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The school committee organized on Tuesday evening with W. F. Furbush as chairman and Franklin Dean as

Mrs. Louisa Priest, who was taken sick in October, is still confined to the bed with a nurse in attendance.

Randall Livermore is spending the veek in Ithica, N. Y.

The Grange meeting last week Friday evening was a valentine party in charge of Miss Maria Steele. John McNamara and Miss Ann Coffey. After a search for hearts, broken hearts were matched and the couples marched to the dining hall where a literary turkey supper awaited them. After that came more games and a generous supply of fudge contributed by the surprise committee.

Adjourned Town Meeting.

The adjourned town meeting convened at the town hall on Monday afternoon at one o'clock, George Burroughs' being chosen as clerk pro tem. The additional town officers were elected as follows: Library trustees, Z years, S. D. Salmon 3d, Mrs. C. B. Robbins; trustees of the Peter Whitcomb fund, selectimen; cemetery commissioner, S. B. Hager; tree warden, comb fund, selectmen; cemetery commissioner, S. B. Hager; tree warden, Charles Richardson; connatables, Frank places, Linwood Richardson. There was spirited bidding for the office of tax collector, which went to Frank places, which went to Frank places. The license vote was No 23; Art. 21. Voted to appoint the town commissioner.

Robert Poland and Mrs. Earle Littlefield attended the alumni reunion of Concord high school last Saturday evening. It took the form of a pop concert and old-fashioned hop in Eaton hall and was very enjoyable. Harold Orendorff, a former, Boxborough boy, is president of the association.

Monday evening was guest night at the West Acton Woman's club and soveral from here attended. The en-tertainer was J. L. Harbour, and his subject "Blessed be humor."

Simon Hager is sick with sciatic heumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean are both recovering from severe colds.

Yes 7.

Article 5. Voted to raise \$600 for the extension of work on Liberty square road.

Art. 6. Voted not to accept an act relative to fixing the fee by the selectmen for an annual license for slaughtering not to exceed \$100.

Art. 7. Voted to raise \$500 and the income of the Peter Whitcomb fund for roads.

for roads.

Art. 8. Voted to raise \$300 for the

dollars to the tax collector was passed over.

Art.-26. The vote not to adopt the Australian ballot system was reconsidered and it was voted to adopt it.

Art. 26. Voted to raise \$15 for the George Washington Memorial building in Washington, D. C.

Art. 27. Voted not to pay transportation bills for pupils attending out-of-town schools other than those reimbursed by the State Board of Education.

Art. 28. Voted to defray the tuition on agricultural subjects at the Concerd high school.

Art. 29. This article, to see if the town would raise money to defray the expense of transportation of high school pupils, was passed over.

Art. 30. Voted to raise \$1,600 for schools. Art. 8. Voted to raise \$300 for the support of poor.
Art. 9. Voted to raise \$50 and one-half the dog tax for public library.
Art. 10. Voted to raise \$1.800 to defray town expenses the current year.
Art. 11. Voted to authorize the town treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
Art. 12. Voted to charge six percent on all taxes remaining unpaid after October 15.
Art. 12. Voted to abolish the office of sexton.
Art. 14. Voted to leave the matter of sealing tombs to the cemetery commissioners.
Voted to reduce the salary of the sealer of weights and measures.

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Art. 16. Voted to accept the sum of \$200 for the perpetual care of Alfred L. Brown lot.

Art. 18. Voted to raise \$500 for work on the Hill road.

Art. 19. Voted to elect a moderator of fown meetings for the term of one year.

Art. 20. Passed over the article t

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seven o'clock.

The Adelphian club will hold its regular meeting on Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the church vestry, and not at the Library hall. The initiation of the new officers, which was postponed from the last time, will take place then, and wil be followed by a social time. All the members are entitled to bring their friends.

Art. 33. Voted to petition for gates at the railroad crossing.

That the doings of our town meeting were unusually interesting is shown by the fact that an extended account of both meetings was in the Boston Globe and read by our citizens with much interest.

News Items.

The subject of Rev. O. J. Fairfield's sermon at the Uniterial The foundation on which we have to build the church of tomorrow."

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butterfly," "Thou art so like a flower,"
"Roses," Chadwick, Mrs. Cora S
Hager, accompanied by Mrs. Houghton
A large party of Littleton's married

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Roy Canney is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W Canney.

The 'Historical society will meet in the library reading room on Thursday evening.

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WESTFORD

One of the pleasant events of next week will be the dramatic reading at the Unitarian church on Friday even-ing. Mrs. Nina Spalding, of Lowell, will read the charming story, "Peg o'

has come during this past week. On Monday and Tuesday thermometers registered 13 degrees below zero and , and in some sections of the 18 below is reported.

Mrs. Bartlett, who was Mrs. Tyler's housekeeper until Mrs. Merritt re-turned to Weetford, is now serving in that capacity for Emery J. Whitney.

The social for February at the Congregational church took place Wednesday evening and while the attendance was not so large as usual, owing to sickness and weather, those present enjoyed a pleasant evening. enjoyed a pleasant evening. A fish chowder supper was served at 6.30. Coming on the evening of the four-teenth valentine table decorations were in order. At eight o'clock a pretty entertainment of music and readings was given. Songs, old and new, were illustrated by living tableaux. Those who appeared in the big picture frame entered into their impersonations with much grace and spirit, and those who assisted at the plane and with sole or duet, helped ano and with solo or duet, helped o make the program's success. Those i charge of the evening were Mrs. A. 7. Hartford. Mrs. John P. Wright and Mrs. William C. Roudenbush.

and Mrs. William C. Roudenbush.

The next meeting of the community sing, in charge of Mrs. W. R. Taylor. will take place at the Congregational vestry on next Tuesday evening. Everyone cordially invited, whether they can sing much or little, or even not at all. Come and bring the song books and enloy these favories.

should have been a beautiful mound from the W. C. T. U. and a floral offering from Miss Sarah Rogers.

Pleasant letters come to the West-ford friends from the Misses Atwood, spending the winter in Florida. They wrote from Miami, where they have enjoyed their stay very much. Mrs. L. H. Buckshorn and son Fisher have both been among the sick ones with attacks of the grippe.

-Miss Martha Grant, principal at the Frost school, was called to her home in Gloucester last week, owing to the illness of both her father and mother. During her absence Miss May Day substituted at the Frost school.

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At the Congregational church—lastSunday morning the members of the
Boy Scouts were the guests of the day
and the service was planned to be of
special interest to them. The special
watchword of the Boy Scouts, "Be prepared." was especially exemplified in
Mr. Lincoln's address, taking his text
from the story of David and Goliath.
Those present, in charge of Scoutmaster Roudenbush and Otis Day, assistant scoutmaster, were George Perkins,
Alfred Sutherland, Bertram Sutherland, Herbert Shea, Raymond Shea,
Joseph Richardson, Fred Robinson,
Carl Arderson and Gordon Seavey,
The group wore their uniforms. At group wore their uniforms

Westford's annual town meeting was held on Monday, February 12. While much more fortunate in weather than those towns whose meetings came the previous Worday it being the coldest day of the winter thus far did not encourage citizens in exercising the right of franchise. As there was ranchise. As there was no cortest

eived from eight to eighteen votes for each office. On the license question only seven men voted "Yes" while six
Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Snow have only seven men voted "Yes" while sixty voted for a "dry" town. The writer noted one little innovation in the shape of the attendance in a body of the high school class in community civics under the care of their principal. Mr. Roudenbush. The educative value of this visit was more widespread because both boys and girls were in the class this visit was more widespread because both boys and girls were in the class.

Re-election of town officers ruled through the list, except that A. R. Choate declined to serve longer as overseer of the poor. Wesley O. Hawkes was elected in his place.

During the consideration of the warrant Capt. S. H. Fletcher told of a feet hold in the town in behalf of the

warrant Capt. S. H. Pietcher told of a fair held in the town in behalf of the sanitary commission during the civil war. At that time Dr. Dow was practising medicine here. Mrs. Dow's sister was the wife of Hon. Leonard Sweatt, a prominent lawyer in Illinois and an intimate friend of President though Mrs. Sweatt wrote to the incoln. Mrs. Sweatt wrote to the president of this fair and he sent sevpresident of this fair and he sent several of his photographs with his autograph on each for sale at the fair. Mr. Fletcher showed us one of them which was purchased then for a dollar. Needless to say a dollar would not buy it now. The reader may note that this town meeting was being held on the anniversary of Mr. Lincoln's birth.

All reports of town officers were ac All reports of town officers were accepted as printed in the annual report. The tax collector's compensation will be the usual one percent on collections. Two new hydrants were authorized, one on River street, Graniteville, and one near the end of Paradise lane on Main street in the Center. Article 21 was tabled until more information was available. This asked for \$200 toward a George Washington Memorial building in Washington, D. C.

n, D. C. Articles 22 and 23 were quickly car-Articles 22 and 23 were quickly carried, assuring the making over of the old-academy building into quarters for the Center fire department; \$1,500 is to be borrowed on three notes for this purpose, and \$1,500 was raised.

Under Article 24, \$3,000. is to be burrowed on five notes to go with

Under Article 24, \$3,000 is to be borrowed on five notes to go with \$3,000 from the county and \$3 000 from the state for the road from the Center to Graniteville. This improvement will take care of perhaps the most dangerous spot on our roads.

Under Article 25 a committee of five the committee of the constant of of

was appointed to arrange and tract with the Westford Water

tract with the Westford Water Company for water.

The "hardy annual" vote authorizing the treasurer to borrow money until the tax collector can pry enough away from his victims was passed, and said collector was instructed to work as provided by lay.

Article 30, re-elected the finance committee save that W. R. Taylor was chosen in place of W. O. Hawkes.

Re-election was again the rule for town officers chosen by hand vote, and so the newly-married men were spared new duties.

new duties.

Article 34 was passed so that the

the overseers of the poor.

The following appropriations were made: Public library, dog license money, unexpended balance and \$1,000; burial grounds, \$250; roads and bridges, \$6,500; town debts and charges, \$7,500; poor, \$2,000; schools, unexpended balance and \$15,973.75; moths and beetles, \$1,100; fire department \$450; new hose and fire apparamoths and beetles, \$1,100; fire department, \$450; new hose and fire apparatus, \$350; piano for town hall, not over \$500; Center firehouse, \$1,500 and borrow \$1,500; fish and game warden, \$50; sidewalks, \$600; Memorial day, \$150; transporting library hooks, \$100; lights on Lowell road, \$270.

The officers elected were as follows: Selectman, Oscar R. Spalding; assessor, J. Willard Fletcher; overseer of the poor, Wesley O. Hawkes; treasurer, Harwood L. Wright; collector of axes, Leonard W. Wheeler; auditor, Edward T. Hanley; constable, William L. Wall; school committee, John Spin-

L. Wall: school committee, John Spinner, Arthur E. Day; library trustee John P. Wright; commissioner of public burial grounds, George T. Day: tree warden, Harry L. Nesmith.

Tadmuck Club.

One of the best of mid-winter meetings of the Tadmuck club took place Thesday afternoon at the vestry of the Congregational church. The usual procedure of the meeting was revers procedure of the meeting was reversed, the speaker of the afternoon coming first and the business session later. The president, Miss Howard, introduced Hugh F Molloy, superintendent of schools of Lowell, who gave a lecture on "Marie Antoinette" Mr. Moloy proved a finished and fluent speaker, a thorough student of history, and presented the brilliancy and tragedy of the reliff of this Fedutifol woman and the period of the French revolution in which she lived with much ability.

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ford Grange will be held on Wednesday evening, exceed of on Thursday schools held a successful candy sale in the school house Third vening will be a Washington night, with many new features when it never dreimed out load in the school house Thursday after the receipts will be expended in new records for the Victrola public before.

Mrs. Alta Hallis of Association

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Rev. Charles II. Spanding, well, in town a few days this week known in West chelmsford, where he conduct the fourth quarterly, conference at the Village church Sunday afternoon and conduct terroop and conduct the fourth quarterly conference at the Village church Sunday afternoon and conduct terroop and conduct the fourth quarterly conference at the Village church Sunday afternoon and conduct terroop and cond Rev. Charles E. Spaniding, well, in rown a few days this week known in West chelmsford, where he conduct the decree of marriage, will held as usual in the town hall next conduct the fourth quarterly, confer-Thursday afternoon and eyening, ence at the Village charch Sunday afforms for the children from four sand nine hundre to six o'clock, and for adults from

been stopping at the Hotel Imperial, New York city, for a few days. While there they made a trip out to Bound Brook, N. J., to visit Mrs. Snow's sis-ter, Mrs. George Howard.

At the annual luncheon of the Wo-man's club of Bound Brook, N. J., which was held at the Middlebrook Country club, Mrs. Martha Taylor Howard responded to the toast, "New England forever," which was received with great applause.

The funeral of Arthur Abrahamson

week Friday at the Ayer Tannery, took place from the home of his parents on Strawberry hill, West Chelmsford, on Monday afternoon, Rev. W. F. Hudgings, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; conducting the services. A quartet composed of Elsie and Edith Lundberg, Paul Lundberg and Rev. W. F. Hudgings sang "Earthy treasurers fail," "Shall we meet?" and "Thy will be done." Flowers, the tribute of friends and relatives, were abundant. The bearers were friends of the deceased. Albert and Adolf Nelson, Harold and Albert Miller. Burlal was in the family lot in West Chelmsford cemetery. The deceased was born in West Chelmsford twenty-three years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abrahamson. He received his education of the village. ceived his education of the village, had a host of friends who will mise his

About twenty-five people and other folks in a sleigh-ride, partly from folks in a sleigh-ride, partly from Lowell, last Saturday, when opposite the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Re. Farnham, a few sled lengths north of Keyes' pond, came to a stop, unloaded, went into the house, helped themselves to a clever good time, and Mr. and Mrs. Farnham looked on and helped.' Granitoville.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. I Dudevoir have recovered from scarle fever and quarantine has been lifted Extreme cold weather has prevailed here during the week, the mercury registering between 16 and 20 degrees below zero during the early morning hours.

Sleigh-ride parties are now being enjoyed by many while the roads and hills are in excellent condition for

The sudden death of Arthur Abrahamson, who died as a result of an accident while at work in Ayer on last accident while at work in Ayer on lass week Friday came as a shock to his many friends here. Abrahamson was a former resident here and worked on the quarry and in the machine shop.

Although it is rather early to talk about baseball it is safe to say that Graniteville will have a good, fas club on the diamond during the com-Mrs. J. Herbert Fletcher is visiting her cousin. Miss Nollie Gill, at her home in Sudbury.

Included in the list of flowers at made:

Public library, dog license summer. The new hall park will from a Lowell Savings bank for he in fine shape by that time and plans are now being formulated whereby the are now being formulated whereby the coverseers of the poor.

The following appropriations were made:

Public library, dog license every Saturday during the coming seathers are soon as the important details and son. As soon as the important detail onds are attended to the management will make arrangements to get the More particulars will be

together.

The members of Cameron Circle.
C. F. of A., held a well attended and
interesting meeting in their rooms on
last Tuesday evening. Much business of importance was transacted and a the conclusion of the meeting a socia

the conclusion of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

Several young ladies of this village are planning on a sleigh-ride party to Lowell on Saturday evening, when the attendance at the theatre, to be followed by a supper is among the pleasures being planned. The members of Court Graniteville

., held their regular meeting on Thursday night.

LITTLETON

News Items,

Sunday evening there will be a union meeting at the Baptist church; subject, "Peace on earth."

Monday night the Intermediate C. E. society went on a sleighride to Shirley and attended a convention of which they brought home very enthusiastic

The committee in charge of the valentine party invited all young people in town to the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening for a general sociable. The entertainment consisted of games, in some of which St. Valentine figured prominently, and the good time concluded with refreshirents. oncluded with refreshments.

The Philathea class met with Mrs. V. Flagg for an all-day sewing becauseday. The ladies carried a basket lanch and the hostess served coffee an Much

Mrs. Sarah R. Ell's died of pinen-monia very suddenly in Chiacgo on last week Friday. The body, accom-panied by the daughter, arrived in fown on Wednesday morning and in-terment was made at Westlawn at eleven o'clock Wednesday forenoon. Mrs. Ellis is survived by a daughter, three grandchildren, an aged mother, three grandchildren, an aged mother, Mrs. Carrie Nye, and two sisters, Miss. Mary Nye and Mrs. Annie C. Smith. On account of Mrs. Nye's extreme age and feebleness the intelligence of

eight until twelve o'clock. Supper in the lower town hall at 6.30 o'clock. Hackett's orchestra of Fitchburg will furnish music for dancing.

Mrs. Everett Kimball leaves home-today for a visit of two weeks with her brother's family in East Orange,

Miss Eyelyn Kimball is at home from Athol for a week's vacation from school teaching.

The War Relief committee will meet with Mrs. Channing Brown on Friday afternoon of next week, instead of on Thursday, as the latter is a holiday. a holiday.

The Odd Ladies repeat their

tation to the open meeting in C Fellows half on Monday evening. The entholic-mission will hold a whist party in the lower town hall on Saturday evening, February 17, for the benefit of the church.

Miss M. H. Kimball went to Ware on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Dr. A. G. Blodgett, prominent in local and national medical organizations, secretary of the Ware board of health with years. six years, secretary of the Ware board of health six years, secretary of the republicar town committee ten years, member of Eden lodge of Masons, former mem ber of the state legislature, and many years deacon of the Ware Con

regational church.

