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AYER.

News Items.

St. Paul lodge of Masons elected these officers at the last meeting: Albert F. Parkery, m.; Neil G. McWilliam, s. w.; Daniel C. Parsons, j. w.; Daniel W. Fletcher, treas.; J. Gardner Willey, sec.

Plans are being considered by Boston and Maine officials for additional facilities for handling the tremendous passenger business which has come since the establishment of Camp Devens. These plans have to do with providing larger quarters for the sale of tickets at the local railroad station. The addition of a second window at the ticket office has relieved the situation somewhat, but even under these conditions the facilities fall far short

of being sufficient to serve the public. No definite arrangements to relieve the present situation have been announced.

An alarm from box 25 at the corner of Shirley and Mechanic streets, about 4:40 last Saturday afternoon, called out the fire department for a fire in a tank-truck of the Standard Oil Company on their property on Mill and Shirley streets. The services of the department, however, were not required as the fire was extinguished before its arrival. The fire resulted from the "back-firing" of the machine. The firemen made a new record, for speed on this occasion, the apparatus and men being on the scene before the echoes of the fire alarm whistle had died away. Their prompt response was much appreciated, although their

services were not needed. There was no damage to speak of. There were two alarms for fire today, one in the afternoon from box 13 at three o'clock, which was for a very slight fire in a shed near the house of Archer W. Nutting on Central avenue, and the other at six o'clock, from box 5, which proved to be a false alarm. The identity of the person pulling in the last named alarm is not known.

W. R. Mooney, superintendent of the Worcester, Nashua and Portland division of the Boston and Maine railroad for many years, has been promoted to a similar position on the southern division, taking the place of Henry C. Robinson. W. F. Ford, of Northampton, superintendent of the Connecticut and Passumpsic division, will succeed Mr. Mooney. Both he and Mr. Mooney will take up their new duties soon.

The new cells have arrived at the police station and are now in place. This will give much needed room for the caring of prisoners. The cells come from the Eastern State Reformatory, Detroit, Mich., and are "double deckers" with upper and lower berths.

The Woman's club held the first meeting of the season on Wednesday afternoon at Hardy's hall. The president, Mrs. E. A. Bronson, opened the meeting and Miss Stone, the recording secretary, read reports of the many board meetings held during the summer, showing that the club had by no means been idle during that time. Miss Dutton, the violinist expected, could not be present, but Miss Bowers, who took her place, brought beautiful tones from the violin and showed herself a master of that instrument. Mrs. Allison's report of the State Federation meeting at Great Barrington was given in her usual delightful manner and Miss Esther Stone gave a most interesting account of her recent trip to California.

There will be a regular meeting of the Sons of Veterans in G. A. R. hall on Thursday evening, October 11, at eight o'clock. Rev. A. A. Bronson will speak to a large number of eligibles in Banquet hall of the Municipal building at Leominster. An invitation has been received for members of Camp 40 to attend.

Mrs. Clara E. Pray died at her home on Central avenue Thursday afternoon at the age of forty-one years. The cause of death was heart disease. Mrs. Pray was born in Newmarket, N. H., and came here to live six years ago. She leaves her father, Simeon Hardy, of Lee, N. H.; four brothers, Charles H. Hardy of Ayer, Harry, Lyman and George Hardy of Newmarket, N. H.; and a sister, Mrs. Emma Hall, of Lee. Mrs. Pray also leaves her husband, William B. Pray, and two children, Laura E. and Clarence Pray. The funeral will take place this Saturday morning with services at the house at ten o'clock. The remains will be taken to Lee, N. H., for interment.

Work on the new tabernacle building on the Brady lot, so-called, at the corner of West Main and Mechanic streets, was begun the first of the week. The building is to cost \$25,000.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will meet at Mrs. Alta Hollis on Tuesday afternoon.

The governor's council on Wednesday authorized an appropriation of \$40,000 for moral welfare work at Camp Devens.

Edward J. Breen, of Fitchburg, who several weeks ago bought the carriage and blacksmith shop of Frederick Whitney, commenced work this week on the building of a block 100 feet deep and two stories high, taking its place in front of the blacksmith shop and including the land the shop now sets upon. The lower part of the block will be built for four stores. On the second floor accommodations will be made for lodgers. Mr. Breen says that everything in connection with the new building will be first-class. The carriage shop on the eastern part of the building has been leased by Mr. Breen to E. F. Ford, of Worcester, who will conduct a bowling alley and other forms of amusement. A new building between the carriage shop and Nonatalees brook will also be built. The new structure will be used for the sale of tobacco and ice cream.

