took place at a private hospital in Nashna, N. H., and Mrs. Bryant and the little one, who has been and Hope Merrill, are doing well, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant were formerly teachers in the high school here.

and the solo by Miss Eva Shepardson was very pleasing.

On Monday evening, January 22,
Mrs. M. E. Reed, of Main street, gays a musicale for a few friends. Those present were Mrs. C. D. Hutchinson, Mrs. J. B. Lewis, Miss Anna Peabody, Miss Mildred Brennon, Mrs. John Bentett, Mrs. E. B. Heald, Mrs. D. R. Child, Mrs. Waldo Spaulding, Mrs. L. R. Qua, Mrs. H. N. Tower, Miss Anne Hamilton, Miss Helen Pond; Miss Dora Willson, Miss Grace Weston and Miss Ruth Tucker. The program consisted of vocal selections by Mrs. Hutchinson, plano solos by Mrs. Bennett and Miss Hutchinson, violin solos by Miss Brennon and Miss Peabody, mandolin solos by Miss Weston and reading by Mrs. Tower. Mrs. Bennett and the Misses Brennon, Peabody and Tucker acted as accompanists. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by the National Control of Miss Weston and Carlon Weston and Carlon Weston and Served by the National Carlon Weston and Carlon Weston Car erved by the hostess, assuring erved by the hostess, assuring the erved by the hostess as a suring the erved by the hostess as a suring the erved by the hostess as a suring the erved by the erved by the hostess as a suring the erved by the erve misses Tucker.

Mrs. Rainsford Deware and daughter, Miss Arlene, went to New York

on Thursday.

Mrs. N. W. Appleton, Miss Jordan and Mrs. D. L. Whitmarsh were Nashua shoppers and pleasure-seekers on Wednesday, making a visit at the Colonial theatre to see Mary Pickford as portrayed in the films.

Little Cletus Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Murphy is quite ill with the hard cold and tonsilitis at his home on Cottage street.

Mrs. D. B. Child and several of the ladies of the Branch Alliance of the First Parish church went to Groton by suto on Thursday to attend the auto on Thursday to attend the Branch Alliance meeting at that place. Several members also went down on the noon train.

Miss Annie Tams, who is spending winter with her sister, Mrs. Rains ford Deware, is recovering from an attack of acute indigestion.

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The library social on Tuesday afternoon was the first of a series of social and literary gatherings to be held in the Lawrence library at intervals during the coming year. It was well attended and all seemed agreeably impressed by the reader. Mrs. Louise-James, of Milton, who gave the following 'selections: an extract from "David Copperfield," a play of Lady Gregory's, and one of Myra Kelley's stories from "Little Allens, entitled," "Origin of the species." At the conclusion all present gave Mrs. James a the child was picked up. some but the child was picked up. some clusion all present gave Mrs. James a rising vote of thanks. Mrs. James a

Mrs. Bond, of Dover, who has been staying with her brother, Herbert Wilson, last week, returned to her home on Sunday. She went back by auto with a party of relatives who came up to visit for the day, from Allston. Mrs. Hamilton, a niece, who came with the Auto party, is rem Wilson. Mr. Wil very comfortable. party, is remaining to assist Mrs. on. Mr. Wilson is reported as

Mrs. Thomas Parker, who has been visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Robert Sherwood, went to visit relatives ert Sherwood, went to visit relatives the propie were presented and in Tyngsboro on Friday, and from there will start for her return trip to her home in Ashland, Wis. On Wednesday, in company with Ms. Sherwood, she visited Mrs. Angus Cuthbertson in Fitchburg, and last the general opinion at the close that there are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was on the scene arly and succeeded in getting out most of his belongings. The house was badly damaged by the scene lines from the scene are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was on the scene are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was on the scene are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was on the scene are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was on the scene are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was on the scene are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was on the scene are not so, many in town who had a room with his brother, was of his belongings.

The house was badly damaged by this second blaze. A curious fact, revealed in the after investigation of the engineers, was that there was no concent illness from stomach trouble.

Miss Agnes Dansereau went to

her somewhat improved from her recent illness from stomach trouble.