Thermometers in town registered 18 and 20 degrees below zero in many parts of the town the first days of this week, and in the coldest places

Mrs. James E. Smith has been visit-ing his son Peter and wife in Waver-ley four days. This was the first time in twenty-five years that she stayed away from her own home over-night. The ceilings, walls and woodwork in the depot are receiving coats of whitewash, paint and varnish that improve the looks and render santary conditions much better than they

Richard G. Conant, of Passaic, N. J., was a welcome visitor among the home people the first of the week. The actual amount raised and appropriated at the annual town meeting on February 5 was \$25,500, besides \$1,000 appropriated (not raised), and the interest on the Goldsmith and the Johnson funds; also, the dog tax money. Then there are the state and the county taxes. All together the the county taxes. All together the sum is sufficient to keep the taxes pretty high the coming season.

The Back Log drama has been post-poped from the first and second of March on account of the difficulty of getting rehearsals through blizzard and zero weather, and will now have and zero weather, and will now have
to take place after the run of dramas
some say there are seven—now
scheduled for March and the first part
of April. A run of "seven plays to
baldheads" should whet the appetite
for the Back Log play when it comes. Rev. O. J. Fairfield was a guest of

the Unitarian club on Wednesday evening, hearing an address by S. K. Ratcliffe, of London, England, entorial writer on the Manchester Guardian, and lecturer under the London university extension board, on the subject, "Lloyd George and his war government, and the outlook for democ-

A union service will be held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening in the Interest of world peace. The speaker will be Henry S. Harkins, of Boston, than whom probably no man in New England is better qualified to speak for universal peace, being intimately associated in this movement with such eminent users advocate as timately associated in this movement with such eminent peace advocates as Edwin D. Mead, Samuel J. Elder, Bliss Perry, W. Murray Crane, Charles F. Dole. All are welcome to attend. The endeavor meeting will be held at six o'clock. Subject, "Using what we have." Topic of morning sermon, "The love of God to men; too great to deceive us, great and strong enough to save us."

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Littleton, Mass., Feb. 13, 1917. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-ETTS, Middlesex, 88., Probate Court

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es J. McIntire Esquire, said Court, this ninth in the year one thou-d and seventeen.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the es-tate of HELEN MARIA BOYDEN of Townsend in said County
Whereas, HENRY B. HILDRETH
conservator of the property of said
HELEN MARIA BOYDEN has presented
for allowance, his first account as such

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

said conservator is ordered to And said conservator is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said Court, or by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a 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, postaid a copy of this citation to all known bersons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of February in the year-one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

3124 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-ETTS. Middlesex, 88. Probate Court

deceased, intestate.

Whereas a petition has been presentant, for Probate, by NTON who prays that wary may be issued to therein named, without given his official bond, by cled to appear at a be held at Cambridge of Middlesex, on the chapter of the same should to one; is hereby direction one in each weeks, in Spirit, a newspaper of this citation one in each week, in the successive weeks, in the Spirit, a newspaper of this citation one in each week, in the successive weeks, in the successive w a petition has been present-Court to grant a letter of the county of Middlessex, 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 GEORGE A. DOCKHAM of

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.
-To—the helrs-at-law, next of kin,
creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of ALICE M.
WHIGHT, late of Littleton, in said
County, deceased, intestate:
Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court to grant a lotter of
administration on the estate of said deceased to CHARLES F. FLAGG, of Littleton, in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.
-You are hereby cited to appear at aProbate Court to be held to appear at aProbate Court to be held to appear at aProbate Court to be held to appear as aProbate Court to be held to appear as aProbate Court to be held to appear as aProbate Court to be held to same should not be granted.
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for three successive weeks, in the Littieton Gimon, a newspaper published in

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

M. MCKLESS little of Saints. In Saints. Mercas, THOMAS L. HAZEN administrator of the estate of said deceased has presented to said Court his petition for licease to sell at private sale, in accordance will the offer named in said.

adjugged best, 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 nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.
And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested, who can be found within the Commonwealth, fourteen days, at least, before said Court, and if any one can not be so found, by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.
Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this thriteth day of January in the year one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen.

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F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Middlesex, ss. Probate Court To the heirs-at-law, next of kin creditors, and all other persons inter-ested in the estate of NOAH WALLACK

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 yer, the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by maling postpaid a copy of said citation to the widow of said deceased seven days at least before said Court.

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

3:22 F. M. ESTY, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS, Middlesex, ss. Probate Court To all persons who are or may be come interested in the estate herein

To all persons who are or may become interested in the estate hereinafter mentioned, held in trust under the will of JONAS L. JENNERSON late of Townsend in the County of Middlesex, and to all persons whose issue not now in being may become so interested.

Whereas, ALVAH M. LEVY trustee under said will has presented to sail Court his petition praying that he may be authorized to sell's either at public or private sale, certain real estate held by him as such trustee situated in Townsend in the County of Middlesex, and particularly described in said petition, for the reasons therein set forth.

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

And said petitioner is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days, at least, before said Court, of by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in Turner's Public Spirit, a newspaper published in Ayer, the last publication to be one day, at least, before said Court.

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

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for general housework in A Small families, with all modern veniences. Good wages. Address 50, Ayer, Mass.

—Telephone 80 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHU-SETTS. Worcester, ss. Probate Court. To the heirs at law and all other per-sons Interested in the estate of NILS G. NELSON late of Harvard in said Coun-ty deceased

NELSON hate 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 said at private sale 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 reasons set forth in said petition.

You are hereby cited 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, of lock, in the foremon, to show cause, it my you

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 successive 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 day of January in the year of our Lord

HARRY H. ATWOOD, Register. To the Honorable-the Justices of the

Respectfully shews Catherine A. Hooper, of Shirley, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth Massachusetts, that she was lawfully married to Forest Hooper, formerly of said Shirley, but now residing in County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth aforesaid, on the second day of January, A. D. 1893; that they have since lived together as husband and aforesaid. Townsend, Vermont, and Shirley aforesaid, that your libellant has always been faithful to her marriage yows 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 aforesaid, utterly desert your libellant, which utter desertion has continued from that day to the date hereof, the same being more than three consecu-

Wherefore your libellant prays that a divorce from the bond of matrimony and the said Forest Hooper and that she may be given the custody of Chester Hooper, aged 18 years, George R. Hooper, aged 16, Ruth M. Hooper, aged 13 and Clarence Hooper, aged 12, Hooner and Forest Hooper, and for such further orders and decrees in the premises as to law and justice may apertain.

tive years next prior to the filing here-

CATHERINE A. HOOPER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Middlesex, ss. Superior Court, February 5, A. D. 1917.

UPON THE foregoing libel, it is ordered that the libellant notify the libellee 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 be published in Turner's Public Spirit a newspaper published in Ayer in the County of Middlesex, once a week, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before the said last mentioned day, and that an attested copy of said libel and order thereon be sent by registered letter to the residence of the libelthen and there show cause, if any he have, why the prayer in said libel set forth should not be granted. 3123

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

WM. C. DILLINGHAM, Clerk.



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Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ballou left on Monday for a trip of several weeks to be spent in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart and daughter Mildred paid a brief visit re-cently to his former home in West-moreland, N. H.

Mrs. Lucy J. Merriman is spending this week with Mrs. James P. Tolman

Mrs. Jeanette C. Beach left last Sun day for Harvard, where she has a posi-tion as nurse. Miss Helen A. Fitch, of Worcester, was a guest for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wheeler

ocently.

Arthur R. Holden has a position as foreman at the tannery in Ayer.

Fred W. Sawyer was in town for a few days, having given up his position in Lowell. He is now located in Provi-

Mrs. Ella A. Nutting, of Pepperell, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Holden.

ington party, at the close of the meeting on next Friday evening. The committee in charge is Beulah Brill, E. Louise Adams and Mrs. Etta Holland. The Brotherhood of the Congrega-tional church held its regular monthly supper and social in the vestry last Tugsday evening. A substantial sup-per was served at seven o'clock under the direction of John M. Stevenson, chairman, assisted by Joseph Klaus, Eugene Livermore, Lester James and Kenneth Horton. The ladles who as-Kenneth Horton. The ladies who assisted in the kitchen were Mrs. Steven sisted in the kitchen were Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Wright and Mjss Mary A. Park. At the close of the supper a brief business sossion was held, Frederick H. Fowler presiding. At eight o'clock the meeting was open to the public, when Edward H. Chandler, secretary of the Twentieth Century club.

The Ladles' Aid of the Universalist church held a supper and entertainment in their vestry last Tuesday evening. A goodly number were present to enjoy the many good things provided. At eight o'clock the following program of entertainment was given in charge of Miss Ethel Peagiven in charge of Miss Ethel Pea-body: Plano solo, Hazel Ballou; reading, Miss Ethel Peabody; capi-tal ship and speak kindly, boys' class; reading, Mrs. Mary Hazen; "Old Bill Oliver," boys' class; reading, Miss Peabody; "A long time ago," boys' class. The committee in charge of the

H. W. Dunphee, advertiser at the President Suspender Company, buried his mother, from her home in North Leominster, on Monday. The burial his mother, from her home in North Leominster, on Montay. The burial took place in Brookline, N. H., Rev. E. L. Halfacre, pastor of the Shirley Universalist church, officiatism, and accompanying the remains to the final

Ralph S. Wheeler, tax collector, at-inded a meeting of the Massachusetts ax Collectors' association held in the

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The valentine party at Odd Fellows' hall on Wednesday evening, held under the auspices of the W. W. S. club, most enjoyable social event. The hail most enjoyable social event. The hail was attractively adorned with decorations appropriate to Valentine's day, Newell's orchestra of Mariboro furnished music and the event terminated highly successful from all points of view. The ladies received parasols and the gentlemen hats as souvenirs.

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on Monday evening in Odd Fellows' ball at the motion picture show. The headliner will be "The border line," a

Lilly and organized, with Dr. Lilly as chairman and Dr. Bryant as secretary. Oliver Balcom and William H. Barnard were appointed truant officers. Hereafter the no-school signal will be sounded at seven in the morning and 12.30 noon. The schools will close on Thursday, February 22, and will reopen on Monday, March 5.

The board of selectmen will hold its meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month at 2.30 in the afternoon at Engine hall.

Frank W. Snell was arrigned in the district court in Ayer last Saturday morning on a summons which charged him with not keeping the sidewalk in from front of his residence on Center road. and Mrs. Charles Petersen. The clear of snow and ice, which is a vio- drill, Sarah Stevenson, Cora James, end, Mr. Bliss was captain apron and home-made candy tables lation of the town ordinance. The Gladys Phelps and Ruth Knowles; re- Squanicook steamer company.

complaint was made by Chief Riley. John M. Maloney, of Ayer, counsel for Mr. Snell came to an agreement in the matter with Chief Riley to the

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer H. Allen at-tended the funeral of Mrs. Dunphee in North Leominster last Monday.

Mrs. Eddie Baker, who has been confined to her home with illness for the past two weeks, is improving.

The valentine party at Odd Fellows hall on Wednesday evening, held under the auspices of the W. W. S. club, proved to be a distinctly select and most enjoyable social event. The hall was attractively addraged with decorptions.

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will not be closed. I have a half a dozen faithful men who will look after There will be another big program what business there is, satisfactorily n Monday evening in Odd Fellows' o all concerned. G. M. Ballois

retary of the Twentieth Century club of Boston, gave an inspiring address on the subject "The new nationalism." with special reference to the changing significance of the word patriotism.

Leo G. Wilson of Ayer had a very narrow escape from death Wednesday evening. He was found lying across the electric car track in an intoxicated condition, between Mitchelville and Shirley. The motorman saw him in time to stop the car. He was brought to the village and placed in the lockup by Chief Riley, but was later in the evening released.

Miss Julia F. Kilburn is confined to her home with bronchitis.

The Ladies' Aid of the Universalist church held a supper and entertainment in their yestry last Tuesday fleers. Hereafter the no-school signal. dict of all present was that the rally was a great success and will prove an incentive for greater efforts in the building up of the societies in the third Middlesex local union. Robert Wood, of Littleton, gave a brief but interesting address emphasizing particularly the need of increase of members in this district, and gave notice of the coming C. E. convention in Maynard on Washington's birthday. A number of Endeavorers are planning number of Endeavorers are planning

number of Endeavorers are planning to attend, this convention.

The societies present contributed to the entertainment features of the evening, the following program being given: Plano solo, Miss Gladys Phelps; welcome, Mrs. Bessie Collyer; plano solo, Raymond Miller, Ayer; poem, from West Groton society; plano solo, Mrs. Const. Littleton. Miss Caroline Conant, Littleton; tape

marks, Mrs. Fred Peneseau; anthem, Congregational choir: address, Robert Wood; piano solo, Strah S. Stevenson.

The next meeting will be held on Sat-urday, February 17, with Miss Mary

Mrs. Anna F. Dukin, of Cambridge, and Mrs. A. H. Friy, of Brookline, have been in town for a few days, staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

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of Mrs. Ellis took and helpers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bliss, of Needham, came to town last week Friday to attend the firemen's ball and remained for a several-days' visit as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stearns. Formerly living in Townsend, Mr. Bliss was captain of the Squanicook steamer company.

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The Sam government savings bank has 1380 depositors with \$138,977 to their credit.

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Sherrin and Miss Hazel minutes and caused much excitement, of Fitchburg, spent the bit the damp snow protected the buildings and no damage was done.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs. Raibh H. Willard, of Beimont, has received the name of Raibh Howard Willard, Jr.

Fiftieth Anniversary.

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How to be Unpopular.

der of war de inded a delegar, o from Colambia unicessity representatives from the Herbrew trades Amalgamaied Cothark Workers, every one of the many peace soupties in New York were represented, many socialists and a large representation of suffrageties, both men and women, and the middle western states also was represented. From this it will be seen that the sentiment for immediate war is not manimous. Why do not our daily papers tell us about these things.

Dapers tell us about these compositions as though it takes more moral courage at present to favo peace than to enlist in the army.

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

Saturday, February 17 1917.

GROTON

i After an absence of seven months Miss Lena Breckenridge has returned to her home on Chicopee row. She has been greatly missed by her friends during her stay in Wolfboro, N. H.

At the regular meeting of the Grange on Tuesday evening the first and second degrees were conferred on a class of seven candidates. The entertainment consisted of music, a reading by Mrs. Elia P. Woolley and recitations by Theodore Richardson and George Mason.

Mrs. Ella Woolley went to Nashua. N. H., Wednesday, for a few days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Cook.

with her daughter, Mrs. Cook.

The ninth annual concert and ball given by Groton lodge, I. O. O. F., in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 8, was well attended. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. James Harrington. Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro, furnished the music. Ali:30 a turkey supper was sorved in the lower hall in charge of Lee M. Reynolds, Morton A. Souther and Sidney F. Davis.

The music section of the Woma club will meet with Mrs. Charles Ames at the parsonage on next Wed-nesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

The Lawrence academy basketball team plays Milford high school in Milford, N. H., Friday night.

Mrs. Albert Farwell went to Win-chester last Saturday for a visit of a few days with her mother and rela-

Mrs. Dudley Moore has been suffer-ing from an attack of indigestion dur-ing the past week.

Mr. Rogers, who was unfortunate in breaking his leg recently, is reported as well as can be expected. Rev. L. B. Richardson conducted the

services last Sunday morning at the chapel in West Groton.

The next meeting of the Bird club will be held in the lower town hall on Monday evening. February 19, at 7.30 o'clock; subject, "Hawks and importe o'clock; subject, 'Hawks and imported birds." The speakers of the evening will be S. W. Sturgis, Mr. Andrews, who came from the country of the pheasant and starling, and a member of the Groton-School-Museum-society. These meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

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On Monday evening, February 19, the C. E. society will hold a Washington's birthday social in the Congregational church vestry. A baked bean and salad supper will be served at six o'clock. At 7.30 there will be given an entertainment, consisting of illustrated songs and readings. The entertainment will be followed by a spelling miatch.

match.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held on February 23. Department of literature, Miss Claribel S. Vickery, chairman. There will be readings by Mrs. S. Warren Sturgis. The food sale held by the senior class of the high school on last week Friday afternoon was a financial success, which enabled them to add twenty-five dollars to the sum already earn-

The Ladies' Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold a Washington's birthday party in the town hall on Thursday evening, February 22. There will be dancing from eight until one. Newell's orchestra, of Marlboro, will formigh the music. furnish the music.

The subject of the morning sermon at the Baptist church on Sunday will be "The Christ centered life." Sunday school at twelve. Evening praise service at seven o'clock. Subject of sermon, "True repentance". Regular prayer meeting of the church on Wednesday, evening at 7,20. nesday evening at 7,30.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society held at annual mit box opening on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30. A very interesting afternoon at 2,30. A very interesting afternoon was enjoyed by all present

Vesper services will be held at Law-rence academy on Sanday afternoon a five o'clock - Principal Clough will be er The public is cordially this service

invited to this service.

Envelopes were distributed at the Congregational church loss Suedigmorning for the annual offening for the work of the American Board. The work of the Board is distributed a eighteen lands, seven of these are two good by war. In spite of this said ficultistication, and the property work has been carried on the house on a treatment of the said and the control of the said ficulties. missionary work has been carried on with amost no intri after, and mail cases with awarding results. It made not in the war zone the year nast closed has been informly one of advance of new and entired apportunities and rejucing seven the mainplaint sinus of success. The call for help firm, he various first self-effect is fairly everpowering and these should be a prompt and persons tesses or the cay for

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America.

