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A regular communication of Caleb Butter lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening at 7.30. Work—Enter-ed Apprentice degree.

The condition of Franklin Lawton remains about the same. He was re

and the Greenville branch tracks, resting on solid cement foundations on
either side. There will be three signal
men working eight hours each, whose
position will be at the top of the
structure to operate switches and signals. All the power used in this work
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After the installation of the tower
the old ball target, which has been
used as a signal for many years, will
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Mrs. Elizabeth (Ewing) widow of the late Edwin Harry Carleton Draper, aged 2 the 28th of the present month she would have been seventy-seven years

LOWELL, MASS.

You'll see these words a lot this winter, we believe. This country is about due for one of those old-fashioned winters. Have you seen our

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They're husky enough to stand any wind or cold weather; not heavy or cumbersome, just warm, comfortable, business-like and above all, stylish. If you're out in the cold much here's what you want.

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of age. Mrs. Saunders had been a resident of Ayer for more than fifty years. She was born in Augusta, Me., February 28, 1840, and spent her early life

in that place, later coming here to live—
Mrs. Saunders was a charter member of the Methodist church and a
member of the Methodist church and a
member of the W. C. T. U. for many
years. She—leaves one sister, Mrs.
Fannie Rokes of Layrence; five children, Mrs. Oren N. Kidder and Robert T. Saunders of Ayer; J. Bradford
Saunders of Fichhorg, Charles E.
Saunders of Bradford and Mrs. Fannie M. Holmes of Beimont. She also
leaves thirteen grandchildren and
seven great grandchildren.
The funeral took place Wednesday
afternoon from the home of her
daughter, Mrs. Oren N. Kidder at two
o'clock. Rev. Arthur D. Stroud—of
Hudson, a former pastor of the Ayer
Methodist church; officiated at the
service. He was agaisted by Rev. J.
W. Thomas of the Baptist church.
Mrs. Carrie Lowell and Mrs. Alta H.
Hollis rendered, the beautiful selections, "Sometimes, we'll understand"
and "He leadeth into." The bearers

have inserted names, however for the name of the person they have voted for, has received but the one vote, namely that one in which they placed the name on the ballot, and such names are not read out by the town clerk nor printed in the town report except under the word "scattering."

The practical and material result of this "scattering is found in the count. this "scattering" is found in the count

such a variety of names of voters inserted it takes about twice as long to rount the votes and for the clerk to make up his tally sheet.

The personal view of the writer is that if any voter desires to see a fellow townsman elected to a certain office, let such yoter do a little election-eering and induce other voters to cast their ballot for the particular person it can be done and on a large scale as has been demonstrated the last couple of years when certain men have received. f years when certain men have receive of years when certain men have received big vetes for offices unsought by them, and without so much as a "slicker" candidacy.
Therefore it would seem that a little less random voting would be a good

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thing, and we can do it without curtailing our right to vote and think independently, or without any infringement upon our franchise to vote, it heling solely a matter of judgment on our part as to whether we want to get our election returns early, or whether we would rather sit down and wait from the time the poils close at four o'clock until the returns are given out at seven or eight o'clock, or as was the case at our last primary election at 1.30 in the morning, the delay being attributable, to the counting of the number of persons voted for.

Perhaps it would not be out of order to present another side of the matter. The town clerk is at the town hall shortly after five o'clock in the morning, and, while we won't censure him at this time for working more than cight hours per day, the fact is that he gets there bright and early and remains at the polls all day, not even leaving for his meals, and is ever ready to render his assistance, if needed, the courted for their attention to their duties at town meeting, and the assistance they controlled the rendered him and to compilment the volume of gretting out.

rendered him and to compliment the voters of the town in the orderly and business-like manner in which they transacted the town business on that day and extends to the selectmen and the other town officials his best wishes for a successful year.

George L. Wilson,
Moderator town meeting, 1917.

East Section

average dollar shirt of today.

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Left Aisle

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Saturday, February 10, 1917.

### WESTFORD

At the recent meeting of the West-ford Water Company, held at the home of George T. Day, the following directors were elected: George T. Day, the organ. The bearers were Harwood John C. Abbot, Charles O. Prescott, L. Wright, Charles H. Wright, Arthur Julian A. Cameron and Sherman H. E. Day and Leonard W. Wheeler. In-Fletcher. At the directors' meeting terment was in Fairview cemetery, the following officers were elected: Relatives were present from Lunen-George T. Day, pres.; Charles O. Pres-burg. Lowell, Concord Junction and

The meeting of the community sing took place at the vestry of the Congregational church on Tuesday evening under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Taylor. There were over twenty in at-tendance and much interest and en-thusiasm was manifested in the sing-ing together of old and new musical

The plan for the program for next Tuesday afternoon at the Tadmuck club has been changed owing to the illness of the one in charge. The resourceful program committee have secured for the afternoon Hugh F. Molloy, of Lowell, who will give a lecture on "Marie Antoinette." Mr. Molloy's connection with the Lowell Normal school and his present work as superinschool and his present work as superin-tendent of schools in Lowell make him nools in Lowell make him

many. He is a thoughtspeaker and this lecture
larger clubs, especially during the below zero snap, but thawwell-known to many. He is a thoughtthe Middlesex Woman's club of Lowell ed out during the recent Boston thun-ell, has been most favorably received. der shower snap.

The Tadmuck club is to be congratu-lated upon securing this speaker, and a good attendance of the members is hoped for.

The Down Secure are to be present. the Middlesex Woman's club of Low

The Boy Scouts are to be present The Boy Scotts are to be present in a body af the Congregational church Sunday morning, in charge of William C. Roudenbush, scoutmaster. Mr. Lincoln's sermon will be appropriate to the occasion, and the attendance of this organization will be an inferesting feature of the day's service.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church held an all-day meeting Thursday at the vestry with a funcheon at moon. A good portion of work was accomplished and a social good time was enjoyed as the result of the ratherns.

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Mrs. Carron of M. Williams wife of Mrs. Milliams and Mrs. Williams of Mrs. Milliams and Mrs. Williams of Mrs. Milliams of Mrs. Milliams and Mrs. Williams of Mrs. Milliams of Mrs. M

Mrs. Whitney united with the Congregational church on March 3, 1899, and during the period of nearly thirty years had been loyal to its best interests and had never removed her memests and had never removed her membership elsewhere. She was a member of Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., of Ayer, and attended its meetings whenever health and circumstances permitted. She was also a member of the W. C. T. U., of Westford, and a firm adherent to the principals it represented. For a number of years Mrs. Whitney had been a member of the Tadmuck club and of the Ladies' Aid society of her church.

Mrs. Whitney is survived by her

Mrs. Whitney is survived by her husband, Emory J. Whitney, and the sympathy of the community goes out to him in his bereavement.

in him in his bereavement.

The funeral service took place on Tuesday afterneon at the Congregational church at two o'clock in the presence of a large gathering of relatives, friends and neighbors. Rev. Howard A. Lincoln, pastor of the church, was the officiating ciergyman and brought a sincere message of sympathy, comfort and help. Mrs. Charles H. Wright and Mrs. Charles D. Colburn sang two selections, "Does Jesus care?" and "Shall we gather at the river?" with Miss Edith A. Wright at the organ. The bearers were Harwood

John C. Abbot, Charles O. Prescott, Julian A. Cameron and Sherman H. Fletcher. At the directors meeting the following officers were elected: George T. Day, press; Charles O. Prescott, sec. and treas.; Sherman H. Fletcher, mgr.; Alonzo H. Sutherland, supt.; Charles F. Kellorg, aud. The important work of the last year has been the installing of the big new pump, a Rumsey triplex pump, 10x14 feet. This means added safety to property within the water district and a reserve power in case of accident or breakdown to the original pump. During the year 912 feet of six-inch main on new construction has been laid. About \$5,000 has been spent on new construction, leaving a balance of cash on hand, January 1, of \$663.36.

The monthly meeting of the Edward headquarters in the old academy building Tuesday evening. An excellent supper in charge of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Knight was served. There were tweive members present.

The meeting of the community sing the location of the last year and Mrs. Edward Fisher, wreath of Earlax leaves and plaks, Mr. and Mrs. Conrect Supper of the Community sing the location of the last year has been laid. The meeting of the community sing the location of the last year has been laid. The location of the last year has been laid. The meeting of the community sing the location of the last year has been laid. The location of the last year has been laid. The location of the last year has been laid. The location has been laid. The location has been laid. The last year has been laid. The location has been laid. The last year has have year has here in form the husband a large pillow. The florations were very beautigute. The floration of the last year has here prese

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher, wreath of galax leaves and pinks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Allen and family; spray of carnations and narcissus, Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler; spray, Arthur Burland and family; star, Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Aver, large mound of roses, pinks and violets from the following members of the W. C. T. U.: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. C. H. Wright, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, Mrs. C. A. Blaney, Mrs. H. G. Osgood, Mrs. E. C. Wright, Miss Louisa Crosby, Migs Edith A. Wright, Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, Mrs. J. L. Kimball, Mrs. John Wright Mrs. J. Kimball, Mrs. John Wright Mrs. Fred Myers, Mrs. Arthur E. Day, Mrs. Emma Day, Mrs. Labouteley, Mrs. Pitkin and Mrs. F. E. Miller.

ma Day, Mrs. Labouteley, Mrs. Pit-kin and Mrs. F. E. Miller. About Town.

ed out during the recent Boston thun-

Westford Grange will observe Val-entine day next Thursday evening, in charge of the Misses Grant and Os-

borne. Mr. and Mrs. Frank. W. Banister Mr. and Mrs. Frank. W. Banister and eldest daughter, Frances, observed their birthdays hast Saturday. It is so unusual for three in one family to have a birthday on the same day that it was really worth the while for friends to specialize and individualize the cont

the event. Foxes are seemingly abundant and

whitney retired and they bought. Chester Barnhoon who has been lift the accept in that Thomas F. Dones the accept he accept he accept he that Thomas F. Dones the accept he acce

Warrant Posted.

Town meeting, the one of all others rangements for it. F. M. Blood, C. in the year, that elects officers and taxes, will be held on Monday at the town hall. There will be no contest for offices. The relocation and straightening of the road from the Center to Graniteville ought to pass. For the aesthetic taste those woodland curves can't be beat, for danger those curves can't be beat.

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Article 35, the last one, calls for lighting Lowell road from Westford station to Brookside Corner. The inhabitants on this road have to light their way on this road largely by the light of their countenance. This is good when it is all there, but when it is not all there, then as of old it must be said, "Give us of your oil for our lamps have gone out," besides the electric car track has curves that pinches the road. If the town intends to reach out it is better one road at a time and finish it, than one light at a time all over the town and finish never.

Article 20 calls for music. Hope we shall all be on the key and play the

in neglected public need. The amen.ade!

of this article is all with the finance committees report.

Article 21, to raise and appropriate \$200 for the George Washington Memorial building in Washington. Don't want to stand aloof and small in this matter, but good authority says Washington, D. C., is already covered over with memorials and monuments.

Article 26 calls for an appropriation of \$50 as salary for a game and fish warden. Yes, by all means give him \$50. He is well worth the money for his attitude on whole question of protection to game. Joseph Wall, in his report says: "I would like to call your attention to the good work done by some of our leading citizens; also, the Lowell Fish and Game association, through their efforts we have received a larger lot of fish than any other town in the state. We are expecting a shipment of birds." About \$000 fish were placed in Flushing pond, \$7,000 in Force poord, 102,500 in Neves pond, in Neves pond, in Neves pond, in Neves pond, sin Neves pond, Forge pond, 102,500 in Keyes pond, 104,500 in Long-Sought pond, 817,000 in Nabnassett pond and 92,200 brook trout, besides eight mallard ducks as a foundation were liberated in the swamp south of Forge pond. Our warden has been a bountiful benefactor to the town in the above allotments.

Article 25, to see what action the town will take towards continuing taking water from the Westford Water Company-continue.

Graniteville.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M E. church met with Mrs. Ellsworth York on Thursday afternoon, February 8, at three o'clock.

. Many people from this village attended the joint installation of officers of Court Wannalanci and Court Westford of Graniteville that was held in the town hall at North Chelmsford on the town hall at North Chelmsford on last Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. The officers were installed by District Deputy Peter P. Welch of Boston, assisted by the young women's degree-staff from Merrimack court of Haverhill, under the direction of Michael Booke, Daniel H. McGuire, high secretary treasurer, representing the high standing committee, was present.

The members of Cameron circle, C. F. of A., held a very successful dance in Forge Village on last week Friday evening that was largely attended.

Charles Wiley, father-in-law of Mrs Mary McDermott, Wiley, died at his home in Cuttingsville, Vt., on Saturday February 4. The funeral was held or last Tuesday. The worst snow storm of the season

visited here on last Monday and during the day it reached the height of a regular blizzard.

The annual town meeting will be neld in the town hall on next Monday.

a lumcheon at moon. A good portion of work was accomplished and a social good time was enjoyed as the result of the gathering.

Mrs. Harry B. Prescott, who underwent a serious operation at the Homeopathic hospital in Boston earlier in
the week, is reported Festing as comfortably as can be expected.

The heaviest snowstorm of the season came on Monday, making traveling hard and affecting the school sessions, etc. The branch line electrics
had their full quota of trouble with
the bulk of snow all along the line
and heavy drifts in exposed places
in spite of much hard work by th

crew. He town teams and others, it
was impossible to get back to resultar
schedule before Woinesday afternoon
Mrs. O. V. Wells, entertained the
Christmas cinl Wednesday afternoon
very pleasantly with an attendance of
nine inemiteers present.

A sad coincidence coming with the
death of Mrs. Caroline M. Whitney
was the death of Ber accel half-sixter
Mrs. Schol R. Edwards widow of Dr.
N. B. Edwards of North Chelm-field
the deaths coming but a few hours
after the work.

Mrs. Schol R. Edwards in North
Chelmsford the deaths of five ration following
his wife's first al.

Mrs. Caroline M. Whitney, wife of
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music.

The bandstand was repaired and painted during the year of 1905. We read from the band record book, under the date of Saturday, February 25, "Band met for rehearsal and business." Voted to give the Village Improvement society permission to paint, repair and remove the bandstand, subject to the approval of the band," and ject to the approval of the band," and under the date of Saturday evening. March 11, "Band met for rehearsal. Voted the following committee to look after the répairs of bandstand: Henry Adams, James Bywater, Charles Bald-win."

The death of Ernest Fletcher in

win."

The death of Ernest Fletcher in 1904 left the band without a cymbal player. For a number of months this position was filled by different persons for short periods, but no one came to be looked upon as the regular performer. James Hywater, the president of the band, deplored this condition of things and so he induced David Young, who worked with him in Bywater's blacksmith shop, to take the place. Mr. Young entered the band in 1905 and faithfully attended to his duties as a member of the band uitle he memoved to Ayer about five years ago. Whenever the band played in public he wore the coat which his predecessor, Mr. Fletcher, had worn. He also presided at the bass drum at rehearsals in the absence of Mr. Gale, the regular bass drummer. As a, member of a country band "Dave" did not find himself in unusual of unaccustomed surroundings, as he had been a bandmen before coming to Groton, having played B flat bass or baritone for six or seven years in Barrington, N. H. In regard to this New Hampshire organization he says that many of the members were inexperienced and not very well schooled, and some of their notes marked, and that for that their notes marked, and that for that reason the repertoire was comparatively small. Still the pieces which they did "tackle" were very well rendered because they made a practice of learning every piece very thoroughly and spent a good deal of time at rehearsals in perfecting the music which they were already familiar with. Since leaving New Hampshire Mr. Young has not ventured to take up a brass

leaving New Hampshire Mr. Young has not ventured to take up a brass instrument again, but we hope that he may be induced to do so in the future. David Young remembers the summer concerts of 1305, especially the two in West Groton. He also remembers the Decoration day, job in Groton in the forenoon and in Pepperell in the afternoon it that year, and in Groton and Lattleton in subsequent years.

In regard to one of these Decoration day jobs in Lattleton, probably in 1306, he says that the band went down

1906, he says that the band went down in the train. From the Littleton depo "I'ncle" Baldwin led off and set the pace and the rest of the band fellows followed, and they walked to Littleton Common, over a mile away, where they had been ordered to report. He says that Mr. Baldwin kept ahead all the way and that they went at a "protty smart pace."

