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### TOWNSEND

The February meeting of the Birth-day club was held in the Congrega-tional church vestry Thursday after-noon, Mrs. H. J. Miller, Mrs. Grace Mrs. Mary. Davis, hostesses, Mrs. Davis serving on the com-mittee in place of her sister, Mrs. Sawyer, who was obliged to be away. As this is the month of birthdays brief sketches were given of several promi-

nent individuals born in February. Mombers responded at roll call with maxims from George Washington, followed by papers on the life of Abraham Lincoln by Mrs. Irving Seaver; James Russell Lowell, Mrs. Annie Bliss; Longfellow, Mrs. Fannie Meade; other poets and musicians, Mrs. Mabel Brackett. Pleasing plano solos were rendered by Albert G. Seaver, and rendered by Albert G. Seaver, and songs by Mrs. Brackett were enjoy-ed during the afternoon's program. Refreshments were served by the

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The funeral of Harrison Reed, aged 9 years, 4 months, 14 days, was held to the Center Congregational church a Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, ev. A. L. Struthers officiating. Interment was in the family lot at the enter cemetery.

Mrs. Carrie Russell Strong, from Vasselboro, Me., has been spending a few days at the home of her brother, William A. Russell.

The senior and junior classes of the high school, chaperoned by the teach-

high school, chaperoned by the teachers, will entertain as guests the senior and junior classes of the Ashby and unenburg high schools at a mas-uerade party in Memorial hall on riday evening.

The Methodist Epworth league will entertain Friday evening at the M. E. church all members of the Fitchburg Circuit league. A supper will be served and a pleasant social evening ex-

Anyone desiring to have articles in erted in the town warrant should pre ent the same to the selectmen at once Mrs. Noah Wallace was called away ednesday to Nashua by the seriou illness of her father, Mr. Libby, who is sick with pneumonia at the home of

Alonzo Jenkins, who suffered a shock this week while in S. A. Woods' store, still remains very ill at his kome on Highland street.

Mrs. Sarah Maxwell, who recently underwent a successful operation in Nachua, N. H., for appendicitis, has returned to town and is at present stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bowley.

Hammond Creighton, the younges brother of William Creighton, was operated on for appendicitls during the past week at Nashua, N. H. Latest reports were that he was doing as well as could be expected and his many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Rufus Brown and her sister, frs. John Dix, have both been on the ist with the grippe patients. Charles Brown has been stopping Ashby at the home of his aunt,

John King has been on the sick list during the past week. The many Townsend friends of Mr and Mrs. Clarence Josselyn of the Harbor extend their sympathy to them in the recent loss of their store at the Harbor, which was burned to the Harbor, which was burned to the ground on Tuesday afternoon.

A sleighride party of young people went to Firenous on Friday night of last\_week:

Mrs. George Kendall spent a few days recently with Mr. Kendall's sister

Mr. and Mrs. Searles are much morcomfortable.—Mr. Searles sat up it bed for the first time on Thursday.

LOWELL, MASS.

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Shortly after two o'clock Tuesday afternoon the quiet of our little village was rudely broken by the blowing of the fire signal. "Josselynis. store is on fire" was the cry in all directions. Although the alarm was promptly given, by the time help arrived the fire had made such progress that all hope of saving the building or any of its constants with the annearatus at hand, was way of horses, traveling, etc., the fire engine from the Center made good time in reaching the scene of conflagration. On account of the length of the suction hose which was too short the suction hose which was too short to cross the railrond thack and reach the water-holes cut in the ice of the Harbor pond, the steamer was taken some distance down the street and placed beside the canal near the end of the bridge. A delay was thus caused on account of the greater length of hose required to reach the place of

ed on account of the greater length of hose required to reach the place of action. However, which once a stream of water was in obelsein the fire was quickly controlled.

To fire was discovered by Louis Josselyn, who at the time was alone in the building in which there is a general store and the village postoffice. Young Josselyn noticed that the store

rd. He succeeded rewever, in summoning Thomas Hollohan, the station agent, ito his assistance. Seizing the cash register with one hand, which later it took two men to carry, and the money bag with the other he rushed from the store.

Intent on saving as much mail as possible, he attempted to enter the postoffice department, but already the place was shrouded in flames and before he could make his evit he was struck on the shoulders by falling struck on the shoulders by fallin

It is believed that the heat generated in the partitions before the discovery of the fire caused the rapid consumption of the building. Throughout the whole trying ordeal young Josselyn showed unusual thought and great presence of

The building was erected between orty and fifty years ago and occupied y George Baldwin when he carried on successful business until his death in a successful business until his death in 1889. In less than a year it came into the possession of Lawrence Morgan who also used it for a store. In 1890 Mr. Morgan bush the annex and finished off chambers over the store, thus making a comfortable tenement where he and his family lived for a year of the annex was also used later.

he and his family lived for a year or more. The annex was also used later by Ed. Perry as a market. Two years or more ago it was fitted up as a station for the receiving and distributing of books from the public library.

The stock and fixtures were partially covered by insurance. The building, owned by Lawrence Morkan, was insured. As soon as practicable C A Josselyn and son will resume business in the old Emory store. During the interim the mail is being distributed from the station.

While the fire was still raking the on-lookers were greatly startled to see Charles Warner, who was also watching the flames, pitch forward and fall.

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# Geo. H. Brown

Dr. Boynton, who with his car' had been pressed into service, was standing but a few feet away. After a brief examination the doctor stated that life was practically extinct. Kindly hands hore the prostrate man to his nearby home. Mrs. Warner, who had been looking at the burning building from a rear window, was told that Mr. Warner had had a bad spell and that he had been, brought in and placed upon the bed. Upon entering the room Mrs. Warner realized the worst. Although almost overcome by the shock of her husband's sudden death Mrs. Warner met the hour of trial most bravely.

Neighbors came in to express their heartfelt sympathy and to offer any assistance in their power. Telephone messages were sent the Misses Warner in Worcester, who with their daught Jones, reached home on the head been, brought in and placed upon the bed. Upon entering the room Mrs. Warner realized the worst. Although almost overcome by the shock of her husband's sudden death Mrs. Warner met the hour of trial most bravely.

aking a long breath, said earnestly to the station agent, "I've had a scare,

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WESTFORD

#### Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bosworth en tertained the former's brother, Elmer Bosworth, of Lebanon, N. H., over this last week-end.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien on Monday. John Fenney, who was taken very seriously sick with acute indigestion in the early hours of Wednesday morn-ing, is reported more comfortable, al-

though weak from suffering: For a day or two Mr. Feeney required the close supervision of his physician. Helen Greig, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Greig, fell down stairs last Sunday at her, home and sustained a fractured

collar bone. Dr. Wells took care of the injury-and the little patient is do-ing nicely. her, home a collar bone. ms nicely.

Mrs. Walter J. Merritt has moved were ratified.

back to Bedford, and is now living with the late Mr. Merritt's aunt, Mrs. Lauretta Tyler. Out-of-town guests at the Tadmuck club on Tuceday evening were Mrs. Joseph R. Draper, of Auburndale, the guest of Mrs. H. V. Hildreth, and Mrs. George H. Jenkins, of Marbiehead, t guest of Mrs. Alma M. Richardson.

Mrs. S. B. Watson's name should have been included in the list of entertainers at the social at the Congre gational church last week. Mrs. Wat-son, with Miss Julia Fletcher, contributed a brilliant plane duet.

Mrs. Isles and Mrs. Bosworth hap-pened to see an interesting and un-usual sight one day last week. Mrs. Isles, looking out of the window, saw lsies, looking out of the window, saw bounding up the street a young deer. The beautiful creature, a young doe, bounded along as if the main street in a village had no fears for it, but when about opposite E. J. Whitney's it turned and galloped off through the grounds and beyond W. R. Caryer's residence.

The next meeting for the community sing will be held on Tuesday evening at the Congregational church at 7.30.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

L. W. Wheeler has been confined to be house this week with an attack of

Perry Shupe, living on the Boston road, is recovering from an attack of threatened pneumonia. Colds, grippe and coughs are very prevalent and it seems as though there is hardly a household but what has had one or more members afflicted.

The members of the Westford A. A are busy completing arrangements for their tenth annual mid-winter dance to take place on Friday evening, Feb-ruary 10, at the town hall. The asso-ciation have voted to serve a supper in the lower hall, Fogg's orchestra of sty pleces to furnish music. The folsix pieces to furnish music. The fol-lowing committees are in charge: Edward A. Hamlin, Oscar R. Spalding Charles Roby, J. Herbert Fletcher ward A. Hamlin, Oscar R. Spalding.
Charles Roby, J. Herbert Fletcher,
Harwood L. Wright, Alfred W. Hartford, William E. Wright, Frank C.
Johnson, Edward Clement, supper;
Inglis Wetmore, Robert Prescott, Edward Roby, John S. Greig, William R.
Taylor, Arthur G. Walker, Edward T.
Hanley, decorating; C. A. Blaney, hall;
J. Herbert Fietcher, tickets.

Mrs. W. Elizabeth Whitay of Wast-

Mrs. M. Elizabeth Whitney, of West-ford and Brookline, accompanied by Miss Hulda Roussell, has gone for a four-months' trip to California and other interesting points.

A. H. Sutherland, who has been among the shut-ins with sickness this week, is improving. Mr. Sutherland has been working very hard at the pumpling station recently. Besides his regular duties the installing of the big new pump has been considerable of an engineering feat, and he and those working with him have had many difficulties to overcome. While Mr. Sutherland has been sick C.- H. Pickering is helbing out at the pumping station.

was heralded by auspicious weather and fine sleighing. A large number of the club members, with their guests, had assembled in the town hall when

and fine sleighing. A large number of the club members, with their guests, had assembled in the town hall when the gavel of the president called to order. Miss Alice M. Howard cordially welcomed members and guests and announced the evening's program.

First the brief clime a plano duet; the selection being the first movement of a sonata by Beethoven, played by Mrs. S. B. Watson and Miss Julia H. Fletcher Then followed a play selected by the art committee of the club, Miss Mary G. Balch and Mrs. Harold W. Hidrech A beautiful old Greek myth. "Pyginalion and Galatea," dramatized by W. S. Gilbert, was appropriately staged and exceptionally well rendered. The stage was decorated with drawings, casis, statues and draperies to expresent a Greek studio. This was planned and largely accomplished by Miss Balch, assisted in other preparations for the play by Mrs. Hildreth. They took the leading characters in the cast, and Miss Balch also designed the graceful and picturesque costumes worn by the actors. Miss Balch, as Pygmalion, the sculptor, was the star actor, but Mrs. Hildrich, as Galatea, was an admirable second, and the other parts were finely record. With Mrs. Perley Wright as Chrysos, and Miss Martha Grant as Daphne, his wife, the play was in truth a comedy. Mrs. Adrith Feeney and Miss Mabel I. Osborne, as Pygmalion's wife and sister, were lovely Greek ladies in appearance, and realistic in their difficult parts. Miss Helena F. Denfield, as Leucippe, made a fine, spirited lover. The encounter between the two slaves, Misses A. Mabel Drew and Mattle Crocker, in the first act, was as sareastic and aggressive as need be to introduce their respective masters. Each character was so well portrayed that it faithfully interpreted the old Grecian spiric of the play. Between the acts Mrs. Watson and Miss Fletcher gave fine musical selections which rounded out a most enjoyable program.

The Tadmuck club is to be con-

joyable program.

The Tadmuck club is to be congratulated that it has an art commit
The Daniel Gage Ice Company have grippe.

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS too of such marked ability that it can produce, entirely from the member-hip of the club, an entertainment so nigh in its ideals, and so satisfactory o the large and appreciative audienc

> At the close of the entertained adjournment was made to the lower hall where refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed. A buffet luncheon of chicken patties with gardiure of peas, rolls, coffee, cake, olives and candles were served. Mrs. O. V. Wells and Mrs. H. E. Fletcher were the pourers and Mrs. L. W. Wheeler was the hostess in charge. About twenty of the ladies of the club assisted in serving and the club ushers and he reception committee assisted most caughly toward the success of the eve -At-the-close of the entertained adning. About 225 were in attendance.

At the republican caucus Monday avaning Hon. Herbort E. Fletcher was chosen as chairman, Alfred W. Hartford as secretary. Nominations for town officers followed, with the following selections: Selectman, Oscar R. Spalding; assessor, J. Willard Fletcher; overseer of the poor, Wesley. O. Hawkes; collector, Leonard W. Wheeler; treasurer; Harwood L. Wright; school committee, Arthur E. Day and John Spinner; trustee of J.

Wright; school committee, Arthur E. Day and John Spinner; trustee of J. V. Fletcher library, John P. Wright; cemetery commissioner, George T. Day; auditor, Edward T. Hanley; constable, William L. Wall; tree warden, H. L. Nesmith moderator, Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher. The above are all re-nominations with the exception of Albert R. Choate as overseer, who after several years of faithful service declined further service. At the democrat caucus on Tuesday evening Joseph Wall was chosen as chairman seph Wall was chosen as chairman and Edward Riney as secretary. The

An inspiring talk was given in the vestry of the Unitarian church Monvestry of the Unitarian church Monday evening on "Apple and peach growing" by Rev., L. H. Buckshorn and G. E. Labontley. Lantern slide pictures from the agricultural department at Washington were used to illustrate the theory of the speakers. It was a helpful push in the right direction to some farmers grey with age and green with inexperience. Rev. Mr. Fite, of Graniteville, was indispensable in handling the lantern. On Monday evening, at the same place, Rev. L. H. Buckshorn, by the courtesy of Washington, D. C., poultry department, will give a talk on "Poultry and poultry management," with Harold Hildreth as interlocutor. Everybody interested in the subject should attend.

The first farmers' institute of the

The first farmers' institute of the season was held in Lowell last week Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Ladd were forenoon and afternoon speakers, the former on "Good roads" and the latter on "Household management." Both were fine and many interesting facts were brought out.

Herbert Walkden has gone to Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter.

Mark Jenkins and Justin of the old Chamberlin blacksmith shop have closed for the winter and moved to Lowell, the former working in the repair shop of the Boston and Maine railroad, and the latter for Cameron than the contraction of the contraction of the state of the contraction of the latter for Cameron of the contraction of the contraction of the state of the contraction of the c

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ce cream parlors. At the vestry of the Unitarian hurch Sunday evening Mrs. L. H. church Sunday evening Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn gave an inspiring talk on "Hymns and hymn writers." The choir, assisted by Henry Smith and Alvin Nelson, of Graniteville, sang the hymns and tunes of boyhood and girlhood days. It made some feel a half century younger, if ever they felt old enough to need going back that far. - Guy Decatur-and-Henry O'Brien are working for the Boston Ice Company at Sandy pond.

The adjourned meeting of the

A daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien on the Providence road.

At the home of her son, Joseph Sar, At the home of her son, Joseph Sargent, Mrs. Mary F. Sargent celebrated her eightieth birthday last Sunday. A party of twenty relatives were entertained at dinner in honor of the event. Among those present were her son and wife, and her grandchildren from Henniker, N. H.; also, her two daughters and friends from Leominster. Her son in town, Joseph Lives on the Edwin

represented Westford at the farmers a represented Westford at the farmers a helping out at the pumping station.

Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher is convalescent from a serious cold and threatened the farmers of the club members, with their guests.

Guest Night.

Guest evening of the Tadmuck club was heralded by auspicious weather and fine sleighing. A large number of the club members, with their guests. and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Taylor represented Westford at the farmers" navigable water course to the sea." The next institute will be held in Dracut in February, thence next in Typus

> S. I. Taylor attended the hearing on S. I. Taylor attended the nearing on last Friday at the state house before F. T. Hutchinson, the new owner of the committee on fish and game on Dell Dale farm, has been in Vermont his petition for a closed season on fish and game for five years.
>
> The past week, looking for cattle with and game for five years.

### Forge Village.

John H. Brown, a resident here for thirty years, died at his home early ast Saturday morning after an illness last Saturday morning after an illness of a few weeks. He logves besides his wife, Caroline, four children, John P., J. Harry of Clinton, Mrs. C. Precious and Katherine M. Brown of this village, and also three grandchildren. Funeral services were held at St. Catherine's church, Graniteville, Monday, magning, a requirem' mass heim. day morning, a requiem' mass being sung by Rev. Fr Scott. Burial was in St. Catherine's cometery.

St. Catherine's cometery.

Miss Corine' Leclerc and James O'Hara of this village were united in marriage at St. John's rectory. North Chelmsford, Monday morning by Rev. Fr. Hearney. A small reception was held later at the bride's home on Story street, confined to the members of the immediate families.

William Kayangah Orbert

of the immediate families.

William Kavanagh., Orchard street, entertained the football club at his home last Saturday evening, a large number enjoying a musical program. Refreshments were served by Miss Kavanagh, assisted by several others. Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan and family, Pine street, are to entertained the club Saturday evening.

Saturday evening.

Daniel Kayanagh, twelve years old, son of William Kavanagh, underwent an operation Sunday in Lowell. Warren Sturgis will be with the So

dal club at St. Andrew's mission on Thursday evening. Alvin Bennett has recovered from

his recent illness and is able to be out

finished cutting here and are now at North Littleton. The ice here has been of excellent quality, being fifteen nches thick.

Mrs. John Sullivan and daughter Mary have returned from a pleasant risit spent with her niece, Mrs. John Cunningham, of Boston.

Mrs. Annie Keefe, of Townsend, has been a recent visitor here. A great many from here are planning to attend the ball in Westford to be held by the Westford A. A. on February 9—the event of the season. Miss Elizabeth Plummer is reporte as improving from a severe attack of indigestion.

Frank Corrigán, of Fitchburg, call-ed on somo of his old friends here Wednesday....

A very pleasant sight to see the past few weeks are flocks of pheasants in the door vards of soveral houses, feed-ing on crumbs and corn distributed there for their benefit. Several seem very tame and of handsome variety, both male and female.

Mrs. James Whigham is ill at her nome on Orchard street. Little Mildred Dugdale is able to be ut after a slight attack of measles.

Granitoville. Many from here attended the open meeting of Westford Grange in the town hall Thursday evening. Joseph Wall and S. L. Taylor had charge of the meeting and Simon B. Harris and W. S. Holt, president and secretary, respectively, of the Lowell Fish and Game association were hearly in the Same association, were heard in in-eresting remarks. There was also a hort musical program.

The daughter recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry LeDuc was christened dary Claire by Rev. C. P. Heaeny in Mary Claire by Kev. C. 1. St. Catherine's church last Sunday. The board of registrars met in Healy's hall on Monday night and many new names were added to the oting list.

The republican and democratic cau-cuses were held in the town hall on last Monday and Tuesday nights, dur-ing which the different nominations for the various town officers were made. The election will take place made. The election will take place at the annual town meeting in Feb-

preached last Sunday morning on "The fringe of the crowd," and in the evening on "The converted coward." At the men's bible class there was a At the men's bible class there was a general discussion on "The social sin." under the head of the seventh commandment. Mr. Fite gave a talk to the juniors at the three o'clock meeting, using as illustrations a couple of chemical experiments. Percy Barnes gave a strong presentation of the topic "Half-hearted or whole-hearted christianity" at the Epworth league meeting. The cabinet met after church and elected George Wilson to the office of first vice president to succeed fice of first vice president to succeed Albert Day, who has moved from

F. of A., held their regular meeting on Thursday night.

### LITTLETON

The Odd Ladies announce that they will hold an open meeting on Monday evening, February 5, when it is hoped that ladies outside who are interested will attend.—The deputy and the grand lady will be present and speak. Refreshments will be served. The meeting will be held in Odd Fellows' hol!