The Neighborhood lab met Wedenesday afternoon, February 14, with Mrs. Joseph Graces. There were fifteen members present it being Valentine's day, the hostess decorated her table with valentines and as the roll was called each member drew one and read the quotation. One of the honorary members sect some to be distributed to each one personally to read about themselves, which afforded much increment. The afternoon was much marriment. The afternoon was much inerriment. The arrender war yeary pleasantly spert working on slippers and finishing the reading of Shakespeare's "Twelfth night." Deficious refreshments were served by the hostess, after which the members joined in singing the club song, which closed the program.

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ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS residence of William H. Fernald. After being righted by men who happened to be close by the little car sped along ne had happened.

The Current Events department of the Woman's club met on Tuesday afternoon with a good attendance. The program of the afteroon consisted mostly of articles on Abraham Lincoln-Pieces of our new silver currency were exhibited and the artistic designs discussed. It was decided to request each member of this department to commit to memory our national song. The star spangled banner," in full for the star spangled banner," in full for the next meeting.

Leonard Williams of Chicopee row theonard Williams of Chicopee row, who has been working on the beaters in the papermill in West Groton, met with a serious accident last Monday morning about four o'clock, when he caught his right hand in the gears of the machine he was operating. Fortunately the belt Silpped off which prevented a more serious injury. Mr. Williams suffered greatly from the shock and with difficulty was finally able to make Mr. McGowen, the night watchman, hear him calling. He hurrled to his side and heiped him to extiricate his mutilated hand. Dr. Kilried to his side and helped him to extricate his mutilated hand. Dr. Kilbourn was called immediately and took him to the hospital where he dressed it as best he could. Mr. McGowan drove Mr. Williams' team over to Groton, taking him home from the hospital. Thursday morning it was thought necessary to amputate a part of two fingers, the little finger to the first foint and the third finger to the first joint and the thir econd joint. He is reported as doing well.

Mrs. Albert Hartt of Newport, N. H. is visiting her sister, Mrs. James Ben-

Guy Swallow, who is the local manager for the Nashua Rubber Company, visited Thursday and Friday of this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Swallow.

Miss Ruth Willis is coaching the drange will present in the near future Rev. L. W. Richardson started Monday for Dover, N. H., to be gone sever at days, where he is auditing for

arge manufacturing concern. Mrs. Theophilus Smith has been sick in bed with a severe cold.

in bed with a severe cold.

George T. Stevens attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Ellen A. Coburn on Saturday, February 3, at East Providence, R. I. Mrs. Coburn will be remembered by some of the older citizens, as at one time the farily lived on what is now the Noble Breckenridge place on Chicopee row. Mrs. Coburn was survived by two daughters, Mrs. Purdy with whom she made her home and Mrs. Robinson of Moultonboro, N. H. oro, N. H.

The Arts and Crafts department of the Woman's club met Thursday af-ternoon as usual with Mrs. Grant Shat-tuck. There were sixteen ladies pres-ent who enjoyed-themselves doing vathe making of roll crepe paper trays and baskets, which is new and fascinating. At the meeting last week, held of February 8, the members learned that it was Mrs. Rock's seventy-third birthday. They then decided to celebrate it at the next meeting. This week Thursday Mrs. Harold, Sheedy presented her with a Mamlecoides primrose, as a token of love from the members of the department. Afternoon tea was served and a social time was enjayed. This and a social time is true, but taught to kill or local trays and taught to kill or local trays and taught to kill or local trays. flous kinds of work, including crochet-ing, knitting, embroidery, tatting and noon tea was served and a social time was enjoyed. This department meets was enjoyed. This department meets every Thursday and much interest is

The H. P. Cummings Construction Company of Ware have a gang of men at work putting in a new dam at Cow Pond meadows and at Massapoag pond n East Groton.

in East Groton.

The members of the Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Baptist church met in the ladies' parlor Wednesday afternoon, it being the annual mite-box opening and missionary tea. There were a good number present. The meeting opened with the reading of the tenth chapter of Romans by the president, Mrs. Peabody. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Marcia Parkhurst, after which the secretary's report was read. A short business meeting followed. The mite boxes were then opened. Dainty refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed Mrs. Tucker brought in some curios from

Tucker brought in some curios from China, India and Jerusalem, consisting of napkin rings, baskets of India work, chop sticks, a leaf of the lace tree, a doiley of Chinese embroidery and a cannibal fork. Mrs. Etta Armstrong of Maplew

Malden, visited her mother, Mrs. Gil-man Shattuck, Thursday of this week, Mrs. Shattuck's son-in-law, Mr. Pierce,

The Book and Thimble club met Friday afternoon with Mis. Marcia Parkhurst. The subject under con-ideration was Cuba

The following is taken from the re-mint of the free it the Hotel Letox oston, in the Sat play Evening

Transcript - 'Pormer Maxer' Samuel'Abbutt Greer of Boston, eighty-seven years old au an invalid, probably owes his life t an invalid, problems was as the to the confires and havery of his surs-Miss Mabel I. Watten of Workser Miss Warren was assisting him in h-room on the seventh floor when the goings sounded the alarm, through, the best She there a good over him and hotel. She threw a coat over him and placing him in the wheel chair, gu'deit through the smoke to an open room where she stayed with him throughou

the fire.
When seen in the room, No. 716

"I went in and closed the window and we just stayed there. I didn't know what else to do and pretty soon a freman came in and said we would be all right there. It certainly was in exciting time. In the midst of it Dr. Green lost one of his shoes." Miss warren has attended Dr. Green for his years.

ated several narrow escapes he while cruising in the Mediterranean while cruising in the Medicardam sea, but said that it was the first time he had ever been caught like that in a fire. "I stayed up thirty-six hours during the great fire in "12," he said. "I was city physician then and had a lot of work to do." Dr. Green did not times for photographers.

Scouts Hear Good Speeches.

Anniversary week for the Boy Scouts was fittingly observed in Bradford, Pa., with a fine dinner and excellent speeches by prominent men of that place. Among the speakers was Hon. R. B. Stone a former well-known Groton boy, who spoke in part as follows:

as follows:
Our forefathers declared that "all
men are free and equal," meaning
freedom for personal development and
world is being wrought up to a new
declaration: "All nations must be free declaration: "All nations must be free and equal; equal in the sun, in the air, on the seas." Inequalities make for war. And they must be free for their own national self-development. The world demands not a merger of the nations, but their separate growth—the best that each in competition can do. Civilization climbs upward hand over hand. America is setting a pattern for the world in child labor and general juvenite legislation. At the same time we are copying disability insurance and workmen's compenof a bby scout" should prove of special of a bby scout" should prove of special interest as so many of our townspeople interest as so m

sation laws from the statute books of Europe. Our common school laws have been studied in Germany and excelled by their own.

Now-when peace-comes to Europe, how shall this freedom and equality be guaranteed? Not by a league between the nations, for though made at the Hague, and not without restraining influence, it will be broken, as personal contracts are, in the stress of extremity. Let me give you the offective it must be by their own to be effective it must be by their own organic law, their respective constitutions, the compacts of the people governing their administration. The president of the United States cannot declare war, for that power is reserved to congress, the people in their representative capacity. If we can induce the old world to agree to a general plan of disarmament, we can induce it to reserve to its citizenship by common guaranty the right to deis true, but taught to kill only by kind-ness!

Boy Scouts.

The members of Troop I. P. S. A., held an interesting exhibition last Saturday evening under the direction of their scoutmaster, Rev. B. E. Tucker. The program was in charge of the senior patrol leader, Roy Bennett—prayer; repeating of scout oath and laws; roll call by patrols; signalling semephore code. Roy Bennett and Harold Burton; what to do in case of shock, Walter Jacomb and Theodore Ware; first aid class by all members semephore code, Roy Bennett and Harold Burton: what to do in case of
shock, Walter Jacomb and Theodore
Ware: first aid class by all members
of the troop: bandaging of head, Roy
Bennett and Lloyd Randall, also Theodore Ware and Wendell Cook; splints
for broken leg, Walter Jacomb and
Raymond Sawyer: splint for arm and
sling, Alderson Bailey and Archie McGregor: eye bandage, Fred Gale and
Lester Carkins; bandage for side of
face, Alfred Gay and Lovell Souther;
bandage for neck, Clifford Folkins and
Fred Gale; bandaging of hand, Lester
carkins and Wendell Cook; chair
carry, Harold Burton, Roy Bennett and
Lloyd Randall; arm carry, Walter Jacomb and Lovell Souther; stretcher,
Lovell Souther, Robert Jacomb and
Lloyd Randall; firemen's lift, Raymond Sawyer and Lovell Souther; what
to do when lost, Harold Burton; how
to make watch into compass, Roy Bennett; how to cut down a tree, Lester
Carkin; compass game, by all members of troop; how to save a drown-Lovell Souther, Robert Jacomb and Lloyd Randall; firemen's lift. Raymond Sawyer and Lovell Souther; what to do when lost, Harold Burton; how to make watch into compass, Roy Bennett; how to cut down a tree, Lester Carkin; compass game, by all members of troop; how to save a drowning person. Alderson Bailey and Archie McGregor; signalling, international Morse code. Clifford Folkins and Archie McGregor; signalling, American should be made of his The Book and With Mas. Marrish early Mas. Marrish with Compass. Roy Bernett how to cut down a free location of the first better than the control of the first b

omediction, resight the program to A close.

Lost Sinday morning the members of the troop attended services at the Baptist church in observance of the seventh anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America During the service the boys sang "heir troop bymn," "Yield not to tempdation." The subject of the sermon was "Tile manhood and how to attain it."

Groton Military Training School. The following circular has been sent to the members of the Provisional

GROTON MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOL February 10 1917.

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If war is declated, what do you think the provisional company should do?

We are, of course, bound by no eath. Whatever action we take will be purely voluntary. A prominct citizen of Groton, however, has offered to attempt or asks money for the complete equipment of all men who will be available for active service of any kind.

Men will be needed in the event of war many men perhaps—for guard duty at public buildings, reservoirs, and the like Every man taken from the army for such a purpose weakens by that much our fighting force, already so weak. It has been suggested that the provisional company offer its evices for home guard duty.

To you favor our making such an offer, and will you give your services under the following conditions.

Service to continues. G. G. Rogers, who broke his leg about two weeks ago, was taken to Nashua on Thursday for an N-ray examination of the fracture of his leg. He was accompanied by his physician, Dr. A. G. Kilbourn.

Norma, six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Woods was operated on by Dr. F. E. Kittredge of Nashua on Monday morning for abscesses in the ears. The little child is getting along well.

The Ford truck which brings Wardscakes to this and surrounding towns, had to be left in Groton for a day or two on account of the bad condition of the roads. On the return trip to natif I saw a door open.

It was no work ago, was taken to When seen in the room, No. 715. When seen in the corridor is given in the corridor and enjoyed to find any bit of all men who will be available for active service of any kind. Men will be needed in the event of war many men perhaps—for guard duty at mubic buildings, reservoirs, and the like Every man taken from the army for such a purpose weakens will be a will

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Dr. Green said that it was one of its most exciting experiences. He responses, us follows: May apply for transfer to fighting organization or transfer to f

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only, 1.

The reasons given by those opposing
the offer were: That the burden of active service should fall first upon nonprofessional and unmarried men; that

n to give them up.

The Provisional Company would re-The Provisional Company would require in the line of equipment, before being ready for such service. Overcoats, bayonets, cartridges, belts, messing equipment, blankets and ponchos. The drill on Wednesday evening was marked by good attendance, fifty-cight in all. The attendance percentage of the squads now is: Corp. Sabine's 1000, Corp. Malley's 958, Corp. Robinson's 958, Corp. Smith's 958, Corp. Powell's 917, Corp. Wharton's 917, Lance Corp. Denahy's 875.

The second platoon took up guard duty; both at its extra drill on Saturday and at the regular drill on Wednesday.

Groton Cornet Band. Some very interesting and timely reels will be shown next Tuesday evening at the town hall. "The adventures of a boy scout" should prove of special

ental per month.

To the Editor:

I take great pleasure in reading about the Groton band as I used to ride to town with my brother and his big brass horn to hear them rehearse in old Liberty hall half a century ago. It was a great treat to hear the band play in those days. Hope some rich person will give them a bandstand for dear old Groton's sake.

A resident of Haverhill.

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The anniversary of the birth of Washington will be observed at the Butler High school on Wednesday afternoon, February 21, when the students will present the following program: Singing, school; Washington's birthday, Frances Lackey; Wishington white was allee Knaun; Some characteristics. in history, Alice Knapp; Some characteristics of Washington, Bernard

in history, Alice Knapp; Some characteristics of Washington, Bernard Cronin; A tribute to Washington, Harold Burton; Crown our Washington, Becelia Cleary; Quotations from the sayings of Washington, school; The home of Washington, Florence McCann; A tributo to Washington, Myron Breckenridge; Warren's address, May Hynes; Washington's administration, Joseph Cleary; Some anecdotes of Washington, Harry Davis; The Concord hymn, Catherine Crosbie; The leadership of Washington, Ruth Bixby; singing, school. The exercises will hesinging, school. The exercises will be-

The third annual assembly of the

The third annual assembly of the Groton Woman's club, known as Guest night, which was held in the town hall Friday evening. February 9, was a decided artistic and social success.—The stage was made attractive with flowering plants and portraits of noted men, including those of the late honored townsmen, Gov. George S. Boutwell and Col. Daniel Needham, draped-with our national flags.

The concert, given by an orchestra headed by Miss Ruth Prescott of Arllington, consisting of violin, piano, clarinet and 'cello, with its exquisite music, was greatly appreciated by the audience. After listening to several numbers, the club president, Mrs. Marion Torrey, addressed the club members and their guests in words of welcome, touching upon the aim of the club for the universal uplift of the town. She then introduced in her charming manner the entertainers of the evening.

the evening.

The audience was highly entertained

week while working at the leather-board milk. While moving a truck full of board from a lower to an upper story his foot became caught in the elevator and was badly lacerated. He was taken to Groton hospital. Mr. Fessenden was previously somewhat crip of plast seventeen was previously somewhat crip infantile paralysis. He has traveled on his market wagon through West Groton. Rev. L. W. Richardson of Groton concepted the publit has a support of the many in the village who have much sympathy for him in this latest affliction.

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frozen. One citizen who frequently visits here not only lost his fruit on its first heavy bearing, but his trees as well.

On Thursday afternoon the L. A society met with Mrs. John Liacon with but nine members present, sever-The company was very pleasantly en-terained with music and a delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

The L. A. S. supper on Tuesday ning was of the usual excellence, owing probably to the cold and owing probably to the cold and the condition of the roads, it was less gen-erously patronized than usual though the tables were fairly well filled. The professional and unmarried ment that owing probably to the case and the sum of the roads, it was less gensponsibla nostitions at home are such that more trouble would be caused by the tables were fairly well filled. The their leaving than their service as soldiers would compensate for; and that men with definite plans for the immen with the plans for the immen with definite pla ed of readings by Mrs. Carl Strand.
and Mrs. Spaulding, vocal solos by
Miss Slyvia Lawrence, recitation by
Homer Harrington, valentine songswithout accompaniment by two sweet
voiced little girls, Evelyn Hallett and
Evelyn Parker, and a valentine shower exeroise by Dorothy Bixby, Elizaboth Bates and Marjorie Wright.

The next free lecture in the Luther The next free lecture in the Luther Blood course will be given in Squannacook hall on Tuesday evening. It will consist of impersonations and other features of very entertaining nature. It is hoped that a full house will greet the entertainer thereby showing their appreciation of the interest of the Improvement society, which used its induence to obtain the lecture and of the courtesy of the lecture committee, who unhesitatingly granted the society's request. It means an evening of enloyment free to everybody. Let every body come who can.

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On Friday evening the Royal Lyceum bureau presents the Smith-Bearse company in a brilliant triple bill. Smith's sparkling English society comedietta, "A happy pair"; a special adaptation of W. S. Gilbert's beautiful mythological comedy, "Pygmaleon and Galetea," and an uproariously funny original rural comedy, "Homespun." The actors, G. Paul Smith and Alvin W. Bearse. Genuine fun and plenty of it, but pure and wholesome. This entertainment is under the auspices of the Improvement society, which assures you of an evening of enjoyment and asks your generous patronage. G. Paul Smith has entertained here at various times and his ability as an impersonator is well known. Squannately with the Personator Squannater and the state of the liberage well and the same and th personator is well known. Squanna cook hall, February 23.

Two new two-party lines of telephones have lately been installed, 157 A. F. Cottrell and C. W. Strand, and one just completed. A. F. Bates and John Liacos. The telephone connection of Mrs. Charles Hill has been the content of the c tion of Mrs. Charles rain transferred to one of the Groton lines transferred to une of the Groton lines having a small number of subscribers The extreme cold weather this week

The extreme cold weather this section has placed a number of water pipes out of commission temporarily, among them those of L. J. Tatman and M. F. McGowan. Edward Hallett has even more serious trouble with pipes even more serious trou frozen in the ground.