On a subsequent Decoration day David Young drove down to Littleton with Charles Shattuck in the latter's team. After the band job was over

team. After the band job was over Mr. Shattuck called on Hugh McDon-Mr. Shattuck called on Hugh McDonald, a resident of that town and also a noted checker player of this section, and there, in a little side-room, off the stable, these two checker experts engaged in a contest in their favorite indoor sport. It is said that they played far into the evening unmindful of anything else, leaving Mr. Young to amuse himself by driving up and down the streets of Latticon. They arrived in Groton after they or o'clock that night. Mr. Young was also with the hand when it played at Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Raddin's in the fall of 1905, in

when it played at Mr. and Mrs. Samiel Raddin's in the fall of 1905, in honor of the recent marriage. He rode home, on that night with Arthur Woods, he not the latter's sorrel mare. Charles Eddy, who was playing tuba in the band at that time, had his gray mare. It was a nip-and-tuck race all the way home between these two teams. This realls a similar incident of nearly a half a century before in which Capt. Palmer and Gilman Barrows and others figured.

rows and thers figured.

Mr. Young recollect recollects that Mr. White, who was then the snare drum-White, who was then the share drummer of the band, and who occupied the house whore Fred Sherwin now lives invited the members of the band to his home. They accepted the invitation and took their instruments with them. A number of men who were working on the new concrete bridge at the Hollingsworth mill, were present, beon the new concrete bridge at the Hollingsworth mill, were present, being boarders at MF. White's. Of this number the most famous was the diver; everyone was anxious to see and meet him, he having been one of the chief topics of local conversation on account of the langer connected with his position. A very good time was reported on this occasion.

reported on this occasion.

Mr Younk was a very loyal member of the band and was a willing worker. He tong upon himself the task of assisting James Eywater in hanging upon the control of the bank of the control of th in the bandstand the big oil lamps which was the method of illumination which was the method of Humination at the cone is at that time. He derived keen pleasure from his membership in the Groton Cornet band. The thing which above all other appeared to him was the incidental socialistic, he theroughly ergoged this proposition, out with the endulity, he theroughly enjoyed opportunity of ketting out with heys, and for this reason, if for other, his refer tage of attention other, his perce tage\_of attendance a renearsals was very high. (To be continued)

### PEPPERELL

List of New Library Books. The Transvers works of herich have recently loss added to the list at the

Adams Sociel H. The unspecial perk. The claric relation (Alien, James Line). The sword of youth Andrews Mary E. S. The three things Brindloss, Harold Ranching for Sylvia Briminghap, G. V. The adventures of Brininghap, 6. A. The adventures of Dr. Whit's Rower, R. M. Chip of the Flying U. Brebnet, Percy J. Christopher Quaries. The master detective. Brown, Airee. Bryce, Mrs. Cheprisoner. The Ashlel mysters.

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Buck, Charles N. The battle cry.
Destina
Buckrose, Mrs. J. E. The round-about
Burnham, Claid L. Instead of the
thorn
Chambers, Robert W. The girl Phillippa
Chesterion (differ K. The innocence
of Pather Brown,
The wisdom of Father Brown,
bedand, Margueet The rising tide,
Dodge, Louis Bonnie May,
Duncan, Frances Roberta of Roseherry Gardens,
Eaton, Waiter P. The bird-house man,

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Eaton, Whiter P. The bird-house man,
Ferber, Edra Emma McChesney & Co.
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Fisher, Duroth, C. The real motive,
Fonce, Mary H. A. picked company,
Ford, Sewell Torchy, private of
Garlind O.

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Gleason, Arthur. Young Hilda at the wars, Grimshaw, Beatrice. My lady of the istand.

Island.

Harrison, Horbert. A lad of Kent.
Hopkins, William J. The meddlings of
Eve.
Those Gillespies.
Johnston, Mary. The fortunes of Garin.
King, Basil. The side of the angols.
King, Grace. The pleasant ways of St.
Medard.
Lincoln, Joseph C. Mary-Gusta.
Mable Louise K. The lights are bright.
MacHark, William. The blind man's
eyes.

Maher, Richard. The shenbard of the Maher Richard. The shepherd of the

Maher, Richard. The succession on the north.
Nicholson, Moredith. The proof of the nudding.
Norris, Kathleen. The heart of Rachel.
Olmstead, Florence. Father Bernard's north. Olimstead, Florence. Father Bernard's parish.
Paterson, Isabel. The shadow riders.
Phillpotts, Eden. The beacon.
Old Delapole.
Porter, Eleanor H. Just David.
Richmond, Grace S. Under the country

Richmond, Grace S. Under the country sky.
Sholl, Anna M. This way out.
Snaith, John C. The sailor.
Spearman, Frank H. Nan of Music Mountain.
Tarkington, Booth, Seventeen.
Turnbull, Margaret. Handle with care.
Walpole, Hugh, The dark forest.
The wooden horse.
Webster, Henry K. The real adventure.
Wells, Herbert G. Mr. Brittling sees it through.
Wright, Harold B. When a man's a man.

The library hours, which may not be remembered by all newcomers to town, are on Mondays and Thursdays from nine to twelve a. m., and from two to five p. m. On Wednesdays and Saturdays from nine to twelve a. m. and from two to five and from 6.30 to

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I wish to sincerely thank all who sent the beautiful floral offerings at the time of the death and funeral of my beloved wife, Caroline M. Whitney; also, for the many acts of kindness and sympathy from ricends and neighbors, all of which will be held in grateful remembrance. remembrance.. EMORY J. WHITNEY.

Westford, Mass., February 7, 1917.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSPITS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ALICE M. WRIGHT, late of Littleton, in said County, deceased, injestate.
Whereas, a pointion has been presented to said Court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES F. FLAGG, of Littleton, in the County of Middlesox, with-

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 ritation under the publishing this ritation under the publishing this ritation under the published in Said County, 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 hundred and seventeen.

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22 F. M. ESTY, Register. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To the helrs-at-law and all other per-sons interested in the estate of MARY M. NICKLESS late of Shirley in said County, deceased.

Ounty, deceased.

Whereas, THOMAS L. HAZEN administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for Heense to-sell-at private sale; 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

adjudged best, the real estate of said 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. 1917, at time 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. MeIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thirtieth day of January, in the year, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

St22 F. M. ESTY, Register.

- COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, 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 ather suitable person.
You are hereby cited to appear at a 
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge in said County of Middlesex, on the 
twenty-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

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 last publication to be one day 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.

3122 F. M. ESTY, Register.

To all persons who are or may become interested in the estate for from the control of first day of January in the year one interested in the estate hereinafter mentioned, held in trust under the will of JoxAs I. JENNEISON late of Too seed in the Country of Middlesex, and the persons whose issue not now in the mentioned and the Country of Middlesex, and the persons whose issue not now in the country of Middlesex, and the persons whose issue not now in the country of Middlesex, and the persons whose issue not now in the country of Middlesex, and the persons whose issue not now in the country of Middlesex, and the persons whose issue not now in the country of Middlesex, and the persons there are not persons the persons

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In Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners

Boston, January 31, 1917. On the petition of the Shirley Electric Company for approval of an issue of additional capital stock of the par value of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500) to pay outstanding indebtedness of the company, the Board will give a hearing to the parties interested at its office, 603 Ford Building at 15 Ashburton Place, Bos-

afternoon give notice of said hearing by publication hereof in the "Shirley Oracle," a newspaper published in the town of Shirley, once each week for two successive weeks prior to said time of hear-

ton, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of

February next, at two o'clock in the

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

A true copy. Attest: R. G. TOBEY, Clerk.

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2w22 R. G. TOBEY, Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court.

To the helrs at law and all other persons interested in the estate of NILS G.
NELSON late of Harvard in said County, deceased.

Whereas, CHARLES A. JOHNSON administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said Court his
petition for license to sell at private
saie in accordance with the offer named
in said petition, or upon such terms as
may be adjudged best, the whole of a
certain parcel of the real estate of said
deceased for the payment of debts and
charges of administration, and for other
feasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby clied to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Worcester,
in said County, on the twentieth 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 said petitioner is ordered to serve
this citation by delivering a copy thereof to each person interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said
Court, or by publishing the same once
in each week, for three successivo
weeks, in the Harvard Hillside, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day at least before said
Court.

Witness, William T. Forbes, Esquire,
Judge of said Court, this thirty-first

after the manner of prairie dogs, unwhen feeding the elephants trample nas in their fright frequently run up the tubes of the elephants' trunks.

Their long, sharp claws catch in the flesh, and they cannot be elected. The more violently the monster blows through its trunk the more firmly the hooked claws of the little animal become imbedded in the flesh, and in flammation and death are the result In captivity, therefore, the elephants think they are in danger of the deadly chacanas when they see a mouse and show signs of great fear.

### More Labor Than You Thought.

To write a single letter of the alphabet, it is roughly estimated, requires from 200,000 to 300,000 distinct processes, all of which are controlled and directed by the mind. To make the letter O, for instance, takes but a second, yet if all the mental processes involved had to be performed consciously years would be consumed in the performance. First, the making of the O is willed in the brain, setting in motion the activities of thousands of cells in the hearing areas, the seeing areas, the speech motor areas and the muscular motor areas. Hundreds of nervo rious cells and nerve threads in the movement, while other nerve centers attend to the business of furnishing the requisite\_amount of blood. As a result, the spinal centers are actuated. the smaller nerves in the fingers direct the forming of the O.

Long had he worshipped her at a distance, but his shyness prevented him from proposing.

Then one evening, for the sweet sake of charity, a theatrical performance leading lady and more adorable than ever. Afterward the shy admirer drew near, his love made valiant by the sight of her beauty.

he said as they stood alone in a cor-

"You are the first to tell me so," said the damsel, with a happy blush. 'Then," he retorted promptly, "may

I claim my reward as an astronomer? The lndy looked puzzled. "What reward?" she asked.

'Why, the right to give my name to the star I have discovered," said the young man, speaking boldly at last.— Chicago News.

The King's Way.
It was characteristic of the late King Edward VII, that he never showed too much or too little courtesy, but just enough to maintain his reputation of being the most gracious gentleman of

ter quietly, without looking up from

### That Settled It.

She-You remind me so much of my brother. He-Indeed! In what She-Well, Harry seems awful-If fond of me, yet he never offers to

kiss me. After that it was quite unnecessary for her to ring in any of her relatives. -Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

### Early Astronomy.

Anaxagoras, a distinguished Athenian, in 525 B. C. taught that the sun was not a delty, but an inanimate flery mass. He also suggested that the moon shone by reflected light and correctly explained solar and lunar

Henry VIII, introduced the bal masque into England. As this form of amusement gradually spread the people becan to hire halls and charge admission fees, and the routs of the court were imitated by the orgies of the

### Postal Savings Banks.

All the money the postal savings banks receive they immediately redeposit in national reserve banks and so keep it in circulation instead of allowing it to remain hoarded and hidden.

Of all our infirmities, vanity is the dearest to us. A man will starve his other vices to keep that alive.-Frank-

The semi-annual meeting of the La dies' Picnic club will be held in Hap

sec.; Mrs. Marion Parwell, asst. sec.; Mrs. Helen Morse, treas.; Mrs. Georgetta Dill, Miss Louisa Dyar, Mrs. Etta Ripley, directors; committees—Mrs. Jennie Dickson, Miss Della Hapgood, Mrs. Melvina Wetherbee, Miss Helen Hildreth, Miss Estelle Horsey, work; Mrs. Josephine Haynes, sunshine; Mrs. Alma Royal, supply; Mrs. Rachel Maynard, Mrs. Sarah Lawrence, Center, Mrs. Rose Howard, Mrs. Sarah Priest, Keil, Still, River, Mrs. Sarah Priest, Bare hill, Mrs. Isabelle Farnsworth, Oak hill, Mrs. Mary Davis, old mill. Mrs. Blanche Cragss. depot, Miss Dela Hapgood, Littleton road, Mrs. Edna la Hapgood, Littleton road, Mrs. Edna Dudley, North Still Itiver and Shaoken, visiting.

The following is the program for the noving picture show in the town hall his Saturday evening: "The kiss of hate," in five acts, featuring Ethel Barrymore, the great actress; a travelogue and a comedy by Sidney Drew. A great show—one of the best.

Annual Town Meeting.

Article 1. Voted to accept annual reports of selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, treasurer, and other town officers.

Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 were all covered in the appropriations.

Art. 8:- Voted to authorize the town treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the municipal year such sums of money as may cipal year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, in anticipation of the col-

The following town officers were elected for the coming year.

Moderator, 1 vr. Clifford L. Russell; selectman, 3 yrs. Spurgeon M. Farnsworth, overseer of poor, 3 yrs. Fred J. Wrangham, school committee, 3 yrs. The state of the committee, 3 yrs. Wrangham, school committee, 3 yrs. Harvey C. Merrill, collector of taxes Isaac F. Baker, treasurer, Arthur H. Turneri constables, Roswell C. Davis, William C. Has, kell, highway surveyor Frank O. Maynard, auditor, William C. Has, kell, highway surveyor Frank O. Tys. Howard D. Stone, park commissioner, 3 yrs. Charles B. Bigelow, board of health, 2 yrs, spurgeon M. Farnsworth, in the predictions, He did all he could not the predictions. He did all he could all he c

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walks	1,500	1
oil for roads	1.000	1
Breaking roads	1.000	,
Town incidentals	1.750	
Fire department	250	
rown officers	1,290	1
Repairs on public buildings	700	
'emeteries	150	
Soldiers' relief	100	
Memorial day	50	
Care of soldiers' graves, vet-		
crans of civil and Spanish		
ware	3.5	
Abrary	100	
Parks	150	
Street lighting	1.353	
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Town's liability for suppres-sion of gypsy and brown-tail moths Tree Warden Suppression of elm-leaf beetle Bonding town officers Board of Health

Town notes
Interest on notes
Inspection of meat
Guide boards

The following is a report of the inquest held in Clinton February 2 on the automobile accident which occurred at Still River railroad crossing January 21:

January 21:
Edward Portley, crossing tender at
Still-River, the scene-of the accident
of Sunday, January 21, when Dr
James F. Ferry, his dauchters, Ethel
and Esther, and brother Richard, all
of Cambridge, and George Howard of
Harvard, were killed, when the Ferry
automobile was struck by a freight
train on the Boston and Maine railroad, last week Friday morning at the road, last week Friday morning at the inquest into the cause of the accident,

ment as to what he knew about the fatality.

He did this by advice of his counsel, Atty, John E. Sullivan of Worcester. Are Portley was the last witness called and he was told by Judge John athan Smith that if he desired to make a statement he could, but that the court would not compel him to testify, and that if he did, it would be entirely a voluntary statement and that cross-examination by the attorneys would not be permitted. Atty. Sullivan conferred briefly with Mr. Portley, who then raised his right hand and addressing the court, said. "I have nothing to say."

Much of what Mr. Portley might have told the court was, however, presented in the evidence given by Silas B. Haynes, the station agent. The distinct court-room was filled when the inquest opened. James H. Parent, of Worcester, appeared for the public service commission; Atty. Charles M. Thayer for the Boston and Maine railroad; Judge Augustine J. Daly of Boston, formerly of Cambridge, for the Every family and as stated Atty. Sul

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There were eight stenographers who took reports of the evidence. The report for Judge Smith was taken by Miss Gladys F. Cobb. 2.

Medical Examiner Dr. George L. Tobby was the first witness called to

Medical Examiner Dr. George L. Tobey was the first witness called to the stand. He gave the names, residence and age of the victims of the accident and then described the injuries to each, all of which was about the same as related at the time of the accident Dr. Tobey said in each case the injuries were sufficient to cause the death of the person.

Dr. Tobey said he saw Flagman Portley and asked him if he flagged the train. He replied that he did not. Dr. Tobey said he thought Mr. Portley told him he was in the station when the accident happened.

Leon D. Whitney, the engineer on

kish of the Fourth of July.

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate \$75 for the George Washington Memorial building. Washington, D. C.

Art. 11. To raise and appropriate \$350 to complete the circuit of electric street lights on the Harvard and Ayer road, was laid on the table.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of continuing the work of school gardening during the next season, was laid on the table.

Art. 13. Voted to raise \$75, provid.

Art. 14. Voted to raise \$75, provid.

Art. 15. Voted to raise \$75, provid.

Art. 17. Voted to raise \$75, provid.