The committee on the camp library fund has collected \$100.65, which was forwarded by Thomas F. Mullin, acting chairman, to Charles F. D. Beaton, state librarian. The money will be used for the purchase of books and purchasing reading matter for the camp. The members of the committee are Theodore W. Barry, George L. Osgood, S. Adelaide Blood, Mrs. C. Hutchinson, Edward A. Richardson, Mrs. J. C. Cushing, Mrs. Avis Fisher, Thomas F. Mullin, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore W. Barry are enjoying a trip to Lake Placid, N. Y.

Auto Accidents.

John Welch and David Craig, of Mattapan, were injured, the former very seriously, when the Ayer bound passenger train from Milford, N. H., struck an auto truck in which they were riding, on the state road, crossing on the Greenville branch track at 7:45 Thursday morning. Both men were taken to the Ley camp hospital on the military reservation, where it was found that Welch received probably fatal injuries. His head was terribly bruised and he was injured internally. Craig, the driver of the truck, was more fortunate. He received several bruises about the head and body. The physicians at the camp hospital were of the opinion that he was not seriously hurt. Both men were later taken to the Massachusetts General hospital, Boston.

The auto truck weighing five tons, was thrown to one side of the track on to the highway and turned over on its side. The machine was damaged to such an extent as to make it unfit for further use.

Both men were employed by the S. A. Meagher Company of Mattapan, which has the contract for removing the garbage from Camp Devens. They were on their way to Camp Devens when the accident occurred. The truck was in place, just over the Ayer line in Woods Village, where the company has its quarters, the truck being empty. The oncoming train struck the truck with terrific force about the center, throwing both men over on its side. Engineer Charles Allison and conductor Henry Titus, who were in charge of the train, stated that the usual warning whistle was sounded before coming to the crossing. The men were evidently unaware of the train's approach until too late to avoid the accident.

Two serious automobile accidents occurred last Saturday afternoon on the state road between the Rural Home and Pingreeville.

The worst one took place when an auto truck passed a Ford car in which were Assin Redvan of Cambridge, the driver, and four friends, Albert and George Murray, Charles Ross and Frank Haggerty, all of South Boston. Both cars were returning from Camp Devens, going in the same direction. In passing Redvan's car the rear wheel of the truck struck the front wheel on the car ahead, the Ford car turning turtle twice, and then coming to an upright position. Redvan, who was caught under his machine, received a badly broken leg between the knee and ankle. He was taken to the office of Dr. L. D. Sullivan for treatment and later sent to the Massachusetts General hospital. The driver of the truck, who caused all the trouble, did not stop. His name is unknown. The Ford car was badly damaged.

The other accident happened in exactly the same manner as the first and occurred near what is known as the four corners in Pingreeville. J. Gray, of Boston, was the driver of the head car which was returning from a visit to the camp, bound for Boston. The auto truck, in trying to pass him, struck the rear wheel of Gray's machine with such force that it turned half way around, the front of the Gray car facing toward Ayer when it stopped. Edward Marshall, of Boston, who occupied the car with Gray, was injured in the back and the lower part of the body. He was also taken to Dr. Sullivan's office, where he was treated, later going to his home. The truck figuring in the collision also

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The evening exercises began with the singing of the opening ode, followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner." The grand master gave the dedicatory address and stated the purpose of the meeting. The remarks made by the grand master were followed by a social time.

The building is for the use of the members of the order who are and who will be at Camp Devens and for members generally. The idea, however, is "soldiers first." Herbert E. Phinney, of Boston, the very capable gentleman in charge of the rendezvous, states that everything possible will be done for the benefit of the Old Fellows in the country's service. One of the things proposed is the establishment of a library and already 122 books have been purchased and placed in the building, the books being bought

from funds raised by the order. Mr. Phinney also proposes through a committee to be appointed to get newspapers from every city and town in the New England states and New York, where the soldiers come from. These are to be put in files for the use of the men.