TOWNSEND

An interesting debate was held on Tuesday afternoon in the seventh and eighth grade school on the question: Resolved, 'That Lincoln's birthday Resolved, "That: Lincoln's birthday should be observed as a national holiday." Miss Louise Drake, William Russell and Donald Fessenden took the affirmative, and Miss Ruth Russell, Marshall Higgins and William Green the negative. The judges gave the decision in favor of the affirmative.

Mrs. George Brackett, of Old City, is enjoying a visit with her daughter, Miss Adelaide Weil, in Maynard, and before returning home will visit her sister, Mrs. Boutelle, in Winchendon, While in Maynard she attended a meeting of the Maynard Woman's club.

At the Congregational church Sunday morning Rev. A. L. Struthers' sermon subject will be "Debts paid and debts forgotten." In the evening a Washington memorial and vesper service will be held with special music.

F. R. Jefts, R. F. D. carrier, and little son Merton visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jefts in Worcester several days this past week. While there Mr. Jefts visited the Odd Fellows' home, and reports Wallace Maynard as very comfortable, but friends here will regret the learn that Mrs. Lawton was quite to learn that Mrs. Lawton was qui Myron Peffers, of Stoneham, was the week-end and over Sunday guest of

week-end and over S Mrs. A. D. Fessenden. Mr. and Mrs. George Gates have returned from a five-weeks' visit with their daughter, Mrs. George Page, in Pawtucket.

The special meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association scheduled for February 21, has been postponed until Tuesday evening, February 27.

West Groton.

No new cases of scarlet fever have developed. The Webber children are confined to the second story of their home, owing to a slight rash which the physicians have been unable to diagnose defining the Aside from the rash the children are in their usual health. George Fessenden, who moved here recently from Townsend, experienced a serious accident on Thursday of last week while working at the leather-board mill. While moving a truck full of board from a lower to an upper

his market wagon through Weet Groton on making weekly trips during the past seventeen years and there are many in the village who have much sympathy for him in this latest affliction.

Rev. L. W. Richardson of Groton occupied the pulpit here last Sunday. Next Sunday Rev. Arthur J. Covell. secretary of the Congregational hoard of the pastoral supply, will conduct the service and later will confer with the committee with regard to future candidates for the position of pastor.

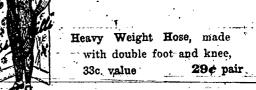
Worl comes to us of the heavy freeze recently experienced in Florida. Worl comes to us of the heavy freeze recently experienced in Florida. even as far south as Palm beach. Tomatoes and the various fruits were show would be about \$40. It was vot-



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vegetables now sent from afar, rais-ing of stock that would compete in Brighton market with that shipped from New York and other distant lo-

waste valuable time, seed, etc., before learning what his land can produce to best advantage. Then he can help the farmer to the best market, and assist him in many other ways to get desirable results.

Girls' clubs, boys' clubs, gardens in care of each, prizes, and other fascinating features of the organization were presented as possible and very successful when properly conducted.

Money is appropriated by the agricultural department of the United States and assistance is given by state agricultural colleges for the good of the cause.

Mr. Tupper, of Plymouth County Farm Bureau, and our former townsman, W. A. Munson, Norfolk County agent, were very enthusiastic over the progress in their respective counties the cause of farm

AYER, MASS.

ed that the chairman appoint a com-mittee of five to consider the matter further. During the evening Miss Es-telle Farrar sang pleasing vocal se-lections. A plan that seemed to meet since he went there a few years ago. The meeting closed with a quiz which brought out much valuable informa-tion and increased the interest of the large audierce. with favor was suggested to promote greater interest in the association and Poultry Wanted greater interest in the association and on motion of Supt. H. C. Knight, it was voted that the chair appoint a committee of three who are to have charge of purchasing a suitable picture for a prize to be placed on the walls of the schoolroom which has the largest representation. Of parents and friends present at the monthly meetings of the association. The picture remains in the possession of the school that continues to hold the lead in the matter of representation.

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Saturday, February 17, 1917.

AYER

Judge and Mrs. Warren H. Atwood left last Saturday night on their west-ern trip which will cover a period of several weeks...

Lyman J. Taylor, car inspector at the railway station, has been laid up this week with a bad attack of the

Douglas C. Smith, superintendent of streets, attended the Road Builders' convention in Boston last week.

-A short time ago a serious accident A short time ago a serious accident was undoubtedly averted by the careful attention given to the inspection of cars by Lyman J. Taylor, a local car inspector, of many years' experience. A fast express train from Boston had come to a stop at the local railroad station, where all cars, particularly on phasenger trains, are supposed to be carefully examined. As the work was nearly completed, and the train was about to start, Mr. Taylor saw what he thought was a defect in the rim of a wheel on the express car. Closer examination showed that the rim was cracked clear through. The car was at once set out for repairs. The trainmen said that it was a very fortunate men said that it was a very fortunate discovery; as the cracked wheel no doubt would derail the train before in that gone far. This is the second time that Mr. Taylor's watchfulness has prevented sections.

prevented accidents.

The attraction at the motion pic The attraction at the motion picture show this week Saturday afternoon and evening will be "The great divide," a great production in five acts, produced in the Grand Cunyon of Colorado, with—Ethel—Glayton—and House Peters, two stars, and other prominent actors in the cast; also, the fourth chapter of "The great secret" will be shown with the two well-known stars. Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne. The two shows will be preceded by the Hearst-Pathé News—the world before your eyes. On next Wednesday afternoon and evening Julius Steger will be seen in "The stolen triumph," a powerful production that shows how deceit in life breeds disaster. It's a magnificent play, powerfully acted. The rest of the bill will be completed by "Krazy Kat and the most important bird," a comedy cartoon; "Luke's fireworks fizzle," a Lonesome Luke comody, and the Harst-Pathe News, the world in motion.

A special communication of Caleb Butler lodge of Masons will be held on Monday evening, February 19, at 7.30 o'clock. Work—Master Mason degree. Lunch will be served.

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The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church held a very successful valentine social in the vestry on Tuesday evening. A large number were in attendance and all enjoyed the excellent program which was as follows: Piano solo, Lucile Hollis; selection, Mandolin club; reading, Miss Hazel Murphy; piano solo, Miss Bolliver: solo, Harold Pillman, accompanied by Marion Felch; reading, Miss Clara Thomas; solo, Mrs. Neville, of California, accompanied by Miss Edith Longley; selection, Mandolin club. Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

The pastor will preach Sunday

The pastor will preach Sunday norning at the Baptist church or The Macedonian cry." Sunday schoo 'The Macedonian cry.' at twelve. Praise meeting at seven in the evening. B. P. Y. U. meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30. Weekly prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

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The Civil Service Commission will hold a competitive examination in Ayer on February 24 for the position of clerk in the postoffice here. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth birthday, but not their fortyfifth birthday on the date of examination. Each applicant will be required to submit to the examiner on the day of examination a photograph of himself taken with two years. A pamphlet of information and the required application blank can be obtained at the plication blank can be obtained at th local postoffice, or from the distric secretary in Boston, with whom appliations must be filed in time for him arrange for the examination.

Mrs. H. E. Dustin, of Townsend, has returned to her home after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren N.

night and ran with the sleigh attached through Main street and the Shirley road as far as the electric car bridge over the Nashua river at Mitchelville. In the attempt to cross the bridge the animal's legs were caught in the trestle. Briore the horse could extricate himself an Ayer bound electricar from Fitchburg struck the animal, inflicting injuries which caused its death shortly afterwards. death shortly afterwards.

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Worcester, his asked the town of Ayer for extra police protection at the Ayer Machine Tool Company, a branch of that concern. The company wants its shop here constantly guarded day and night. The fear that fanatics may do damage to the property during the present strained relations between Germany and the United States is thought to be the cause of the desired extra protection.

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Eigin R. Foster, father of Mrs. Henry E. Farnum, died at the Clinton hospital last Sunday morning from the effects of a shock. Mr. Foster had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Farnum since the death of his wife last July. Two weeks ago he was taken to the hospital for treatment. He was stricken with a shock last week Wednesday, living until the following Sunday. Mr. Foster was born in Hardwick and was 77 years and 8 months old. Prayers were said at the home of his daughter Wednesday morning, Rev. J. W. Thomas of the Baptist church officiating. The remains were later taken to Ware, where interment took place on Wednesday afternoon, the Masonic burial service being used. Mr. Foster was a Mason treatment.

for more than fifty years. He leaves besides his daughter, Mrs. Farnum, a sister, Mrs. Lottie Page, of Brockton; one-half-brother, Freeman Poster, of Watertown, and four half-sisters.

The Unitarian Girls club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. S. Beckford on Wednesday evening, February 21. Mrs. Beckford, Misses Rebecca and carol Pierce will be the hostesses. Under the auspices of the Ayer Branch Alliance and Girls' club of the Unitarian parish, a dinner with be served at the Unitarian vestry on Thursday, February 22, at 12.30 o'clock, consisting of chickon pattics, cold meats, mashed potatoes, salads, plain and fancy play home-pade graphs.

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An enjoyable dance of the Girls' club of the First Unitarian parish was held on the evening of Lincoln's birthday at the town hall. The hall was decorated with American flags and bunting in the national colors. Valliant & Wheeler's orchestra of six pieces, from Fitchburg, who furnished the music, won a hearty appreciation for the excellence of their playing. E. W. Carley was the caterer. The committee included the president of the club, Mrs. F. [erne Pillman, Mrs. W. S. Beckford, Mrs. George Fillebrown and the-Misses Pearl-Garley, Doris W. Fletcher and Lillian, Wright.

An entertainment will be given by the Ludler Renevolent, society—of—the Federated church in Page—hall Tues-

the Indies' Benevolent society of the Federated church in Page hall Tues-day evening, February 27, at eight o'clock, introducing the following dramatic sketches by a local cast in costume: Trumpeters, Dutch Cleansers, Cooks, Jumping Jacks, Shopping Pa-rade, Greek Muses, Father Time, Queen of the Night and her Star Mags.

All the people of Ayer and neighbor-ing towns are cordially invited to at-tend the meeting in the lower town hall on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. It is a union meeting for all names and nationalities in behalf of righteousness and world peace.

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The following rhetoricals took place at the high school on Wednesday afternoon: "Ding's vacation: "Hazel Scruton: "A Chinese story." Raymond Miller: "The father and mother tree." Avis Chandler: violin solo. Leon Wheeler: "My rival." Herman 'Alen: "Character of a happy life." Elizabeth Bennett: "Work." Ralph Richardson; "The mustard plaster." Josephine Failer. The mustard plaster," Josephine Fal-on; piano solo, Raymond Miller; "The Green Mountain justice," Harold

lon; piano solo, Raymond Miller; "The Green Mountain justice," Harold Wentworth; "Something great," Etta Green; "The absoletest rallway station," Clarence Nixon; "The hazing of the infant," Stanley Chaffin; piano solo, Lucile Hollis; "The deceased Robert," Beulah Hassam; "A fine singer," Paul Mullin; "Dreaming of home." Gertrude Davis; "Lincoln, a man called of God," Albert Chauvin.

The Special Aid society will have

ed of God," Albert Chauvin.

The Special Aid society will have charge of the next meeting of the Woman's club to be held Wednesday evening. February 21, in the Methodist auditorium. A stereopticon lecture on "Surgical dressings" will be given by Mrs. Agnes McNamara, field secretary in the woman's department. New England section—of the National Civic Federation: This is an open meeting, admission free, and everyone interested eration. This is an open meeting, admission free, and everyone interested is most cordially welcome. Monday afternoon Mrs. Fullerton, a nurse from the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, taught the making of new surgical dressings. A special meeting for work will be held Monday afternoon, February 19. Dr. Ayres gave the sixth lecture in Red Cross first aid instruction Friday afternoon, February 16; subject, "Injuries due to heat and subject, "Injuries due to heat and cold."

ord."

Mrs. Flora Vermille of Ocean Park, Cal., who was sent for during the illness of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Brown, was taken with a chill last Saturday, but Dr. Hopkins was not called until the following Wednesday, when he found she had pneumonia, and she is a very sick woman. Mrs. Vermille is under the care of a nurse and Friday morning her physician found, if anything, a slight improvement in her condition. The unfavorable symptoms of her illness is that she has a very weak heart.

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There were twenty-three tables at the Military Whist Party given by Ida McKinley chapter, O. E. S., Thursday evening in the banquet hall of the Masonic rooms. The winners of the first prizes were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kinney, Miss Helen and Charles W. Kinney; consolation prizes were also Kinney: consolation prizes were also awarded to Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Fil-lebrown. Miss Lillian Wright and Miss Maud Whitcomb. Refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by those present. The signals for the changes were given by Miss Gertrude Briggs, cornetist.

J. W. Murry, merchant tailor, re-turned this Friday morning from New

sturned to her home after a visit of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oren N. didder.

George H. Davis, formerly of Ayer, ow living in Irvington, N. Y., was in own last week. Mr. Davis is an archiver.

Sunday with her parents from New York city with new spring styles and a stock of new goods suitable for spring and summer wear.

Miss Charlotte Sanderson from the Walnut Hill school, Natick, spent last Sunday with her parents. Sunday with her parents, Judge and

town last week. Mr. Davis is an architect.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Culver and daughter, of Acton, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Culver, last week.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp, S. O. V. admitted a candidate at its last meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Uole left last week for Florida, where they expect to remain several weeks.

A horse belonging to Samuel Slofski was frightened near the home of Thomas H. Griffin, Harvard, Tuesday night and ran with the sleigh attached through Main street and the Shirley

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Dr. B. H. Hopkins while cating las Sunday had a chicken hone lodge in his throat. He at once went to a Boston hospital, where the bone was jemoved. The doctor was at home attending to his business the day following. The only danger was possible infection. ing. The infection.

The selectmen organized Monda evening with John D. Carney ac chair-man, Douglas C. Smith, superintend-ent of streets, and Lyman K. Clark as clerk.

There was an enjoyable Valentine party at the Congregational church, Tuesday evening.

Thomas A. Kittredge received word Thursday night that his father was very seriously sick with blood poisonng.
Chester L. Campbell concluded his

duties as night clerk at Kittredge' restaurant Wednesday. William F. Walsh is confined to his home with a severe attack of the

A regular convocation of Bancroft Royal Arch chapter will be opened on Tuesday evening, February 20, at six o'clock sharp. Work—Mark Master Mason degree by the past high priests. At 7.15. Arthur D. Prince of Lowell, grand high priest, and suite, with Easten D. Sargent—district denuty. with Eaton D. Sargent, district deputy grand master, will be received. The following past high priests will of-ficiate: A. A. Fillebrown, r.w.m.: E. ficiate: A. A. Fillebrown, r.w.m.: E. A. Richardson, w.s.w.; Benjamin Taft, w.j.w.; Frank S. Pierce, marshal: H. H. Proctor, s.d.; Charles F. Waits of Littleton, j.d.; A. Paul Fillebrown, m. o.; W. E. Murphy, s.o.; E. B. Harlow, j.o. Followed by an emertainment by Herbert A. Clark, humorist, musician and singer. Lunch will be served after the entertainment.

The rank of knight will be conferred on five candidates at the meeting of Harbinger lodge, K. P., Monday evening. Charles W. E. Forewill have charge of the work.

Several men of the crews of the interned German ships which have been in Boston harbor since the outbreak of the European war, are working in the Ayer Tool Machine Company's shop.

pany's shop.

The following letters remained uncalled for at the Ayer postoffice for the week ending February 12: Mrs. Robert Allison, Frank Desiongchamps. Oscar E. Huse, Arthur Masse, Viola Rogers.

A regular communication of St. Paul

lodge will be held on Monday, Febru-ary 19, at one o'clock at which time dinfer will be served in the Banquet hall. Work-Master Mason degree.

A man giving his name as Fred Leach accosted Chief Beatty on Main street Tuesday night and asked for a night's lodging in the police station. night's lodging in the police station. The man was nearly frozen, having been exposed to the extreme cold weather more or less for several days. Leach, after he had got thawed out in the chief's steam-heated apartments in the municipal building, said that he had, been working as a lumber man in the woods in the vicinity of North Adams. With eighty-five dollars in his pocket he went to that city on a visit, when his rôl was stolen. Leach said he was headed for Lowell. He was allowed to go on his way Wednesday morning. day morning.

According to the issue of the Boston Post on Tuesday Ayer had the doubt-ful distinction of being the coldest place in Massachusetts on Monday

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Marion McGuane, daughter of Mrs. Bridget McGuane, daughter of Mrs. Bridget McGuane, observed her third birthday Wednesday. A party was given at her home which was attended by her young playmates and friends whip had a very merry time. The little ones did ample justice to the sweet things and refreshments which were served.

Friends of Ira G. Dwinell were pleased to see him at his store Wednesday after his recent critical illness.

Capt. George V. Barrett camp. S. of V., will observe Washington's birthday with a patriotic meeting at their rooms in Dickinson's block next Thursday evening. The membersh of George S. Boutwell post, G. A. R., and the Woman's Relief Corps have been invited. All members of the order and all S. of V. are elegible to membership and are also invited to attend. A collation will be served.

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esteemed young man and very pop-ular with all who knew him.

K. C. Entertainment.

the audience as an eminent physician and as a military man of long ex-perience. He referred to the kindness

of view. His remarks were followed with intense interest from beginning to end. At the conclusion of his most valuable lecture he was heartily applauded and given a unanimous rusing vote of thanks.