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Bromnar school.

Art. 14. Voted to pay \$5 per day for work of a mar and pair of horses engaged in highway work.

Art. 15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$500 to be used to purchase as small auto truck for use in the moti department.

Art. 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$500 to be used to purchase as small auto truck for use in the moti department.

Art. 16. Voted to accept and adopt the recommendations made by the cemetery commissioners on the acceptance under the wording of rule 10 of the rules and regulations for the government of the cemeteries for perpetial care of lot No. 6, section 16. Bellevue cemetery: \$100 from Mrs. Mary E. Hardy of Bolton for the care follot No. 14, section A. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Acc. care of lot No. 156a, section B. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Acc. care of lot No. 156a, section B. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Acc. care of lot No. 156a, section B. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Acc. care of lot No. 156a, section B. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Acc. care of lot No. 156a, section B. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Congregational Unitarian Church, Inc. Care of lot No. 156a, section B. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Congregational Unitarian Church, Inc. Care of lot No. 164 section C. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Congregational Unitarian Church, Inc. Care of lot No. 164 section C. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Congregational Unitarian Church, Inc. Care of lot No. 164 section C. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Congregational Unitarian Church, Inc. Care of lot No. 164 section C. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Congregational Unitarian Church, Inc. Care of lot No. 164 section C. Center cemetery; \$100 from Mrs. George Windst. Congregational Unitarian Church, Inc. Care of lot No. 164 section C.

reaction of "The Pepple's King." his analysts visited Aberdeen and knighted the lord provost. At the luncheon which followed the king sat next to Mrs. Lyon, the wife of the lord provost, and noticed on the table the card denoting her place.

"I must alter this," the king said smilling on the lady.

"With his pencil he effaced the word Mrs, and in its place substituted Lady and graciously handed the card to be newly made ladyship.

"Family Harmony.

"I am very easy on my shoes," said the story made ladyship.

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"The control of the Cook at this pair. I've worn them three years, and they're still as good as new. I'm easy on clothes too. There's my tweed——just as fresh as the day I bought it, seven years ago, and hats, gloves, stockings—in fact, I'm easy on everything."

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"The following town officers were cleeted for the coming a year.

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miles was made in thirty-four minutes, "If you can show me, or the court, how you can make twenty-no miles in thirty-four minutes without going I would like to have you do !

marked. Witness said he heard to warning whistle given by the engineer. As to the duties of the crossing tender he said he was supposed to lack out for extra trains as Farent then read rule number 922, which has to do with this dark and witness said he was familiar with it lie said he saw the crossing lender in the depot after he had telephoned for a doctor.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1917

trains himself.

Witness says Portley had a key to
the station and had permission to go
there any time. When he first saw
Portley after the accident he said.

"Well this is rather bad business" and
asked him where he was when the collision took place. Witness said Portley
gave an "evasive answer." Later he
saw Portley and asked him where he
was at the time of the accident and

Mr. Haynes continuing said there is no warning bell at the crossing. The crossing signs are in good condition. I have charge of the crossing tender and am familiar with the rules. He is supposed to be on the lookout for trains at all times when on duty. We are not advised when extras are to be run. I consider that Mr. Portley had a right to be in the station. He has helped me out with my work in the handling of freight and express matter and is somewhat acquainted with telegraphy, understanding what is going over the wire. It was safe for him to go to the station for, from the ticket

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### GROTON

Charlie McKean went to Boston last week Friday, visiting friends in Bos-on and Watertown. Saturday mornton and Watertown. Saturday morning he was present at the North station to witness the return of the soldiers of the first and second corps from the Texas border. They occupied four Pullman cars. All seemed very happy to get home. On the outside of the cars they had fastened these words: "We are glad to get back to Boston—and Boston baked beans."

We find the name of Daniel Need-ham, of Groton, among the ninety-two applicants who are found by the Massachusetts Board of Bar Exami-ners, to be qualified to practise law, and who will be recommended on March 7, in the supreme judicial court, to be admitted as attorneys.

Charles Wright's little girl was taken sick with scarlet fever last Sunday. The case is a light one. The members of the Williams fam-

ly on Chicopee row are all getting up George Knapp has recently been

confined to the house for two or three days. He slipped and fell in the barn, hurting his leg, which has caused him

Mrs. J. E. Adams is sick with a se-Stella Williams Coolidge has been sick in bed a week with the grippe, but is able to be about again.

The Boy Scouts Will hold a public exhibition of scout work in the town hall on Saturday evening, February 10. All are cordially invited.

The C. E. society of the Congrega-tional church are rehearsing for an entertainment to be given February

on Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

"Wanted, a man," will be the subject of the sermon at the Baptist
church Sunday morning. This will be
a special sermon in observance of the
seventh anniversary of the Boy Scouts
of America. Troop I will be present
in a body. Sunday school at twelve.
Evening service at seven o'clock; subject, "Through Christ to God."

Daniel J. Coughlin has returned to his home in New York after a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Cathattendance is: Corp Sabine's erine Coughlin.

erine Coughlin.

The Community club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Peterson.

There were not quite as many out as usual, but the afternoon was spent very pleasantly in a social way. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Silas Northrop, February 21.

A cousin, Mrs.-Charles Thomas, and Wellesley Hills, are guests for two clone, weeks of Mrs. David Gibson.

Wellesley Hills, are guests for two clone, Capt. Powers talked on the second

James A. Dunphy, who has been having a serious time with his throat, is in a hospital in Nashua, N. H. is in a hospital in Nashua, N. H.

Allen Howe, of Brunswick, Me., came to Groton last Saturday, spending the week-end with his father. Rev. George M. Howe. Monday they attended the annual banquet of the Amherst College Alumni association, which was held in Boston at the Coppley-Plaza. It was unanimously voted by the 500 members present, on the suggestion of the toastmaster of the evening, to send the following teleevening, to send the following tele-gram to Hobert Lansing, secretary of state, who is an alumnus of Amhers: gram to Robert Lansing, secretary of state, who is an alumnus of Amherst: "Above all parties, above all nationalities, above all creeds, stands the United States of America, upholding humanity and its rights. The Amherst College Alumnulof, Boston are willing to work, and if necessary, fight for the ideals so nobig voiced by President Wilson." Immediately on acceptance, the message was wired to Washington. The speakers of the evening were Pres. Alexander Meiklejohn of Amherst college, Dr. Albert Parker Fitch, president of Andover Theological seminary and professor-wiect of Amherst, and

that there will be a hearing at the State Hease on February 20, on senate bill No. 1cl, which provides for an appropriation to construct a grant highway our 1. appropriation to construct a state inglinear on the Boston read in Grotton. Every interested person is requested to attend this hearing. Persons intending to be present please send names to selection.

The following program will be giv The probability of the Bally Chairs with the probability of the probab

conducted the services on Sunday, Jan-uary 28, at the South street school-house in Pepperell. There were serv-ices there last Sunday, followed by Sunday school.

Gon. and Mrs. William A. Bancroft of Cambridge, formerly residents of this town, are spending the wintermonths at Riverside, Cal.

Other Groton matter on page 2. Death.

Death.

The body of Elmer J. Erving was brought here on Friday from his late home in Beverly. The funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church in charge of Rev. B. E. Tucker. Mr. Erving was born in Groton in 1887. His father was in the painting and decorating business on Sudbury street, Boston, for over twenty years. He also devoted a great deal of his time as an artist, and in his cottage in the mountains at North Conway, N. H., he painted many beautiful scenes. About twenty years ago he purchased the all are cordinary fived.

The C. E. society of the Congregational church are rehearsing for an entertainment to be given February 20, in, the vestry.

The civics department of the Woman's club will meet with Mrs. Bruce on Monday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

"Wanted, a man," will be the subject of the sermon at the Baptist of almost anything which anyone deshared Stunday morning. This will be feast forton and also on Common in East Groton and also on Common street. He moved to Beverly about nine years ago, where he was employed as an engraver and jeweler. He was married in 1899 to Annie Lebber. They had six children, one of whom.

Groton Military-Training School.

The standing of the squads in drill attendance is: Corp Sabine's squad 1.000, Corps, Sabine's, Malley's and Robinson's squads, 938, Corp, Smith's squad .813, Corp, Wharton's squad .750, Lance Corp, Denahy's squad .563, On Wednesday evening the first platoon drilled as a company under ommand of the sergeants with cor orals as guides and privates as cor-orals. This was followed by a drill orals. This was followed by a drill n which the commands were given

Capt. Powers talked on the second stage of the attack. The second pla-toon took up the loadings and firings, under instruction of Lieut Branigan. who also gave a talk on the second stage of the attack.

### Groton Cornet Band.

On Tuesday evening, February 20, the band will show at the town hall a few movie reels of more than usual interest. The exact details will be an-

The speakers of the evening were Pres. Alexander Meikiejohn of Amherst college. Dr. Albert Parker Fitch, president of Andover Theological seminary and professor-elect of Amherst, and Henry P. Field '80, judge of the probate court. Northampton.

The selectmen wish to announce that there will be a hearing at the State He ase on Pebruary 25, on senate bill No. 185, which provides for an appropriation to construct a state happropriation to construct a state happ

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borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 8. To raise and appropriate

cial year.

Art. 8. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a stone crusher was indefinitely postponed.

Art. 9. To raise and appropriate \$1,000 to build a garage and storehouse in the rear of the electric light tention was indefinitely restricted.

house in the rear of the electric light station, was indefinitely postponed.

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to purchase an equipment of a chemical fire automobile.

Arts. 11, 12, 13, 14, to build a cement sidewalk on the right side of the Boston road, commencing at the corner of Park and Ayer road, to continue on right side of road to residence of E. O. Collier; to continue the gravel sidewalk along Farmers' row from where it now ends to the Groton School; to repair the present sidewalk on Farmers' row; to repair Farmers' row from William F. Wharton's to Ayer line; all indefinitely ton's to Ayer line; all indefinitely

ton's to Ayer time,
postponed.

Art. 15. Voted to raise and approprinte \$1.100 to purchase the parcel
of land adjoining town hall lot on west.
Art. 16. Voted to raise and approof land adjoining town hall lot on west.

Art. 16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$450 to build a cement sidewalk from Hollis street to the Grange hall.

Art. 17. To extend the Sidewalk on Whiting avenue to West street, indefinitely postponed.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 permile for 3½ miles to the Littleton line on the Boston road from the end of the macadam road, if the state will build and bear the

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if the state will build and bear the rest of the expense.

Art. 19. Voted to leave to the judgment of the selectmen, the money to be taken from the general road appropriation, to either cut away the bank at the turn on Culver's hill. Ayer road, at the turn on Culver's hill. Ayer road. sening the curve and doing away with

the present obstructed view.

The result of the ballot for town officers was as follows, the figures beng given only where there was a con-

On Tuesday evening, February 20, the band will show at the town hall a few movie reels of more than usual interest. The exact details will be announced next week.

The next concert and dance is scheduled for April 9. Easter Monday, Mark the date in your engagement book now for it is going to be something unusually good.

New uniforms for the band men will cost \$16 each; \$10 for coat and \$6 for trousers. A resume of our accounts show that at present we have only funds enough to allow for purchase of trousers. It is hoped that enough additional can be realized from entertainments and a few more honorary member fees to enable the purchase of trousers. We need not tell you that trousers are needed, you all know that.

The public is enutled to know how the money raised to date has been expended and is to be expended, so here is a statement, or more properly a budget of expenses flurred out up to the time outdoor concerts usually G. W. C.

hoped that we may have one before long. Dr. Flinnegan thought that in a place of this size it would be quite easy for a school nurse to do a good deal of logic attended the funeral of an district nursing in addition to her uncle. Nahum H. Farmer, in Worces-

school work.
West Groton.

Sunday schools.

There was only one session of the schools on Monday because of the heavy storm.

Malcolm Woods is successor to Frank Harrington at the store of Harlow & Parsons, of Ayer.

The alarm sounded for no school on Tuesday morning on account of the deep snow and unshovched paths.

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Boynton returned home last Saturday night from Lovell, Me.

All milk producers in Groton are earnestly urged to attend a meeting to he held in the lower town hall on Friday afternoon, February 16, at two clock for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the New England Milk Producers association. A representative of the association will address the meeting, Let us all pull together for our mutual benefit.

Gon. and Mrs. William A. Baperoff of Cambridge, formerly residents.

substitute, Mrs. Spaulding, was in charge.

Mr. Bundy-employed-by-the-Bixby-webber Co., has been off duty several days this week, owing to the sickness of his wife, who has been ill with the grippe, attended with ear trouble. On Sunday Mr. Bundy journeyed to Nashua to visit his youngest child, a little boy of cleven months, who has been in the hospital more than a month. The little fellow flad just undergone a third operation for mastoid and it was the opponent of the selectment. B. C. Stock to have taken another start, however, and-though not yet-out-of-danger, the chances are fair for his recovery.

Surveyors will be elected in place of low.

Art. 25. Voted not to adopt the Australian ballot system at all ruture annual town meetings.

Art. 32. Voted to pass over this article, to see if the Town will do away with the office of highway surveyor and choose a committee who shall let work to contract.

Voted to adjourn until Monday noon, february 12.

The most excitement came with the election of the selectment. B. C. Stock who has served several years. The classification of the selectment of the storm last Monday evening the Odd Ladles postpaned their meeting two weeks. The invitation holds good to all ladles who are

Frank Collyer, of Cambridge, re-membered here as a school boy, spent Sunday at the home of E. K. Har-

The executive board of the Improve-ment society will meet with the presi-dent on Monday evening. The Ladies' Aid society will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. John

This is anniversary week for the Ro-This is annivers are week for the Boy Scouts of America, which were organized on February 8, 1910. The West Groton scouts were organized the same year under Mr. Trowbridge. Following the program the scouts are to follow. February 8, wish the sick and take flowers; at 8.15, each scout will stand at attention, salute and repeat the scout oath, wherever he may be on Friday each scout will do somebody a good turn; on Saturday they will feed the birds; there will be scout meetings at Miss Hill's at ten in the morning and at two in the afternoon; also, a postponed hockey game with morning and at two in the afternoon; also, a postponed hockey game with Groton. On Sunday they will attend church and read page three in "Scouting," an address by Colin Livingstone, president of Boy Scouts of America. On Monday they will read the life of Lincoln. Boy Scout book, page 435. The log cabin just completed by the scouts was medeled from the log cabin in which Lincoln was born and with the excepts: of the roof has been built the same.

Quotations from the report of the supervisor of school gardens for 1916 may be of interest: "At Lowell, in competition with Lowell Normal school."

LITTLETON Ist, West Groton 2d; collection of vegetables at Lowell fair, 1st and 2d, if dowers 1st and 4th; at Fitchburg fair, in competition with Shirley Industrial school. Lurenburg, Leominster and Fitchburg school and home gardens, host exhib, of vegetables and flowers, school gardens of Groton and West (Groton: individual prizes amounting February 12. Groton: individual prizes amounting February 12. The algorithm of the week-end, following mid-year exams. tarrd prizes. Amherst gave 60 riobous, 20 each of red, blue and white. A

Guy Wright has been at the Groton

Thermometers registered as low as 10 and 12 degrees below zero during 10 and 12 degrees below zero during 11 and 12 degrees below zero during 12 and 13 degrees below zero during 14 armations and violets.

A meeting that brought together costs \$25 and 100 yds. Is made up into eighteen devoted members of the Unit bandages, etc., at a single meeting. The corn at the home of Mrs. Elmer W. \$5 a piece. The express of materials to the organization expresses here on the present the present

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Steele and Frank Dodge attended the funeral of an uncle. Nahum H. Farmer, in Worces-ter. Tuesday.

It is reported that the upper apartment in the Hunkins house is now occupied.

Mrs. Martha Tarbell is confined to the bed as the result of a severe attack of the grippe, which has left her in a weakened condition.

Miss Kate Tarbell has suffered with a severe cold and bad throat for several weeks. On last Saturday and on last Wednesday she was unable to attend to her duttes as librarian. Her substitute, Mrs. Spaulding, was in charge.

Mrs. Bundy-employed by the Rivber and to grey ferised by same committee.