Charles A. Hartwell-has filed-nomination papers with Charles F. Watts, town clerk, for road commissioner. At the time of the caucus, held some Roard of Trade will be held at the weeks ago. Mr. Hartwell was sick and town hall this week Friday evening could not attend. A false report was at 7.15 for the election of officers. At 7.45 Hon. George P. Drury, of Waltham, will speak on "The new state income tax." Mr. Drury is an expert on this subject. The meeting is open to the public.

A daughter was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien on the Provi-nime their well-placed confidence in him. veeks ago, Mr. Hartwell was sick and

Miss Lucy Adams is recuperating as ner sister's home in Newtown.

Mrs. Tillotson, of Newtown, is re-orted sick and in the doctor's care. Mrs. Norman Cobb and young son returned recently to their home in Newbury. Vt., after a visit of three weeks with Newtown relatives.

In a recent issue of the Wellesley ollege magazine, Miss Helen B. Mitchell, one of the editors, has a story and a poem. This young student, the daughter of Prof. Wilmot B. Mitchell, of Bowdoin attained liter. ury prominence at Wellesley during the freshman year, and is said by diterary critics to possess very promising qualities in the art of compo-

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters circle will be held with Mrs. J. W. Ireland on next week Puesday.

Ree, J. C. Alvord's sermon on Sunday morning will be on the theme of W. E. Hendley's poem, "Out of the light that covers me," by request. The poem was sung at the Woman's club by Rey, Alfred Stone, of Concord Junction "at home day."

T J Mannion is slowly recovering from a relapse of the grippe, which has kept him housed and under the doctor's care the past two weeks. Miss Hazel Mannion has also been significantly with the grippe for the past week. The next meeting of the Woman's

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Parker are in the class of grippe graduates. Mrs. J. A. Kimball was also one of the J. A. K number, Rev. G. M. Missirian of Boxbor ough, will address the people at the Congregational church on Sunda-evening on "Armenia, the ever-suffer

ing servant of christianity. A full house, an enthusiastic audience, and stimulating discussions of "The church and the school," characterized the Sunday evening meeting the Congregational society this last

A splendid musical service-by-Mrs. A. P. Gardner and the quartet, and an excellent sermon by the pastor marked the Sunday morning meeting at the Congregational church and contributed much jn the way of spiritual unlift.

The work committee of the Phila-thea class met with Mrs. Thomas Stephens Tuesday afternoon and be-gan working for the April apron sale. The apportionment committee of the North Middlesex Branch W. B. M. met with Miss Julia S. Conant, treas-urer, Wednesday, to arrange for the contributions for the new year.

Rev. J. C. Alvord has been confined o his room with a mild form of the

Rev. Oliver J. Fairfield will preach sunday morning the closing sermon n the series announced on the distinguishing characteristics of Unitarianism, his special topic being "Character, rather than helief or profession.

Are you going to wait till the series of the decision of the contract of the decision of the contract of the decision of the series of the decision of the series of the decision of the series of the ser the decisive test in our religion."

#### nteresting Sketch.

endum will be thoroughly discussed in & selection the lest ears growing & the coming constitutional convention without doubt. Most politicians seem to think that it is an importation from the Swiss cantons, which they the to picture as enjoying the purest orm of democratic government of any country under the sun. The es-ablishment of the initiative and refrendum in this state, through con stitutional enactment would be neither new nor revolutionary, viewed from a have made an investigation of the sub

have made an investigation of the sub-Ject.

From the yery first the colonists in-sisted on the rights of potition and waged many a fight for that right, as they did for the privilege of passing on the laws made for them. Mr. Hennessy says that no other man in Massachusetts has given the referen-dum in Boston and Massachusetts the careful study that Dr. Hartwell, head of the statistics department of Bos-ton, has, Dr. Hartwell is recognized all over the country as one of the ablest men in his line.

"Referendum is a borrowed word,

ablest men in his line.

"Referendum is a borrowed word, which has gained currency in our political vodabulary only recently, but the practice of referring constitutional questions to the voters of Massachusatic by the legislature is an old one," said the doctor, discussing his investigation of the subject, and to substantiate his statement Dr. Hartwell gives many, historical facts from the year many historical facts from the yea 1636, when the Plymouth colon adopted its first code of laws, refer ring to the people for adoption, to

Newtown Night.

A hundred Back Log club members A hundred Back Log club members were made happy last week Thursday night by the novel entertainment given by the Newtown-committee. N. H. Whitcomb, master of ceremonics, announced an indoor meet. The contestants, Stacy (Bates, Ivo Russell, Winthrop Kelley, Eugene Esten, George Hartwell and Harold Whitcomb, three in orange and three in George Hartwell and Harold Whitcomb, three in orange and three in
green caps, performed a series of
stunts that kept the audience in convulsions of laughter. The judges were
Mr. and Mrs.—Albert Shedd and Mrs.
G. W. Prouty. A musical program
was given by Mrs. Jessie Young, planist; Elliott Young clarinetist; Miss
Russell, of Leominster, soprano soloist, and Miss Rebekah Millett, accompanist, all of which was heartily enjoyed. The refreshments created no
small part of the enjoyment, for a

small part of the enjoyment, for a variety of delicacies proved as amusing as toothsome in response to the manufacturer will buy it for use in request for a pound of something medicine. rtertainment will go on record as on of the most clever in the calendar for he season.

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cars that grow on unusually fer--tile spots or often with a singleplant in a hill. The Ohlo ex- o periment station has obtained & gains in yield of more than three bushels per nere by selecting & seed in the fall from standing & corn.

### RAISING DRUG PLANTS.

Culture is a Distinct Specialty and Not Generally Profitable. [Prepared by United States department of

Although many drugs, spices and oils consumed in this country in large amounts in the aggregate have risen abnormally in price because war conditions have interfered with their importation, it does not follow, drug plant specialists of the United States department of agriculture are pointing out, that profit will accrue to any one who may undertake to produce the drug plants domestically. The culture of such plants is as distinct a specialty as the growing of choice flowers to supply the fancy floral trade. It is questionable whether persons even highly skilled in producing staple crops could acquire easily the special knowl edge necessary to the successful pro

duction of drug plants.
Of even greater importance, however er, is the fact that the total amount of drug plants that can be consumed in this country in any year is very small compared with our consumption of any of the staple crops. Overproduction in the case of drugs is more serious than in the case of staple crops be cause staple crops such as corn, and for food or for feeding stock or chickens. The drug plant, however, is profitiess to the grower unless a drug

### CORNSTALK DISEASES.

Rotation of Corn Advocated by Iowa Experiment Station.

Diseases of cornstalks and roots cost Iowa millions annually. That is the reason the Iowa experiment station recently published a bulletin on cornstalks and corn root disease. The station discovered a new-disease which is characterized by falling of corn where the stalks were broken close to the joints. Such plants contained only small ears attention was called to this condition the statement was usually made that the stalks were blown over by the wind or that the trouble was caused by

the corn root louse or corn root worm The disease attacks roots, stalks and the ears. It has not been determined whether all of these diseases are caused by the same organism or not In many fields the corn was broken off just below or above the joint. The pith or soft material in the cornstalks was destroyed and was brownish or in some cases reddish in color. The fibers were soft and easily broken off. The station discovered three kinds of molds attacking the kernels, husks and

The only rational treatment is rotation of corn. Corn should never follox corn where this disease exists, since the fungus remains where the corn is planted in the same field the next year Young plants will become infected. It is a wise plan to treat corn with forma lin at the rate of one pint to forty-five

gallons of water for fifteen minutes. The Iowa station received numerous complaints last year in regard to a disease in cattle which goes under-the name of cornstalk disease, or forage poisoning. It was so severe that some veterinarians advised not to feed corn stalks. While it is not known that the fungus here described is connected with this disease in cattle, due to feed ing on moldy corn and fodder, there are good grounds for believing that these molds are toxic.

For Dipping Hogs.
This is the cement constructed hog

lipping vat recommended by the Wis consin experiment station. hute at either end, and there is a re turn drain aprop at the end where the logs come up out of the dip. By hold



ing them on this incline for a few minutes a great deal of the dip is saved by running off them and into the tank. The vat proper is sixteen inches wide at the bottom, twenty-four inches wide at the top and four feet deep It is ten feet long.

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A large weed may use as much as a barrel of water. A plant weighing one pound when dried has used up 700 to 600 pounds of water in making its growth or seventy to eighty gallons. making nearly two barrels. From this it is plain that cutting down weeds is very good way of saving moisture for the crop.

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sirable for all inquiring people around to at least attend occasionally," to cepted.

Prof. Smith kindly offered to prebe says. "Annoying after effects to prethe says of many prevent to them from enjoying the social to the diversion and often the education of improving our parks, which will though advantages thus derived, the tractive that the from eye strain after the watching moving pictures can the earliest days been a center of cultivation of the carliest days been a center of cultivation of the carliest days been a center of cultivation of the carliest days been a center of cultivation and the center have been attracted to the picture may not be quite so the picture may not be quite so to be proud: Groton's natural beauty to be proud: Groton's natural beauty to environment and site, the tree-lined the comfort.

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cent solution of caustic potash for fifteen minutes. If the silk is pure the fabric will be practically destroyed, leaving but a small residue like paper ashes. If there is cotton in it the cotton will remain. Another excellent test is to remove the threads which form the warp and the woof. Keep these separately and test them in If they are pure silk the threads wil dissolve within two minutes. If there the threads will remain unaffected.

Pure woolens are adulterated ever more than silk because they are in greater demand and also because they are quite easy to imitate. Many a yard of cloth sold as "pure wool" contains from 30 to 60 per cent cotton. Blankets sold as "haif wool" have frequent-ly been found to contain only 10 per cent of pure wool. There are ma chines today which cleverly wrap wool around cotton threads, and the finished product has every appearance of being all wool. Another method of adulter ating is by taking cotton cloth and short woolen threads upon its surface by means of heat, moisture

damask is made today by means of printing upon the surface, with a sort of transparent mucliage, the designs, These designs appear to be woven into the cloth. By immersing a sample in boiling hot water and allowing it to boll for several minutes the design will disappear.

### HOUSE PLANTS.

How to Take Care of Them When Potted.

.To make ferns grow better place some thin pieces of raw beef close to the inside of the pot, between the pot and the soil. Save your leftover coffee and dilute with cold water. Use this to water your ferns and it will act

as a fertilzer. If an asparagus fern turns yellow. repot it, giving it a strong loam enriched with one-fifth very old and fine ly crumbled manure and add a little coarse sand. Give the fern an hour or two of sunlight each day. Water when it looks dry, but do not let it stand in any water that may have run

through into the saucer ... To destroy aphis, shower folinge of infested plant on both sides with strong tobacco tea. or, if the plant be small enough. immerse it in this tea. Insects in the earth of a potted plant

may be-destroyed by pouring over the seil a glass of water in which a pinch of mustard has been stirred.

How to Keep Plants Fresh While You're Away From Home Awhile. There is a simple way to water ferns and flowers which will be of interest to one who must leave them for a time without care. Take a washing tub and place three or four bricks in it and put about two inches of water in the tub. Place the flowers on these bricks

and place the tub where they can ge

the morning sunshine.

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A purchaser may be fully convinced from the appearance and feeling of cloth that it is all wool, but the only safe method is to take home the sample and make tests. Immerse the sample of so called wool in oil of vitriol, but any cotton that wool will not be the cotton will retain its color.

Use the same tests for linens that you do for woolens. If the sample is genuine linen it will not be affected by oil of vitriol, but any cotton that is in twill be destroyed. Imitation damests in more attractive and the lot much forms of the early flora is of the early flora is

and controlled, a factor which is too often ignored, and one which if not well handled leads to accidents, dissatisfaction and a subsequent abandonment of a most deserving public service. A playground which is not to be under the direction of a playground with is not to be under the direction of a playground organizer and director had better never be be launched.

Another matter not mentioned in connection with the schools, which and the educational and recreative sldes, is that of the school and home gardens. A town such as Groton owes much to its younger generation and what more priceless heritage can you of the productive powers of the earth, the love of even the tiniest flower or the love of even the tiniest flower or formal than the puzzling awe and won-

der which arise in the study of the every band concert and will stay until worms and insects, bees and birds which can be known only by constant association with God's great out of doors.

Which are so thoroughly enjoyed by so Groton's greatest opportunity, one in large a percentage of people. This fact

Needless to say, the neatly maintained and attractively planted public tracts in a town reflect the thrift and interest of the homes of the vicinity. Let us do all in our power to support measures which will make a great Groton.

F. A. Cushing Smith.

Amherst, Mass., Jan. 29, 1917.

Groton Band History.

According to the records, 1902 was in tween the high school grounds and the bandstand. The last concert was given in front of the town hall. September 10, after which a dance was held.

Ernest Fletcher died this year, and the funeral was held at the Baptist and cattle show jobs. The annual cathering the funeral was held at the Baptist the funeral was held at the band in attendance.

L. Clough, cousin to Charles Raddin. sever was a regular member of the (To be continued.)

LUNENBURG

News Items,

The records say that on "Saturday evening, December 12, 1903, band met for rehearsal and choice of officers." The officers chosen were the same as in the previous year, except that Henry M. Adams was chosen second leader in place of Mr. Fitch. At this same meeting "the following committee were chosen to see about retriging in your chosen to see about retriging in your The W. C. T. U met at the home of Mrs. George E. Jones on Friday afternoon last. The attendance was not oubt, to the unfavorable weather conlitions, but a very interesting and en-chusiastic meeting was held. The report from the county convention was not siven, as the delegate was ill at home and unable to attend, but other business of interest and importance was taken up. As has been the custom for several years it was voted to serve the dinner for the annual town meeting in March and Mrg Mary E.

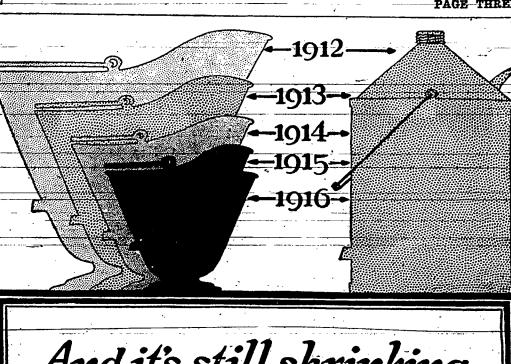
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there will be a hearing on the petition of the electric light board for location of poles on Whiting street and the extension of the line to Goodrichville.

The ree crop has been harvested in good time, many houses having been filled with an excellent quality of ice ranging in thickness from 12 to 16 medies, and with less casualities than a dat. It is now thought there will be a constant of the control of the contr o ice famine nëxt year.

Thomas P. Whitney is seriously ill with double predmonia at his home on Burrage street in the southeast part

Harrison Rugg, while sitting at his desk in the office of the Fitchburg Sentinel last week Friday, suddenly lost consciousness and fell forward. Others in the office saw that his condition was serious and he was imme-diately conveyed to the Burbank hos-pital. Saturday morning he seemed a ittle better with occasional gleams of consciousness and on Sunday he realized where he was, and in his lucid



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small in 1902, yet the number of men taken on most of these engagements were unusually large. The record book, kept by Amos Ames, records that nineteen men went on each of the King Philip trips, twonty-one men played at the concert on September 12, and at the Groton fair the band had twenty-four men.

meeting the following committee were chosen to see about getting up some kind of entertainment. Henry M. Adams, Leroy Shattuck, Thomas Donahue." As to the results of this committee's efforts, we have not yet learned.

wenty-four men.

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### GROTON

News Items.

Those who are anticipating using electricity for lighting, power or domestic uses should visit the picture show at the town hall on Friday evening, February 2, to see and hear the story of the trials and successes of a young married couple starting in life, the results being the saying of time and money and the bringing of great comfort and happiness. This reel was kindly loaned by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, and from outside reports should preven both amusing and interesting.

Dr. A. G. Kilbourn had a narrow

Dr. A. G. Kilbourn had a narrow escape from severe injury recently, at Mitchelville, when the large touring car-he-was-driving skidded on the ice, and struck a pine tree. The car was put out of commission and was badly wrecked.

The next meeting of the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange will be held in Lunenburg on Thursday, Feb-

Mrs. B. J. Crowley's niece, Miss Dorethy Richardson, has entered St. Joseph's hospital, Nashua, N. H. where she is fitting herself to be a trained nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. James Frazer returned to Groton hast week Thursday from an extended visit with relatives in

The Ladles' Alliance will hold-their next meeting on Thursday afternoon, February 8, at the home of Mrs. Everett Gerrish at 2.30 o'clock. They will begin the reading together of Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany's book, "The Syrian Christ."

Syrian Christ."

The guest night of the Woman's club will be held in the town hall on Friday evening, February 9, at eight o'clock. The program will consist of the reading by Erdine Cowlishaw, of three modern plays by modern writers. Bernard Ferguson, concert and oratorio singer, of Boston, will render musical selections. A reception, with a social hour and refreshments, will follow. Club members will please bring their membership tickets to be presented at the door. presented at the door.

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The Red Cross meetings are being well attended: During the month of January 1330 sponges, 349 coussinets, 470 bandages, 25 vests, 7 mops, 1 muffier, 18 facial bandages, 7 pairs of stockings, 14 caps, 5 bed jackets have been sent to the American Fund for French Wounded. At the last meeting a letter was read giving a brief account of one of the hospitals in France. A theatre being the only available building was being used as a hospital; beds were on the stage as well as in the auditorium. The men in this hospital, we were told are those evacuated from the big military hospital at Meaux. This is the last prace in which they are cared for, as from here, they go hack to the trenches again. This is why the nurses plead again. This is why the nurses plead so, earnestly for clothing for them. Many a man goes back to fight unsocked; many a man goes through his convalescence without a dressing gown.

Many a man wears a ragged shirt—and no man has enough.

Miss Naomi Gleason is enjoying a visit of a few weeks in Portland, Me., with relatives.

The annual town meeting will b The annual fown meeting with field on Monday, February 5. The candidates for selectmen are W. H. Whitehill, Amos Ames and Frank H. Palmer. The candidates for school committee are Mrs. Mary H. Mansur. Stephen. W. Sabine and Everett B.

Gerish.

Mrs. James, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Cushing, of Beacon street, Boston, and a sister of Grafton D. Cushing, appeared Monday night in the famous French play. "The pater noster." In the cast with Mrs. James was Mrs. Warren Sturgis. Did you have half your coal left Friday—groundhog day?

Daniel Whalon who is employed by John Lawrence, has sold his colt to Benjamin Grenache, of East Pepperell.

Mrs. Lawrence Blood, of Court street, is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Baldwin, and sister, Miss Winnie Bald-win, of Fitchburg, this week.

win, of Fitchburg, this week.

Charles Shattuck, the noted checker player, visited the Boston Checker club on Saturday, January 20, playing 21 games, winning 12, losing 2 and 7 draw games. He also played at the Lowell Checker club last Tuesday winning from two men, losing to one winning from two men, losing to one man and tying with one

Mrs. Solon Dodge is staying with Mrs. Fannie Woods during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. George Boynton.

At the Eastern Star installation in Ayer last week Wednesday evening about two hundred were present, including Mr. and Mrs. George Woods. Miss Fannie E. Woods and Mrs. Wallace Brown of Groton. Mrs. Louize G. Crafts of Northampton was the installing officer. After the installation and addresses by the visitors a fine entertainment was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival J. Benedict innounce the engagement of their announce the engagement of their daughter. Miss Margaret Lillian, to John Lloyd Clough of West Brookfield. One day this week there was sawed at Z. Fitch's mill three logs containing 1800 feet. One pine log, 12 ft. long, contained 750 ft.

Tacsday evening was "neighbors' ight" at Beacon lodge, Pepperell, a umber of Odd Fellows from Groton. number of Old fedials from Groun Townsend and Shirley lodges being most hospitably entertained by the Peppereli lodge. About lifty went over from Groton—Light refreshments were served and a general good time was reported.

was reported.