Major Butler spoke in part as follows: When President Wilson called for troops last June his regiment, with the others of the Massachusetts Na-

for troops last June his regiment, with the others of the Massachusetts National Guard, were ordered to report at once at the South Framingham camp— grounds—for—preparation—for service, previous to going to the Mexican border. The regiments expected to remain at South Framingham for at least three weeks. Within three days after their arrival there, however, in compilance with an urgent order from Washington, they were ordered to entrain for the scene of the trouble. As a result of this histy order a sufficient number of cars could not be obtained to transport the troops in comfort. The men were therefore compelled to ride the entire distance from the camping ground to therefore compelled to ride the entire distance from the camping ground to El. Paso, requiring five days and six nights' time, in overcrowded day coaches. In spite of this disagreeable feature the men arrived at the border in good physical condition.

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ed a great hardship to the men for some time after their arrival. The temperature at El Paso when the troops reached that city was 121 degrees in the shade, with the average temperature of 114. The weather there, however, is not so oppressive as here, owing to the dry air and absence of humidity.

Another hardship was the sand storms which come at frequent intervals. No one has any idea of the severity of these storms except those who have experienced them. The sand is swept by a gale of sixty miles an hour and everything in the path of the wind is blown down.

El Paso, Texas, where the regiment was located, is a city of 75,000 people; of which 40,000 are Mexicans and 35,000 Americans. Many of the Mexicans are refugees from their own country and make their headquarters in the border city for plotting against the mother country. All the inhabitants of El Paso a every hostile to the Americans, ever the white population are very anfriendly. The pro-

ing, all the inside of thing being thoristic the club hopes to reach in its oughly cleansed. One of the most amportant articles of varing apparel of but can be attached if the chil a soldier is his seless. These are ditions of loyalty and hard worrigidly inspected as if not in first-all members are kept for most class condition they are discarded and. The exchange minister for

District Court.

by invitation. In the course of the evening there was a mix-up in which the two Durants and Moran became ment of the elder Durant from the house. This excited the wrath of the house. house. This excited the wrath of they younger Durant, whom it was claimed struck Moran a heavy blow on the head with a club or some blunt instrument, which the compalmant claimed inflicted a bad wound. In the course of the evidence, when the complainant was asked by Judge Atwood how the club Durant left the house. Moran replied "He went out head first. I threw him out body and houses." The evidence was considered unsatisfactory so far as it tended to The third of the series of entertainn ments given under the direction of
the Council chamber Tuesday evening, in
the presence of a layer eathering of
members of the council and their lady
and gentlemen friends.

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The main attraction was a fine iflustrated lecture on "Life at the Mexican border," by Major P. J. Butler,
M.D., of Boston, surgeon of the Ninth
regiment, National Guard. The members of George S. Boutwell post, G. A.
R., were present as invited guests.
George L. Wilson, the lecturer of
Ayer council, had charge of the meeting and welcomed all, especially the
members of the Grand Army, in behalf of the council. Rev. Thomas P.
McGinn, pastor, of St. Mary's church,
through whose efforts the speaker was
obtained, Introduced Major Butler to
the audience as an eminent physician with the tops of the banks with snow. At other exposed sections the snow was piled as high as the tops of

perience. He referred to the kindness of the speaker of the evening in coming here, in view of the fact of the great demands on his time. Interest in the lecture was increased owing to the present troubles between the United States and the Central European powers, and to the unsettled condition of our relations with the republic at the south.

Dr. Butter has been a member of the Massachusetts militla for many years and possesses a thorough knowledge of things concerning military life both from a military and medical point of view. His remarks were followed with intense interest from beginning of four care with snow plows. The train show plows. The regular Portland express due here at 4.43 p. ni., came through here last. Saturday at 7.20 o'clock. The train of view. His remarks were followed. the cars by the heavy gale.

The road "weathered" the blizzard
of last week and got a clear track The regular Portland express due here at 4.49 p. ni., came through here last Saturday at 7.20 o'clock. The train of four cars, with a snow plow attached, was drawn by two powerful locomotives. One ordinary sized entitle of twice its length and make time under normal conditions.

The abnormal conditions are very rare and caused much surprise to even the veteran railroad men.

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Clipping.

Under the caption "Hunters of Men." the Lowell Courser-Civizen of

Under the emption "Hunters of Men." the Lowell Courner-Chizen of February 10 published a long story of the clever caputre of three young men of Lowell who were charged with the brutal killing of a deer early in January in the closed season. The deer was chased into the yard of Mrs. Maria L. Yoburn, in Tyngsboro, by a dog and the three men and killed. Officers from Dracut and Tyngsboro immediately got after the trio, but they had fied. After several weeks, running down clues, the three weeks, running down clues, the three were apprehended in Lowell. In the court there two pleaded guilty and two

paid a fine of twenty five dollars each. The third member of the party was found to have taken no part in the killing and was let go.

The game wardens who finally rounded up the party wete Morse of thelmsford. Piper of Andovergand Bachus of Ayer.

Further investigation by the game wardens showed that the deer had wardens snowed that the neer had been wounded several times in the chase and was finally clubbed to death by one of the party, who broke the stock of his gun in doing the killing. The game wardens said that it was the bloodiest trail they had ever seen.

Unitarian Church Notes....

Sunday service—Regular—offices, morning prayer and sermon at 16 45. Music: "Frelude in G minor"; "Sevenfold amen." Stainer, "Vente," Boyce, "Te deum." Stainer; anthem. "God shall wipg away all tears." Field; postlude, "Marche des girondins." Scotson Clark. Preacher, Hey Manley B. Townsend Subject, "Armageddon—and after." Church school at twelve.

Mrs. H. A. Bixly and her mother, Mrs. J. S. Hall, were the hostesses on Thursday at a social afternoon of the Alliance.

Post on Tuesday Ayer had the goustillary for the collect place in Massachusetts on Monday with a temperature of 23 degrees bethow zero. Tuesday morning the merature of 23 degrees bethow zero. Tuesday morning the merature of 24 below at the Main street crossing in the early morning. The wind made it much colder as far as the posted ought to be the most interested in suppressing the Mexican outrages, because of the naures to the border. They president, Mrs. F. Venn Pillman, has because of the remained band let the other posted of the year A schedule of the meets president, made good business for the longly the extreme predautions to president, and enthusiastic leadership of its new president, Mrs. F. Venn Pillman, has because of the remained band let the other posted of the year A schedule of the meets president, many pears for the longly the extreme predautions to president, who within the last year has been printed and distributed to the manbers. The president who within the last year has been printed and distributed to the manbers. The president who within the last year has been printed and distributed to the manbers. The president who within the last year has been printed and distributed to the monbers. The president who within the last year has been printed and distributed to the manbers. The president who within the last year has been printed and distributed to the manbers. The president who within the last year has been printed and distributed to the manbers. The president was the best for the work of getting his supply of ice at Sandy pond last week Friday. Ice many years for ice cutting operations because of the almost steady cold many has not been obliged to lose of the mean and the troops and the company has not been obliged to lose of the mean and the troops and the company has not been obliged to lose of the mean and the troops and the company has not been obliged to lose of the mean and the troops and the company has not been obliged to lose of the mean and the troops and the company has not been ob

Work on the erection of the new signal tower at the railroad station twas commenced last Sunday. Further work is postponed until Sunday, so as not to interfere with the movement of trains which are constantly passing trains which are constantly trains which are constantly trains which are constantly trains which are

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THE OLDEST TRUST COMPANY IN BOSTON

James L. Peters is in Porto Rico, where he is engaged in research work in his special line.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Richards gave a party to their son Homer on last week Friday evening. Games and dameing were enjoyed. The young people report a very pleasant evening.

James, H. Madigan, whose nomina-tion for postmaster has gone to the senate, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Madigan of this town. He is twen-ty-live years of age and for the past three or four years has been employed. three or four years has been employed as an electrician and is now at work in Winchendon. It was stated at the Madigan home on Wednesday that it is expected that he will begin his new duties as postmaster about March 1. Mr. Madigan was at one time assistant mail carrier on a rural route in Harvard. He will succeed Arthur T. West, republican, who has held the position as postmaster for twelve years.

Harry Atwood, clerk of the probate court, is slowly recovering from a se-vere attack of pleurisy, but it will be several weeks before he will be able to resume his duties.

Hamilton Revelle and Marguerite Snow will star in the feature picture at the motion picture show this Saturday evening, entitled "The half-million bride," a photoplay in live acts, of absorbing interest.

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All the children of the town between the ages of five and fifteen years are most cordially invited by the Hartyard Woman's club to attend Children's day, Februray 19, in the town hall, at ten minutes before three in the afternoon. Mas Laura Elia Craigin and her accompanist will entertain with stories and mass.

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The dext meeting of the Grange,
February 20, will be Bee, night

Memoers will contribute to the program and there will also be music.

Notice is horeby given that hereafter my price for planthing work will
be 66 cents per hour. B. L. Fillebrown.

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News Items There was no school at the high school building on Tuesday on account of frozen water pipes, which kept the plumbers busy for several hours during the day. We the Main street school building the younger scholars were all sent home until noon, as all the name would not be warmed to the the rooms could not be warmed to the proper temperature. Two rooms of the building were used for the upper grades until the middle of the forencon.

At the valentine social held by the Enworth league on Friday evening of last week about forty were present despite the bad weather. The committee in charge of the evening were the Misses Carrie Sylvester and Luiu Hall. Games appropriate to St. Valentine were in order, and in the guessing contest the prize of an elaborately fine valentine was awarded the winner. Mrs. Alice Bartlett. There were re-Mrs. Alice Bartlett. There were re-freshments of home-made candy and fruit, and everyone seemed to have a good-time.

Miss Dora Lunt, from Boston, spent Sunday with Mrs. M. E. Reed, Main

Mrs. Cress, from Round Hill, N. S. came from Boston, where she had been visiting her daughter on last Satbeen visiting her daughter on last Sal-urday. She was accompanied by a daughter. Miss Lizzle Cress, who re-nurned to Boston on Sunday. Mrs. Cress remained here for a longer stay at the home of her brother. Freeman Simmons, and her niece, Mrs. R. H. Lawson.

Thermometers registered 18 to 30 Thermometers registered 18 to 30 degrees below zero on Tuesday morning in town, according to the locality. As harvest of frozen water pipes and meters was the result, and Superintendent Blake was kept busy. "Never any such weather before," says the "oldest inhabitant," and all the other inhabitants join in a chorus "never any more such weather wanted."

Charles and Timothy Lorden, Clifford Railey and Timothy O'Brien are working at the Hollingsworth & Vose paper mill in West Groton.

paper mill in West Groton.

The basketball same between the Hollis A. A. and the Lunenburg team, which was to take place at the Opera-House last-week-Friday evening, was postponed on account of the storm and consequent bad traveling.

Ralph Willoughby, an employee at the Nashua River paper mill, is taking an enforced vacation, caused by the chicken-pox.

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the chicken-pox.

On Tuesday forenoon the eleven o'clock train for Milford, when nearing the first overhead bridge out from the station, struck a dog, severing its hind leg and cutting the front one. It proved to be a young hunting dog owned by A. G. Pike. Upon being notified Mr. Pike took immediate action to have the animal put out of its suffering. Mr. Pike has previously had two other young dogs killed by aulos and has lost one or two older hunters, making rather had luck in all.

The lumber firm from Lowell, C. P. Racine & Co., who have been operating in the big Jewett timber lot, lying between the Brookline and Oak hill roads, finished there last week and removed the mill and belongs. About

roads, finished there last week and restreet, moved the mill and belongs. About roads, 2,000,000 feet were cut on the lot.

Art.

In order to deliver a Ford car to a purchaser, Frank Bennett went into Boston on Monday and drove the car up to Groton. It was sufficiently late when he reached there and he was sufficiently cold to leave the car there and the the trip home. and take the train home.

Those who called on Mrs. Lucy Jane
Goodwin at the time of her ninetysixth birthday one year ago, found it
hard to realize that she was one year
older when they called on her this
year, on Sunday, February 11, on her
ninety-seventh birthday. She is enjoying remarkably good health, being well cared for at the home of her
nephew, John H. Blood, Mason street,
where she has lived for the past four
years. She received a call from Rev.
J. B. Lewis of the Congregational
church on Saturday. During Sunday
she received several callers and had
many little remembrances from relatives and friends.

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An account of an arrest of a young woman recently appeared in the Boston Fost who knye the name of Mary Gorman to the police inspectors, and claimed Propered as her home. She was charged with the larceny of a hat and suit at one Tremont street store, and the attempted larceny of \$350 worth of goods at another store. The young woman operated through the use of a charge check in the name of Mrs. A. F. Weiber, of North Adams Whether the young woman is either Miss Gorman or Mrs. Webber remains to be proved, it is understood that the parects of Miss Mary Gorman who reside here, are uncertain that she could have been in the vientify of Boston at this time. It is claimed in the

Mrs. Charles S. Parker returned om Townsend last week, where she and been nursing, on account of the illness of her sister-in-law, Miss Sarah

Fine Entertaniment.

An entertainment was given at the congregational vestry on Thursday evening of inst week, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary society, to a good-eized audience, and was well worthy the patronage. A short one act farce, "Settling the parsonage," was presented by Mrs. E. D. sonage," was presented by Mrs. E. D. Howe, Mrs. Frank Conant, Miss Ruth Tucker and Messrs. Bliss and Nutting. Mr. Bliss and Mrs. Howe impersonated the "new minister and his wife," who, with the help of their maid, Mrs. Conant, had completed the "settling of the parsonage" to their satisfaction. One of their parishioners, Miss Tucker, with an assistant, Leroy Nutting, attempt to arrange the parsonage "as ttempt to arrange the parsonage "as t always had been in the past," much to the disgust of the new minister and wife. The plot brings out some

to the disgust of the new minister and wife. The plot brings out some very amusing situations.

The second farca. "Packing the Homo Missionary barrel," was more familiar, having been a general favorite, apparently, by all the societies and presented several times in town, was made new and interesting by the veryable cast. The members of the "Missionary society," who meet to pack the barrel with the varied donations, are themselves as varied as the articles and every character was well portrayed by the following ladies: Mrs. Edward Bliss, Mrs. Tower, Mrs. Parker, Viss Clara Shattuck, Miss Mary Wood, Miss Lydia Waite and Miss Ellen Milier. Their examination of the various donations and comments on the same caused frequent laughter.

Music was furnished during the program by Mr. Bennett with his graphonola. The ladies in charge of the evening's entertainment should feel pleased at their success.

Annual Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting.

The annual town meeting will be held at the town hall on Monday, February 19, at nine o'clock, to act on the following articles:

Articles 1 to 10 refer to the regular routine of town business, occurring annually.

Art. 10: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of, \$200 for district and school nursing, the same to be expended in part payment of the salary of a nurse supplied by of the salary of a nurse supplied by the Pepperell District Nurse associa-

Art. 21. 'Relates to the acceptance by the town of the sum of \$50, the income to be used in care of the C. H. Winn lot in Woodlawn cemetery. —
Art. 22: For the election of an industrial committee to secure new business and strengthen industrial conditions.
Art. 23. For an appropriation for band concerts.'
Art. 24 Relates to the appropriation of \$50 toward the expense of creet.

Art. 24 Relates to the appropria-tion of \$50 togrard the expense of erect-ing a fire observation station on Wa-tatic mountain.

ountain. 25. To see if the town will have in books audited at a cost not to

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Art. 26 Relates to transfering the unexpended balances of 1916.

Art. 27. Relates to putting in drains for alreas and Eranklin streets.

Art. 28 Relates to purchasing ar armost roller. ron road roller.

Art. 29 To see if the town will vote

abolish the present system of hold anoish the present system of honer is a town caucus.

Art. 20.. To see what action the town ill take toward making use of the of received from the Shirley Electric onjury, they on deposit in Pepper-landing.

AYER

To the Editor:

In a former letter advice was giv he unskilled laborer renarding the opportunities afforded young men without capital who are considering the uniter of locating in this section the matter of locating in this section with the hope of benefitting their condition. It assumed that the party was an unskilled laborer, to whom little encouragement was offered. Conditions here in Spokane, however, are much better than one year ago. The hotels and lodging houses are doing much better and there seems to be less destitution. Business, generally, in nearly every line, though of course there are numerous vacant business houses and residences in various parts of the city. We have had thus far plenty of snow and cold weather, though very few days on which the mercury has dropped-to-zero. With the advent of ground hog day, that famous animal was unable to see his shadow. In fact, he seems to have inaugurated a thaw.

We attended a stereopticon lecture last night at the I. W. W. hall here, where views of the participants in the slaughter at Everett, Wash, last November, were shown. Five of the members of that order were killed when attempting to land from the houses and residences in various parts of the city. We have had thus far

members of that order were killed when attempting to land from the Steamer Verona, on which 250 members of that order had come from Scattle for the purpose of agitating their principles in speeches on the streets. Seventy four of the number are out on both

March.