Art. 1. The following town officers were chosen by ballot: Simon B. Hager, town clerk; S. D. Salmon 3d. Albert Littlefield, George W. Burroughs, selectmen; Albert B. Hartwell, treaspecture; William H. Furbush, school committee, 3 yrs.; Philip W. Cunningham, B. C. Steele, A. Y. Nelson, John Coffey, highway surveyors.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Roy and Mrs. Florence Briggs, going on Tuesday, spent until Thursday with Mrs. Ray's parents in Westmoreland, N. H.

Mrs. E. K. Harrington leaves this week for a visit with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Harrington, of Long Island.

Cambridge.

Sunday services—Morning worship at cleven o'clock; preacher, Rev. G. M. Missirian, the minister; subject, "Gain by loss." Sunday school at 12,15, C. E. meeting and evening service at sev-

en o'clock.

The church supper held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid circle, last week Friday evening at the véstry, was a delightful saccess. Fully fifty people gathered around the tables, when they were served with hot corn chowder, crackers, coffee, fancy pies and cakes. Mrs. F. W. Dodge had charge of the supper assisted by Miss Maria cakes. Mrs. F. W. Dodge had charge of the supper, assisted by Miss Maria Steele. The Misses Mabel, Lucy and Ina Wetherbee, Miss Harrington of Waltham, Burpee F. Steele and Charles Waitt waited on the tables. The supper was followed by singing of the old folks' songs by a voluntary chorus; violin solo, Miss Harrington; plano solo, Mrs. Salmon 3d, and reading of stories, which caused a greatient deal of entertainment for those who were present. The clear profit from the supper was five dollars.

The Woman's Missionary meeting

the supper was five dollars.

The Woman's Missionary meeting will be held on next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. A. W. Nelson at three o'clock. The members of the society are requested to be in attendance.

The rehearsal of the Adelphian-Camp-fire joint play will be held in the church vestry on this week Sat-urday evening at 7.30. The cast are

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their meeting two weeks. The invita-tion holds good to all ladies who are interested to know more about the or-ler to attend the meeting in Oddfellows' hall, February 19.

Mrs. Peterson of Portland, Me., is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. H. Hill. There has been more or less con-fusion in the names of Supt. F. H. Hill of Harwood avenue and Frank Hill at the Common. Mail matter intended for one has been sent to the other, thus to one has been sent to the other than causing delay and information relating to one has been applied to the other. In a case of this sort it is always a kindness and often times a convenience to the two men to distinguish carefully between them.

carefully between them.

The Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening when a splendid program was given as follows: Song with encore, quartet of girls, Misses Ruth and Mildred Wesley, Elsie Ewing and Rebecca Millett, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Kimball; a practical and helpful talk on "Hints and helps for the household" by Mrs. R. T. Barrow; reading, Miss Augusta Smith; song and encore by Miss Hazel Straight, accompanied by Miss Hazel Straight, accompanied by Miss Hazel Walnwright; an excellent paper on "Labor, saving devices for the home" by Mrs. Thomas Mannion; song with encore by girls' quartet; games and dancing completed quartet; games and dancing completed the entertainment of the evening. It was voted to neighbor with Shirley

was voted to neighbor with Shirley Grange August 1. Mr. Pratt spoke on the open meeting of the farm bureau to be held in town half next Tuesday evening with the hope that many would be present and join the bureau. Many were reported sick, It was voted to lay over the matter of debate with Harvard Grange June 5. There was a large representation present from Littleton at the Pomona Grange meeting tleton at the Pomona Grange meeting in Lunenburg Thursday, The valentine party scheduled for February 14 at the Congregational vestry will probably take the form of a sleigh party ride followed by an oyster supper upon the return home

Several local sleigh ride parties and others from neighboring towns have been seen and heard this week.

Sunday evening "The race of Abraham Lincoln, or the mountain whites" will be the subject of Rev. J. C. Alvord's talk.

We note with regret the sudden death of Mrs. E. L. Whitney, formerly of Littleton, at her home in Westford last week Friday, following a paralytic shock. In the absence of the pastor through those were won by West continued illness, Mrs. J. C. Alvord the second time by Bernard thurch last Sunday. The exchange with Rev. G. M. Missirian, of Boxborough torush has been at the Groton ospital for an operation on the ear is anderstood that he returned on Thermometers registered as low as Thermometers r

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LOST.—On five o'clock Trolley from Ayer car barns to Fitchburg, a Black Purse containing, with change, two gold-dollar bangies, inseribed "L. A." Piense notify K. C. HENNIGAN, 31 Chestnut Street, Malden, Mass.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all who by their many kind acts and expressions of sympathy aided us in our recent bereavement; also, for the many floral tributes. MR. and MRS. GEO. L. BOYNTON.

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2 to 9 P. M., to give information and offer any assistance in making-out-statements-Ayer will be the headquarters of the

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Mr. Maloney supplemented his re-narks by an equally interesting talk on the state constitution itself, its ori-gin and the various amendments to late. As the renclusion has a pro-

### Saturday, February 10, 1917.

News Items.

Joseph H: Richardson, of this town, now in Florida, unnounces the engagement of his daughter, Florence Josephine, to Charles M. White, formerly of Detroit, Mich., but now living in St. Cloud, Fla.

lers of bread for improper labels and short weight, might it not be well to short weight, might it not be well to have an inspection of the milk that is being sold to the people in this vicinity. Some of the milk sold looks as if it were far below the standard.—Surely at nine cents per quart the public ought to get a square deal in buying the lacteal fluid.

The Ayer Woman's club will present "Dad's girl," a story of the south in four acts, under the direction of Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild in Page's hall, on Lucius C. Fairchild in Page's hall, on Friday evening, February 16, with the following in the cast: Archer Nutting, L. C. Fairchild, Earl Merriman, Ruel Scruton, Marion Young, Evelyn Fairchild, Blanche Whitney and Lillian Baker. Tickets for this play will be of sale at the store of George H. Brown, at the home of the custodian, Mrs. Albert Perkins, at the door on the evening of February 14, and at the door on the evening of the entertainment. Club members will be admitted free upon presentation of membership ticket.

The selectmen have re-appointed Chief Beatty and Officer James I. Mills. Mrs. E. H. Longley has returned from the Groton hospital, where she, a short time ago, underwent an operation, She is doing-well.

Mrs. Paul M. Neville and her sis Mrs. Paul M. Neville and her sister, Mrs. M. Priscilla Evans, of San Francisco, Cal., are spending a few weeks with their mother, Mrs. E. H. Hayden, at the home of Francis H. Brown, Washington street. Mrs. Neville is a well-known professional singer and is taking a much needed rest before the Easter season. Mrs. Evans—will return with Mrs. Neville and resume her work in the public schools of California.

A special meeting of the Special Aid Society for American Preparedness will be held in the lower town hall on Monday afternoon at Two o'clock. A nurse from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital will teach the making of new surgical dressings. On Friday afternoon, February 9, Dr. Ayres of Groton gave the fifth lesson in Red Cross, first aid instruction. At the present time the society is making comfort pillows. Pieces of cretonne, gingham or any washable material suitable for small pillows will be most acceptable for this work and if sent to the lower town hall any Friday afternoon will be most gratefully received.

The meeting of the Woman's club on Pebruary 21 is in charge of the Special-Ald for American Preparedness, Mrs. Annie B. Sanderson, chairman, and will be held in the evening at the Methodist auditorium. There will be a talk on surgical dressings with slides by Mrs. Agnes McNamara, field secretary in the woman's department of the New England section of the National Civic Federation. This meeting will be open't of the public, with no charge for admission. The music department met with Mrs. Rachel Barry on Thursday afternoom. The afternoon was devoted to the study of modern Italian operas, 'especially the operas of "Aida" and "Madame Butterfly," with selections from both on the Victrola. Four of the hades of the club attended the play, "The rose of Plymouth town," given by the Harvard Woman's club on last week Thursday evening and enjoyed it very The meeting of the Woman's club Thursday evening and enjoyed it very much. The literature department will meet with Mrs. Clara Hill on Wednes-

much. The literature department will meet with Mrs. Clara Hill on Wednesday evening, February 14, at 7.30.

Acting on orders from headquarters of the Boston and Maine railroad, men have watched the Nashua river bridge the first of the week, but later the men were withdrawn. The object of the watch was to prevent any possibility of fanatics blowing up, the bridge as a result of the excitement following the notice that the United States government had broken off diplomatic relations with Germany. It is expected that the bridge will be guarded in the future by men in the employ of the federal government. The Nashua river bridge being on one of the main lines of travel to the west, and over which an immense amount of food supplies and war munitions pass to Boston, to be shipped to the Allies, was considered as a proper place to put under guard. The other bridges in this vicinity were unguarded. The telephone company have also taken measures to prevent any possible interruption to the service. Henry E. Farnum, wire chief, is stationed at the office nights to look after the company's interests. office nights to look after the com-

At a meeting of the library trustees on Thursday evening Howard B. White, a recently elected permanent trustee, was chosen secretary. Mr. White's election came after the positive declension of Huntley S. Turner to stand for re-election. Mr. Turner

ture as was given at a recent C. E. social, but as not a great many were social, but as not a great many were present it was thought best to repeat in the new machine. Mid-week serv. ice Thursday evening at 7.30.

March, New Colonial Selection, High Jinks, Intermezzo, Petals, Reverie, The Chimes, Finale, Cabaret Capers,

James H. Gibride, of Lowell, deputy income tax assessor, was here from two to nine o'clock Wednesday to give information and advice in regard to filling out income tax statements as required under the new law. Many from Ayer and neighboring towns availed themselves of the opportunity of consulting him. The meeting places were in the assessors' and selectmen's trooms, town hall. rooms, town hall.

Miss Cortrude I. Co appointed substitute teacher in the Boston schools.

Boston schools.

Thursday noon the First New Hampshire regiment attracted attention at the freight yards. They were on their way to their home state where big celebrations were waiting them at Nashua, Manchester and Concord. The first section arrived at a little after noon and was followed at short intervals by the second section. The regulation will be mobilized at Nashua, Manchester and Concord and will relieve the police in guarding the government property throughout the state. ment property throughout the state. This regiment has seen more service than any other of the New England

than any other of the New England troops as they have been out seven months. They were stationed at Lerado, Texas. Co. I of this command had a brush with some Mexicans zeveral weeks ago killing several of them. It was while they were on outpost duty at Zapata. Texas. The troops came home by the way of Memphis, Tenn.. Chicago, Buffalo and Rotterdam Junction.

The meeting of the Woman's club on February 14 will be in charge of the education department of the club. There will be a speaker from the State Federation and also an address by F. C. Johnson, superintendent of school There will also be a report of the State Federation meeting by the delegates The subject of study in the First Aid class last week was "Wounds." The interest grows. The lessons are very practical and the members all enjoy them:

J. W. Murry, our local tailor, leaves this week Saturday for New York city for the spring opening on Tuesday. The third round of the whist contes

The third round of the whist contest between Robert Burns lodge L.O.O. P. Harbinger lodge K. of P. and Sons of Veterans took place February 1, in G. A. R. hall. Robert Burns lodge was the winner of the third round. The score: Robert Burns lodge 349, Sons of Veterans 280, Harbinger lodge 152.

A dinner will be served at the Uni-tarian vestry. February 22, by mem-bers of the Ayer Branch Alliance and Unitarian Girls' club.

The four lower grades of the pub

count of the severe storm.

Frederick J. Young, associate editor of the Nashua Telegraph, and a well-known newspaper man, called at this office on Thursday. Mr. Young came here to meet—the First. New Hampshire regiment which came through here that day on their return from the Mexican border.

The social dame to be refused.

Medical inspection of schools Sprinkling streets
Fire department
Forest fire department
Notes and interest.
Street lighting, unexpended balance of last year and Town park unexpended balance of last ear and Hydrant service.

The social dance to be given by the Unitarian Girls' club takes place on Monday evening in the town hall. Music by Valliant & Wheeler's or-chestra, six pieces, of Leominster.

There is quite an increased interest in the meetings at the Baptist church. in the meetings at the Baptist church. A large audience was present on last Sunday to listen to the singing by the enlarged choir and to hear the pastor's sermon on "The lost boy." One lady was present from Pepperell and two from California. On Sunday morning at 10.45, the pastor's subject will be "Back-shding." Sunday school at tweive. B. Y. P. U. meeting at six in the evening. Song service at seven by he evening. Song service at seven by the young people's chorus and agorence. Subject of sermon, "The living word." B. Yr P. U. social on Tuesday evening. A good time is expected. Weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

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Unclaimed letters in Ayer postoffice February 5. Mrs. Ludger Frive, Roke Maynaende Frank Niemi, Tom Snu-mate.

The annual town meeting was held on Monday Because of the severe bilizard there was the smallest vote in many years in proportion to the total registration, the number of male bullets cast being 452 out of a total number on the vieng list of 618. In other words 166 failed to vote. One female

Entire was also covered serviced. M. Turner was also and the control of the covered to the cover

Pago hose company will give a concert and ball in the town hall on Friday evening. February 16. Dyer's celebrated orchestra, of Worcester, assisted by Coyle Bros. cabaret singers, will furnish the music. David H. Walsh will act in the capacity of floor director, with John F. Ryan as assisted the tant. The following concert program will be given:

| The articles, beginning with article of or the term of three of the warrant, were taken up in accordance with time-honored custom who shall serve during like term. Sec. 5. This, by-law upon its approval by the ral and publication in the articles of the remains of three was a good attendation in the unternoon in spite of the law upon its approval by the ral and publication in storm which raged all day. The following action was taken on the articles.

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town incidentals on page 79; by substituting \$79.21 as unexpended balance on page 92 in sidewark account; by L. Wilson as moderator. He performs substituting \$22.04 as the unexpended cd the duties of the position well: on page 92 in sidewark account; by austriuting substituting \$23.04 as the unexpended balance for \$13.04; by substituting \$23.04 for \$13.06 as amount transferred to town incidentals account under report of highways on page 96 of the town report of 1916 on the Celebration of July 4; for \$23.00, instead of \$13.00 in the second item on the same page; voted that the report on page 113 read "due from E. W. Carley, tax collector, 1916, \$6,905.74." The article was passed as above amended.

Art. 4. Voted to authorize the town treasurer; with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue for said inancial year and to be paids-therefrom, such sums of money, not to exceed \$30,000, as may be necessary for the surrous and the sum of the surrous was well done.

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to be paid-therefrom, such sums of money, not to exceed \$30,000, as may be necessary for the surrent expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof.

Art. 5. Voted to authorize the town treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, at any time between December 15, 1917, and the close of the financial year, to transfer an unex-

cember 15, 1917, and the close of the financial year, to transfer an unexpended balance from any appropriation to any other appropriation.

Under article 6, for relief of soldiers, it was voted to appropriate for state aid all sums received from the commonwealth for reimbursements for state aid paid and to authorize the town treasurer to pay such further sums as may be required. Other appropriations under this article were as follows:

Support of poor—unexpended

Support of poor—unexpended balance of last year in hands of town treasurer and warden of the town farm, together with reimbursements received by the town, and also all accounts

due the town on account of poor devariment at the first of this year he appropriated for the support of poor during the current ways and or poor during the current year, and Relief of soldiers and mili-tary aid, from unappropri-ated funds in the treasury Care of soldiers' graves Schools, refund of dog tax

Schools, refund of dog tax and
School incidentals, rent of
Holmes' house and
School superintendent
Medical inspection of schools
Sprinkling streets
Fire department
Forest fire department
Ayer library
Notes, and interest

Sinking fund for water department Shade trees
Band concerts, unexpended ance of last year and Fourth of July celebration
Town incidentals, receipts from town house, district court and reimbursements due the town because of any money paid from town incidentals account during the current year or before and

\$35,390 0 Voted to appropriate \$75 for payment of premiums on the bonds of town treasurer and collector of

the town officers be the same as the past year.

Art 10. Veted that poll taxes shall be payable on demand, that all other taxes shall become due, and payable october 1, 1917, and that interest at the rate of six percent per annum, from October 15, 1917, be charged on acceptance of the taxes of the taxes of the payable of the payable of the taxes payable and taxes payable.

Mullin; commissioner of sinking fund, 3 yrs., Howard M. Beverly; fish commissioner, 3 yrs., Martin Scullane; field driver. John M. Maloney, pound keeper, John M. Maloney, idea of the storm of office of cach member the servage of the storm of office of cach member the servage of the storm of office of the successor to serve as a member of scal committee for the term of three years. Upon the occurrence of any other actuary the selectmen shall serve during the said unexplication in the afternoon. Although the warrant their disposal required over four hours. There was a good attendance in the afternoon in spite of the storm which raged all day. The following the first meeting of the selectmen shall appear as uncersor, who shall serve during the said unexplication in accordance with law.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1917

The severe storm kept away many whose physical condition made it necessary for them to stay at home. Thir, with other causes, kept 166 voters from exercising their right to cast their ballots.