Miss Agnes Dansereau went to Nashua, N. H., Tuesday, to attend the wedding of her sister, who is known as Evon Dansereau here, in town, daughter of a former resident, Joseph Dansereau. The Nashua paper records the following: "Robert Charest and Yvonne Dansereau, both of Nashua, were married at: St. Francis Navier Church this morning at 6.45 by Rev. J. J. Richards. A wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mrs. Curoline Loblane at 7. Chandler street. The best man was Edward Leblane and the maid of honor was Miss Blanche Charest. The bridal party, with friends, including Miss Agnes.

Sister of the bride, spent the day in whose Street Grant Thompson, sister of the bride, spent the day in whose Street Grant Thompson, who was served at the home of Mrs. On her father's side, she also her maid of honor was Miss Blanche Charest. The bridal party, with friends, including Miss Agnes.

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nishing the parsonage.

Commencing next Sunday services will be held at the South street school-house at 3.15 in the afternoon, followed by Sunday school. It is proposed also in about two weeks to form a Guild to meet once a week to sew for some good cause or some Home for Children in the city. All are cor-

dially invited. Rev. D. R. Child will exchange with Rev. Frank B. Crandall, of Ayer, on Sunday morning.

The finance committee of the Uni-arian church are planning to in-ugurate an "every-member" canvas-which will probably take place on augurate an "ever which will proba Sunday, February

On Friday evening. February 9, the annual parish meeting and supper will be held in the vestry of the church. It is expected that a speaker from out of town will be present, to be announced beter. ed_later_

mcome Tax Question.

At the public meeting in the town hall addressed by George H. B. Greene, Jr., on the subject of the new income tax law, there was a good representative gathering. Mr. Greene was comprehensive and clear in his statements and in answering the many questions following his talk. He divided the tax into four classes—first.—8 questions following his talk. He divided the tax into four classes—first, a 6% tax on interests and dividends; second, 1½% on annuities; third, 3% on stock market profits, and fourth, 1½% on business incomes. He stated that a total gross income over \$2000 per annum requires a statement to the assessors and these returns on blanks furnished the assessors, must be made before March 1, subject to penalty.

Mr. Greene stated there were three ways in which taxes have been evaded. First, colonization, selecting some

ways in which taxes and both ed. First, colonization, selecting some place where tax rates are low; secondby transference of property; third, by residence outside the state. He claimed that five billion dollars would be gotten at by this system.

Mr. Greene was able to answer successfully the many questions and solve the problems presented by the manifold directions in regard to the new law. The questioners ranged from those whom the new law would not affect to business men who claimed they had been in business twenty-five and thirty years without taking account of stock and these last were given definite directions how to proceed. Other tangles in the minds of the people were presented and a straightened out.

The Forward club hold their next social on Friday evening, February 2.
The program is being arranged by a Committee, Miss Ellen Miller, chairman.

On Monday evening, February 14, the ladies of the Congregational society are planning to give an entertainment which will include two-dramas; "Pack ing the missionary barrel" and "Furnishing the parsonage."

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Commencing next Sunday socials of the Rife here Mrs. Blood took an active interest in the ladies, societies of both the Congresational and Unitarian churces. She was a member of the Woman's Branch Alliance-of-the latter-church in which have a valued worker for years. She was a sloo a member of the Daughters of the Daughters of the Prudence Wright chapter.

Among her associates of these societies she is remembered with fenderest thoughts and loving recollections.

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A son, Samuel Thompson Blood, of Concord-Junction, survives her; also, two daughters, Miss Annah Prentice Blood, a teacher in New York city, and Miss Margaret Grant Blood, of this town. She also leaves two grandson, Lieut. Kenneth T. Blood of Fort Totten, Long Island, and Prentice Blood, now at Watertown, Conn. She also leaves a large circle of friends, the many beautiful floral tributes giving mute testimony of the love and cateem in which she was held.

Services were held at her late home on Monday afternoon at two o'clock. The ritual service of the Unitarian church was given by the pastor, Kev.

church was given by the pastor, Acc. D. R. Child, who also read selections from favorite poems of the deceased, "Still, still with thee," by Harriet Beccher Stowe, and "The eternal goodness," by Whittier.