At the meeting in question funds were raised to aid in their defence. Among other views exhibited was that of the corpse of John Looney, whose residence at the time of the tragedy was reported as Ayer Junction, Mass. There was nothing about the picture that was suggestive of anybody we had ever seen before. Death masques of the unfortunate victims were shown and the pictures will be hung on the of the unfortunate victims were shown and the pictures will be hung on the wails of the hall of that order in Seattle, according to the lecturer. But even Ayer Junction has its representative in Eastern Washington, for we noticed that a granddaughter of the late William Mitchell, who once resided on West Main street in your town, was among the graduates at the Frecent commencement at the Cheney Normal school. Her mother, we believe, was Kate Ready, whom some of your old-timers of. Ayer will rememand the pictures will be hung on the walls of the hall of that order in Seattle, according to the lecturer. But even Ayer Junction has its representative in Eastern Washington, for we noticed that a granddaughter of the late William Mitchell, who once resided on West Main street in your town, was among the graduates at the recent commencement at the Cheney Normal school. Her mother, we believe, was Kate Ready, whom some-of-vour old-timers of, Ayer will remember. The family was living on a farm north of here in Stevens county at last reports.

The leisure class of Spokane has the descriptions of the usual Memorial day engage.

The leisure class of Spokane has had entertainment here during the past ten days in the U.S. district courtroom, where five very prominent business men are being tried for using business men are being tried for using the malls for fraudulent purposes. The room has been crowded, many of the ladies bringing their knitting and fancy work. This case is but another

Art. 16. Relates to adding two street lights on Mill stret between Nashua street and Pine Orchard schoolhouse.

Art. 17. Relates to action toward repairing Main street.

Art. 18. Pleaned 20 relate to the acceptance by the town of the sums of \$100, the incomes to be used for the perpetual care of the Hadley and Sleeper lot and the Frank H. Behrens lot in Woodlawn cemetery and of the sinon of 25%. At an expense of about \$300 per day an army of witnesses is 100 per day and army o

to the stock were allowed a commission of 25%. At an expense of about \$300 per day an army of witnesses is in attendance—several from distant states. Though the company professed to buy and sell only for cash it did not adhere to that principle.

Among famous characters who have visited this city lately is the ex-champion pugilist, Bob Fitzsummons, who has been on the vaudeville stage here. His wife, too, who has been estranged from him during some eighteen months during which she has been engaged in evangelistic work on this coast, has held meetings here and their friends have brought about a reconciliation between them. It is claimed too he is to cooperate with her and follow a similar line of work to that of Billy Sunday. With a national reputation there is little doubt that thousands will attend his meetings from motives of curiosity while some fear that mercenary considerations may explain his determination to enter into this new field of endeaver. The vast sums of determination to enter into this new field of endeavor. The vast sums of money that have come into Sunday's coffers are certainly suggestive to those who see only the material side of life.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 2, 1917.

GROTON

roton Band History.

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ent trombonist and now resides in

Worcester.

James Woodward, of Dunstable, vas hired to play with the band for cars so that he almost seems a regular-member. He played corner. His jousin, "Addie" Woodward, was the pand's snare drammar for two or three seasons. And still another ousin, Leroy Woodward, has been a familiar figure in the band ar differentimes, playing alto. He is still playing with the Nashua band, and assisted the Groton band at its last concert. ed the Groton band at its last concert.

Frank Lancey, on cornet, and his brother Ross, on clarinet, were also so familiar figures in the band as to almost seem members. They were hired from Townsend. George Riley, now of Lunenburg, who lived at this time in Ayer, also played considerably with the band.

Another of the regular hired players of recent years was John Cleaves, of Harvard. Mr. Cleaves is a fine musician, coming from a very musical family, and is one of the most talented trombonists in this section. He has been of great assistance to the ed the Groton band at its last concer

He has been of great assistance to the band in years past. Mr. Cleaves used to come to the summer concerts in his automobile, and on the return trip he was usually relied upon to furnish transportation to the musicians from Ayer and points beyond, who augmented the band.

The season of 1907 opened with the usual Decoration day job for the E. S. Clark post, G. A. R., of Groton, at Groton in the morning and at Littleton in the afternoon. The engagement for the Groton Farmers' and Mechan-He has been of great assistance to the

ton in the afternoon. The engagement for the Groton Farmers' and Mechanics' club at the annual Groton fair on September 26 ended the work of the band for that year. Between those wo dates the band gave eight opendir concerts, the first on Saturday evening, June 8, and the eighth on September 7. All of these concerts were held in Groton except the fourth, which was held in West Groton on the evening of Saturday, July 20. We assume that the band concert season was not a great success so far as "the western village," was concerned, because after the entry of this one con-

The year of 1908 was very similar to that of 1907. The season opened with the usual Memorial day engagement and ended with the annual fair job. Between and including the dates June 13 and August 29, seven open-air concerts are recorded. West Groton receiving two of these—July 11 and August 8.

The concerts in West Groton are given in the center of the village on

fancy work. This case is but another that illustrates the general tendency of coöperative business ventures of farmers to end disastrously. In this case there were about 7000 owners of stock in the Northwestern Trading Company, which had about a quarter of a million dollars capital and was organized to furnish to its members all sorts of merchandise at figures much below the current prices.

The members were scattered over a wide scope of territory and were mostly farmers. The chief promoters were given in the center of the village on the lawn in front of Squannacook hall.

and there with stones, sticks, unused band books, instrument cases, hand pouches or whatever articles which may come handy.

The band concerts, both in Groton and West Groton, are always well attended both by the townspeople and others, people coming from the surrounding towns in automobiles, auto trucks, teams and bicycles. One is impressed with the view from the large number of automobiles gathered around to hear the music. The automobile horn provides a handy and effective means of applause or demonstration of appreciation. The "hong-konks," "klaxes," "squaeks," "whirs," "squawks," "whistles," etc., of the different horns, called forth by some particularly pleasing piece, is often cent years at the Groton band concerts is the poncorn man from Ayer, Martin Carrigan, with his outfit. Mr. Son Paul now a freshman at Dart-

Carrigan has been assisted usually by Carrigan has been assisted usually by his son Paul, now a freshman at Dartmouth college. Fred Smith of Ayer, John Forcino of Groton, and probably others have also sold fresh-buttered popcorn at the concerts.

Besides the band concerts, the only other engagement recorded for the season of 1908 was the furnishing of music at the Fourth of July celebration.

music at the Fourth of July celebration.

Note—In writing this history of the Groton Cornet band, one of the chief aims has been to be historically ordered. We wish to be complete and accurate In order to do this quite a large number of people have been personally interviewed, including the past and present members and their thast and present members and their families, and also others not connected of Lunenburg citizens, and in spite of Lunenburg citizens, and in spite of rerisonally interviewed, including the trast and prisent members and their the death angel entered into the homes families, and also others not connected with the band, but who happened to know something in regard to the band or its members. A substantial portion of this history has been made up of the summons came to Thomas P.

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was completely snowbound. Two or three times on Saturday the trip was attempted, but the car became stalled and could not get through. On Saturday evening Carl E. Brown, postmaster, drove—up—to Fitchburg and brought back the morning and the evening mail together. Sunday morning the road-breaking teams were out in full force shoveling and plowing to open up the road, even passably, and on Monday morning the work was remewed. A gang of shovelers, accompanied by a snowplow and one car, left Fitchburg early Sunday morning and by working diligently succeeded in getting the road open and cars running again at two in the afternoon and have been making regular trips since.

The citizens' party of Lunenburg held their caucus on Monday evening in the town hall and nominated those has so clebrated at—the town hall—the town hall and nominated those has so clock to least two first the control of the contro The citizens' party of Lunenburg held their caucus on Monday evening n the town hall and nominated those

to be voted on at the town meeting on the first Monday in March. Much re-gret is felt at the fact that Mrs. Fred gret is felt at the fact that Mrs. Fred C. Cross, who has been one of the school committee for the last three years, declines re-election. It is thought by the majority of people in town that there should be one woman on the board, and two names were given at the caucus, Mrs. Fred Francis receiving 23 votes and Mrs. Herbert C. Eaton 16.

Eaton 16.

Another death occurred in this community which casts a shadow over the whole neighborhood. Mrs. Mary (Hadley), wife of H. Augustus Harley, a very worthy lady who had the love and respect of everyone who knew her. She has been ill for several weeks from a complication of eral weeks from a complication of

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Joyed the occasion very much, the gifts that were brought, and especially the social reunion of old friends and neighbors.

His funeral was held at his late home on Sunday afternoon and was attended by a large concourse of people who had known Mr. and Mrs. Estabrook for many years. Mrs. Estabrook's brother, C. P. Tarbell, and a brother-in-law, Edward Handley, came from Vermont in spite of the intense cold and drifted snow. Rev. Edward E. Saunders conducted the service, and the bearers were Martin W. Sey-B. Saunders conducted the service, and the bearers were Martin W. Seymour, a son-in-law, Jóseph A. Harwood, principal of the high school, Ernest K. Proctor, Norman G. Bigelow, L. U. McIntyre and Clayton E. Stone. Mr. Estabrook is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss May V. Estabrook, a teacher in the high school, and a grandson, Maurice Seymour, whose mother died in 1906.

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(Thirteenth Article)

COMPETING

Mass. Income Tax Widely Known Unique Publicity-Axe Falls March First-Thousands Crowd to File Returns-Who Must Do So.

In spite of the tense war situation which has monopolized public attention, an unprecedented campaign of publicity has brought both the fact and the details of the new Massachusetts Income Tax Law before nearly every inhabitant of the state. So far as is known no statute ever passed by the Legislature was so widely_and_systematically_advertised -and probably none was so deserving of publicity.

The Income Tax Deputy, Mr. Henry H. Bond, and his chief assistant, Mr. Irving L. Shaw, realized early to their administration that a tremendous saving might be made in the cost of administering the law if the public might be acquainted with its requirements. One of their first acts, therefore, was to establish s publicity department.

Between fifteen hundred and two two thousand columns of reading matter have been published by that department in practically every news-

A speakers bureau was established whereby some thirty experts within and without the department held themselves in readiness to address the public and offers to send lecturers to explain the law were sent to every Board of Trade, church club, forum or other organization whose name could be obtained. One or more meetings have been held in substantially every community in the state. One man alone has addressed over six thousand people in more than sixty such gatherings. This work has been carried on in addition to the regular department work as a volunteer service.

The total number of bulletins, cards and posters distributed have run into millions. The department has advertised to answer enquiries and has been handling about pieces of mail daily.

Newspapers throughout the state have rendered excellent service to the department and to their readers by publishing the several articles in this series.

Through the assistance of banks and trust companies reminder slips were delivered by the Department on February 1 in the monthly tatements of the bank depositors throughout the state.

The Department has collaborated with various banks and brokerage houses in the preparation of many of the charts and booklets issued by them and it is estimated that the number of copies of such publications and the advertisements of them have run well into seven fig-

ures. Most excellent service has endered by banks, brokers and local poards of assessors in spreading the word that THE AXE FALLS

After March first there are penalties of FIVE DOLLARS A DAY for each day of delinquency in filing a return, and that is only the beginning of the penalties!

FOLLOW UP SYSTEM.

fact that the public is learning of the existence of an elaborate system for checking up those who should make returns thousands are already crowding the various offices to file returns.

WHO MUST FILE. There are two separate tests to determine who must file returns.

First.-Did the person receive ANY

(a) taxable interest, or

(b) taxable dividends, or (c) taxable annuities, or

(d) excess of profits over losses in the sale of stocks, securities or other intangible personal, prop-

erty? IF EVEN A DOLLAR OF SUCH IN-COME WAS RECEIVED THE RE-TURN MUST BE FILED NO MAT-TER HOW SMALL THE TOTAL INCOME MAY HAVE BEEN.

Second.-Even if the person did not receive any of the above income still he must file his return if his GROSS income exceeded \$2000, and regardless of whether it was from taxable or non-taxable sources. If it was all from non-taxable sources he should file the return answering every financial question with the word: "None." ALL QUESTIONS ON THE BLANK MUST BE AN-SWERED. DON'T DELAY, FILE tonelli's criminal intent, left her for-EARLY

A Story of Old Venice

By F. A. MITCHEL

"Signor Antonelli, you are summoned o attend the doge."

The order was given by one Andrea Carpentl, a courtier at the palace. Antonelli had left the dining room of his dwelling on the grand canal and has tened to his drawing room to receive the doge's messenger.

"I will go with you in a moment," he said to Carpenti, and, returning to the dining room, he finished what he had been doing when interrupted. A ight luncheon, consisting of a few biscults and a small glass pitcher of white vine, was on the table, evidently placed there for some one who was expected to partake of it. Antonelli dropped a powder on the biscuit, and since both powder and biscuit were white the former was not noticeable. Then he rejoined Carpenti, and the two passed out on to the porch, washed by the waters of the canal, entered a gondola and set out for the palace of

St. Mark. On the way they met a gondola in which sat a young lady who hailed Antonelli and asked:

"Is your aunt at home this morning signor? "She is," replied Antonelli. "I'm going to lunch with her."

By this time the gondolas passed without the range of hearing. "I must go back," said Antenelli.
"Why so?" asked Andrea.

"I-bave forgotten something." "The doge directed me to bring you to him without delay."

"Hold!" cried Antonelli to the gondo "Proceed," said Andrea, "Since you must make choice between your betrothed and the doge you must give

preference to your soverelgn."
"Turn about!" cried Antonelli, now white as a cloth, to the gondolier. Starting up, he was about to seize the pole arms about him and held him. Andrea was much the stronger, and in his

clutch Antonelli was powerless.
"Come, signor," said the former don't forget that if it were reported to the doge that after starting to obey his summons you turned back to be with your sweetheart it might cost you your head. I am befriending you in preventing your bringing misfortune upon yourself and through yourself upon the fair Signorina Marcia Copelli."

Through fear of offending his sovereign, who was one of the most autocratic and terrible doges who ever ruled Venice, Antonelli suffered himself to be mastered and continued the journey, though it was evident that he was racked by some dreadful emotion. When the two arrived at the steps that led up to St. Mark's place they landed and after traversing an interval ascended those steps that led and still lead into the palace. Then, entering an antercom, they waited till the sov

ereign was ready to receive them. Meanwhile Antonelli suffered torture He was betrothed to Signorina Copelli, but he was without fortune, being dependent on his aunt, Signora Caracola, an old lady who was said to be the richest woman in Venice. Every morning Signora Caracola partook of a light luncheon and goblet of Italian wine, a beverage not much stronger than grape tuice. Antonelli, who was her heir and desirous of getting possession of her wealth at once, had dropped the powder on the biscuit she would eat to put her out of his way by poison. He was in terror lest his sweetheart be poisoned as well.

For an hour he waited the pleasure of the doge, then was admitted to his

He found the sovereign surrounded by courtiers who were flattering and fawning upon him, for that was a time when the Venetian sovereign possessed almost unlimited power. Even after entering the presence chamber Antonelli was kept waiting for some time before being given an audience, and every moment's delay was one of torture to him. At last, after the doge had listened to a long and very dull Because of the penalties and the story from a buffoon, he received Anto-

"Signor," said the doge, "I am told that your aunt owns a dog of the rarest breed in Venice. I have sent for you to offer her through you any price she may ask for it."

"I am quite sure," replied Antonelli. "that my aunt, when apprised of your royal wish, will present the dog to your highness.

"A present that will merit a royal You may say to your aunt return. that I am about to make you a noble and a member of my privy council."

Antonelli was dismissed and, returning to the gondola, joined the gondolier in making as quick time as possible to his home. Before reaching the steps he leaped upon them and hurried into the house. In the dining room he found his aunt and sweet heart mourning over the dead body of the dog that was coveted by the doge.

Antonelli heaved a sigh of relief. He was told that the dog had eat en the biscuit intended for his aunt. Signora Caracola, if she suspected poison, did not suspect her nephew. Signorina Copelli thought deeper and, knowing the motive for such a crime, treat-

broke off her betrothal to him. The aunt, having become convinced of Anone to the church.

BROOKLINE, N. H.

Miss Florence Maynard of Worcester is at the home of her brother, Frank Maynard, of South Brookline Freeman Wright recently energie in

wild cat in one of his traps that weighted almost twenty pounds.

Mrs. Clark-Barnaby-went to Nashua last week Wednesday to attend a spe-cial meeting of the Daughters of Librty, of which she is a member, re-urning on Thursday.

Mrs. William Mathews entertained

er mother, Mrs. Gilson, of Groton lass., for a few days last week Mrs. Arthur Brown, accompanied by er son Harold are spending a few ays visiting frends and relatives in rimus, Fitchburg and other places.

Word was received by the local authorities last week of the escape of Ernest Glison from an institution in Carlisle, Mass., where he was confined recently for his threatening and abusive behavior toward his aged mother. This is his third escape from the same institution and it is expected that he will eventually turn up in this town as he has done on the previous occasions.

The condition of Mrs. Ralph Perkins, who has been ill for about three weeks, still remains quite serious and her friends are hoping for her ultimate recovery. She is being attended by a trained nurse, Miss Pickup of Manchester.

Corporal Wilfred Lancey, who re-turned with his company to Nashua from the border last week, is back in cown and stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ouellette.

Mr. Emery, clerk of the Fresh Pond Ice Company, who is here during the ice cutting, entertained Mrs Emery and her sister, of Somerville Mass., a few days last week.

Harry Marshall has set up some machinery in his workshop and is manufacturing toys; for which he has already received a large order.