Although the vote cast was, a good deal less than that of a year ago, the no-license majority was increased by two votes, the figures last year being Yes 183, No 327, a majority of 144.

This year the vote was Yes 143, No 283, a majority of 146.

A number of the cast was, a good the rate to be no reservations those who first come will have choice of soats. The lecture will begin promptly at eight o'clock.

Blizzard.

work was concerned.

The town put into effect a new innovation in voting an amendment to the town by-laws which provides for an advisory committee. Before proceeding to a vote on the matter, which was embodied in Article 13, Selectman Lyman K. Clark explained the meaning of the proposed amendment. Reduced to simple language the committee will be what is popularly known as an appropriation committee. The main duties of this body-18 to examine all articles in all warrants calling for

all articles in all warrants calling for all articles in all warrants calling for expenditure of money and recommend amounts to be appropriated for the expenditures of the town. The article also calls for the publishing of the committee's recommendations and indings at least three days before each and every town meeting. This com-mittee, under the name of appropria-tions committee, is and has been in ogue in many towns throughout the tate. The article was unanimously

came on the appropriation for the poor. The amount recommended was poor. The amount recommended was \$2,300. After a long debate, in which the affairs of the poor department and town farm were thoroughly aired, the amount\_was reduced to \$2,000.

Several other items in Article 6 received their full measure of attention. 1,000 09 1,500 09 150 00 especially the appropriations for schools, hydrant service and town 2,550 00 park. There was no serious opposi-tion to any of the appropriations

A vote was pessed under the real partner who for the celebration of July 4 to have child can be appropriate of \$300 expended the half to apply a committee of five to be appropriate. An units ed by the selection.

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Chief Beatty was on hard to loop order during the afternoon session officers James I Mills was describ hand to assist to the Work The familia

who had received word from a sup-posedly reliable source that the meeting would begin at two o'clock sons arriving at that time found they the K. of G. Lecture.

On Tuesday evening, February 13, the Ayer Council, K. of C., and their friends will kather at K. of C. hall to listen to an illustrated talk on "Border life and the national guard" by Major P. T. Butler, M. D., surgeen of the Ninth Massachusetts regiment. Dr Butler, an eminent physician of Bosafter in the intermon in spite of a storm which raged all day. The following action was taken on the articles beginning with article 3:

Under article 3: It was voted to amend the printed town report as follows:

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singer of popular songs, and dances, she being ten years old; Joseph Crossen, of Boston, Scotch dialect songs; W. J. Ryan, soloist, "New Orleans" and Irish folklore songs.

The knights extend an invitation to

A number of high school pupils attended the afternoon session to wittended the afternoon session to wittenses the transaction of the business in the disposal of the articles in the warrant, which were up for discussion.

Constable William F. Fitzgerald was in charge of the gate to see that the of law bearing on the election was propietly carried out. Of course, his work was well done.

One voter, evidently impatient in the several times for a vote, saying that it was getting near supper time and that he was hungry. He failed to make much of an impression, however, so far as the "speeding up" of the work was concerned.

The town put into effect a new into the control of the front of the interval of the interval of the front of the interval of the interval of the show much interval of the same interval of the interval of the substitute of the interval of the interval of the interval of the show much interval of the same interval of the interval of the show much interval of the in snow was so thick that they could see hout a short distance ahead and safety date. At the conclusion he was absistant could not be seen until the trains were within a few feet of them. The front of the locomotives when they reached here were buried in snow. The main line trains pulled in hours behind schedule and showed the results of a severe struggle through the huge drifts. The Greenville and Milford branch trains were much delayed.

Single Single At the conclusion he was absolute and siven a vote of thanks. Previous to the address the business may held with Eugene S. Barry, president, in the chair. Routen was neither was elected. The usual lunch was served.

Unitarian Church Notes.

the huge drifts. The Greenville and Milford branch trains were much delayed.

The Leominster electric line was put out of commission so far as travel was concerned at 1.30 in the afternoon The next car arrived the following morning. The Lowell and Fitchburg line fared the best so far as making time was concerned.

The large auto tank truck of the Standard Oil Company, on which Frank Cash, the manager of the local branch of the 'company, and Arthur Powler, an employee, were ridiag, was stalled a short distance south of the residence of Charles Thorne on Park attrect.—The truck, which is used in distributing oil to customers in the neighboring towns, was returning from Peppereli to Ayer. After several hours the truck reached the point where it stuck fast. The two employees of Mr. Rockefeller's concern were obliged to leave the truck and walk to town. A relief party was sent to the scene and the truck was towed home.—

An automobile owned by Lawrence Brooks, of Groton, was stalled in a drift near James F. Cilver's place on right out of the proper was a stricted. A chor of children in the work gallery sang a nymn response to the proayer office. A solo by Mrs. W. St. Beckford and a choir annihem were drift near James F. Cilver's place on right out of the proper and sermon at 10.45. Prelude, "Credo," from mass of Novello: "Sevenfoid amen." Stainer: anth m., "All thy works. Jorter: post-lude, "Recessional, Kozeluch Preacher, the minister. Subject, "The virgin birth." Church school at twelve.

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tion to any of the appropriations. The fire department's estimate of \$2.100 was raised to \$2.500 in view of the fact that the fire enumers recommended the installation of three fire alarm boxes, which they claim are badly needed. I was voted to put it to have the boxes to be ocated one near the flower town farm, one on Park street near the New Method Laundry, and the third on Maple street, near Yese garage.

The appropriations for bapd concerts looked bad for a short time when a motion for \$200 was passed, the amount to be expended under the direction of the second time. A vote was passed under the tree.

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### SHIRLEY

News Items. 4

There was no moving picture show iast Montay evening owing to the severe weather. The feature for Monday evening will be "Our other lives," in three parts, "The lineman's peril, a railroad story, with Helen Gibson, the daring screen star: "Mistakes will happen," a one-reel drama, and "The rogues' pond," a New York detective story, and "The new salesman," a Ham farce-comedy, will complete the big bill.

Alec E. Budah, and

Alec E. Bodah, aged forty-one years died last week Eriday morning at the home of his sister, Mrs. Adolphus Basilen, Leominster read. Mr. Bodah has been sick for the past live years with an incurable disease. The funeral was held last Sunday with service at St. Anthony's cometery. Burial was in St. Anthony's cometery. The near survivors are his mother, Mrs. Eliza Bodah three horsher Eurney Welson and three brother, Barney, Nelson and Samuel Bodah; three sisters, Miss Eliza Bodah, Mrs. Oscar Sidilou and Mrs. Adolphus Bastien.

The pastor of the Congregational church will preach on "Procrastina-

church will preach on "Procrastina-tion" Sunday morning. Praise serv-ice with sermon in the evening at 6:30 Mr. Corley was entertained last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knowles.

The Brotherhood of the Congrega-The Brotherhood of the Congregational church will hold its regular meeting on next Tuesday evening. Supper served at 6.45. At eight o'clock E. H. 'Chandler, secretary of the Twentieth Century club, will give an address on "The new nationalism," with special reference to the changing significance of the word patriotism. The address will be open to the public. The Ladies' circle of the Congrega-tional church will meet on next Wed-nesday with Mrs. William H. Wilbur.

The W. W. S. club will hold their annual valentine dance in Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening, February 14. Newell's orchestra, of Mariboro will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah B. Watton have given the name Chara Frances to their

nfant daughter, born Saturday, Feb-

The Ladies' circle of the Congregational church held its monthly supper and social in the vestry on Wednesday evening. A fine supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of evening. A line supper was served at seven o'clock under the direction of Mrs. Catherine Hooper, chairman, as-sisted by Mrs. E. H. Allen, Mrs. Thomas Whitaker, Mrs. G. S. Wells and Mrs. F. Dunham. The servers were the Misses Alice Horton, Cora James, Sarah Stevenson, Grace. Tewksbury. The entertainment at eight o'clock was under the direction of Miss Altie F. Howe, Miss Cora James and Walter Knowles. The following pleasing pro-Knowles. The following pleasing program was rendered: "The village gram was rendered: "The village choir," consisting of Mrs. Josie Dunn and Miss Ruth Knowles: violin solas Edward Lucie: plano solas Marah S. Stevenson and Miss Glat Phelps. Mrs. Bessic Collyer was plano accompanist of the evening.

Town Meeting. Town meeting was held on Monday

Shirley has ever experienced in a long time. Lewis H. Bradford, town clerk, called the meeting to order at eleven in the morning and read the warrant. D. Chester Parsons was chosen as moderator. The following were the election officers: Michael Gionet, Joseph Murphy, Roderick Casavoy, William F. McCormick, George Buxton, Thomas J. Gately, Morton E. Lawrenge, Harry O. Bangs, Henry F. Grout, and Walter Knowles; 134 votes were cast out of a registered list of 346, and four women voted for school committee out of a registered list of twenty-five. Howard Fleron, George A. Stebbins, Arthur H. Jubb was elected highway surveyor in a four-cornered contest and George A. Stebbins, Arthur H. Jubb was elected highway surveyor in a four-cornered contest, and George A. Stebbins were elected and George A. Stebbins were elected and George A. Stebbins were elected and George A. Stebbins which was elected being the form of the town the citizens voted to hold the annual town meeting in 1918 in the form and continued to the town the citizens voted to hold the annual town meeting in 1918 in the village. Much credit is due Charles H. Weater, H. in a group of the town the citizens voted to hold the annual town meeting in 1918 in the village. Much credit is due Charles H. Weater, H. in the history of the town the citizens voted to hold the annual town meeting in 1918 in the village. Much credit is due Charles H. Weater, H. in a spropriation of \$100 to the manitament of a regular police officer was also voted, and the purchase of four hemanitament of a regular police officer was also voted, and the purchase of four hemanitament of a regular police officer was also voted, and the purchase of four hemanitament of a regular police officer was also voted, and the purchase of four hemanitament of a regular police officer was also voted, and the purchase of four hemanitament of a regular police officer was also voted, and the purchase of four hemanitament of a regular police officer was also voted, and the purchase of four hemanitament of a r

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There will be a whist party for the cheefed of the cathode missioner, 2 p.ys., Walter H. Mission

Ar's Voted that the selectmen be Miss Marion I. Holden, of Temple-and hereby are directed to call the an-nual town meeting in 1918 at Shirley village. Ar: 9. Voted that the town main-

tain a hydrant on Benjamin road, op-posite the residence of Charles A. Me-

Art. 10. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$1,240 for hydrant service for the year 1917.

Art. 11. Voted that the town appro-

printe \$50 for School physician. Art. 12. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$900 for the purpose of providing police protection.

Art. 13. This article to appropriate \$900 for police protection in the event of the town voting license was passed

over
Art. 14. Voted to appropriate the
sum of \$150 to enforce the liquor law.
Art. 15. Voted to appropriate the
sum of \$200 for exterminating the elm eaf beetle.

Voted that the town pay

Mulpus brook on the Longley road, and that the selectmen be and hereby are authorized to make a contract or contracts in the name of the town for said hridge and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 from the balance in the treasury for said construction.

Art. 19. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$100 for the George Washington Memorial building, Washington D. C.

ington, D. C.

Art. 20. Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$900, together with the unexpended balance of 1916, for the purpose of sprinkling streets of the town with dust laying

general fire purposes.

Art. 26. Asking for an appropriation to provide lights and seats in Whitely park was passed over. Art. 27. Voted to appropriate \$75

Art. 27. Voted to appropriate \$75 to build a catch basin at the corner of to build a catch basin at the corner of Maple and Haskell streets.

Art. 28. Asking that Brook street be discontinued was passed over.

Art. 29. Vöted that \$25 be appropriated for the care of Shirley Center

common.

Art. 30. Voted \$200 be appropriated to provide town hall with a water supply system. Charles E. Bradford. Frank J. Lawton and Honry F. Growth were appointed a committee to attend

Art. 31. Voted to appropriate by purchase a piece of land near Shirley Center to be used as a public dump.

Same to be cared for by town authori-

Mrs. J. C. Ayers, who has been confined to her home with illness, is reported to be gaining.

The next regular meeting of the Matrons' Aid society occurs on Tuesday afternoon. February 13, and will probably be held at the home of Mrs. William Wilkins at Woodsville.

Rev. Grover Harrison, of Groton School, will conduct the service at Trinity chapel, Sunday afternoon as 3.15. Sunday school classes meet di-rectly after the service.

The next meeting of the Girls' Sew-ing Guild of Trinity chapel will be held with Miss Mary Hobbs, of Center road, Saturday afternoon, February Mrs. Clarence Clark, of Springfield, been spending a few days with her nts. Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves.

law school, was in town for town meeting, spending the week-end at the home of his mother. Mrs. Hattie P.

### BROOKLINE, N. H.

streets of the town with dust laying oil.

Arts. 21, 22, 23. Voted that the town accept the sum of \$100 for the perpetual care of the lot in the Center cemetery standing in the name; \$100 for the perpetual care of the lot in Center cemetery standing in the name of Abbott A. Jenkins; \$100 for the perpetual care of the lot in Center cemetery. Art. 24. Voted that the town appropriate \$500 for the perpetual care of the Philemon Holden lot in Shirley Center cemetery. Art. 24. Voted that the town appropriate \$500 for a Ford automobile truck to be for a Ford automobile truck to be general fire purposes.

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Art. 26. Asking for an appropriate \$500 pleasing to the other members was the presence of Mrs. Arthur Brown,—who presence of Mrs. Arthur Brown, who has been ill and is just beginning to

Forrace Hall and Miss May attended the masquerade which was held at Oak hill on January 29.

Harry Williams, with his family, has moved from the Elmwood into the house recently vacated by William Boutelle.

Mr. and Mrs. Matti Sironen last eek lost by death their infant son, Raffeal George, who had not been well since his birth about six months ago to same.

Art. 31. Voted to appropriate \$25 to purchase a piece of land near Shirley

Thomas Lynch of Cambridge.

Thomas Lynch, of Cambridge, Mass., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Patrick O'Connell, for a few days last

### LITTLETON ...

Rev. O. J. Fairfield concluded last Sunday his series of sermons on the distinguishing characteristics of Uni-tarianism and will follow it with a special sermon on "What we mean by

With the setting of the summons to day evening came the summons to Mrs. John E. Gardner, "Come. ye blessed of my Father, inherit the king-Mrs. John E. Gardner, "Gome, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you," and silently the evening shadows faded from her earthly vision as the spirit returned unto God who gave it.

Three days' illness from bronchial oneumonia had taxed the strength of her heart to its extreme limit. The ove and care of dear ones had aided the efforts of physicah and nurse for restoration of physical health; but her work was done, and life was complete To the devoted hasband, sons and their families the transition must, in-

their families the transition must, indeed, have seemed entimely and sudden, but for her the period of suffering was brief—and the close of life's
day was peaceful and sweet.

From her late home at the center
services were held Friday afternoon
at one o'clock her pastor, Rev. J. C.
Alvord, offering words of sympathy
and consolation to the bereaved famlity, and a worthy tribute to her bless

Mrs. Clarence Clark, of Springled, and that the town pay the premium on the bonds of the town parents. Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Graves, the year 1917, and that the tax collector be required to provide at his board of selectine for the uncollected taxes of 1915 and 1916, and that the tax gollector of the uncollected taxes of 1915 and 1916, and that the tax gollector of selectine for the uncollected to pay said premium.

Art. 17. Voted that the town appropriated to provide and the week and concerts the current municipal year.

Art. 18. Voted that the town build a reinforced concrete bridge across Malpus brook on the Longley road, and home of his mother. Mrs. Hattie P.

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Willard Strong of Vasselboro, Me., was a visitor tast week at the home of his brother-in-law, Clarence Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. George Betterley entertained their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Betterley and their daughter Matilla, all of Worcester, Mass. over the last week-end.

Mrs. Mary Cox returned from St. Joseph hospital of Nashua last week Wednesday and is convalescent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corey.

Mrs. L. V. Heyer was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Alpha Hall entertained the Sacred institutions at the house which their son had remodeled and made into two pleasant apartments.