We are grieved to learn of the accident which befoll G. G. Rogers of the Boston road, Thursday morning, when at his home he stepped on a stone, which turned and let him down, breaking his leg in two places between the ankle and knee. It was set and placed in a cast by their family physician, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn.

Mrs. Arthur Wood enjoyed a day's dist Wednesday with her friend, Mrs. harles Lawrence, of Boston.

On last Saturday evening Mr. and On last Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood opened their home on Whiting avenue to a number of school teachers in town and some of their friends. The evening was spentivery pleasantly playing progressive whist. There were four tables. The young people present were Misses and appropriate Ruth Willis. Edm Leonard, Dorothy McIhtyre, Hazel Henderson, Clara Robinsop, Mildred Brown, Ruth Blood and Jane Briggs of Ayer, Malcolm Wood, Waldo Van Buren, Leslie Blood, Theodore Richardson, Herbert Huebiner, Philip Smith, Frank Woods and Lawrence Gay. After serving dainty refreshments Mrs. Wood presented the prizes as follows: First prize for 13-

Groton lodge, I. O. O. F.; will meet in Odd Fellows hall on Monday even-ing, February 12.7 The first degree will be conferred on eight candidates.

The annua! Odd Fellows' ball will take place on Thursday evening: February 8, in the town hall. Newells orchestra of Mariboro will furnish the music. The supper tickets will be advanced a small sum on account of the

vanced a small sum on account of the advanced price on turkeys.

Baptist church Sunday Fehruary 4, morning worship at 10.30; subject. "The lord's supper." Sunday school at tweive. A recent report of the Sunday school shows a good increase during the past year. All who do not attend elsewhere are cordially invited to meet with us. There are classes for all ages. At seven, evening praise service; subject, "Being born of the spirit." Wednesday evening at 7.30 meeting for prayer and praise. The special music on last Sunday morning was enjoyed by all present. The Ladies Missionary society held their regular meeting in the church parlor on Friday afternoon with a good number present. present.

Other Groton matter will be found on page three.

on page three.

Wednesday afternoon, January 31, was unusually pleasant for this time of the year and the sixteen members of the Neighborhood club, who met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Sargent, enjoyed a most delightful time. After the roll call with quotations, the secretary's report was read, then they continued the reading of Shakespear's play. The tweifth night." Later Mrs. Sargent served dainty refreshments. play, "The twelfth night." Later stars. Sargent served dainty refreshments. The afternoon program closed by sing-

Miss Aggle Lewis, who has been spending the winter with friends in Clinton, is in town for a few days. Arthur H. Mason of Groton, former y with the Fitchburg Rubber Company, has accepted a position as salesman for the Firestone Tire Company, traveling from their Boston branch. Mr. Mason left Saturday for Akron. Ohio, where he will spend a few weeks at the Firestone factory.

Herbert Taylor, tree warden, with inderbrush on the sides of the cros and the old Ayer road. This work of clearing extends back from each side of the road for about twenty-five feet and is done-under-the-direction-of the district superintendent.

The Boy Scouts will hold a public exhibition of scout work on Saturday evening. February 11, at the town hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

John J. Denahy, foreman at the Lowthorpe school farm, has bought the land and buildings of Marshall Swallow on the Boston road.

Several sleighing parties from neigh-boring towns have passed through our village this week, making their pres-ence known by bells and horns.

Mrs. Nora Folkins district deput Mrs. Nora. Folkins, district deputy, president, and suite, Miss Lois Wright. Mrs. Wallace Brown and Mrs. William Whitehill of Groton, and Miss Nellie Keileran and Mrs. Kidder of Ayer, installed the officers of E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge of Townsend last week Friday eyening, making the trip there by automobile. After the installation according hour was spent and a houriful a social hour was spent and a bountifu upper was served and enjoyed by all.

Miss Annie Gilson is entertaining her iece, Miss Elsie Gilson, for a few day this week.

Miss Marion Hart of Central Falls, R. I., a former teacher of the Groton High school, is visiting friends in town.

do when lost; how to make a watch into a compass, and a review of the 16 points of the compass. The scouts enjoyed a visit from William Lawrence, who is a member of the Groton Boy Scouts council.

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The troop are planning to observe the week from February 8 to 12 as anniversary week, it being the seventh anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and will be observed by all the Scouts throughout the nation. The week will be observed as follows:

Thursday, February 8, Scout Birthday. Community good turn. In many places the scouts will visit the sick taking flowers to them. Troop will do all that it can to assist those who are sick. At 8.15 every member of the Boy Scouts of America, wherever he may be will stand at attention with his hand at salute and repeat the scout oath.

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Fr. rry, February 9 from 4.00 to six p. m., troop community good turn. Saturday, February 10, good turn to the birds, distributing food to them. From 7.30 to nine, public exhibition of scout work at the town hall.

Sunday, February 11, the scouts will attend the mothing, service at the Bantist church. Baptist church

Monday, February 12, community good turn.

Town Warrant.

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The warrant for town meeting this thursday morning, when he stepped on a stone, and let him down, breaknow their family physician, thour family physician, albourn.

It was set and placed their family physician, albourn.

It wood enjoyed a day's lay with her friend, Mrs. rence, of Boston.

Turday evening Mr. and Wood opened their home avenue to a number of the interior of the late of the articles contained each year in the warrant, the articles contained each year in the warrant for town meeting this year contains nineteen articles. Outperful to the of the articles contained each year in the warrant, the

dies went to Miss Clara Robinson, first prize for the gentlemen, Malcolm Wood; consolation prizes to Miss Ruth Blood and Herbert Huebner.

Mrs. A. J. Clough came near heving a serious accident on Tuesday of this week, when she fell on the stone stope of the sandam road to town line; week, when she fell on the stone stope of the academy, brusing herself consolation of macademy, brusing herself consolation of Tuesday February 6, at the high school building at 3.45. Dr. Hill, Ayer road, enough to give an until speak on the health of school children. Please note that the meeting is on Tuesday instead of Wednesday as previously announced. All interested in Odd Fellows hall on Monday eventile in Gentral date.

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in Jesus, peaceful rest, whose waking is supremely blest."

Mrs. Eliza Loretta (Barnard) Dresser was born in Waterford, Me., January 2, 1832. She was the last of six children. At the age of eighteen, in the year 1850, she was united in marriage to an industrious farmer, Henry F. Dresser, who was born in 1824. As a result of this union six children wore born to them, one dying in infancy.

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This devoted couple lived most of their life in Lovell, Me., and was spared to each other to reach their sixtleth wedding anniversary, on account of her husband's health at that time they did not celebrate the day. He died in the year 1910 at the age of eighty-six. Soon after his death Mrs. Dresser came to Groton and has made her home for the past six years with her daughter, Mrs. Boynton.

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Mrs. Dresser has enjoyed a remarkably active and healthy life, taking a keen interest in the domestic dules in the home and assisting in everyway possible, often times alarming her daughter for fear of her overdoing. On her birthday, January 2, she received many callers and triends, who brought her gifts and tokens of their love and esteem. During the recent holiday scason, even though the illness of her daughter, whom she had recently been visiting in Maine, was weighing heavily upom her mind, she was ever busy with her handiwork preparing her gifts in hemstitching, knitting-and embroidery, for her many friends.

After a brief illness of two weeks friends.

After a brief illness of two weeks the deceased suddenly took a change for the worse, rapidly sinking, died peacefully on Saturday night. The immediate cause of death was heart failure, due to the infirmities of advancing years. She seemed to realize her approaching end, saving many a touching word and sad goodbye.

She is survived by three children. William H. Dresser, who resides in Yarmouthville, Me., Mrs. Carrie L. Severance of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. George L. Boynton of Groton. There are also eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. George M. Howe, who was very comforting in his remarks. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers from her many friends and relatives. There was no singing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Boynton left town on
Wednesday morning, taking the body
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held at the home of Mrs. Dresser's
newbow directly opposite her old held at the nome of Mrs. Diesaits nephew, directly opposite her old home. Interment will be made in the family lot beside her husband.

Thoughtfulness for others and the constant message of tender effection were dominant traits that attended her ever and always.

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Fifteenth Season.

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The school gardens have successfully finished their fifteenth season. This year there were three large school gardens, with fifty workers, and 200 home gardens. Groton was the first town to have a school garden in the United States. Besides raising seventy kinds of vegetables and twenty varieties of flowers they have won many ties of flowers, they have won many prizes at school garden exhibits. The prizes were won in collections and as individuals. For cellections, four first Boy Scouts.

Troop I. B. S. A., held its regular meeting on Saturday evening. There were thirteen scouts present and one visitor. After the opening exercises the evening was devoted to a review of first and second class first aid: How to use the knife and hatchet; what to do when lost; how to make a watch into a compass, and a review of the lost; how to make a watch into a compass, and a review of the lost in the compass. The scouts of the compass. The scouts of the compass of the

bits. The scholars were especially fortu-The scholars were especially fortunate in winning four prizes at Springfield in competition with all the North Atlantic States. Amherst sent twenty blue, red and white ribbons and nineteen garden buttons to the children. The cup for the best home garden was won by Lawrence Lewis. As he has won it three successive years it now becomes his own. Bernard Cronin won the school garden cup for the second year.

Among those who competed at these exhibitions were children from Brockton, Waitham, Lynn, Fitchburg, Lowell Normal school, the Lowell Home Gardens, the Shirley Training school, Lunenburg, Leominster and all North Atlantic States.

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Death.

The body of Mrs. J. Watson Scivace was brought to town Tuesday noon for burial. She was the widow of the late Capt. J. Watson Scivage, who served in the civil wat, and passed away several years ago. Her maiden name was Miss Annie M. Bartemus, one of six children. Much of the married life of this devoted couple was spent in Brooklyn. N. Y., where after Mr. Scivage's, death she was a very successful school teacher, receiving a teacher's pension as a reward for her faithful service. She died in a sanitarium in Melrose, Saturday evening, January 27. Her age was 77 years, 9 months, 27 days.

The deceased was a great-grand-daughter of Mrs. Prudence Wright, who was a grandparent of the late Alva Wright, of this town. Mrs. Shels to was a strandparent of the late Alva Wright, of this town. Mrs. Shels Survived by a brother. George Bartemus, and a son, her only child, Watson Selvage, a school teacher in the state. of Connecticut. She will be laid to rest in the family lot by the Death.

Sergt. Lamb, and Sergt: Parker will have command of the setting-up ex-ercises; Lieut. Branigan will talk on the first half of the second stage.

Willard Perrin is making a good re-covery from his accident of last week.

Miss Siyvin Lawrence, who has suf-fered fre a severe cold and whose schoolroo duties are arduous, has a week's le ye of absence for a much needed r st. Mrs. Burton of Groton is ubstitt, ng.

The coming of the expected assistant teacher has been delayed, but it is hoped that she will report for duty next week. This will relieve the crowded condition of Miss Lawrence's room. Mrs. Charles Chapman and her daughter Marjorie spent Saturday and Sunday at G. H. Bixby's, the home of her parents. Mr. Chapman joined

her parents. M them on Sunday. Miss Evadne Harrington was re-Mrs. Albert L. Harrington and her grandson Francis are spending some weeks in Walpole.

Mrs. Charles Bixby is the newly-elected superintendent of the Sunday chool and is asking for volunteers for class work.

ties formed during nine years of work and companionship are not easily broken, but Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge have the satisfaction of knowing that the best wishes of many friends both in and outside the church for which they labored follow them to their new home, wishes for their happiness and restoration to health. After a period of rest Mr. Trowbridge hopes to continue his work, as he has been given opportunity to do in the vicinity of Pittsfield.

The purpose of showing whether the farm can ever become self-supporting.

There are four inmates at the farm. The supporting and credits last year, including teams let, were \$4,400.3.30, leaving a net cost of \$1,562.57, which is \$590.64 for each inmate, or \$7.51 per week. In the old days the net cost for the farm seldom exceeded \$1,000, and the cost per inmate \$4.00 per work, althoug Chester P. The roads were in much better the farm can ever become church on Si has his plan with his dau Its receipts and credits last year, including teams let, were \$4,400.3.30, leaving an et cost of \$1,562.57, which is \$590.64 for each inmate, or \$7.51 per week. In the old days the net cost jured knee to work, althoug church of the farm seldom exceeded \$1,000, and the cost per inmate \$4.00 per work, althoug church of Pittsfield.

and the clerk of the parish read the action of the parish. These were found satisfactory. The pastor stated that his resignation was largely due to his state of health, and especially to the ill health of Mrs. Trowbridge. He referred to the pleasant and ideal relationship existing between pastor and people during the nearly nine years pastorate, and his regret at leaving the field. When the council was by itself it was voted to advise that the pastoral relationship be dissolved and the following minute was adopted:

"We record our regret that ill health of our brother and of his wife."

A citizens' caucus was held at brary half on Wednesday evening. West Grotos.

James Meran, after suffering for a week or more with an abscess on his back, received surgical treatment on Tuesday, which gave relief.

Miss K. A. Tarbell and Mrs. M. E. surprise committee furnished light resuments. Tuesday, which gave relief.

Miss K. A. Tarbell and Mrs. M. E.
Williams ate among those suffering from the plevaling grippe cold.

Scarlet fever has again appeared in the village. Myra Thompson of the seventh grade and her eister Dorothy of Groton High school are the victims. As there is no other case in this vicinity the source of contagion is puzzling.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jarvis are reported ill.

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The Adelphian club will hold its regular meeting at Library hall this Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Refreshments and a social hour will follow the installation of the club officers. Rev. J. C. Alvord, of Littleton, will speak at the evening service in exchange with Rev. G. M. Missirian, who will speak at the Congregational church in Littleton. Mr. Alvord is a very interesting and inspiring speaker and all the people of our town should not miss the chance of hearing him.

AYER

Mrs. Albert L. Harrington and her grandson Francis are spending some weeks in Walpole.

Mrs. John Downs, though able to be about the house, is suffering from the effects of an operation some weeks ago. tor will speak at 10.45 a. m. on "The Coming events in the near future are living bread." Communion and Sunched Collowing. Song service at Coming events in the near future are a supper, a minstrel show, a free lecture and a G. Paul Smith entertainment, scheduled, it is understood for the evenings of the 14, 16, 20 and 23 of February, respectively.

Mrs. Charles Bixby is the newly-

A Profitable Farm.

school and is asking for volunteers for class work.

The West Victor Scouts were beaten in a practice game at Groton School on Saturday. They are to play the Townsends on this Saturday on Quassatonican pond, which is located on the Hill farm in this village.

The Ladies' Ald society met with mrs. A. W. Lamb on Thursday afternoon, eleven members being present. Mrs. A. F. Cottrell was the guest of the afternoon. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by shy baby Helen, youngest of the fold. The social half hour at the close, when dainty refreshments were served around a cheerful open fire, gave a novel and "cute" touch to the pleasures of a most enjoyable afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Trowbridge left town on Thursday noon for Pittsfield where they expect to reside for the present ties formed during nine years of work and companionship are not easily broken, but Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge

A Profitable Farm.

The town farm was given to the town by Alfred Page in 1883. For intrity years it was run in connection with the highway department and no ro ever dreamed of questioning the wisdom of that course. Two years ago is sident to file nomination papers for overseers of the poor, and for the first time the membership of the two boards was not identical. This resulted in disturbing the old relation between the poor and highway departments. This year the two boards to partments. This year the two boards to the two boards to partments to justify as a step in the right direction what everyone is known was only the result of the previous year's inadvertence, to wit: keep-ing the warden on the farm all the time instead of doing a good deal of two work on the roads. And this is said to be for the purpose of showing two the farm can ever become the formed during nine years of work. The farm can ever become the poor in the farm can ever become the following the paper in t

But we are not going to buy any more horses. We have had four for a good many years, but when one died last year we still had one too many. Mr. Smith, who has charge of, the farm, could not see how the town could afford to keep the third horse at the farm, so he kindly took him to his own barn and kept him most of the year without charging the town anysolved and the following minute was own part and kept him most of the adopted:

"We record our regret that ill health of our brother and of his wife has compelled this step, and our hearty sympathy with them in that it hearty sympathy with them in the sympathy with them in that it hearty sympathy with them in the sympathy with the sympathy with them in the sympathy with the sympa

HARVARD-

News Items.

ville.

Miss Harriet Thayer is substituting as organist at the Unitarian church during the illness of Helen Stone. Miss Annie Kerley is making good progress, recovering from her opera-tion at the Baptist hospital in Somer-

E. F. Corey has a force of men Bessie Buxton and Mrs. Margaret tearing down the old house on his ris being a special committee to

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# Ayer Farmers' Co-Operative\_Exchange

.G. B. SCHULTZ, Mgr.

farm on the lower Littleton road. A after it. Light refreshments will be new house is to be built on this site, which when complete will be occupied by an uncle of Mr. Corey from Porthern home in Nashua after spending a and, Me. --

Mrs. Maria Eaton has been with Mrs. Royal this week, recovering from a slight illness.

n slight illness.

The Woman's club presented the five-act comedy, "A rose o' Plymouth town" to a full house on Thursday evening. The production of the play certainly showed careful and thorough preparation. The parts were all admirably taken, the interpretation of the characters being well given. The Misses O'Brien of Clinton furnished music between the acts.

The young ledles' chorus will fur-

The young ladles' chorus will furnish the music at the Congregationa church on Sunday morning. Mr. West with his daughter in Framingham.

Mr. Holland, the mail carrier be-tween the postoffice and railroad sta-tion, has so far recovered from his in-jured knee that he is now doing his

work, although still quite lam Chester P. Willard has been visiting his uncle, Henry Sanderson, in Westfield, for a few days, returning home on Thursday.

of rest Mr. Trowbridge hopes to continue his work, as he has been given opportunity to do in the vicinity of Pittsfield.

Enclosiastical Meeting.

An account of the ecclesuastical meeting held in December and not previously published in this column, signed by Rev. J. B. Lewis as seribe of interest at this time.

In response to an invitation sent out by the "hristian Union church of West Groton church on Monday. December 18, at two o'clock to advise the church in regard to the resignation of Rev. John T. Trowbridge as pastor. Rev. George M. Howe of Groton read the letter missive and was chosen moderator Rev. John B. Lewis, of Pepperell, was chosen scribe. After prayers by the moderator the roll call showed six of the eight churches represented by a pastor's recent letter of resignation and the clerk of the church read the letter measure and the pasts of the six of the eight churches represented by a pastor's recent letter of resignation and the clerk of the parish read the loss is the six of the eight churches represented by a pastor's recent letter of resignation and the clerk of the parish read the loss is the six of the parish re

town clean.

The automobile that was wrecked in the terrible crossing accident at the railroad station, is still remaining where it was put after the accident. Some one stole one of the headlights the second night it was there, and one night this week some one stole four of the tires, and to those who have to see it every day it would have been a relief if they had stolen the whole business. There is probably some reason for leaving it there, but it is certainly not an ornament.

SHIRLEY

Center. Mrs. J. C. Ayers is confined to her hhome with illness under her doctor's care. Her sister, Mrs. Phelps, is stay-ing with her for a few days.

The next meeting of Shirley Grange on Tuesday evening, February 5, will be a Valentine party. The program is in charge of the Matrons' Aid, Mrs. Bessie Buxton and Mrs. Margaret Har-

Miss Sybil Storer has returned to her home in Nashua after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Marsh.

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Main Street Ayer, Mass Saturday, February 3, 1917.