The S. D. Social 'club held anothe very pleasant gathering last weel Mrs. Steven Barnaby is to be the host ess on the occasion of their next meet

The big snowstorm of February The big snowstorm of February 5 caused much-inconvenience and hardship, particularly outside the village, where the snowdrifts reached such huge proportions that it was days before the roads were broken. The rural carriers could not complete their routes, Arthur Brown being obliged to put up at the home of Mr. Eliot, of Mason, over night. The afternoon-passenger train was over an hour late caving here and had to be assisted the rest of the way to Ayer by the freight. rest of the way to Ayer by the freight engine. The evening up train, due at 6.45, did not reach here until 10.15, accompanied by the snow plow.

Mrs. Estella Hughes has returned ome from St. Joseph's hospital, Nash a, where she was a patient for about hree weeks.

Mrs. William Hall spent Monday disting friends in Manchester. Frank Willoby fire chief, in response to a telephone call, drove to the home of Harry Williams with chemicals on Tuesday morning and exinguished a chimney fire.

Deaths.

The many Brookline friends of Hartley Averill were grieved to learn of his sudden death recently at his home in Chelsea, Mass. Mr. Averill was about eighty-one years old and had spent most of his summers at his summer home here, known as Wastewood, for about forty years. He was a quiet, highly respected man, always deeply interested in church work and was one of the deacons of Tremont Temple, Boston. At one time he conducted a Sabbath school at his home here for the benefit of those who lived too far away from the churches to conveniently attend and his contributions to the funds of the churches were generous and numerous. His summer forms attend address the same of the churches were generous and numerous. His summer forms in different sides of the churches were generous different attendance. enerous and numerous. ome is situated in the south part of he town off the main road and as both ie and Mrs. Averill liked to pass the and Mrs. Averill liked to pass their line here as quictly as possible they lid not go about much. Consequently there are many in the town proper who did not know them, but for all those whom they did know they held a staunch friendship and particularly was this true in reacids to their near linghlors. All deeply sympathize with his widow, Mrs. Averil

The friends of Mrs. George Bridge week of her father Deacon James P. odd. He was a half y respected citizen of New Boston of the Presbyterian each. He was in his ninety-fifth year

was brought here from her late home n North Leominster Mass, on Tues-ay and laid to rest adde that of her late husband, Henry passed away last 60 phy's death was cut, expected. Mr. and M. former residents of the frequently visited howay, spending sive the Elimwood at this during by the fact M. during by the fact M. body and they have he town. Buria' w

it ime being cenhe town. Buria' w in lot in the South one ery in the farm.

HOLLIS, N H.

News Items. ocal option law life's trials," Mr Walter Flanders, M. ore, Mrs. Ella Facey Miss For Lovejoy and Miss Fernice Henris piano solo, Raymor I Lovejoy. Last Saturday right was to have been guest night at the Woman's club, but on account of the weather it was postponed until a work from Mor 143 night.

There will be a rully meeting and octal on Wednesday evening, February 21, at the Baptist church, Nashur called to reorganize the C. E. local union. It is hoped that a good delegation will attend from here. The state C. E. officers will be present and

ing the motive for such a crime, treated him coldly.

When the death of the dog was announced to the doge he was furious, he fifth degree will be worked. The helieving that it was a ruse to deprive him of the animal. Antonelli was banished from Venice. Signoring Copelli There we will be such as the fifth degree and any who wish can do so by letting there we have the protected to him. The

Miss Ruth Hazard spent a few days Miss Eunice Walsh has been spend; in Nashua.

Miss Grace Marshall has gone to Mrs. W. J. Blood's to take care of Mrs. Blood's mother for some time.

Charles P. Brown, of Winthrop, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Perley Foster, of Con-ord, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Hardy.

TOWNSEND

Miss Laura Upton, from Milton, was guest of her sister, Mrs. Alexander ceed, over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter-Weston, who

nuch improved. Mrs. Frank Boutelle has returned from a visit with relatives in Leom-nster and vicinity.

Mrs. Clara Kirby, of Boston, has been spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Emma J. Lees.

Warren Tucker, of Billerica, was a uest at the home of Mrs. Mary Tuck-r last Sunday.

er last Sunday.

In spite of the extreme cold seven embers of the Ladies' Study club braved the elements and attended the meeting at the reading-room on Monday afternoon. Current events were given by the different members, and the travelogue was continued. The the travelogue was continued. The next meeting takes up the subject "From the Isthmus of Suez," led by E. J. Lees and Mrs. Herman Stiskney.

E. J. Lees and Mrs. Herinan Stiskney.

The coldest morning of this season and colder than has been recorded for a number of years, was Monday morning, the mercury ranging from 30 to 40 below and remaining near the zero mark all day. A number of cases of rost bites are reported and many employed at the Center and in Joselynicille did not go to work until nearly noon.

Mrs. E. R. Brayton, of Providence R. I., is visiting her parents, Mr. and

R. I., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Adams.

Alden Sherwin, who is employed in Maynard this winter, spent the week-end at his home here.

Carl B. Willard has been spending a few days with his brother, Ralph H Willard, of Belmont.

George Hayward, of Bayberry hill is recovering from an attack of muscular rheumatism.

Mrs. I. P. Sherwin is one of the atest victims of the grippe. At last reports she was improving.

Mrs. Loseph May Keen is spending

Mrs. Joseph MacKean is spending few days with relatives at her home n Winchendon.

in Winchendon.

Rev. Joseph MacKean expects to occupy his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening, and the Y. P. S. C. E. service will be contained by Mrs. Abbott Hodgman on the tonic "Using what you have."

The Y. P. S. C. E. will entertain a party of young people from the First, "aprist church in Flitchburg, who will seligh-ride over here for a supper or Monday evening, after which a social will be held in the vestry, to which the subtile is cordially invited. The guests

will be field in the vestry to which the sublict is cordially invited. The gipest will be served a supper after which a program will be presented by the visitors, assisted by home talent and a social hour will follow.

A very enjoyable little party gathered at Squannicook Inc hall on Weddresday, evening, to enjoy a valenty for red at Squannicook Inn hall on Wed-nesday evening to enjoy a valentine party. The hall was prettily decorated with scarlet and white hearts, and hearts were also used as place cards at the ten tables set for whist. About ten o'clock dancing was commenced, music being Turnshed by Miss Edith Tenney at the piano and a good time was enjoyed until midnight.

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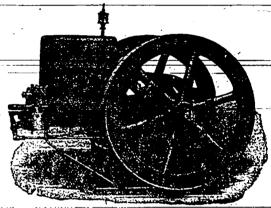
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PEPPERELL

Miss Dorle Durant went to Hanover, N. H., last week with a party of friends from Nashua, to attend the Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Potter, v

came from Brookline to attend and participate in the Tarbell-Farley wed-ding last Saturday, was obliged to return home that evening after a very short visit at the home of Mrs. Pot-ter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur

The seventh annual mid-winter car-The seventh annual mid-winter carnival which was held the past week in Hanover, N. H., by the Dartmouth Outing club, came to a close last Saturday evening by a concert in Webster hall. In the program of athletic feetivities, including snow-shoeing and skiling contests, we note the name of G. A. Shattuck '17, Dartmouth, the winner of the second place in the snow-shoe obstacle race. The young man referred to is Gerald Shattuck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linville Shattuck, of this town.

Mrs. Stella Mention recently came from Bedford and is staying at the home of M. Luther Roynton, who is not in his usual health.

Mrs. Forrest Winch has been one of the victims of the grippe and confined to her home on Townsend street the past week. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Humes have

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hunes have both been quite ill for more than two weeks. Mrs. Dunton has been with them nights up to the first of the week, when Mrs. John Marshall was secured to stay all the time.

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Relatives from out of town attending the Tarbell-Farley wedding on last Saturday were Mrs. Joseph Hart of Ayer, Mrs. Waldo Farnsworth and son of Shirley, Mrs. Neille Parkhurst of Nashua, N. H., and Miss Eithel Farley of Charlestown. Friends were also present from Lowell and Fitchburg.

Mrs. F. W. Lovejoy returned Tues-day from Penacook, N. H., where she has been caring for her aunt.

Mrs. Charles Stinerford is quite il with a feverish grippe cold. Her mother, Mrs. Stratton, from Jamaica Plain, came to care for her on Wed-

Mrs. Lucy Page has been a victim of the prevailing epidemic during the week past.

Guest night-was observed hy Rebekah lodge on Tuesdav evening. About seventy members and friends were present to enjoy the social even-ing. Following the short business ses-sion a musical program was offered. Lillian Dunton gave much pleasure to the company by piano seige-tions, rendering in artistic manner "The rosary," with variations, Mrs. Alice Bartlett sang "There's a long, long trail," her perfect enunciation adding to the value of the music, and as an energe gave a patriotic song which was appropriate and touching. Mrs. Elsie Copp rendered a solo, being in excellent voice, and at the conclusion passed into "Star Spangled Banner," the entire company rising to their feet as she sang. A collation of hot coffee, sandwiches and wafers was served by the committee and the company enjoyed themselves at whist or adjourned to the banquet hall for dancing to suit their own pleasure. for the remainder of the evening

The relatives accompanying the remains of the late Mrs. R. Miles LePoer from Petersham to this, her home town, on last Saturday afternoon were her four sons and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lord, and husband.

Several of our town auto enthusi-asts have visited the Nashua auto show

Dorothy McIntire and Miss Miss Dorothy Meintire and Miss Hazel Henderson, from the Middlesex-Rebekah lodge in Groton, were guests in town on Tuesday evening at the social of Acoma Rebekah lodge. They attended with Mrs. Harris Tarbell, by vhom they were entertained.

Mrs. John L. Boynton and Mrs. Leon ichardson attended the meeting on nursday of this week at Mrs. J. J. orrow's, Boston. Directors from all parts of the country were expected. A general outline was presented by Mrs. Storrow and Miss Comstock of the work of this department of the Farm

The meeting at the South street schoolhouse announced for this week Tuesday for organizing a Dorcas Guild. was again obliged to be postponed on account of severe weather. As soon as the conditions of weather and trat-Il warrant the meeting will the ladies being previously

Chester Sharinack on Wednesday. Let all the contribution of the service of the period of the period

month in the house of correction.

At the Oak hill hall on Monday evening, February 19, the committee of that society, Messrs, Gaskill and Blood, and Mrs Clara Stewart, are planning a supper, entertainment and a ride up and back, all for the average cost of a supper. It has been arranged to have a barge at Saunders' corner at 6.20 to convey patrons to the hall. A fish chowder supper with all the usual pastries, will be served at seven o'clock. This will be followed by an entertainment, one feature which will be the repeating of the farce, "Jumbo Jum," by request. See posters for details.

was of a happy temperament, and beng the possessor of a fine tenor voice he went about the state as the "sing reculi hearing-him here in leaves a widow; one New York before the latter removed to the west.

The East Village Social club are meet with their new member, Mrs Maud Chick, Franklin street, on Wed February 21. subject is sure to be unusually inter-esting. "Anecdotes of Washington and Lincoln." All the members of the club are requested to make a special effort to be present, that their new member may feel that her hospitality is appreciated.

Is appreciated.

Thirteen members of the Ladies Aid society gathered at the home of their president on Wednesday afternoon. Two quitts were finished and other work accomplished. The invitation was extended by Mrs. W. A. Shepardson for the society to meet at her home for the next regular meeting, Economy 28. February 28.

The Ladies' Ald society will hold a food sale at the home of Mrs. Elmer Weston on Friday afternoon, Febru-ary 23, at three o'clock.

ary 23, at three o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuller were
given a surprise party at the home of
their son and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Fuller, Tuesday evening. The occasion was the celebration of both
their birthdays, as Mr. Fuller's birthday came on the 13th and Mrs. Fuler's on the 14th, and the two Many friends hus happily combined. had been invited to meet them, and couple were well remembere with gifts. A social evening with music, games and refreshments was enjoyed by all.

Daughters were born to Mrs. Merlin Salter and Mrs. Fred Wheeler on Fzi-day, February 9, and Sunday, Febru-ary 11, respectively.

Mrs. S. M. Nokes is having a convalescence from her recent attack

Mrs. John Sliney, Groton gave a pleasant little party on Monda evening in honor of her guest, Mrs John Hannigan, from New York, Sev ral guests were present. Miss Thayer endering plane solos for their pleasrendering plane solos for their pleasure, and recreshments were served by

Mrs. Georgianna Kimball spent a few days this week with friends in Milford, N. H.

In a letter received from Mr. Patterson, from Orlando, Fla., to his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Harrie, of this town, he speaks with much pleasure town, he speaks with much pleasure of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Allan Parker are now there, and says Mr. Parker is much improved since comng from Deland.

The high school seniors and invite The filth scritter at the friends, attended by Sub-master Russell and one of the teachers. Miss Joslyn, made up a sleighing party of over twenty-five to go to Nashua on Wednesday night. E. S. Durant, with big barge and four horses, conveyed hem safely over and back. The team a hig barge and four horses. Conveyed them safely over and back. The team started at about five o'clock, a few going over on the 6.30 train and returning with the crowd. An oyster supper was enjoyed and an evening at the theatre, the party arriving home at about two o'clock Thursday morning.

Miss Mary Allen, who served as one of the clerks at Quimby's store, up to last week, has gone to Nashua to work in a factory. Prancis Lavalley is taking her place.

Frederic Wilson came from Torring-Frederic Wison came from formation, Conn., to remain over the weekend with his parents on Brookline street. Miss Esther Bond, a niece from Needham, has been staying this week to assist Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. I. C. Margeson writes to her friend, Mrs. Patch, from her present home in Roxbury, that Mr. Margeson has been quite low from an attack of heart trouble, and she is not able to leave him, although she would very much like to come to Pepperell for a day.

Mrs. M. E. Woodward, who has been with her daughter in Milford, N. H., for a short time, is expected here again this week intending to go to Strafford, Conn. Her daughter, Mrs. Cuthbertson, will probably accom-

Mrs. Spanning, of Mrs. Isbanon street, still continues very ill. She has the attendance of Mrs. Bancroft, who has been with her much of the time this been with her fillness, and a sister Mrs. Davis, came last week from Newton. Mrs. Louise Dunton has also item, there to take the night nursing, and Mrs. Spaulding's son Charles remains within cultrabout his pince. Mrs. Spaulding's the develops the

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On Wednesday morning of this week Mrs. Warren M Blood received a message conveying the sad news of the death of her brother, Frederic A. Heath: at his home in Middletown, N Y., on Tuesday evening. Mr Heath was formerly a resident in Charlestown and formed many acquaintances in town during his frequent visits with his stater. Although blind from birth he is seen of the medical examiner until the medical examiner until the week On Tuesday they were of the act to the medical examiner until this week On Tuesday they were at Saunders to the hall. A fish chowder supper with all the usual pastries, will be served at sevent of the force, "Jumbo Jum," by request See posters for details.

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still occupies the lower part of the old home on Townsend street, being now the only surviving member of his family. She also leaves two nieces, Miss Josephine and Miss Mary Parker, in Chicago, the daughters of her brother George, and three nephews, sons of Charles Parker. These are Chester A. of this town, Thomas of Sunapee, N.H., and Sherman of Los Angeles, Cal. She also leaves cousins in California and in Weymouth and a relative, Mrs. Sumner Lawrence of Fitchburg.

Miss Parker was educated in our public schools, being a student with others of that day in the little brick schoolhouse which is now used by the D. A. R. as a chapter house.

D. A. R. as a chapter house. Afterward she attended the Pepperell acadward she attended the Peppereil academy. Her proficiency in several studies were very marked and especially in orthography. It was a common custom among her associates to refer to her instead of to a dictionary or encyclopedia. She was also very fond of reading and especially in the Bible. On the day she was found unconscious by on her stand, just as she had last used it. She had been a member of the Congregational church since March 5, 1871, and was a regular attendant there up to the time of her failing health. She was one of the most devoted adherents to the doctrines of the church and in years past was one of the faithful workers.

Services were held at this church on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at which her pastor. Rev J. B. Lewis, officiated. Two selections were sung

Two selections were sung itchinson, "Nearer my Goo by Mrs. Hutchinson, "Nearer my to thee" and "Abide with me," bo ese being favorites of the deceased the bearers were four of the deacons of the Congregational church. Buria the family lot in Walton

A message was received here Mrs. Myra (Grenier) Attridge laweek of the death of her coulbmery W. Grenier, in Portsmouth. Thursday. ward Gagnon, Johning her in Nashua. Services were held at St. Joseph's church in Portsmouth on Saturday morning and burial was also in that city. There were many beautiful floral tributes, attesting to the esteem and affection in which the deceased was held. The deceased had been in failing health from tuberculosis for more than two years. For the past year he has resided in Portsmouth with friends, and previous to that h

spent the winter with his cousin, Mrs. Attridge, here in town.

He was a native of Pepperell, the son of Joseph Grenier, and was thirty-nine years of age and unmarried. He is well remembered by his former schoolmates of those days, by whom he was well liked.

He leaves a brother, Eugene Grenier, who was not able to be here, as he is first mate on the U.S. S. Rainbow, and when last heard from was at

San Francisco, and liable to be trans

San Francisco, and infinite to be trans-ferred and promoted soon.

Mrs. Attridge returned to Nashua with her sister on Saturday evening, reaching home on Sunday with her lit-tle son Franklin, who remained with his grandmother and cousins in Nash-me during her absence. ua during her absence.

Wedding.