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Next to the interest of home, and springing from a like sense of kinship towards the great human family of one Father were those of the church with which she affiliated herself. A member of the Congregational she attend its services and furthered its mission to the best of her ability. Perhaps no words are more applicable to this good woman than those of the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idle-ness. Her children arise up and cal her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Her own works praise her,"

Baptist Church Notes.

The vestry of the Baptist church was well filled at the dinner which was served by and to the members o the church and congregation and their families last Saturday afternoon. After the dinner brief addresses were made. Charles F. Watts presiding by Dea. Tenney on the value of the church to the community. Mrs. Caulkins for the Woman's Missionary society. Mrs. Watts on recollections of early members, Mrs. Robinson on those of later date, Mr. Goddard on the work of the Sunday school. Robert the church and congregation and thei the work of the Sunday school, Robert Wood on the C. E. society, Miss Corn-well for the Junior C. E., Mrs. Everett Kimball for the Woman's Benevolent Kimball for the Woman's Benevolent society and Mr. Caulkins for the church and its aims and spirit. Mr. Newell, as treasurer, gave a most encouraging financial report, showing the church to be practically out of the church to be practically out of

There is to be a series of whist parties and social gatherings at Tarbell's hall during the remainder of the winter, the first of which took place last week Friday, about four tables being in play.

Mrs. Arthur Goss and Mrs. Herbert Corey spent last week Tuesday in Lowell.

Mrs. Arthur Goss and Mrs. Herbert Whitney, R. Singing "The lutte brown church in the vale." Miss Edith Whitcomb, who sang a fine solo and Masters Lester Whitney, Arthur Wilkins and Eliot. the vale." Miss Fatth Wincomo, was and a fine solo and Masters Lester Whitney, Arthur Wilkins and Eliot Piper of the Franklin Boys' class, who rendered with evellent effect the once popular song, "You'll never miss the

A union serv.co in the interest of world peace will be held in the church on February 18.

Advance annoincements have appeared of the Middlesex local C. E. convention in Maynard, February 22.

The service Sanday evening will be a "tabernacle" meeting, the Sunday tabernacle hymn book being used: and echoes of the Boston campaign being heard. All are welcome.

Town meeting of 1917 passes into history as one that denotes progress in the possession of modern conveniences and the gratification of the esthetic taste. A large attendance and an increased vote, especially on the theense question indicates that the voters of latticing are interested in

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beginning with the next annual meet-Voted to authorize the board electric light commissioners to make

contract for electric current.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 to be used with a like appropriation from the County and the Highway Commissioners, making a sum of \$1,200 for radically improving Taylor street.

Voted not to extend the water main to the residence of James A. Wood on New Estate road.

Voted to pass Article 34, ralling for extension of town water system to J. H. Hardy, Jr's residence.

Voted to extend the water main on Mill street from Foster street to the ntract for electric current.

ers, cemetery commissioners an wajority of the selectmen.
Voted to accept sections of revised laws and amendments authorizing cities and towns to lay out public

parks.

The town did not vote to appropriate money for public park purposes.

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Superior Court.

Respectfully shews Catherine A Hooper, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Middlesex and Massachusetts, that she was lawfully married to Forest Hooper, formerly of said Shirley, but now residing in Yewassin, Alberta, Canada, at Woburn, County of Middlesex, and Common wealth aforesaid, on the second day of since lived together as husband and wife in Woburn, aforesaid. Wes Townsend, Vermont, and Shirley aforesaid, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage vows and obligations, yet the said Forest Hooper being wholly regardless of the same did, on or about the first day of September, A. D. 1912, at Shirley afore said, utterly desert your libellant, which utter desertion has continued from that day to the date hereof, the same being more than three consecutive years next prior to the filing here-

Wherefore your illedant prays that a divorce from the bond of matrimony teners, may be decreed between your libeliant "Whe and the said Forest Hooper and that the may be given the custody of Chester Hooper, aged 18 years, George R. Hooper, aged 15, Ruth M. Hooper aged 12 and Clarence Hooper, aged 12, minor children of said Catherine A. Hooper and Forest Hooper, and for such further orders and decrees in the W. E. Conant; board premises as to law and justice may ap-Dr. J. D. Christie, pertain. CATHERINE A HOOPER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, 88.

Superior Court, February 5, A. D. 1917 UPON THE foregoing libel, it is or-dered that the libellant notify the libelee to appear before our Justices of said Court, at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of March next, by causing an attested copy of said libel and of the order thereon, to oe published in Turner's Public Spirit newspaper published in Ayer in the County of Middlesex, once a week three weeks successively, the last pub-lication to be fourteen days at least be fore the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by register ed letter to the residence of the libellee as set out in the libel that he may then and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted.

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk. A true copy of the libel and of the ofder thereon. Attest,

WM. C. DILLINGHAM. Clerk.

## Running A Gantlet

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

A number of Britishers were recently talking about the question of England's maintaining a supremacy over the Suez canal when one of them said:
"They may be able to take it away from us by force of arms, but they can't do it by process of law."
"How so?" asked one of the party.

"I was a member of the British embassy at Berlin when the ambassador received a cipher telegram from London saying that a big block of stock o the Suez canal had been offered for sale at Cairo. He was directed to send some one there to make the purchase at any price. He called me into his and told me to leave at once to do the job. He said further that every large power would be glad to control the canal in this way, and if it were known to the others there would be a race as to who would get there first to make the purchase. The Germans would be surely after it. If it were known that I was going to Cairo I might be waylaid by the German se cret service. I considered this highly probable, and instead of leaving Berlin in my own proper person I stole out after dark. "The route I chose was by rail to

Genoa, thence by sea to Cairo. On the train in the same compartment with me was a lady who from her cast of features, her dark eyes and hair I set East Main Street down as being Turkish. She certainly of an oriental type and a very beautiful woman. It is quite a journey from Berlin to Genoa; and the lady and I were in the same compartment together for a long while. Smoking was not allowed in the compartment. but when ut a certain time all had left it but she and I she took out a box of cigarettes and asked me in French-the medium between different nationalities on the continent-if I objected to her smoking. I said no, and she offered me the box. I declined the offer, whereupon she took out one, lighted it and began to smoke.

"My suspicions were aroused by seing her every few moments apply her handkerchief to her mouth and nose, I fancying that she did so to inhale something on it that would counteract an effect. My suspicions were confirmed by a peculiar odor in the smoke and a languor stealing over me. I at tempted to lower a window beside me. but was already so benumbed that I couldn't get it down. I had just enough command of my forces to smash the glass with my fist. The fresh air revived me, and when I turned again to the Turkish lady she, in

well affected surprise, said: "Monsieur is sensitive to tobacco smoke?

"'Very,' I replied. "I was satisfied that she had been sent to delay me, and since by my manner I indicated that I was on my guard she made no further attempt to interfere with me. When we left the train at the border to take another I kept my eye on her and saw her heading for a telegraph office. I did not doubt that she would send a message to announce her failure, and some one else who stood ready would take up

her work where she had left off. "The first night out from Genoa I was walking the deck, taking my usua smoke before turning in. It was quite late, and there were but a few persons still up. I was near the stern of the when a gentleman came from the taffrail and as he reached me stopped and said in French with an Italian

accent:
"The phosphorous illumination in the wake of the ship is very beautiful."
"Without forethought I went the few yards between me and the taffrail and was looking over when the man who had followed me seized me and lifted me to throw me over. Luckily for me I had been an athlete at fond of cricket, rowing and especially wrestling. My man was very strong but I withstood his efforts.

"The next morning"-"Hold on. What did you do with the other fellow?" asked one of the lis-

"When I tell a story," replied the narrator, "I tell the story as I wish to tell it, and I don't feel obliged to answer questions. "Oh, go on!"

"The next morning and all the rest of the time that I was on the ship I kept my room. I had become satisfied that some pover-mind you, I don't say it was German=had let loose its bloodbounds tear me to pieces if necessary to brep me from Cairo, and I didn't care to give any more of them en opportunity.

"I reached Cairo at night and, going to a hotel, went to bed thankful that I was not tossed about a corpse in Mediterranean waters. I would have en joyed a good sleep had I not feared some spy with murderous intent was under my bed. As it was, I merely lozed and the next morning after breakfast went out to get a conveyance to take me to my destination. A jehu drove up, but before committing myself to his care I scrutinized him. In a twinkling I saw that he wore wig and a false beard.

"Thanks, no,' I said to him. 'I've met several of your friends already and have no desire to hobnob with any

of you.'
"I walked to the place I wished to go, and before I left it the British government owned that block of stock. When I made the return journey I slept all the way. No one was inter-isted in me."

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### **State Income Tax**

Do you understand the new state ncome tax law? You are running he risk of severe penalties if you

the risk of severe penalties if you disregard its provisions.

In this column there will appear each week an article explaining the thines 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 Attorney, State House, Boston, if reply by mail is desired enclose postage. No attention will be paid to questions on any other subject. Mention newspaper in which you read this. So far as possible-the state will furnish speakers to explain this law to any organization on request. Save these articles for future reference.

JOSEPH E. PERRY,

JOSEPH E. PERRY, State Income Tax Attorney.

## DISTRIBUTION AND "PROPOSED RULINGS"

(Twelfth Article) DISTRIBUTION.

On or before August—1st, the—Tax Commissioner will notify the assessors of each city and town the amount the state will pay back to such city or town as its share of the money collected by the state under this tax, and such sums will be paid over by the state on or before November 15, 1917.

The basis of distribution after next year will be determined by the legis-

year will be determined by the legis-lature, but the proceeds of the 1917-tax will be distributed as follows, there shall be paid to each city or town an amount equal to the differ-ence between the amount of tax levied upon personal property in such city or town in 1915 and the amount computed by the Tax Commissioner, that would be produced by a tax upon the personal property actually as-sessed in such city or town for 1917 at the same rate of taxation as pre-valled therein in 1915. Any surplus above the amount required to make such payments after paying the ex-pense of administration will be distributed among the several cities and towns in proportion to the amount of state tax imposed upon each of them in 1917.

ABATEMENTS AND APPEALS. The rights of all persons are amply protected by careful provision for abatements and appeals it seasonably complied with.

RULINGS.

NOTE. At the time this series of articles was written the following rulings were contemplated. If you find that any of them affect you, it

mould be advisable to see whether any changes have been made.

Cash On Hand.

It is the position of the Tax Commissioner that the law relating to local taxation is still in force as to cash on hand on the first day of April.

This means cash actually on hand and This means cash actually on hand and

not cash in the bank. Such will, therefore, be taxable by the local assessors at the local rate.

Cash in Bank.

As to cash in the bank, however, even though it is not drawing interest, it is the position of the Tax Commercial to the cash in the bank, however, that this is not taxable by missioner that this is not taxable by the local assessors. This is for the reason that it is in the general class of property, the income of which is taxed, if any, would be taxable, and it held to come within the language of Section 11 of the Income Tax Law, which says that "property the in-come of which, if any would be tax-able, shall not be taxed upon the principal locally."

Accounts Receivable.

As to accounts receivable not drawing interest, here also it is the position of the Tax Commissioner that these are not taxable by the local authorities

Co-operative Banks.
Shares in co-operative banks, both before and after maturity, are exempt from taxation under the Income Tax-Law and also by the local authorities.

Partnerships.

Partnerships will be allowed a deduction of \$2000-from net-income for each partner who is a resident of Massachusetts.

"Interest."

Note that not all indebtedness act ness does not have interest crédited to it. Interest is only taxable when to it. Interest is only taxobe with the sactually received, if the tax-payer is returning on a cash basis. If he is returning on an accrual basis, it is taxable when credited. Under this ruling, uncut coupons are not taxable on cash basis and dividends the same but not noid are similarly declared but not paid are similarly non-taxable on cash basis.

non-taxable on cash basis.

"Deposits in Savings Banks."

Deposits of any amount in savings banks are exempt from taxation. The law imposes a limit of \$1000 on doposits, but it permits interest to accumulate to \$2000. Note that it is only deposits in Massachusetts savings banks that are exempted.

There is a new act of 1916 permitting a join account in the name of

ting a join account in the name of two or more persons in savings banks in which case the amount which may 8c. quart be deposited legally is increased proportionately.

"Deposits in Trust Companies."
The deposit must be in a savings department of a trust company. Note that three trust companies, one of them the Waltham Trust Company, have interest departments and not savings departments. Most of the have interest departments and not savings departments. Most of the others have savings departments. If the deposit is not over \$1000, it is exempt with its accumulations of interest up to \$2000. If the deposit is over \$1000, the whole is taxable with its accumulations of interest. Because of the difficulty in certain cases from withdrawals and re-deposits, a balof the dimenty in certain cases from withdrawals and re-deposits, a balance of over \$1000 will be held taxable, unless the taxpayer shows us that the excess over \$1000 is interest

and not principal.

Professional Money Lender.

Note that all of the income of the money lender is from interest and Section 2 provides for no deduction of overhead expense against the six per cent tax. Apparently then, the money lender will be taxed on all his receipts and get no allowance for ex-

### TOWNSEND

Center.

At the meeting of the Coopers Union held last week Thursday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles Fusan press, if the Estes, fin. rec. sec. John Arlin, treas: A. K. Tyler, F. M. Warren, Mito Spauldins, heard of trustees; T. J. Coffey, N. J. McGuire, A. L. Dow, fin. com.

On last week Friday evening about sixty-five members of the Fitchburg. Leoninster and Lineary and the bitting cold and came in sleighs to the Methodist church to attend the complete feringe of the Townsend league, Miss Nellio Weston, president, followed by a musical program and a social hour with addresses by Rev. Dr. Wadsworth of Fitchburg and Rev. Dr. Noon of Lunenburg, and speaking by other league members.

The senior and Junior classes of the high school entertained the senior and junior classes of the Ashby and Lunenburg, and speaking by other league members.

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Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. LeGdy in the loss of their little daughter, who was born on last week Wednesday and passed away on the following day. The little body was taken to New Ipswich and placed in the tomb.

Mrs. Lewis Blanchard, of Greenville, has been the guest this week of Mrs

Angie Lans.

The Sep-Tem club met last week Friday at the home of Mrs. T. E. Flarity, when the members enjoyed a bountiful dinner served by the hostess. Readings were enjoyed during the afternoon and guessing contests particle pated in. It being candlemus day the contest of forming other words with the letters in candiemus was won by Mrs. Annie Greenleaf. It was regretted that some of the members were unable to be present on account of illness.

The next Grange meeting will be held on Monday evening in Odd Fellows' hall, with the following program: Current events, Amy L. Whitcomb; reading, Mrs. Ella Wilson; mystery social and box lunch; committee, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson A. Bray. Miss May Parker. The ladies are requested to bring box of lunch for two with the mame of the lady in the box, the boxes to be bought by the gentlemen; Mrs. Margaret Higgins, auctioned. Proceeds for educational aid fund.

The next meeting of the Parent-Ecachers' association will be held on buesday evening, February 13, in the high school room.

The condition of Mrs. Bert Wright's father, Lucius Felt, of Lancaster, who was operated upon at the Massachusetts General hospital last week, is considered favorable.

Mrs. Ella Clark has sold the stock in trade and fixtures of the Variety store on Elm street to Mrs. Hattle Misner, who will take possession on Monch. March 1.

Mrs. Marion Miller of Quincy spent the first of the week with her mother. Mrs. A. D. Fessenden. Mrs. B. Potter of Worcester and Mrs. Fosdick Har-rison of Woodstock, Conn., have been guests of Mrs. R. G. Fessenden.

The severe cold weather of Saturday and Sunday when the mercury registered from 9° to 16° below zero was followed by the severest blizzard said to be since 1888 in this vicinity. Townsend was snow bound, the snow falling from 18 to 20 inches on a level while drifts from four to seven feet falling from 18 to 20 inches on a level while drifts from four to seven feet leep were quite numerous. The local passenger trains were from one to three hours late, the evening traindue about 6.40 arriving about 10.20. These climatic hysterics on Monday indicate that no ground hog ever knew his book better than the animal who crawled back into his hole last week Friday. Friday.

Tuesday evening the Congregational C. E. society, held their monthly busi-ness meeting in the vestry. This was followed by a social during which various amusements were enjoyed and refreshments served.

Quarterly Conference Meeting.