#### AYER

Mrs. Agnes C. Forter and suite, of Lowell, installed the following officers of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., last week Friday evening: Oscar C. Rahd, w.; Mrs. Christic McDonnid, v. w.; Mrs. Mrs. Christie McDonald, v. w.; Mrs. Affie S. Washburn, sec.; Mrs. Marsaret Rand, f. s.; John B. Washburn, treas.; Charles I, Washburn, chap.; Mrs. Ida L. Preble, g.; Mrs. Eugene Washburn, guard; Mrs. Kate C. Carrisan, sen.; Chester P. Bales, trustee B. C. A. Even. P. C. Garge R. gan, sen.; Chester P. Bales, trustee 3 yrs.; Dr. C. A. Fox. 2 yrs. George, R. Downing was elected a representative to the grand lodge and Oscar C. Rand as alternate. A party of Lowell members of the order accompanied the installing officers to the exercises of the evening. Supper was served followed by a social hour. There was a large attendance of members and friends.

The voting list posted this week con-

Mrs. Alice C. Gerrold, past deputy grand warden of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., and now a member of the grand -committee-on laws, will Easter lodge on Friday evening, February 9. A full attendance of members is urgently requested.

These names were added to the voting list last Saturday at the meeting of the registrars of voters: Levi V. Berry, Walter S. Lougee, Roland N. Gilman, John H. Sanderson, Frank J. Lambert, Tester M. Martell, Thomas F. McGovarp, William A. J. Daley and Louis J. Pieard.

A daughter was born last Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. S. Bassett Dickerman. The 'little one did not remain long in this world, passing away on Monday. The remains were placed in the re-ceiving tomb at Woodlawn cemetery. Mary Sperberg returned to her home in Maynard last week Friday after a visit to the home of Samuel Sperberg.

James Jackson, of Millis, formerly of Ayer, visited friends in town this The town reports were distributed to he town residents the first of the

Patrick Kane, of West Groton, bought the William Neat woodlot last bought the William Neat woodlot last Saturday, which is located in North Shirley. The sale was made at public auction at A. A. Filiebrown's office here. Mr. Fillebrown was the auc-tioneer, through whom the purchase

and drew large audiences at both af-ternoon and evening shows. "The and drew large audiences at both afternoon and evening shows. "The great secret" is full of action and interest.— Next Wednesday comes—the famous actress, Mabel Tallaferro, in a famous Metro picture. A farce-comedy will tohow, "Luke's knockout," and a comedy cartoon, "Around and around—again."—The International News-will be given at both shows as usual. "The sunbeam" is the play in which Miss Tallaferro stars.

W. S. Beckford concluded his serves with the Lowell and Fitchburg ices with the Lowell and Fitchburg Railway Company last Saturday and has accepted the appointment of dis-trict agent for the Matual Benefit Life Insurance Co... of Newark, N. J., with headquarters in Lowell.

There are several cases of measies in town, all children. Among the af-flicted ones are Elsie McDowell, George Donahue and Geraldine Moore. George Donahue and Geraldine Moore.

Mrs. Hannah B. (Searles) Woods, widow of David F. Woods, died at the home of her son-in-law, Isaac E. Lund, in Fitchburg last Saturday, at the age of 90 years, 3 months, 18 days. Mrs. Woods, with her husband, was a resident—of this town—over 35 years ago and occupied one of the tenements in the Yeast house, so-called, on I masant street. Mrs. Woods was a native of Townsend and was born Oct. 9, 1827. Townsend and was born Oct. 9, 1827, the daughter of Joel and Sally (Glea-son) Searles, and up to the time of he husband's death, she was a resident of husband's death, she was a resident of that town. Mrs. Woods moved to Fitchburg to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ella M. Lund, who died a year ago, the last of a family of nine children. The deceased is survived by a brother, Horace Searles, of Townsend Harbor; two grandchildren, Henry and Doris Lund, of Fitchburg, and two great-grandchildren, Hobert and Mabel Woods of West Swanssa. N. H. The great-grandchildren, Robert and Mabei Woods, of West Swansea, N. H. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon in Fitchburg, and burial was in Townsend. Mr. Woods was employed at the Ames Plow-shop while here and thon moved to Clinton where he was employed in the wire works there for about two years.

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James O'Leary, county president, and John Donnelly, past state president, installed the officers of Division 7, A. O. H. and Mrs. Locuse, county president, installed the officers of Division 7, A. O. H. and Image and the president of the forty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Division 7, the organization in A. O. H. hall. The date marked the forty-fifth anniversary of the organization of Division 7, the organization in Air of the organization of Division 7, the organization in axing been instituted of the organization of Division 7, the organization having been instituted of the organization in the two processes, and the president of the organization of Division 7, the organization having been instituted of the organization of Division 7, the organization having been instituted of the organization of Division 7, the organization in the own balances of the organization of Division 7, the organization in the own property of the organization of Division 7, the organization of Division 7, the organization in the own property of the organization of Division 7, the organization of Division 7, the organization of Division 7, the organization in the organization of Division 7, the organization of Division 7, the organization in the organization of Division 7, the organization in the organization of Division 7, the or

y Don't forget the Page Hose Co., No. 1, concert and ball on Friday evening, Forcestra of Worcester, eight pieces, as-sisted by Coyle Bros., cabaret singers. I. Porter Morse of Hudson, who is

VI. Porter Morse of Hudson, who is well known in town, traveling for many years here for the Fleishman Yeast Co., and who also is well-known among the Ayer musicians, died at his home in Hudson on Thursday morning, February 1. For two-years-he conducted a newspaper in Leavenworth, Kan. Mr. Morse served in the legislature and wenter the content of the content of the conducted and the conducted the conducted the conducted the conducted and the conducted the co didate for congress on the democratiticket. He was a noted musician, hav ing played with many of the leading bands of the state. For fifteen years he has been leader of the Hudson and Clinton bands and frequently played in the Ayer band. He leaves a wife

Federated church—At the morning Sunday Mr. Strong will speak on the subject, "Education and evangelism." The voting list posted this week contains 618 names. A year ago the list tains 618 names. A year ago the list tracked a total of 634, and at the last fail election 624 names marked the official number. There are 836 assessed notices will be combined with the even polls.

Mrs. Alice C. Gerrold, past deputy grand warden of Easter lodge, N. E. O. P., and now a member of the grand leader. The pastor will speak at the leader. The pastor will speak at the leader. The pastor will speak at the close of the service on "Recruiting for the church." Mid-week service on the church." Mid-week service on Thursday evening at 7.30.

The Ayer Branch Alliance met a the Unitarian vestry on Thursday afternoon. A large attendance was present and six guests. The following nt and six guests. The dies entertained: Mrs. W. ladies entertained: Mrs. W. S. Beckford, Mrs. L. H. Cuphing, Mrs. R. F. Murphy, Mrs. C. A. Normand and Mrs. C. E. Sherwin. A delightful feature was the reading of several letters from Rev. Andrew Plecher of Florinda, Fla., by Mrs. Theophilos Smith of Groton. It is inspiring to know that our neighboring branch is doing an active work in the postoffice mission. Mrs. Arthur Cheney of Flitchburg next rendered a group of vocal solos, "When shadows gather" and "The sunshine of your smile," after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostesses. The meeting adjourned until March 1.

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Mrs. S. M. Dickerman, mother of S. Bassett Dickerman, died at her home in Holyoke. Wednesday Mr. Dickerman attended the funeral and is expected back this week Friday eventure.

Elsle E. Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Davis, died Thursday night from pneumonia and measles. Her age was 2 years, 8 months, 28 days. The funeral will take place from the home this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

Benjamin Hall, of Manchester, N. H. has begun work as clerk in Brown's lunch room, taking the place of Joseph Vigue, who got through Wednesday work in the harvesting of ice by the

Work in the harvesting of ice by the Boston Ice Company at Sandy pond continues without interruption. The company expects to get its full supply rometime during the coming week. The work has been rather slow this winter owing to the great scarcity of help.

teaming in the departments under his control.—

for work done under the direction of the state forester in Ayer, and which will be charged back to the town by adding it to the state tax, was \$\$30.83.

It does not appear in the town report

The Unitarian Girls' club will hold neir annual dance on Monday evening, beruary 12, in the town hall. Valiant Wheeler's orchestra, six pieces, of ominster, will furnish the music. Tickets can be procured of club mem

Daniel Burns and Jafan Mathann mployees of Wilson & English on the yard extension work here, were injured while at work last week

Joseph Vigne, clerk at Brown's lunch room, left on Wednesday.

Mrs. Carl S. Proctor has been confined to the house this week by illness. fined to the house this week by illness.

Chief Beatty attended the dinner of the Middlesex County Chiefs of Police association which took place at the Hotel Brunswick, Boston, Wednesday night. The guests included Nathan A. Tufts, district attorney, and his assistants, F. W. Fosdick and Samuel Hoar.

Miss Agnes McCarthy, teacher in the third grade school, has been unable to attend to her duties this week on account of filness. Miss Edna Brown is filling the vacancy.

The Unitarian Girls' club will meet at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Taft on Wednesday evening, February 7, Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Roy Lawton, hostesses.

Other Ayer matter, on opposite page.

Miss Theresa of Boston and Mrs. Katherine Massachusetts toward the formation of associations of this kind and holds wire than a dead one.

The funeral was held this week Friday morning, a requiem high mass being said at St. Mary's church at 9.30 Bowen Barker, who was our manao'clock by Rev. Thomas P. McGinn. Bowen Ba

Military Whist Party.

The military whist given under the auspices of the Unitarian Girls' club on Tuesday evening was a very pleas; ant and successful gathering, both financially and socially. Hardy's hall, financially and socially. independent and socially. Hardy's hall, the scene of the affair, was very bright and beautiful with all the paraphernalia for arther contest. Thirty tables were arranged for and twenty-seven were filled with the regular quota of players when the notes of the corne as played by Miss Gertrude Briggs sounded "The star-spangled banner" and the whole audience rose. The games began at once and Mrs. F. Verne Pillman and Mrs. George O. Fillebrown Pillman and Mrs. George O. Fillebrown were all about seeing that everything went-on-all-right among the players.

The games being concluded the winners of first place were announced Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. White and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Whitney, while consolation was given to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Gleason, Miss Helen James and Miss Emma Butterfield.

A brief musical entertainment followed, including vocal solos by Mrs. Dalsy Beckford and Miss Helen Hardy and plano solo by Miss Pearl Carley.

Dalsy Beckford and Miss Helen Hardy and plano solo by Miss Pearl Carley. Next came a social hour with refreshments in charge of Mrs. Carl Proctor, Mrs. Benjamin Taft and Mrs. Callie Murphy, assisted in the serving by Miss Madolin Whitney, Mrs. H. B. Priest, Miss Marion Proctor, Miss Gertrude Briggs and Miss Margaret Hume. Miss Briggs was the cornetist whose clear notes guided all the changes in the games. The very pleasant evening closed with an informal dance. About thirty dollars was cleared by the girls. thirty dollars was cleared by the girls

Roll Call and Supper.

The roll call and supper of the Federated church Thursday evening was a most pleasant occasion. An unusually large number were present and many messages were received absent members. After the s Mrs. Thomas B. Murphy, of Boston, and Mrs. James McTernan, of Waltham, spent last week Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Donovan, West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Donovan, West West Worth, Kimbail Martin, Roger Johnson, All Royal Martin, Roger Johnson, Raymond Miller Bradford Davis upon Clarence Nixon; Harold Wentworth, Kimball Martin, Roger Johnson, Raymond Miller, Bradford Davis, Edward Sawyer, Herman Allen and Malcolm Crockett. After the roll call there were many responses, reveral spoke on subjects suggested by Mr. Strong as toastmaster. Ellis B. Harlow on "The business administration of the church"; F. C. Johnson, "Religious education"; Dr. Hopkins, "The church as a fellowship"; H. J. Webb. was made.

A letter was recently received from Augustus' Loveloy, who with Mis. Loveloy, is spending the winter in the south. The letter refers to a trip by boat up the famous St. John's river in Florida, a delightful journey. The temperature at the time of writing was 70 degrees. For the present they are stopping in Orlando, Fla., but intend to go. farther south before returning braper, is reported quite sick as a result of an operation for mastolds, "The turn of the road," a great five of Nashua, at a hospital in that city.

A Unitarian mass' meeting will be given bearing will be given bearing will be given bearing to mark they come for the honor more for the honor mo

For many years it has been a tradi-tion that New England town officers should serve more for the honor of holding office than for what they could get out of it. This feeling has found expression in some towns in the form of a by-law prohibiting town officers from selling anything to the town di

from selling anything to the town directly or indirectly.

A hasty examination of the town report shows that D. C. Smith's experience last year ran decidedly counter to this tradition. He received from the town approximately \$1,400, practically all of which, except \$150 in salaries, was for his own labor, and teaming in the departments under his

will be charged back to the town by adding it to the state tax, was \$530.83. It does not appear in the town report what part of this sum Mr. Smith as local moth superintendent got for his own work, because the payment is made by the state. The information is available elsewhere, however.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Ayer-Parmers' Co-op-erative Exchange was held in Hardy' hall on Wednesday. The Jusiness ses sion took place in the forenoon when these officers were elected: G. B. Schultz, Harvard, clerk and manager: John H. Storer, jr., Groton, treas: Arthur W. Bryant, Harvard, Stephen

A sufficient sum of money was raised to provide for the purchase of lot of land at Flanagan's crossing the building of a side track, and the crection of a suitable warehouse and office building. The latter is subject to a mortgage which is to be paid off in time. There was also a surplus left sufficient to provide a small working capital, also to purchase a motor-truck for the delivery of goods to pa-trons, the marketing of fruit and the like.

Last August Mr. Barker resigned as clerk and manager of the exchange, because of business opportunities else-where and Gus B. Schultz of Harvard was selected by the successor. Mr. Schultz has conducted the affairs of the exchange in a very satisfactory manner and the business has shown an increase from month to month every since operations were commenced at the new building last was selected by the directors as his successor. Mr. Schultz has conducted

commenced at the new building last spring.

Much has been heard of late relative to the high cost of living, or as some have facetiously put it the cost of high living. But there is nothing so very recent about it after all. Seven years ago Gov. Eben F. Draper with the advice and consent of the honorethe advice and consent of the honora-ble executive council, appointed a commission to investigate the cost of liv-ing, in accordance with the provision ing, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 134 of the resolves of 1910. This commission interviewed a large number of people and consulted a number of experts, later publishing quite an exhaustive report at a considerable expense to the commonwealth, but not arriving at very satisfactory conclusions.

As nearly as could be ascertained the increased cost of living was due largely to the increased output of gold in the world, thus resulting in a dimin-

largely to the increased output of gold in the world, thus resulting in a diminished purchasing power of the dollar because of its increased plentifulness. Personally I cannot say that I have seen any more gold dollars running up hill, on edge, toward me than I did previous to the investigations of this commission. Still the cost of fiving continues to soar, until this winter Gov. McCall appoints a commission to investigate the cost of living. Whether it amounts to any more than the previous one remains to be seen. Whether it amounts to any more than the previous one remains to be seen. I am afraid, however, that its researches will do little to reduce present living expenses. With all this agitation over the cost of living an organization like the Ayer Farmers' Cooperative Exchange can do a great deal for its members and for the community, and farmers ought to join this and similar organizations to enable them to pull together for their mutual benefit.

It is a well-known fact that farmers have for years been paying the highest and selling everything they produce at the lowest wholesale prices, as the Rural New Yorker puts it. "receiving thirty-five cents of the consumers' dol-

Much can be done by an organiza-tion of this kind in the way of buying grain, coal and other supplies for its members at the lowest wholesale prices, saving agents' commissions by dealing directly with implement mak ers, fertilizer manufacturers, dealers it spraying material and the like; on the other hand in endeavoring to bring the

other hand in endeavoring to bring the producer and consumer nearer together by eliminating some of the middlemen, and developing better methods of transportation and distribution.

Three million organized farmers, through their representatives at the recent national congress on marketing and farm credits, at Chicako, have demanded an immediate federal munity into the packing industry in the United States, because, as they declare, they States, because, as they declare, they are not receiving a fair share of the the consumer pays for meats and that market manipulation by the and that market manipulation by the packing interests is more largely responsible for the present high retail prices of meat rather than the price paid-by-the-packers-to-the productrs.

To go even farther, it might be questioned if this market manipulation, of the prices of live stock is not partly the cause of the diminution in numbers of our cattle and sheep because of tist discouraging effect upon breefers. is discouraging effect upon breeders I know you will excuse me if I read

lelphia Saturday Evening Post:

Lknow you will excuse me if I reads the following editorial from the Philate is the following editorial from the Philate delphia Saturday Evening Post.

Scientific persons have been telling as those many years with greater and those many years with greater and grater emphasis; that man is a great safety animal, aways living in herds and utterly dependent upon his fellows for life. It is bondly true, all the same, that men will never co-operate until they are compelled to do so. They same, that men will never co-operate until they are compelled to do so. They same, they are compelled to do so. They same, they have done to be provided to the co-operations that have done so many done to be provided to the co-operations that have done so many done to the same of the co-operations that have done so many done to the same of the co-operations and so they are competitive concerns have been started in this country. As a nine, they have failed in a large start of manufactures of the co-operative to bankruptcy. Unless they had to, people simply would not stick together. Large the principle has been demonstrated that co-operation was the contract of the same of the co-operation over the government being him to and at a taken over much of the following and the cause everybody see what turbess co operations and they had to, people simply would not stick together. Large the principle has been demonstrated the contract of the covernment has taken over much of the following and the cause everybody see what turbess co operations and the contract of the covernment was the cause everybody see while turbess co operation has done in enabling the principle has been demonstrated by the prin

where the armor seems to be coming in the past for considerable attention just new; and of the kovernment is establishing land nay be banks for rural credit to enable him to borrow money for short terms at before reasonable rates of interest and the

Schultz: Threefold amen," Young: "Venite," Solly: "Te deum," Stanford; offertory anthem, "Light and light immortal," Bullard; postlude, "Marche anglaise," Scotson Clark, Preacher, Rev. Frank B. Crandall, the minister. Subject, "Bellef in Jesus Christ." Church school at tweive.

7.00—Evening prayer, silent com munion, and sermon: Music, prelude, "All through the night," Welsh; solo, "Guide me. O thou great Jehovah," Shattuck, Mrs. Beckford: offertory anthem, "Crossing the bar," Wilson; postlude; "Choristers march," Hyde. Preacher, the minister. Subject, "A trayeler's discovery." traveler's discovery.'

The Alliance received liberal contri-buttons for their food sale last Sat-urday and sold the whole amount be-fore the closing hour had arrived. At the morning service on Sunday the preacher will point out how sorely the world needs a genuine belief in the Man of Gallice. For too many cen-turies men have been wasting their

ime and energics in disputes about what they should believe about Jesus It is high-time that-they-spent a little energy to believe what he taught. If christian men wish to avoid the ap-pearance of insincerity they must un-dertake the task of believing in the kind of life he preached and lived. An evening service is to be held on Sunday in response to a demand for an additional service from some who

are not permitted by their duties to at tend the regular morning service, and in response, also, to a more general demand for an additional service of a demand for an additional service of a romewhat different character. Only the prayer office will be used. Special music will be provided and well-be-loved hymns will be sung. On Sunday Mrs. Beckford will repeat, by request, her solo of last Sunday, of which the musical setting was composed by the organist. The notable feature of the service will be the inauguration of the quiet communion. This feature is an adaptation of the Quaker quiet service. It has already been used by the Christ has already been used by the Chr lan Scientists and has met, amo them, a hearty and grateful respon-For a period of from three to five mi -church is in silence and t people give themselves to meditation.

There is a vast 'testimony of the people give themselves to meditation There is a vast testimony of the spiritual value of maintaining, ever for a brief period, of outer and inner dulct. In those moments when the soul looks inward into its own unfathomable depths, there come a deep sense of peace, a strength, and an insight that the world cannot give.

Christian Science Society of Ayer, Service every Sunday morning in G. A. R. hall at 10.30. Testimonial meeting on next Wednesday evening at 7.30. All are cordially invited. Subect for Sunday morning, February 4

District Court.