A quiet home wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Farley. High street, last Saturday afternoon, when their only daughter. Bessie May, was united in marriage with Thomas F. Tarbell, of New York city, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Tarbell, of this place. It was one of the most pleasing weddings recently witnessed, and was characterized by an absence of ostenation in all the arrangements, which were the more impressive by their fine simplicity.

arrangements, which were the more impressive by their fine simplicity.

The ceremony was performed at three o'clock by the pastor of the Methodist church. Rev. William H. Beers, in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom, and the intimate friends of the bride. The double ring service of the church was used.

house in which she lived and died, December 17, 1832. The house was one of the first-built in this town and has been in the possession of the family since 1822. It was remodeled then and has been changed by the present owner. She was the daughter of Allan S., and Charlotte (Colson) Parker and was one of a family of six children. These were Mary C. (Mrs. John Irving) Thomas A. for whom Its work of the past six years, since his graduation from Williams college and has been from the past of the past six years, since his graduation from Williams college and has been from th pieces and many other useful and ornamental articles.

part in the discussion of the question, "Would the poultry men of Pepperell be benefitted by a Coopera present and the subject was post-Among those from Prescott Grange

Among those from Prescott Grange who attended the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange meeting at Lunenburg on Thursday of last week were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shattuck and Mrs. John Martin. Walter Shattuck and

The next regular meeting of Pres The next regular meeting of Prescott-Grango will be held Friday evening. February 23, and will take the
form of a Colonial party. Everyone
is requested to dress in costume and
help carry out the idea of the evening.
There are to be old-time songs and
readings and a farce will probably be
presented. The committee in charge
are Mrs. ida Boynton, Lloyd Bangroftand Earl M. Stewart. and Earl M. Stewart.

Church Notes.

On Sunday morning at 10.45 at the M. E. church the pastor, Rev. William H. Beers, will address the members of the Daughters of the American Revo The members of the C. A. R are also invited to join with them in are also invited to join with them in this patriotic fervice. The pastor's subject will be "The leading of the invisible." There will be patriotic music by the choir, assisted by Howard Shattuck, violin, and a solo, "May God protect Columbia." by Mrs. Alice Bartlett.

The Epworth league service at 6.45 will be in charge of L. T. Wilson; subject, "The marks of a christian."

In the evening at 7.30, the pastor will preach on the topic, "Redeeming the time."

On Monday of this week Mr. Beers attended a meeting of the Methodist Ministerial association of the Worces-Ministerial association of the workers deer district at Grace church, Worces-ter. The address of the morning was given by Rev. Charles Spaulding, the newly-appointed district superintend-ent. A reception was held at the

pastors of our church here in town was Rev. Levin P. Causey, now in hi seventy-fifth year, but still in the worl and smart and active. He now has and smart and active. He now has a pastorate in Cilinton. Rev. C. H. Hanaford, who belongs to the district, now residing in Lancaster, was unable to be present. He is now well past four score years, but still conducts a service occasionally. The members of the Epworth league

are planning to hold a "Washington social" at the Methodist vestry on Friday evening, February 23. The comday evening, February 23. The committee in charge are the Misses Muriel Robinson and Ruth Wilson.

On Sunday morning at the Unitarian church the pastor will preach upon the subject, "Our alm in religion—self forgetting service."

The First Parish Men's club will meet in the vestry on Tuesday even-ing, February 20. The speaker, who was detained from coming here a few weeks ago, will be E. S. Forb Boston, Subject, "Yellow peril."

At the Unitarian vestry on Friday evening of last week the annual business meeting of the church was held in connection with the annual partition connection with the partition connection with the partition connection with the partition connection with the first time the meetings were combined, the succeeded admirably. The supper in charge of the ladies of the society. Mrs. Addison Woodward, chairman, was served at seven o'clock, about eighty being present. The hostesses at the various table were ment will be in the new cemetery the ment will be in the new cemetery the ment will be in the new cemetery the ment will be in the new cemetery their children are buried.

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of democracy," and was interesting.

At the Congregational church the pastor will preach at 10.45 Sunday morning. Sunday school at noon and junior meeting at 3.30. At seven in the evening there will be a stereopticon lecture on "The remaking of China." lecture on "The remaking of China." This is a new lecture, dealing with the changes in that country since it became a republic. The old and the new in China are set in vivid contrast. Old methods of industry, old style schools, old time religions, and the counterpart of all these antiquities in the China of today. China has much yet to learn, but she is on the way.

Tuesday afternoon, February 20, as the Congregational vestry in charge of Mrs. Maude: Parker and Mrs. Irene Attridge.

The D. A. R. will attend morning service Sunday, February 18, at the Methodist church. Sermon by Rev W. H. Beers. The members of the

At the meeting of Prescott Grange held on Friday evening, February 9, the attendance was small, owing to the stormy day. There was a short the stormy day. There was a short business session and a social evening banquet that was to be held February with games, as those who were to 22. Wright chapter will be held at the

TOWNSEND

Harbor.

Mr. Woodruff, employed at the portable saw mill, and his family, are occupying one of the tenements in the old mansion.

Mr. Altmiller and friends enjoyed a day's fishing Thursday through the ice on the Harbor pond. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Searles are

very much better. The nurse, Miss Newton, left on Wednesday. Miss Mattle Brown, a niece of Mr. Searles, s acting as housekeeper. Bern LePoer returned to Pinehurst

n Wednesday. .Two from the Cape are now employed in the paper mill at Vose, Ernest Reavy and C. A. Smith.

Mrs. Jerry Monroe, wife of the caretaker of Knowlcroft farm, is ill with the grippe and under the doc-tor's care. Carl Liddell leaves Saturday for

Worcester, where he will be the guest of Leslie Baldwin and family. Jesse Knowlton, of Chelsea spending a few days at his farm,

Knowleroft. Notwithstanding

weather the latter part of last week "the old Emory store," now known as the store of Joselyn & Son, thoroughly renovated, was stocked with goods in the various lines and the goods in the various lines and the new postoffice installed. Although the office is the same size as the one burned, it has many improvements, among them the combination lock boxes. As an adjunct to the postal service in this village, and on account of the larger mail because of the parcel post, a small truck has been ordered to facilitate its transportation to and from the station to the postoffice. The truck is to be of oneman power, and will be propelled by man power, and will be propelled by the agent. He is wondering if a li will be necessary.

Mrs. Dana Fletcher and Mrs. Minnie Knight attended the funeral of a relative in Pepperell, Thursday afternoon, Miss Sarah Parker.

At the recent fire in this village the ection was forcibly brought home to its citizens. On last week Friday eveits citizens. On last week Friday evening an informal meeting was held at the engine house relative to the desirability of a fire company. As a result a volunteer fire company of twelve members was formed. Six more men stand ready to enroll their names. Clarence Josselyn, chairman, and E. H. Brooks, secretary, were the temporary officers elected. In order that action may be taken at an early temporary officers elected. In order that action may be taken at an early date the two following articles have been inserted in the town wafrant:
Art. 31. To raise or borrow and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a chemical engine for fire protection at Townsend Harbor, or act in any way in relation thereto. Art. 32. To raise and appropriate a sum of money to have the engine house at the Harbor moved to a more suitable location or act in any way in relation. moved to a more suitable loca-or act in any way in relation thereto.

Obituaries.

At ten o'clock last Saturday morn-ing the funeral services of Mrs. Ellen Isabel (Heard) LePoer, widow of the late Capt. Robert Miles LePoer, of

Dana Fletcher of this village Later, Miss riva...
rivate school, making

The funeral of Mrs. Harriet (Hobart) Laws took place last Sunday afternoon at her late home. Rev. A. L. Struthers officiating. During the service Miss Stella Farrar and Mrs. Cowdry sang the selections "Crossing the bar" and "Some day we'll understand." Interment was in the cemetery at the Center.

Fitty-seven years ago Mrs. Laws was born in Mason, the daughter of William and Naomi Hobart. At an early age her parents moved to West Townsend. Miss Hobart attended the public schools in that village and later was enrolled as a pupil in the Towns.

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About Town.

A petition in bankruptcy has been filed by E. Montrose Stewart, gardener, with liabilities set at \$720, with no seeds.

The last meeting of the Pepperell to within four or five days of her Phone 119-12 - East Pepperell, Mass.

grandfather, Nathaniel Parker, fought under Col. Prescott at Bunker Hill, his name appearing second on the Prescott memorial tablet on our Common.

Miss Parker was born in the same house in which she lived and died, house in which she lived and died, December 17, 1832. The house was one in the employ of the Mutual Information of the first built in this town and has been in the bossession of the the past six years, since his graduation the Congregational was ruesday, February death Mrs. Laws health was much for Hugh J. Malloy, superintendent of as usual. Just a week before her fuschous at Lowell, gave the address; acmo for Sunday papers. At the research well repaid by being present.

The next meeting of the club will be to the firemen at her end of the village of the confort and welfare of others, generations. The next meeting of the club will be to the firemen at her end of the village of lake.

Mrs. Laws is survived by her husband and six of their nine children-Mrs. Mary Smart and Mrs. Harriet. Borneman, both of Townsend, Miss. Rosa Laws of Boston, Charlie, Arthur and Chester, all of Townsend; also, by two brothers, Clinton and George Ho-bart, and a half-brother, Horace

The sad news reached Townsend of he death from pneumonia of Mrs. Susan Wetherbee on .. Tuesday at the Gale hospital, Haverhill, after a two-days illness. The body was brought days' sliness. The body was brought:
to Townsend on the noon train Thursday and borne to the Congregational
church, where at two o'clock the funeral services were held. Rev. A. L.
Struthers paid high tribute to the fine
christian character of Mrs. Wetherbee
and read an extract from one of her
recent letters in which was portrayed
the depth and strength of her religious
nature. Two hymns were sung by the depth and strength of her religious nature. Two hymns were sung by Miss Stella Farrar and Miss Cowdrey. "Nearer my God to thee" and "I'm going home." George S. Whitcomb. Albert S. Howard, Alfred N. Fessenden, and Myron Peffers of Stoneham acted as bearers. Interment was in the cemetery at the Center. On November 28, seventy-eight years ago. Mrs. Susan Pierce Wetherbeen was born in Cape Corner in the old Pierce house, now owned and ocupied by William Robinett. She was the daughter of the late. Jonathan and

oid Pierce house, now owned and occupied by William Robinett. She was the daughter of the late Jonathan and abigail (Turner) Pierce. Her early years were spent in Townsend, where she attended the public schools. Later she became a public schools. sho attended the public schools. Later, she became a pupil in the New Ips-wich academy with Mrs. Charles Haynes as classmate. Still later she attended the Westfield Normal school. Miss Pierce taught in Townsend and Shirley. At the latter place she met Israel Wetherbee, whom she married: For soveral years Mr. and Mrs. Wetherbee lived in Leominster: afterwards erbee lived in Leominster; afterwa

ernee avea in Leomanster; afterwards they went to Westminster, where in 1878 Mr. Wetherbee died.

In her girlhood Mrs. Wetherbee joined the Townsend Congregational church, of which she was a member, when she died. As the years went by her love for her religious home grewstronger. She enjoyed being present her love for her religious nome grew stronger. She enjoyed being present at the roll calls and meeting old friends. In short, whenever practi-cable she took an active interest in all the functions of her beloved church. Mrs. Wetherbee leaves a son Ar

thur; two brothers, Rev. Granville and Richard Pierce, and a step-daugh-ter, Miss Nellie M. Wetherbee.

SHIRLEY

News Item.

The Altrurians met at the Congresational vestry on Thursday afternoon-Miss Kilburn not being-present owing to illness in her family, the vice president, Mrs. May Lilly, opened the meeting at three o'clock. A song was sung and the minutes of last meeting read. Notice was given of the art confer-Notice was given of the art conference to be held in Littleton on Febru 29. All members invited. Westford, Harvard and Groton for the Federation bazaar. The subject for the su Federation bazaar. The subject for the afternoon were five minute papers on-the "Telephone," "Aviation," "Radium," "Wireless tlegraphy," "An-tiseptics and antidotes" and "X-ray" by Mesdames Binney, Butler, Merri-man, Wright, Lilly, Hobbs. The very increating menting was greatly cit. interesting - meeting - was greatly

Center.

The Matrons' Aid society spent a very pleasant Afternoon on Tuesday with Mrs. Minnie Wilkins at Woodsville. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Pebruary 27, with Mrs. Hattie Adams.

Percy Mackage was in town Tues-day, having just returned from a trip to Florida. The music committee who have charge of the next meeting of the Grange. Tuesday evening, February 20, are planning a very interesting program, with many new and novel

features Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Snow expect to close their home this week and leave

for a trip to the south. New Advertisement.

WANTED—A Farm of 10 to 15 acres buildings must be in first-class condition: including fruit trees; in the suburbs of Pepperell. Will exchange for Two Houses at Winthrop Beach suburbs of reppereil. Will exchange for Two Houses at Winthrop Beach Mass, all modern improvements: three minutes from the ocean, I minute from station: five-cent fare to Boston; buil 5 years; 7 froms and bath éach. In quire of MRS J. R. McDONALD. Mil Street, East Pepperell, Mass.

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Notice

To prospective buyers of FORD CARS in our territory, namely, Pepperell, Townsend, Ashby and Dunstable, we wish to state that we have every reason to believe that there wil be an unprecedented shortage of Ford Cars this spring. We want to im press upon our customers the necesdity of placing your orders at once if you do not want to be disappointed in the spring.

'If prospective buyers will commun icate with us or call at our office we will explain the situation more thoroughly. ACT NOW. 2m22

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The Lure of Far Lands.

With a reasonable capital, youth, trength, character and a knowledge of the language fortunes can be mad relatively easier on the frontiers of civilization than at home. There are, however, many privations to be borne You are away from friends. Mails at best come once a week. News is scarce. Daily papers exist only in metropolitan towns, and the data they contain are meager. In many localitles fresh vegetables cannot be had. Drinking water is positively dangerous, Fleas, bugs, mosquitoes and a host of winged, singing, biting insect are present to annoy during day and night. Most hotels are bad and the food strange, unpalatable and poorly

For women but few real opportuni ties exist. I know of but two women lawyers in Latin America, and there are perhaps the same number of doctors and dentists. Relatively small proportions of the fair sex follow commercial callings. In the far east and Africa caste, the system of "purdah" and the general belief that woman is inferior to man have retarded her progress.—W. E. Aughinbaugh in Leslie's.

Keep In the Sunshine, There are only two kinds of people in the world—the people who live in the shadow and gloom and those who live on the sunny side of the street. These shadowed ones are sometimes called pessimists, sometimes people of melancholy temperament; sometimes are called disagreeable people. wherever they go, their characteristic is this-their shadows always travel on before them. These people never bear their own burden, but expose all their wounds to others. busy looking down for pitfalls and sharp stones and thorns on which to step that they do not even know that there are any stars in the sky. These folks live on the wrong side of the street. And yet it is only twenty feet across to the other sidewalk, where sunshine always lies.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

Divorces In Ancient Rome. In the earlier period of the Roman republic divorces were quite unknown and were rare right up to the time of

the Sullan wars. In the old days the husband and wife who wished to separate appeared for the last time before the common hearth; a priest and priest ess being present. As on the day of marriage, a cake of wheaten flour was presented to the husband and wife, but instead of sharing it between them they rejected it. Then instead of prayers they pronounced formulas of a strange, severe, spiteful character, by which the wife renounced the worship and gods of the husband. From that moment the religious bond was broken, and, the community of worship having ceased to exist, the marriage without further ado was forever dissolved.

The Double Bails.

-Exchange

plicity!

Shuangh chi'u-er, although the name may sound like a disease, is not a form of writer's cramp. On the contrary. "their" purpose is to prevent it. The words mean "the double balls," and shuangh chi'u er are two iron balls an inch or so in diameter, which nestle in the right hand of every Chinese man of letters for hours each day, one being revolved about the other until they are worn bright. They are just large enough to make a handful, and the action of shifting one about the other brings the fingers into play and lends them that suppleness and digital dexterity which are necessary in the masipulation of the Chinese lettering pen or fine pointed brush. Of what a sim

Ways of the Mole

No animal is more wonderfully adapted to its kind of life than is the mole. Moleskin is famous for its exquisite smoothness and softness. The finest velvet cannot bear comparison with it. This is evidently a provision of nature for enabling the little animal to pass rapidly through its narrow friction, going backward or forward with equal ease. It fits its burrow like a piston and pushes itself swiftly with hind feet. The burrows and nests, too, are lined with fine, soft vegetable fibers.-New York Journal.

Making It Last.

Mistress (to chauffeur, who is crawling downhill)-Why are you driving so slowly? Chauffeur (ex-coachman)-Well, ma'am, you told me to be as economical as possible, so I was puttin' the brake on to make the down'ill last as long as possible.-London Punch.

the Spanish conquest of this country known as the banner of the conquest. It is said to be the original standard carried by Cortes in his wars of con-

Banner Carried by Cortes In the national museum in Mexico

City there is a very interesting relic of

quest in the land of the Aztecs. A Festival of Flowers. At Genzano, Italy, near Rome, during the festival of flowers one of the streets is carpeted with genuine flowers in elaborate designs. The work and designing are done by the people

who live on the street. This festival dates back to 1778. The Dulling Touch of Age. You can never tell. Perhaps the man

who says the most fool things now used to get off something bright and sensible when he was a baby.-Houston Post.

In youth we learn, in age we understand. To grow old is to receive sight. -Von Ebner Eschenbach.