On the lower floor are three pool tables and a billiard table. On the upper floor there are 18 card and writing tables, 60 arm chairs, 25 porch rockers and 120 single folding chairs. It is expected that free entertainments will be given for the benefit of the soldiers, beginning at an early date. It is planned to have religious exercises once or twice a week. The building, which is to be open from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 in the evening, 8 Sundays included. No games, however, will be allowed on Sundays.

The name of the building is getting the building ready which are in charge of Mr. Phinney, will soon be completed. The Old Fellows will then have one of the best places of the kind to be found anywhere.

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GROTON

News Items. Vernon Lamoy, of Saranac Lake, N. Y., now stationed at Camp Devenis, was a Sunday visitor at the home of N. H. Breckenridge.

Robert H. Newcomb, publicity agent, says that patrons of the road may obtain one folder with the time of trains for the whole system.

John Moyle 1st, Murphy, Dr. F. E. Gilson 1st, Blue Pearlman, Dr. F. E. Gilson 1st, C. A. Harris 2d, Mountain Premium, Taylor & Son 1st, Taylor, C. A. Harris 1st, Best display of 10 varieties, Geo. S. Knapp 1st, F. D. Lewis 2d, best display of pears, Mrs. S. Agnes Evans, Mrs. George Smith 1st, display of pears, Frank D. Lewis 1st, display of pears, Mrs. S. Knapp 1st, collection of pears, C. A. Harris.

ing for New York and expects to leave in a short time for France. One of our young men, Geo. W. Camp Devens, is in France. They are Waldo Livermore, Edwin Braman and Ralph Furbush.

ered south of the cape near the Linton, which is known as the Dutton lot, about a quarter of a mile from the highway leading from the Harbor to Fitchburg. The fire had burned over a considerable area before any investigation was made. The plot at the cape thinking it much further away. In a few hours the fire was under control, but at time of writing three days later it is still burning.

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Mrs. M. E. Williams is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Worster of Fitchburg.

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News Items. A concert in costume, "The songs of the trenches," will be given by Mrs. Blatoff-Porter, under the auspices of the Ayer Branch Alliance in the town hall, Thursday evening, October 12, at eight o'clock. Reserved seats, tickets will be 50c, and must be exchanged for seat checks at Fletcher Bros. store on or after Monday, October 15, at nine o'clock. There will be a few admission seats for 25c.

captain's position as bookkeeper, for George H. Brown. Mrs. Gertrude Briggs will also conclude her duties as operator at the exchange and will accept a position at the Ayer Variety store.

The military officials allow correspondents the privilege of the camp and the publishing of all news which does not disclose information of military value, which must be kept secret for obvious reasons. The matters that are not allowed to be printed are facts concerning supplies, ammunition or guns, or exact information of troop movements.

Arthur W. Jones, of Townsend, was arraigned this week Friday morning on complaints for intoxication, cruelty to a horse and a violation of the vehicle law in not having a rear light on his car while driving on a public highway. The alleged offenses occurred last Saturday night in Townsend. Jones was found not guilty on the two first-named complaints.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Haskell and son Edward have all been on the sick list, but are now all well. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stone, of Waltham, were guests of his brother, Ellisha D. Stone, over Sunday.

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NEWS ITEMS

The Ladies' Social Circle and Branch Alliance will hold an all-day sewing meeting on Wednesday, October 10, at the Red Cross rooms.

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PEPPERELL

News Items. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shattuck have moved to the suburbs of Boston, where he expects to engage in a new business. They have stored a part of their goods here and moved the rest to their new home.

Mrs. E. J. Davis has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Holt, and daughter, Mrs. Cora Tilton, and child, of Concord, N. H. They returned home the first of the week.

Mrs. H. C. Thurston, the first of next week, having been indisposed and spending at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Messer.

He leaves a wife and the young son in town, a step-daughter and an older son in Maine. Mrs. Goodwin left here Tuesday morning to take the train for the home of her husband from Ayer to Maine, where the services were held at their old home.

through the season. This would be noted by the number of prizes won by the boys. In the girls' garden flowers were combined with the vegetables and made a pretty showing.

Church Notes. At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will take for his topic, 'The pride of Jordan.' Sunday school will follow the morning service.

Auto and Team Collide. An auto accident occurred near the north end of the covered bridge, which has just been called 'the trap,' and the circumstances are similar to the accident there about a year ago, and several have been narrowly averted in the meantime.

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