The case of Clement against Miller engaged the attention of the court at the civil session last Saturday morning. The action was one of contract in which L. U. Clement of Townsend

which L. U. Clement, of Townsend, seeks to recover for a wagon which he claims he sold to Henry J. Miller, of that town, his brother-in-law, and also for rent alleged to be owed by Mr. Miller.

The account contains four items. The first item is one express wagon valued at \$65; the other three items are for rent of a building occupied by the defendant, belonging to the plaintiff, for one month's rent cach at \$10 tiff, for one month's rent each at \$10

per month.

The defendant's answer is a general denial with a plea of the statute of limitations as to the first item in the ount annexed in the plaintiff's ation. No difficulty was preration. No difficulty was presented nor any serious contention made as to the last three items made in the plaintiff's deciaration. The evidence relied upon by the plaintiff to take the case out of the statute of limitations consisted of a slip which was headed "People's Cash Store, H. J. Miller, Prop.," and purported to be a statement of an account that was rendered by the plaintiff and received by him. It appears that Miler earne to Townsend about fourteen years ago with Mrs. Miller, who is a sister of the plaintiff's wife. After coming there with Mrs. Miller, who is a sister of the plaintiff's wife. After coming there Miller engaged in business as the proprietor of a general store. The building where the store was located is owned by Clement who caims that there are three months' rent due him from Miller, for December, 1915, and January and February, 1916. This watter second to be units clear as

dered a warrant issued for his arrest. Charles S. Edwards, of Westford, pleaded not guilty to a complaint for assault and battery on Richard Varnold, alleged to have been committed at Brookside last Monday. He was found not guilty and ordered discharged. John M. Maloney represented the government as counsel, and former Senator Edward Fisher of Westford the defendant. The trouble arose over a disagreement between Edwards and Yarnold over some property matter. and the grippe, Mr. Turner for the past two weeks.

Judge Atwood and Mrs. Atwood expect to leave for New Orleans this week Saturday or the Monday following. They will tarry in New Orleans for a short time and from there they make for a short time and from there they make for a short time and from there they ward and the points of California, and do not expect to return until April. The cold weather does not agree with Mr. Atwood. Bon voyage.

Ilke.

For the directors I have the honor to submit the following report:

As you may recollect a meeting was being Yarnold's son-in-law, they being able to submit the following report:

As you may recollect a meeting was held December 17, 1915, to make such changes and adopt such amendments to the constitution as to enable us to place, the exchange upon practical working basis.

These changes seem to have worked out in an entirely satisfactory manner. The Rural New Yorker, In a recent their mutual advancement.

Much now depends on the farmer head and nose, inflicting injuries which he still suffers from. Charles S. Ed-

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wards, the defendant, denied assault-ing Yarnold. He said that he had ordered Yarnold off his premises be-fore the date of the alleged assault because of the beligerant attitude of Special Sale pecause of the beligerant attitude of the plaintiff. The other witnesses for the government were W. C. Edwards, an uncle of the defendant, and Mrs. Alice Holt, housekeeper for the de-fendant. FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY

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Center. Prof. Forbush, of the Amhers Agricultural College extension depart ment, gave a very interesting talk on last week Friday afternoon to the ladies of the Townsend Hill Improvement society for the purpose of organizing a correspondence course in household economics. Six of the lu-dies are to take the ten-weeks course. During the course other speakers from the college will come and ad-dress the ladies at their club house on the hill.

Mrs. Nellie B. Folkins, district deputy president, and suite, of Groton, in stalled the following officers of the E. A. Spaulding Rebekah lodge on Friday evening of last week in Gdd where, and a deep sympathy is exfellows hull: Mrs. Agnes M. Woods, n.g.; Mrs. Clara. B. Heselton, v.g.; Mrs. Mary E. Smith. sec.; Mrs. Harriet Savage, treas.; Mrs. Wins. Harriet Savage, treas.; Mrs. Wins. Harriet Savage, treas.; Mrs. Wins. Harriet Savage, treas.; Mrs. Harriet Savage, treas.; Mrs. Winnifred Farrar, chap.; Miss Alice Davis. w.; woning, Engineer Clarence Webster presided, and—the following officers were elected: Warrence E. Elliott, fore.; G. Fred Tenney, 1st assist.; George Beckwith, 2d assist.; Clarence L. Webster, sec, and treas.; Charles T. Mc. Dormord, stew.

Mrs. H. J. Miller.

Hisnored and beleved by those with whom she labored and who enjoyed in grateful memory here and elsewhere and a deep sympathy is extended to her family.

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At the regular meeting of the Eclipse Engine Company. Monday even elected: Warrence E. Elliott, fore.; G. Fred Tenney, 1st assist.; George Beckwith, 2d assist.; Clarence L. Webster, sec, and treas.; Charles T. Mc. Dormord, stew.

The West Townsend orchestra party will be held in Seminary hall, Friday evening, February 2. The West Townsend orchestra privalent in grateful memory here and elsewhere and a deep sympathy is extended to her family.

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The West Townsend orchestra party evening, February 2. The West Townsend orchestra of five pieces will furnish music for dancing, and whist Mrs. Nellie B. Folkins, district dep-

Mrs. H. J. Miller. John E. Hallisey and Miss Huzel-Burgess of this town were married on Saturday evening by Rev. Samuel D. Ringrose of Fitchburg. The marriage took place at the parsonage in that dity. The single ring service was used in the couple ware unstanded. The and the couple were unattended. The bride wore a gown of blue taffeta silk. She is the daughter of Orion A. Burgess of this town. Mr. Hallisey is a native of this town, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hallisey of Dudley road. The young couple will reside here.

Mrs. George H. Kendall spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Kendall's sister. Mrs. Fred Sawyer, at Sterling. George Pastman spent the week-end with his daughter, Mrs. Esther Scales, at Greenville, N. H.

Walter Wilder occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church, West Townsend Sunday, in the absence of Rev. Joseph MacKean, who was ill with the grippe. Miss Trace! Richardson returned to Westfield Sunday to resume her duties Monday morning as teacher in the public schools.

William A. Russell attended the funeral Monday of his sister, Mrs. Rideout at Wilton, N. H. Her death was the first break in the family circle of

even children Miss Carrie Walker of Townsend Hill attended the funeral of Mrs. Han-nah B. (Searles) Woods held from her late home in Fitchburg Tuesday af-ternoon. Mrs. Woods was a native of Townsend and the body was brought here for burial in the family lot.

Miss Grace M. Parker of Fitchburg was the week-end and over Sunday guest at the home of Arthur Barber.

The annual concert and ball of the Squannacook Steamer Co. will be held Friday evening. February 9. Music will be furnished by the Saiem Cadet orchestra. Concert from eight to nine. Dancing from nine to twelve. An oys-ter and cold meat supper will be served t intermission in the banquet hall.

Word has been received by relatives in town of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Platt Powell at Saginaw, Mich. Mrs, Powell is pleasantly remembered as Miss Amy Lane. a former high school teacher.

Last Saturday afternoon Louis Parker celebrated his ninth birthday anniversary at the home of his par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parker, on ents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Parker, on the Fitchburg road. The boys of his class in school were the guests of the afternoon. After enjoying coasting and other winter frolics the young lads returned to the house, where they watched the burning of the candles on the birthday cake and were served sandwiches, cake, cocoa, ice cream and fruit. Master Louis was the recipient of pleasing birthday gifts from friends and schoolmates. friends and schoolmates.

The next meeting of the Monday club will be held on Monday afternoon, February 10, at the home of Mrs. A. D. Fessenden, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of the club, charge of Mrs. J. A. Doane.

About forty members of the C. E. society of the C. C. church, Fitchburg, enjoyed a sleighride to Townsend Center Tuesday evening and were en-tertained by members of the local so-clety of the Congregational church. the arrival of the party, about o'clock, a supper was served, fol-

The funeral services of Mrs Bertha (Richardson) Collins were held at the Congregational church last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in charge of Elder Bicknell. of Lancaster, with prayer by Rev. A. L. Struthers, and singing by friends from Lancaster. Interment was in the family lot at the Conter cemetery. The Deauliful flowers, which testified to the love and esteom in which Mrs. Collins was held, were afterward sent to the sick and the shut-ins.

Mrs. Collins was born in Chelmsford on June 19, 1881, but the greater part of her early life was spent in Townsend. She chose as her life work the vocation of a trained nurse graduating with honors from the Burbank hospital training school for nurses in Fitchburg; also, from the Sloan's maternity hospital for doctors connected with Bellevue hospital, New Picker of the borth of a daughter. Barbank been received at Seven Pines of the borth of a daughter. Barbank of the borth of a daughter. Barbank was fick to Mrs. Townsend She ender Co., where as chopper he is working on the woodlot now being cut off at the Cape. Mrs. Doran went to Fitchburg on Wednesday, where for a week or more she will visit relatives. The Monday Whist club this week was entertained at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher and her daughter. Mrs. Minnle Knight. Mrs. T. J. Mrs. Minnle Knight. Mrs. T. J. Mrs. Minnle Knight. Mrs. T. J. Mrs. Minnle Knight which refreshments were served.

On last Sunday morning, upon last sunday morning, upon last sunday morning. The funeral services of Mrs. Bertha

nurses in Fitchburg; also, from the Sloan's maternity hospital for doctors connected with Bellevue hospital, New

was a member of the late Dr. L. G. Chandler's Sunday school class, and an active member of the C. E. society. Later, she became a member of the C. C. church in Fitchburg.

On September 9, 1907, she was married at her home in this town to Edward Harrison Collins, of Michigan, A son, Omar, and two daughters. Hazel and Elizabeth, were born to them. During the many illnesses of them. During the many illnesses of her later life she endured her sufferings with christian resignation, re-ceiving her needed strength from her heavonly father to sustain her under the burdens she bore.

Honored and beloved by those with whom she labored and who enjoyed her friendship, her name will be held in grateful memory here and else-where, and a deep sympathy is ex-

The West Townsend orchestra party will be held in Seminary hall, Friday evening, February 2. The West Townsend orchestra of five pieces will furnish music for dancing, and whist tables will also furnish part of the evening's entertainment. Ice cream will be provided by Caterer Drake of the Center, and the patronesses are Mrs. Alexander Reed, Mrs. C. J. Ross and Mrs. Richard S. Ely. and Mrs. Richard S. Ely.

Eugene Proctor has accepted a posi-tion as cook in a camp in Hillsboro, У. H.

The Ladies' Study club held their regular fortnightly meeting on Mon-day afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. Ross, as through some misunder-J. Ross, as through some misunderstanding the reading-room was not
prepared for them. A goodly percent
of the members were present, and in
the absence of the president, Mrs. Oscar Lovering, the vicepresident, Mrs. Albert H. Wilson, presided. The next
meeting will be held at the readingroom on Monday afternoon, February
12, and the topic will be "Gibraitanand the Mediterranean ports," in
charge of Mrs. Frank Boutelle and
Mrs. Alexander Reed. Mrs. Alexander Reed.

An interesting prayer meeting was held on Tuesday evening at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Perry R. Sawtelle, with fourteen present. Mr. Sawtelle conducted the service in the absence of the pastor, who is ill. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. McDormond.

Warren Tucker, of Billerica, was a guest of his daughter, Miss Estella Tucker, for the weck-end,

Mrs. Mervin Hodgman has been quite ill for the past few days, suffering from a severe attack of the grippe. appointment by the selectmen of the town as public weigher.

Rev. Joseph MacKean, who has been confined to his bed for over a week, is a little better, but is not able to be out yet.

Harrison L. Reed, a young man about thirty-seven years of age, living just across the New-Hampshire line, well-known in this village and a member of the West Townsend Brotherhood, was instantly killed about nine o'clock Monday by a tree falling upon him while at work chopping in the William Adams lot, and crushing his William Adams for, and crushing his skull. He was very deaf, but was warned by his companions and in starting to jump aside caught his foot and stumbled, falling upon a tree, which was just felled, and the falling tree struck the top of his head, crushing his skull like on acceptable. ing his skull like an egg shell. He was unmarried but leaves an aged mother, eighty-two years of age, for whom he had cared for all his life.

ast Saturday afternoon with their eacher, Miss Alice Seaver, and held a teacher, Miss Alice Seaver, and held a business meeting and social, electing the following officers and committees: Nancy Richards, pres.; Doris Tenney, v. p.; Lucie Reynolds, sec.; Helen Marr. treas.: Ruth Bennett, Janet Clark, Miss Alice Seaver, lookout com.: Ruby Elliott, Doris Tenney, Alice Seaver, social com. After the business meeting the remainder of the time meeting the remainder of the time was pleasantly passed in reading aloud from an interesting book. The next meeting will be a Washington party, February 24.

Little Dorothy Sherwin has been

ments.

A delegation of about thirty-five from the North Star lodge. Townsend, attended the last of a series of I. O. O. F. district meetings held on Tuesday evening at the Beacon lodge rooms in Pepperell. A pleasing evening's program was enjoyed and a buffet lunch served in the banquet hall, and plenty of good cars provided. The singing of familiar songs and a social hour closed this series of please.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ford have moved into the Sawyer house on Leominster road. Mrs. Sawyer is very lift at the home of her daughter in Allston. Mrs. Carrie R. Bruce. Miss Blanche Sawyer is also with her mothly and plenty of good cars provided. The singing of familiar songs and a social hour closed this series of please and the evening conducted by lan Rusk on the topic. Fruit of the Lancaster last week Thursday morning. On Friday he was taken to the Massachusetts Clensrol.

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Mrs. Bert Wright was called away to Lancaster last week Thursday morning. On Friday he was taken to the Missachusetts General hospital. Boston, for an operation. His elder daughter, Mrs. Addie Pelt Chunt, formerly of this town, was also with him.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' morning subject will be "Making and in the Congregational church Sunday morning subject will be "Making and in the Congregational church Sunday morning subject will be "Making and in the Congregational church."

Dr. Charlton will preach as usual on Sunday morning at the M. E. Church. As scoutinaster, he announces that the invitation to the Squannicook scouts to visit the West Groton scouts this week Saturday has had to be post-poned on accourt of Aliness in West Groton.

At the Williams and may be closed at 2.30 in the morning and may be closed at 2.30 in the afternoon.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman is spending this week with Mrs. J. P. Thomas in Nrs. Charles Dyke, who has been confined to her home the past few daughter to confined to her home the past few latended, ten affair and very well attended, ten affair and v

ing's entertainment

ham: Word was received on Wednesday that although Mrs. LePoer was still very lil, hopes were entertained of her recovery.

Frank Conant and family, who have been sick with the grippe and some of its attending complications, are far on the road to recovery. Mr. Conant was out, for the first time since his linear on Therday. On the evening of on the road to recovery. Mr. Conant, was out for the first time since his illness on Tuesday. On the evening of the same day Miss Addie Conant returned from St. Joseph's hospital greatly improved in health, where she went last week to receive treatment for an abscess in the ear.

for an abscess in the ear.

Flocks of birds that recently have been depredating the shade trees at Maplelawn, have caused Mr. Robinett anxiety for the safety of his maples. These birds, that are found to be grosbecks of the sinnet family, would light in large numbers in the branches and directly showers of buds would be the result. These birds do not frighten. directly showers of buds would be the result. These birds do not frighten casily and therefore are hard to disclode. Being unwilling to shoot them Mr. Robinett sought advice of Mr. Converse, of Fitchburg, game warden, who informed him that the birds would do but little damage, and that the trees would leave out as usual in the spring. Mr. Robinett, as well as others in this vicinity, would prefer to have their trees unmolested.

Chelmsford. Upon this lot a portable saw mill, owned and operated by Mr. Parker, of Bedford, N. H., is being placed. The boiler came last Monday and two of the camps have been moved from Amherst, N. H., where the mill was in operation before coming to Townsend. When the third camp and the horse barn arrive the outfit will again be complete. According to present plans the mill will begin running sometime next week. In addining sometime next week. In addi-tion to the above-mentioned lot the standing timber from two or three standing timber from two or three smaller lots has been bought. In all there will be about a hundred acres to clear up. The mill will stand on the south side of the cross road that turns off the road between the Harbor and Cape, nearly in front of the Knowlton house, formerly owned by George Brown:

Obituary.

between Chestnut farm and Pinehurst; the work performed by the juniors and here, too, she grew to young womanhood. At the age of twenty-two she married David Woods, a carpentage of the control of the c wherever conditions were the most favorable for the plying of the hus-band's trade. At the time of Mr. Woods' death their home was in Bos-

Woods' death their home was in Boston.

For more than twenty years Mrs. Woods has been a widow. During that effect and added beauty to the occatime her home has been in Fitchburg with her daughter, Mrs. Ella (Woods) Lund, whose death occurred on Feb-13-of last year, the last of nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. David dren born to Mr. and Mrs. David Woods.

Mrs. Woods leaves a brother, Horace Searle, who lives on the old home-lied the grand march were Laura West.

Mrs. Woods leaves a mother, and acc Searle, who lives on the old home-stead; four grandchildren, Henry and Doris Lund, of Fitchburg, and Robert and Mabel Woods of Swansea, N. H.

### SHIRLEY

Mrs. Louise Livermore, who has been confined to her home with a hard cold, is improving.

Joseph H. McClellan, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school, announced last Sunday that the month announced last Sunday that the month
of February would be devoted to a
Sunday school increase campaign, and
the last Sunday in February would be
a Go-to-church Sunday. The idea is
in line with the state movement inaugurated by the Massachusetts Sunday School association.

ster, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCoy the latter part Mr. and Mrs. Elgin McCoy, of Nashua, were guests last Sunday at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. H.

Mrs. Margaret J. Brockelman has heen confined to her home by sickness this week, but at last reports is im-

proving.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Read were taken last Saturday to the Clinton hospital by Dr. Peirce. Mildred has a complication of troubles consisting of adenoids, enlarged tonsils and tuntor of the lexialso, eye and ear trouble which will be treated. Gertrude will also remain at the hospital for a couple of weeks to go under observation.

Bay Douglas H. Corley the paster.

Rev. Douglas H. Corley, the pastor, will preach from the subject, "Enjurance" at the Congregational church Sloan's maternity hospital for doctors connected with Bellevue hospital. New York city.

York city.

While here in her home town she attended the Congregational church, made a hasty departure for Peters-

Old Shiriey chapter, D. A. R., held its regular meeting with Mrs. Anne Tewksbury, Mrs. Nellie Holbrook and Miss Mary Park. A committee was elected to arrange for a military whist party to be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Allen. The proceeds are to be given to the committee of the Philippine scholarship fund. Several guests were present and were entertained by Mrs. Allen, who read her paper on the of were present and were entertained by Mrs. Allen, who read her paper on the origin and growth of the D. A. R. The paper was first prepared to be read to the Pitchburg chapter, but has been repeated several times, and Mrs. Allenhas, engagements shead for several present which the hostesses and the meeting closted with the galute to the flag. The reduings. Refreshments were served by the hostesses and the meeting closted with the galute to the flag. The reduings will be with Mrs. Wells. A program will be arranged in honor of Longfellow's birthday.

A large audience gathered in Odd leasure.

honor of Longfellow's birthday.

A large audience gathered in Odd Fellows'-hall- on Wednesday-evening to witness the play, "Clover farm," held under the auspices of Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge. The play was well staged by talent from Ayer, all the members of the cast being well known. By request, "Clover farm" has been played in several of our local towns. Owing to a death in his famhas been played in several of our local towns. Owing to a death in his family, Bassett Dickerman could not take the part of Count Maribeau, and with only three-days' notice Miss: Alice Leahy undertook to act the part, and did it in a very creditable manner. Home-made candy was sold between the acts by the ushers, who were Miss. the acts by the ushers, who were Miss Flora Shepard, Miss Beulah Brill, Mrs. Leon, Mudgett and Miss Evelyn Miner. Mrs. Henry Brockelman was chairman of the committee, who materially helped to make the affair a success.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hdid its monthly supper and social in the church vestry on next Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at seren o'clock, followed by the usual entertainment at—eight o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCoy attended the funeral of Mr. McCoy's sister in Manchester, N. H., Tuesday.