The union evening service of the Congregational and Methodist churches was field at the Methodist church last Sunday evening, when a very helpful sermon was preached by Rey. Charles sermon was preached by Rev. Charles Spaulding, Worcester district superintendent. This meeting was followed by the fourth quarterly conference meeting of the church, presided over by the district superintendent, when the following church officers and committees were elected:

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Members of the official boderd-field. Members of the official boderd-field. George M. Newhall, George L. Bastman, Mrs. Annie C. Taylor, K. E. Morgan, John Campbell, T. T. Goodwin, Aifred M. Smith, Mrs. Annie Farrai, Mrs. Mary Spring, Mrs. Ella Clark, Stewards, Goo. M. Newhall George L. Eastman, Walter D. Farrar, Mrs. Annie Tryfor K. E. Morgan, Joan Campbell, T. T. Goodwin, Aifred M. Newhall George L. Eastman, Walter D. Farrar, Mrs. Annie Tryfor K. E. Morgan, Joan Campbell, T. T. Goodwin, Itisitees, pres. W. F. M. Mrs. E. C. Charlton Miss Nellie Weston, pres. Ellaworth league, Mrs. Mary Goodwin, Mrs. Mary Prich, Mrs. Mary Goodwin, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mrs. Ella W. son, Miss Wilma Taylor, Mrs. Ella W. son, Miss Wilma Marshall, H. M. Mrs. Hattie Misner, Mrs. Arnie bow, Miss Alfer Spaulding, Miss Florence Weeth, Miss Midred Stearns, Miss Midred Moulton, S. S. Mrs. Mary Spring, George Upham, Mrs. Lutte King, education, Miss Jeanette Newhall, Miss Bith Stearns, Miss Sadle Moulton, Mrs. Pearl Woods, Miss Morgedes Burke, freedinen's aid, Mrs. Allee Newhall, Miss Bith Stearns, Miss Edna Merrick, Miss Ida Rienke, William McMasters; parsonage, A. L. Dow, W. D. Parrar, George Upham, Mrs. Annie Farrar, church records, Mrs. A. Smith, W. D. Farrar, auditing, Ella Clark, Mrs. Athle Meeting Dr. Charlton positively refused to be considered for retired to the considered for re-

At this meeting Dr Charlton positively refused to be considered for reappointment to this charge.

Touth Anniversory. Monday was a red-letter day for the Pownsend Monday club, it being their tenth anniversary. Although the weather was stormy there was a good of these little affa is would be accepted at the home of Mrs. A. D. Fest renden Monday afternoon. The afternoon's program was in charge of Mrs. J. A. Doane. Mrs. Fosdick B. Harri-Elm street home, and Edward Beit has

son, of Woodstock, Conn. the first taken Oren's place at Patch's stable president of the club, gave a very appropriate and interesting paper, "Mus-

ers responded with thanks and appre-ciation for the club. Letters were read from past members, Miss Hattie Smith of Fairhaven, Miss Edith Barr, Miss Mabel Warner of Winter Hill, Mrs. Sylvester P. Robertson of Malden and Mrs. Helen Jefts of Townsend. -A social hour, with the serving of refreshments by the hostess, closed this placeant anthersay occasioned

this pleasant anniversary occasion.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson passed away early Friday morning of last week, her death being due to the infimities attendant upon extreme age. The funeral service was private and was held on Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Homer. Rev. Ar. L. Struthers officiating in the brief service of scripture reading and prayer, after which the body was taken to Boston to be cremated at Mount Auburn and the ashes are to be conveyed across the seas to Scotland, her native land, as soon as conditions permit. Mrs. Wilson leaves no immediate relatives, being survived only by cousins. She was well known. only by cousins. She was well known and well liked in this vicinity, having een housekeeper at the summer tesi dence of Mr. and Mrs. Homer of New York for many years. When comyork for many years. When com-pelled by failing health to give up her duties she removed to the village out-rage on Main street; where she has been tenderly cared for by Miss Chloe Brown for the past three years.

Brown for the past three years.

The summer camp at Vinton road was broken into Saturday afterinon by a party of young men from Fitchburg. The door forced open and acts of destruction and malicious mischlef committed inside. They were seen by the neighbors living upon the shore of the pond and the poll e were summoned and have been working upon the case during the wook and as yet no arrests have been made and action rests behave been made and action rests be police and the owners of

tween the police and the owners of camp in Boston.

Mrs. Forsythe has left the employ of Mrs. Charles S. Morgan and is at present with her daughter. Mrs. Stetson, of Josselynville.

In spite of the heavy snow storm and the sidewalks being just broke out med the sidewalks being just broke out everal attended the contage prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. McDormond on the Fitchburg road on Tuesday evening, which was conducted by Mrs. MacKean, the topic being "True haptaness."

Miss Alice Scayer yisted friends in Fitchburg on Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Howard is at her home in Stoneham for a few days and Mrs. Beard of Ashby is stopping with Mrs. Charles R. Morgan during her assence Mrs. William Russell from the Cen-ter spent Wednesday with her sister Mrs. Henry B. Hattaway.

Rev. Joseph MacKenn, who has been ill for a for night with an attack of acute bronchitis, is improving and is able to be down stairs this week and hopes to occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church as usual next Sunday.

The Ladies' Baptist Benevolent so-ciety held an all-day session Wednes-'ay at the home of Mrs. Lucy A. Lacw-rence, instead of at the vestries with a good attendance. A bountify, dim-ner was served at mon and a business ner was served at non and a bu-meeting held in the afternoon

Miss Ruth Smith - quite ill ome of her grid parents. Mi home of her grammar Mrs. Rodney Richards.

The worst storm here on Monday and half of snow fell a owing to the streng over a foot and a lich of it duffted gale and all day Wednesday were the roads. The Tuesday and part of Wednesday were spent in breaking of the roads. The nulls and factors closed and those employed at the Center came home employed at the Center can's home on the afternoon to a which was an hour late, while the evening train due at 6.45, did not at r.c. until 16 to Although the school partial due many from of the pupils were taken home at noon and those it gome distinct at the close of school suffered severely from the fury of it storm. Saveral with mobiles were week in from the g some distance suffered severely storm. Several wed in from the 'he Ashlov road be gale the chim-W. W. Webster

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Miss Chloe Brown, who has been caring for Mrs. Markuret Wilson will her death last work Friday, has removed to her home on lower Main street for the present

Perry W. Sawtel chas been confined to his home with a severe cold for several days.

eral days.

A very enlocated party was given hast week Friday coning at Semmary hall by the West Townsend orchestra with over eighty in attendance mostly friends and neighbors of the videge, although a few or ples were present from out of town. The evening passed most pleasantly with whist and dancing and ice cream and cake were served by Cautier Drake and it was the report of all strending that more of these little affairs would be acceptable to the public.

The Fruit Growers' association held Grange hall last Saturday evening. Mrs. Norman Bennett has been quite ill with tonsilitis, but is now able to be

Mrs. Nellie Nichols is quite ill and has been confined to the house for some time.

and entertainment on February 16,

New Advertisements.

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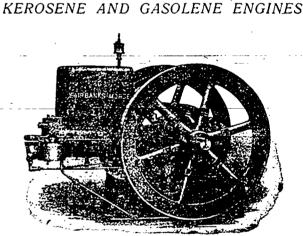
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### PEPPERELL

The Papperell troop. Boy Scouts, will meet at the lower room at the town house on Wednesday evening. February 14, for regular routine of drilling under the direction of their sooutmaster, Mr. Child.

Carl and Robert Deware spent the week-end at their home in town, re-turning Monday to Connecticut, where they are under private tutorship.

We note the announcement of the engagement of Miss Margaret Benedict, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Benedict, formerly of this town, to John L. Clough, of West Brookfield, a dry goods dealer of that place.

The Ladies' Aid society will hold their regular meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Idella Annis, on Wednesday afternoon, February 14. This will be a business, work and social meeting.

Sydney Tower, from Boston, was at is home in town over the week-end: Miss Beth McNayr, student at the high school, was detained at home last woek by the grippe cold and tonsilitis.

The prize speaking of the students of the high school, scheduled for Suturday eyening at Prescott hall, was postponed, as several of the particles. pants were ill. Douglas Willett, from Lynn, who is

taking a short vacation from his stud-ies at the Lynn high school, has been visiting at the home of his uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Winn and two children, of Waltham, were week-end guests at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Sylvester, and on Sunday visited Mr. Winn's grandmother, Mrs. Belsey Winn, who celebrated her eighty-ninth birthday the preceding day. Rainsford Deware.

S. M. Nokes finished filling his ice-

houses at the pond last week for his summer trade. This week he has been filling some of the storehouses for the markets, and for individuals about the yillage, the ice being over fourteen inches now from some parts of the

A snow shoeing party of Miss Lilli an Dunton, her cousin, Douglas Willett, and Miss Hall braved the weather of Monday afternoon for the sake of a little sport and to make a trip to the postoffice. Mrs. E. P. McCord and children Mrs. E. P. McCord and children, who went to Winchester to join Mr. McCord a few weeks ago, have settled there for the winter and their place on

Oak hill is closed. Mrs. Hattie Elliott, from Nashua, N. H., came on Thursday of last week to remain over until Monday with her sister, Mrs. L. G. Robbins, recuperating rom a hard cold.

An opidemie of chicken-pox is prevatent among the children of the lower grades, and a few of the older pupils have also been quite ill with it.

Repairs are under way on the house occupied by W. A. Drummey, recently damaged by fire. C. H. Miller has the woodwork repairs, and C. M. Bolles the painting and glazier repairs.

Edward Duffey, a former Pepperell high school boy, who acted as chauffeur for parties in Groton last year, has a position now with E. O. Proctor.

We note that Dr. Smith, of Nashua. N. H., who has had several cases from this town in the past year, is planning a southern trip of some weeks.

The inhabitants of this snow-bound village were out looking for that "ground hog", with murder in their eye on Monday, the worst day of winter thus far. All travel was abadoned before, nightfall, stores were closed early; and workers in the shops had difficulty in reaching their homes at since of the store.

Dr. C. G. Heald and R. M. Smellie have obtained the agency for the Chalmers automobile.

John Marsters has sold out his interest in the boarding house on Groton street to William Prince, who is to continue the business.

continue the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Martin moved last week from Tarbell street in the Miller e-trage near the approach to the bridge by the Fitchburg railroad

at the Pepperell Card shop last week with a friend from Valleyfield, P. Q., interested in the paper trade.

interested in the paper times.

The school barges were not able to make their trips on Tuesday and some of the rooms in the grades were down to eight pupels.

Mrs. Clara Church, formerly town out more recently of Lynn, is a present at Groton in the telephone

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The hostesses were Marothy Dennen. The menu consisted of tomato bisque, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, cake and orange sauce. The hot rolls, cake and orange sauce. The Nas place cards, made by the committee, to your heart shaped, decorated with red. a fa There were present nine younger girls. G who are to be known as the Paugus, the Junior Camp-fire circle. Each one is take to be under the direction of an older not girl. They already have their Indian names chosen and head bands started. They will become real camp-fire girls rill, when their guardian returns and a

when their guardian returns and a ceremonial meeting can be held.

The male population of the town of has received quite an increase during the past few days, according to reports. He Three sons have been born to their respective parents, January 31 to February 6, inclusive. A son was born to ca Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sliney on Wednesday, January 31; also, a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. Martin on Sunday, to February 4; and another son to Mr. February 4; and another son to Mr. and Mrs. John Granger on Tuesday, February 6.

Thomas Murray visited his sister, liss Katherine Murray, at Laconia, Miss Katherme ..... N. H., over Sunday.

Mrs. Pilias Soule was ill last week with the epidemic cold, her physician fearing pneumonia at one time. Her illness followed that of her two younger children, Dorothy and Phyllis, who had the cold only. had the cold only.

eral teams out all day Tuesday and even then some of the country roads had to be left until the next day the drifts were so deep and hard.

The entertainment committee coma Rebekah lodge, Mrs. H. haw, Mrs. Harris Tarbell and for a pleasant occasion on the evening of Tuesday, February 13. Every mem-ber-ls-privileged to invite two guests. There will be a program for entertain-ment and a social evening is antici-

ceived a message on Monday announcing the death of his brother. Edwir made several visits in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Den-

On her return she took one of th Granger children home with her to keep during Mrs. Granger's illness.

Helen Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Parker is out of school, ill with jaundice.

Miss Ada Whitney went to visit Mrs.

Payette Bicknell at Poland, Me., Saturday of last week. She will remain
two or three weeks probably. Mrs. J. M. Graham is caring for Mrs. William Stiney and infant son and assisting in the home.

Louis Shattuck was a victin

Miss Ann Murray visited Mrs. Lu-

The Forward club met at the tend were well paid and passed a pleas ant evening. The entertainment wa in the form of a minstrel show, which had been arranged by Gerald Wilfeti were many original jokes; duet. ferent musical instruments. Doris Durant played the piano. The end men were in costume. Following the entertainment games were enjoyed. Officers for the next six months were elected as follows. Kenneth Durant, president: Doris Durant, vice pres.; Zelpha Woodworth, sec.; Flora Boynton, treas. The next meeting is to be held March 2 and will be in charge of

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hall, Townserd street.

Miss Mary Counig recently come from Jaffrey, N. H. where she had been sent by her physician to recuperate, and has been the guest of her friend, Mrs. E. J. Darling, before returning to her teaching in Fitchburg.

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About twenty were present of the meeting of the Peppereli Men's club at the high schol building on Friday evening lay:

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to New Hampshire to take charge of

George, Parker, shipping clerk at he Pepperell Card shop, has been tking a short vacation as his wife is taking a short vaca not in good health.

Miss Jennie Merrill is at the home f. her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Mer ill. Oak hill. She recently came from of recuperation.

Dr. Austin Poters, the veterinary of Harvard, formerly of Boston, was in town on Wadnesday to consult with Dr. F. A. Davis, local veterinary, on a

Several parties from town planned to attend the Oddfellows' ball at Groton on Thursday evening, some prevented by the weather.

Mrs. John Marshall returned home from Ayer on Wednesday, where she was engaged as nurse in the home of Mr. Winslow,

Mr. Winslow.

The accident which Mrs. Sarah Patch suffered week before last caused her much pain last week, which she was hardly able to bear in her present frail condition. At prosent writing she seems a trifle stronger and is able to take more nourishment. She has been fully aware of her serious condition, which she has met with quiet fortitude and courage. Her mind has been remarkably clear, even in her hours of greatest weakness. She in her hours of greatest weakness. has found much consolation in hours of the days and nights. Al-though not out of danger, her little rally of strength the first of the week could not be otherwise than encourag-

A big Cadillac runabout met with disaster on the Nashua road in the atorm of Monday. Dr. Lewis, yoter-inary of Nashua, answering a call at

At the service held on Sunday at the South street schoolhouse a sermon from Dean Hodges-was read by Mr. Vahner of the Groton School. Three howing a good degree of interest.

or a fishing trip to Townsend. Little Evelyn Maltman is improving form her recent operation, so she is able to play out of doors on pleasant days. The treatment for the trouble which was continued at the Nashua hospital for some time, is not necesas often now.

A merry sleighing party of some of the school teachers with Miss Mer-chant of Lowell as a guest, went to Nashua Wednesday evening in one of Nashua Wednesday evening in one of Durant's big barges. Although the moonlight, which has been so fine, was obscured by clouds, the weather was quite warm for-the-time-of year-and the occasion a pleasant one. The party had supper in the city, attended the Colonial theatre and arrived home in the small hours of the morning.

The services for the informing.

The services for the late Charles Warner at Townsend Harbor on Friday of last week, were attended by his sister, Mrs. M. H. E. Scales, of this town, her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Stewart and husband. Mrs. Scales' sons, Andrew Woodward of Malboro, N. H., and Frederic Woodward of Gloncester. and Frederic Woodward of Gloucester returned here with her, after the ser

nade the addition of a whistle at their mill at East village.

upper tenement of her brother, Chas S. Parker's house on Townsend street, was found unconscious in her rooms on Saturday afternoon A physician was summoned who pro-nounced it a paralytic shock and her condition serious. Since that time up

P J McDonald has been

hard grappe cold having malarial chills in Thursday.

Mrs. Clurence Clark of Springfield visities her sister-in-law, Ruth Clark, in Tuesday.

The presence of the view containing the New Hompshire troops and their equipment over the Bosten land Maine tower? Nachma of The issue afternoon, was noted with interest in those who happened to be near Railread square.