House Destroyed by Two Pires A fire was discovered in the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Drummey during the noon hour on Friday of last week at Hotel place. An attempt to sound the fire alarm resulted in one long, smothered whistle, not loud enough to attract whistle, not loud enough to attract much attention. Some of the firemen heard and responded, and the flames were subdued before they broke out. The fire originated near a small room projecting from the ell into the adjoining shed. The damage was not large, being from smoke and water, but the family moved out a large part of their household effects and clothing before the extent of the fire was realized. The house, particularly the main foart was so little damaged that realized. The house, particularly the main part, was so little damaged that the goods were replaced. main part, was so little damaged the goods were replaced. The all-out signal was sounded within an hour, and Mr. Drummey was attending to his duties at his news store, when shortly before three o'clock smoke was seen again, coming from the roof the same house.

of the same house.

An alarm was rung in from box 27 An alarm was rung in from box 21. sounding correctly, and the firemen who responded promptly found this time they had a more strenuous fire to deal with. The second fire originated near the second story of the main house and had worked upward into the small, closed attic. The firemen lost no time in getting some holes cut through the roof and the rable end, and several streams of wa-

motes cut infough the root and gable end, and several streams of water were directed on the blaze.

Needless to say, the goods were removed again, this time not in so good

News Items.

Rogene Priest has had a telephone installed in his home and will respond to the call of 104-6. Mrs. Grace Cobleigh Thompson is elving congratulations on the birth of a daughter at her home in Wal-

John Coffey attended the funeral of his aunt in Boston the first of the

in the vestry on next week Friday evening. The program is in charge of

Nelson are improving the fine weather this week by filling their icehouses. Alvin Richardson, who has had quite serious time with blood poisoning in his foot ever since last fall, called a

specialist from Boston last week and hopes to be able to be about his work again before long. He has also had an attack of tonsilitis. Mrs. Mary Pratt returned to South Acton this week after a two-weeks visit with her niece, Mrs. Maria Whit-

The board of registrars will be in session on Saturday of this week from twelve noon until ten in the evening, to correct and revise the voting list.

Sunday services—morning worship at eleven o'clock; preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "The ideal friendship." Sunday school C. E. meeting-and evening ervice at seven o'clock.

Mr. Missirian wishes to express his great appreciation and thankfulness to all the old and young friends in Boxborough and West Acton, who gave him a big shower of congratulations good wishes on his birthday, Jan-22.

The rehearsal of the joint play by The renearsal of the joint pmy by Camp-fire Girls and Adelphian club will be held on Saturday evening in the vestry of the church at 7.30. All the characters are reminded to be present promptly.

The following Sunday school officers The following Sunday School officers were elected last Sunday: Dea. S. B. Hager, asst. supt.; George A. Richardson, sec. and treas.; Rev. G. M. Missirian, director home dept.; Miss Maria Steele, planist; Miss Hazel Morse, liberation brarian.

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On Tuesday evening a few neighbors of friends were invited to the home of Mrs. David B. Marsh in town of the birthday of Mrs. Mrs. C. A. H. McDonald.

Mrs. Lizzle Kimball of Mason, N. H... was in town Friday of this week and enjoyed the hospitality of the D. G. Houghtons. of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Marsh in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Marsh's father, John Bohanon. A very pleasant evening was spent playing cards and checkers. A fine oyster supper was served by the hostess.

Mrs. H. F. Grout has returned home after spending a few days with rela-

ives in Medway. E. J. Miller is harvesting the ice on Frank J. Lawton's meadow this week and the icehouses at the homes of Fred Wyman, G. L. Snow and Wesley Comstock are being filled from there.

The chimney at Longley homestead caught fire on Monday afternoon and the alarm was sounded, but as it was found that the fire could be controlled without the fire department, word was sent to stop them on the way.

Miss Emma Whitcomb has left the employ of Howard Fuller and is located at the village at present. The Matron's Ald society held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lida Wood at

Charles K. Bolton, president of the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities, answered Tuesday the statements of Woodward Emery of Cambridge, who is opposing the plan statements of Woodward Emer Cambridge, who is opposing the to reproduce the old Governor cock house on the lawn of the House for a mansion for the governor. Mr. Bolton's statements appeared in Wednesday's Boston papers.

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Among the list of appointments submitted by Gov. McCall to the executive council Wednesday was that of Daniel A. Rollins of Brookline, now clerk of the Brookline Municipal court, to be special justice of that court, vice Henry Ware of Brookline, resigned.

Mr. Ware has a summer residence in Town on Hazen road.