Mary A. Livermore Rebekah lodge will hold their regular meeting on next Friday evening. At the close of the meeting there will be held a sew-ing bee. Members are requested to bring their sewing.

Mrs. Joseph Hume, of Leominster, as a visitor in town on Tuesday.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah (Searle) Woods took place at her late home on High street, Fitchburg. Rev. Merriam of the C. C. church officiated. During the service Dr. Page and Miss Hersom of the C. C. choir sang "Lead kindly light" and "Rock of ages." Interment was in the family lot at the Center. Prayers were offered at the grave by Rev. A. L. Struthers.

Although not in her usual health, owing to a hard cold, Mrs. Woods did not take her bed until Friday of last week, when pneumonia developed On the afternoon of the following day she passed away:

Ninety years ago the ninth day of last October Mrs. Woods was born at the Searles homestead, Cape Corner, Townsend. Here she spent her child-hood days; attended the district school which all that time was about midway between Chestnut farm and Pinehurst; the work parformed by the juniors and they have too her tow to you work.

was practically exemplified as the tone and environment of the occasion was all that could be desired. The large all that could be desired. The large audience showed their appreciation by

led the grand march were Laura West and Barry Fisette. Vallant & Wheelled the grand march were Laura West and Barry Fisette. Vallant & Wheeler's orchestra of Leominster furnished music. The winners of the waltz favors were Mary Anderson and Josephine Bagdon. Flowers purchased by the children for their teacher, Mrs. White, did not arrive in time for presentation that evening, which was a great disappointment to the children.

The Girls' Sewing Guild of Trinity chapel held a pleasant meeting last Saturday afternoon with Miss Shirley Lawton. The next meeting will be held with Miss Mary Hobbs on Center road, Saturday afternoon, February 10.

At the meeting of the registrars of voters on last Saturday afternoon and evening in the town halt, three new names were added to the voting list—Walter Woods, Jerome G. Wheeler, John W. Desmond. Nine names were added to the women's list—Abbie F. Wyman, Mildred T. Grout, Ethel M.

others on last Saturday afternoon and warmen were added to the voting list—where is on its very added to the voting list—abbite of the women's list—abbite o Make No Change.

The warrant for the coming town meeting includes an article which relates to instructing the selectmen as to the place where the town meeting in 1918 shall be held. The purpose of this article is apparently to change the place of town meetings from the Center to the Village. The town hall at the Center has for many years been the meeting place and it does not seem that there has been any material increase in the population of the town which makes a change any more necessary now than it has been in the past. There is, of course, a slight inconvenience to the voters of the village, but to make up for it they are furnished free transportation to and from the hall, while the voters of the North and East, who have nearly as far to go, find their own transportation. For historical and sentimental Teasons, as well as for the convenience of the voters from all parts of the town, the place of town meeting should be as it always has been, in the center of the town. It is up to the voters of this part of the town and those of the village who are satisfied with the present arrangement to and those of the village who are sat isfled with the present arrangement to be present at town meeting and de-feat this article.

The moon's surface contains about 14,685,000 square miles, or nearly four times the area of Europe.

Finland has an area of 144,249 sq. miles, of which one-sixth is water.

#### LITTLETON

News Items. Mrs. J. H. D. Whitcemb has been visiting her son Herbert, who was sick with the grippe at his home in Waterbury, Conn., and while there contracted the same disease.

Wednesday, Pebruary 7, the d Workers will accept the hos-ty of Mrs. Elmer W. Fletcher. ar, Mrs. George H. Kimball. ct. "Cuba para Christo."

Miss Belle Sawyer has gone to Pin-sreyville to make her home for the present with Misses Ella and Eliza-beth Peabody. Miss Mary Hager, who has been staying at Miss Sawyer's, is visiting Miss Wilcox.

Unintentionally, the name of Mrs. Coster Dole was omitted from the lyceum program in last week's column.—Mrs. Dole, our popular-reader, gave one of her excellent selections, which was received with enthusiasm.

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creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of NOAH WALLACE late of Townsend in said County, deceased, intestate.
Whereas a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CARRIE F. WILDER of Fitchburg, in the County of Worcester, or to some other suitable person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said Gount to be held at Cambridge in said Gount to fitshbury of Middlesex, on the twenty-first 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 granted:
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 Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the mast publication to be one may at least before said, Court, and by mailing postpaid a copy of said citation to the widow of said deceased seven days at least before said Court.
Witness Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirty-first day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

3122 F. M. ESTY. Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the helrs-at-law and all other persons-interested in the estate of MARY
M. NICKLESS late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Whereas THOMAS L. HAZEN adfinistrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for livense to seil at private saie, in accordance with the offer named in said petition, or upon such terms as may be adjudged best, the real estate of said deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

adjuaged best, the real estate of sand deceased, for the purpose of distribution.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the nineteenth day of February A. D. 1947; at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of January in the year one thousand nine lundred and seventeen.

3122 F. M. ESTY, Register.

of Brookneid in the County of Worcester without giving a surety on his bond.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the thirteenth day of February A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forencon, to show cause if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this cliation once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Tubile Spirit, a newspawer 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 in the year one thousand—nine hundred—and seventeen.

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## The Heroine Of My Story

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

Sitting at my desk one balmy spring morning, rather than work I looked out through the open window

At a window opposite a woman per haps midway between twenty-five and thirty sat at a typewriter writing let ters from stenographic notes. She was dressed in mourning.

A-sign of widowhood furnished food for a story that I was weaving, with her for the heroine. She was refined LINGERING COUGHS are DANGEROUS looking and comely, Quite likely her Get rid of that tickling cough that keeps you awake at night and drains your vitality and energy. Dr. King's New Discovery is a pleasant balsam remedy, antisoptic, laxative and promptly effective. It soothes the irritated membrane and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery and kills the cold germs; your cough is soon relieved. Delay is dangerous—get Dr. King's New Discovery at once. For nearly fifty years it has been the favorite remedy for grippe, coughs and colds. Get a bottle make her comfortable. But when here make her comfortable. But when be arose from his desk and stood with his hands in his pockets looking out through the window I changed the direction of my romance and hoped if he did fall in love with the widow would refuse him, because I did not like the expression on his face There was something malignant in it. أأخمت سافري بالمراسجة

My story seems to be coming out as first planned it. While I was dream ing this afternoon, instead of attending to business, as I should have done, the man in the next room to the widow tapped a bell. The young widow arose and, taking up her stenographic implements, disappeared to reappear in his room. Taking a seat beside him, she took down several different dicta-Then leave he said something to her that caused her to resume her seat.

From his averted gaze and the expression on the man's face I knew that he was making love to her. And I also knew from something, I knew no what-but any woman stand what I mean-that there was no response to what he was saying. When he ceased to speak she arose and he took her hand, but she gently drew it away and, without a word, left the room. At her own window she faced me just long enough for me to see that she was not pleased.

thave now been watching the widow for a week, and it is evident that she can marry any of the men connected with the office she chooses, for they all seem to be in love with her. I don't blame them, for if I were a man, and not miserably poor, as I am, I would march straight over to the office where she works and propose to her myself.

What troubles me is that she won't do what I want her to do. I have heard from authors that their charac ters are at times very obstinate, and now I find a case in point. There is a man who I think would make her a good husband. He comes in to the office evidently on business and never fails to get a few words with her. She reats him with great consideration but I can see from the expression of his face-he always faces the window when he talks to her-that her replies to what he says are disappointing.

This morning there was a scene be tween the manager and the widow. He said something to her that sent her out of his room. He followed her to her desk, where she was putting on he wraps, and he doubtless apologized, for she took off her hat, which she had put on, and was evidently pacified.

It is my opinion that the reason the widow won't marry any of her suitors is that her heart is buried in a grave. I wish she would marry my favorite but she evidently gives him no en couragement. He stood in one of the windows facing me this-morning, and I so longed to give him encouragement to persevere that I looked it, and I'm afraid I smiled.

I am very much displeased with my self. The widow's suitor at whom I smiled encouragement came into the office this morning, and I'm sure he made a pretense of business in order to see me. The manager brought him up to-me and-introduced him, saying to me that he had recommended me to the man as one who would do some work for him. The stranger-was very polite and has a winning way.

I shall never make a novelist, that's certain. My story of the widow turned out entirely different from what I intended. It was all her fault. The man I wanted her to marry she would not have, and what do you think? had to console him by marrying him myself. It seems that I was entirely mistaken in my assumptions with regard to him. He was a cousin of hers. though more like a brother. He says that he one day caught sight of me at my window and after that used to come to see his cousin in order to see me. I tell him I can't swallow that,

But the widow. Fate was doing things without my knowledge. morning a man in the uniform of an officer of merchant marine burst into her room and caught her in his arms She seemed to be in a swoon for a time; then she cried over him and ed to have intending purcaressed him, and I was sure he was her husband come to life.

And so he was. His vessel had been wrecked somewhere on the African coast, and all on board had been either lost or made slaves. It was a long while before he attained his liberty, to learn that he had been reported dead That was the last I saw of his wife as a typewriter, though now we are

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(Eleventh Article)

PENALTIES.

Any or all of the following penal-ties may be imposed for omitted or fraudulent returns:

Five Dollars (\$5.00) a day for each day of delinquency; Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000) fine.

Imprisonment for One (1) year. Forfeiture of right to hold public office for Five (5) years.

These penalties also apply to members or officers of partnerships, as-sociations, trusts or corporations.

WHO NEED NOT MAKE RETURNS.
The following need not file a re-

I Persons who are not inhabitants of Massachusetts during the first six months of the year, without regard to the kind or amount of income received but this does not relieve non-resident owners of real estate and tangible property in Mass-achusetts from making returns as at present to the Assessors of the city or town where such property is located—nor does this relieve such a person from making a return as to any employees residing in Massachu-

any employees residing in Massachu-setts to whom he has paid wages or salary in excess of \$1800 in 1916. Even inhabitants of Massachusetts during the first six months of the year need file no return under this law-if in 1916 they received—

2. No annuity.

3. No interest or dividends from corporations organized outside Massachusetts. No interest on debts or other

money at interest. of trust companies;
No dividends on transferable

shares of partnerships, associations or trusts;
7.—No profits in 1916 from the

purchase or sale of securities or other intangible property; and 8. Those persons who have received none of the foregoing classes of income and whose total income-from all sources was under \$2000, for the entire calendar year 1916.

It should be noted that while there is no tax on interest or dividends from corporations organized under

from corporations organized under Massachusetts laws, nor from the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, the New England Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company, not from deposits in Massachusetts savings banks, nor from mortgages of real estate in Massachusetts, and while a person need not even include such income on his tax return, nevertheless, if his total income from these and all other sources exceeds \$2000, he must make a return.

ADMINISTRATION. The state is divided into eight tax districts following county lines, as

Essex.

Middlesex. Suffolk,

Norfolk and Plymouth. Bristol, Barnstable, Dukes and

6. Worcester. 7. Franklin

8. Berkshire and Hampele.
In charge of each district will be an Income Tax Assessor with two or more Deputies. One or more officers will be established in each district at places most accessible to the peo-

at places most accessible to the peo-ple of the district.

The tax will be assessed on the basis of the returns as filed or a per-son's taxable income may be deter-mined in any other manner, but no tax can be imposed in excess of the amount shown on the return without

hearing.
While the new law is not retroactive as to tax evasion prior to January 1, 1917, yet after that time if a return under the new law is believed to be incorrect or fraudulent. lieved to be incorrect or fraudulent, the Tax Commissioner at any time within two years after the return was due, may require the taxpayer to bring in his books and be examined under oath, and may assess omitted taxes. If no return, or a fraudulent, incorrect or insufficient

or before September 1, but failure to receive the notice will not invalidate

WHEN AND WHERE TAX MUST

BE PAID.

Taxes assessed under this act will be payable Oct. 15th at the office of the Tax Commissioner or of the Income Tax Assessor for the district in which the taxpayer lives.

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which the taxpayer lives.

Interest at six-per cent. (6%) per annum accrues if the tax is not paid at maturity, and ample power is given for the collection of the tax by suit or otherwise at the expense of the delinquent taxpayer.

#### HARVARD

Mrs. Jones' dancing class will hold a party in the town hall on Friday evening, February 9. Music by Prezoa colored orchestra of Boston. This orchestra plays at the Copley-Plaza and Colonial; is the one at Mrs. Jones' last party in Cilinon. Dancing from eight is twelve.

chestra plays at the Copicy-Plaza and Colonial; is the one at Mr. Jones last portaine of parks, playgrounds and to twelve.

In this column there will appear each week an acticle explaining the thing you should know about it. These articles are written under the direction of the Tax Commissioner. Questions will be gladly answered by mail or in this column if addressed to the State income Tax Attorner, State House, Boston. If reply by mail is desired enclose postage.

On any other subject. Mention newspaper in which you read this. So far as postello. the state will furnish speakers to explain this law to any organization on request. Save these articles for future reference.

BITTER-SWEET

chestra plays at the Copicy-Plaza and Colonial; is the one at Mr. Jones last be one of parks, playgrounds and recreation centers, also a town band with its accompanying bandstand. Perhaps the thing he urged most the twelve.

Mf. Smith strongly and content, all the recreation centers, also a town band with its accompanying bandstand. Perhaps the thing he urged most the strongly on Harvard was the procuring of a strip of land on the shere of Bare of Tax Attorney. State House, Boston. If the strongly on Harvard was the procuring of a strip of land on the shere of Bare of Tax Attorney. Hill pond to be used as a public park of the strongly on Harvard was the procuring of a strip of land on the shere of Bare of Tax Attorney. Hill pond to be used as a public park of the strongly on Harvard was the procuring of a strip of land on the shere of Bare of Tax Attorney. Hill pond to be used as a public park of the strongly on Harvard was the procuring of a strip of land on the shere of Bare of Tax Attorney. The sale of the strongly of the one large of the strongly of a strip of land on the shere of Bare of Tax Attorney. T

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At the Memorial rooms Monday evening there was a meeting of the Boy Scouts with H. C. Merrili, scoutmaster, in charge. A. H. Bigelow, W. J. Kerley and Arthur T. West members of the local council were present to inspect the work of the boys. The following boys were advanced to the rank of second-class scouts: Alexander and Jethrow Watson, Stanley Turner, Alwood Dickson, Edgar Cobb, Leon Hazard, Henry Mason, Herbert Morse, Arthur Bigelow, Robert Fuller. Leon Hall was given the rank of tenderfoot scouts. The troop—were put—through an examination for their proficiency and showed by their work the result of careful and thorough preparation.

H. D. Bigelow is assistant scoutmaster, he boys now want and need a good

he boys now want and need a good American flag of cotton bunting and they certainly deserve one. Will some public-spirited citizen interested in this movement donate one to the

Friends of Mrs. N. A. Dill and of Mrs. Leon Dadmun, both now recovering from operations in the hospital, will be pleased to know that both are getting along very comfortably, with-every day an improvement.

Town meeting dinner will be served as usual in the lower town hall on Monday. The meeting of the town will be held in the upper hall. Tweny-two articles are posted to be acted inon at this meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Grange will be held on Tuesday evening, February 6. Mrs. Ladd, who was expected to be present, has been obliged to postpone her date here. F. P. Abbott has, however, arranged a

The last meeting of the music study class was held at the home of Mrs. H. B. Royal. Mozart was considered, under the leadership of Miss Anna Scorgie, who gave an interesting account of this composer, and description of his music, illustrated by some of his relections. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Elsie Hubahck on Wednesday afternoon, February 21, at 2.30, when Beethoven will be the subject for the afternoon. cuary 21, at 2.30, when Beethoven will be the subject for the afternoon. All club members who are interested are nvited.

club, Sunday evening, February 4, in-the town hall, a talk on "Civic fore-sight" will be given by William-Roger-Greeley, a well-known Boston archi-test, who has made a special study of mprovement problems in city and

Roy Keizer of Berlin is attending Roy Kelzer of Berlin is attending the trade school in Worcester. Last fall at the beginning of the term he was asked by one of the masters what his name was. He said Roy L., but was understood to say Royal. When the master found his last name was Keizer he was amused, but it capped the climax when he discovered that his pupil was the Royal Keizer of Berlin, (Mass.).

This week's motion picture show will consist of a Sidney Drew drama, a Travelogue and a comedy.

H. W. C.

The meeting of the Harvard Woman's club held Monday evening, January 29, was in charge of the Civics committee and open to the public. Mrs. J. Frank Sprague, chairman of the committee, introduced the speaker. F. A. Cushing Smith of the Massachusetts Agricultural college, who gave an illustrated lecture on "How to make and keep our town more beautiful." Through the efforts and courtesy of the committee Mr. Smith visited Harvard the past summer and took photographs which were to have formed the basis of some of his illustritons, but unfortunately these did not develop well and could not be used. In consequence of this, all the views that had been done in other towns to make them more beautiful with occasional examples of what not to do.

Mr. Smith said that the subject of town improvement had recently been of much interect both here and abroad. It is a cooperative measure, one in which every one has a share and every H. W. C.

within two years after the return of much interest both here and abroad to bring in his books and be examined under oath, and may assess omitted taxes. If no return, or a fraudulent, incorrect or insufficient return is filed and after notice; a proper return is not filed, the Tax Commissioner shall assess the tax at double the amount he believes to be correct, but in case of sickness, absence br other disability of the tax payer, the time for filing the return may be extended.

The Tax Commissioner is empowered to make rullings and regulations for carrying out the law and these may be obtained by sending return postage with your enquiry.

Notices of the amount of tax payable will be sent to each taxpayer on or before September 1, but failure to school grounds. The common, he improvement had recently been of much interest both here and abroad it is a cooperative measure, one in which every one has a share and every resident should do lin his power to the trestident should he very one has a share and every resident should he value in the salue is accoperative measure, one in which every one has a share and every resident should be nown. The natural beauties of the variety of his common to he in the very one has a share and every resident should for return or number to it is a cooperative measure, one in which every one has a share and every resident should be comparative measure, one in which every one has a share and every resident should he very one has a share and every resident should be comparative measure, one in which every one has a share and every resident should be comparative measure, one in which every one has a share and every resident should be comparative measure, one in which every one has a share and every resident should be comparative in the state. It is nould be comparatively easy to make it one of the first one of the stare the state of the stare the stare that the stare the stare that the sould he adouted and even greater care in adding to the most attractive as possible. One of the first th

in both the Bromilett and grammar school grounds. The common, he thought, might be improved by the trimming and thinning out of the trees. In laying out new streets care should be taken to adapt them to the contour of the land; roads should be planned and built with a regard to the kind are amount of traffic they will be likely to have.

ird amount of traffic they will be likely to have.

In these, as well as in other maters, it is well to obtain expert, advice before acting. In building new houses apoke of the importance of tasteful adappropriate designs. He urged the rotection and conservation of our ative shrubs and plants, and deplored we cutting and clearing away of thrubs and bushes along the borders our roads, but realized that much of

latter, of course, rest with the individation by Mr. Wintcome & cual owners who can at least, see that Whitcomb, of that town.

they are clean and not repositories for rubbish and form machinery. Mr. Smith strongly urged the im-

active and as interested in the affairs of the day as ever. Services were at the Mt. Auburn cemetery on Friday slon at 2.30. Mrs. Florence Kelley will afternoon at two o'clock.

The Unitarian supper and social originally planned for February 9, is to be held on Thursday evening, February 16, an all-day garden concerned by the conservation department of the Massachusetts ruary 8, at the usual time. The entertainment is in charge of Mrs. J. E. Maynard.