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At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the baster Decided to the present of the present of the present was held at Another aged member of this parish. Mrs. Lucy Jare Goodwin, will be 97 years of age vext Sunday. It is believed that she is the oldest person in town.

In one of the large of the early mining whistle at the coher would be enough to be excited for A short whistle at the coher would be morning sleepers, approve of the abandonment of the former, three whistles at five o'clock.

A business meeting of the Epworth League service at 6.48, the schoet will be appropriate to the date, so near February 12, on 70 circumum: to work that Lincoln becaused a slight comment we would suggest that people generally, particularly the would-be morning sleepers, approve of the abandonment of the former, three whistles at five o'clock.

The nine o'clock whistle, we presume, was a custom which dated back to the old-time curfew bell. Since any observance of this as a retiring hour amount the coming generation is unity versally ignored. Why the need of a whistle? In any event, the company operating the whistles, either for the convenience of their workmen, or the public at large, were under no obligation to continue the custom.

Addison Woodward and John Frosself were in Boston on histories or

E. V. S. Club Meets.

the lecture. A committee served a collation at the close.

Paugus Camp-fire held their first supper this winter at the home of Mrs J. B. Lewis on Friday evening, Februs.

clearing of the sidewalks, after the storm, had been faithfully performed with nothing but good clean snowy two, daughters, who are married, paths for pedestrians. There were side in Petersham. One son, fitch even member was "present and another member was "present in the spirit, if the fish." This was Mrs. of Pennerell. paths for pedestrians. There were very member present and another member was "present in the spirit, if absent in the fiesh." This was Mrs. Anna Nutting, who sent a greeting by Anna Nutting, who sent a greeting by elephone from Shirley. Selections of he interesting events of the day were ead by Mrs. Chapman. Mrs. Goff and Miss Jordan. After the closing of school at four o'clock the younger son of the hostess, Earl Nutting, who is much interested in music and is showing marked ability, pleased the ladies of the club by rendering selection on his plano, and the vocal solos. "Bachelor days" and "All the world is hungry for a little bit of love," all of which was appreciated by his audience.

During a short business session the club voted to make their president, Miss Marie Jordan a member of the Home Civic department of the re-Home Civic department of the re-centity organized Woman's council of the County Farm Bureau. At the con-clusion of the meeting the hostess served light refreshments, which were enjoyed during the social hour.

Celebrates Eighty-ninth Birthday.

Mrs. Betsey B. Winn, one of our aged town citizens, was pleasantly and forcibly reminded of her eighty-ninth Mrs. H. A. Pike spent the day with her old-time friend and neighbor, pre-

Mrs. Winn's son, Joseph Winn, and his son Arthur from Marlboro, visited her also another grandson, Harold Winn with his family, from Waltham. Although, very, frail in bodily, health Mrs. Winn was able to enjoy the gath. ering of relatives and friends and converse with all.

Church Notes.

fice could not be warmed owing to some defect in the heating apparatus. Rev. Mr. Lewis offered prayer and the sermon was by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Child, the united congregations makng quite a large audience.

their return. Reports were made and the pledge cards handed to the mem-hers of the finance committee, who were present. This method of house to house visitation has been found successful one in many churches and it is thought will prove so here.

The annual parish supper will be held at this church on this Friday evening at seven o'clock. The program will be under the direction of the pastor, the supper being in charge of a committee from the church society.

At the morning service next Sunday the pastor, 'Rev. Mr. Child, will preach. The subject, "Our spirit in religion—broad fellowship."

At the Congregational church last Sunday the morning service was given up, owing to the illness of the janitor, H. P. Humes The congregation accepted the cordial invitation of the Unitarian church to worship with them. They heard a good sermon by Rev. Mr. Child of "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

New Sunday Rev Mr. Lewis will some in other parts of the state lew them. They heard a good sermon by Rev. Mr. Child of "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Som. Was in line of true school progress.

services.

The monthly social of the Forward club was held in the Congregational vestry last week Friday evening. Three young men, Gerald Willett, Howard Shattuck and Earl Nutting, gave a minstrel show, which was much appreciated. Miss Doris Durant was accompanist. They will repeat the show with home charges and additions at with some changes and additions at the next church supper.

on Nashua street with a cold having malarial charch, Mrs. Betsey C. Winn, was 89 years old last Saturday, and a quiet celebration of the event was held at her home at Hovey's corner.

Frank Conant and family are recovering from the grippe. Mr. Conant is

At the Methodist church on Sandry morning the hastor, Rev. Mr. Beers, Wrs. (Learn Richardson went into Preser. Therselve to aftered the Woman's council moething at the home of Mrs. Stern with chairmen.

Thomas F. Ternel is expected here from New York cry on Friday for a short Str.

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Addison Woodward and John Frossard were in Boston on business on Thursday.

Mr and Mrs O M. Nash have both been victims of the epidemic with tonsitits and confined to their home on Pirk street.

Other Pepperell matter on page 2.

Other Pepperell matter on page 2. went on Sunday, January 28. Reports received since that time have been received since that time have been leftorn had just died from heart fail wisiting them this week.

Incouraging, but her death occurred of the late R. a week and a half Mr. LePoer has been in Petersham. Nor did he leave the play given by the Woman's club for many years. His death took place ceived some encouragement from the Thursday evening.

of Pepperell. I Services will be held at the home of her daughter at Petersham on Sat-urday morning and the body will be received on the four o'clock train Saturday afternoon and will probably be

The monthly all-day meeting of the L. S. C. Alliance of First Parish will be held at residence of Mrs. John O. Bennett, Townsend street, on Friday, February 16. Business at usual hour. Lunch at 12.30. Musicale in charge of Mrs. Bennett in the afternoon.

The representative of the New England Milk Producers' association will be in Popperell to address a meeting of the Pepperell producers on Thursday evening, February 15, with the number of formula along evening. rangements and will notify producers of the exact time and place of meeting. Thomas Sullivan of Dartmouth has been at home sick for a week. He goes to a Boston hospital Saturday to have

is as large as the one that was held in Manchester and will be one of the largest outside of Boston. A Lowell lecorator is turning the big auditorium

dents above the age fourteen was little more than five years old, its success had been proved and the demand for an extension of the activities of the authorities had been growing among, all interested in scientific farming. He recalled the fact that before vocational agricultural training was introduced in the high schools it was often difficult to get youths with no aptitude or liking for study to take up a high school course and that the education of a large number of otherwise prome-

So interested were the authorities, he said, in the uncouragement of this form of education, that they were ready, on the yearly showing of work, performed, to pay back to the local educational committees two-thirds of the salary paid to the instructor, chosen by the state, who was deputed to introduce and carry on this specialized instruction.

varied, showed a remarkable range of agricultural activities in which the personal knowledge of what was being done in other parts of the state led

### TOWNSEND

Harbor.

that he is able to sit up a little each day.

Miss Dorothy Smith, a student at the Pierce shorthand school, Boston, after spending a week with her sister. Mrs. Paul Butler, of Jamaica Plain, returned to Walnutgrove Thursday.

Mrs. Backley on account of the severe

Mrs. Buckley, one of the latest grip

ering from the grippe. Mr. Conant is attending to some of his lighter duties. The sawmill in the lot opposite the Knowlton place sawed its first lumber Thursday. This will be used for building a horse barn instead of movung the one from Amherst, N. H., as was first planned. Three choppers came Tuesday. The teamsters arrived a day of two later. The procuring of sufficient men now seems to be the greatest difficulty.

Mrs B. C. Cummings has been called to Hudson, N. H., to care for her aunt. Miss Gilson. Born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Har-old Barnes of Petersham, a baby girl.

Mrs Barnes was formerly known in this village as Miss May LePoer. The pupils of the school in this vil-The pupils of the school in this village on last Monday afternoon experienced difficulties in reaching their homes. The vigors of the blizzard tried the strength of cyben those scholars who lived nearest. But what of those who lived between three and four miles away. It took the school barge from half-past three, the time of dismission till half-past five to deliver its mission, till half-past five to deliver its load of youngsters. Why was it necessary to wait till the roads were wellnigh impassible before the little folks could go home? Why was the noschool signal not given?

Will Cooper and Charlie Brown fin-Will Cooper and Charlie Brown fin-ished renovating the Harbor store on Thursday. The new postoffice ordered from Milford, N. H., has arrived. A stock of goods has been ordered and if present plans mature on next Mon-day, less than two weeks from the burning of their former store and stock, Josselyn & Son will be ready for their opening.

their opening. Early on Thursday morning Bern LePoer received a telephone message saying that his mother, Mrs. R. Miles LePoer, had just died from heart fail-

at the home of Mrs. Harold Barnes. Mrs. LoPoer's daughter, with whom she was spending the winter. The body will be brought to Pepperell for inter-

Mrs. Byron Laws died at her home in this village this week Friday morning at one o'clock. She was taken with the grippe on Monday, which later developed into pneumonia.

Billy Prince, in the employ of the leatherboard mill, died of apoplexy on Thursday morning in Pepperell, where he had gone the night before to make purchases. Interment will be in Manchetesr, N. H. He is survived by a mother and sister in Mancheter; also, a father, who is in a Masonic home. Obituary.

Obituary.

The funeral of Charles Warner took place at his late residence in this village on last week Friday afternoon, Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating. During the service Miss Stella Farrar and Mrs. R. Cowdrey sang "Lead, kindly light" and "The home land." Interment was in the family lot at the Center. Mrs.

to a Boston hospital Saturday to nave another operation on his nose and head.

The Nashua auto show is attracting Pepperell April 1, 1840. He was the a great deal of attention among the son of Betsey E. (Shattuck) and Waller the Oak. roe), Lillian A. and Melora E.

Men's Club Meeting.

Bad weather prevented a large attendance at the lantern talk given before the Men's club at the high school building on Friday evening, February 2, by Rufus W. Stimson of the State Beard of Education. Those, however, who were able to attend, were treated to a highly interesting and stimulating account of the work now being done being overcome by the ex Dr. Boynton was near and mediately tried restoratives but life was extinct. Mr. Warner is survived

> At the Congregational church Sun-day morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' ser-mon subject is "What God wants and what, man wants." C. E. evening meet ing topic, Confession (consecration) Leader, A. S. Howard.

by his wife, three daughters, two grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Mr E.

Scales of Pepperell.

Mrs. E. B. Morse of Townsend Hill spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. James Robertson, at Woburn, re-turning to Townsend on the late train Monday evening. On account of the blizzard she could not reach her hill home that night so stayed with friends at the Center.

at the Center.

Miss Carrie Walker of Townsend
Hill is spending the week-end and
over Sunday with friends in Fitchburg. The home town friends of David G Howard, an instructor in Carnegie institute, Pittsburg, Pa., will be interested to learn that he has been appointed the charge of a party of sen ors and juniors on a tour of inspection of the General Electric Company's plant at Erie, Pa. Mrs. William O. Taylor of Plainfield

N. J., is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith. Mrs. O. L. Drake is spending the week-end and over Sunday with relatives in Somerville.

Mrs. William Domnia, who has been sick with the grippe for the past four weeks, has not been as well the last week, and is under the doctor's care again. Little Donald has also had a very severe case of the grippe the last week.

### HARVARD

News Items.

The annual men's supper given un-ler the auspices of the men of the congregational society is to be given at the town half on Friday evening, February 23. Herbert A. Thayer has the supper in charge and Arthur T. West, the entertainment. The entertainment will consist of the three-act comedy entitled, "The colonel's maid," a full evening play with a genuine comedy

The deputy income tax assessor for this district will be at the Memorial rooms on Thursday evening, February 15, at nine a. m. to meet all citizens oms on Inursial evening, rebruary, at nine a.m. to meet all citizens the town interested and assist them filling the blanks to return to our

Fred H. Alling of Denver, Col., spent There was no session of the schools on Tuesday on account of the severe storm and the drifting of the Oak Hill and Bare Hill roads, making it impossible to get through with the school because

arges. Miss Nancy Harlow with one of her school friends from Ashburnham academy is spending this week-end with her\_parents\_Mr. and Mrs. John B. Harlow.

hospital recovering from her treatmenthere. She is doing splendidly, gaining health and strength daily.

Miss Annie Kerley is home from the

Prof Alfred Hoernle of Harvard university, who with his family regularly spend the summer months here, will build a home of their own in the spring on the Fiske Warren estate at Tahanto The storm of Monday cut down the attendance at the Grange meeting on Tuesday evening, only twenty-nine being present. A very interesting enter-

tainment, consisting of songs by corgie and readings, all illustrated by

shadow pictures, was put on and those present had a very pleasant time. Maplecrest, the summer home of Thomas F. Dolan of Newton, is open for a few weeks, the family being up for a short stay.

Still River.

Under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent society, the men's annual supper and entertainment will be givsupper and entertainment will be given in the Baptist vestry on Thursday evening, February 15. The services of Mr., and Mrs. Lucius C. Fairchild have been engaged to provide the evening's entertainment. They will present "An evening with the poets" and the beautiful one-act temperance playlet, "For he's a jolly good fellow," written by Mr. Fairchild, assisted by the ladies orchestra. This is the great event of the season, in which the men try to out-do the women, both in supper and entertainment. ntertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hutcherson have had her brother from New Hampshire

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thought best not to try to heat the church, and the services were held in the vestry, which, since installing the

the vestry, which, since in now heater, is very warm. The railroad company has had the wrecked automobile removed from in front of the station, back out of sight behind a pile of ties, which is a great improvement in the eyes of patrons

t the station. Miss Helen E. Stone has been very

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Richard E. Portley, Still River crossing tender, who was arrested Tuesday afternoon for manslaughter, was held for the May session of the superior court in the sum of \$2000 by Judge Smith of Clinton Wednesday in the district court there. Attorney John E. Sullivan of Worcester, counsel for Mr. Portley, walved the reading of the complaint and entered a plea of not gullty. He also walved examination and asked the court to reduce the amount of ball.

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The witnesses present were: Leon H.
Whitney, Eugene F. Colburn, Henry
R. Harrod, Slias B. Haynes, Dr. Geo.
L. Tobey and Constable William Hanna. All were recognized to appear in
the superior court at the next session.
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Those witnesses testified at the inquest last week Friday.

Attorney Sullivan in asking for a reduction of the amount of ball, cited similar cases which had come before the Central district court in Worces, and the success Sullivan then suggested to the court

that the defendant Portley has no intention of evading the law by running away. He said Portley has had every opportunity to do this it he wished to.

Mr. Sullivan said at the close of the inquest he told his client that he thought a warrant would be issued as in result of the evidence offered.

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Judge Smith, in reply to this, said the had considered the facts suggested by Mr. Sullivan but he was also bound to consider the grave results of the accident and the fact that the man has no family or relatives here. He said Mr. Portley had already secured \$2,500 ball and he thought it would not prove any hardship for him to furnish the same amount again. He then decided on the sum of \$2,000.

SHIRLEY

News Items.

Center.

Mrs. John E. Gardner, a former resident here and a member of the Congregational church, passed away in Littleton on Tuesday, funeral services being held on Friday afternoon. The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church will hold a supper in their

G. M. Ballou's saw mill will be closed until April first. Mr. and Mrs. Ballou will leave for the south and in their absence George F. Buxton will be in charge e in charge

Miss Edith Sargent, at the North who has been ill for several weeks, is suffering from bronchitis and is threatened with pneumonia.

Miss Sybil Storer is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Marsh, after spending a few days in Worces-The meeting of the Grange on Tues-lay evening was a valentine party in charge of the Matrons' Aid society. Mrs. Margaret Harris and Mrs. Bessie Buxton had charge of the lecturer's hour during which the following prohour during which the following program was given: Songs, Grange; readings, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Clarence Clark, Miss Vangeline Freeman; vocal duet, Mrs. A. G. Dunn and Mrs. Buxton. This was followed by a valentine contest in which each couple made a valentine from material furnished by the committee. Lewis H. Bradford and Mrs. Lida Wood received the first prize, and Mrs. Mabel Graves and A. G. Dunn received second prize. In the contest to pin the dart on the heart. Elmer Wilkins was first and Mrss Madolon Kemp was second. Reand as a belated wedding present, and as a sign of the appreciation of the Grange for her work in the Grange in the past. The presentation was made by A. G. Dunn, and Mrs. Clark replied with a few words of thanks.

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