LITTLETON

The transportation committee has engaged William H. Davis to carry passengers between church and station when A. E. Robbins is unable to tion when A. E. R. run the jitney bus.

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The Tahattawan Camp-fire Girls very much enjoyed the meeting last week Friday which took the form of a skating party on Warren lake. After an hour of merry sport on the ice they went into the home of their guardian, Mrs. Proctor, and found a delicious spread prepared by her culture was the state of the state

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supreme aim in religion."

Twenty were present at the annual business meeting of the Philathea class which enjoyed Mrs. C. K. Houghton's hospitality Wednesday afternoon. The election resulted in the following choice of officers: Mrs. Henry F. Works, pres.; Mrs. J.-W. Dodds, vice-pres.; Mrs. Frank Smith, sec.; Mrs. Clyde Crane, treas.; Miss Marion W. Flagg, chaliman of social com.; Mrs. Thomas Stephens, chalrman of work com.; Mrs. C. A. Kimball, chaliman of visiting com.; Mrs. N. B. Conant, chalrman room com.; Mrs. C. V. Flagg. John Coffey attended the funeral of the week.

The next church social will be held in the vestry on next week Friday evening. The program is in charge of Mrs. F. W. Dodge.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartwell are suffering with the prevailing colds and require the attendance of a doctor.

Messrs. Littlefield, Cunningham and Nelson are improving the fine weather.

The last entertainment in the lyceum course this season, "Home taient" night, was generally admitted to be exceedingly good. A. F. Conant be exceedingly good. A. F. few weeks ago at the Congregational church service. Sunday evening, the teachers gave a clever presentation of the farce entitled, "Local and long distance telephone," the high school pupils sang with splendid effect, Miss Edith Whitcomb gave a pleasing vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Olive. Flagg, planist, and Miss Rose O'Banyoun played a plano selection with skill and good expression. Much regret was expressed that the audience was not sufficient to pack the hall as the entire program well merited large numbers. At the business meeting which followed the entertainment for weeks ago at the Congregation session on Saturday of twelve noon until ten in the event to correct and revise the voting list.

The town clerk gives notice that desoriptive pamphlets and forms upon which returns are to be made, on or the entire program well merites was not sufficient to passed the entertainment of the new Massachusetts income tax law, are on file for distribution at the town clerk's office.

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J. G. Fairfield, member of the faculty at Rennsalaer Polytechnic institute at Troy, N. Y., surprised the family on Tucsday night by coming home. Miss Priscilla Fairfield of Boston university is at home for the week.

The progress of LeRoy Jewett at illinton hospital has been retarded by he formation of ah abscess on one to the leading of the progress of the progress of the leading of t

of the incisions. Mrs. Jewett visits him frequently. Mr. Shedd of Bellows Falls was the week-end guest of his daughter, Mrs. L. A. Hager.

Friends of Louise Caulkins are pleased to see her home from Lowell hospital.

Mrs. George W. Canney is reported decidedly on the gain. The affected lung has cleared and other conditions are favorable at latest reports.

Miss Katherine Kimball is at home from Simmons for a few days between examinations.

The next meeting of the Neighborhood club will be held with Mr., and Mrs. A. H. McDonald.

Charity club dinner in Boston Thurs day. The annual town meeting will be held Monday, February 5.

Norman Cobb, of Newbury, Vt., is visiting at Walter Titcomb's in New-

Less of Griffiths came home from the hospital in Boston on Wednesday and is very well, but still weak from the effects of the operation. John, Joseph and Annie Coughlin ind their mother-have all been sick. John has had a form of rheumatism. Other members of the family have had

grippy_colds. Rifle Club.

Rifle Club.

Two matches have been shot at the indoor range of the Rifle club during the week. A match between two picked teams of six men each was shot on Saturday afternoon with the following results: Team No. 1—Sheehan 146, Young 150, Kendall 177, Ames 179, R. Priest 180, F. Priest 180, total 1012. Team No. 2—McNiff 175, Hume 177, Nixon 178, Crane 180, Robbins—182, Remick 190, total 1082.

On Wednesday evening two teams of three men each were matched up, the six men being the highest in order in the match on Saturday. The results were as follows: Team No. 1—Ames 160, F. Preist 180, R. Priest 182, total 522. Team No. 2—Crane 181, Remick 184, Robbins 186, total 551.

In both of the above matches 20 shots were fired in the prone position.

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