At the Memorial rooms Monday the lowering of the line was a meeting of the line were garden; succession the home vegetable garden; succession of blooms in the flower garden; planning the home garden; children's gardens, and vacant lot gardens.

The members of the club are urged

After two years of a very successful axposition the time had to come for the closing, but the grounds will be kept up and many of the buildings used for other purposes. Open-air concerts are given daily at the organ and many events of interest are planical to be held there during the coming year.

We are not having the cold weather you are having in the east, but it does not take us long to find the snow if we desire. Two weeks ago we started one morning in the auto, leaving the howers all in bloom in our yard, passed After two years of a very successful

lowers all in bloom in our vard, passed hrough orange groves laden with or-inges and still in bloom, grape fruit, anges and still in bloom, grape fruit, lemons and olives all ready to pick and in two hours time we were up in the snow. Real snow as some of the party said, and then we saw snowmen, snow balls and people eating snow for the first time for strenge of the council to first time, for strange as it seemed to eastern home, many here have neve we built up a comp-fire in a sheltered spot, where there was no snow

tered spot, where there was no snow and after cooking a good hot dinner as campers in California know how to do) we ate our lunch and then started for San Diego rejoicing that we could see the snow, feel the cold, brisk air and yet in such a short time to back among the flowers and fruits. We wish all of our friends from the very interesting program for this meeting. All names for the spring cast might have a chance to enjoy class to join must be handed in to some time-some of the beauties of California as it is so different from the

some time some of the beauties of California as it is so different from the east and our auto roads up into the mountains are for a long distance paved roads, so that the grades can be made with ease, and the air is so dry and light that one can see for over 140 miles in some places and without the aid of a glass discern various objects. Not any one place has all the road-things, but we feel California has its share.

ts share.

Best of wishes for new year.

Mrs. George Houghton.

San Diego, Cai., January 18, 1917. BROOKLINE, N. H.

News Items.

Much sympathy is expressed by their friends for Mr. and Mrs. Clar-once Russell in the sudden passing away of Mr. Russell's sister, Mrs. An-son Rideout at her home in Wilton away or air. Russell's sister, Mrs. Anson Rideout at her home in Wilton. N. H. Mrs. Rideout was stricken with pneumonia about a week before her leath and was apparently recovering nicely when taken with a shock on last week Friday, passing away soon afterward. She was the aldest of the ifterward. She was the eldest of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Rufu Granville Russell and the first to die leaving six brothers and sisters as follows: Clarence R. Russell, William A Russell, Alfred C. Russell, Mrs. William A Russell, Alfred C. Russell and Walter A. Russell. She also left to mourn her loss her husband. Anson Rideout and a son, Eugene Anson Rideout. She was a prominent member of the Grange and other orders, being pas master of Advance Grange of Wilton Franville Russell and the first to di naster of Advance Grange of Wilton Her funeral was held on Monday at her late home.

her late home.

The Lādies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Albert Peirce last week Tuesday, where much work was accomplished. The officers for this year have been elected as follows. Mrs. William Hall, pres.; Mrs. Albert Peirce, vice pres.; Mrs. William Brown, treas.; Mrs. William Brown, treas.; Mrs. William Hall, sub. sec. Mrs. Mary Gerrish, Mrs. Harry Marshall, Mrs. Minnie Grove. Mrs. Albert Peirce, dir. Light refreshments were served by the hostess and Mrs. Grove entertained with relections on the piano.

The Loval Workers met with Mrs.

The Loyal Workers met with Mrs. George Cady last week Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in sewing and several new names were enrolled in the membership and much business was disposed of. Light refreshments were served.

vere served. Mr. and Mrs. Per'ey Ray motored from their home in Dorchester, Mass., and spent the last week-end at their summer home here

Mr. Gilmore of West Newton is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Fessenden.

Mrs. Walter Corov, Miss Jessie Cor-ey and Mrs. George Cady wert to Nashua last week Tuesday and visited Mrs. Mary Cox and Mrs. William Hughes at the St. Joseph hospital Mr. and Mrs. George Nye are en-ertaining their daughter, Mrs. Ernest tye, of Sandown.

Harry Marshall was a Boston visitor ast week Tuesday.

Many visitors journey to the pond every day to see the process of the cutting and storing. The new ice saws which are run by electric power are a new feature this winter, which is very interesting to the visitors. A bit of hard luck was experienced, however, one day, recently when the mathinery slipped into the water and was restored again only after much difficulty and shortly afterward one of the men slipped and took a plunge into the ley water.

Patrick Regan, ir. was confined to his home by illness last week, but turn of his doings herein, to said Comresumed his studies at the Pepperell missioners, at the time and place fixed igh school on Monday.

Henry Babb was a Boston visitor ast week Wednesday.

nto the ley water.

Mr. and Mrs. Raiph Perkins enter-ained Mr. Perkins' mother, Mrs. Fred Perkins, of Milford last week Thurs-lay and Friday. Herbert Corey went to Nashua last week Tuesday, where he had a few ounds with the dentist.

this was necessary because of the rav-ages of the tree moths. The borders of the streets should also be made at-tractive as well as the home yards, the latter, of course, rest with the individ-

L. E. Stanley of South Brookline and Charles Howard of North Brookline have sold their places to out of town parties.

Brookline Grange held a very in-teresting meeting January 24. The questions of a district superintendent of schools and woman suffrage were discussed, the latter with much zest and difference of opinions, causing much merriment. The rest of the program consisted of the following: Plane solo Grace Whitcomb: reading, Plano solo, Grace Whitcomb: reading Katherine Cady; cornet solo, Harlar Whitcomb; reading, Hattie Peirce, Ar ter the meeting there was a dicker party in which all present joined.

the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cady for a few days last week. During the months of February and March the services are to be held at the Methodist church. Mr. Dock-rill next Sunday will preach on "The white stone engraved with a new parks".

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2.30 o'clock P. M. JOHN E. MAYNARD. CHARLES H. HASKELL.

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Whereas, ALVAH M. LEVY trustee under sald will has presented to said Court, his petition praying that he may be authorized to sell, either at public or private sale, certain real estate held by him as such trustee situated in Townsend in the County of Middlesex, and particularly described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth. You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, on the twenty-first day of February A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why line same should not be granted.
And said petitioner 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.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Gourt this thirty-first day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

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GEORGE A. COOK and 17 others.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss.

At a meeting of the County missioners for the County of Middle sex, at Cambridge, in said County, or the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, to wit, by adjournment at Cambridge on the eightenth day of January A. D. 1917.
On the foregoing petition, Ordered

that the Sheriff of said County, or he Deputy give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties at the Littletor Town Hall, in Littleton, in said County, on Monday, February 26, 1917, at 10:15 o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the Town of Littleton with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in Turner's Public Spirit weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least be-fore said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Littleton fourteen days be

for said view and hearing, WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. Copy of petition and order thereon Attest.

WM C DILLINGHAM, Clerk. A true copy. Attest. ALBERT A FILLEBROWN.

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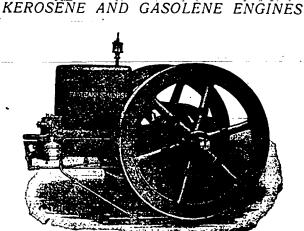
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#### PEPPERELL

News Items. Edgar Blake was in Worcester business last week and a part of the present week.

Rev. D. R. Child went to Canaan.
N. H., to join a party of his associates
in the Unitarian association, who are
to meet there for mid-winter sports,
snowshoeing and skiling.

Miss Doris Hartwell of Bridgewater spent the week-end and Sunday at her home in town.

Harry Jewett of the M. I. T., Boston, was the guest of his relatives in town over the week-end, attending the concert and ball of the fire department with Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Purker on Friday ovening.

Station Agent Harris entertained his Charles, Harris, from Lowell. Sunday.

The East Village Social club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Cora Nutting, Townsend street, on Wednes-day afternoon, February 7.

J. Darling, master mechanic at the Nashua River paper mills, was confined to his home on Foster street last week by the epidemic grippe cold. Miss Margaret Anderson was at the

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustin Anderson, over the week-end, coming from her duties at the North-boro schools on Thursday to attend the annual church supper and roll call at the Congregational church that even-

Mrs. Brewer, from Milford, N. H. is acting as housekeeper for N. S. Shat-tuck, Park street. Her little daughter, about ten years old, accompanie

Frederlo Wilson returned to his school teaching in Torrington, Conn. on Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Gerry, from Gardner, was the guest of Mrs. S. W. Dort on Kriday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Sawyer, from New York, arrived here last Satur-lay for a short stay at the home of Mr. Sawyer's sister, Mrs. H. S. Wilson,

Mrs. Raymond Tucker has been guite ill the past week with the grippe and laryngitis.

Mrs. George G. Willett and Mrs.

Mrs. George G. Willett and Mrs. Edward Ham, from Lynn, came on Thursday of last week to see their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Deware, who had recently been in rather poor health at her home with her son, Rainsford Deware. Mrs. Willett returned home on Saturday. Mrs. Ham was joined by her husband on Saturday evening and they remained over Sunday. Sunday.

Mrs. George Tucker, of Nashua street, is convalescent from an attack of the epidemic cold and bronchitts, Mrs. Francis Lawrence went to Bridgeport, Comn., on Thursday of last week, visiting there with her husband, who is employed in the munition facwho is employed in t tory, until Saturday

MIS A N Prescell way taken with the epidemic grippe cold the last of last week and has been under the doctor's care.

Mrs. John S. Marshall, the nurse was called to Ayer to take a case has

Mrs. Sarah Patch, who has been an Mrs. Sarah Patch, who has been an invalid from stomach and heart trouble for some months past, had an ill turn on Friday forenoon of last week and fell at her home on Nashua street, fracturing the small bone in her right hip. At her advanced age, seventy-six years, her condition is so critical as to prove alarming to her relatives and friends. Her daughter, Miss Vida, is assisted in the care of her by Miss Hamilton, the district nurse, and Mrs. John Wright was obtained Monday, coming from Brooktained Monday, coming from Brook line, N. H., where she had been car

Messrs. Kemp and Bennett, Shat-tuck and Gilson were interested visi-tors at the auto show in Lowell last

Mrs. Dora Bancroft, of Winthrop came last week to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Williams, North Pepperell. She was taken ill with the grippe cold, and remained to be cared for by her sister. Mrs. Lucy Perry.

Mrs. Charles Card, who is just recovering from illness, was obliged to assume the care of her two sons. Chester and Roy, the first of the week. Ill with the grippe.

John Phinney, who has a position with a munition factory in Lowell, was a recent visitor with relatives in town At a recent meeting of the Sunday school of the Unitarian society the following officers were elected for the ensuing anticers were elected for the ensuing year: Frank Wright, supt.; Mrs. Addison Woodward, asst. supt.; Clifford Bailey, treas.; Miss Katherine Hobart, sec.; Mrs. E. fl. Heald librarian; Mrs. J. O. Bennett, chorister.

There was genuine grief in the household of A. A. Shattuck on Thursday of last week, when the faithful old family horse dropped dead after only a few hours' illness. The cause was probably old age as the animal will be remembered by many housewives about town when Mr. Shattuck conducted his meat route as "Milconducted his meat route, as "Mildred" was a faithful partner for thir

teen years on his cart.

Mrs. E. S. Grenache and little Miss Eleanor returned from a visit with Mrs. Maurice Gilchrist, Winchendon, On last Saturday evening Mr. an

Mrs. Frank Konnedy gave a whist party of three tables at "Pinehurst" in honor of their young guests, Miss Violet McKenzie, of Townsend, and Orrin Savage, of Brighton. Other guests were Charles Spaulding of Holparty of three tables at "Pinehurst" in honor of their young guests, Miss Violet McKenzie, of Townsend, and Orrin Savage, of Brighton. Other guests were Charles Spaulding of Hollis, and of this town the Misses Lydia Waite and Doris Durant. Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge, Russell Wright, Haroid Hayes, Lloyd Bancroft and Fred Bonnett. The first prize for ladies was won by Miss Violet McKenzie, and that for gentlemen to Russell Wright. The consolation prizes were given to Miss Doris Durant and Fred Bennett. There was music during the evening and a general good time with dancing, finishing up with the usual-fine supper served by the hostess, which closed the festivities just before miduight.

George W. Maynard has been suffering from an attack of his old enemy, asthma, this week. He worked to finish storing his ice last week until the asthma nearly made a finish of him.

The family of J. H. Hoit, including his daughter and son-in-law, Arthur Bannon, have all been ill with the prevailing grippe colds. Mr. Bannon also had a slight surgical operation for a chronic trouble.

Mrs. Willow Celtwald.

chronic trouble

Mr. and Mrs. William Geltweldt from Roxbury, and Miss Edith Hatherly, from Newton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Withrow, Park

An auto party of relatives from All ston came to see H. S. Wilson for of the visiting lodges, also by George a few hours on Sunday, and Mrs. F. Buxtoh, district deputy grand mas-

club is to be held at the high school building this week Friday evening at eight o'clock. Rufus W. Stimson, agent of the State Board of Education, will speak on the possibilities of the agricultural department in the public high school. His address will he illustrated by sildes made from photographs of actual work which thoughts of commencing the series of the high schools throughout the state

Mrs. Julia Lawrence returned home from her visit of some weeks with he sister in Winchester, N. H., last Sun day, and on Tuesday she was called to care for her daughter-in-law. Mrs George Lawrence, of Groton, who was ill with tonsilitis.

Mrs. M. E. Swascy went to Win-chendon on Wednesday to see Mrs. M. R. Glichrist and her little great-grandson, Robert Glichrist, who re-cently passed his eighth birthday. Miss Bessle Farley entertained her friend, Miss Mary Oxiner, from Low-ell, over the week-end.

Mrs. Martha Spaulding is not gain-ing strength after her recent attack of pneumonia as much as might be hop-ed, and continues quite ill at her home on Mt. Lebanon street, where she and her son, Charles F. Spaulding, reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parker, that have left Deland, Fla., on account hey have left Deland, Fla., on account of dampness, and are now at Orlando, Fla., where they were last winter,

John Hannigan of New York, was n town the first of the week to meet he adjusters of the insurance com-

A communication received from Mrs. Abbie Shattuck, who went to Green Cove Springs, Fla. with Mr. and Mrs. James Starr, states that Mr. Starr's improvement from the injuries of his recent auto accident, was vhat retarded by a heavy cold he ontracted.

Council a department of the County Farm Bureau, which was held at the home of the chairman of the council Mrs. James J. Storrow, of Boston, a good degree of onthusiasm is reported by the loot! member attending from this town. A domestic science agent

was chosen, as recommended by Miss Laura Comstock, in charge of this department. The membership fees of all the ladies joining here will go into this domestic science department. Anther meeting of the council is to be eld on Thursday, February 8, at Mrs. storrow's, Boston.

Arnold Cordeau and family moved into the John Rowe house on the Gro-ton road last week. The family mov-ed from Pepperell to Townsend some time ago, going from there to West Groton, and then returning here. Mrs. John Boynton has been absen

from her duties as cashier at E. E. Farbell's for some days, being ill at her home in Groton with throat trouble.

road for a short time, travelling for a shoe and rubber firm, this being his ine before he became one of the firm of Tower & Cook of this place. Miss Stroples, who has been living with her brother, Howard Stroples, Main street, recently went to Manchester, N. H., where she has employment in a store.

Mrs. W. W. Gillespie, who is in poor health, has been prostrated by an at tack of the grippe cold now prevail-ing, and confined to her bed. Her sis-

ter, Miss Miller, and both little chil dren have also been ill with it.

Mrs. E. S. Grenache is confined to er home with an attack of bronchitis.

Latest reports of the condition of Mrs. M. E. Letender are more encourgaing, as she is able to sit up awhile each day. If there is no recurrence of the disease, gall stones, she will soon be in her usual health, no doubt. Services last Sunday at the South street schoolhouse were conducted by Mr. Valmer of the Groton School. There will be a service at the same hour on Sunday, followed by Sunday school. It is also proposed to have a meeting for the ladies on Tuesday to organize a Guild. Services last Sunday at the South

Fourth and Last L O, O. F. Meeting.

the members of the circle were Louis Shattuck, Russell Wright, Harris

bell, Spurgeon Cuthbertson, Raiph Buck and W. H. Drury. There were many special local hits, and good jokes, and Messrs, Shattuck and Drury rendered solos. Brief speeches followed by several members

Hamiltoh, the niece, who visited here last week, returned home with them.

Mrs. Florence Willoughby has been acting as housekeeper for B. A. Keith the past week, and intends closing her house and remaining for the rest of the winter.

A meeting of the Pepperell Men's club is to be held at the high school. The evening was pleasantly informal several enjoying a social game of

EUCCOSE Of these district meetings and thoughts of commencing the series of meetings again, next fall,

Ladies' Federation Meeting. The Federation meeting of the three ladies' societies was held at the Methodist vestry on Wednesday afternoon, the members of the Ladies' Aid society the members of the Ladies' Aid society acting hostesses. It was one of the pleasantest of gatherings and being the first social meeting of this nature for the year, might be regarded as an auspicious commencement of their work together for the new year. Mrs. Idella Annis, president of the Ladies' Aid society, presided, giving a brief address of welcome to the assembled guests, about 65 being present. In response to her invitation several ladies present also made short addresses among them the presidents and pas presidents of the three societies.

The speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Georgia Stickney of Milford, N. H., was her son, Charles F. Spaulding, reside.
Mrs. Bancroft has been with her nights recently.

Miss Ada Whitney returned from Concord on Saturday of last week, where she spent a few days.

Mrs. Ernest Hartwell and little daughter, from West Groton, were visitors at her-old home in town-onsulated to the rensulated to the results of the resul

to George Washington us. "turn-conditions which made these "turn-pikes." connecting links from tavern the picturesque curves, so as to afford safety, in meeting and straightening out the picturesque curves, so as to afford safety, in meeting a 50-mile an hour vehicle of gasolene odor, was not then apparent and travel was a charmingly oulet recreation.

of the property.

Ray Willoughby, of Boston, was in town over Sunday. As administrator of his father's estate, he proposes to rent the home place on Tucker avenue instead of having it closed.

A committee of the five character work of th

From four o'clock to five, the time was occupied in a social manner and serving refreshments by the committee

The Pennemaguan Camp-fire circle The Pennemaduan Camp-fire circle gave a gold and white luncheon at the home of their guardian, Mrs. Beers, on Saturday evening last to the member of the circle, Miss Bessie Farley, who is so soon to leave them. The decorations were more elaborate than usual, the color scheme of white and gold heing carried out extensively. old being carried out extensively.

most artistic centerplece for the

The decorations of white and gold The decorations of white and gold were carried out in the table napery and china, and in the special chair, designed for their guest of honor, the bride-to-be, which was draped with white, with golden Jonquil trimmings. The menu prepared by the three hostesses, the Misses Carrie Sylvester, Ruth Wilson and Helen Marshall also carried out the white and gold effect. carried out the white and gold effect. It consisted of chicken pates, mashed It consisted of chicken pates, mashed potato, sandwiches, tapioca pudding with whipped cream, and orange cake. The evening was passed socially with music and games, and "magic music" was proposed, Miss Farley being one of those chosen to be guided by it, in a search for hidden articles. As the game proceeded she was brought to the various places in the rooms where a half dozen butter

evening was devoted to the telling of a story suitable to the occasion, while "divinity fudge" was enjoyed.

The guest of the evening was Miss Mary Oxner, a friend of Miss Farley, who was visiting her. The party lingered over their final farewells and good wishes to their member until a late hour. late hour.

Sudden Death. indden Death.

Mrs. M. E. Scales, of Park street, ecceived the sad message of the sudlen death of her brother, Charles Warner, on Tuesday. His death is no loubt attributable to the fright, from the fire at Townsend Harbor, or to his naste in trying to reach it. His resistance was now and he had proceed. haste in trying to reach it. His residence was near, and he had proceeded but a few yards from the house when he fell and expired immediately. when he fell and expired immediately. He was in his seventy-seventh year and had not been in good health, having an arterial trouble. He was well-known in this town, as the son of Walter Warner, whose farm was divided by the town line between Townsend and Pepperell. He was educated in our public schools and the Pepperell geoderny and will be recalled by ell academy, and will be recalled by many of the old students of his day. many of the old students of his day. He is survived by a widow and his sister, above-mentioned, who is now the last of that family. His cousin, Roland H. Blood, was called from this town, as undertaker. Services were held at his late home on Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

Grange Notes.

The meeting of Prescott Grange on last week Friday evening had only a divided attention, resulting in a rather smaller attendance, as the firemen's ball was on the same date. Those who went found the subject, "Will the county farm bureau be of value to Pepperell farmers?" most interesting. An excellent paper was prepared on the subject by Edward H. Bilss, and George E. Shattuck also spoke on the the subject by Edward H. Bliss, and George E. Shattuck also spoke on the principal side of the question. Charles Spaulding was unable to take the part assigned him, being absent on account of illness. Other speakers were P. J. Kemp and E. M. Stewart, and general discussion followed. Some of those present argued the negative side of the question, evidently with the view of bringing out certain points, which was

accomplished. The talk was, on the whole, very instructive.

The second part of the evening's program was an old-fashioned spelling match. The two captains were matched the second part of the evening's program was an old-fashioned spelling match. The two captains were matched the second part of the evening's program was an old-fashioned spelling match. The two captains were matched to the story of the second part of the evening's program was an old-fashioned spelling match. The two captains were matched to the story of the second part of the second part of the second part of the second part of the evening's program was an old-fashioned spelling match. The two captains were should also been brought under his notice as overseer of the poor in his home city undertake a piece of engineering for two days to go to Bridgewater to another the story of the second part of the story of the story of the country.

Kemp's side winning the contest. In the final "spelling down," the ranks of the country.

At the close of his address a short the grippe cold and threatened with photographs, suptembring the grippe cold and threatened with gilts to the galleries social was held; and hot cocoa and until side of the story of the grippe cold and threatened with photographs, suptembring the first of the week.

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Much amusement was Church Notes.

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The speakers are to be P. J. Kemp, George H. Stewart The excellent menu consisted of cold and Frank Ryan, and discussion is in-wited. There will be a "Shaker march" rolls, coffee, ples and cakes.

1ed by the lecturer later in the evening. The Middlesex-Worcester Pomons

Grange meets in Lunenburg on Thursday, February 8. Concert and Ball.

The annual concert and ball of the Pepperell Fire Department held at Prescott hall on Friday evening of last week, was the usual largely at-tended affair. There was an unusualtended affair. There was an unusually brilliant scene presented to the onlookers in the balcony as the costumes of the ladies were never more
varied or gay Many of these, however,
who have been on-lookers in years
past recall the much more brilliant
scene presented, when the "fire laddies" were accustomed to don their
full-dress paraphernalla with "red
ahirt" and badges, which made the
special feature for their one social oc-

full dress paraphervalla with "red ahirt" and badges, which made the special feature for their one social occasion of the year. This custom has been abandoned for some years. There was a good and appreciative audience present at eight o'clock to enjoy the fine Concert 'program rendered by. Dyer's orchestra of Worcester. The floor director for the evening was Linville-Li. Shattuck, assistant, James Winch aids, Messra. Rouse, Tierney, Hackett, Sliney, F. Winch and Parker, At nine o'clock the grand march was formed, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Linville-Bhattuck, followed by the guests of the evening, the board of

of the hour's program was given to an outline of the Federation work of the ladies of the five churches in Milford, with which Mrs. Stickney was thoroughly familiar. The work has been carried on there very successfully for twelve years. The Federation has held several union fairs, Mrs. Stickney being chairman of arrangements at two of them. Thus she had gained a practical knowledge and was able to answer many questions at the close of her address.

From four o'clock to five, the time ladies, who have served the annual being in line and it is estimated about 150 suppers were served, the same committee of ladies, who have served the annual supper for several years past, had charge on this occasion and members of the department assisted as waiters. The contributions of food were so generously given that several baskets were distributed Saturday forenoon to also have and influences about town.

while the affair was not per rhaps the success financially as of former days, it was a very pleasant, well man-aged and orderly occasion. Free transportation was furnished from railroad square to the Center, Driver Lakin and his span of honest blacks making sev-eral trips.

A most artistic centerplece for the lunch table was a glowing mass of golden Jonquils with a shower effect of white ribbons from it, and a tiny kewpie at the end, of each ribbon.

The place cards, which were the work of Miss Doris Hartwell, were dainty hand-painted cards, each adorned with a kewpie and bearing the gamp-fire name of each one of the guests.

Town Affairs.

The board of registrars were in session at the town house on Monday evening, fanuary 29, for the purpose of the fegistering voters. On Monday evening, February 5, they will be in session for the same purpose at the Engine house and on Saturday, February 10 from twelve o'clock at noon until the guests. ten p. m., the final session of the board will be held in the registrars' room at

Emerson Cook to Miss Clara Ellis, of Melrose, which occurred in that city on January 13, have been received by relatives in town. Mr. Cook formed several acquaintances in town by his residence with his niece, Mrs. Lyman Robbins, during the Past Year. Mr. and Mrs. Cook went immediately to cook-hook from the days to come, as well as use in the days to come, as well as received.

Mrs. Georgia Stickney, of Milford. Nrs. Georgia Stickney, of Milford. Nrs. Georgia Stickney, of Milford. Nrs. George W. Plerce, Latest reports of the condition of Mrs. Fire parts of the cond week, most calls made in one day 15

greatest distance walked 8 miles.
In conclusion Miss Hamilton wished to acknowledge the many kindne to acknowledge the many kindnesses shown her the past, year. From the president of the association, from the ones with whom she had been brought into contact in her daily work, from those who had conveyed her to distant points, and special acknowledgement of the work of Village Ald society who had supplied articles of clothing and had supplied articles of clothing

necessities for the poor, and delicacies for the sick. It is an established and well recog-

It is an established and well recognized fact that the demand for the nurse has increased, and her work has been successful the past months.

The treasurer's report is as follows: From membership fees \$292, individual contributions \$302.21, collections by nurse, \$336.98, town appropriation \$200, Woman's club \$25, D. A. R. \$5, Community Service, club \$70, Nashua River Paper Company \$25, Penperell River Paper Company \$25, Pepperell River Paper Company \$25. Pepperell Card & Paper Company \$25. Cham-pion-International card shop \$25; La-dles' Benevolent society \$10; Ladles' Social circle \$5, young ladles' club. Jolly Eight \$4. Amounts paid out, nurse's salary \$840, supplies \$35.22; treasurer reported on hand \$255.97. The annual election of officers re-

test.

At the next meeting of the Grange, February 9, the topic fo the evening will be "Would the poultrymen of Pepperell be benefitted by a Coopera of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the wives of the church officers, under the direction of the congregational church support the direction of the congregation of the congregat der the direction of Mrs. H. N. Tower

rolls, coffee, ples and cakes.

After supper the moderator, Rev.
J. B. Lewis, called for reports from
the clerk, treasurer and trustees. The
financial report, similar to the one
given at the business meeting held recently, showed that the church had
received nearly \$2400 last year, gave
\$417 for missions and hencyclepres and had a balance of \$82 with al bills paid.

The Ladies' Benevolent society have The Ladies Benevolent society have had a prosperous year, and have voted \$500 into the church organ fund. The pastor reported 225 families in the parish. He has made 667 calle the past year, officiated at 16 funerals and 3 weddings. He appealed to the members for their continued co-operation and support.

and support.

A church historian was appointed in the person of Miss Mary L. P. Shattuck. Greetings of the church were sent to various members who are In the roll-call 164 responded, 87

in person and 77 by letter. The meeting closed with a verse of the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." On Friday evening of this week the Forward club hold their monthly so-

cial in the vestry.
On Thursday evening, February 8, at eight o'clock, at the Congregational vestry, the ladies will present two farces which bid fair to prove of unguests of the evening, the board of usual interest. "Packing the home ongineers and their partners, then the missionary barre!" will be given by the foreman, members of the fire depart-following cast of characters: Mrs. E. ment and others, about sixty couples H. Bliss, Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. P. J. missionary barrel" will be given by the following cast of characters: Mrs. E. H. Bliss, Mrs. H. N. Tower, Mrs. P. J. Hayes, Mrs. Frank A. Conant, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. M. C. Lane, Miss Mary Wood, Miss Clara M. Shattuck, Miss Lydia Waite and Miss. Elica Miller. The other farce, entitled "Settling the parsonage," will be presented by Mrs. Joseph, Attridge, Miss Ruth Tucker, Miss Dorothy Joslyn and E. H. Bliss and Leroy Nutting.

The paster will preach at 10.45 and revers release.

seven o'clock on Sunday. Sunday school at noon; junior meeting at 3.30.

At the Methodist church the pastor's to topic for the morning service be "Saint Paul's exchange." In the evening the subject will be "A gift from God." Sunday school meets at noon and the Junior service will be held at 6.45. Subject, "My attitude toward my social in-feriors." . Leader, Helen Marshall. There will be an Epworth league business meeting following the weekly prayer meeting at the Methodist vestry on Tuesday evening, February 6. The business is important and a good attendance is requested.

The pastor, Rev. W. H. Beers, was sufficiently recovered from his illness to occupy his pulpit last Sunday morning and evening. The music for the morning was especially good, the solo by Miss Helen Hartwell being well fitted for her voice, which is a very pleasing and promising contraitor.

ten p. m., the final session of the board will be held in the registrars' room at the town house for the final registration of voters for this year.

It is announced by the chairman of the board of sefectmen that all articles to be inserted in the town warrant for the annual meeting should be received by them not later than Monday, February 5.

Town caucus will be held at the town house on Monday evening, February 12. The annual town meeting for appropriations will, he held February 19, and the meeting for election of officers on February 26.

Annual Meeting D. N. A.

The annual meeting of the District Nursing association was held at Central hall on Monday evening. A good representative audience of these in this organization were present at eight ofcles. The rest.

The marriage of Miss Vivian Helen tavalley, daughter of Joseph Lavalley of this town, and Charles C. Keyser, of Nashua, N. H., took place on last Saturday in the latter city. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives at the Baptist parsonage, Locust street, by the pastor, Rev. J. Bruce Gilman. The bride was attended by a sister of the groom, Miss Ethel Royser, and Arthur Lavalley, a broth-Keyser, and Arthur Lavalley, a brother of the bride, of Pepperell was best

er of the bride, of Pepperell was best man.

'The couple left on the noon train for Boston, and on their return will make their home with Mr. Keyser's parents on Fulton street, Nashua.

Both parties are employed by a Nashua shoe company, the bride having gone there from this town last fall. The couple have many friends among their associates who gave them the heir associates who gave them the leparture for their wedding trip.

Verva Itema. Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy are at Hotel Van Cortland, New York, for a two-weeks' stay, going on Monday. Mrs. Elizabeth Attridge, their daughter, expects to join them, going on Saturday. Miss Dorothy Josiyn one of the teachers at the Main street building, returned from her home at Whreester on Tuesday evening. She went to her home as usual over Sunday and was taken ill with the grippe cold. Miss Rowe of Bolton, a normal school graduate, substituted in Her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck are at the home of Frank Kennedy during the absence of the latter in New York Miss Ruth Tucker, commercial teacher at the high school, spent Sunday at Lunenburg with Miss Ruth Harrington, a former teacher here.

Walter Reed, who left his position in the papermill after about two weeks, has accepted a position in the Boston and Maine freight department at Ayer.
Linwood Carr, son of John J. Carr.

Guests in town for the week;

Guests in town for the fireman's ball
on Friday evening of last week were
Miss Claire flickey, or Mudden a formor
leacher at the Groton street school,
who was entertained at Mrs. M. E.
Reed's where many of the teachers are
boarding this year. Guests at Pinehurst with Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Kennedy, were Miss. Violet McKenric of
Townsend, a Flitchburg Normal school
student, and Orrin Savage of Boston.

dance.

Alvin Dudley of Waltham was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Maynard, South street, on Tuesday.

The prolonged Mrs whistle on Tuesday afternoon for the fire in the store and postoffice at Townsond Harbor was heard so plainly in this town as to cause many to think the alarm a local one. It is reported here that the building was completely destroyed.

Gerry Nutting has been at home from Boston the past week on the sick list.

A letter was received has week from Bentrice Lapper, one of our high school graduates last June. She went to her home at Linekin, Me, during the summer to assist her mother who was not in good health. She now writes to a former schoolmate here of her mother's death, which leaves the small family of younger children, the youngest but two years old, to-her care. Her father is a lobster fisherman on the coast of Maine About Town.

Mrs. Thomas Parker, who has been the road from the Center to the Lacture wood, left last week for her home in Art. 30. calls for an amendment of

Miss Marion Ames of Brockton is with her mother, Mrs. F. Ames, for a vacation.

The Pepperell Woman's club will meet Tuesday afternoon February 8, at Saunders' banquet hall. Subject for the afternoon, "Tales of two cities," by Hugh J. Malloy. Board meeting at 2.15.

The Warren V. F. A. will hold a regular meeting Tuesday evening, Febru-ary 6. All requested to be present as there is important business to trans-

## LITTLETON

News Items.

J. H. Remick will wire John Allies new bungalow. Mr. Woods' bunga low, located near Mr. Allies, will also be wired for electricity soon. Arthur Drew has built another camp near Lake Warren, not far from Har-

wood avenue. Messrs, Ohlson and Pratt are among the voters newly registered.

The Neighborhood club, which is scheduled to meet with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McDonaid next Monday evening. will continue the discussion of subjects of special interest to each individual. Mrs. Nellie Leveronia of Somerville came to Littleton Sunday to see her mother, Mrs. Coughlan, who is very ill. Her brother John is still laid with sciatic rheumatism.

week, but for particulars we shall have to refer the readers of this column to eye witnesses.

Fred Reed has recovered from pneunonia and is running his automobile etween-station-and-comm Julian Lovejoy continues to improve. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rivets Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Peter DeSilvio welcomed another little one recently.

Moses Hunt is indisposed.

Mrs. H. F. Works has been housed with grippe. Mr. Carrigan's foot was jammed be-tween two cakes of ice while he was working this week at North Chelms-ford. He was taken home and the doctor found that three bones of the foot were broken.

Mrs. Lucy A. Pickard expects to ton, on The move to Ayer at this time and with her daughter will occupy the upstairs tonement in Dr. Priest's house.

The quartet will again sing selections from Gaul's "Holy city" at the morning service of the Congregational church next Sunday.

sity Extension, Philadelphia.

Next week Thursday afternoon the war relief association will meet at Mrs. William C. Brown's. This organization splendid results for student, and Orrin Savage of Beston
le was cut from the pondon land or Andrew Kemp last week, 18 inches thick. Several icehouses in that vicinity and at the Hayes farm and others of the chance to pake away their next summer's supply.

Mrs. Catherine Pierce was taken iil this week with the epidemic cold, which settled into an attack of bronchitis. Miss Margaret Blood's to take care of her.

Miss Ruth Ames is at Dr. Ayres hospital at Groton recovering from an opplical at Groton recovering from an opplication of the carbon and would included in the good cause and would in the good cause a wounded coldiers. Miss Ruth Ames is at Dr. Ayres hospital at Groton recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Her sister, Miss Marion Ames, teacher at Brockton, is recovering from a similar operation which was recently performed in the city hospital.

The freshman class of the Pepperell High school are to hold a prize speaking at Prescoft hall on Saturday evening, February 3, followed by a speak a heavy grippy cold.

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Town Meeting.

Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting to be held Monday. February, 5: promises to be only of ordinary interest. The polls will be opened at six o'clock a. m. and may be closed at 10.20 a. m. The warrant contains forty-four articles, of which the first twenty-seven are of the perennial class. Art. 28 reads, To see if the town will vote to extend the electric light line from the present line on the Acton road to the residence of Clarence B. Needham and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and authorize the town treasurer to borrow the whole or any part of the sum appropriated to construct a permanent road, with the aid of the county, from Littleton Center to Littleton Common provided the state highway common provided the state highway common, provided the state highway com-

visiting her sister. Mrs. Robert Sherwood, left last week for her home in
the west.

Miss Marion E. Clapp, who is spending the winter with her mother, left
last week to be present at the SanbornTallaway wedding at Newton.

Mrs. Moorhouse and youngest
daughter of Everett came Friday to
spend the day with her daughter. Mrs.
Walter Sherwood.

Miss Ruth Ames was operated on
last week for annual town meeting to the
second Monday in Eebruary

Art. 30, calls for an amendment of
the by-laws providing a change in the
second Monday in Eebruary

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote
to ralse and appropriate the sum of
\$400-to be used with a like amount
from the county and the highway comfrom the Boxboro line toward Littleton
for radically improving Taylor street
from the Bexboro line toward Littleton
from the Boxboro line toward Littleton

from the Boxboro line toward Littleton rallroad-station, the work to be left in the hands of the Belectmen.

Art. 33.—To see if the town will vote to extend the water main to the residence of James A. Wood on New Estate road and raise and appropriate or borrow a sum of money for the same.

Art. 33.—To see if the town will vote to extend the town water system from the present hydrant at the Harwood farm on Foster street to the residence farm on Foster street to the residence of John H. Hardy, jr., and raise and appropriate or borrow a sum of money for the same.

Art. 35, relates to a similar request for the extension of the water main from Foster street to the house of H.

from Foster street, to the house of H. A. Ohlson on Mill street.
Art. 36. To see what action the town will take to raise and apropriate \$75 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C.
Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise the salaries of the selectmen and overseers of the poor and auditors, or do anything in relation to the same.
Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to complete the improvement of

\$100 to complete the improvement of the Union school grounds.

Art. 40, relates to accepting laws and amendments authorizing cities and towns to lay out public parks.

Art. 41. To elect a board of park commissioners, consisting of three members, or take any action thereon.

Art. 42. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for public park purposes, or take any according to the control of public park purposes, or take any ac-

iton thereon.

The above articles are those of spewarrants for the annual town

### New Advertisements. Notice

To prospective buyers of FORE CARS in our territory, namely, Pepperell. Townsend, Ashby and Dunstable, we wish to state that we have We are sorry to learn that the local every reason to believe that there will authorities, assisted by Chief Beatty and Constable Auld of Ayer found plenty of strong drink in one of the popular houses at the Common this sity of placing your orders at once if you do not want to be disappointed

in the spring. If prospective buyers will communicate with us or call at our office we will explain the situation more thoroughly. ACP NOW. 2 2m22

### **KEMP & BENNETT** Phone 119-12 East Pepperell, Mass.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts In Board of Gos and Electric Light Commissioners '

Boston, January 31, 1917. William Burnham let a heavy iron shoe fall on his foot while working in the engine house in the railroad yard at Ayer. He is still unable to work but gets about a little.

Boston, January 31, 1917.

On the petition of the Shirley Electric Company for approval of an issue the partial stock of the partial section. but gets about a little.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and child of hundred dollars (\$27,500) to pay outthe Spring Poultry farm have been standing indebtedness of the company,
very ill with the influenza. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Alien of the David Whittemore place are entertaining her mother and a sister from Canada.

Mrs. Lines A. Strandard Building at 15 Ashburton Place Box ton, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of with February next, at two o'clock in the

And the petitioner is required to Mrs. Grace Lawrence left town on And the petitioner is required to Thursday morning for New York and give notice of said hearing by publication hereof in the "Shirley Oracle,"

> By order of the Board. -R-G-TOBEY, Clerk.

> A true copy. Attest: 2 × 22

R. G. TOBEY, Clerk.